Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, MAR. 10, 1881.

Not Gone for Good. A good deal of wonder has been caused by Mr. Blaine's retirement from the ing for it in three months, would be Senate into the cabinet. He goes from a place that is greatly coveted by men of ambition, who are capable of making their mark in it, as he certainly is, to one which is shunned as a place of political burial. The experience of many past years has shown that a presidential though his work was famous, because he for United States senator on the fortyaspirant can find no stepping stone to was not identified with it by name. The his ambition in a cabinet office. The secretaryship of 'state at 'one time had that allurement, but now it does not even have the attraction of fact he has little to do with its managebeing the most influential and powerful of the cabinet offices. It may, perhaps, be yet esteemed as the most respectable by reason of the old time perfume that hangs around it. It is a place of ease, well suited to an aged party favorite who has surrendered his hope of the presidency. It did well enough for an 'exhausted candidate like General Cass, to rest in; but for a vigorous party chieftain, such as Blaine undoubtedly is, it seems a strange retreat. Some people think that his assumption of

so much ardor. We doubt this very much. The leopard cannot change its spots; but it can crouch and wait. Becoming secretary of state, undoubtedly Blaine has determined to interrupt for a time his pursuit of the presidential game. He proposes to wash himself clean and anoint himself with sweet spices in the very respectable office into which he for a time retires to rest. He is yet young. At the worst he will need but to wait eight years to bloom with a new vigor and fresh fragrance as a presidential Garfield's administration should be so successful as to give its head a second term, Mr. Blaine will share the glory and become fragrant with pleasant odors. He has then an even chance of receiving the inheritance which so much goodness will upon to retain popular favor; and Mr. Blaine has in his calculation considered the probability that Mr. Garfield's will go to the bad in its first term. But he knows his own smartness and has a comfortable reliance that he will be sagacious and bold enough to foresee the wreck and escape its dangers. In the Senate he would have been in

perpetual struggle to maintain his position. Every act would have been construed as dictated by the prompting of his ambition. His rivals would have main tained toward him their bitterness: and every time he would have come before a nominating convention he would have had the same dead weight that has twice brought him defeat. Retiring from the presidential race, as he does now for a time, he shakes himself free from these embarrassments, and when in the future becomes up from a fresh direction to make his spring, he hopes to be lightweighted enough to span the distance.

So that we see a good deal of shrewdness and patient philosophy in Mr. Blaine's defiance of the superstitions of ordinary politicians about the state office, and his readiness to assume that old woman's gown as a cloak to his ambition, which is no less ardent that it is thus disguised. There may, however, be further inducements for him. No doubt he sees in the state office capabilities that the Fish and Evarts style of men could not discover. Mr. Blaine is not noted for extreme scrupulousness, and it is safe to say that he will follow any path greatly based upon the pronounced hos- tion from the United States." tility of the secretary of state to a political union with "an undesirable population" which would give us " weakness where we want strength, discord where we need peace, and a lack of patriotic inspiration where most of, all we require the devoted spirit of a true American nationality." As Mr. Blaine has thoroughly demonstrated the selfishness of his patriotism and his fondness for a row when he can mix in it to get glory out of it, we do not put any trust in his sincere desire for peace instead of sion or some other man, and insist that discord in the Mexican matter. He is very likely to foment the discord that he may make the peace. Whatever has for him, as I hope we shall be able to do. taken him into the state office, it is no board of returning officers can by fraud, quite certain that he has gone there or falsehood, or bribery, be induced or be because he thinks it best for Blaine; great mistake.

THE resolution of the Pennsylvania President Roberts to issue four hundred thousand shares of fresh stock, permits it to be either sold or allotted to the present stockholders. The impression load, the ordinary railroad freight cars will has been that the stockholders would be hold: Corn, 450 bushels; barley, given the privilege of taking it at par, as has heretofore been done when an increase of stock was made. It is said, however, that a syndicate has offered to whisky, 60 barrels; salt, 70 barrels; lime,

offer to take it. The most satisfactory plan, however, to the stockholders would probably be the allotment. There is no great danger of the price of so good a stock sinking materially under the fresh issue. Those who would buy it at seventy, with the privilege of payvery likely to make the profit out of the operation that they calculate upon.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN, the leading editorial writer on the New York Herald, just deceased, dies without wide fame. Herald got the credit of it and Mr. Bennett. the owner of the paper, is the only one whom it makes famous, although in ment or utterances. It is remarkable that men of first-class ability as thinkers and writers are willing to surrender their identity with their work and be content with their own knowledge of its performance and the wages, without shal's and the madame's friends herefame, that it brings them.

MINOR TOPICS.

THE Erie Herald makes the personal ob servation that Mr. Tilden is the oldest living ex-President.

