The Reading Samson.

There is no disputing that Mr. Gower is a giant in force. Nowhere among our public men can another one be pointed to, equal to him in personal strength. The defects and the excellencies of his stand forth so efficiently as Mr. Gowen as a bulwark of defense to the Readtion is sought by a most powerful rival. It is quite safe to say that but for with like unfailing certainty. Mr. Cowen the Penasylvania railroad would control the Reading; and what that control would mean Mr. Gowen very vividly portrayed in the picture he presented of the strangled Philadelphia & Erie railroad. Mr. Gowen stands before the world the champion of his company, abandoned by the single English firm which controls one-third of its stock: and yet that firm stands conspicuously alone in opposition to the remainder of the stockholders, who sustain their president. This is a very singular situation; and its logic shows that the McCalmonts are not directed in their own interest as shareholders; for the many cannot well be wrong and only these two men be right; and that when one of the two is mentally paralyzed, and the other might be but that he is not credited with much mind to be so stricken. That the McCalmont stock is being worked in the interest of the Penn sylvania railroad, and therefore against that of the company, is a fact which obcould not be carried on without disclosing the influence behind it. All the tools are Pennsylvania tools, from Mr. Bond, the proposed president, down through all the solicitors, lawyers and agents, and even up to the supreme court, as Mr. Gowen

Boldness is one of Mr. Gowen's marked virtues. Some call it rashness; and rashness it is on the usual interpretation of the term. And yet it is such rashness as is often demonstrated by time to be no such thing. It is an honest rashness. He speaks his honest convictions : and they are generally convictions founded upon sufficient evidence. It was, for instance, apparently rash in Mr. Gowen to ors on the receiving ship Franklin and attack the Mollie Maguires who ruled other war vessels manned the rigging and the region which his railroad traversed, and had at their mercy, seemingly, all its down the stream. She will touch at St. looked upon that man." Of another phomillions of destructible property as well John's. as the lives of officers. Yet he was right; and the right triumphed; and it in 1859, after Congress adjourned, his eyes without being made worse than he really is the great victory among the many vic- remained fixed upon the dome of the capi- was; but that this likeness made him look tories of his life, and the one which will tol until it disappeared from view. "You like an old rascally, ruffian, obfuscated give him imperishable fame as it has are looking at that, I suppose," said some goose ! great confidence of all the people and return here as a senator?" "Not at all." which has greatly helped to make him the Samson he is to-day in hi: great farewell of it, knowing I shall not see it struggle with the powers arrayed against again until I am brought here a state pris-

boldly declared.

to tell to a committee of Congress that it Fort Warren. was not controlled in its decisions by its chance to catch it by the throat; as it did have and did do, lately, when it gave, by a decision of four judges to three, vitality to the election of a successor to Mr. Gowen as president, who was voted for by only a third of the stock in value, held nearly entirely by two men, one deranged, one an imbecile, and both Englishmen. To that court thus denounced by him, Mr. Gowen appealed, and apparently with a feeling of hope, when there was no hope; hopefulness of Mr. Gowen, a trait in egg culture. his character which is as precious to his company in its present desperate strait as it was disastrous to it when it ent prosperity and with strong winds against which it sank.

Probably, in the judgment of most people, it may be rashness now in Mr. fluence of the Pennsylvania railroad produced the recent four to three decision as we look at it, that just depends upon whether he is correct. His reliance is upon the people; and his way to win their support is to battle boldly, as he has always done, for the right. He need not be afraid of any supreme court when he has the people with him. never he!

And no man in all the world stands to-day, and justly stands, so strong with the people as Franklin B. Gowen. He says he will win his fight if he lives. of his household.

Look at it! He denounces the majority of the supreme court of the state mencement and delivered an address on as being corruptly influenced! What the state educational systems, on behalf of do the people say? The same?

He proclaims the corruption of the Pennsylvania railroad officials? What again do the people say? That is just what they say; and it is the universal cry that to be connected with this road faculties. At the conclusion of his speech is to be speedily rich, while a rich Read- Dr. McDougall sprang to his feet. ing officer is unknown.

AFTER a few weeks masquerading as investigators the Republicans controlled by the New Era faction abandon all pretense at an inquiry which they have never had any serious purpose of prosecuting since it was disclosed that the frauds in Jake Halbach's and Larry Burns' wards were as much more flagrant and numerous than those in Lower been said. The audience showed by its Mount Joy, as Levi Sensenig's opportunities for deviltry were greater than Harve Raymond's.

warts' defection Fostor does not expect for his noble stand in behalf a broad and go as minister to Berlin after his defeat; and that the Democrats will name and elect for governor John F. Follett, of Cincinnati, a lawyer of excellent repute.

elevated plan of education. Several of York's prominent educators were present, and at the close there was a general hand shaking and exchange of sympathy.

Henry Vogt, a shoemaker, aged 74, fell in Easton last week and injured himself severely. He was taken to the poorhouse. Last night he fell from a fourth-story window and was killed.

