THURSDAY EVENING. APRIL 28, 1881

Billingsley's Bill. Word comes from Harrisburg that the gang of Republican ringsters who make up the majority of the legislative apportionment committee have justified all the purposes of their appointment by a law as it is reported and at the electhe serviceable tool of the roosters. They in the presidential contest of 1880," have fixed up a districting of the state for members of the Assembly in which and 136 members, and the Democrats 15 year. Dr. ATWATER says that he pubthe rural changes are not so imporgains and losses apparently balancing, but in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh the districts are arranged election of solid Republican delegations. Last year Allegheny county cast 22,096 Democratic votes to 35,539 Republican, and yet in seven districts with sixteen members the new apportionment is such a gerrymander as to give these twenty- troller Pattison's prosecution of the protwo thousand Democratic voters not a single representative at Harrisburg. At libelling him by charging corruption in present Philadelphia has 38 members— his office, seems to furnish such consolaof whom 10 are Democrats and 28 Re- tion to both parties. For no proof of publicans, although the Democrats last the charge made was attempted, its falyear polled 76,330 votes to the Republicaus 97,220, or three-sevenths of the whole, on which basis they would be entitled to at least 16 members. Instead of aiming to secure an approach to that fairness the Republicans of the apportionment have made a resolute effort to wipe out the entire Democratic representation. The Patriot thus gives in detail the proposed changes:

The Second district, returning two Democrats, is cut down to one member; the Sixth district, formed by the Sixth ward, and returning Mackin, Democrat, is in-creased by adding the Ninth and Tenth wards and gives two members, both of whom will be Republican; the Seventh district, Seventh ward, now returning two Republican members, is cut down to one, and Huhn or Patterson must go; the Eleventh and Twelfth wards each sending a Democrat, consolidated to form the district, with only one member. Brower and Gentner can toss for the choice. The Fifteenth district, Fifteenth ward, now sending three Republicans, is cut down to two and will be the Twelfth district hereafter; the Sixteenth and part of the Sevone member ; the Ninetcenth and Thirtyfirst wards, now sending three Republicans, are given four in the new bill; the Twenty-first and Twenty-eighth wards, now forming the Twenty-first district and sending one Republican, are each made separate districts, and the Twenty-first sends one and the Twenty-eighth two members, a Republican gain of two; the Twenty-third ward, with one Republican and the Twenty-lifth ward, with one three members, all of whom will be Republicans ; the Twenty-fourth and Twentyseventh wards, each sending one Republi-

tion of the Democracy in the House to 3 meted out to the Record. -giving the great body of 75,000 or 80.000 Democrats in Philadelphia 4 votes in joint ballot in the State Assembly out of 47, when they are entitled in all equity to 20.

The object of this scheme is obvious. Cameron expects determined and wellorganized opposition to his re-election or to his control of the senatorial election in 1884, and he has already given notice of their gift." Since Gorham, by the stophis purpose to make sure of a legislative page of all congressional business in bemajority, regardless of the intervention of any caucus. He expects the greatest success in manipulating the Philadelphia delegation. Hence the great increase in the Republican strength there.

It is notable that none of the "kickers" is responsible for this apportionment, which is part of the programme of punishment threatened to the Democrats for not having helped to elect Oliver. It will be interesting to see what course the so-called Independent Republicans will take on this measure. It, of course, cannot be fully considered nor enacted this se: sion, but will likely be considered at an extra session, and meantime it is a living issue in state politics, projected into the pending campaign. If the Independents fail to record their opposition to it in some way, even now, they he!ping the president to discover the amount of the steal which by may be counted as big thieves as those the connivance of General Brady, who got up the bill and want it passed. has been perpetrated on the government For legislators who rob even a minority of the United States. One day the inquiry of their just rights of representation are as thievish as those who steal the public money. Such unfairness has always justified revolution-not always bloodless.

apportionment is as mean and unfair as it is. For it draws a clear line between honest and dishonest legislators. It puts the Independents on the record. They must be for or against this bill. If they are against it they and the Democrats cian, died yesterday in Montgomery, Alacan pass a fair bill; if they are for it the Democrats can beat the combination of tarred with the same stick." It only vesterday in New York. nseds some such bill as this to make re form and Democracy identical in Phila- funeral nor draw on any book of poetical delphia and to dislodge what is left there | quotations in a "tribute to his memory" of Republican control in local affairs. in Parliament. And Philadelphia once redeemed the state

Democrats, and through them to the whole commonwealth, is not, however, the only ugly feature of the new apporread more schemes for disfranchising made clear, he has been sentenced by a and misrepresenting other sections decree of the emperor to imprisonment for of the party. For while the gains and life. losses are apparently nearly even outside the city,in the House apportionment, the Boston a woman's saving bank which of-Democratic counties are sub-divided as fered interest at the rate of nine per cent. much as possible, so as to slip in a Re- a month upon deposits, has just been conpublican member wherever it can be victed by a jury of male tyrants of obtaindone, while Republican counties are ing money under false pretences. Mrs. culture in this state. kept solid to control the whole delega Howe's splendid financiering, it will be The forest fires, which have prevailed tobacco men of this city, whose tion. Thus Lackawanna, Luzerne, remembered, excited the strong admir- in Pike county are burning w Schuylkill and York are all cut into ation of GAIL HAMILTON, who insisted vigor, and in Sussex county, N. J., a strip small districts.

