## Lancaster Intelligencer.

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 8, 1861.

Garfield and Conkling. The indications are that the administration and Conkling will have an early opportunity to engage in the hand-tohand conflict for which events have been preparing for several weeks. Thanks to long in a rut and the question is whether the patriotism and the pluck of the it is running altogether right. The idea Democratic senators the consideration of of the schools is to supply the state with the business for which the Senate was competent teachers. To get this good called together is to be no longer put off the state pays liberally towards the to aid the elevation of a politi- support of these schools. Does it get it cal adventurer, and the upbuilding as fully as it ought to do? It is the of a repudiation party in Virginia. duty of the state superintendent to There never was a more indefensible see that the state's interests are properly cause, nor one upheld by a more corrupt | cared for. He has the power of appointing coalition, than that of the Republicans six of the eighteen in the governing and Mahone for Gorham and Riddleberger. Against it the Democrats made a the other twelve being chosen by the brave and a patriotic stand. Our representatives have made such a stand before, but they have not always so well maintained it as this time; and position to which Garfield and the administration senators term of office being three years, two management that they will not recom have now come is an admission of the tenability of that which the Democrats conscientiously took and have steadfastly adhered to. A caucus committee of Republican senators appointed to get their party out of the mud into which that caucus has plunged it, were informed verbally and by a letter from the said superintendent of public instruc-Garfield, that " while his sympathy is tion he shall, with the advice and conwith his party in the Senate in the effort sent of the governor, choose others to break the solid South and the encouragement of the independent movement in Virginia or elsewhere, he cannot indorse the mode adopted by the senate nor co-operate in any scheme which has for its conclusion the elevation of such a man as George Gorham at the expense of the administration and to the exclusion of the most pressing and necessary have its representatives so close to the the energy and the awakening enterprise business. He rehearses the fact that stockholders' representatives. The two of the new-to lift it out of provincial several important treaties are awaiting interests may be different; and if they journalism and launch it boldly in the curtheir action; that the wheels of the ju- are, the state trustees should be men in-

his newspaper" in Washington. committee to the recommendation of the stamp would leavon the lot. following order to the caucus:

First. To refer to appropriate committees all the nominations now on the table. Second. To take up for final action the various treaties which now await ratification, and, in the next place, to consider all uncontested nominations already reported or that may hereafter be reported from the proof will be with those who deny him a

quite willing to take up the fight over New York Sun, who uncovered the star the New York collectorship, and quite route frauds, and nearly all the other sanguine of winning it; and Garfield is governmental villainies exposed in the willing to accept no compromise which last ten will not carry over the nominations of lows: Conkling's friends as well as his enemies. Mr. Conkling is not much given to compromise, and he has social and political relations with Democratic senators which may justify his confidence. On the other hand Garfield cannot evade the issue nor afford to yield to Conkling without compromising that element of the party which looks to him for recognition enough to give it vitality, and without dragging down Blaine. On the whole the Democracy can regard the row with the cheerful satisfaction of the to "put up or shut up" in the forcible man who saw his old woman and the bear in dire conflict.

## A Frank Admission.

The New York Times speaks of Mr. Hayes as "the immoral man who cheated him (Mr. Tilden) out of his office." It is notable how unanimous is the opinion that Mr. Hayes was a fraudulent president; and equally notable that he was such president, notwithstanding this unanimous opinion that he was not elected to the place. What a strange country this is, to be sure, whose people insist upon being governed by president who was not chosen to the place. Here is the leading. Republican organ which insisted that Hayes should have the presidency, now calmly admitting-in an incidental way, and as though it was saying nothing remarkable, but only what every one knows-that Hayes cheated Tilden out and after he has done all the good he could to the Republican party in giving its politicians offices. " The good of the party " not only restrained the Republicans from protesting against the seating of a president they knew was not chosen, but it led them to insist upon his taking his fraudulently-acquired place. Such is the control party exercises over men's consciences. It is too strong for men of the honestest fibre to withstand. It is the same thing that is now being exemplified in what is regarded universally by the country, and by the actors themselves, as the remarkably silly conduct of the Republican senators at Washington in the present dead-lock. They know they the party caucus has kept all of them in the traces for the past two months.

THE Standard oil company is one of the corporations doing business in Pennsylvania that has held itself above the law of the state, and has tried to evade taxation and a disclosure of its inside workings by refusing to report to the accounting officers of the commonwealth the necessary information to levy a tax upon it. Thereupon Auditor General Schell searched for and having found all the available data concerning its assets, income and profits, has settled an account againt it for taxes due the state of \$3,145,541.64. This settlement is the basis for an action in which the company must now defend, and to do so successfully it must " show up "-a process which, however disagreeable to its management, the state it has right to demand.

the delinquent tax bill. It is interesting to notice that the Philadelphia roosters, riveted and thunders of applause greeted ery of \$20,000 and expenses, about \$70,000. like Huhn and Souder have faithful Booth.

allies in the Lancaster county roosters like Eshleman, Peoples, Snader and Courtney. Which proves that birds of a feather flock together.