Two stools do not seem to accommodate Speaker Hewit any more safely than any other experimenter with such feats. For while Wolfe denounces him as an abettor of ringsters, Quay's home paper speaks of his administration as a curse to the state by reason of his incompe-

One day of hot weather brings an uncharacter are equally conspicuous, as usual crop of fatalities, and while it they are equally decided. No man could is to be noticed that the laborer and business man are stricken by the sunstroke which walketh the streets at ing railroad company in its present noontide, the small boy who takes to time of trouble, when its spolia- the water adorns the obituary columns and illustrates the Sunday school book

> PERSONAL. GEORGE ELIOT's mother is still living. at the age of ninety. She is in Hobart

WILLIAM BOUCICAULT, brother of Dion Boucicault, the dramatist, has died suddenty in a railway carriage near London. MARIE LEAVEAU, well known in the past as the Queen of the Voudous, died in New Orleans yesterday, at the age of 98 years.

Miss Rosina Emmer, who has lately ac card competitions, is a near relative of the lican, Rev. Hyatt Smith, 1; Straight-out Irish patriot, Robert Emmet.

English historian, will soon make an ex- 8; vacancies to be filled, 3. Total, 293. tensive tour of the United States, with a Both the New York vacancies will be filled view, we presume, of writing a book on by Democrats, and the Maine vacancy will this country and its characteristics.

Breakfast is served in the White House at 8:30, dinner at 2 and supper at 7. they will have 147 certain. Against that When the dinner was first changed from the Democrats have 134 certain; so that tains universal credence. The contest 5:30 it was set at 3 o'clock, but this bring- even with the two Readjusters, the eight ing it to near the supper hour it was Greenbackers, with Democratic tendenchanged to 2 o'clock.

Ruskin is now quite well again, and is concerning himself, it is said, with the orderly and decent interment of the dead cats and dogs in his own immediate neigh- ciate what they look like. The chances borhood of Coniston. The villagers throw are ten to one that if you met your exact their defunct animals into the beautiful resemblance you would not discern it. lake, and the excellent critic doesn't like The most modest people see nobody of-

Paymaster REAH FRAZER's ship, the Alliance, got under way from the Norfolk navy yard yesterday at noon and proceeded to Hampton Roads at once on her long journey to the Arctic regions. Everybody turned out to see her leave, and the sailcheered her lustily as she gracefully moved

When Hon, A.H. STEPHENS went South answered Mr. Stephens. "I am taking ouer." This was fulfilled in the latter So, too, it seemed to be rashness when part of October, 1865, when he passed Mr. Gowen drew his sword against the through the city a paroled prisoner, on his supreme court of Pennsylvania and dared way home, after spending five months in

Speaking of locomotives and railways, honest judgment of the law: for this which he personally disliked. Carlyle court, evidently, in the legal struggles in compared the age to the vision of Ezekiel's which the Reading company was precip- wheels, and gave a ludicrous description tated, would be very likely to have a of a short railway journey he had once taken with his brother, the doctor, remarking of the train: "What is it but a metallic devil? While the screaming and howling of steam-whistles were like as it a million fiends were running to and fro over the earth!" He then dec'ared, laughing heartily the while at his own grotesque exaggeration, that, if he had had only one leg, he would rather hop on it, to all eternity, than again venture on a journey by Metropolitan railway, with its nerve-edgesetting, multiform hubbob and jumble of and none would have been felt by a less noises, piercing screams, shaking, and sanguine man. And here we have a Stygian stenches. Carlyle had great becurious illustration of the unlimited lief in the profits of rearing fowls and of the moments of the inspiration. It is due

Conkling and Grant expected their political friend and wealthy and willing provider of campaign funds, JOHN H. STARIN, to vibrate or flap in the two currents of was floating on the smooth sea of appar- to be made collector in New York in the the air which enter at the same time event of any change. At the Chicago that bore it down upon the hidden reefs convention Starin occupied a splendid suite of rooms at the Grand Pacific hotel, and gave his time and money in the interest of the nomination of Gen. Grant. Gowen to pointedly declare that the in- After Garfield's nomination he, with the | well known and so unpleasant to every one other stalwarts, turned in and helped to within earshot of the placid snorer him. make his election sure. At the time of against him in the supreme court. But, the inauguration Mr. Starin, at his own fatigued self-control is relapsed, down goes expense, brought to Washington a battalon of his employees, with flags and banners, to participate in the procession and ceremonies incident to the occasion. Mr. Starin is a man of immense wealth, having patient sleeps. the ownership and control of almost the entire tugboat business of New York har-Then the judges will be crucified, but bor, and a man of remarkable business attainments. The emoluments of the col lectorship, of course, had no attraction for him, but the office wou'd have been a fine

cheese for stalwart rats to dwell in. Those who have seen the magnetic man And he certainly will. There will be nor of State Superintendent Higher can plenty of broken crockery about when well appreciate an incident which occurred the end comes, but not among the gods at the commencement of the York collegiate will wholly in the handwriting of the institute on Wednesday evening. Dr. Higbee went there from our college comwhich he argued for a better unity or consecutiveness between the different grades. entire harmony between the public schools and higher education, and the su premacy of the moral over the intellectual He gave a hearty and appreciative endorsement of the lecturer, and said that now for the first time he knew where he stood as an educator in Pennsylvania, and he was glad that in Dr. Highee our state has a superintendent of education who comes to the office not with a policy, but with convictions. He was sure that every teacher present felt strengthened and reinforced, by what had ready applause that it endorsed the endorsement. Dr. Niles followed in the same line, responding earnestly to the sen-NEWS comes that owing to the stal- timents uttered, and thanking Dr. Higbee

