FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 18, 1881.

The Grant Fund. The proprietor of the New York Time., a good while ago, undertook to raise a quarter of 2 million dollars for General Grant, in small subscriptions from among the body of the people. He declared his ability to obtain the amount in a moment in large contributions from men of wealth, but he did not want it in this way. The beauty of his scheme was in the evidence it afforded of the esteem in which Grant was held by the masses. While intended for the benefit of that very notorious individual, it was to be given to him as the oldest expresident of the United States, and the fund was to be an endowment for all time of that ex-public functionary. It was quite an idea. Mr. George Jones was captivated with it. He knew that college professorships were often endowed by munificent individuals for the benefit of a particular friend whom they wanted to boost into a soft place, and here, he said to himself, is a great soldier patriot and statesman, whom the peo ple will delight to provide for, and here too is a decent excuse for his acceptance of their liberality in the suggestion that an ex-president of the United States ought to live in clover for the rest of his days, and toil not any more more after performing the arduous labors of that elevated position and enjoying the luxuries of the White House and its greenhouse and its Marine band and its flunkeys. To be sure Mr. George Jones was somewhat illiberal in providing the endowment only for one ex-president, since the logic of his argument demanded a quarter of a million for each of them. But then there was only one General Grant, and though Mr. George Jones' logic took them all to his bosom his heart only had room for one. The people did not become enthusiastic over Mr. Jones' idéa. It may be because they perceived the fallacy in his argument; or because they did not adore General Grant as he did; or because they thought that they had done their full duty in paying him a clever salary of fifty thousand a year while he labored for them, and McDonalds steal from them. Just world. why it was we cannot tell; but Mr. George Jones' popular subscription list did not fill up. It started off well, but suffered a speedy paralysis, and after a week or so, the New York Times ceased eligible for election upon boards of educato publish the subscription list that wouldn't grow. Then Mr. Jones fell back upon those wealthy gentlemen he had in reserve. But he suffered disap- pointment of a committee to investigate Mr. Drexel and the Philadelphia coterie of Grant-phobists stole his thunder and for United States senator. Objection cash for a subscription of their own | being made, the resolution was laid over. for Grant, of a quarter of a million or so, which, we believe, they claim to have Much excitement has arisen among Cinraised. Mr. Jones, it seems, however, cinnaticapitalists from a decision of Courtstill kept pegging away in behalf of his Auditor Capeller that guaranteed and prefund and now proclaims that he has all ferred stocks of railroad and other corfund and now proclaims that he has all ferred stocks of railroad and other cor-the money promised and two hundred porations in Ohio, held as investment so refer. He was on trial before the House and sixteen thousand raised, which has curities, are taxable. The question will and before the people of the state on a serious charge. The fair name that he had been so judiciously invested as to pro- probably go to the courts for settleduce a present revenue of thirteen thou- | ment. sand dollars a year for Grant, and the entire fund is expected to provide an

income of fifteen thousand dollars. We rejoice to hear of the successful accomplishment of this benevolent scheme. We tender our thanks to the benevolent admirers of General Grant, less'than a hundred and fifty in number, who have deemed him a worthy object of their charity. We offer our congratulations to General Grant that he has been deemed a proper subject for their liberal of Panama in June next. alms. Not everybody in the country, but only a hundred and fifty, cared to give Norway is thought to be alarming. for such an object. Not everybody, but only one man, has exhibited a S. Sweet, of Chicago, as his private sec-

isfied, the people at large can afford to be delighted. It is a pleasure to many people to enjoy fat incomes, however come net officers, senators and congressmen. and their families. The blue room was by. When they steal them, or beg them, we may question the decency of the acquirement, but we cannot doubt their enjoyment of them, since they accept | port of Philadelphia will probably be deterthem. And it ought to please us to see mined by Monday next. George G. twenty men were addressing the chair at people enjoying themselves. Especially General Grant, who finds it so hard to enjoy himself out of the presidency, to which he has wanted so sorely to get back, and where we don't want him.

Now that he is pensioned off as an expresident we may hope that he is finally pinned down into that excellent position. with no further aspirations after a big silary from the people as president or captain general or emperor. And so we may all be happy, thanks to George Jones, and Geordie Childs, and Tony Drexel, and the other public spirited citizens whose dollars burned them.

Not Assassination.

