

**Lancaster Intelligencer.**

SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 25, 1881.

**About Fools and Asses.**

The other day in the English Parliament a couple of the barons interchanged in a brief way their opinions of one another. Sir William Vernon Harcourt said to Lord Randolph Churchill, across the floor of the House, "You little ass;" to which Lord Randolph responded, "You damned fool." That is a style of remark in a legislative assembly with which we are quite familiar on this side of the water, but then our legislators are not lords. If Sir William and Lord Randolph are to be believed, a legislator may be an ass or a fool, even though he be a knight; but he certainly ought not to be even though he is. A country to be well governed ought not to be ruled by fools and asses; and it would be a most excellent thing if they could be eliminated from among the law-makers. We are not advised that the Parliament took any notice of the allegations of Sir William and Lord Randolph against each other; no committee was raised to inquire into their truth; and yet clearly it ought to have been investigated. Perhaps the fellow members of Lord Randolph and Sir William did not feel qualified to decide what constituted a fool or an ass, or feared that an elimination of them would leave the English without any Parliament to speak of. It would be a grand discovery for the people if some means could be devised of keeping foolish men out of their Legislatures; for somehow it is just the place that they seem most successful in getting into.

We are sure the people of these states are most heartily tired of the silly performances so repeatedly exhibited in our representative assemblies. We in Pennsylvania have a lively realization of the fact that wisdom does not dwell among our lawmakers. Sensible men when they come together to legislate seem to be stricken with folly, and exhibit themselves as though entirely devoid of good temper and good sense. How sick they make us always while they sit and how glad we are when they find their differences irreconcilable.

There is a current impression that even a United States senator may be a fool; and State Senator Madden, of New York, was taken to task the other day by a friend of Conkling's for expressing such an opinion of him. He, however, declared that he had not said Senator Conkling was a fool, only that he was foolish; and he contended there was a big difference. No doubt there is. The old Bible declares that he who calls his brother a fool is in danger of hell fire; and we do not know that the new Bible has altered this law in changing the name of the abode of the damned. But there is no punishment prescribed for those who declare their brothers to be foolish, even though they are never anything else, sleeping or waking. Senator Madden therefore may be put down as a man of sound discrimination and a very excellent legislator: for no quality is more valuable to a representative of the people than the faculty of saying just what ought to be said—no more and no less. Lord Randolph Churchill would have been repudiated had he charged that he was an ass if he had replied to Sir William "you are habitually foolish." He would have shown that he was a Christian gentleman, with a correct understanding of the value of words, withal. Sir William, of course, was entirely inaccurate in telling Lord Randolph that he was a little ass; he might have truthfully said that he possessed the attributes of a little ass, if that is what he meant to say; and if he knows of any essential difference in the moral traits of little and big asses. On the whole it would seem that a legislator of fine discrimination, like Senator Madden, might do a good missionary work in England; and we hope to see him receive the English mission.

**No Compromise.**

People who are speculating upon the presence of Grant and Garfield, at Long Branch at the same time, and with Collector Thomas Murphy there as a go-between, as indicative of a compromise of the Republican factions, do not seem to properly estimate the nature and extent of their differences. If Mr. Conkling was making a struggle for the election of some one in New York to represent his interests merely, a compromise might be patched up, as in this state, by the selection of senators whom each side had reason to feel confident it could claim as its own in any critical juncture. But in New York it must be Conkling or nobody for the short term, and Platt's election is involved in his own. Anything short of this is a defeat for him and he knows it. He no doubt measured all this when he resigned, and though the support accorded him has fallen far short of his expectations, he must fight to the bitter end to prevent the election of any other Republican than himself. Though in a minority of his own party he has received moral and political reinforcement in the exposure of the means taken to defeat him. The attempted bribery with money of members for the corporation candidate and the tender of offices from the federal administration for votes against Conkling have helped him without doubt. Moreover, there is a growing conviction in his own party that Garfield missed his confidence. There is a strong element of blame in it, who are as much opposed to Blaine as to Conkling—those like Wayne MacVeagh for example—who would have been glad, and did try, to bring these two elements together, but having failed they do not hold Garfield altogether guiltless of responsibility for the miscarriage. They believe Garfield is too much influenced by Blaine and that this influence seduced him into trying to Conkling to serve Blaine. Mr. Conkling feels that those

who hold this balance of power will not throw it against him, and he is not the man to compromise so long as he can maintain a dead lock.

**MINOR TOPICS.**

**BRETHREN**, stop passing around that prescription for strawberry shortcake. The season is over.

**ABYSSINIA** and the United States, said a speaker at a church conference in Chicago are the only two Christian countries that tolerate polygamy.

**EIGHTY** thousand acres of land have been secured between Jaffa and Jerusalem with the purpose of establishing a colony there where the Jews who are persecuted in Europe may find a refuge.

**"THE** Greek government has given an order that the Bible shall be read in the public schools in the ancient and not in the modern tongue. This introduces the Greek testament into 1,200 schools, which contain 80,000 pupils.

**EMERSON** on immortality. "Higher than the question of our duration, is the question of our deserving. Immortality will come to such as are fit for it, and he who would be a great soul in future, must be a great soul now. It is a doctrine too great to rest on any man's experience but our own. It may be proved, if at all, from our own activity and designs, which imply an interminable future for their play."

**THE** British revisers of the New Testament were exceedingly punctual in their attendance on the meetings of the company. Out of the 407 meetings Bishop Elliott attended 405 times. Some others reached also a very high standard, and of those who attended more than three-fourths of the whole series of meetings, the number amounted to fully one-third of the whole company.