THE bill to submit to the people a constitutional amendment prohibiting the imit has the significance of the taking of portation, manufacture, and sale of intoxithe black veil, and that Blaine has withicating liquors in Texas, except for medidrawn from the presidential pursuit cinal and sacramental purposes, passed the which he was hitherto engaged in with State Senate by a vote of 23 to 7.

> Ex-Secretary Ramsey was requested by Secretary Lincoln to open the telegrams received at the war office until the latter should arrive in Washington. One of the telegrams opened by Mr. Ramsey on Tuesday read : "Please remember about that

THE Peruvian representatives at London and Paris asked England and France to mediate between Peru and Chili. France invited Italy and Germany to take part in the mediation. Germany declined and candidate. Should it happen that Mr. Italy accepted the invitation. The negotiations have already begun.

THE House resolution declaring that indefinitely by the Delaware Senate. merit and becoming his party's candidate Though there is hardly a Democrat in rolling out the syllables into the for the succession. It is true that ad- Delaware who hasn't his very positive ears of the astoniahed garcon (who ation for developing the untold ministrations cannot safely be relied opinion on the subject. The House resolution was generally thought unnecessary.

> INDIANA AND INGRATITUDE. They've left you in the cold. Indiana; Not a son of yours enrolled, And the Cabinet's all told. October's golden fruit, Indiana, Has rooted and no shoot Of Hoosier shares the loot, O, where is Johnny New, Indiana ?

tion of her Legislature, Kansas has de- assiduously that, in 1832, he was elected and now leads the world in the effort to of Denmark in 1839, Caroline took active suppress by constitutional law the great part in the councils which led to the descourge of the nations. Only by a prompt claration that Sleswig-Holstein was indisand vigorous enforcement of the laws can solubly united to Denmark. After her we have a right to hold the post of honor husband's death, in 1848, she resided in the great warfare with intemperance. The passage of the amendment has been followed by the enactment of a law that is stringent in its provisions. It is noteworthy that this law passed the Legislature by a large majority. The vote in the Senate was 32 to 7, and in the Houre 100 to 23, thus giving majority in both Houses

of more than four to one."

THE correspondent of the London Times that ambition invites him to. He will at Berlin comments on the great increase make his department lively, if any life can in the emigration to the United States, be put in it. We may safely count upon and says: "Whole villages are described having a disturbing time in our foreign by local papers as migrating from Posen, relations, and finding Mr. Blaine gal- Prussia proper, and Schleswig. American lantly riding the storm he has stirred up, emigration agents, however, hardly dare set so as to attract plenty of public atten- forth the advantages of the various states tion. Upon what side he will be, it would which they represent, as they are warned not be safe to predict. We suggested the by the American legation that it would be other day that perhaps he found in the unable to help them if they should get current agitation for a closer connectinto trouble with the authorities. Mr. tion with Mexico, an opportunity which | Wrandel, an American citizen of Hungamade the holding of the state office a valu- rian extraction, who two years ago was able point of advantage. If he should forbidden to lecture in Berlin on emigrafollow in the line of his heretofore de- tion, has just been equally unsuccessful clared convictions, he will oppose that on a second visit, designed to pursuade union with Mexico which is supposed to the authorities of the folly of impeding be close to the hearts of the Grant crowd. emigration. It appears, however, that That it is their scheme would be another the precautions against the exodus of reason to Blaine why it should young men have been somewhat relaxed be not his; and their dissatisfaction in South Germany. The German governwith Mr. Garfield's cabinet may be ment particularly aims to divert emigra-

THERE was something of prophecy in the impassioned appeal of the late Senator Matt Carpenter before the electoral commission, when in a powerful protest against the reversal of the will of the people of Louisiana and thereby of the whole country, by that family one for each year of his age. tribunal, he said : " I appear here for the next Republican candidate for the presidency, whoever it may be, whether it shall be one of my friends on this commisthis court shall settle a rule here by which, grain laden. if we carry Wisconsin by 10,000 majority enabled to throw that state against him and he may be trusted to have made no and against the voice and will of the people." Gen. Garfield was one of the commissioners who turned a deaf ear to Car-penter's appeal. Did the latter's keen mann, was burned in Paris. Four persons, penter's appeal. Did the latter's keen foresight discern, so far in advance, the railroad stockholders, which authorized probable action of the Chicago convention as indicated in the above quoted passage?

What a Ratiron! Car Will Hold. Taking 26,000 pounds as a fair average take the entire lot of four hundred thousand shares at seventy, and possibly, in view of the danger of depressing the price by putting so large a body of stock on the market, the directors may determine to market, the directors may determine to market.

PERSONAL GAIL HAMILTON is to be appointed prose laureate of the state department. General GARFIELD declines to tea with the ladies. He likes lager and knows

good wine without the bush. Ex-Attorney General DEVENS will make a trip to California and Oregon during the coming summer.