In the Senate apportionment North- jealous of her. Huntingdon, Mifflin and Fulton are re- emonies were never excelled in Sunbury. newsboys' friend" died worth \$45,000,

district. On the whole the Cameron organ at Harrisburg gleefully sums up that the "laborious" work of Capt. Billingsley's committee, "if this bill should become speaker who stands clearly disclosed as tions under it this state should vote as would give the Republicans 35 senators topics published by him during the last senators and 67 members—a Republican lished eight philosophical articles during tant nor significant politically, the party majority on joint ballot of 89, while even under the present notorious gerrymander the Republican plurality is only 62 and prepared by them in the cause of science. the majority 58. But Capt. Billingsley so as to come as near as possible to the is a "laborious" worker—worthy of his hire and his boss.

The Law of Libel.

It is seldom that a libel suit affords vindication" to both the prosecutor and defendant, but the result of Conprietor of the Philadelphia Record, for sity being thus indirectly-as indeed it was directly-admitted. This was the controller's "vindication." On the other hand Mr. Singerly showed an absence of malice or negligence in the publication, and under the instructions of the court, in accordance with the law, that no conviction could be had in the absence of negligence or malice, the jury promptly returned a verdict of " not guilty." This was the Record's vindication.

Judge Briggs virtually told the jury that the law in holding the defendant guiltless, " provided he is neither malicious nor negligent"-the language of the constitution is, "where the fact that such publication was not maliciously nor negligently made shall be established to the satisfaction of the jury"-made it necessary for the commonwealth to have satisfied them beyond a reasonable doubt that the publication was malicious or negligent. This construction seems to shift the burden of proof from the deenteenth wards now sending Furth and fense to the commonwealth, and to make Faunce, are consolidated and allowed but it obligatory on the prosecution to estabfense to the commonwealth, and to make lish negligence or malice, instead of the defense establishing the absence of them. Such a construction is certainly as liberal as legitimate journalism ask for. At Record, before it condemns all proposed amendments of the libel law as demanded by sensational newspapers, to remember that the law admits of a more Democrat, are consolidated and given liliberal construction than Judge Briggs The direction credited to the Sceintific commonwealth have inclined to the narcan now, are consolidated and given three rower view. Moreover, we trust the burn out the whole-is also older than the By this process of consolidating Dem. to find out that in civil suits for damocratic districts and subdistricting Re- ages the law of libel and of evidence is less the subject of good roads one of prime impublican strongholds and increasing the liberal than in criminal proceedings; it portunes to be kept before the public and aggregate representation to 39, the Re- is in this line that amendments have which should never be dropped until they publicans expect to make their represen- been asked for, simply in the interest of are secured and turnpikes made to give tation 36, and decrease the representation 36, and decrease the representation that justice which we are glad to see value received for their tolls. "Every Tremont house yesterday. There were

> THE New York Times, the leading organ of the Republican party, wants the attention of that organization and of its individual members, directed to the character of the man who edits the Washington organ of the party and whom "the Republican senators have selected for the highest office within half of his election as secretary of the Senate, has "become a sort of personal issue in Republican politics, and the foremost representatives of the party have assumed a certain responsibility for his character." This man Gorham is the apologist of the star route frauds because the chief offender in them is his owner and the owner of the paper which he edits and which speaks for their party at the national capital. If his character was not enough to condemn the position of the Republican sen. ators, the Times furnishes additional

reasons in this statement: Day after day, the man publishes, in the newspaper which he directs, the most scrurrilous inuendoes in regard to the president of the United States, and the most wanton abuse of all who are into the star route contracts is called an "infamous vitriol-throwing enterprise," and it is asked whether the president or postmaster general deserves the credit for it. On another the administration is On the whole we are glad the proposed | charged with being under the influence of Tilden, of supplying "the polecats of the press" with a festival, and much more to the same purpose.