The New York Sun is made nervous by the New York Express, which attempts to hold up the fate of the Czar Alexarder as a warning to "our new all the aims of their party toward amelior- tion he found plenty ready to second made millionaires " who " use their ating the condition of workingmen. enormous wealth to increase their estates and power; to seize on the rights and privileges and property of the people; to bribe legislatures for their own advantage to the public injury, and to form combinations with other capitalists to control the country- and absorb whatever is valuable in it." "The people everywhere murmur aloud and condemn the spirit and acts of these men," says the erection of quarters, ice houses, &c., so as Express. And so they do, most assuredly. But we do not understand the Express as urging the people to the Spesutie and operate from that point, disassassination of capitalists as the tributing one-half of the young shad to and the resolution expelling Dr. Palmer. proper way to redress the evils they suffer from them. If that is depends upon the shad, and begins when the idea of the Express of course it is they are "ripe" or are ready to spawn. damnable and the Sun is right to ex- This will be about the first of May this press its abhorrence of it, as we do.
What the Express was seeking to point out was that the death of Alexander shows that oppressors sometimes are shows that oppressors sometimes are shows that oppressors sometimes are slain in defiance of law and that the state becomes powerless in the face of a vehement public feeling among its people of wrongs suffered at the hands of its governore. The press of this country has generally been pointing out to the Czar's successor, as the lesson of his father's vio'ent death, the fact that his oppressive system of government must be

amended. The Express may not have been very happy in extending the lesson to the capitalists of the United States whom it accuses of oppressive use of their power; but certainly it is not fair to charge upon it that it advocates assassination as a remedy, unless is is also fair to charge upon the Sun and its contemporaries that they advocate the assassination of the present Czar if he does not accept the lesson they find in the fate of his sire.

HALT! Superserviceable aldermen, country constables," and irresponsible warrants and send men to jail for debts, should be taught that imprisonment for debt and arrest without due process of of their malpractice they may find occasion to be taught it in a severer way.

For the past ten days the Legislature has been in session at a cost to the state | charges made by Palmer utterly without of \$3,000 per day. It has done no other business than the expulsion of a news- violation of the privileges and courtesies paper correspondent, who will have to extended to him by the House. The testi- Powers, who produced two slates which he watch the wrangling and write his rail- mony taken by the committee was also had found in the cell. Upon one slate was lery from the lobby instead of the floor. read, giving Palmer's statements in which A most wonderful Legislature.

day, for a wonder, took decided action of the committee. in reference to the charges against the speaker. The House was right if the speaker was right. He was entitled to Lowing offered as a substitute a resoluits verdict if it believed the accusations against him to be untrue.

MINUR TOPICS.

THE railroad fever is high in Mexico, and a great many Americans are in the capital.

THE cabinet, it is understood, will consider, if it does not decide, the question of an extra session of Congress.

SECRETARY WINDOM said yesterday that there was no truth in the report that members of a syndicate in New York had been in conference with him relative to the issuance of United States bonds.

THE Pope's encyclical letter has been issued proclaiming a jubilee from March 19 to November 1 for Europe, and and let the Babcocks and Shepherds to the end of the year for the rest of the

THE Connecticut Senate yesterday passed a bill giving women the right to vote at school meetings, and making them tion. No registration is required.

In the Senate of Wisconsin yesterday resolutions were introduced for the apbeen bribed to vote for Angus Cameron

IT is understood that the new French loan was subscribed for on Wednesday twice over in London by the deposit of checks, and several times over in France, one milliard and three hundred million francs having been deposited in Paris, and two hundred million francs in the

PERSONAL. M. DE LESSEPS will go to the Isthmus

The illness of the King of Sweden and

Secretary Lincoln has appointed CHAS. willingness to receive in such a way. retary. Mr. Sweet has been in Secretary Donors and donee, however, being sat- Lincoln's law office for the past five years. GARFIELD gave reception last evening to the justices of the supreme court, cabi-

> beautiful decorated for the occasion. The appointment of surveyor of the PIERIE and Major E. H. NEVIN. jr., appear to be the leading aspirants, though E. Harper Jeffries and General Joshua T. Owen are also spoken of in connection

> with the position. A complimentary reception was tendered to ex-Senator HANNIBAL HAMLIN in the Music hall at Bangor, Me., yesterday. An eulogistic address was delivered by Justice Appleton, of the supreme court, to which Mr. Hamlin feelingly replied. Several other addresses were made and congratulatory telegrams were received from num-

> erous senators. The central organization of the Socialist Labor party at Detroit publish a repudia-tion of all sympathy to the expressions of Justus Schwab, of New York, in regard to the assassination of Messrs. Vanderbilt. Jay Gould and others. They denounce his utterances as tending to defeac

Pennsylvania's Fish Interests. The United States fish commission expects to have its improvements at the old calling the orders of the day. The fishing battery on Spesutie island, at the head of Delaware bay, completed by the time the season for its spring operations opens. The improvements consist in the the day were called but Mr. Hewit arose construction of a breakwater in which to enclose shad and keep them, and in the to have abundant provision for hatching and distributing. The fish commis-sion will establish its quarters at different parts of the country, the Califor-

RUDDIMAN'S RESOLUTION.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRE-SENTATIVES.