GEORGE HENSCHEL, the singer, and Miss LILLIAN BAILEY, also in the musical proyesterday.

Senator Angus Cameron was nominated eighth ballot in the Republican caucus at Madison, Wis. Mr. JOHN HAY, assistant secretary of

state, has informed President Garfield and Secretary Blaine that he will not be able to remain in his position owing to private engagements. Marshal BAZAINE and his wife are re-

ported to be moving in "the best society" of Madrid. This is gratifying to the marabouts.

The name of H.J. RAMSDELL, the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Times and editor of the Republic in that city, is mentioned in connection with the appointment of first assistant secretary of the treasury.

IVORY CHAMBERLAIN, for many years an editorial writer on the New York press, died at his home, 612 Seventh avenue, yesterday morning, aged 60 years. He was a native of New Hampshire, and ia early life taught school in Buffalo, where he subsequently edited the Commercial Advertiser. He was employed for many years as a leading editorial writer on various city papers, lastly by the New York Herald. He leaves a wife, an adult son and a daughter.

FERNANDO WOOD, when in Europe, was found one morning sitting with his tall hat and gray moustache, in a hotel at Warsaw. a town whose people made up for going to bed very late by rising correspondingly Mr. Hayes's predecessor and would-be suclate in the morning. He called the waiter and ordered an elaborate breakfast. "Mais, Monsier, c'est impossible," replied the man, "I can perhaps obtain for monsieur a little cafe, a little bread; but ze Mr. Tilden was elected president and that breakfast, ah, no! ze cook, he never gets Mr. Hayes wasn't has been postponed up before 11 o'clock." Wood drew himself up, and in a voice of thunder, and perhaps comprehended one word in sources of that terra incognita, the Southtwenty), he ejaculated with gesticulations, "Eleven o'clock! No wonder that the Russians subjugated Poland! I could subju-gate Poland myself-if the cooks do not hide their diminished heads. If any cre-

get up before 11 o'clock." July, 1796. She was married to Christian ing the people of the state upon the pro- crown of Norway. She was a woman of By the votes of her citizens, by the de- under her influence Christian devoted himcision of the supreme court, and by the ac- self to artistic and scientific researches so quires a chapter all to itself. clared herself forever free from all part- president of the Copenhagen Academy of nership in the traffic of intoxicating liquors | Fine Arts. When he ascended the throne quietly in Copenhagen.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

The intensely moral town of Bradford is that Sarah Bernhardt is to visit that place next Thursday, the 17th inst. Thomas M. Baker, who has been for twelve years a clerk in the dead letter office in Washington, was yesterday arrested for rifling letters.

The jail in Quincy, Florida, containing four prisoners, was destroyed by fire last night. The jailer not being about the building at the time, the inmates were

The gross earnings of the Wabash railroad for the year were \$12,461,713 and the operating expenses \$7,787,348. 192 miles of steel rails have been laid and the com-

pany now has 1,118 miles of steel track. Wesley Harrison Smith, a gigantic negrowas shot and killed, near Campbellsburg, Henry county, Ky., by a band of ten masked men, when in the act of setting a barn on fire on Monday night.

Two freight trains on the Cleveland & Columbus railroad came in collision yesterday near Crestline, O. Both locomotives were wrecked, and fourteen cars were detailed. Conductor Gross and Engineer McGrath were slightly injured.

Some generous man whose name has not been made public has promised to give Harvard college \$115,000 for a building and apparatus for a physical laboratory, provided other friends of the college raise \$75,000 whose income shall devoted to the

running expenses, At a recent social gathering in Canada, 57 of those present belonged to the family of Mr. W. Skippin. He is 66 years of age, and, counting his wife, his sons and their wives, his daughters and their husbands, and all their children, he has in his

The steamship Erin, at New York, from Liverpool, reports having, on March 3, rescued the crew of the steamer Drum. duff, bound from Philadelphia for Antwerp, and in sinking condition. The Drumduff was a Glasgow steamer and was

At a meeting of the Western Union directors a quarterly dividend of one and a half per cent. was declared on Western Union stock and also on the certificates of indebtedness issued to holders of the Atlantice and Pacific, American Union and Western Union companies stock.

The great drapery establishment called including two firemen, were seriously hurt. The insurance, which nearly covers the losses, is divided between eighteen Paris companies will amount to 7,000,000 francs.

extinguished. The room is used for storing paints and oil, and the fire is supposed excitement, "Old Abe," the famous war MEXICO.