> PERSONAL. Dr. W. J. HOLT, a prominent physi-

GOTTLIEB CARLBERG, a well-known Republicans, thus disclosed to be "all musical leader, composer and critic, died

GLADSTONE did not attend Beaconsfield's

EMILE DE GIRARDIN, the eminent jour nalist, who for forty years has been in French journalism what Greeley, Bennett, THE injustice to the Philadelphia and James Watson Webb were to the American press, died in Paris yesterday. A St. Petersburg letter affirms that the complicity of the Grand Duke NICHOLAS tionment bill. Between the lines can be in the plots of the Nihilists having been

Mrs. Howe, the woman who started in

umberland is taken from Union and In Sunbury on Tuesday Miss Mary Hill, so thick as to partially obscure the sun. joined to Montour and Columbia to rob daughter of George Hill, esq., was mar- The Broad Mountain fire, near Matamoras, the Democrats of a district ; Lycoming ried to Dr. J. Z. GERHARD superintendent burned over a large territory and several is yoked with Tioga to steal another for of the Harrisburg asylum for the insane. house tion. the Republicans; Franklin, Perry, For style and brilliancy the wedding cer-

now doubtful, and Fulton is chopped off bury and many strangers. After the wedthe Thirty-sixth district to change it from | ding a brilliant reception was given at the Democratic to a likely Republican residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hill. The presents were very handsome.

Professor GUYOT tells the Princeton college trustees that he has surveyed and measured more than a thousand mountains from Maine to Georgia. His vacations are always spent in the Appalachian range. Dr. McCosH enumerates eight articles and one book on educational and philosophical the year, and the other Princeton professors name fifty four books and papers Judge HILTON's son was married vesterday in New York to Miss Agnes Sanxay and the presents included a silver dinner service weighing 1,200 ounces from Mrs. A. T. Stewart, 330 pieces of table silver from Papa Hilton, and 330 pieces from Father Sanxay. Mr. William Libbey sent a hammered silver set. At another wedding in New York last night after the first couple were married they took their place among the guests in the church, and the brides sister and her intended stepped out of the vestry and were married by a fresh preacher to new music.

MINOR TOPICS.

THE stalwarts "point with pride" to the fact that the postal frauds were committed under the good Mr. Hayes and that exposure came under a postmaster general from wicked Mr. Conkling's state.

THE court of appeals of Kentucky has decided that the publication of legal notices in a Sunday newspaper, or in the Sunday edition of a daily newspaper, is day is in law dies non.

THE star route contractors who are now being pushed to the wall are said to have given \$40,000 in a lump to carry Indiana for Garfield's party last October. Natura ly they cannot understand what kind of a reformer this man James is.

THE Springfield Republican wants to know why man should universally appropriate that seat in the church pew next to the aisle, the only one approaching comchurch architecture. Give the woman a chance at the end seat.

DR. GREENE says the facts of the article, going the round credited to Dr. Peck the same time it will be well for the of Indianapolis, discovering the injurious effects of jumping the rope and its tendency to produce necrosis, have been known to and impressed upon the public by the medical fraternity for fifty years. has given it, and that other courts of the American- to bore holes in stumps, pour in nitre or saltpetre, set it on fire and Scienific American.

> HIL Germantown Telegraph considers enjoys more or less the comfort and convenience of good roads as much as the owner of a horse. If it is not in the same way it is in other ways" Roadways should be made of stone and the Telegraph thinks the state should build them by a special road tax, expended by township road superintendents, under county superintendents, all under a state commis-

STALWART as the Chicago Tribune is, it cannot withhold its denunciation of the reprehensible conduct of the Republican United States senators who deem it "necessary to postpone action on the president's nominations in order to contend for the control of the Senate offices." "It is the constitutional duty of the Senate to act promply on the nominations which the president sends in. If the president himself, upon whom the constitutions imposes the duty of appointing the government officers, should deliberately refuse to discharge this duty for some reason of his own and should thereby imperil the proper administration of government affairs, he would subject himself to the danger of impeachment for malfeasance in office. But since the constitution provides that the Senate shall confirm or reject his appointments, that body is equally responsible for the administration of public affairs, and senators who agree to unecessary and embarrassing delay in acting upon the nominations are just as guilty of official misconduct as the president would be in the former case."

STATE ITEMS.

They say the Legislature is to provide an orphans' court judgeship for Allegheny county, and that the place is already assigned to Wm. B. Negley.

A horse thief in the Bloomsburg jail, threw his clothes out of the window and when he had well soaped himself he crowded through an aperture five inches by fifteen.

The residence of John Stitts, collector for Kittanning township, Armstrong county, was entered by burglars recently who took \$600 of public money and \$100 of insurance money, then set the house on fire. The family escaped unburt.