New Blood Wanted.

intelligent supervision of the new state superintendent. It has been running board of the Millersville normal school, stockholders, or, as they are called, the him by the local board; for the act of April 12, 1875, declares that "if the nominations so made be not satisfactory to deemed more suitable."

It is likely that Dr. Higbee and the governor can avail themselves of this power with advantage to the state in introducing men into the Millersville school direction. Naturally those chosen by the representative newspaper-representative authorities are of their complexion, and not of the easy going, let-well-enough-alone it is not perhaps well for the state to spirit of old Baltimore, but of the vitality, diciary are blocked, and that his admin-telligent enough to see it and independistration is greatly embarrassed at every entenough to declare it. We have lately ple in the faith of Jefferson, Jackson, turn, while the Senate of the United had occasion to speak of the Millersville States is wrangling over the election of a school trustees as men who made much man who is daily denouncing him per- better figures as farmers, merchants and sonally and this same administration in bankers than as school administrators; as such they are not illustrious; and a This has had the effect of bringing the few men among them of a different

IF Mr. Thomas J. Brady, late second assistant postmaster general, is in search of speedy vindication, he has a good chance to find it-if it can be had in a court of justice. where the burden of good character. A. M. Gibson, formerly Mr. Conkling is represented to be the Washington correspondent of the

> Thomas J. Brady is a thief and a cowfact that my language is unequivocal and

> My residence is Washington, D. C., but I will respond to any invitation to try the issue of fact there or here, as he may

> Mr. Gibson's residence and whereabouts are known; he is a man of reputation and of means; he is amply responsible in an action for damages. Mr. Brady seems to be given the alternative language of the street.

## PERSONAL.

THOMAS McCAMANT, esq., who left the office of secretary of state yesterday, after fourteen years service, to take the chief clerkship in Auditor General Lemon's office, was presented by his associates with a gold headed cane.

Gen. JOHN S. PRESTON, who has died in Columbia, S. C., was a brother of the fa-Columbia, S. C., was a brother of the fa-mous orator, Wm. C. Preston, and him-stabbed in the side and back and had self had no mean reputation as a publicist three ribs broken by kicks. and speaker. He was an uncle of Wade Hampton by marriage; he had a magnificent physique and believed in the "lost cause " until death.

DE LAVALETTE is dead. He was known Her husband, Valentine Kreb, was also inas the instigator of the war of the Holy jured. places in Syria. His intemperate conduct as minister to Constantinople was credited with the outbreak and on his own motion he was recalled to France. He entered the ants got considerable bad whisky on board, of the presidency. The admission is diplomatic service under Louis Philippe, made after Mr. Hayes is out of office but beyond the regular grades in the profession never was entrusted with any momentous mission after his Turkish ex-

The Duke of SUTHERLAND and party, who are now in Washington, called upon the president yesterday morning, accompanied by Secretary Blaine. The party afterwards went to the Senate chamber to see the senators in session. In the after- riding with his face toward the end of noon the duke was taken on an excursion down the Potomae to Mount Vernon on the United States steamer Dispatch. The excursionists numbered about one hundred ladies and gentlemen, among them being senators, cabinet officers and foreign ministers.

The peremptory demand on the part of the executive committee of the that the jury box had not been sealed with are not doing what they ought to do, but board of trustees of Cornell university for wax, according to law. Investigation de the resignation of WILLIAM CHANNING Russer, both as acting president and as professor of history in that institution, has with mucilage instead of wax. Judge created a sensation and much feeling Galbraith made the rule absolute and dis among the alumni in New York and other cities, as well as among the members of the faculty and undergraduates at Ithaca. While ANDREW D. WHITE was the actual as well as the nominal president of the night, Jas. C. Ogden, coachman for Isaac university, Professor Russel actively and S. Sharp, was found lying in an outhouse energetically assisted him as vice president | with a revolver clutched in his right hand and he was selected to fill President White's place during the absence of the Easter Sunday, had violent hysterics upon

at the Lyceum, as Othello, the house was intoxicated. His wife had taken the packed. Upon their first appearance, all weapon from him several days ago, but three of the principal performers, namely, last evening gave it to him. He went Mr. Booth, Mr. Irving and Miss Terry, There were calls before the curtain after the first and second acts, but though the THE roosters at Harrisburg by the ex- performance to this point was very sucercise of the parliamentary power of a cossful the remarkable demonstration was desperate minority continue to defeat all to come. In Act III., during the long conefforts to pass the bill, urged by the re- versation in which Iago gradually allows form element in Philadelphia to repeal Othello to draw from him his suspicious, the delinquent tax bill. It is interesting the attention of the house was perfectly

MINOR TOPICS.