IS GRANT LOOKING TOWARDS ITS CONQUEST? And is Biaine in the Cabinet to Check that

New York Herald. Mr. James G. Blaine is more Mexican in his seutiments than the Mexicans themselves. It was no longer ago than July 4 1877, at a well remembered anti-Hayes demonstration at Woodstock, Conn., that Mr. Blaine, after listening to impassione fession, were united in marriage in Boston denunciations of Hayes' southern policy by to the mellifluous stanzas of Dr. O. W. Holmes, rose to deliver the speech of the day. Mr. Blaine did not waste his breath upon subordinate issues nor beat about the bush for magnificent game. He boldly denounced the existence of an administration plot to bring about war with Mexico under pretext of border raids and thus effeet the annexation of the northern states of that republic. Waxing eloquent with his great argument he fiercely impeached the administration for conspiring with Texan bandits to procure "a cession of territory acquired at the wrong time, located in the wrong place, inhabited by an undesirable population, adding weakness where we want strength, discord where we need peace, and a lack of patriotic inspiration where most of all we require the devoted spirit of a true American nation-It is but fair to a gentleman of Mr. Blaine's eminence to assume that these

words were not lighly spoken in mere "gayety of heart," like that of the French minister at the outset of the Sedan campaign. Mr. Blaine, like Brutus, is an honorable man, and must have had good reasons for denoun ing the ambition of the modern Casar from Fremout, What those reasons may have been it would be presumption for ordinary mortals to inquire, and the task would be the more useful since Mr. Blaine will readily concede that the Woodstock oration put an effectual upon the treasonable designs of the arch conspirator. But is it certain that the danger is permanently averted? There are other ambitions now in full play be sides the foiled strategy of Mr. Hayes and there are other gentlemen connected with Mexican affairs who have more frequently been charged with Cæsarism. specially is this the case with regard to cessor at the White House. That gentle man is known to have a sentimental interest in Mexico ever since the time he lisa period only too brief to satisfy his longings. To-day he is said to be on the eve of a fresh pilgrimage to the halls of the Montezumas. His name appears conspicuously at the head of a new railway corporern states of Mexico. It is whispered that vast designs are on foot with refer- the meeting yesterday why Mr. Lockwood ence to regions whose mineral wealth will soon cause California and Nevada to say, and this knowledge, it is supposed, in-hide their diminished heads. If any credence can be given to saveral of our in-Queen CAROLINE AMELIA, the widow spired contemporaries the new plot against of King Christian VIII., of Denmark, died in magnitude the abortive design of Mr. yesterday in Copenhagen. She was the Hayes in 1877, which was so promptly to the managements of the roads which daughter of the late Frederick Christian, frowned down by our new Premier . As, the officers were loth to have known. In Duke of Sleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Au- however, Mr. Blaine must be supposed to his advocacy of complete openness in the gustenburg, and was born on the 28th of have the courage of his convictions it is whole matter Mr. Lockwood is supported oothing to reflect upon the his appointment as secretary of state must VIII. on the 22d of May, 1815, twenty- have carried into the camp of the relentfour years before he ascended the throne less plotters against the peace of two great THE Kansas Temperance executive com- of Denmark, and soon after he had put American republics. While he remains at mittee have issued an address congratulat- forward an unsuccessful claim to the the helm young men and maidens may rest assured that their deep dreams of gress of the temperance cause. They say: excellent education and exalted tastes, and the direction of our Southern frontier; for Mr. Blaine's policy toward Canada re-

A LEGACY OF AFFECTION. Only Daughter to Break Her The surrogate of New York has sustain ed the will of Dr. John Bishop, a prominent physician, who lived at No. 19 East Eightieth street, and formerly had an office in Broome street. Dr. Bishop was possessed of a fortune of about \$100,000 when his only child, Emilia A., in 1874 became engaged to be married to Lyman W. Briggs, the vice president of the Fidelity and Casualty company. Both Dr. Bishop sensibly shocked at the announcement and his wife opposed the marriage, especially the mother, and the de termination of Miss Bishop to marry Mr. Briggs led to a family quarrel. It was testified in the course the contest that on the marriage day Mrs. Bishop put crape on the front door and kept it there for three days afterward. The estrangement of the parents from the daughter continued until 1878, when Dr. Bishop became so ill that it was evident he could not live much longer. On June 20th he sent for his daughter and sought a reconciliation with her. June 25th, and before the daughter returned for a second visit, Dr. Bishop executed deeds giving real property worth \$80,000 to his wife, and also a will bequeathing the rest of the property to the wife. The will contained this clause: "To my daughter, Emilia A., wife of Ly man W. Briggs, I give my cordial love and affection, and do carnestly advise her to maintain always filial love and affection toward her mother, and thus secure in return what her mother will have it in her power to bestow." This was the only legacy the daughter received, and when Dr. Bishop died in July, 1878, she began the contest on the ground of undue influence by the wife and of mental incapacity caused by the excessive use of narcotics and stimulants. The contest continued for about two years. The surro-gate, in his decision says: "This is a litigation between a mother and an only daughter pursued with an intensity of vindictiveness almost unparalleled in the history of family quarrels, but which in its progress contained features which induced me, on several occasions, to suggest an amicable adjustment of the matters, because there appeared to be sufficent property for both, and that the head and front of the daughter's offending was that she married a gentleman of good intelligence, address and respectabil ity against the intemperate and ill-considered opposition of her parents; but my suggestions were not heeded." The surrogate finds that Dr. Bishop had as clear in understanding of his relations to his daughter and hers to her mother and the legal force of the provisions of the will as o require him to sustain the will. A suit