James C. Sidney, sixty-six years old, fell from the roof of his dwelling, 1422 North Seventeenth street, Philadelphia yester day, and was so badly injured that he died about midnight. He was a wellknown architect. An unknown man ran down Race street

Philadelphia yesterday, quickly divested himself of his coat, vest, pants and slouch hat, which he laid on the wharf, and then plunged headforemost into the river. An effort was made to save him, but was withavail, and he was drowned. Ex-Gov. Pollock, Mrs. V. C. Havlen, Mrs. John Lucas and Mrs. J. L. Unger,

Senator Horatio Gates Jones and Representative James Neill, addressed the Legislature last evening in behalf of a \$5,000 five year appropriation to promote silk

that the other bankers of Boston were the surrounding country for a considerable distance. The smoke in Delaware Valley houses narrowly escaped total destruc

districted to make two certain Rejubli. The church was very handsomely decor- and now when his supposed widow comes

can districts, where one, if not both, is ated and was filled with the elite of Sun- to claim her share she is met with the allegation from his relatives that her marriage with Pittock was void, as she had a husband living at the time. It seems that Mr. Pittock informed his brother that Alice was not his." The same brother learned the fact of her previous marriage to one Banks. The marriage was publish ed in Our Church Paper, and ended with the words, "No cards, and as far as we

know no fees, " The presbytery of Pittsburgh, now in session in that city, was treated to a sensation a few evenings since by the application of a young Austrian, J. Egan Wachter, who had lately been converted from the fold of the Catholic church and was anxious to be received under the care of presbytery as a candidate for the Christian ministry. He had been pursu-ing his studies at St. Vincent's college, Latrobe, with the purpose of assuming priestly orders. He joined the Presbyterian church three weeks ago, and his great desire is to be sent upon a proselyting mission among the German Catholics

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. Base ball: At New York-Providence

2; Metropolitan, 1. At Troy. N. Y.-Troy, 22; Atlantics, of New York, 9. The caucus of Republican senators ap pointed a committee to consider and re port upon the question of holding execu

No street cars were running yesterday in St. Louis. The strikers are losing pub-James Thompson and James Clonney,

the latter a Philadelphian, about 30 years of age, were seriously injured yesterday by falling from a building in course of erection at Otisville, New York. Clonney may recover, but Thompson's injuries are believed to be fatal. A fire broke out in a room on the top

floor of a brick building on Sixth avenue, New York. When the flames were extinguished the occupant, Wm. Drummond aged 50, was found burned to death. He was a curbstone broker, and is supposed equivalent to no publication at all, as Sun- to have overtuned a kerosene lamp while intoxicated.

Garfield has appointed the following Union Pacific railroad company for the ensuing year: A Kountze, of New York city. 3. T. Everett, Cleveland, Ohio, R. H. Baker, Racine, Wis., Charles B. Peck, Port Huron, Mich., and George W. Frost, Omaha, Neb.

Workmen engaged in excavating the site of the new college at Cate des Neiges, Montreal, found buried in a hole, three feet deep, the remains of two men. The ground had been formerly covered by a hotel, at which two lumbermen, with well fort in the present excruciating style of filled purses, stopped over one night, and were never heard of afterwards.

The New York Assembly, by a vote of 79 to 13, passed a bill requiring the trunk lines of telegraph below Forty-second street, New York city, to be laid under ground. A bill was also passed, 66 to 34, fixing the charges for receiving and delivering telegraph messages of fifteen words or less to any point in the state, at not to exceed twenty cents; all dispatches to newspapers to be at half this rate. In the ruins of the Greenpoint box fac-

tory, the charred remains of the missing workman, James Brockerson or Brockenburg, were discovered burned beyond recognition. August Friskey, the box maker, who was badly burned about the body, is in a critical condition and no hopes are entertained of his recovery. John Renhert and William Sweeney are also in a precarious condition.

Joseph Bloom, jr., of the firm of Bloom Brothers, dealers in dry goods at 48 West Fourteenth street, New York, which failed man, woman and child in the community no marks of violence, and his friends say he had been in ill health for some weeks. He had registered as "Bob. Brown, Boston, Mass." He was forty years of age, of Hebrew origin and a native of Germany.

In the State Legislature. In the state Senate yesterday, the House bill repealing the recorder's act was reported, with some amendments. The bill to prevent the selling of explosives and deadly weapons to minors was passed finally; also the bill to suppress speculative life insurance companies The Senate bill regulating the transportation of petroleum was defeated—ayes 14, noes 20. An afternoon session was held, for the purpose of eulogizing the late ex-Governor

In the House an effort to suspend the rules generally for the purpose of getting up certain bills, among them the delinquent tax bill, was defeated. The legislative appropriation bill was reported. The bill dividing the counties of the state into classes was lost-yeas 47, nays 98. Pending consideration of the bill requiring railroad companies to fence all their tracks except on unimproved lands, the House adjourned.

