FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 8, 1981.

A Dirty Business.

The misgovernment of the munici pality of New York has long been an exemplar of the fatal connection between local and national politics. Its city affairs have been controlled upon issues whose determination was regulated by an appeal to considerations of general political intrigue. It has been a standing complaint that New York city is ruled from Albany and that Albany looks to Washington. Recent events have shown that the New York Assembly waits for the senatorial nod, and influences radiating from the national capital determine questions of purely local concern. All New York has been aroused at the filthy condition of her streets, and a mass meeting of her citizens, unprecedented for respectability and influence, demanded their cleaning and pointed to the mayor as the proper responsible authority to do the work. To control the patronage which this work would secure for their party. Senator Conkling and his ponies have determined to vest it in officials of their stripe, and have exerted successful influences to get the lower house of the Legislature to kill a measure devised to secure ready relief to New York city and approved by a citizens' committee of which two thirds were Republicans. Ail the potent agencies of the Cameron-Conkling kind of political machinery were exercised to defeat the will of the people. and to leave exposed to danger their lives and property to secure a partisan end. Of course the effect will be a serious reaction in the state against the Republicans, and the Democracy will profit by it. But the much more important lesson which this incident will succeed in enforcing is the cardinal Democratic doctrine of home rule and the impertinence of dictation from federal and been going on, with the advantage and state capitals to the government of gain always in favor of the former, and municipalities. The cleaning of New the sabre and bayonet must in their turn York streets is a purely local work that take their places in our museums by the ought to be conducted on workmanlike business principles, and Mayor Grace must yield to the revolver and rifle, cold has given evidence that it would have been so done had he had a chance. It Franco-Prussian war the non-employment the detective says the blow of his hand is withheld from him and the vast material and moral interests of New York are affected disastrously, at Conkling's behest, to secure patronage for the Republican party. The people of great cities will not tolerate this sort of thing much longer. Philadelphia has made short work of it lately and will cut to mince meat Cameron's chances of getting even a legislative delegation from it ess for their fight for freedem.

such cases as the present, wherein the illustrated weekly paper, "one which Huebsch, rabbi of the Madison Avenue Senate, by the voice of its Republican should have upon Harper's Weekly an effect synagogue, suspected something wrong majority, fails in executive session, to like that which Scribper's Monthly wrought and detained the child. Mr. Strasburger act on the president's appointments he upon Harper's Magazine." Mr. Scribner viewed the body of the dead man and said good suggestion. Garfield should act ing half a million of money to start a new an attempt at blackmail. upon it at once. To hear him call the Scribner's Magazine. senators of his party to account, and to hear them take him to task would be interesting and edifying hoggishness of the demand of the House to the whole country. In the most nota- at Harrisburg for 10,000 extra copies of ble case of his alleged treachery and of | Smuli's Hand Book : "This will give each their offensive senatorial dictation it is member forty copies, and as he is entitled claimed that he promised Conkling and under existing laws to 33 copies, those Pratt to make no appointment of col- members who came in at the present ses- tax, the lowest in its history and will wipe of teachers employed than in any other your committee invited proposals for the lector until he had consulted them and sion will get 73 copies, while those who that he broke his word. It would be served two years ago and were re-elected well for him to inquire and them to an- will get 106 copies. When this monstrous swer before the public what trails there swindle was before the house the other day is in this accusation and on what ground on second reading, a progressive statesman he should make such promise, or break from Washington county, named Billings- niece housekeeper and so he shot himself it after he made it. Let the president ley, had the cheek to say that the books dead. come into the Senate and demand that were for the people, that the state ought the business which he summoned it to to pay for them, and for his part he prodo, and which the Democrats are anxious posed to get all the books he could at the to dispatch, be undertaken at once. If he expense of the state, is the harassed man whom a Hera'd correspondent, plausibly represents him to be, it will be well for him and it may gain for him much popular sympathy to have a recital of his troubles on the floor of the Senate. This special session has been called for his business, and yet the senators of his party refuse to transact it. They seek to levy the blackmail of patronage upon him as a condition of their doing it. Surely a debate on the essental question involved between Garfield and Conkling would throw light on an important matter, and mayhap settle an issue which portends more and more danger to every succeeding presi-

MR. CONKLING nods and in the New York Legislature, according to the Herpeople of the city, with a simple wish reputation. and view to secure the efficient performance of a plain and easy function of municipal administration, is defeated and Petersburg, Va., has four Alderney cows lives of those who had a voice in convictset aside because it does not suit the in his back yard and a flock of pheasants, ing him, and the gentlemen mentioned are schemes of political cliques, parties and He cultivates these birds for their eggs. coteries to pass it." Waste, inefficiency Hen eggs are not to his taste, which is ecand peculation are continued and given centric and dainty. When a railroad prenew chances because it profits the political fortunes of a United States senator. Mr. Cameron waves his hand towards Harrisburg and his boast that the Legislature of his state would yet approve the Mahone bargain is confirmed.