The Pennsylvania Fight.

pending in the supreme court.

in ejectment to determine the validity of

the deeds of Dr. Bishop to his wife is now

The contest among the Republicans of Pennsylvania is concentrated on the Pittsburgh federal offices. Miles S. Humphries the lately defeated candidate for mayor of companies, the heaviest loser being the La Pittsburgh, has developed as the opponent Fonciere, Baron Soudeyran's company, of Anderson for the postmastership. T. W. which is liable for nearly two million Davis, collector of internal revenue francs. The total losses of the insurance for that district, is threatened with ompanies will amount to 7,000,000 francs. removal in favor of Frank Case, Fire was discovered in a room in the one of his clerks, and Rutan has basement of the Wisconsin capitol, at Mad- disappeared as the opponent of Dravo for ison, on Thursday afternoon, but was soon the Pittsburgh surveyorship, and John C. Newmyer, a law partner of Congressman Thomas M. Bayne, and the Allegheny to have originated spontaneously in a heap state senator, is urged for the place. A of rags that lay in a corner. During the | telegram was sent to Col. Bayne, asking him to go in for Newmyer, but he refused eagle, screamed and flapped his wings, and being let loose, took a trip to another portion of the basement, and remained there risburg, and considerable curiosity is manifested as to what the result would be.

ONE WHO WANTS TO KNOW. But Can't Get the Fog Lifted from Sundry Matters in the Management of the Pennsylvania Satiroad. Philadelphia Chronicle Herald.

The excitement which Mr. W. E. Lockwood has created at the last two or three of the annual meetings of the stockholders of the Pennsylvania railroad has been intensified by the efforts of the officers of the road and their adherents to apply the cloture to that gentleman and coerce him into silence. Like the gas trust people, concealment lends suspicion, and whatever charges Mr. Lockwood has attempted to make have had additional weight lent to them by the determination to gag him and prevent his being heard.

Mr. W. E. Lockwood-who must not be confounded with Mr. Dunbar Lockwood. one of the moving spirits of the Committee of One Hundred—is a gentleman who "wants to know." And his search after knowledge prompts him primarily to ask why in the annual reports of the president of the Pennsylvania railroad the statistics are so manipulated as to mislead stockholders as to how the dividend is made and how the expenditures are managed. Some time ago Mr. Lockwood wanted

to know if the late Edgar Thomson was given \$50,000 out of the company's funds as a gift for conducting negotiations with the Fort Wayne road, and, if he did receive the money, why it was paid. The plea, De mortuis nil nisi bonum, was entered, and on the ground that the question was a reflection on the memory of a good man gone before it it was never answered. Then Mr. Lockwood, in his eagerness for more light, wanted to know why the Adams express company paid so compar atively small a sum for its privileges on the road when the company could operate the express business itself and put the enormous profits to the credit of the stockholders. This is his latest question and was one of the prime motives which induced him to make such a resolute effort to be heard at yesterday's meeting in Musical Fund hall.

On the Pennsylvania division of the road the amount paid by Adams express company for using two or three times the number of cars used by the United States government for its mail facilities has been ess than the government pays, and Mr. Lockwood evidently thinks he sees "a snake in the grass." He has never been able to get any explanation of the matter either in the public meetings of the shareholders or in private conference with the officers of the company, hence his suspicion. Calling on Mr. Cassatt, vice presitened as a young captain of artillery to the siren songs of dark-eyed senoritas in the company, he lately asked to be shown. dent of the road, at the principal offices of 1847-48. Last year he visited Mexico for as a shareholder of the company, the contract under which the Adams express company operated with the Pennsylvania railroad. Mr. Cassatt refused him the facilities asked until he had conferred with President Roberts, who confirmed his subordinate's action and the desired information was refused.

It was well-understood by the officers in wished to be heard and what he wanted to was suppressed. Furthermore, Mr. Lockwood's friends are under the impression that there was a subdued fear that he was in possessisn of other facts not creditable stock and by several stockholders in this country, who authorize him to act as their agent and spokesman.

There is in preparation a statement which will soon be made public, in which the whole affair will receive an exhaustive

HARRISBURG.