TRENTON still feels irritated at the refusal of Dr. McCosh to permit the Princeton College glee club to give a concert in that city recently, and the press and the pecple of the capital express themselves very The Normal school system needs the emphatically respecting the matter.

An agent of the Japanese government s in the blue grass region of Kentucky making observation to report to the home government concerning the blooded stock for which Kentucky is famous. He will give particular attention to blooded horses. He represents the Japanese as anxious to increase their trade with the United States and thinks it not improbable that blooded horses and cattle will be shipped to Japan in large numbers as a result of his present visit.

A CRISIS is at hand in the affairs of Dartmouth college. The faculty, students and alumni are arrayed against subscribers. The latter are also author- President Bartlett. The New York ized to nominate each year four men alumni are loudest among the complainfrom whom the state superintendent se- ants. The members of the present senior lects two as the state trustees. The class are so dissatisfied with Dr. Bartlett's chosen each year make up the mend boys among their acquaintances number of the state's trustees. who are now in preparatory schools to go The superintendent is not restricted to Dartmouth, and the classes have been to the four names each year presented to cut down one-half. Bartlett's stiff advocacy of the old general classical course against the modern "restaurant plan" is one of the chief rocks of his offenses

> THE Baltimore Gazette has passed into the proprietorship and business control of Mr. George Colton, proprietor and publisher of the Annapolis Republican and president of the Baltimore board of police commissioners. Mr. Colton announces that his aim will be to make the Gazette a rent of metropolitan ideas. Politically the Gazette will endeavor to educate the peo-Silas Wright and Bayard.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. In Lowell, Mass., the mayor and aldermen have voted not to issue any liquor licenses except to druggists. All the saloons are closed, and a crusade against

the liquor traffic has commenced. Two hundred persons were injured in the riots against the Jews at Elizabethgrad. Detachments of cavalry and infantry now patrol the streets. The approaching fair is indefinitely postponed at the request of the town council.

The largest haul made at the Glouceste shad fisheries in twenty years was made at the flood catch yesterday, when 3,000 shad were landed on the fish catch, 1,500 on the second and 1,100 on the third—5,600 in all. This is thought to excell all previous

There is probably a revolution going on in Sau Domingo; the Spanish mail steamer was not allowed to enter the port of the capital under the pretext of the insalubrity of the place. The crew noticed much unardly liar. I invite his attention to the wonted commotion among the people on

shore. The engine and tender on the Montclain & Greenwood Lake railroad crushed through the trestle work at Kingwood, N. J., near the mines of Cooper & Hewitt, on Sunday afternoon, and Engineer Skully and John Masker, the fireman, were both killed. The trestle work was being repaired, and the removal of some of the beams caused the accident.

## STATE ITEMS.

N. Wright Bitters, of Philadelphia, went to see them catch shad in the Delaware. The skiff went over and he went under. Geo. C. Gorham turned from the defense of star routes long enough to lease the big board fence around the new post office in Philadelphia for \$1,000 and sublet it to advertisers at about 700 per cent. profit.

There was a wedding party at Bridesburg, at which Harrison Ambler and James Dowdy undertook to make themselves guests, uninviited. John Michil

A train on the Pennsylvania railroad which left Camden yesterday afternoon collided with a farmer's wagon at the paper mill crossing. Mrs. Mary Kreb, of Marlton, one of the occupants, was so badly in-Marquis CHARLES JEAN LARIE FELIX jured that she died an hour afterwards.

Last Saturday night the Bullock's Guards drum corps gave a ball in Washita hall, Conshohocken, which was largely attended. and Charles Herron resented an insult which he conceived to have been offered his wife by Nicholas George and one Mulholland by knocking them both down. In falling George sustained a fracture of the skull, which may result fatally. Herron was arrested.

While the train containing the London circus was passing the bridge over the track at South Wilkesbarre, an employee named Albin was scated on one of the high wagons in the centre of a car. He was the train and did not notice the bridge, which struck him in the back of the head throwing him to the floor of the car. The train was running rapidly and he was hurled with such force that his skull was fractured.

Upon the opening of the Erie criminal court Monday, the attorneys for Schwingel, the fratricide, caused a sensation by moving to quash the entire jury list, alleging veloped the fact that no legal jury has been drawn in Eric county for ten years, owing to the custom of scaling the wheel charged all the jurors. The May term has thus burst up. Intense excitement prevails, owing to prisoners having to wait until September for trial.

In Philadelphia, at 1,713 Vine street, last and blood flowing from the right temple. latter as minister at Berlin.

In London last night, on the occasion of the first appearance of Mr. Edwin Booth beauty of late and did the shooting while straightway to the yard and shot himself

Big Fees.

\$20,000 fee for collecting \$58,000.