The resolutions adopted by the Republican caucus, applauding the position of their federal senators, have passed the says: "He cares more than trades unions Legislature, only Wolfe and Law of the for the welfare of the workingmen : more Republicans having the virtue to oppose them. The conduct of the other capital; more for the cause of retrenchalleged Independents on this question is men than the most jealous and avowed utterly inconsistent and indefensible. foes of government expenditure; more for and shows their desire to be rehabilitated the spread of education than the advocates Southerner, but of recent years a salesin party fellowship. The demand for of a compulsory national system; more man in New York, was found dead in his and higher primary grade. This also meets them to pass these resolutions came as for careful constitutional precedent than bed at the Tremont house. There was no offensively and dictatorially, in a public the Whigs; and more for the spiritual insenatorial declaration by Cameron, as it dependence of the church than the Tories. to the use of opium and has several times could have been put, and their easy He unites cotton with culture; Manches. been found apparently dying from its efassent to it shows that dreams of federal | ter with Oxford; deep classical joy over | feets. patronage are potent to beguile them the Italian resurrection and Greek indeinto strange ways and crooked walks.

Anxious parents will rejoice to hear that another contemplated Charley Ross outrage has ended disastrously for the planned a crime which involved abduc- on the Wednesday following, from the (first mortgage) bond, 7 per cent. with- present session. tion and family sorrow, or a large re- cause of the ham having been spoiled.

compense. To have submitted to his demand would have been to strengthen the chances for the success of such schemes, and that this one failed is none the less a subject for congratulation, bedrel's death for his rascally purposes.

MINOR TOPICS. THE lack of five votes killed the compul-

sory education bill in the Legislature of WHILE there is but one man in the

ford, who can read the book, good copies the plot to obtain money. of the Eliot Indian Bible are worth over a thousand dollars. WHEN Samuel J. Tilden read the names of the members of Garfield's cabinet he is

tration would be the stormiest on record, away. Captain Gunner, of the Twenty-Our Uncle Sammy seems to have stuck a eighth precinct was notified, and he sent THE mayor of New York has astonished the public by announcing that if the Legislature will clothe him with power to the letter came. It contained di-

said to have remarked that this adminis-

Egyptian obelisk. appealed to by the North Presbyterian prepared by the detective and about noon church for a severance of its pastoral relation with Rev. Charles H. Ramsdell, on and followed her. At Sixty-first and Madthe ground that his wife, a Catholic, at. ison avenue he saw a man following the tended mass, to the detriment of her hus. lady and on the opposite side of the street band's influence. Judge Drake, of the court of claims, offered a resolution for his answered. expulsion, "inasmuch it was a moral sin for a Presbyterian elergyman to take a Roman Catholic wife." The resolution Fifth avenue, on Sixty-first street, a pistol

decision is deferred.

war between gunpowder and steel has side of the old pike and cuirass. They to surrender and not to draw his pistol. steel to gunpowder and lead. In the him, made a grab at Campbe I's pistol, and of steel was wonderfully manifest. For discharged the pistor. At all that he did not fire at the man. At all thousands who were killed or wounded by events the detective's revolver was disball, shot or shell, stabs or cuts with bay- charged and the big bullet went crashing onet, lance, or sabre were almost imper- through the man's left eye and into his brain

that probably the new name for Scribner's side-whiskers and light moustache. He Monthly will be the Manhattan Monthly or was well dressed. From papers in his Manhattan Magazine, and that St. Nicholas pocket it was evident that his name was hereafter. The people of New York will drop the word Scribner from its title. Edward Hermann Johnannes Sagert, and have fresh occasion to put on the harn- The magazine is understood to have cleared that his mother resides at 18 Buelow street a profit of \$72,000 last year, or six per Rosa Strasburger is a very pretty and cent. on \$1,200,000. It is also announced intelligent child, eleven years old. A week IT has been suggested that in accord- by the same authority that Mr. Charles ago last Sunday an attempt was made to ance with an old joint rule, provided for Scribner has long desired to found a great entire her from Sanday school by a forged call it into conference with him. It is a is also credited with the purpose of spend- that he never saw him before. He is at a to the same :

THE Cambria Freeman dilates upon the

PERSONAL.

Taffy for "WICKY" from the New Era : 1881. "It strikes us that a cottage in the shadows of the Alps would be a pleasant and inspiring place to write books on the the theory, methods and results of teach ings." Garfield please take notice.

middle division, Pennsylvania railroad, killed by a locust tree which he was diswho has been sojourning at Hot Springs, Arkansas, is expected home next week. His return will relieve Superintendent Prevost of his double duties.

