

Lancaster Intelligencer.

SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 16, 1881.

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As Mr. Gowen has generally sufficient reason for what he does, it is likely that he seeks, in the action he has instituted, to give a wide publicity to all the matters in connection with the negotiation of the proposed Reading loan. He has declared that he has no desire to punish this particular editor and seeks only his own vindication. It is a natural desire, and the ventilation he proposes to make will be of benefit both to himself and to his company. Mr. Gowen is of that rare class of men whose acts never need to shun the daylight. The public have the utmost confidence in his probity and sincerity, and it is just this confidence which has sustained him in their esteem in the face of what confessedly has been his most disastrous management of the affairs of his company. One of Mr. Gowen's greatest faults and greatest virtues is his buoyancy and hopefulness. There is a vast deal of the Mulberry Sellers in him. This it was that led him to bury his company under a load of coal mines, in which there were and are millions, if they can be held for the future's value. But innumerable men have been wrecked by their farsightedness, in seeing what the future would have in store, and by a near sightedness which prevented them from seeing intervening obstacles to the realization of their hopes. Mr. Gowen, though he has brought the Reading road to the verge of ruin, claims the confidence of his stockholders because they know he has been honest in his course and will be energetic in retrieving the errors he knows he has committed. There is no man in the wide world who needs less than he to resort to the courts for a vindication of his integrity. It is known to be founded on a rock, and his name has become a synonym for that rare quality among railroad managers, Mr. Gowen's suit is simply brought, we judge, because of the feeling he always has to give the public the fullest knowledge of the things he has done; the same feeling has prompted him to call the public meeting in Philadelphia, at which in a few days he will give an account of his stewardship.

The correspondents are still making sport of Mr. Blaine's gout. It is heartless, perhaps, but Mr. Blaine cannot complain, even if he should really be ill, that the newspaper men are incredulous. He has not established a character for such abundant sincerity and truthfulness as to make his word current as imparting absolute verity. And when he proclaims himself ill, there will be those who suspect him of doing it for a purpose; knowing his ingenuity in hiding his deep designs under all manner of cloaks. He is charged now with getting himself into an invalid state for the purpose of preparing an easy way for his translation to a foreign shore in the capacity of minister to England, after he has first made diligent use of his present place at the right hand of the throne to reward his friends and punish his enemies. The suspicion to which Mr. Blaine is subject in his affliction, is a testimony of the general idea of his long headedness, quite as great as to the common conception of his universal depravity. A shrewd knave, indeed, and one entirely too strong for the weak headedness and mild goodness of Mr. Garfield.

GOOD FRIDAY bids fair to take on the character of a festival; which is certainly very far from the idea of the day. But a holiday inevitably tends to joyousness; and the special observance of the day requires for its fullest development that it be a legal holiday. In Pennsylvania it is a legal holiday and in New York there is a strong movement to make it one. The consequence of this movement will doubtless be to soon make a general holiday of Good Friday. The observance of Easter as such is now so general that it will drag the precedent day in its wake. The gifts of Easter, which are becoming so common and costly, are purchased during the holy week, and the selection of them is hardly consonant with the saddened feelings which are supposed to be appropriate to that time. Who can be sad in looking at the beautiful profusion of gift cards that fill the store windows and counters? The idea of gloom in connection with the observance of Good Friday must be given up. The day remains, but the character of the feelings supposed to be properly attendant upon it must be changed. People will not take a holiday for sadness; they want the holiday, but it must be a day of gladness. Nature has made it so and nature must be right, whatever the logic of the occasion may say to the contrary.

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OUR esteemed contemporary, the *Exchange*, which usually reports Senator Cameron's speeches in full, has not yet printed his eloquent remarks when it took a senator at each coat tail to keep him away from Ben Hill: "What's that?"

MINOR TOPICS. A FEDERAL UNION of all the South African states is more than probable. The initiatory steps have been taken by the Orange Free State.