Robbed of Horse and Money. Milbourne Oakley, eighty years old, was obbed at Harford, Susquehanna county. His safe was opened and \$1,000 in gold and silver stolen. His horse was stolen also. The suspected robber has been in Oakley's employ eight or ten days. He is an Irishman, forty-five years old, has dark hair, long teeth, and the right front tooth has a long black streak in it. Two hundred dollars reward is offered for the arrest of the guilty party.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

"SOLID CHUNKS OF WISDOM,"

By a Pin Hole Philosopher and Humorist It don't concern us, of course, but it may not be amiss to suggest to the Com modore of the Examiner that he had better confide the preparation of his weekly tobacco report to the hands of his regular reporter, and not risk its preparation to one who seems to be more familar with the field of literature than with the tobacco field. The book worm is a very small insect compared with the tobacco worm, and the student of "Carlyle's brilliant but fatal dogmatisms" is of small account in a tobacco-patch when compared with the boy that spreads the manure, or picks the worms from the "succulent leaf." The wisdom of distinguished "English philosophers now dead" is of no more account to a wide-awake tobacco grower than was the empty skull of poor Yorick to the grave-dig er. The Examiner scribe is doubtless a fellow of infinite jest, but he should not misquote the remarks of others. Ever since last August the In-TELLIGENCER has week after week declared the tobacco crop of 1880 to be badly flea-bitten and in our very last report we said "it was undeniably badly bitten by the flea," and yet the Examiner falsely charges us with saying "the crop of '80 has really no holes in it." As to the present improved appearance of the crop since it has undergone the sweating pro cess, we merely stated the "plausible reasons" advanced therefor by many on the subject are ably worth more than those of the student of "Carlyle's dogmatisms" or Longfellow's "Psalm of Life." As a practical test as to whether pin holes will or will not close up, we suggest to Yorick risburg. that he sit down on a pin and carefully ex amine the hole after he gets up. If the amine the hole after he gets up. If the "opaque gum" which will probably ooze from the wound should close the hole and render it invisible, he may have a new wrinkle added to his philosophy. If not, "alea noor Yorick" alas, poor Yorick !"

Who Married George Pilit: in His Prime.

life of unusual interest and usefulness

Mrs. Sophia Wager Plitt, widow of the

late George Plitt, survived 83 years, many

of them intimately connected with public

Col. Forney's Progress.

to distinguished, men, too frequently for-getting distinguished women, whereas in every community will be found many ladies who in the course of long experience have been identified with much important bistory. Mrs. Plitt was born in Poundation of the Lancaster loss of the Lancas history. Mrs. Plitt was born in Pennsylvania, the daughter of one of our oldest families, and married George Plitt, of ted up for the accommodation of boarders, Lancaster county, when he was in his prime, and she in her ripe beauty; and from her childhood was connected with many of the most prominent people of this and other states. Her husband was a printer and a Democratic politician, an early and intimate friend of James Buchanan, and the relations and connections of his wife were among the most useful and unselfish advocates of Pennsylvania's favorite son. Herself a social leader, an intelligent observer and traveler, she made a tour of Europe with her husband during Mr. Van Buren's administration, and, as well before her departure as after her return, was closely connected with most eminent characters of her time. She moved in all the presidential lic sympathy owing to their riotous acts on circles from the days of John Quincy Adams, and was particularly well known in Washington. The fine presence and genial nature of her husband, and her own wit and vivacity and queenly bearing, made them universal favorites whether they sojourned in Boston, New York. Paris, London, or at their own delightful home in Philadelphia. They were always surrounded by cultivated and delightful men and women. Their beautiful residence on Walnut street, Philadelphia, was a sort of headquarters during the year when James Buchanan was an active candidate for the Democratic nomination for president, and of that home the presiding divinity was Mrs. Plitt herself. Her unlimited hospitalities, her constant succession of visitors, her charming conversation, named and government directors of the her humor and sporkle and eloquence, her rare skill as a correspondent, and her almost universal knowledge of measures and of men made her a sort of Madame de Stael. I have met at the reunions of herself and her husband such characters as Martin Van Buren, Charles Sumner, George M. Dallas, Richard Rush, John C. Calhoun, Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, Lewis Cass, Edwin Forrest, Pierce Butler, Tyrone Power, Franklin Pierce, Commodore Stockton, Senator John R. Thompson, John Van Buren, Edward Everett, Francis R. Shunk, Howell Cobb, Reverdy Johnson, Henry A. Wise, Henry E. Muhlenberg and many more of the scientific and professional leaders of both parties and both continents. During the touching English service over her remains at St. Stephen's last Friday-Mrs. Plitt renovated from top to bottom, and Mr. was one of the most prominent members of the Episcopal church—I thought as I guests in a week or two. recalled her long and useful life, and remembered her remarkable face, which singularly resembled the features of Queen Elizabeth, that few among all the host she had met and mingled with had earned a sincerer respect or deserved a more affec-

> The Founding of Lincoln University. Oxford Press.