They have an odd story in New York that a beautiful woman, supposed to be a Cuban, who frequented all the public balls the past winter, and captivated numerous young men, and old men too, for that matter, has been discovered to be a attorney and Judge Ross, of Montgomery ald, a bill "framed in the interest of the negress, and with by no means the best county, and Judge Mitchell protest against

MAHONE is not a millionare. \$100,000 is about his figure. He owns a line house at was sentenced he threatened to take the sident, at a big salary, he used to travel on a hand-car with a demijohn half as big as himself. That vessel was supposed to contain "true Democratic principles," but it did not. It was mineral water, of Point. Beltz accused Coleman of having which he partook copiously for a severe won the affections of his wife.

kidney complaint. Of GLADSTONE an English critic fitly than manufacturers for the interests of pendence with the profound English interest taken in the duty on Zante raisins and the following at the Cooper house yester-

Two children of Frederick S. Lutz, of burg, at \$134.50 per share.

118 Lentz street, Philadelphia, one a boy 10 shares Big Spring & Beaver Valley 1118 Lontz street, Philadelphia, one a boy criminal, and little sympathy will be felt of three years and the other a boy of thirfor the blackmailer's fate who met death yesterday in New York in his deperate Thursday of last week, a few hours after bia, withdrawn at \$134 per share; 5 shares attempt to escape arrest. He had coolly died, one on the Tuesday and the other drawn at \$101.50 on the \$100 valuation.

Italian rags."

ANOTHER CHARLEY ROSS CASE, In Which the Abductor was Killed at the

About two weeks ago Mrs. Louis Strasburger, 128 East Sixty-first street, the wife of a wealthy dealer in watches at 15 Maicause the concoctor of it died a scoun- den lane, New York, received a letter demanding \$60,000 and threatening the abduction of her little daughter Rosa in case of refusal. Mr. Strasburger immediately put the case in the hands of detectives. By their direction there was a brief correspondence with the blackmailer. The threatening letters, which were signed 'Executive Committee, Third avenue,' were continued. In one of them it was country, J. Hammond Trumbull, of Hart. said that sixteen persons were engaged in

On Wednesday evening a boy took the letter to the Strasburger residence. The governess, Miss Spelter, took the letter, but when the boy learned that she was not Mrs. Strasburger he snatched it back, explaining that it must be delivered to Mrs. Strasburger in person and hurried Detective Campbell, a man with an ex-cellent reputation on the police force, to the house of Mrs. Strasburger, with iustructions to remain there until the letter came again. About ten o'clock have the streets cleaned he will be able to rections for the delivery of the command for the performance of the work | money. They were that Miss Spelter, the the services of Lieutenant-Commander governess, should take the money in an envelope, walk through Sixty-first street Gorringe, the officer who brought over the to Fifth avenue and thence to Central park. When she heard a pistol shot she was to drop the envelope and hurry home THE Washington, D. C., presbytery was without looking back. An envelope was a second man, who made signa's to the first. These signals were repeated and

When the young woman was about midway between Madison avenue and provoked an animated discussion, but a the package and hurried home, glad to be done of her part in the programme. At the same instant Detective Campbell hur-EXPERIENCED ordnance officers are ried forward. He saw the first man pick steadily advocating the disuse of the bayo- up the envelope. Just as he straightened net and sabre. For hundreds of years the up the detective was upon him and reached forth his hand to arrest him. The man started back, threw his hand behind him, exclaiming: "Don't touch me, or I'll blow your

brains out. The detective at once drew his revolver, The man, with his right hand still behind He dropped dead. His body was taken to the Twenty-eighth precinct station It is announced by the New York Sun house. It was that of a man about 35

Berlin, Prussia. toss why he should be singled out for such

STATE ITEMS.

Twelve bodies have thus far been cremated at Washington, Pa. Philadelphia's new bachelor mayor

performed his first marriage ceremony yes-Forest county this year has a seven mill

out its debt. It was "an unfounded report" that Gowen might resign the Reading railroad

John Appert, wholesale liquor dealer of

At Hopbottom, on the D., L. & W. railroad, the ear sweepers found a two-dayold baby in a basket, which some passenger had left behind.

Meadville's crazy prophet some years ago predicted the death of the Czar'of all the Russias at the hands of assassins in

Two Pittsburgh women got into a back yard quarrel; their husbands took it up and the doctor had to put seven stitches into the cheek of the one that was bitten by his antagonist.