The editor of the *Lancaster Inquirer* sketches "the political life" with a degree of fidelity which indicates that he stood before a mirror while doing it.

Public opinion in favor of the abolition of slavery in Brazil is now so persistent that the crisis cannot be much longer postponed.

REV. DR. CHADBOURNE, of the New England Methodist conference, has electrified his brethren of the ministry by offering a resolution in the conference denouncing theatre-going on the part of young local preachers and candidates for the ministry.

THE *Cincinnati Gazette*, needing the use of its type, published on Monday the sketch of Lord Beaconsfield's career which it had prepared for obituary purposes two weeks ago. Between the quarters of his physicians and the preparation of his obituary by all well regulated newspapers, the *Philadelphia Bulletin* thinks Disraeli has a good chance to get well.

THE *Congregationalist* complains that since 1843 there have been appointed for the United States many seven clergymen, of whom six were Episcopalians and one a Baptist. Of the last nine appointed eight have been Episcopalians. Two vacancies have occurred recently, one by the death of an Episcopalian and one by the retirement of a Presbyterian, and both have been filled by Episcopalians. There are now twenty-four clergymen, as follows: 10 Episcopalians, 7 Methodists, 5 Baptists, 1 Presbyterian and 1 Congregationalist.

BISHOP STIMPSON has been requested to preach the opening sermon before the Ecumenical Methodist conference in London on "Christian Union." The programme, agreed upon covers twelve days. The first day (September 7) will be occupied by the usual preliminaries. The general topic for the second day is "Methodist History;" on the third, "Evangelism and Woman's Work" will be discussed; fourth day, "Methodism and the Young;" fifth day, "Temperance, the Sabbath," etc.; sixth day, "Perils from Papacy, Skepticism, Worldliness," etc.; seventh day, "Education;" eighth day, "Christian Literature;" ninth day, "Home Missions;" tenth day, "Foreign Missions and Methodist statistics;" twelfth day, "Christian Unity."

PERSONAL. Right Reverend Bishop SEABURY officiated at the services in the cathedral, Philadelphia, on Holy Thursday, in the absence of Archbishop Wood.

Senator J. E. REYNOLDS, who represents the Fifth district of Philadelphia, is about to lead to the altar Miss Peabody of Leavenworth, Kansas. He is rich and they will go to Europe.

Ex-Speaker RANDALL, who returned to Washington from Philadelphia this week, is making preparations to remove his family from their Washington residence to their country place near Berwyn.

"NEB BUSTLINE," happily married to a modest lady of Connecticut, in 1871, has been disturbed and discomfited at his "Eagle's Nest" on the Hudson, by the appearance of another woman who claims him as her husband since 1853.

The King of Abyssinia is dead and has been succeeded by his son Michael. The king fell in a battle fought with the Assinieraks. His name was KASSAL, but he was crowned as King Johannes. He succeeded King Theodore III, who committed suicide when Magdala was taken by the British army under Napier in 1868.

At the late triennial session of the Society of the Cincinnati in Charleston, S. C. the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term: President General, Hon. HAMILTON FISH, of New York; Vice President General, William A. Irvine, of Pennsylvania; Secretary General, G. W. Harris, of Pennsylvania; Assistant Secretary General, R. J. Manning, of Maryland; Treasurer General, John Schuyler, of New York; Assistant Treasurer General, Herman Burgin, of New Jersey.

Mrs. J. D. SWEET, who manages a traveling variety troupe, was robbed in Philadelphia last week of \$1,000 worth of diamonds and \$500 in money by a thief who entered her room and rifled her trunk. John W. Blanchard, a member of Mrs. Sweet's company, known as "The Man With the Iron Jaw," disappeared at the same time, and detectives found one of the diamond rings in a pawnshop in New York. The pawnbroker's description of the man who had pledged it answered to that of Blanchard, and he was arrested after resistance.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

Around Fair Haven N. J., a cattle disease is raging with fatal effect. Schaeffer won the billiard match easily. Total score: Schaeffer 4,000, Slosson 2,780. In Trenton, Ont., the commercial hotel and stores burned yesterday. Loss \$25,000; insurance \$3,000.