MINOR TOPICS. THE administration people at Albany have been distressed by detectives shadowing their rooms and have ordered the spies away from Depew's chamber door.

THE Wheeling (West Va.) Intelligences says that there is a scarcity of farm labor, male and female, in that section. Even indifferent farm hands are being paid \$15 per month and their board, and the farmere are glad to get them at that rate.

PEDDLERS of the revised New Testament do tolerably well in cities and large villages, but make hardly any sales in the country, where any alteration of the sacred book is generally regarded as awful profanation. The pious women of Welden, Iowa, chased an agent out of town.

Brave little Switzerland sets burly big England an example when it officially declares that no prohibition or compulsory inspection of American meat is justified or will be required in Switzerland. The Swiss government has met this question in a spirit of intelligence and justice which other European states might profitably imitate.

AT the present time the House is constituted as follows: Republicans, not countquired fame as the successful candidate in ling Brumm, Thirteenth Pennsylvania disnumerous decorative art and Christmas- trict, 145; Possible, but uncertain Repub-Democrats, 134 : Readjuster Democrats, Mr. EDWARD A. FREEMAN, the popular 2: Greenback members counting Brumm. be filled by a Republican. Giving the Renublicans the vote of Frye's successor. cies, and the two New York districts, or 146 in all, they are one short of a majority.

> How few people really know and appretener than themselves, and yet they cannot pass fair judgment on their own likenesses. Carlyle had his picture taken. He said : "Judges consider it the perfection of a likeness of me; but I, who for some forty years, more or less, daily performed a certain barbarous operation, although that same is given up now, and looked in a mirror on these occasions, would not know that I had ever before tograph Carlyle remarked that he was certainly shaggy enough in all conscience,

SINCE inquiry into the speculations in the federal treasury department has begun, a local carpet dealer has turned into paid him twice by the custodian of the control the Pennsylvania's aims would be treasury for one bill of goods. A retail stationer named Bradley Adams, who seems to have been a special favorite with those in charge of the contingent fund. covered into the treasury about \$700, which was paid him for file boxes that were never delivered. The fact that these two so-called discoveries of payments made without any equivalent having been rendered were not made by the persons interested until the fraud was uncovered by the investigation, is peculiarly significant. Mr. Pitney, the custodian of the treasury building, who has had immediate charge of the disbursement of the contingent fund, declined to respond to the summons of the investigating committee and give testimony touching his official transac-

DR. LEWIS H. SAYRE, of New York. makes the important announcement that snoring is a noise made in the posterior part of the mouth and nosal fossæ during to a relaxation of the levator palati mollis and the circumflexus palati in sleep, by which the velum pendulum palati is left free through the nostrils and the mouth. Besides the vibration of the velum pendulum palati or soft palate, there is also a vibration of the column of air itself. Thus is produced the rasping, snorting noise so self. When a man-or a woman-is the lower jaw and the palate flaps like a sheet in the wind. Snoring is a habit and if it cannot be broken off any other way let the jaw be strapped up when the

CAREFUL research for the simplest will ever sustained as sufficient has brought none to light briefer than the following : "NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 15th, 1859.

" Mrs. Sophie Loper is my heiress, "G. EHRENBERG." This was in a real case admitted as a will. True, there were no witnesses: but the law of the state (Louisiana) allowed a maker to be received without witnesses, his autograph being deemed proof that he intended the contents. It is also true that there was a lawsuit; and Mrs. Loper might perhaps have failed to receive the bequest if there had not been other memoranda, which the court said removed any doubt whether Ehrenberg considered that he was making a will. The judges thought that the words "is my heiress" fairly showed a desire that Mrs. Loper should have the writer's property after his death. This is the essential element of a will-a deliberate intent to dispose of one's property after death.

STATE ITEMS.

The high water in the Susquehanna has pox the first death from that disease for many years in Norristown. Other cases are

GOWEN. HIS SECOND TALK.

Expecing Entirend, State and Municipal Corruption.