Up in Juniata county Lloyd Van Dyke, WILLIAM F. LOCKARD, superintendent an orphan bound boy, was struck and lodging from a sapling whereon it had fallen after he felled in. The last spike in the line of the Shenan

doah Valley railroad between Hagerstown Md., and Waynesboro Va., was driven at Luray, Va., on Tuesday, in the presence of a large crowd amid great enthusias m. The state board of charities recommend the removal of the ex Catholic priest, Blasiuso Pastorius, to the insane asylum, Pastorius' removal to an insane asylum, on the ground that he is too homicidal and cunning to remain there. When Pastorius

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

the ones he has marked out for his ven-

The Guttenberg Bible, the first book printed in movable type, sold in New York vesterday for \$8,000. Silas W. Coleman was fatally shot by

The Society of Friends, of the town of Shrewsbury, N. J., have abolished their society and the meeting house is advertised to be sold on the 13th inst. Cape May Point, which was started in 1875 by the Sea Grove association as a Presbyterian seaside resort, was yesterday

disposed of at auction. It cost \$500,000 and was sold for \$120,000. Lafayette F. Beach, once a wealthy

Local Stocks. Samuel Hess & Son, auctioneers, sold

Ten shares First national bank, of Stras railroad withdrawn at \$9.75 per share. sold for \$135 per share. One \$200 Reading & Columbia railroad

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

EDUCATIONAL.

MEETING OF THE LANCASTER SCHOOL

Reports of Committees—City Superintendent's Reports—Annual Estimates—Soldiers' Orphans—The New School Houses—Election of Teachers
&c., &c.

The board of school directors of Lancaster city school district met statedly last evening in common council chamber. The following named members were in

Baker, Breneman, Carpenter, Eberman Evans, Haas, Harris, J. I. Hartman, Herr, Jackson, Johnston, Levergood, Marshall, McComsey, Morton, Oblender, Reimen-snyder, Richards, Samson, Schmid, Schwebel, Slaymaker, Smeych, Westhaeffer. Wilson, Christian Zecher, Geo. W. Zecher, Warfel, president. The minutes of last meeting were read

and approved. Mr. Baker presented the following report of the city superintendent together with the superintending committee's recommendations of the superintendent's

LANCASTER, PA., April 5, 1881. To the Superintending Committee.

GENTLEMEN: The city superintendant, believing that additional secondary schools should be established, respectfully recommends that the schools in the new Lemon street building be organized as follows, viz:: two primary schools for boys and girls; two advanced primaries for boys and girls; one secondary school for boys, and one secondary school for girls; one advanced secondary for boys, and one advanced secondary for girls. The boundaries of the district, so far as regards pupils of the secondary grade, should be the city limits on the north and east, on the south West Walnut and East Chestnut for girls, and West Walnut and East King for boys, and on the west, North Water to Walnut and North Queen, from Walnut to Chestnut and King, respectively. The pupils to be transferred from secondary schools already established, shall be such only as belong to classes C. D. E. and F. except in special cases, where pupils prefer to return to those classes from class B. The following teachers are recommended for appointment: Misses Kate Shirk and Kate Clifton, to have charge of the primaries; Misses Nellie Rupley and Sue Holbrook, of the advanced primaries; Lizzie Carpenter, to be promoted to the year. girls' advanced secondary, and a male teacher to be placed in charge of the boys' advanced secondary, at a salary of fifty dollars a mouth.

R. K. BUEHRLE. To the Board of Directors of the Common Schools of the City of Lancaster : The superintending committee concur in the foregoing recommendations of the city superintendent relative to the organization of the schools for the new school building at the corner of Lemon and Lime streets, and asks the approval of the same by the board. And the committee also request the board to give to your committee authority to open said schools as soon as they are ready for occupancy, at

its discretion. Respectfully DANIEL G. BAKER. H. E. SLAYMAKER, WM. McComsey, LUTHER RICHARDS. JOHN W. JACKSON. LANCASTER, April 7, 1881.

Mr. Baker also presented the following report from the city superintendent and the committee's recommendations relative

The German-English School The city superintendent also desires to call your attention to the German and English school. To all who have visited this school and observed its operations, it has become apparent that the diversity of port : classes is too great to do justice to them in their present building, and with their present teaching force. The fact is that there are more pupils in average attendance there in proportion to the number school in the city, the boy's secondary on Mulberry street only excepted. When it is remembered that an additional language is studied and that the principal has charge of the primary as well as secondary grade, it can readily be seen that pupils there Scranton, couldn't tell all his troubles to labor at a disadvantage, as compared with those attending other secondary schools. With a view to remedying this unquestioned. Your committee then conevil and also for the purpose of providing tracted with these parties for the erection more room in the primary grade. I would and completion of the building in accord-Matz with the pupils of the secondary grade to the building on Mulberry street, about to be vacated by the boys' secondary, the appointment of an assistant to Mr. Matz, and the organization of the remaining pupils as a German and English primary with Miss Bundeli as principal and Misses Witwer and Stanley as assistants. Miss Bundell had charge of some German classes, as assistant, and would no doubt give satisfaction in this particular if placed in charge of the school. It should be mentioned that a number of applicants were refused admission last fall for want of room, and that Mr. Matz giving instruction in vocal music in the high school the removal to Mulberry street will be advantageous also on that account.