The Correspondent of the Pittsburgh "Com-mercial" Expelled from the Floor of the House—A Long and Hitter Fight and an Exciting Time

Harrisburg Patriot. The most exciting morning of the session was passed in the House yesterday. It was generally known that the special committee of five to whom was referred Mr. Ruddiman's resolution expelling Mr. David Palmer, of the Pittsburgh Commer-"detectives," who arrest people without cial Gazette, accusing Speaker Hewit of warrants and send men to jail for debts, misusing his office to defeat the Pittsburgh riot claims bill would make a report. The first hour of the session was taken up with the presentation of petitions which law are penalties from which even were more than usually abundant. The tramps and showmen are exempt. If galleries of the House were full and they do not learn this in the due course many senators were on the floor to see the fun. About eleven o'clock Chairman Colborn of the special commit tee, arose and presented the report which was read by the clerk. The report set forth that the committee found the foundation and entirely unwarranted, and they considered him guilty of the grossest he reiterated many of the charges made in that had induced him to make them. The cousin George Kraft I am' THE House of Representatives yester- House unanimously accepted the report

Mr. Vogdes, of Philadelphia, who occupied the chair then stated that the Ruddiman resolution was before the House, Mr. discussion began which lasted until nearly one o'clock. Most of the Allegheny delegation, with the exception of Flinn, sustained Palmer and stoutly asserted that they had been ill-treated by the speaker in the matter of the reference of the riot bill side of the slate and read : to the appropriations committee. They avowed that they were responsible for the Gazette as they expressed the sentiments crazy man" therein to Palmer, only he had not put them as strongly as they had been given

the censure, so an amendment to that Twenty-first and Pine." effect was offered. It was met with laughter and cries of "Yes, Yes." The Allehe was surprised to hear of such denials,

Thereupon Mr. Boland sent in an The amendment was greeted with a chorus | could soon kill himself. of hisses and laughter. Speaker Hewit however was not amused. He sprang up instantly on a question of privilege. He thought it was disgraceful in any man to offer such an amendment at such a time so long borne had been assailed and he demanded its vindication. He wanted no branded with integrity or infamy, and any man who would move to adjourn under such circumstances was doing a disgrace-

ful thing. This aroused Mr. Billingsley and he vociferously and fiercely declared that Mr. Boland had done nothing disgraceful. That gentleman certainly had the privilege of the floor and had as much right as anybody else to make a motion. The speaker had already been sufficiently vindicated by the adoption of the report of the commit tee, and Mr. Boland's motion was in order. The speaker, however, decided that the amendment was not germane to the resolution, and was therefore out of order. At this point Mr. French obtained the floor and accused the speaker of threaten-ing to "remember" him for being vindictive in his matter. A long personal controversey followed between French and the speaker, in which the latter asserted that he did not intend to remember Mr.

French in his capacity as speaker, but

would treat him as well as everybody else with the strictest impartiality. Just here Mr. Neill caused great hub bub by calling the previous question. Half the House was on its feet at once, the same time and the wildest confusion prevailed. "We propose to prove that we've been ill-treated before get through,' cried an Allegheny man. "You can't shut us up like that, we will have our say cried another. The speaker thundered away with his gavel until comparative order was restored and then Mr. Neill withdrew his call. Thereafter the discussion took a still wider range. Mr. Landis attempted to defend the appropriations committee from some aspersions that he claimed had been thrown on it, and although he was repeatedly called to order flatly refused to sit down until he had finished. Mr. Flinn, of Allegheny, attempted to reply but was cut off by loud calls to come to order.

Mr. Kneass managed to get an editorial from the Philadelphia Press read'as part of his remarks, and Mr. Faunce endeavored but failed to get the whole matter indefinitely postponed. At length at about a quarter to 1 o'clock everybody's patience became pretty well exhausted and when Mr. McCachran moved the previous ques-The call having been successful the chair asked whether the main question should be put. Mr. Billingsley called the yeas nays with the object of consuming the time until one o'clock and house agreed by a large majority to receive the main question One o'clock having arrived the orders of and stated that the previous question having been called and agreed to nothing else could come before the House and that therefore the whole subject would have to be disposed of before an adjournment would be in order. The various amendments were then voted upon and defeated passed as stated in the regular report in another column. Palmer occupied a seat on the floor of the House during the whole

A little daughter of Mr. Plante, living in Oil city, is seriously ill from blood pois-

oning, the result of wearing colored stock-

Joseph Lee, serving a four-years' term in the Berks county prison, escaped on Wednesday, but was recaptured after being out two hours.