To an immense audience in the Philadelphia Academy of Music last night Mr. Gowen was introduced by General Patterson, and after the roars of applause with which he was greeted had subsided he plunged directly into his talk. He said that the future prosperity of the city of Philadelphia, in addition to the development of the state, could be better pre-served, improved and enlarged by develop-ment within the state than by anything else. If a Chinese wall could be built around the state and all of its products turned into the city, Philadelphia would be twice as big as New York. Every dollar of capital of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad was invested in the state, while \$36,000,000 of the Pennsyl vania railroad company's capital was invested out of the state. The policy of the Reading railroad was to benefit Philadelphia, but the policy of the Pennsylvania railroad was not only to sacrifice Pennsylvania in order to secure western lines, but also to secure avenues of transportation in this state for no other business than to prevent business being done which would inure to the benefit of the state. The case of the Sunbury & Erie road was a notable example. This road had been built for the prosperity of the state; it had been seized by a great corporation and rendered of no account. Why? Behave stricken down certain pet industries which the ring that conducts the Pennsylvania company conducts for its own The speaker went on at length to asser

that the sole aim of the Pennsylvania railroad was to divert the trade of Philadelphia to New York, and numerous statistics of the oil, coal and grain trades were ad-duced in support of the argument. "What is the policy of the Pennsylvania?" he asked. "Why, to develop the West, to give to New York capitalists the cream of Pennsylvania products, and to bring here the barren husks of the West for shipment to Europe. And what do her Western efforts in favor of Philadelphia amount to? Why, one great manufacturing establish. ment like the Baldwin works is worth more to the city than all the foreign trade she

has ever brought us. "What is the moral and what is our duty?" Mr. Gowen went on to say. "Our duty is to strive to win back a portion of that trade which has been given up in favor of this fleeting chimera of Western trade, to develop the untouched portions of the state and to foster and encourage the industeries of Philadelphia, The Reading railroad would have done much in this direction had it not been obstructed by the Pennsylvania railroad, which is pulling the wires for the puppets who are parading themselves as saviours of the road. I have called you here to-night, because I believe that the Reading road is in danger of being captured by the Pennsylvania. It is not so much my business as yours. I say it because I believe it; because of the signs of the times : because we have circumstantial evidence so strong that no man can doubt : because it is to to the Pennsylvania road that I owe all the reverses with which I have had to struggle. Its directors have refused us aid; the counsel in the re- tic railroad to South Atlantic City, was emissaries; its subordinates have boasted the treasury \$343, that sum having been that when the new management came into plete it as soon as possible.

> Mr. Gowen then alluded to the newspapers in general terms, saying that with one or two exceptions they had said all that they could against him, and one that had been very bitter, he was glad to see, had become civil. The Ledger he mentioned by name, stating that there were many reasons why Mr. Childs should be against him. One reason in particular was Mr. Childs's respect for titled persons. An earl being at the head of a committee of foreign bond and stockholders, Mr. Childs could not help going for that side, and this was not to be wondered at, as he had perhaps had it represented to him that that would be the winning side. Mr. Gowen said, however, that he had engaged a friend of his in London to speak to a marquis, if the case became desperate, to take sides with him : and a marquis being higher than an earl Mr. Childs would have strong inducements to come over. But as a still stronger inducement to Mr. Childs he had thought of enlisting a prince on his side, and a prince Mr. Childs certainly could not resist. There was another reason that might have excited the ill feeling of Mr. Childs, and that was his rivalry with him in writing obituary poetry. He said that he had prepared a stanza relat-ing to himself which Mr. Childs had heard of, and since then he had become jealous. The speaker then repeated the verses as

"Affliction sore long time he bore, The deferred bonds were in valu; Two decrees of court were against him, And this relieved him of his pain, Gone but not forgotten."

"The recent decision of the supreme court, " said the speaker, "is another evidence of the Pennsylvania's influence, 1 do no like to criticise the motive of the court in its four-to-three decision, but when men of the eminence of Judges Sharswood and Trunkey say that the de cision is not law, it is no contempt of court to say here, as I say elsewhere, that there s only one power in the state which can control the utterances of the court. You know who that is without my naming it. I say that the Pennsylvania railroad is at the bottom of the whole thing."

The concluding portion of the address was devoted to the consideration of what the speaker described as "three gigantic evils," viz: "The unjust acquisition of evils," viz: "The unjust acquisition of wealth on the part of railroad officials; the unjust discrimination in rates in favor of particular individuals, companies or firms, and the corrupt control of political power by corporations and their officers. He said he cared not whom he offended he intended to speak plainly. He had been cautioned against uttering his senti-ments, and told that even if what he said were true the Pennsylvania people ple were powerful. He cared nothing for such advice; for the property of the Reading and every other corporations was in greater danger to-day from the evils enumerated than from anything else under the sun : but if in the game for wealth railroad men played with loaded dice, if they laid their hands upon a certain amount of money out of every transaction, if they corrupted Legislatures, if they went in league with all that was bad and evil in the community, they did more harm than an army marching under devastating banners. Not a man in the employ of the Reading office had ever feathered his nest at the expense of the company, but how with the people across Willing's alley? Why, just to get inside of their vestibules was to get rich. It was with shame that he confessed that no state had suffered from political corrupgreatly improved bass fishing at Harrisburg, and the shad question gets a rest.