The Lefavom mill in Pawtucket R. I., had its upper floor and roof burned yesterday. Loss, \$10,400; insured.

Near Hot Springs, Ark., during a thunder storm, a young farmer was instantly killed by lightning. Clarence Mason was instantly killed at Toomes' station, Tenn., while coupling cars, his body was cut in two.

Severe snow prevails throughout central and northern Vermont. Several inches have fallen. At Roxbury, on the Central Vermont line, the snow is a foot deep on a level and in the adjoining town it lies two feet deep with good sleighing.

While repairing a band on one of the wheels of the machinery of Oliver's saw-mill, near Milton, N. C., Caswell T. Hayth of Milton, fell from the machinery, and was crushed to death. He leaves a widow and four children.

The steamer *Andalusian*, from Grange-mound, bound to Calais, has put into Leith on a damaged condition, having been in collision with the steamer *James Harris* from Middlesborough for Grangemound. The latter steamer was sunk and fourteen persons were drowned.

W. J. Munden, a Republican member of the lower house of the North Carolina Legislature from Pasquotank county, elected with a majority of 1, A. Johnson, of Woodville, Perquimans county. They carried off a large amount of money supposed to belong to Johnson.

Charles Pieronnet, a freight conductor on the Laramie division on the Union Pacific railroad, murdered the road master, C. H. Graves, here. Both were murdered at Pieronnet's home. Graves was the telegraph office and shot him dead. The murderer was arrested. The excitement is high and threats of lynching are made but the law abiding citizens will try to prevent it.

R. Ramsey, jr., junior member of the firm of Ramsey & Son, doing business at Chicago stock yards returned home from the organization of Lincoln lodge, G. A. R. shortly after midnight, and after kissing his wife and boy good night, he retired to another room. Shortly after his wife heard the report of a pistol, and rushing to his bedside, found him dying. He was prosperous but disposed to melancholy.

In Baltimore Chas. H. Smith, a German, called on Mayor Bowley, on the 31st day of December, 1880, at No. 33 North Liberty street, early in the evening, and insisting that a friend of his was stopping there, forced his way into the house. Two gentlemen who were present at once ejected him, but not before Mrs. Bowley became violently hysterical from fright. In about two minutes she was seized with violent hemorrhages and died five minutes later. Smith was locked up for a hearing.

Nancy Boyle, eighteen years old, had been missing for the past six weeks from her home, near Westport, N. Y., and yesterday her body body was found in a school house, six miles from her residence. She had been ravished and then killed. There are indications that after the murder, the body was brought to the school house and thrown into the building through the window. The young body was respectable and highly esteemed. Great excitement prevails.

On an emigrant train near Pine Bluff Arkansas, a man named Black started a riot by passing a loaded gun. Lewis interfered to protect the man. Black stabbed Lewis with a dirk knife in the abdomen. Black jumped off the train and ran across the plains. Several passengers engaged in his pursuit and he will probably be caught. Lewis is from Dodgeville, Wis., and bound for Butte, Mont. The physicians say he will die within twenty-four hours. He lies in the Cheyenne hospital.

Before E. C. Grovier, a respectable and wealthy farmer of Washington's Valley N. J., shot himself, he wrote full and explicit directions as to the funeral in which he desired his funeral to be held in the style of coffin, the minister, named the text from which he wished the funeral discourse preached and made a list of personal friends whom he desired to act as pall-bearers. Mr. Grovier was afflicted with liver complaint and dyspepsia and is believed to have been suffering from nervous prostration.

THE general synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the United States will be held at Altoona June 8.

John McCall, sixteen years of age, while at work in the Union stove works at Pittston, was instantly killed by the bursting of an emery wheel.

John Froly, of Allegheny county, took a load of potatoes to town, got drunk and on the way home fell under the heels of his mule, and was kicked to death.