It is now some months since I called the attention of the committee to the fact that a large number of pupils are withdrawn from school at eleven o'clock in the morning for the purpose of carrying dinner, one hour before the time for dismissing school. With a view to giving definite figures in regard to this subject, I requested some of the teachers to report to me. These re- proposed to contract and erect the buildports show that twenty-six pupils leave from Mis Zuercher's school at that hour, twenty-one from Mr. Matz's and thirtyeight from Miss Johnston's. In view of the fact that these pupils thus lose more than one-sixth of their school time, I feel constrained to bring this subject to your attention for the second time, and to ask | would establish a bad precedent; it would you to permit us to open the schools at the corner of Mulberry and Vine at 81 a. m. and close the morning session at 111 violation of the spirit if not the letter of a. m., by way of experiment for the re. the law. We, therefore, recommend that

mainder of this term. Yours respectfully, R. K. BUEHRLE. The committee concur with that portion of the superintendent's recommendation relating to the employment of an additional teacher, but they propose that the devision shall be as follows: Miss Kate Bundell, with a new assistant, to be removed to the building about to be vacated on South Duke street, and to be placed there in charge of a German and English the lower grade of Mr. Matz's school, and Mr. Matz, with his two present assistants, to remain where he is with the secondary the superintendent's approval.

Respectfully submitted, DANIEL G. BAKER. W. McComsey, H. E. SLAYMAKER. LUTHER RICHARDS,

Lancaster, April 7, 1881. Dr. Carpenter thought the plan suggest-

rule might be changed. On motion of Mr. Baker it was ordered berry street be opened at 8:30 and closed

at 11:30 from this time until the end of the | tive. Mr. Evans, from the finance committee

and approved, were ordered to be paid For gas for quarter ending March 1, \$16 Chas. H. Barr, for books, &c., \$41.88; W A. Heinitsh, for office chair for city superintendent, \$18.50; Miller & Hartman. half-dozen brooms, \$3.75; Frank E. Davis, for drawings and specifications, bal-ance due, 8400; Eli Powl, for hauling and labor, \$11.20; D. B. Couzzins, teaching night school, \$55; Flinn & Breneman, for registers, pipe, &c., \$16; Daniel Mc-Lane, for services in new Lemon street school, \$15; Coho & Wiley, coal, \$220.05 Peter Miller, oil, \$2.60; Geo. H. Smith, wood, \$1; Flinn & Breneman, Mershon furnaces and fixtures, \$1,220 : Flinn & Breneman, for sundries, \$9.75; Ph. Myers, for labor, \$4.30; Daniel McLaughlin,

presented the following bills, which

having been examined by the committee

Stone, for labor, \$7. Aunual Estimates. Mr. Evans, from the finance committee. presented the following estimate of reeipts and expenditures for the ensuing school year :

balance on contract for water closets at

Lemon street school house, \$150; Em'l

To the Board of Directors of the Common Schools of Lancaster City: Your committee of finance, as required by rule No. 21, respectfully present the annual estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures of the schools for the coming year, with a tax of thirty cents on the hundred dollars valuation: ESTIMATED RECEIPTS, \$11,000,000 valuation at three mills.

State appropriation... Probable amount from County Commissioners on collection of state and county tax
Tuition
Probable balance in treasury June I, ESTIMATED EXPENSES. Night tuttion Interest on loans Principal on loans Coal and kinding..... Books and stationery..... Salaries Gas bills Janitors Repairs, &c..... Abatement
Errors and exonerations.... Water cent Contingencies

The above estimate is based on a tax of thirty cents of the hundred dollars valuation, being the same rate at last year. Your committee think with economy on the part of the board, the above rate will Miss M. Zug, of the girls' secondary; Miss | furnish the necessary means to pay all Annie Etter, of the boys' secondary ; Miss ordinary expenses required during the release the contractor for the Lemon street

ROBERT A. EVANS, HENRY CARPENTER, J. I. HARTMAN.

Mr. J. I. Hartman, from the committee on buildings and grounds, announced the appointment of janitors for the Lemon street and Chestnut street school houses. Soldiers' Orphans.

Mr. Breneman, from the soldiers' orphans committee, presented the application of Mrs. Mary C. Holt, widow of Jonathan Holt, a soldier of the 79th Reg. P.V., for the admission of her son Albert Thomas Holt, into the soldiers' orphans' schoo, The application was approved.

Night Schools. Mr. Samson, from the boys' night school committee, reported that the attendance looked strange to see the committee so of pupils had become very small, and he ready to exonerate him, and so unwilling go on become of the absence of his counmoved the school be closed. So ordered. The James Street School House.