Mrs. Jacob R. Evans has died from small
Mrs. Jacob R. Evans has died from small-Penusylvania. From the repeal of the tonnage tax law up to a few years ago it owned the Legislature; its members were paid in yellow envelopes, The Schuylkill region produced 96,358 tons of anthracite last week, a falling off of 76,410 tons of the previous week and the places where they were paid were known. The time would come, however, 8,986 tons on the corresponding week of last year.

when this corrupt corporation would be overwhelmed in the ruins of a popular earthquake. To-day was a day of discussion; to-morrow might be a day of action and retribution. God help them if the tempest overwhelmed them.

Mr. Gowen was repeatedly cheered dur-

ing his speech, and at its close received quite an oyation.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. A heavy white frost prevailed in Che nango county, N. Y., last night. The Iowa Democrats name L. G. Kinne for governor.

The rejection by the Bundesrath of the accident insurance bill, introduced by Prince Bismarck, is regarded as certain. Hugh Duane and Miss Mary O'Neill were drowned on Lower Saranac lake, New

n the Ohio, were drowned yesterday.

At Albany yesterday a shaft pierced and killed the horse American Boy, who had a 2:131 record. Commission of Pensions Bentley resigns and Marshall W. W. Dudley of Indiana,

takes his place. Jeremiah Lonsover, an Englishman, had his head severed from his body by a westbound freight train on the Pennsylvania railroad at Dean's station, N. J.

In New Orleans vesterday there were four more deaths by sun-stroke, making 10 so far this week. It was the hottest day for eight years.

The bey of Tunis has appointed a person who for many years has been his buffoon to the posts of president of the municipality and administrator of religious corpora-The sloop yacht Silence, which leaves

New York Saturday, 18th instant, per steamer Louisiana, for New Orleans, to sail a match race for \$5,000, capsized Wednesday afternoon, during her trial trip. The Adams white lead works, near Balimore, were burned yesterday. Loss

\$75,000; insurance, \$37,500. The fire is supposed to have resulted from the spontaneous combustion of linseed oil. Basebali: At Providence-Chicago Providence 4. At New York-Metropol itan 9, New York 6. At Troy—Troy 3, Cleveland 1. At Worcester—Worcester

15, Buffalo 4. Edward Gilroy, of Scott, an exper swimmer, was drowned at Scull's pond. In attempting to swim across, the pond, a distance of half a mile, he was taken with a cramp.

Elam Quicksell, aged fifteen, a son of William Quicksell, a prominent citizen, has disappeared mysterously from Pottstown. relegraphic inquiries throughout the state have as yet brought no news as to his whereabouts

E. P. Cutler & Co., iron dealers of Boston, have suspended, with liabilities between \$600.000 and \$700.000. The unsecured creditors are in New York and Pennsylvania and mostly furnaces. The firm will pay 80 per cent A despatch to the London News, from

Geneva reports that a Russian socialist. who escaped from Siberia, has reached Switzerland. There is only one other instance of a political prisoner escaping from Nellie Martin, infant daughter of Robert

Martin, who was shot by her father at the Milton and Dante. same time the mother was shot, has died in Newark, N. J. Martin has been committed to await the result of a coroner's inquest.

cent litigation were these affiliated with it; commenced yesterday morning, with a ciety man becomes nobler and better. But the London agents of the litigants are its force of fifty men. It is the intention of when kept in bondage and from free comthe Camden & Atlantic company to com-In Dallas, Texas, the body of a murdered infact was found in the city suburbs wrapped up in cloth and the skull crushed.

It is believed the child was illegitimate and that the mother and her paramour are the guilty persons. Prince Alexander has received unexpected aid in his war with Bulgarian radcalism, 20,000 citizens of Vrrtza, an im-

portant town of Southern Bulgaria, hav-

ng declared their approval of his demand of uncontrolled power of seven years. The doctors of Pennsylvania who practice for money, under the new law of Pennsylvania are obliged to register their names in the prothonotary's office, when and where they graduated, how long they practiced medicine and the place where born. Failing in this any doctor can be

convicted of a misdemeanor and fined and imprisoned. D. T. Lawson, of Wellsville, Ohio, successfully exploded a steam boiler at Meenhall farm, accomplishing what scientists have never before done. The boiler was feet by 30 inches, and made of iron of 624 tensile strength, and was blown to atoms at 280 pounds pressure of steam. The boiler was three-fourths full of water, which was eight inches above the fire line.

A north-bound passenger train picked up a white man named N. O. Todd, 10 miles from South Canadian, Indian Territory, with a shot through his leg. which was broken. He was walking on the track. when he saw a man sitting near the track with a gun. After getting past he heard him cock his gun, but when in the act of firing the man struck his gun down, badly shattering Todd's leg.

WRECKING A TRAIN. Lives Lost on the Schuyizill & Lehigh R. H An accident occurred yesterday on the Schuylkill & Lehigh railroad to a passenger train, at a curve near Lenhartsville, which resulted in the death of Charles Mathews, the fireman, and the serious injury of John Herbine, the engineer.