The hand some opera house of Congressman S. H. Miller, at Mercer, was opened on Tuesday night to a \$700 house. It cost

President Hoyt, of the Pennsylvania coal company, has issued a circular reducing the prices of coal 35 cents per ton and it is believed that unless spring prices are quickly arranged the market will

Sarah Head, a widow, aged 62 years, died yesterday at Providence, R. I., in consequece of medicine taken on Wednesday night, supposed to be extract of but

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

A Jury's Solution of the Cherry Hill Mystery The mystery surrounding the terrible deed committed at the Eastern penitentiary on Tuesday night was sufficiently elucidated at the coroner's inquest yester day to warrant the jury in arriving at the conclusion that Pleifer Laurdered McBride and added to his crime by taking his own life. The most important development in the case was made by Deputy Coroner

written, in a scrawling hand : "Strouseburg Pa Miss Elna Bittenhenthe obnoxious letter and gave the evidence | der Jackson township last fall me and my

The sentence was broken off here, and on another slate was written the follow-"I also kill that girl in Jackson county

cousin George Graft Last fall was arrested his brother They call me the divil and a crett on the "Work of the Tract." tion of censure and at once an exciting witch so if you all know all the people b following lay members were re-elected, to York ther you find out all about me I am sorry for me owen family for I know they use them ruf on The remainder was written on the other

"My account they could not help for that wot I did you can all-You can tenor of the article in the Commercial tell Judge Rice not to send down here any

These fragmentary sentences had evideatly been written in the dark, as the lines would break off abruptly and com This brought Speaker Hewit to his feet mence in an entirely different place. A in his own defense, and in a speech of card, which was found in the cell, was some length he repeated much that he had also produced. It had on one side the adsaid on the previous morning in denial. It dress: "Captain Washburn, Twentieth occurred to somebody that as the Alle- ward station house, Thirty-fifth street, begheny men took so much of the blame, it tween Ninth and Tenth avenue," and on might be just as well to include them in the reverse : "McBride, Twentieth or

The Miss Elna Bittenbender alluded to in the first scrawl was found murdered gheny men did not seem by any means near her home in Jackson township, Monaverse to being censured except Flinn, roe county, some time last fall under conwho wanted it distinctly understood that ditions which left no doubt of the fact that he had said nothing at any time to war- she had first been brutally outraged. It rant anybody in including him in such a was supposed at the time that the deed resolution, and he desired that it be had been done by tramps, but subsequentchanged so as to except his name. Mr. ly a cousin of the girl was arrested on the Moore, the mover of the amendment, said capital charge. The evidence, however, was not conclusive against him, and the but nevertheless would withdraw the trial resulted in an acquittal. Now it is He had ranged through that country. He | tile in the stomach." amendment to be read. It set forth that made two attempts to kill himself when

MR. GEORGE JONES' CHARITY. What He Says to the Contributors.

NEW YORK, March 16, 1881. DEAR SIR: In acknowledging your prompt response to the circular with reference to your subscription to the presidertial retiring fund for the benefit of Gen. Grant, I have the pleasure to announce that of the entire amount of \$250,000 half way steps. He demanded either to be which has been subscribed, \$216,000 has been paid in. The outstanding subscriptions are mainly those of a few subscribers for large amounts who are at present out of the country, and who have not yet had time to answer my request for payment. The amount already received has been invested by a committee of subscribers consisting of Messrs. E. D. Morgan, Oliver Hoyt and George Jones, and will yield an annual income of \$13,160. Should the remainder be invested to equal advantage, the fund will yield over \$15,000 a year.

The great majority of the subscribers deem it inadvisable to make public the names of those who have contributed to the fund, and about \$50,000 has been subscribed on the distinct understanding that the names of the donors shall be kept secret. I may say, however, that an analysis of the list in my possession shows the following distribution of the amounts: Two subscribers of 10,000

Eighteen sub-cribers of 5,0 0

Three subscribers of 2,500

Three sub-cribers of 2,500

Three subscribers of 2,500
Two subscribers of 2,000
Forty-eight subscribers of 1,000
One subscriber of 750
Twenty-one sub cribers of 250
Twenty seven subscribers of 250
Five subscribers of 200
Thirteen subscribers of 100
One subscriber of 500 One subscriber of.
Twenty-one sub cribers of.
Twenty-one sub cribers of.
Twenty seven subscribers of.
Thirteen subscribers of. One subscriber of Various subscribers for small am'ts.

Total.... \$250,000 When it becomes necessary to provide for the ultimate destination of the fund a meeting of the subscribers will be called. I have the honor to be your most obedient GEORGE JONES. servant.

Treasurer. At an early stage of his labor Mr. Jones found that it would be necessary to abandon the idea of devoting the income of the fund without reserve, to the benefit to the oldest living expresident. The unanimous sentiment of those appealed to was that the fund should be regarded merely as an imperfect substitute for the want of a national provision for Gen. Grant, and that the final destination of the principal should be a matter entirely within the discretion of subscribers for the major portion of the amount.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

The cotton compress at Jacksonville, Fia., together with 500 bales of cotton, was burned on Wednesday night. Loss, A fire at Providence, R. I., yesterday

caused the loss of about \$2,000 to Martin Dewing, a manufacturer of carriage top dressing. John Kramer, aged 37 years, conductor

on the Northern Central railroad was kill-

ed yesterday at Baltimore by being thrown from his train. Judge D. G. Venable, who moved to Dennison, Texas, from Kentucky about three years ago, was yesterday thrown under the wheels of a loaded wagon and instantly killed. His remains will be

taken to Frankfort, Ky. William E. Fitzgerald, a well-known citizen of New Orleans, a member of the Legislature and agent of the North British and Mercautile insurance company, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself with a pistol. He leaves a wife and five children.

hand, whose name is unknown, in the employ of Mr. Johns' father-in-law. Mr. morning. John's injuries will probably prove fatal. His assailant has eluded arrest.