The celebrated Kensington and Oxford turnpike case has been decided by the supreme court in favor of Henry C. Terry. Mr. Terry's bargain with his client, the Mr. Terry's bargain with his client, the offered to the state superintendent are al turnpike company, was that he should, as ways "dummies," and until it is seen that Gillespie, \$24.50.

adelphia, thought the city of Philadelphia, which was buying the turnpike, should have the benefit of this bargain, asserting that the same indicated a value for the road beyond which there could be no valid

A Litterateur's Will. The late James T. Fields leaves in his will remembrances for several prominent literary people. He leaves to his wife the d in Boston, and the country place at Manchester-by-the Sea, together with his book, pictures, and manuscripts. She also has the insurance on his life and the income of \$100,000. There are numerous bequests of from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to relatives and friends, including oue of \$1,000 to Edwin P Whipple The following sums are to be paid on the death of his wife if she does not direct otherwise by will: E. P. Whipple, \$5,000; John T. Whittier, \$5,000; J. F. Clark (one of his former partners), \$5,000; Lucy Larcom, \$5,000; W. D. Howells, \$5,000 ; T. B. Aldrich, \$5,000 ; Sarah M. Elizabeth and Dr. L. B. Adams, \$5,000 each. He gives without this condition to the boys' high school in Portsmouth, N. H., where he was born, \$3,000; to the girls' high school in Portsmouth, \$3,000 to the Howard benevolent society, Portsmouth, \$5,000; to the home for aged colored women, Boston, \$3,000; home for aged men, Boston, \$3,000; the Decham home, \$3,000; the New England Freedman's aid society, \$3,000; to the benevo-lent fraternity of churches, for the use of the chapel under charge of Rev. Mr. Winkley, \$2,000; the Kneeland street hospital, \$3,000; to Harvard college

#### library by the president of the college. LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

FALSE FLAX.

The Effects of the Water Upon Weeds and

An attache of the Intelligencer sent to Dr. S. S. Rathvon a plant plucked from his premises, and the doctor returns the following description and explanation of it, together with some other facts and hints that will be of use to the general reader:

Mr. Wm. A. M: The plant which you find so abundant in your tobacco field of last year, is the noxious weed, known as "False Flax," and belougs to the CRUCI-FERAE, or Mustard family. It is generally known as a noxious weed, and abounds in fields—especially flax-fields—and on road sides, and seems to have been introduced into this country from Europe. It is said to have been formerly cultivated in Germany for the sake of an oil which was expressed from the seeds from which you will observe that, noxious and useless as it may seem, it is still of some use; and although it may never pay in this country to develop that use, yet it may be intrinsically of more value than tobacco. Its abundance on your premises has no special significance other than that it has found the soil unoccupied and congenial, the seeds having been scattered from contiguous properties last season, and were germinated and protected by the snowy mantle of winter.

It has been observed this spring that from the same cause many plants have in milder and more open winters have been entirely out-frozen. It was also observed that as soon as the snow had disappeared the ground, so far as concerned the frost. was in a condition to be spaded or plowed The past long and intensely cold winter will therefore afford no immunity from noxious weeds and insects during the coming season. Their embryos nestled too cozily in their "little beds," covered with a "tick" of feathered snow, until the vernal suns bid them rise. From a paper read before the Linvæan society by Mrs. G. on Saturday, the 30th ult., I quote

the following: "Our late very severe winter has not affected plants very much that were close to the ground; owing doubtless to the early and long continued snow. Thus I have found this spring calliopsis and pansies that have survived the winter out of doors." The plant under review seems to be unique, both in genus and in species, and our young botanist, Mr. T. B. of North Queen street, identified it as Camelina Satira. It grows from six inches to two feet high-according to the strength of the soil-and bears a small yellowish flower. Its cogeners are the mustards, the pepper grasses, the turnips, radishes, cabbages, &c., &c. Indeed, its cruciferian character is apparent from its odor when bruised, being akin to that of de-caying cabbages. Perhaps it might be utilized as "greens," especially when other "sauce is scarce." If you do not care about going into "green grocerage"
the best thing you can do is to "root it out" of your premises before it matures its seed. After your tobacco is once fairly started, there will be little danger to be apprehended from the "false flax," for tobacco will not allow much else to flourish when it becomes domicilated.