Tremendous Draw on the State Treasury Pittsburg Leader Correspondence Outside the bill proposing to appropriate about \$5,000,000 to indemnify Allegheny county for the amount paid for losses inflicted by the railroad riots of 1877, and to indemnify the people of the counties.in-vaded by the rebels in 1863, the demands Young Lady. for money from the state treasury exceed the anticipated revenue for the present year about \$3,000,000. The appropriation committe is unfortunately constitued, but three members being on who have no institution in their district demanding tribute from the state. The consequence of this arrangement of the committee is that the members help each other to get their bills affirmatively reported, and very few come before the House with negative recommendations. Scarcely any attention is paid to the recommendations of the board of public characties, which in its prelimin-ary report to the Legislature gives its esti-mates of the appropriations required to the head of the match broke off run the various state institutions. Ex- and travagance is the rule; economy the exception. Those members who are opposed to the large and indiscrimmate giving of money have been so often defeated that they have resolved to allow the ma jority to have their own way without

sufficiently formidable to execise a salutary effect in the pruning down of the appropriations demanded. Among the leeches sucking at the treas. ury are the state normal schools, which have drawn from the general revenue fund at least one million dollars in appropriations, and which regularly knock at the legislative doors for more money to run the costly institutions. The normal schools would never have been created by the Legislature had it not been first claimed that they would be self-sustaining. But no year in which the Legislature met has been allowed to pass without a demand for a big appropriation for the maintenance of the schools. This year the song has been somewhat changed, the institutions in debt asking the Legislature to liquidate their indebtedness. For this purpose \$260,000 are demanded, but \$50,000 could be added to the amount without exceeding their liabilities Of this amount about \$330,000 are prior liens to the mortgagee

of the commonwealth. The partial destruction of the Danville state lunatic hospital will probably result in the introduction of a bill appropriating between \$400,000 and \$4500,000 for the rebuilding of the institution, the trustees estimating that that amount will be required for the purpose. It is doubtful if the Legislature will appropriate this sum of money, as the insane people in the state can be accommodated at other lunatic hospitals at a greatly reduced expense, owing to the fact that it would enable the state to dispense with much of the force now employed to treat and watch over the

The soldiers' orphan schools are demanding \$700,000 to keep them going the next two years, which would run their total expenditures to about \$7,000,000 since their organization. Large numbers of petitions are being received from various portions of the state praying the Legislature to grant the amount demanded, which will doubtless be done, as there is no disposition of any consequence evident to stop appropriations until the system of educating the children of soldiers have

gone out of operation.
It is probable that the Allegheny in-

them finally.

A UNIQUE VOLUME.

A Chinaman's Work on the English Language The Providence Journal in a recent issue says: We have before us a remarkable book, no less than a dictionary of English phrases, with illustrative sentences, by Kwong Ki Chin, a Chinese scholar, who for the last five years has been a member of the Chinese educational mission in the United States, residing at Hartford.

The work under notice consists, first, o idioms, colloquialisms and current English phrases, with their definitions; second, slang and cant phrases, idiomatic phrases. terms and phrases of the stock exchange all these are accompanied with examples of their use; third, English proverbs, Chinese proverbs and maxims, Latin and French phrases. These are followed by a historical sketch of the Chinese Dynastics, in which the dates are harmonized with Christian chronology. Following is a sketch of Confucius, the Chinese sage, and of Jesus Christ. The book closes with a full index, making altogether a stout volume of 914 octavo pages.

To compile a dictionary properly re-quires many years of close study, sometimes, indeed, a lifetime, even for scholars with minds trained in languages having an affinity with their mother tongue ; but for an Oriental scholar, and he a native of the Celestial Empire, to compile a work such as that before us, and so well done, lexicographers condense their definitions as much as possible, but Mr. Kwong's definitions are generally fuller, often double. and in every case accompanied by illustrations of the use of the idioms. We give a few examples:

Stiff as a poker. Excessively stiff. Our new laundress made my collar as stiff as a poker. Our new laundress made

my collars excessively stiff. To stuff the ballot-box (U. S.) To put in many fraudulent votes. It is a criminal offense to stuff the ballotbox in the election of officers. Straight ticket. A ticket containing the

The mere politician always votes the straight ticket. The one who is merely devoted to the advancement of a political party always votes the regular ticket without change.

We select a few of the Chinese maxims: "Curtailing expenses cures poverty." "Education cures rudeness of speech and conduct; the practice of mu-le cures heedlessness.

"First be correct yourself, then correct others." "Forego expenses for useless objects and levote the money to better purposes.'

"If another person has failings do not "Diligence can compensate for dullness: economy in public affairs would remove all occasion for their being corrupted by

them to do to you.'

Preceding the title of the book is a finely engraved portrait of Mr. Kwong, from which it is evident that he is a man of marked intelligence.

Upon the whole the book will be interesting as well as instructive to English readers, and foreigners not familiar with our colloquial language. It is highly commended by the presidents of Yale and Harvard colleges, as well as by gentlemen who have made the English language their particular study.