Charles Foster, who was for five years ter, his deficiency amounting to between | Reading. 85,000 and 88,000. It is supposed that the money was used for purposes of specula-

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

AT POTTSVILLE.

Progress of the M. E. Conference. In the Methodist Episcopal conference in Pottsville yesterday the annual exhibit of the Book concerns at New York and Cincinnati showed \$71,735.67 to be the net Rev. Dr. Hunt, treasurer of the Episco-

pal fund, made an appeal on behalf of the support of the bishops by the congregations of the churches direct. The Court to try Rev. Thomas Kelly was announced as follows: President,

Joseph Mason: J. E. Kessler, S. Barns, S. W. Kurtz, W. C. Johnson, R. Whinnet, J. Sampson, F. B. Harvey, L. B. Hoffmán, W. Rink, J. J. Timanus, D. McKee C. W. Blickley, J. M. Gable, The committee to try Rev. B. Miller, was announced as follows: Rev. H. R.

Calloway, President; E. Stubbs, E. B. Snyder, D. M. Young, H. Wheeler, T. M. Griffith, S. A. Cooper, T. Harrison, S. Pancoast, E. H. Hoffman, S. W. Gehrett, J. S. Lame, S. B. Best, R. W. Humphries. Ouite a little breeze arose on the selection of counsel to assist Rev. A. Rittenhouse in the prosecution of the case. Several gentlemen were nominated but de-

Announcements were made and the conerence adjourned with the benediction by

Rev Mr. Atwood. Joseph Mason presided at the twentyeighth anniversary of the tract society last night. Thos. W. Simpers led in prayer. Secretary J. B. McCullough read the financial report, showing the net value of property to be \$88,000. During the ear 1,250,000 tracts were distributed. flunt, of the Book Concern, lectured on "Methodist Literature," and T. T. Evhave kill you would be astonish go in New | serve until March, 1884: T. T. Tasker, Sr., Robert England, Jesse Harding, D. H. Bowen, Peter Lamb, George W. Wanamaker. Benediction by Dr. Kidder closed the meeting.

UPPER END LOCALS.

Condensed From our Manheim Dr. Stanley Smith, assisted by Dr. D. leber Plank, has performed a successful operation for glaucoma on the eye of Mrs. Rarbara Hertzler, the aged widow of Daniel Hertzler, of Cærnarvon township. The contract for carrying the mails between Manheim and Mt. Hope, via Penn and White Oak, was awarded to Christian R. Ober, of Mt. Hope, to that effect on the first day of July next, mail to be carried six times a week, instead of three

infes a week as heretofore. Adam Gotschall's loss by the burning of his stable in Warwick township, Tuesday night, was \$2,000. Insured for 800 in the Penn township mutual. Samuel G. Keller, of Penn township,

has lost two children during the past ten days from diphtheria, and his wife is also suffering from the same complaint. "Miss Lydia McCloud, of Brownstown

who has for some time evinced strange symptoms, has lately been examined by able physicians who are of the opinion believed that Pfeifer was her murderer. that the patient has a snake or other rep-George Ness, an old and well-known

pointment there, too. Mr. Childs and current reports that certain members had this was the day fixed for paying homage confined in jail at Wilkesbarre, just be citizen, painter and councilman of Manto the great patron saint of Ireland, St. fore being sent to the Eastern penitentiary. heim borough, has departed this life, in Patrick, and therefore it was moved that He told a reporter in that city that he was the 64th year of his age. For some time in honor to the day the house adjourn. glad to go to the penitentiary, as there he | past he had been in indifferent health, and at last suffered an attrck of pneumonia, by Fleming and family, of West Fallowfield, which he was confined to his bed for nearly three weeks.

OBITUARY.

Death of Lewis S. Suesscrott.