R. W. Mackey's estate will sue Kemble for \$28,000 lost to the estate treasurer by the failure of Anderson's bank in Titusville, which Kemble undertook to run for the Anderson creditors.

Mrs. Michael Flanagan, fifty-two years of age, was found burned to death at her home in the suburbs of Pittston. She was alone in the house and her clothing ignited while she was asleep near the fire.

N. W. Ayer & Son, the great advertising agency of Philadelphia, have bought the agency of S. M. Pettinling & Co. Year after year Ayer's business has steadily increased and they are at the top of their business.

Yesterday John Wamaker celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the opening of Oak Hill by reviewing the development of a business management which has expanded from 850 daily sales to 8,000 employees.

Pike county politicians are excited over the election of the superintendent of public schools, which occurs on the second Monday in May. There are two candidates in the field—Hamilton Armstrong of Millford, and John A. Kipp, of Greene township.

On Duncan's island in the Susquehanna a boatman by the name of Garman, from McKees' Half Fall, while fixing a rope at the front end of his pier, was killed. His brother who was on deck threw him a pole and a rope, but in spite of all he drowned.

The Curry-Ulton slander case has been on trial the last three days in Greene county. It is attracting much interest, as both parties to the suit are prominent people. It is charged that Rev. Curry, a Methodist minister said that Mrs. Ulton, mother of Prothonotary Clum, stole a calf.

In Lebanon last evening Frank Bechtold, eighteen years old, a cigarmaker, while playing with a revolver at the house of William Keshner, on North Seventh street, shot and killed himself. No person was present when the accident happened and the affair is a mystery.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE COUNTY AUDITORS. What a Majority of Them Report. A. P. Shenck, esq., this morning presented to the court the report of the county auditors signed by Messrs. Curran and Collins. Musser declining to sign it. They report as follows: An act of Assembly approved March 25, 1870, we encountered at the court house, in the city of Lancaster, and commenced to audit, settle and adjust the accounts of Samuel A. Groff, esq., treasurer of Lancaster county, from the first day of January, 1880, to the 31st day of December, 1880, both days inclusive, and after carefully examining the same and comparing his vouchers therewith, we find a balance in his hands on the 31st day of December, 1880, of ninety-nine thousand three hundred and one dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$99,381.38).

We have also examined the account of Hugh R. Fulton, esq., treasurer of the Home for Friendless Children, and after comparing his vouchers therewith, find it correct, with a balance in his hands due to the home, on the 31st day of December, 1880, of two hundred and thirty-eight dollars and ninety cents (238.90).

We have also examined the account of George Spurrier, esq., treasurer of the Poor and House of Employment of said county, and after comparing his vouchers therewith find it correct, with a balance in his hands due to the county of Lancaster, in account with the 31st day of December, 1880, of six thousand and thirty-nine dollars and ninety cents (\$6,039.90).

We have also examined the account of Isaac H. Sheaffer, esq., treasurer of the board of prison inspectors of said county, from the 1st day of January, 1880, to the 31st day of March, 1880, both days inclusive, and after comparing his vouchers therewith, find it correct and no balance on either side.

We have also examined the account of Jacob Wolf, esq., treasurer of the board of prison inspectors of said county, from April 1st 1880, to December 31st 1880, both days inclusive, and after comparing his vouchers therewith, find it correct and no balance on either side.

We have also examined the accounts of Jacob S. Strine, esq., high sheriff of the county of Lancaster, in account with said county, and examined his docket and find them correct.

We further beg leave to report to this honorable court, that in our examination over the prison accounts, we find that the persons entrusted with the keys of the prison have sold goods and moneys never been paid over to the treasurer of the prison. And also Isaac H. Sheaffer, esq., former treasurer of the prison, has not yet paid over the amount of ninety-five dollars and forty-five cents (\$95.45) which he has received in account with the prison in our last report, which award on his failure to appeal has become a judgment which we recommend to be collected.