tionate recollection. How impressive the

fact that of the vast company I have named

there is not one left, and that she survived

A correspondent, after reading the paper on Lincoln university written by W. U. Hensel, esq., which is published in this issue, gives us the following facts in relation to the starting of that now universally acknowledged highly important institution of learning:

"It is not well to say much about men when we are considering a work done altegether 'for the glory of God;' yet a few facts may help the good cause, and our good friend Hensel, as a lawyer, will not

"The first thought of the need of such work as Lincoln university is doing came to John M. Dickey when his hand was upon the head of a young white man. ordaining him as minister to Africa. He stated it in these words : 'Am I not helping to send this man to death? Is it just to the white man? Is it just to the colored man? Why should he not be given the power, by education, to preach to the millions of his own race in Africa' This explains the 'pleasure' he had afterwards with Mr. Amos as a student.

"The stone marked. The night is far spent, the day is at hand,' was cut and given by a poor man. The letters were then filled with black paint; they are now filled with gflt. When this stone was taken out of Ashmun hall it was found an old tombstone had been used, hand pointing up on the reverse. The old Bible from which the text was taken, 'After three days of prayerful search,' is still in use. Dr. Dickey gave it as the one

"Rev. Mr. Amos died in this state, after years of devoted service in Africa. His work was better appreciated in England than by our own Presbyterian board of missions. His desire was to go back to his fair rider was unable to retain her Africa, saying 'there was his work and there he was well.' He stayed and died, while white men were sent to Africa, many of them to die.

"There certainly was a 'rock' used when 'faith that can remove mountains.' Faith in the 'stone cut out without hands.' "

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Near and Across the County Lines. The earnings of the Pennsylvania railroad for march show a net increase of \$400,000 Henry T. Redman, the Harrisburg boy

hurt on the cars, has died from his injur-Prof. H. W. Fishell, of Millersburg, is announced as a candidate for county superintendent of common schools in Dau-

An organ grinder was struck by a paper wad in Pottstown and became so angry that he fired a handful of stones into a photograph gallery. He was speedily induced to leave the town.

The midnight train to West Chester from Philadelphia, on Tuesday, ran over over a large stick of timber placed directly across the track. Had the stick been fastened a terrible accident might have resulted. Just as soon as possible after the trains

of the Pennsylvania railroad company stop his work that will be of value alike to himcrossing upon Market street bridge, the self and his friends. Philadelphia Bulletin wants the company to build a fine stone bridge in place of the present wooden structure. The Legislature did its best day's work

of the session yesterday when it stopped to pass resolutions of respect for the late William Bigler, once governor of this state. The resolve mourns the loss of a statesman whose "career was one of unquestioned purity, ability and patriotism." As the fast line east in charge of Isaac

R. Fickes, engineer, and Daniel Buzzard, fireman, was passing Mapleton, both mer thought they saw a wreck ahead, and Buzzard under the impulse of the moment jumped as he supposed for life. Fickes western home on May 2d, accompanied waited a second and discovered that there by his niece, Mrs. J. S. White, who is was no wreck ahead. He stopped the train and Buzzard was picked up badly injured and was taken to his home in Har-

HOTEL IMPROVEMENT.

The Leopard-The Laucaster County Hous

Last Wednesday, April 20, a lady died in Philadelphia, and was buried on the succeeding Saturday, who enjoyed a long Several of the Lancaster hotels have been ecently much enlarged and improved Perhaps the finest improvement is that added to the Leopard hotel, East King street, now conducted by Messrs. Martin & Rudy. A new four story brick building about 100 feet in length by 32 feet in affairs. We are in the habit of referring width has been erected on the Grant street front of the lot. The first floor of a single game as yet. this building has been handsomely fitted County house. The second, third and fourth floors, containing 46 rooms, have been fit
Abercrombie's Bostou ideal company arfloors, containing 46 rooms, have been fitstrangers and travelers. There are two parlors handsomely furnished, and the sleeping rooms contain new beds and bedding and are supplied with all modern improvements, being well ventilated, furnished with water and gas and heated by steam. There are water closets, bath rooms and balconies on each floor. To poses. Looking to the same end a sociathese ample accommodations in the new | ble will this evening be given at the same building must be added the 38 rooms in place. the old part of the hotel, and during the coming summer we are informed it is the at the Reading & Columbia railroad coal the old part of the hotel, and during the intention of Mr. Sensenig, the owner of the enutes and the boats are being cleared property, to remove the frame structure just as quickly as an unfailing supply, now connecting the old and new portions of the hotel and erect in its stead a brick the work. The shifting engine was enbuilding corresponding with that recently gaged this morning in running coal cars on erected. It is also intended to have the the chutes to have their loads dumped spacious yard and the basement of the into the bins-the work at which it has new building paved with Belgian blocks. The Leopard has also stabling for 160 horses, the stable being a large double deck building on Grant street.