Lewis S. Suesscrott, son of the late Rev. B. C. Suesscrott, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, of this city, died at the residence of his mother, No. 444 West Walnut street, this morning about 2 o'clock in the 22d year of his age. Mr. Suesserott was a young man of pre-eminently gentle manners and correct deportment. He probably never made an enemy in his life; never opposed or crossed any one, no matter what was the provocation; was entirely free from the vices and follies so common among men. He was not, however, in the slightest degree effeminate, but was gallant and manly in the true sense of the word. After quitting school he was employed in the store of Hager & Bro. for a year or two, and about three years ago he entered the First national bank as a book-keeper. In both these positions he acquitted himself so as to command the fullest confidence of his employers and their highest encom'ums, both as to his efficiency and fidelity. In January last he was attacked with a hemorrhage, but his physicians thought his lungs to be unaffected, and believed he would be restored to good health. About three weeks ago he bean to sink rapidly. and grew worse and worse until death relieved him. It is seldom we are called upon to record the loss of a young man so. universally esteemed for his uniform y good habits, and quiet, unobtrusive and

Rev. Dahlman Handsomely Treated. A donation party was given last evening by about sixty-four lady members and the church choir of St. John's (German) Reformed church to their new pastor, Rev. A. E. Dahlman, at his residence, 35 North Charlotte street. Each member brought a basket filled with choice eatables, and when laid on the table the contributions presented a pleasing sight. The Sunday chool presented him with a handsome set of furniture. Rev. Dahlman in a short iddress thanked the congregation. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Bauman sang several pieces. The lady friends then favored the audience with a few hymns, after which the congregation departed highly delighted with the evening's entertainment and leaving the minister's larder filled with good things and his heart with gratitude to the givers.

Surprising a Teacher. Yesterday evening a number of little girls from 8 to 10 years of age, pupils of Mr. Dan. H. Herr's school, Springville, assembled at Mr. Herr's residence as surprise party. They took with them a number of presents for their teacher. nade complimentary speeches, thanking him for his efficiency and kindness as a teacher, and favoring him with some fine music. The occasion was very pleasant

for all concerned.

Driving Accident. Yesterday a horse belonging to H. G. Dissinger, of Mechanicsburg, which was hitched to a wagon containing three men, barrel of coal oil and a keg of nails, was being driven along North Queeen street, the animal frightened at a passing wagor from which show bills were being thrown and, jumping to a side, broke the hind axles in the wheel. The men and the coal oil were thrown out, but strange to say none of them were hurt except one, and he had his nose but slightly cut.

Notary Public Appointed. John M. Ensminger, of Manheim, has been appointed by Governor Hoyt a nosion, dating from March 17, 1891, was received at the county recorder's office this plex threshing machine.

Not Coming. The agent of Charles L. Davis, who has been very extensively billed to play "Alvin Joslin" here to-morrow night, tele bookkeeper for Hiland, Chessman & Co., produce dealers at Boston, has suddenly left the city and is reported to be a defaul-•

Unlit Lamps. Second ward, 2; Fourth, 1; Sixth, 3; Eighth, 4; Ninth, 2. Total, 12.

HOUSTON-NEIL.

A RARE FESTIVAL IN PUDDINGTOWN

Celebration of the Fiftleth Anniversary the Wedding of David Houston and Margaret Neil.

On the evening of St. Patrick's day-March 17-1831, in the county of Derry, Northern Ireland, near to where it joins Antrim, among the Scotch Irish folk, who have contributed so largely to our best citizenship, was celebrated at the house of the bride's father the marriage of David Houston, then an active young man, not turned his twentieth year, and Margaret Neil. They were of the stern United Presbyterian stock and were wed by a preacher of that faith. There was none of the riotous merry makings which characterized such occasions among that class of the Irish peasantry with whom it was the custom for the groom and his friends to start ou: from his hone in a mad-cap race, for the house of the bride, the best man to win the whisky bottle. But there were real heart warmings and decorous festivities at Father Neil's and especially, as Margaret Wilson, who was there, tells us, after the preacher was gone did "the young folks let the' sel's

It was the celebration of this event and in the course of the history of this family, so soon afterward transplanted to American shores, that a notable festival was held yesterday in the village, once known as Jacksonville, sometimes called Bethania, but more popularly "Puddingtown," in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, on the Gap and Strasburg road, nestling at the foot of the Mine hill, just west of the curve on the Pennsylvania railroad this side of the Gap. There, where these old people have lived for over quarter of a century, their family and kinsfolk and friends gathered yesterday to pay them homage and give due significance to the happy oceasion, well-spring of domestic joys, which had its fiftieth anniversary and amply merited such commemoration.

The sons and daughters and grand-children of the venerable couple entered most heartily into the spirit of preparations for the golden wedding and handsome invitations announced the arrangements to the invited guests. The through trains, east and west, on the Pennsylvania railroad, were stopped during the day at Kinzers station to accommodate visitors, whence they were conveyed in carriages to the family residence. The house and adjoining store were trimmed on the outside with flags and other decorations. On the inside the "lucky" horse shoe was suspended and wreaths and a profusion of bouquets were tastefully arranged. On the wall of the parior were the striking and significant figures: "1831 50-1881," and in the middle of the room was suspended a huge bell made of flowers and evergreens. The wedding feast was spread in the second story hall of the building, a spacious room wherein a half hundred could easily sit at table, and about that number gathered around the board. Mr. John C. Spaeth, caterer, had these arrangements in hand, and the feast was as substantial and toothsome as the decorations and table arrangements were tasteful and elegant.