Mr. Slaymaker, from the committee to contractors for relief for losses suffered by them in the erection of the James street school house, made the following report: To the President and Members of the Lancaster City School Board :

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned committee, to whom was referred the petition of the creditors of Andrew Wilson, contractor for the James street school building, respectfully submit the following re-

By resolution of this board thirty thousaud dollars was appropriated for the erection and equipment of two school buildings. In pursuance of said resolution, and in accordance with the law and custom erection of these buildings. For the erec tion of the James street building, there were nine proposals, ranging from \$7,450 to \$9.975. The lowest bidder, Andrew of Wilson, was comparatively unknown to your committee, and while some doubt was entertained as to his responsibility, the security presented, Uriah Bitzer, was recommend the temporary removal of Mr. ance with the plans and specifications furnished them, for the sum of \$7,450. Mr. Wilson then contracted with various persons for material and labor, and commence ed the erection of the building, and con tinued operations until it was well under way, when he absconded. Work then ceased and considerable delay ensued until arrangements were effected by which the building was completed by Mr. Bitzer. New contracts had to be made, a superintendent and new hands had to be employed and many other contingencies provided for. All of which tended to increase the cost of the building, and cause the consequent loss.

This loss-said to be over two thousand dollars-the petitioners ask this board to pay. While the cost of the building -through causes heretefore referred tomay have exceeded the contract price, your committee do not admit as a fact the statement of the petitioners, that the building could not have been built for a less sum than is said to have been expended on it, viz: \$9,803; while two other experienced builders, with ample security, ing for only \$350 and \$440, respectively, more than the bid of Mr. Wilson. While we sympathize with any who may have lost either material or labor in the erection of this building, in view of all the facts and circumstances, your committee believe that for the board to pay these losses be unjust to other bidders; it would render contracts useless, and would be a the prayer of the petioners be not granted.

H. E. SLAYMAKER, WM. McComsey, LUTHER RICHARDS. CHRISTIAN ZECHER, ROBERT A. EVANS. JOHN I. HARTMAN.

Mr. Wilson made an argument in behalf of the petitioners, maintaining that the board was in equity, if not in law, bound to pay them for the losses sustained, as it was no fault of theirs that the contractor primary school, composed of the pupils of had absconded; and it was undeniable that the board had secured a building worth fully \$2,000 more than had been paid for it. To establish this point Mr. Wilson presented the bills showing the absolute cost of the building, the bids of other contractors for the work, and also certificates of several disinterested builders.

Mr. J. I. Hartman and Mr. Slaymaker replied, contending that the board was not responsible for the alleged losses; and that it would be a dangerous precedent to pay sums over and above the contract price Mr. Evans suggested that the change to make good the losses of contractors. If could not be made without altering the such a precedent be established, a cunning contractor will be able to put in bids so low as to secure the contracts for all ed might be tried temporarily, by unani-mous consent, and if it worked well the call upon the board to make good alleged

The question being called for, the rethat the primary schools on South Mul. port of the committee was adopted, there being only three or four votes in the nega-The Lemon Street school House

Mr. Slaymaker presented the following

new Lemon street school building : To the President and Members of the Lancas

ter School Board.
GENTLEMEN: It is with pleasure we announce the completion of the Lemon and Lime street school building, by the contractor. Daniel McLaughliu, in accord ance with the plans and specifications of F. E. Davis architect.

We therefore recommend that the board accept the same, withholding \$500 from the last payment till the completion of the paving as per contract, which cannot be done until the weather has finally settled. We congratulate the board on having

two of the best lighted and ventilated school buildidg in the state. And we further ask for authority to dis pose of the two old buildings at public sale when vacated. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. SLAYMAKER, CHRISTIAN ZECHER, LUTHER RICHARDS, W. McComsey. ROBERT A. EVANS, J. I. HARTMAN.

The following minority report, signed by Mr. Cochran, was read : HARRISBURG, April 6, 1881.

To the President and Members of the School Board of Lancaster City: GENTLEMEN: As a member of the building committee I desire to enter every protest against the payment in full to the contractor of the contract price for the construction of the new school building, corner of Lime and Lemon streets, this city. By the terms of the contract, the building was to have been completed on the first day of December last, and in case of failure on the part of the contractor to do so it was expressly stipulated that he should forfeit the sum of ten dollars per day for every day he was engaged in its construction beyond that time. As the period of four months has elapsed since the time fixed its completion, it is but just to the board, to the public and to the scholars and teachers who have been greatly inconvenienced thereby, as well as to the other bidders for the contract, that a proper deduction be exacted by the board for the delay on the part of the contractor, which I consider in a great measure mexcusable. \$45,400 00