## The Politicians

They were numerous and busy yesterday. Kready for sheriff is improving and sells nearly even in the pools. Umble is fixed as the Examiner ring candidate for register and Good as the New Era ring's choice for treasurer, though Grider is strong enough to now give Grissinger a chance. For coroner the New Era people are for Shiffer, and the Examiner crowd unsettled between Shubert and Gallagher. The Examiner has created a little diversion by beginning a series of "Q in a Corner" articles, the author of which has borrowed the nom de plume but none of the wit of the original Q. The first of these is mainly devoted to a supposed conference at the Leopard annex, of Sensenig, Geist, Eshle man and Martin, at which the reformers take whiskey straight and Levi's "bar maid" expresses an admiration for the elder of the new partners which excites Napoleon's jealousy.

hard, wife and family, of New Holland, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, wife and family, of Columbia; Miss Gerhard and Dr. M. U. Gerhard, late

Those Gas Bills. The lamp committee of city councils held a meeting last evening to take final action upon the bills of the Lancaster gaslight and fuel company against the city for the quarters ending January and April. On the bill for the first mentioned quarter the committee resolved to recommend to councils a deduction of \$450 and on the latter bill \$150. These propositions will be reported to councils for their determination at the meeting of councils to-morrow. The recommendation for the deductions is based on the number of nights during ging trench, hauling, sodding the reserthose quarters in which the city was only partially lighted, with some concessions on the part of the committee to the un- ders : toward circumstances against which the gas company labored.

Election of Trustees. At a meeting of the contributors of the A Cincinnati lawyer has astonished even Frantz. Four gentlemen were nominated his professional brethren by charging a as state trustees, two of whom are expected to be selected by the state superin-tendent as "state" trustees. Their names have not been furnished us, as the parties interested say that two of those The court of common pleas, No. 4, of Phil- is not prudent to "give it away."

OUR LOCAL SCIENTISTS.

The Last Monthly Meeting of the Lin The Linnssan society met on Saturday afternoon, Vice President J. H. Dubbs in the chair, and Dr. M. L. Davis, secretary. The following donations and addition were made to the museum and library.

MUSEUM. A large specimen of silicious fossilized wood, by Mr. J. William Roeting, of Elizabethtown. This fossil seems to abound in that part of Lancaster county, and forty years or more ago, when the tunnel on the Lancaster & Middletown railroad was excavated, large quantities, embedded in sandstone, were thrown out, and appropriated by collectors of minerals and fossils. This specimen was found exposed by the washings of a ravine in the vicinity of the town, aithough at a different localand succeeded in confining the flames to

A bottle containing several alcoholized specimens Salamandra erythronota et S. dutinosa, by Master James Munson of the Lancaster high school. Cold as the past winter has been, and the late spring, numbers of these reptiles were found in a very active condition about the middle of yet many people foster the deepest preju-dice against them, on account of their reptilian affilations.

LIBRARY. Five volumes of the Second Geological Survey of the state of Pennsylvania, from the department in charge at Harrisburg. Pa. A copy of the Agriculture of Pennsyl vania, from the secretary of "State Board of Agriculture." A list of patentees and inventions for July to December, 1880, library, the manuscripts of his books and from the department of the interior poems, and to Dartmouth college library, 1,000 volumes to be selected from his Washington. Nos. 14, 15 of the Official Patent Office Gazette from the same. Eleventh quarterly report of the State Board of Agriculture from the secretary. Annual report of the superintendent of the Yellowstone national park for 1880, from Wm. J. Hoffman, M. D. Proceedings of the "Wyoming historical and geological" society for 1880. The Lancaster Farmer for April, 1881. Annual report of the library commissioners of Nova Scotia for 1891. Enumeration, classification and causation of idiocy. Sundry pamphlets, catalogues and circulars relating to the sale of scientific and miscellaneous book. HISTORICAL RELICS.

From Mr. Roeting, also, a quaint look-ing knife and fork which have been in his possession for twenty years. The knife is fifteen inches in length when opened, and it closes like an ordinary pocket knife. It is supposed to have been a German pruning knife of the past century, although Mr. R. does not profess to have a knowledge of its history or its use. The fork is a common looking iron trident, about six inches in length, differing in its proportions from the modern fork. In demol ishing a very old building in Elizabethtown, it was found in the attic between the roof and rafters. evidently is a rural relic of a past period and of a fashion that will never return. Five envelopes containing sixty five bio graphical and historical scraps. PAPERS READ.

By Mrs. P. E. Gibbons a paper on mis cellaneous subjects entitled "Linnæa

By Prof. Dubbs an interesting and elaborate paper on "Book worms," with sev-

Miss S. S. LeFever was present and hecame an active member under the rule unanimou-ly adopted at the last stated meeting of the society.

Committees appointed at the last meet ng reported progress and were continued. A vote of thanks was passed to the donors for their generous contributions. May, (28th.)

## THE FIRE COMPANIES.

Officially Visited by the Committee of Coun Yesterday the fire engine and hose com mittee of councils visited the houses of the different fire companies for the purpose of making their annual inspection. They made an examination of the houses, engines, hose carriages, hose &c. All the as are the apparatus. Many of the com-panies have gum hose, which is in bad condition. The Sun has recently had its hose repaired and it is much better than it was. Each engine was tested at the houses, and the time required for each to get up steam is given as follows:

Union, 6 minutes, 45 seconds; Shiffler, 6.35; Sun, 3.15; American, 6.15; Friendship, 3.00; Washington, 6.15; Humane,

The Empire hook and ladder company's truck was examined and found to be in excellent condition. The committee speaks in high terms of the Humane engine house, which is one

of the handsomest in the state. The different fire companies will shortly make their annual reports of their financial condition to the councils. Chief Engineer.