The Lancaster County House. This old established hostlery on East King street, now owned by Edward Wiley and leased by Jacob Smith, late of the Leopard, has also undergone extensive alterations and improvements. The lower front of the building has been entirely remodeled. A carriage way leading from East King street to the commodious grounds and stables in the rear, has been made for the greater convenience of guests who come in carriages. The first floor front room is a sitting and reading room for gentlemen. Immediately in rear of it is the bar-room, which has been newly wainscoted and elegantly fitted up. Con-nected with this is the baggage room neatly railed off and containing about a hundred boxes for the safe-keeping of baggage. In the rear of this is the stairway and hall, and in the latter have been placed two stationary wash-stands, lavers and other conveniences for dust stained travelers. Adjoining the large dining room and kitchen has been built a new and commodious laundry. The parlors are in the second-story front. In the second and third stories are twenty-seven sleeping rooms, some of them very large and containing three or four beds each, though most of them contain but one bed each and the necessary chambor furniture. Mr. Wiley is having the house painted and The Sprecher House

County Treasurer Groff having leased from Mr. Sprecher the brick building on Duke street, opposite the court house, has fitted it up handsomely as a hotel. As is known to and was connected with it by a covered corrider leading from the second story of one building to the other. The bar-room is in the basement—the same room that has been occupied as a restaurant for many years by Messrs. Copland, Lee, Rowe and others. This room has been refurnished and beautified. Adjoining the barroom, on the south is a reading room, and on the north are the kitchen and wash rooms. The dining rooms, of which there are two, are on the second floor and are connected with the kitchen by means of an elevator of sufficient size to carry up and down everything pertaining to a good dinner. The second floor also contains the parlor, two or three bed-rooms, bath-room water closets, &c. The third floor contains twelve lodging rooms, all of which have been newly painted and furnished with entirely new furniture, giving them a very cosy and inviting appearance. Mr. Groff has associated with him in this new enterprise Mr. Henry Copland. They purpose running the hotel on the "European plan," and as both of them have had much experience in the business, and "know how to keep a hotel" there can be no doubt of their receiving a liberal support.

Might Have Been Worse. Last evening about dusk a young lady

well known and popular in the social circles of Lancaster was indulging in the healthful and invigorating exercise of a horseback ride, just beyond the city limits, and before the admiring gaze of a number of friends was affording an illustration of the grace of skilled equestrianship that would have reflected no discredit upon Madame Dockrill or any other star of the arena, when, suddenly and without warning, the saddle girth loosened, and as the horse was moving along at a lively rate equilibrium. She made a heroic attempt to hold on to the mane of the frightened steed, but ineffectually, and the next moment she was thrown forward, alighting apparently right under the hoofs of Ashmun institute was started. It was the the horse, which continued on his mad career down the road. Before her horrified friends had time to rush forward and ascertain the extent of her injuries, the young lady had lightly regained her feet, and exclaiming "I'm not hurt one bit," made her excuses, and a short time afterwards reappeared in the company with toilet rearranged, and for the re mainder of the evening was the merriest of the merry party. Her escape was a narrow one and was due to the young lady's coolness and presence of mind in getting out of the horse's way after she had fallen. The amount of damage consisted in a badly torn dress and a severe fright for all hands. The horse was caught before running far.

> Notary Public Appointed. Wm. Roehm, of this city, has been appointed a notary public, his commission to run for three years. Mr. Roehm has for many years past been an active agent in preparing and transmitting for his friends letters and other valuable papers between America and Europe. His appointment as notary will add an official character to

The Literary Anniversaries. The Goethean literary society will give its annual entertainment in Fulton hall on Friday evening, May 13; the Diagnothians just one week later : of college commence ment exercises the graduating orations will be delivered in Fulton hall-for the

first time in some years-on Thursday,

Returns Home. Jacob Guthrie, of Newton, Iowa, who Ames, of Columbia. Peaceful Lancaster has been visiting his relatives in Chester | county.

June 16.

Fine Lily. Miss Sue McIlvain, residing in WilliamsCOLUMBIA NEWS.

OU B REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE. A boy from Lancaster was struck by an mpty engine near Union street, last even-

ng, but not injured. We cannot learn his The front of the Continental hotel has received a new coat of paint.