The cause of the accident was a log several feet in circumference, which had been placed on the road with the evident design of wrecking the passenger train while on its way from Slatington to Reading. One end of the log had been thrust under one of the iron rails, and the other end rested on the opposite rail of the track, which prevented the log from being thrown to one side, and it completely wrecked the train. The engine ran off the track, with all the cars, which were de-molished by a load of iron rails that had been placed on a freight car and attached the rear of the passenger train. Shortly after the accident some person residing in the vicinity of the dent searched for the body of Mathews. After a long and continuous search they found it under the engine, covered with mud. The body was horribly crushe and scalded by escaping steam. Several passengers were also killed, but owing to the excitement their condition and names cannot be learned. The wreckers of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad are upon the scene of the accident, clearing away the debris, and making the tracks passable for trains. The fireman, Mathews, is a resident of Reading, aged 33 years and leaves a wife and family. He was also a clergyman for the past eight years; was a delegate to the convention of the American Protestant association, which was in session at Philadelphia last week. No arrests have as yet been made. Nothing is known as to who the guilty parties are that placed the piles upon the track for the purpose of causing a terrible accident to life and property.

Painful Accident

Yesterday Henry H. Good, residing a No. 226 Middle street, was sitting down with a ring lying on his knee, and was working at it with a long ice pick, with a point like a large needle. He placed this point on the ring and then struck the pick with his hand. It slipped off the ring and ran into his leg near the knee a distance of several inches. The wound was very painful and Mr. Good fainted several times. Dr. King attended him and he is confined to bed to-day.

COMMENCEMENT.

TERMINATION OF THE EXERCISES Graduating Orations in the Opera House—Diplomas and Dogrees— Fraternity Banquets Last Night.

The audience assembled in the opera house; yesterday afternoon to hear the termination of the commencement exercises of Franklin and Marshall college, partially reported in our issue of yesterday, was considerable larger than Three boys in Philadelphia; two at Cinat the morning session, the auditorium being the being well filled by a cultured audience. At half-past two the orchestra played an the gentlemen of the board of trustees, overture, "San Souci" (Kanla), after the president and mombers of the faculty, which the salutatory orator, Albert D. the citizens of Lancaster, the undergrad-Elliot, York, Pa., was introduced. The subject of his address was "Continuous Development as an Element in Human Nature." He prefaced his remarks by a cordial welcome to all inviting their kind by criticism. Man's very na-ture, declared the speaker, calls for im-provement. His development has been certain and progressive. Christianity and intelligence are the most potent factors of man's development. Prejudice and false conservatism retard his development. But it is not man's destiny to become perfect. As he develops, the goal seems ever to advance. One generation profits from the exertions of the last, and thus is the deexertions of the last, and thus is the development of man continuous. With this M. D.; Geo W. Geiser, of Easton; Prof. indefinite improvement of man, it is evi- J. E. Kershner, of the faculty, Rev. dent that innumerable triumphs await Thos. A. Fenstermaker, of Catasauqua; him; triumphs not only over nature, but over himself. In the development of humanity the time will come when man will Pa. shun all vices and meet the requirements of duty and religion; a time when man will remember that humanity is a brother-

and Education"-Morris B. Reber, Reading, Pa. Nine-tenths of the degradation that exists in this world can be ascribed to the ignorance in which the multitude is shrouded. It therefore follows that every advance made toward the removal of illiteracy must have a tendency also to reduce the number of crimes Here we see the sublime purpose of a true educa-tion—to soften, and mollify, and purify these wicked tendencies, to cultivate the mind and infuse into the human soul principles of honor and justice. There is nothing so beneficial in alleviating the cvils of society as a liberal and extended moral culture that will elevate the tone of the

Music-Highland Echoes-Waltzes (Danarre).

Oration-"Genius, Ideal and Real"-A. M. Schmidt, Hanover, Pa. Genius is the expression of a life, not borrowed from nature, but inspired by God himself. When this life is properly directed it becomes noble, sublime; but when it is mis used, it causes men to shudder, tremble and turn from it with a feeling of mingled fear and pity. As examples of this the orator cited the careers of Casar and Bonaparte, and in the paths of literature held up the lives and works of Lord Byron and George Eliot as in striking contrast with those of Wordsworth.

Oration-"Society as a Factor in Culture"-W. H. Bridenbaugh, Martinsburg, Pa. Man's social nature in every phase of the world's history stands out as one of sublime factors in human culture. In somunication with his fellow men his mind weakens, becomes narrow and incapable of grasping high and nobe thought. Human nature is governed by the same beautiful law that causes the plant to depend upon certain conditions for growth and expansion into the stately tree. When nations learn to appreciate fully the advantages of social relations, and are bound together by a universal bond of sympathy and love, then will the conviction be forced upon all men that the whole of social culture is embraced in the beautiful words of the great Founder of Christianity: "Do unto others as you would that others should do unto you."