The resignation of Chief Engineer Ford nev will be handed in to councils to-morrow evening and it is probable that a new man will shortly be elected. The presidents of the different companies and the fire committee elect the man.

# Pleasant Family Rounion.

A very pleasant family reunion took place at the residence of Rev. W. T. Gerhard, No. 21 East Orange street, yester-day. As has been noticed, Dr. J. Z. Gerhard, one of the sons, who is superintendent of the state hospital for the insane, was recently married to Miss Hill, of Sunbury, and their visitation to Lancaster was the occasion of this reunion. The entire family of Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard were present, including Rev. D. C. Tobias, of Lititz, wife and family ; Rev. D. W. Ger

of Canadaigua, N. Y., now of Frankford numbering twenty-one in all. parents, though well-advanced in life, are both in excellent health, and the high esteem in which their worthy family is held by every community of which its members are a part, is a crown of glory to them in their old age. The entire occasion, though of a private character, was an exceptionally joyous one.

Proposals for City Work. The water committee of city councils met last evening and opened bids for digvoir and whitewashing the reservoir fences. Following are the successful bid-

For trenching—Frederick Miller and Henry Leonard, for North Charlotte street, 15c. per cubic yard for earth and 35c. for rock; 1,050 feet on Love Lane to Union street, 14c. for earth and 45c. for rock; 100 feet on Concord alley, 14c. for three years: Abraham Peters, Jacob M. earth and 40c. for rock; 1,400 feet on rock ; 150 feet on Manor street, 14c. for earth and 55c. for rock. For hauling-Stautter & Musser, at 35c.

per ton. Sodding reservoir-Henry Shaub, 14c. per square yard. Whitewashing fence of reservoir-S. W.

Postal Appointment. J. R. Acheson has been appointed postmaster at Mechanics Grove, this county.

EAST BARL NEWS.

been raging on the north side of the Welsh mountain in East Earl township, near Briertown and Cedar Lane station, for several days. On Saturday night the village of Briertown was in imminent danger, the fire reaching almost to the edge of the village. It threatened immediate destruction of the whole village, and but for the untiring energy of the inhabitants and their friends we would have been called on to chronicle the sad intelligence of dozen of homeless people, who had lost their all through the agency of the devouring ele-ment. But the brave citizens headed by Mr. Geo. Andrew and Isaac Ghear fought the flames from sundown on Saturday evening until sun-up on Sunday morning

circuit of some miles. Their mode of procedure was to fire from one road to another forming a square and start the one back to meet the other, thereby saving it from spreading over thousands of acres of valuable timber. Besides numberless dwellings laid in ashes several March. They are perfectly harmless, and of the men were more or less burned in their attempts to put out the fire where it had broken out in new territory, and all were nearly exhausted by the heat and blinded by smoke and ashes.

Your correspondent in company with W. H. Sweigart, of Cedar Lane, went to the assistance of the brave men, and both succeeded in getting more The parties or less scorched. owning timber land near the burnt district should be very thankful to Messrs. Andrew, Gehr, Overly and the others who saved their property by hard work and considerable danger to themselves. It is supposed that the fire originated from sparks thrown from the engine on the railroad. At present writing I notice that another fire has broken out about one mile west of the burnt district described in this article, and it may be possible that we will again be compelled to spend another night fighting fire. The district burnt over probably amounted to some 1,500 or 2,000 acres of valuable sprout and timber land, owned by different farmers from the Conestoga valley.

There has been a very heavy lumber business done at this point during the month of April. W. H. Sweigart, of Cedar Lane, has an immense stock of lumber now on hand and is daily receiving new invoices of lumber, coal and phosphates. Mr. Geo. A. Wallace is also in the same line of business at East Earl station, a point a-half mile west of Cedar

Easter passed over quietly, and the only event to particularly bring it to our remembrance was the boasts of some of our neighbors in regard to the number of eggs eaten by them on that day. Mr. Cauller, of this place, claims to have disposed of 17 hard-boiled for breakfast, and our Briertown champion comes in with the report of 10 for breakfast, 10 for dinner and 12 for supper, making a total of 32 for the day, and he is still living Hope he may see another Easter and be able to beat his present record.

There is considerable comment on the new bank at New Holland; some of our neighbors were unable to secure stock, having made application too late, and quite a handsome premium has already eral sharp edges which cut more ways than | been offered on the stock. Money appears to be plenty, business brisk and prospects good.

were shipped from Cedar Lane on Friday last. Mr. John G. Good shipped one car of as fine cattle as have been fed in this neighborhood for some time. They were fed by Mr. John Zimmerman of Caernarvon township. John Stauffer also shipped After some "scientific gossip" the so-ciety adjourned to the last Saturday in last Saturda fer are good judges of fine stock.