Among these present were all the chilen, children-in-law and grandel J. Houston, of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Homeville, Chester county. Besides them were Mr. H. Bower, of Steelville, Chester county; Charles B. Houston and wife: Thomas J. Houston and wife and Coi. D. F. Houston, all of Chester, and of the family of John Houston, deceased (formerly of Christiana, a third cousin of Mr. David Houston, and often mistaken for his brother because of their long and close intimacy); Mrs. Carrie Houston, widow of Dr. John Houston; Rev. David Anderson, of Octorara United Presbyterian church and wife; Mrs. Mary Quigley, of Philadelphia; Hon. John B. Warfel and family, of Lancaster; W. U. Hensel, and a number of other ladies and gentlemen,

friends of the family. The formal exercises of the day began with the reading of a family history by Mr. Bower, of Steelville, who is a brother-in- cine under Dr. John Martin, graduated at aw of Dr. Joseph Houston. After a short address of welcome the historian passed into a biographical sketch of the Houston family, of which the following is the main moved across the Octoraro, to the village portion, divested of a few personal allusions which have only a private interest :

THE HOUSTON FAMILY. David and Margaret Houston were born in County Derry, Ireland, and were maried on the 17th day of March, 1831, and this day rounds up their fifty consecutive years of married life. But little is known to us of the early ancestors of the Houston family, save that in consequence of religious dissatisfaction they emigrated from Scotland during the reign of William of Orange, III, king of Great Britain, and settled in the north of Ireland. Although the name is spelled differently by the various branches of the family, there is but little doubt that they all spring from a

common Scotch-Irish ancestry. The Houston family seems to have inherited a love for the study of medicine, as every branch that we have any knowledge of has contributed one or more members to this profession—some of whom are not unknown to fame. Dr. Wm. Houston, the pupil of Herman Bocrhaave, was not only an eminent physician, but was distinguished as a botanist, and the "Houstonia Comba" will perpetuate his name when the "Philosophical Transactions" to which he was a frequent contributor, shall have been forgotten. Dr. Houston, a professor in Trinity college, Dublin, also distinguished himself as a scholar in that city, where the draymen are said to speak a purer English than the professors in American colleges. Other members of this family have also reflected bronor upon the name, and credit upon themselves as teachers in medical science. Soon after the marriage of David Hous-

ton and Margaret Neil in 1831, they determined to seek their fortunes in the new world; David, being the youngest of three sons, and therefore disinherited by the English law of entail. After a stormy and perilous passage of sixty-three days they landed in Philadelphia during the cholera epidemic in 1832. They immediately took passage in a Conestoga wagon for Lancaster county where the late Thomas Patterson, married to Jane Houston, David's aunt and his cousin, John Houston, of Christiana, resided. These were the only relatives they had in Lancaster county. So close was the intimacy between John and David that many of their acquaintances regarded them as brothers, and a sketch of either would be incomplete without frequent allusion to the other. David and Margaret remained at the Patterson home until the following spring. David ready and willing to try his hand at any work the neighborhood offered, engaged in threshing rye with a flail for Aaron Hurford, at Rock Mills, Aaron instructing him in the most effectual way of using this not very com

In the spring of 1833 David and Marga-ret commenced housekeeping near Patter-son's, the family including a baby boy Robert. In 1836, through the solicitatio of an elder brother, Henry, also a sufferogdensburg, N. J., our subjects were induced to remove to that place, where David entered into partnership in the boot and shoe business with John Harper. Fever and ague, cold winters and a style of living not congenial to them soon pro-