Music-Selection from Boccaccio (Sup-

Franklin Oration (second honor)-"Progress"-Francis E. Bucher, Sunbury, Pa. The relation of the great factors in human society, radicalism and converva tism, was discussed at length. The many theories of progress have enveloped it in greater darkness, but even in the darkest days of history, society has never suffered a retrogression. It has always tended towards a perfection never before attained. Its strides are seen in the direction of science, philosophy and religion Now man revels in a wider theatre of art and invention than ever before The Bible is our charter of freedom. The morning star of a millennial dawn is now above the horizen. The glorious day will soon appear when all be virture and truth, and "equality of rights shall be the first of rights."

Marshall Oration (first honor)-"Milton als Dichter" (Milton as a Poet)-Ellwood L. Kemp, Hamburg, Pa. This was de livered in the German tongue, and the following abstract is given:

Drei Namen stehen unzertrennlich miteinander verbunden als die heehsten in der epischen Dichtkunst, Homer, Virgil, und Milton. Milton ist der Repraesentant der neuen epischen Dichkunst, und steht durch wesentliche Characteristiken von den ersten sogenaunten classischen Dichtern deutlich abgesonoert. Die Iliade und die Aeneide enstanden aus dem mytischen Polytheismus und den Heldenthaten der Greichen und Trojaner; das Verlorne Paradies aus der hocheren christlichen Cultur und den Thaten des wahren Gottes selbst und der himmlischen Helden. Dieses betrifft das ganze Menschen-geschlecht fur alle Zeit, jene nur zwei Nationen die schon vor Jahrhunderten dahinschwanden.

Als Kapitel in den Geschichten der Griechen und Romer sine die zwei alte Gedichte mit dem Ganzen verbunden und nicht vællig und kaestlich abgesondert. Das Verlorne Paradies allein ist ein wahres Kunstwerk, denn dieses allein hat eine Einleitung, einen Hauptbestandtheil, und

Die Iliade lief von einer Naturquelle der Poesie: die Aeneide zeigt schon mehr Bildung; aber das neue Gedicht entdeckt ein Genie das nicht enspringt wie das ihrige aus dem frohen Muth, der kaenen Einbild ungskraft, und dem Glaubigen Herz der Jugend, aber das Genie jener altern Zeit nach dem verstendigen Wahrheitsfor-schungen wann die hohe Vernunft und eine bekræftige Einbildungskraft sich

vereinen Milton's Dichtung ist hechst erhaben and majestaetisch, aber die Scheenheit und die Zaertlichkeit des lyrischen Dichters fehlen nicht. Sein Versbau ist ausserordentlich wohlklingend und majestaetisch, und stimmt immer mit den Inhalt uberein. Seine Redefiguren sind auserwachlt mit dem feinsten Geschmack. Viele Stellen deuten auf die alten Dichter hin, aber Nachahmer war er nicht. Wie ein Juwelier nahm er die auserlesenten Edelsteine die sich darboten, aber bildete sie nach seinem eignen Wohlgefallen.

Kuntswerk den Menschen noch gegeben. Es ist ein gotischer Tempel von Gotterhanden aus dem reinsten Marmor gebaut Seine Thurmspitzen erheben sich hoch gen Himmel empor, und alle Einzelheiten sind classich sehen bearbeitst. Durch die Fenster sehen wir gruene Matten und laechelnde Baeche, und in dem Aller-heiligsten desselben wird uns der hoechste Himmel and der tiefste Abgrund der Hælle geoffenbart.

Music-Siege of Paris (Ripley). Valedictory-Calvin B. Heller, Danville

Pa. In spiritual development it is neces. sary that men be taught rigid views of life and right habits of thought. This development can only be obtained by the having for their object the culture of the mind for its own sake; rooted and grounded in a system of philosophy, which in its turn flows from a right and just concep tion of the being and attributes of God, and from a clear understanding of His will and purpose. Such is the spirit and such the character, that we claim for Frankin and Marshall, and the speaker here paid a high tribute to the character of the institution with which the class '81 now severs its relation as students. Addressing successively

torian pronounced the parting words. Music—Racquet (Simmons).

President Apple, on behalf of the constituted authorities of the college, presented to each member of the graduating class a diploma, accompanying the act with a few fitting words of admonition and advice. He also announced the conferring of the following degrees: The honorary degree of A. M. on D. MeN. Stauffer, son of the late J. Stauffer, of this city, and an old student of the college, and on Prof. Henry F. Leister, principal of the Phonixville high school; the degree of A, M. in course Rev. Edwin A. Gernant, of Leesport, Pa., and P. H. Bridenbaugh, of Martinsburg

uates and his classmates, the valedic-

The audience was dismissed with a ben-

ediction by Dr. Apple.
All of the orators distinguished them selves by the character of their composi tions and the graceful style of delivery which marked their efforts. Floral rewards and other testimonials of regard were very liberally bestowed by appreciative friends in the audience.

PRATERNITY BANQUETS.