Some of our friends have been treating themselves to handsome new buggies and carriages. Mr. Wm. Good turns out with a very fine top buggy, brand new, and when he has his trotting mare attached will hardly see his friends—but Billy is a good fellow and deserves a fast horse and fancy wagon. Mr. W. H. Sweigart turns out in a handsome double-seated carriage He lacks the speed that his fried Good has, but as he talks of buying a new trothouses were found to be in good condition | ter he may then be able to travel with Billy; he also runs out a fancy new set of silver mounted harness; looks as if this business was flourshing.

Several crops of tobacco were disposed of this week, to Mr. Ream, of Voganville; still plenty left in this vicinity.

Mr. Jacob Keller of New Holland, is

building a new house. Last week he let out the furnishing of the lumber by contract. Sealed proposals were handed in by W. H. Sweigart of Cedar Lane, and I. O. Bruner, of New Holland. Sweigart received the contract, he being over one dollar lower than Bruner. It was most certainly a close competition or else both are very fine calculators.

Farmers are very busy; some corn has been planted, but should the fine weather continue the present week, all would have a chance to finish; potatoes are being planted, they are very scarce and good seed is commanding high prices; there is quite an inquiry for horses; many farmers are short in their horse stock, and good horses are bringing fancy prices. Your correspondent has sold this spring 225 tons of Sharpless & Carpenter's dissolved bone phosphate, and is still receiving orders.

## IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Lancaster County Cases Disposed of,

The regular sessions of the supreme court for the middle district of Pennsylvania began in the supreme court room Harrisburg, yesterday morning, all of the judges being present—Chief Justice Shars wood, Gordon, Green, Sterrett, Trunkey, Mercur and Paxson. The following Lancaster county cases were non prossed: Me-Cullon vs. Eichholtz, Grubb vs. Roland & Co., Sensenig & Baker vs. Brown, Linde muth vs. Straub. Arguments were heard in the following

cases : McGuthrick's appeal ; Bash et al. vs. Sener & Sons; Pyle's appeal. The court read many opinions in case

heard at Philadelphia at the late sitting there. Among them the reversal of Judge Futher of West Chester in the case of Chester county against the Coatesville gas company has a local importance, as the decision by the supreme court rules a point in controversy between the new gas company and the county of Lancaster. The higher court decides that the real es tate of gas companies used by them for the manufacture is not subject to local taxation, the companies being subject to the general corporation tax of the state.

#### Tobacco Sales. Here are a few more sales of tobacco of

the 1880 crop: John L. Meany, of Warwick, to Teller. at 15, 6 and 3; R. Stewart, of Sadsbury, to Teller, at 14, 6 and 3 ; Jacob L. Landis. of East Lampeter, to Herr, at 13, 6 and 3 Millersville state normal school, held yesterday afternoon in the trustees' room, the carth and 40c. for rock; 200 feet on West acres at 9 cents through; Mr. Fite, of following gentleman were re elected local Marion alley, 15c. for earth and 55c. for Lampeter, to Campbell, at 13, 6 and 3; trustees of the school for the term of rock; 500 feet on New street, 14c. for three years: Abraham Peters, Jacob M. earth and 40c for rock: 1 400 feet on at 12. 6 and 4: C. Shoemaker, of Dru-Frantz, Jacob G. Peters and Andrew M. High street, 14c. for earth and 55c. for more, to Fatman, at 14, 10, 4 and 2; meet in convention in the common council Peter Woods, of Colerain, to DeHaven, at 10 and 4.

James S. Kirk, of Glen Roy, Chester county, has sold 4 acres of tobacco to Isaac Stirk & Co., for 15 5 and 3.

Store Broken Into. On Thursday night last thieves broke

opening a second story windo w on which there were no shutters. They carried off a whole box of boots and considerable A very destructive mountain fire has hardware. There is no clue to the thieves

#### COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE. Shad are becoming cheap and the catch

continues large.

A sale was held at Campbell's bazaar, at Fourth and Walnut streets, on Satur-Not much doing at the coal chutes ves

terday or to-day.

Any number of suckers are being caught with hook and line at the point below the dam.

That boat club recently organized is a fraud. It is an embryotic concern and will never be anything else Mr. Fred. Bucher has commenced the brick work on his six new houses at Sixth

and Walnut streets. Fast driving is becoming too frequent. To-day recklessness was displayed at Secand Locust streets.

If yesterday was observed about here as May day " we have not heard of it. A special train with Messrs. Charles E. Pugh, general superintendent of the Penusylvania railroad, and William F. Loekard, superintendent of the Philadelphia division, on board, is expected here from the east this afternoon.