ART TREASURES BURNED.

The New York Times of yesterday says Two young ladies were in peril and valuable works of art, bric-a-bric, tapestries and furniture were in danger of complete destruction last night, at No. 849 Fifth avenue, the home of Mr. Thomas Rutter. the Front street tea merchant. The house is one of the finest on the avenue, and its value, together with the contents, is certainly \$200,000. At 6:15 o'clock the elder Miss Rutter returned from a walk, and went to her apartments on the rear of the third floor. Taking a match, she struck fell on the window hangings, which were of tapestry. Miss Rutter tried to put out the flames, but her cloak caught fire. She lost her presence of mind, and was rushing from the room when her sister, who had heard her cry when the match set fire to the curtains, further protest, as the opposition is not ran into room, stopped her, wrapped an article of apparal round her, and led her

into the corridor. An alarm was given from signal box 583, just as Mr. Rutter entered the house. He ordered water to be carried upstairs, but before any had been taken there a line of hose was stretched to the third floor, and in ten minutes the fire was out. Just as the firemen were about to leave, fire was discovered between the ceiling of Miss Rutter's and a billiard room above. This was put out in a few mo ments. Before the fire, Miss Rutter's room was the prettiest in the house. The walls were literally covered with paintings and brackets, on which stood all sorts of art treasures. Everything in the room was destroyed, and an adjoining room, a hall bedroom, in which were many art | away after that and slept under the Ninth treasures and bric-a-brac, was reached by the flames. Below, reception rooms and drawing room-an apartment 20 by 100 feet-were damaged by water and the frescoing will have to be replaced. The billiard room was slightly damaged. The police estimate the loss at \$7,000, but this loes not represent the actual loss at Mr. Rutter's valuation. Many friends called

A SUPPOSED CASE OF TRANCE.

Rutter on their fortunate escape.'

last night and congratulated the Misses

Lying for Five Weeks Unconse sensible to Paln. In Reading, Dr. Erdman has under his care a case of supposed trance, which has

continued for five weeks, and which is attracting the attention of the medical and cientific men in this section of the state. The patient is John Gyumbere. He is about 45 years of age, robust, and apparently perfectly healthy, yet he has not been conscious, nor has he spoken for thirty-four days. Yesterday he was subiected to the most trying tests, but they had no effect whatever upon him. He lay perfectly still, and his system made no visible response to the ordeal it under-

Gyumbere arrived in Fogelsville, Lelemity bill will be negativedly reported by took a seat and fell into a doze. An in a number of places. The cottag from the committee on appropriations, al- effort was made to awaken him, but he cupied by the superintendent and resident though the Allegheny members are doing could not be aroused. He was shaken engineer have been quite seriously damall in their power to have it returned to and pitched around lively for a while, and aged. The plaster of the walls has bethe House with an affirmative recommen- then medical assistance was summoned. come loosened. The yard of the former is dation. Both it and the border raid re- The physicians failed to arouse him, and full of small holes. Not long ago the floor lief bill, which is on the House calendar, as his home was unknown, he was taken of the hot house had become flooded with have not the least chance of favorable con- to the almshouse. Since then he has not several inches of water, and the gardener sideration in either branch of the Legisla- uttered a word or given any sign of life was in a quandary as to how he should except a slight yawn. He lies stretched drain it. He was saved any further trou-There have been introduced in the Leg- on his back on a low cot. Small doses of ble, however, by a small opening being islature thus far about 600 bills-400 in the liquid fluid have been poured down his made in the ground floor by some unseen

the adjournment of the Legislature the less condition of the stomach. Hundreds of number will have been increased to at persons have visited the strange patient, least 1,000. Of this number not one-third and the case is receiving notice from the will be passed, and at least one-third will local press. Dr. Erdman says it is the fail by reason of a want of time to consider most wonderful case he ever heard or read

> A number of the medical fraternity determined to apply a galvanic battery to the man, and a special apparatus was pro-cured. The battery was first applied to his extremities, but produced nothing more than the ordinary spasmodic action of the nerves. There were no signs of returning consciousness. It was next applied to the palms of the hands and the soles of his feet, but the operation produced not even a tremor, and the patient's almost imperceptible breathing was not in the least affected. Occasionally, when not undergning any test, his breathing will ap-parently cease altogether, which for a time creates the impression upon the attendants that life has departed. He remains in that condition for a time, then suddenly and without any apparent movement of the body, his respirative organs slowly begin operations again. Several times his death has been announced, but he still breathed, and strange to say he has not wasted much, if any. His cheeks are flushed, his condition normal, and his body of the usual temperature. Yesterday he underwent treatment that would have produced sharp pangs of pain, but he gave no sign of feeling.