Very respectfully, T. B. COCHRAN. Mr. Johnston said he was rather sur prised to see the same committee which insisted on a strict compliance of the contract in the matter of the James street school, immediately thereafter propose to school from the \$10 per day penalty in-curred by him by his failing to finish the building within the time agreed upon. It might be said the winter was an exceptionally bad one, and therefore the work could not be done within the time specified; but on the other hand, might it not be said that the absconding contractor for the James street school was an exceptionally bad contractor, and that the sub-contractors who furnished the material and did the work on the new building, and lost heavily thereby without any fault of their own, ought to be paid for their work, and not be made to suffer for the fault of others? Mr. Johnston said he did not think Mr. McLaughlin ought to suffer the penalty prescribed in the contract, but he thought it

to afford relief to others, equally deserv-Mr. McComsey said the committee had which was referred the petition of the sub- treated both contractors alike; both had failed to finish their buildings within the time named and it was proposed to exonerate both from the penalty for their failure. Mr. McComsey at some length culogized Mr. McLaughlin for the faithful manner in which he had performed his work. He had done more than he had contracted to do; had added several valuable improvements to the plan at a cost of several hundred dollars to himself without

> any additional cost to the board. The committee's report was agreed to manimously. Superintendent's Monthly Report.

> The monthly report of the city superin endent was read as follows : LANCASTER, Pa., April 7, 1881. To the Board of School Directors: · GENTLEMEN: I herewith present my report of the public schools for the month

of March :			
SCHOOLS.	Enrollment	Average At-	Percentage
J. P. McCaskey's	79	7.3	9.
Miss S. H. Bundell's	128	120	91
W. H. Levergood's	135	125	95
R. S. Gates'	126	102	81
Miss Georgia Bundell's	122	103	591
" Clara B. Huber's	116	100	8.
" A. C. Brubaker', s	140		24
Charles Matz's	207	1635	34
Miss E. Powers		45	91
" E. I. Downey's	59	53	
" M. E. Zuercher's		97	7
". F. J. Johnston's		12	2
Fills y wy testill	160	113	71
Trans 3 Inches and and an account of the second		129	8
" M. J. Bruning's	136 138	110	81
" Ella Carpenter's	131	108	8
" Kate Buckius's			7
" M. E. Stahl's	99		7
" L. H. Clarkson's	45		9.
" D. R. Bair's	49		74
" M. Zug's			6
" A. M. Etter's		105	7
" M. M. Musselman's	57	48	9
" Alice Marshall	61	51	SI
Danddridge B. Couzzins'	52	39	7.0
Totals and Averages	2003	2380	80

MIGHT SCHOOLS. R. S. Gates..... The whole number of teachers enrolled 106. The number of visits made by direc- reled together.

tors is 145, as follows: D. G. Baker, 4: C. F. Eberman, 20; J. B. Warfel, 2; H. E. Slaymaker, 18; Luther Richards, 25; W. O. Marshall, 8; H. Z. Rhoads, 4; H. R. Breneman, 4; Wm. McComsey, 18; J. Oblender, 1. The number of pupils in the third division of Miss Stahl's school. having been reported to be on the increase Miss Mary McNeal was appointed to teach as a substitute until Miss Clarkson should be able to resume her position, which she did on the 4th inst. As will be seen the attendance in the new building is very good, the percentage ranking among the highest, The educating and refining influence of this building has already made itself felt in the other schools-in stimulating teachers to pay more attention to the appearance and condition of their ville and his wife and four children have school rooms, with regard to tidiness and their goods set on the street and nething eleanliness, and to order in admitting and | to eat. dismissing their pupils.

With the growth of the city and the to the number of our instructors in vocal up about 1.500 sheets of paper besides music. I would, therefore, recommend having filled the windows with lithothat from this time forth, all applicants graphs, and distributed many thousands for positions in our schools, who have not of circulars. The car left for Columbia employ of the board, be required to pass and this morning shipped to Reading, an examination in the elements of vocal music and drawing. We will thus gradually secure a corps of teachers qualified to teach vocal music under the direction with the show will have to fight against W. C. Coup who has already billed that town.

W. W. Durand, press agent of the show to teach vocal music under the direction in the schools, and without any increase left for New York.

majority report relative to accepting the of expenditure. The number of applicants is so large as to fully justify the board in adding to their qualifications, and those who are looking forward to positions will act accordingly. Indeed, the board would be fully justified in employing none but such as have had successful experience as teachers, or at least hold normal school certificates.

I have the honor to be your humble ser-R. K. BUERRLE.

Appleton's Readers. A set of Appleton's Readers were re ceived from the general agent. J. A. M. Passmore, and referred to the book committee.

The board proceeded to elect a teacher to fill the vacancy made by the promotion of Miss Carpenter. All applicants were placed in nomination, and a ballot being had Miss Mary McNeal was chosen. For the additional assistant in Mr. Matz's school there was a close contest. On the first ballot the votes were divided among Misses Scovern, Sener, Linn and Yonker. On the second ballot Miss Scovern received 15 votes and Miss Yonker 13. Miss Scovern was declared elected. For principal of the new boys' secondary school, Mr. C. V. Lichty was elected by acelamation. Adjourned.

THE COUNTY AUDITORS.

Musser Favors More "Per Diem."