The indebtedness of the county, January 1, 1881, appears to be three hundred and sixty-two thousand, five hundred and fifteen dollars and thirty-four cents (\$362,515.34).

In conclusion we beg leave to report that Samuel A. Groff, esq., the treasurer, and his skillful clerk, Mr. David Warfel, deserve great credit for the systematic and correct manner in which the county treasurer's accounts have been kept, and the care exercised in keeping safe and secure the county funds.

THE NEWS FROM STRASBURG. Mr. John Ingram's new house, situated on the corner of the old street, is completed, and it presents quite an attractive appearance and adds greatly to the improvement of the borough.

The little brick dwelling house which stood opposite the residence of Mr. S. N. Warfel has been torn down, on which site a new and more commodious building is engaged in removing the remains of the old building, and ere long that portion of the borough will be graced by a new building.

Workmen are at present engaged in repairing the residence of Mr. S. Kenegacy. The doctor is having his house remodelled in general.

Mr. John P. Hull is adding to his place of business a new gent's ice cream room for the accommodation and comfort of his customers.

We are glad to see, as the spring opens, that some of our citizens are beginning work of improvement and hope that it may continue.

A number of young men who are employed in the cigar factory of Herr & Brackbill, being the past week here in the evenings been engaged in playing baseball for their own pleasure and amusement. The young men have started the game early in the season, and if they continue it during the summer it will be very good exercise for them.

Death of James Barnes. James Barnes, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Drumore township, died at his residence near the Unicorn hotel, on Thursday evening in the 91st year of his age. He was twice married, his wives being sisters of John McSparran, esq. Mr. Barnes survived them both. Six children—two sons, and four daughters—survive him. He was a man of amiable disposition, mild and gentle in his manners, and it may truly be said of him, that he lived and died a righteous and upright man, respected by all who knew him. He was born, lived and died in Drumore township, and in politics was a staunch Democrat. His funeral will be held on Monday at 10 o'clock, burial at Chestnut Hill cemetery.

Two Reddies. Dr. Compton, the affable and funny man of the medical society of this county, called to see us for a short time last week, and greeted us with "We red fellows are poison, aren't we?"

Easter Celebration. The Rockland Sunday school will observe Easter with a celebration of song, and distribution of colored eggs and other presents.

THE CITY WATER WORKS.

Official Inspection by the Water Committee. Yesterday Mayor MacGonigle, President Everett of select council, President Levergood, of common council, and Messrs. Barr, Borger, Boos and Brown of the water committee, McMillen, of street committee, and City Treasurer McCormey, paid an official visit to the water works for the purpose of inspecting and reporting to council on the present condition and necessities of the works. The committee was conveyed to the works in an omnibus, and was accompanied by reporters of the daily papers.

On their way out they stopped and made an examination of the city reservoirs. In the west reservoir there was 14 feet and 1 inch of water, and in the east reservoir 13 feet and 6 inches. Owing to injuries sustained by the walls of the reservoirs by the unusually severe weather just passed, it is deemed unsafe to fill the reservoirs to greater height than above stated. It will be remembered that when the spring thaw set in the south wall of the west basin sprang a leak at the point at which it is pierced by the receiving main, and that a considerable portion of the embankment was washed away. The leak has been thoroughly repaired and the washed part of the embankment neatly filled; but the brick lining of the reservoirs near the water surface, will require very considerable repairs; several courses of brick have been entirely torn out by the action of the ice and frost, and in several places, especially along the south and west walls of the west basin, holes have been worn behind the brick lining and the walls have been thereby considerably injured. The north wall of the east basin, which in former years was built by the late Mayor, and which was repaired by Superintendent Kitch last summer, appears to be entirely water tight. A part of the embankment which was badly washed by former leaks and repaired last fall, will require sodding. Superintendent King has kept the water in the east basin as a reserve in case of fire.