The Delta Tau Delta at Power's. The "Delta Taus," one of the most flourishing of the college fraternities, though one of the youngest, held its ban-quet at Capt. H. H. Power's City hotel last night, and nearly thirty of them gathered around a table spread for that number in the dining rooms of this hostel-rie, now so celebrated for the taste, the excellence and the affluence of its cuisine. The boys sat down to supper at 10 o'clock. The banquet hall was tastefully trimmed with flowers, evergreens and flags; and the table was claborately decorated with festal picces, most conspicuous being the large cake, presented by Captain Power to the chapter, and baked and decorated with emblems of the fraternity by Boettuer, the confectioner. The menu for the occasion was as follows :

MENU . I. Sour—Clam, Consomme, II. Assecon Overras—on half-shell with Lemon.

111. Spring Lame—Mint Sauce, with Claret Jelly; Green Peas, New Potatoes. Cucumber Salad, Lobster Salad.

1V. Spring Chicken—Saratoga Chips, Sifeed IV. Spring Chicken IV. Spring Chick omatoes, Tea Biscuit, Compôte de-strawber

V. SWEET BREADS-Au Cruton, with Cream Gravy, Baked Potatoes, Buttered Beets, Gherkins, Pincapple Preserves.
VI. Fot-De-Vrau—Ham, Champagne Sauce, Sfewed Tomatoes, Potato Salad, Chow-Chow. VII. Froos—with Oyster Dressing, Roef Tongue, with Tomato

Pressing, Chicken Salad.

VIII. PASTRY—II. II. Power's Emblem Cake to Chapter Tau, White Mountain Cake, Chocolate Meringue, with Orange Preserves, Fitteenth Amendment Cake, Marble Cake, Lerson Jelly Cake, Mixed Cakes, Gelatin, Blanc Mange, Pincapple Too Cream Strandard Mange, Pincapple Ice Cream, Strawberry Water Ice.

1X. DESSERT—Strawberries, Oranges, Banan-as, Crackers and Cheese, French Coffee and Tea, Milk and Ice Tea, Claret Punch.

Between the discussion of these subjects and the following literary programme, it was no wonder that the merry company never adjourned until 2:20 a. m. :

Our Annual Banquets and their Benefits "
Bro. Frank S. Elliot 

The committee in charge was composed of Morris B. Reber, A. C. Hottenstein, T. N. Reiter, Roderick P. Cobb.

Among the guests present, besides the active membership of the chapter, were, Rev. D.H. Geissinger, of New York; Rev. S. F. Driesbach, Shrewsbury, York county; J. Harry Geisinger, Huntingdon, Pa; A. B. Rieser, Reading, Pa; William A. Miller, York Pa: Chas W. Levan, Pricetown Pa : Ben. F. Bausman, Laneaster; Frank S. Elliot, York Pa; and Daniel Gibbons, of Pusey, Jones & Co., of Wilmington Delaware.

The Cht Phis. About thirty member of the Chi Phi, a number of them visitors to the local chapter, had a banquet at the Cooper house, spread in excellent style by the proprietors of that ever popular hostelrie. Following were the bills of fare for the banquet and the "feast of reason and flow of soul":

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

lection of officers.

MESU. A. B. Gloninger.

Toust—"The Quarterly,".....M. L. Zweizig.
Farewell addresses by Graduates.

Oysters on half-shell. Spring Chickens, Stuffed Veal, Stuffed Lamb, Cream Sauce, Wine Sauce. ENTREES—Deviled Crabs, Soft-shell Crabs, A a Americaine, Worcestershire Sauce. Cold Disess—Baked Ham, Beet Tongue,

orn Beet, Champagne Sauce, Lobster Salad Mustard Sauce, Breast of Lamb, with Mint Vegerables—Potatoes (ala Saratoga), To-natoes (sliced), Salad, Eggs and Vinegar. Relisses—Catsup, Pickles, Olives, Worcesershire Sauce.

DESSERT—Ice Cream, Strawberries and Cream, Fruits, Raisins, Almonds.

Cakes, Iced Tea, Coffee and Wines.

Songs composed by E. B. Rogers, of Lambda; H. W. P. Hodson, of Upsilon, and F. R. Eshleman, of Zeta, were sung.

DOWN THE RIVER.

Cows Killed for Washingtonians. Passenger engine No. 194, on the C. & P. D. railroad, struck two cows one afternoon last week. The first one, which was the property of Mr. Jacob Shultz, of this lace, was struck at the upper end of town by the train going south, and in-stantly killed. The other, the property of Mr. Martin Miner, was struck about half a mile south by the same train going north, and had both legs brken. She had to be killed.

Mr. Jos. K. Shultz is the owner of a cow of rare merit. She produces from seven to eight pounds of butter every week, besides the milk that is used in the family. But last week she produced eight pounds of butter and three quarts of cream which were sold during the week. in addition to what milk was required for family use. And then she gets very little more than what she finds for herself. She is a "thoroughbred Democratic cow," owned by a "thoroughbred Democrat." No wonder, then!

The business of shad fishing ended on Wednesday It had virtually ended last Thursday on account of the high river, but