This morning the county auditors again met and as usual had a scene. Only Messrs. Musser and Curran were present. The object of the meeting was said to be to make some further examination of the county treasurer's accounts; and the county treasurer's counsel, E. K. Martin and J. L. Steinmetz, esqs., were present, to furnish any needed information.

Mr. Musser said he was not prepared to proceed, because the counsel of the auditors was not present.

E. K. Martin, esq., hoped the matter would not be postponed. The dilatory action of the auditors was putting the county treasurer to much inconvenience and has prevented him from making his quarterly statement to the state treasurer, which should have been made on the 1st of April. Mr. Martin fully recognized the right of the auditors to call before them the county treasurer as often as it might be necessary to do so to secure an honest audit of his accounts. They had called upon the treasurer three times already, and he had each time responded to the call and not an error has been found in his accounts. Great injustice has been done to Mr. Groff by an apparent attempt to make his accounts appear wrong when they are all right. Whatever might be Mr. Martia's private opinion of the auditor's competency for the work entrusted to them he proposed to treat them as though they were acquainted with their duties and meant to perform them. He was here to-day to spread before them for their inspection every paper or record of any kind pertaining to the treasurer's accounts and to show that they were correct. The treasurer had been three times before the board, and now he insisted that if the auditors should go on with the audit and finish so that the treasurer make his report to the state and be freed from the un-

of the auditors is calculated to create. Mr. Musser said he was not sel, S. H. Reynolds, csq. Mr. Curran said he was satisfied the

treasurer's account was all right, and

there was no occasion for further de-J. L. Steinmetz, esq., hinted that Levi Sensenig and not Mr. Reynolds was Mr. Musser's coursel, and asked whether a single member of the board of auditors

should be allowed to control the two After some rather angry words between Mr. Masser and Mr. Steinmetz the latter gentleman spoke highly of the county treasurer's integrity as shown in other important trusts, and offered Mr. Masser the account of the iree soup fund, and proposed that he could better spend his time

in auditing it. As Mr. Musser insisted in postponing the audit until Tuesday, Mr. Martin demanded a promise from him that on Tuesday the matter should be promptly taken up and disposed of; and to this Mr. Musser

Before adjourning Mr. Musser requested Mr. Curran to join him in signing a subpæna compelling the prothonotary to bring before the auditors his books so that the sheriff's account might be properly

andited. Mr. Curran refused to do so and the board adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. Soon after the board adjourned Mr. Collins arrived from the country.

BROTHER KILLS BROTHER.

A Fatal Gearrel Between the Sons of a Christian Risser, a Mennonite preacher,

residing near B. H. Snavely's mill, in Elizabeth township, this county, had occassion to be away from home for a few days last week, and during his absence his two sars, named Amos aged 21, and Henry aged is, were cutting potatoes for planting. While thus engaged a quarrel arose between them, which ended fatally. It appears that Amos was doing a certain amount of work which Henry dietated, whereupon a scuffle followed, during which Henry pulled out a large dirk-knife and in the excitement stabbed his brother in the abdomen. Amos fell, bleeding, to the ground. Some neighbors who happened to pass by at the time came to his rescue and carried him to was 2,963; the average attendance was his home. Medical aid was quick-2,380, and the average percentage of at- ly sammoned, but when the physician artendance was 82. The enrollment of pupils rived Amos was so weak from the loss of in the night school was 28; the average, blood that the doctors have no hopes of 19, and the percentage 68. These numbers his recovery. Word was immediately sent show an increase over the previous month to their father informing him of the oc-76 in the enrollment, and 102 currence. The wound in the boy's body the average attendance. The is about two inches long, one inch deep, number of visits made by the super-penetrating into the intestines. It is stated intendent as reported by the teachers is that the brothers have frequently quar-

UPPER END LOCALS.

Condensed from Little Record Linnaeus Shelly has sold a Lititz town I. Hartman, 10; E. G. Snyder, 8; W. A. lot, 30x200 feet, on Spruce street, to H. W. Wilson, 4; C. Zecher, 8; T. B. Cochran, Stark for \$300, and Martin Kryder one of 4 ; D. Hartman, 6 ; J M. Johnston, 1 ; A. | the same size on Cedar staget to Mr. Stark

for \$300. John Pennell, aged 40, of Clay, fell from a moving.wagon; the wheels went over him and fractured a rib. Within four weeks Samuel Keller, of Keller's station, has lost three children

from death by diphtheria. The tramp who stopped to ask Mrs. Jacob Stern, in Lititz, for aid, stole her husband's watch while she was getting

alms for him. Christian Imhoff, much given to dissipation, has left his home near Bruners-

The Circus.

schools, it will become necessary to add | billing the town yesterday after putting heretofore been, and are not now in the over the l'empsylvania railroad last night,

of the musical director, without in any was in town yesterday afternoon, and im-way interfering with those now engaged mediately after making his contracts he