From the reservoirs the city officials under the lead of Superintendent Kitch drove to the water works at the city mill, where they were met by Engineer Wm. Stehman and assistants, Messrs. Laughlin and Wm. Gibson, and Col. Tom Taylor, the last named of whom was overhauling that "costly blunder" the Geyelin pumps, the valves of which require repairs. In conversation with the superintendent and engineer we are informed that the Geyelin pumps, which are of the size of barrels from twelve to ten inches, works with comparative ease, but that it is, nevertheless, almost useless because when the water in the Conestoga is very high it can't run because it is submerged and when the water is very low it can't run for want of a head to act with the engine. For all practical purposes, it might almost as well be lying high and dry on the banks of the creek. By the way, we were told by Engineer Stehman that Mr. Geyelin was in Lancaster a few days ago, making some inquiries about the working of the pump and was very much pleased with the engineer, that he has trouble with another of his pumps, somewhere in Virginia, which also refuses to do the work out for it.

How different from the above in every respect is the Worthington pump! It is pushed up as a piston into a chamber making no more noise than a sewing machine! Throwing its millions of gallons of water into the reservoir at all times and under all circumstances. The superintendent and engineers are of course proud of it, and keep it in the most excellent order. A run was made for all like burnished gold and all its surroundings being neat and tidy. The little half million gallon Worthington which stands alongside of it, and which did such good service in the emergency of last September, is now idle, but ready for action when called upon. During the late flood, the water entered to a considerable depth leaving a great deposit of mud and slime, but this has all been removed, and the engine house is in excellent condition. It is the intention of the superintendent, however, at an early day to give the exposed easting of the engine and pipes connected with it and additional coat of paint to prevent them from rusting.

The boiler room is in as good condition as it could be expected, considering the extraordinary amount of work the boilers are compelled to bear. There are but four boilers in the works, and these were erected four years ago. They have been in almost constant use, and on many occasions been overheated in order to supply the necessary amount of steam for it must be remembered they were not erected to run the Worthington engine, but only the old engine used in running the Geyelin pump. The overheating of the boilers has not only weakened them to some extent, but has broken the iron plates in front of them, and the furnaces and cracked the brick walls within which the furnaces are built. These walls have been shored up and prevented from falling to pieces by timber braces placed between them and the walls of the boiler house, but it is painfully evident to the most casual observer that new boiler house and a new nest of boilers, of at least equal capacity to those now in use, should at once be provided, as has more than once been urged by the mayor, superintendent and engineers in charge.

The boilers are examined and cleaned every two weeks when the water is muddy and every three or four weeks when it is clear; but one great difficulty is that the boilers being connected in pairs two of them have to be emptied, for cleaning, at the same time, and it is too great a strain on the other two to clean the 3,000,000 gallon pump, and if this is not done down goes the water in the reservoirs.

The Birkinbine water power pumps were found to be in good condition, and working well, under an excellent head of water, an unbroken sheet of which was flowing over the breast of the dam from shore to shore. One of the pumps was leaking a little but not materially.

The pier between the dam and the fore-bay, and the bridge timbers in front of the headgates, gave evidence of the severity of the late ice freshet. The heavy stones of the pier, some of which weighed over 4,000 pounds, and were besides bolted together with heavy wrought iron bars, were lifted and twisted out of place as though they had been pebbles. The bridge timbers were broken off and crushed, and the pier was so badly damaged that it will be repaired later in the season.

At the close of the inspection the visitors were again invited by the superintendent into the Worthington pump room, where arrangements were set, and an interesting discussion of opinions had, the discussion not being confined exclusively to the water question. It was conceded by all, however, that the right men were (just then) in the right place (the engine room), and numerous "healths" were drunk to the superintendent, the engineer and the success of the work.