Baseball is not yet one of the sports of the season in Columbia. We have not had

Col. Samuel Shoch, president of the Columbia national bank, rested easily last

rived here this morning, and will this evening appear in the opera house in "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The company is

well spoken of. St. John's English Lutheran congrega tion held a meeeting last evening in Shu-ler's hall to devise means to furnish the hall for Sunday-school and church pur-

been busy for the past couple of days. Mr. W. G. Pinkerton is just finishing

the building of an extension to his carriage shop on North Third street south of Walnut. The extension takes the space between the old shop and the corner house. The new building is a two-story affair. The fact that May day-the 1st of May comes this year on Sanday, will not

clease the little ones who believe in devoting that day to rambles in the woods in search of wild flowers. Indeed some of our older "girls and boys" put the day to the same use the children do, and we judge they will not be pleased any more. The only thing to do is to set aside anoth er day for the uses of the first. A special train of one car left here for

Collin's station this morning. First Vice President A. J. Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania railroad, and his son, were an board and it is rumored about here that the third and last passenger was the English Duke of Sutherland.

A business meeting of the Harrisbue, convocation of the Protestant Episcopal church, now in session here, was held at two o'clock yesterday afternoon. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock missionary aldresses were delivered by Rev. Leroy F. Baker and R. J. Keeling, D. D., of Harrisburg. A service of morning prayer and business meeting were held this morning At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon a service for deaf mutes will be conducted by the Rev. Henry Winter Syle, of Philadelphia-Rev. H. W. Spankling, D. D. and Rev. A. E. Tortat are not here.

Even if running were to end to-day, the rafting season of 1881 would be remembered as the most successful in many years. Ficet after fleet of rafts have arrived here and have gone on down the river, and in all, hundreds of them have reached their destined ports, the accidents many of our readers, this building was formerly a branch of the Leopard hotel, William Fram—has been injured, and his being so few as to be scarcely noticed. William Fram-has been injured, and his injuries are very slight. The river is ye in good condition to float the timber: there is no wind blowing and the prospect is that the day's run will be strong.

At the fair to be given by the ladies' order of the Home Communion, beginning on the 16th of May, the following article will be voted for : Gold watch, gold watch and chain, silver watch, two gold necklaces, one pair of gold bracelets, one breech loading double-barrel shotgun, two Singer sewing machines, two sets of bedroom furniture, marble slab table, and quite a variety of other articles.

Buffalo Bill in the "Prarie Waif." The audience, which greeted Buffalo Bill's company at the opera house last evening was not as large as those which the scout has heretofore drawn in this city. The play presented was the new one which was written by John A. Stevens, It is called the "Prairie Waif," and is as full of blood as these plays generally are. Guns knives and revolvers are seen in almost every act and the stage at times runs red with gore. Mr. Cody appeared as Buffalo Bill, the hero, who is always on hand to slay villains and protect innocents. He has often been seen here and his ability as an actor is well known. He gave an excellent exhibition of marksmanship with a rifle. Jule Keen was funny as the Dutchman, and Misses Lizzie Fletcher and Connie Thompson well sustained their parts. In the last act four 'real live''-and very red-Indians appeared and gave a war dance. The perfor mance seemed to please. The troupe left for Reading to-day.

Seriously III. Edward Pool, an old and well-known resdent of this city, is lying seriously ill at the residence of his son, Samuel J. Pool, 205 West Chestnut street. On Saturday last he was taken ill while walking on the street, and it was with difficulty be reached his home. Since then he has suffered from

great nervous prostation and partial paravsis. Mr. Pool is in his 67th year. Mrs. Abram McKim, another old and well-known resident of the city, who lives at the corner of Mulberry and West King streets, is critically ill with typhoid pneu-

Mrs. Muhlenberg's Funeral. The body and friends of the late Mrs. Anna E. Muhlenberg arrived at the West King street depot at noon to day by special train on the Reading & Columbia railroad, G. A. Nicholls, president of the road, and her son-in-law, being of the number. They were met by the Lancas-ter friends and the cortege proceeded to Woodward Hill cemetery where interment was made. Messrs. J. M. Long, John C. Hager, F. Shroder, John F. Long. Luther Richards, Geo. D. Sprecher, W. G. Baker and John F. Sehner, of this city, were the

pall bearers. On With the Dance The taking of depositions to support the remonstrance against a license for Sammy Groff's "Sprecher House," is again in progress before 'Squire Spurrier to-day, and the proceedings are highly enjoyed by spectators. The under-current of political antagonisms in the matter gives zest to it. Suits are threatened against Sensenig's people for their double barreted sales of liquor at both ends of the "Spotted

under one license which cannot be

exhibited in both bar-rooms at one time. No Opposition While a hot contest for county superintendent rages in Chester, Dauphin and Berks counties, we hear of no opposition to County Superintendent Shaub, to Prof. Buehrle, of the city, or Superintendent

Amos F. Sallenberger, of Fairville, is the possessor of an old coin that has proven quite a curiosity in that section. It is a British peuny of the year 1784, iu a good

state of preservation and, was found near Strasburg. Fixing it.

Dan Trewitz and his street force are busy to-day repairing the holes in the East King street Belgian block pave-