OUTCOME OF THE CAUCUSES. Democratic and Republican Senators Come

A caucus of the Democratic senators was held yesterday to act upon the report of the committee of nine appointed to arrange the majority membership of the is remarkable. We possess dictionaries of Scuate committees. A number of charges idioms, colloquial phrases and slang terms, of minor importance were made. The only but in none of them is the subject treated conflict of opinion was in regard to the in the manner of our Chinese scholar. Our composition of the fluance committee. Messrs. McPherson and Camden were recommended to succeed Messrs. Kernan and Wallace. There was considerable opposition to Camden on account of his being a national bank president. The selection was finally agreed to with the understanding that it may yet be changed. The committee was ordered to complete the assignments for presentation to-day notwithstanding the caucus had been apprised of the refusal of the Republican caucus to prepare a list of the minority members. There was no difference of opinion as to the propriety and expediency of organizing the committees without regular nominations of a party without change.

1 urther delay. Although a single objection will prevent action on the list to-day the election may be expected next Friday.

> mittee. The assignments of chairmanships as finally agreed upon by the caucus are as published in the INTELLIGENCER yesterday. The Republican senators also held a carcus, but no formal action was taken. It was unanimously understood that the determination arrived at last Monday to refuse to promote any organization until the Republican vacancies are filled shall be adhered to. The precise course to be pursued was left for future action.

Mahone has been assigned to several com-mittee on railroads and the military com-

It is now definitely understood that Mr. Davis, of Illinois, intends to vote with the Democrats, but the Republicans confidently expect Mahone will unite with them and their four prospective colleagues in A well known Christian maxim we find the matter of organization, and that, here from Confucius, who lived in the therefore, at an early day they will be sixth century before the Christian era; able with the aid of the vice president casting his vote to reorganize "Do bot to others what you do not wish and thereafter retain control of the committees and patronage.

STATE ITEMS.

Cambria county's coal lands, near Ebens burg, will be developed this spring. Jacob Houser, a prominent citizen of Harrisburg, died on Thursday, aged 78

Ex-Congressmon Wright has stocked Harvey's lake, Luzerne county, with 100,-000 white fish. Frank Hazard, aged 17, white bending over an oil tank near Derrick City, was

asphyxiated by gas. When found two hours later he was dead. John W. Pittock, one of the best-

known citizens and most popular of Pitts-burgh, who was the founder of the Leader died yesterday morning, aged 38 years. Shenandoah is excited over the presence of hot water in one of its mines. It is

feared that the colliery is on fire, and a watch is kept constantly in the lowest lift. The temperance people of Johnstown and vicinity have remonstrated against the granting of licences to 25 persons-22 in Johnstown, 2 in East Conemaugh and 1 in Franklin borough.

On the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, near Pottstown, a coal train ran into a gravel train. Fifteen sand cars were telescoped and the cab, water tank and ten cars of the coal train were demolished. W. H. Hilton, colored, of Chadd's Ford, Chester county, is held in Downingtown for persuading Maggie Strickland, a fourteen-year-old white girl, to elope with him. The girl was formerly an inmate of the

Industrial home, of Philadelphia. John E. Schoener, alias Shannon, who as been employed as a clerk by John E. Van Leer, ticket agent for the Pennsylvania railroad company, at Broad and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with the embezzlement of \$253.90 in eash and seven tickets worth \$696.70 between November 3d and December 15th

Agent Dean, of the Pittsburgh Humane society, says that a lad of Shousetown was stripped stark naked by his mother and forced to read three chapters from the Bible. While he was reading his mother stood over him with a whip, and when the boy went to school next day marks of the lash were seen on his neck. The lad ran street bridge.

Sixty-seven of the female patients from the burned Danville lunatic hospital have been transferred to the hospital at Harrisburg. The rest, except those claimed by friends or taken by the counties from which they were sent, will be removed to Warren. It is estimated that it will cost \$400,000 to rebuild the Danville hospital, independent of the insurance money, which amounted to \$266,000.

The Bradford Era commenting on the circumstance that, as far as heard from, a lady of that city is the leading competitor for the \$10,000 premium offered by the agent of the Forepaugh circus for the services of the handsomest woman in America, for a thirty week's engagement, states that "the present favorite face for the fortune is only regarded here as of the mediocre grade. After all the rest of the universe has been permitted to apply Bradford intends to forward a photograph of the world's peerless beauty. Besides this matchless specimen of her sex, the much advertised Langtry, of foggy Lon-don, would tear her fair features in just envy.

Mahanoy is alarmed. The ground roundabout the place is still sinking. The road in front of the Methodist Episcopal church high county, a stranger, about five weeks has sunk several inches, and the board ago. He asked for refreshment, was served and he paid for it. He subsequent-office to the bridge has been drawn apart House and 200 in the Senate-and before throat, but there has been an apparent life. agency, which relieved him of the flood.