It was noted as a coincidence that no less than four of the water committee were Bs and of these no less than three were Georges—Borger, Boos and Brown; and that the engineers were also Bills—Billy Stehman, Billy McLaughlin and Billy Geyelin. It was noted as a coincidence that no less than four of the water committee were Bs and of these no less than three were Georges—Borger, Boos and Brown; and that the engineers were also Bills—Billy Stehman, Billy McLaughlin and Billy Geyelin. It was noted as a coincidence that no less than four of the water committee were Bs and of these no less than three were Georges—Borger, Boos and Brown; and that the engineers were also Bills—Billy Stehman, Billy McLaughlin and Billy Geyelin.

At the close of a pleasant hour the inspection ended and the visitors returned to the city, leaving the works in safe hands.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Upheld Delivered This Morning—Sentence Imposed—Licenses Transferred. Court met this morning at 10 o'clock, both judges being present. The following opinions were delivered by Judge Livingston: Benjamin D. Moyer vs. Henry Neff, rule for new trial. This was an action to recover damages caused by raising of defendants mill dam so as to injure, as was alleged, the mill of plaintiff. The case occupied several days during its trial and the jury found in favor of the plaintiff and assessed the damages at \$500. The court by their opinion make the rule absolute unless \$350 of the amount found by the verdict be remitted. In case of such remission the rule would be discharged. Before adjournment of court the counsel for plaintiff filed their remission of \$350, and the rule for a new trial was discharged.

J. B. Bittzer, deceased, executor to auditor's report. Exceptions overruled and report confirmed. Locomotive fire insurance company vs. Levi Seneberg. Rule to set aside *fi. fr.* Rule made absolute.

Clement B. Grubb vs. A. Bates Grubb. This suit, under the constitution and act of the Assembly was heard by the court in March, without a jury. In a lengthy opinion the court decided in favor of the plaintiff.

Judge Patterson's Opinions. Strasburg and Providence township road, exceptions to report of viewers. The exceptions were dismissed and a petition for reviewers having been presented they will be appointed on Monday.

Annie E. Couzons, by her next friend, James Lloyd Lynchcome, vs. Dandridge Berven Couzons, rule to show cause why Dandridge B. Couzons should not pay to Annie E. Couzons, or her counsel, the sum of \$15 per month for her support, and the further sum of \$85 as a preliminary counsel fee for maintaining the same. The court directed defendant to pay \$10 per month and \$35 counsel fees pending the divorce suit.

Directors of the poor and house of employment of Lancaster county vs. Henry Miller, of Warwick township. Rule to show cause why he should not support his father, the poor house, who is an inmate of the poor house. The court directed him to pay \$1 per week for the maintenance of his father.

James Keener vs. Elizabeth Brady, rule for new trial. This was an action to recover rent alleged to be due by the defendant. The jury found in favor of the defendant and assessed the rent at \$23.65. The court decided to discharge the rule if the amount found in defendant's favor is remitted. If not remitted the rule will be made absolute.

In the matter of the opening of Green street the report of viewers was confirmed absolutely unless there is an appeal taken by any of landowners through the street will pass.

Commonwealth vs. John Stively, indictment adultery. The jury in this case acquitted the defendant and directed the prosecutor, Aaron Kimer to pay the costs of prosecution. A rule was granted to show cause why that part of the verdict imposing costs on the prosecutor should not be stricken off. Rule was discharged.

Licenses Transferred. The license of Martin Snyder, of Rapho, was transferred to Isaac Brubaker. That of John Landis, of Lititz, to Ellis Spicker. Emanuel Carpenter, of Warwick, to Remben Becker.

Sentence of an Adulterer. John Sentman, of Bart township, was convicted of adultery with Mary Ann Morrow. Sentence was postponed, as a motion for a new trial was pending. Last week the new trial was refused. This morning Sentman was brought into court and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50, costs of prosecution and undergo an imprisonment of six months.