The regular monthly meeting of the Vigilant fire company will be held this

The Young People's social and working association of St. John's English Lutheran church will give a sociable on Thursday vening at the residence of Mr. George Hain, Locust street, near Sixth. Company H had an excellent drill last

evening. The question of going to Lan-

easter on May 30 was brought up, but no

definite action taken. The thing will fall The water in the river is falling and raft. ing is nearing an end. It was "too much wind," not too much " mud," that was

noticed yesterday as an obstacle. Early market was held this morning, but not much of a success was scored-

Mr. Samuel J. Potts trainmaster of the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania railroad, was in town yesterday.

The late order of the Pennsylvania railroad company to ship freight for Wilmington and that section over the Columbia & Port Deposit railroad, is greatly increasing the business of that road, and it is found ecessary almost daily to dispatch at least one extra train from this place. Yesterday a train of thirty-seven cars, consisting of lumber, coal and all kinds of merchan-

dise, was sent off. Dr. Alexander Craig and wife and Dr. Joseph Cottrell, of this place, Dr. Living-ston, of Mountville, and Dr. J. A. Thompson and wife, of Wrightsville, left at 3:05 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Richmond, Va., to attend the sessions of the American medical association which convenes there to-day. The party return in the latter part of the week.

The home portion of the party of Lan-casterians and Columbians, who went down the river on a raft yesterday, report a very enjoyable trip of it. Fred Waller, who has been running the river 29 years, "man and boy," took them down without a mishap, though some wrecks followed him yesterday as usual. The party got a dozen of empty Appolinaris water bottles, which they brought home with them, showed what excellent facilities they had

for keeping dry. Quite a melee took place early last even ing on Locust street below Third. It appears that a man named Growley called at the office of the Columbia water company in relation to his water bill. Here differences occurred between him and Water Superintendent W. B. Fasig, in the midst of which the parties got on their muscle. Blows took place and quite a fisticuff was had for some minutes, or until the participants were parted. Mr Fasig's head was run through a pane of glass and his face cut, and he received other injuries. The injuries to Growley are about as severe. Owing to the respectability of the parties the "scrimmage" is to-day the talk of the streets. It is said that a promineut business man, who was in the office, jumped up at the commencement of hos-tilities and shouted, "Don't hit me! don't hit me !" Another report has it that the fight was started by the refusal of Mr. Fasig to give to Mr. Growles, who was partially intoxicated, his son's wages.

## COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

The Directors Re-cleet Prof. B. F. Shaub The directors of the several school districts of Lancaster county (outside of Lancaster and Columbia, which have local superintendents) met in the court room at 1 o'clock this afternoon, pursuant to law, to elect a county superintendent of schools for Lancaster county for the ensuing three

John M. Stehman, of East Hempfield,

was chosen chairman and B. F. Musselman, of Strasburg township and Philip Pyle, of Mount Joy borough, secretaries. The roll of directors was called over and 171 directors answered to their names. The chairman stated the object of the

convention and said he was ready to receive any motion made. John Strohm, jr., of Providence, nomi-inated Prof. B. F. Shaub, the present county superintendent for re-election There being no other nomination, a delegate moved that Prof. Shaub be elected

Prof. Shaub, interposing, said it would oe necessary to call the roll, as the election nust be by ballot.

y acclamation.

The roll was then called and Prof. Shanb was unanimously re-elected, receiving 171 Prof. Shaub made a brief speech thank-

ing the convention for the honor conferred by his re election; he had tried to perform his duties faithfully and intelligently for the past nine years, and would continue to do so. He thanked the directors for the willing assistance they had given him, for which he could never repay them.

The superintendent then made announce ments that the several district boards should at once organize, if they had not already done so and to send the county su perintendent the names of their officers for transmission to the state department; that the necessary blanks for reports would be forwarded them by the state superintendent, and, in default, the county superintendent could supply at least a portion; that the state appropria-tions were paid in the order in which the reports were received, hence there should be no delay in sending them in ; and that districts that had not received the state schools reports could receive copies by applying to No. 24 North Queen street. Prof. Shaub also announced the dates of

township examination of teachers B. K. Andrews, of Providence, made au appeal in behalf of the family of James Reese who with his son lost their lives at Mount Airy a day or two ago. His appeal secured a liberal subscription from the directors present.

Adjourned

Election of City Superintendent. At 71 o'clock this evening the board of directors of Lancaster school district will chamber to elect a city superintendent to serve for the ensuing three years.

A convention of the directors of the Columbia public schools was held this morning in the Schoch library room of the Cherry street public school building. A. into the store of Amos Hershey at Kinzers J. Meyers was elected president and C. station. They affected an entrance by placing a ladder against the warehouse before the convention was the election of which is attached to the store, and then a superintendent of the public schools.