ly having increased to two sons and one baby daughter—five persons dependent upon him for support, and only 50 cents in his pocket. Settling in his old neighborhood, he commenced to work at his picked-up trade, continuing in the busness until 1846. As evidence of his skill in this business an old gentleman, recently dead, told me that during the time David Houston was engaged in shoe making, he and his family went eight miles to have their work done, and no doubt some of his guests to-day could testify to the quality of the work. In the meantime mother son had been added to the family. The older ones were growing up. and the parents desirous of securing better facilities for educating their children than the rural districts afforded, and possibly to increase the earnings, in 1846 followed their cousin John to Philadelphia, who, with, a family of two daughters and seven sons, had been actuated by similar considerations to remove to that city. Owing doubtless to maternal training David was early impressed with the beauties of religious devotion, and he and his wife having been in church communion in their native land, on coming here deposited their letters in the late Dr. Easton's church, the United Presbyterian of Upper Octoraro, were they still retain membership. Schooled, therefore, as they were, in the observances of the church, and feeling the necessity of conforming thereto on arriving in Philadelphia, and observing the surroundings, they were shocked at the seemingly unrestricted desecration of the Sabbath so prevalent among the boys in many parts of the city. Becoming alarmed at the prospect of raising their boys exposed to all the vices of city life, they determined at once to waive all the advantages of superior schools and all business consi ations, for the moral and religious welfare of their children; and they immediately repacked their goods and returned to Laneaster county again, renting a house from Eii Kerns, of Rock Mills, This movement was followed by John and his family also returning to Lancaster county. The same close bond of intimacy not only still existed between John and David, but was quietly being diffused through the younger members of the family, reaching out and over their school days, blending, cementing and chrystalizing the studies, aims and aspirations of their children, so as to make them almost lose sight of the fact that they were not all members of the same family. Soon after their return to Lancaster county David bought a few acres of ground and erected a house, expecting to make a permanent home. In the meantime, Robert J., his eldest son, now a young man, rented this property, put in a stock of goods and commenced merchandizing. The property being offered for sale, he induced his father to purchase it, and in the spring of 1853 the family removed hither. fere for twenty-eight years they have lived. The children are now all fledged and flown, but the parents still remain. tenderly cared for by their granddaughter, Louisa. As already intimated, this union was blessed with four children-three

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ty, where they arrived in 1838, the fami-

boys and one girl. Robert J., the eldest must have been a very studious boy, as he was engaged in the profession of teaching at a remarkably early age. From this he drifted into merchandizing, which he has followed with the Houston-Neil union ; viz. Mr. Robert | but slight intermissions ever since. When I first became acquainted with him, I remember very well, thinking he combined Chester county, Dr. S. N. Houston, wife all the essentials of a first class politician, and family, of Washington, D. C. of course not including the chicanery, and Dr. Joseph Houston, wife and family, crookedness, etc. He was being appreciated by his party, and certainly would have found his level had he not become impressed with the necescity of a complete revolution in financial matters, and thus become identified with the party known as the Greenbackers. (I never could get at the true inwardness of this organization until- Dr. Joe-he has it a little, caught it from Bob -explained it to me.) If there is any one present who does not clearly understand it, the doctor will explain it to them, and after they have heard the explanation. they will understand it just as well as I

Joseph, their second son, after his early school days, seems to have been occupied between tending store, teaching and going to school, etc. Married early, read medi-Jefferson medical college, Philadelphia, and in 1857 commenced to practice at Andrews' Bridge, Lancaster county. In 1860 of Homeville, Chester county. In 1862 he entered the army as assistant surgeon of the 72d Pennsylvania Volunteers; promoted to surgeon in 1963; was honorably discharged on account of failing health; returned to Homeville and resumed his practice, and filled the chair of natural science in Lincoln University; lost his wife, Isabella Barefoot, of this place; married the second time to Esther, youngest daughter of Abraham Rakestraw, and is still a resident of that village.

Unlike his elder brother, he is proud of the old family name, and is determined that if lost to the future that it shall in no measure be chargable to him.

Rose, the third child, the flower of the family and the only one in it, was born at Odgensburg. She must have acquired very rapidly, as she, too, engaged in teaching at a very early age. After teaching for several years, true to the women's nature, she forsook the paths of learning for a brilliant, perhaps, but not less important vacation in life, by joining her fortunes with William A. Fleming, an active and energetic farmer of West Fallowfield township, Chester county. And thus we find her to-day surrounded by the cares and comforts of the domestic home and

fam:ly. Samuel, the youngest child, and therefore the spoiled child, was born in the old home near Bartville after the return from Ogdensburg. He also commenced teaching when quite young. The parents had set their hearts upon having him study for the ministry, but despite all their efforts the old inherited love of medicine cropped out in the family the second time. He read medicine under his brother Joseph, and in 1862, the following year, married Miss Addie Waidley, of Strasburg. Soon after, through the Hon. Thadeus Stevens, received a clerkship in the fourth auditor's office, and immediately moved to Washington; attended lectures and graduated at the Georgetown medical college in 1867, since which time he has held several important official positions, such as commissioner of treasury building, surgeon in the United States merchant marine service and is now in the paymaster general's

John Houston, of Christiana, the cousin and friend of David, died in Philadelphia, and was buried from the former place in December, 1876. He was twice married. Two daughers, Mary Jane and Sallie, constituted the first family. By his second marriage he had seven sous : John, jr.. who died in Philadelphia in August, 1878: Charles, Thomas; David, who died in infancy; William, who met an early death by falling through a bridge near Leaman Place: David, the second, Of the living, their lives and characters speak for them. John, jr., was the physician of this branch. Remarkably studious, he had established a reputation as a teacher when really but a boy. Soon after their moving to Christiana, he commenced reading medicine under Dr. Pat-terson; attended lectures in Philadelphia, and graduated at the Jefferson medical