BROKE HIS NECK. A Man Tumbles out of a Wagon and is Killed. Wm. Folmer is the name of a German, between 60 and 65 years of age, who for some time has been living with Henry Fisher, near Ranek's mill. Yesterday morning he hitched a mule to a wagon and came to this city. While here he began drinking and became so intoxicated that he drove up North Queen street during the forenoon and created a great deal of amusement along the way by his funny talk and actions. He stopped at the store of Frederick Kuzler & Son, where he purchased a pair of shoes. He then started for home, and we next hear of him at Bird-in-Hand. He stopped at the hotel of Peter Boffenmyer, who saw at once that he was intoxicated and refused to sell him any liquor. Folmer remained around the hotel several hours and finally went to that of Mr. Rhoads, where he bought some liquor. Some time in the afternoon he left the hotel and started for Mr. Fisher's. He turned into the road leading to Ranek's mill, along which he had proceeded but a short distance, when one of the wheels of the wagon struck a hole in the ground, very drunk the sudden jolt threw him out of the wagon; his head struck the ground breaking his neck. When found shortly afterward he was dead. Word was sent to this city and Coroner Mishler left immediately to hold the inquest. He examined the body and found it to be that of Mr. Rhoads, who was a native of Ireland. Some time in the afternoon he left the hotel and started for Mr. Fisher's. He turned into the road leading to Ranek's mill, along which he had proceeded but a short distance, when one of the wheels of the wagon struck a hole in the ground, very drunk the sudden jolt threw him out of the wagon; his head struck the ground breaking his neck. When found shortly afterward he was dead. Word was sent to this city and Coroner Mishler left immediately to hold the inquest. He examined the body and found it to be that of Mr. Rhoads, who was a native of Ireland. Some time in the afternoon he left the hotel and started for Mr. Fisher's. He turned into the road leading to Ranek's mill, along which he had proceeded but a short distance, when one of the wheels of the wagon struck a hole in the ground, very drunk the sudden jolt threw him out of the wagon; his head struck the ground breaking his neck. When found shortly afterward he was dead. Word was sent to this city and Coroner Mishler left immediately to hold the inquest. He examined the body and found it to be that of Mr. Rhoads, who was a native of Ireland.

FIREMEN. Meeting of Their Union Last Evening. The Firemen's Union of this city, held a meeting in the Empire truck house last evening, at which fifteen delegates were present.

S. B. Cox was called to the chair in the absence of Maj. Howell, the president. The first business in order was the election of permanent officers. They are as follows: President—Maj. C. M. Howell. Vice President—John M. Franklin. Secretary—P. S. Goodman. Treasurer—Jacob Gable.

The delegates from the different companies spoke at length in regard to their annual appropriation, and it was shown that the average expenditure for each company had been about \$2,000. A committee of three was appointed to interview the members of select and common council in regard to an increase of appropriations. That committee consists of Maj. Howell, Jacob Gable and Joel L. Hines.

The members of the union gave their views in regard to the filling of the vacancy in the office of chief engineer caused by the resignation of Mr. W. J. Fordney, and they thought that that body should name the man to fill the position.

For this purpose a meeting will be held on the first Thursday of May to recommend to the proper authorities some suitable person for the office of chief engineer. Adjourned.

Slight Fire. This morning about 7 1/2 o'clock an alarm was given by the fire alarm bell. Mrs. Sarah Vinton's residence, No. 146 North Mulberry street, they saw an unusual amount of smoke issuing from the chimney. They made the fact known to Mrs. Vinton, and upon investigation found that the second story was on fire.

REV. BARKER'S RESIGNATION.

Action of St. John's P. E. Church Vestry. To a special meeting of the vestry of St. John's P. E. church last evening was read the formal resignation of Rev. T. B. Barker from the pastorate of the church. In his communication to the church: "After due reflection and prayerful consideration, I have come to the conclusion that it is my duty to resign the rectorship of St. John's church. I feel that there are other duties which present me a stronger claim upon me, at least a part of my time and services. In leaving the flock of which I have been the honored shepherd for nearly seventeen years, I shall ever bear in my memory and heart the many tokens of esteem and love which I received while rector of this church, and I may be absent from you in body, I assure that our spiritual communion will ever continue uninterrupted."

"I desire my resignation to take effect on Easter Monday, 1881. And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."