**The Erie Observer**, Dem., published where a superstitious judge was to have been provided, has "not been able to see much in Gov. Hoyt's official career that has commended him to our approval, but his veto of the judicial appointment Mr. Hill is an act that will do much to atone for the faults of the past, and restore him in the confidence of the people."

**THE** young men in the divinity school at Yale who make a specialty of Hebrew have made their appearance before a critical world as revisers of the Old Testament. Their first effort is a revision of the Prophecy of Habakkuk, which is very suitable for experimenting on, as it contains only three chapters. Their work is now distributed that it may be criticized, should it meet with general favor, they intend to proceed with more of the Old Testament books, possibly completing their work ahead of the regular revisers.

**The** people of New Guinea have always been reckoned among the most troublesome to missionaries and the most difficult to convert. A missionary party of thirteen recently fell into the hands of a mob of natives in the Maresy district. The cruel natives slaughtered all except the Rev. Mr. Berwick. No offense had been given to those blood-thirsty wretches; and the only explanation of Mr. Berwick can give is that they were actuated by a desire to commit malicious mischief.

**ALL** profits from the sale of the Oxford edition of the revised New Testament go to the University Press publishers, who at the outset, in lieu of the copyright, guaranteed all expenses to the revisers. The English committee gave the amount of their expenses at \$100,000, and this was paid them for their labor. The American committee have not received, and never expected to receive, their traveling expenses or any other expenses from the University Press publishers or any other parties on the other side of the water. Their expenses were defrayed by the donations of friends of the work on this side, and the committee gave their time and labor without compensation.

**DR. COOPER**, of Pittsburgh, Penn., proceeds to London this summer as the representative and delegate of the homeopathic practitioners of the United States. It appears that the homeopaths of this country are not satisfied with the Encyclopaedia Britannica, whose American edition has obtained a large circulation, and propose, through Dr. Cooper, to enter an official protest against its continued publication in that repository of information, and to insist upon its correction in substantial particulars. It is claimed that the article is written from an entire partisan point of view, in the interest of the old, or so-called allopathic, school of practice; that many of its statements are untrue and one-sided, and that an encyclopaedia intended to give information, without regard to the conflicting schools of medicine, has no right to allow partisan bias to creep into its articles.

**DEAN** STANLEY a few days ago preached before a crowded congregation in Westminster Abbey, and referred incidentally to the revision of the New Testament. For the first time, he said, an attempt has been made, imperfect though it was, to reach the original meaning of the sacred words; and never before had the English nation the same opportunity of arriving at a faithful rendering. Discoveries had been made since the previous authorized version which imparted to the new version a charm that none of its predecessors possessed. The version of the sacred text now published enforces a lesson which his hearers were always apt to forget, which formerly was forgotten altogether, and which they were always the better for learning and perpetuating with constantly increasing interest—namely, the truth that the Scriptures—that inspiration—consists not in the letter but in the spirit, not in a part but in the whole, not in a particular passage but in the general tendency and drift of the complete words. The new version was not altogether unworthy of the attention which it had been received.

**The** centennial anniversary of the first mass mail in Connecticut will be celebrated in St. Peter's Catholic church, Hartford, Sunday. The first mass was a celebration by the chaplain of the French army under Count de Rochambeau, on the occasion of a halt at Hartford on the march from Providence to join Washington on the Hudson. Great preparations are making for the observance of the event.

**PERSONAL.**

**D. G. EHELMAN**, esq., leaves to-day for Georgetown, Col.

**Mrs. FRAZER** and Miss FRAZER go to Ocean City, Md., next Monday.

**GRANT** has made the regular announcement that he is not a candidate for the presidential nomination in 1884.

**ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS** will deliver oration at the commencement of the University of Georgia this season, that university being his alma mater.

**WM. P. BRINTON**, esq., of Lancaster, is at present enjoying the beautiful natural scenery of Upper Chester county, and the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson, of Honeybrook township.

**Ex-Senator SPENCER** is to be put into the postoffice department, ex-Senator Patterson should be hunted up and given another chance for "a few years more of good stealing."

**Senator LAMAR**, of Mississippi, and Colonel J. T. Preston, of Virginia, were honored with the degree of LL. D. by the Washington and Lee university at the commencement of that institution at Lexington on Wednesday.

**In** the suit for divorce brought by AGNES ROBERTSON BOUTICAULT against Dion Bouticault, Judge Donohue yesterday, in the supreme court of New York, fixed the wife's temporary alimony at \$200 per year and \$500 counsel fee for the plaintiff's attorney.

**MR. WILLIAM M. SINGLER** sold to the People's passenger railway company of Philadelphia the controlling interest he held for several years in the German-town passenger railway company, consisting of the Fourth and Eighth streets and Girard avenue lines. The amount of stock owned by Mr. Singler was 13,309 shares, and the price agreed upon was \$100 a share, making the price paid \$1,330,900.

**H. T. HELMBOLD**, the well-known druggist, about whose mental condition so much has been said in the newspaper during the past few years, was taken while in Peck's drug store, Philadelphia, and brought to the hospital for the insane at Norristown. His wife and three children are at his residence, in New York, and ignorant of his incarceration. Mr. Helmbold protests against "the outrage."

**In** Chicago a death-bed marriage took place yesterday between Miss EUGENIA BLAIR, of the Grand opera-house company, and Mr. FORREST ROBINSON, at the residence of the dying bride's mother. A short time since Miss Blair met with an accident in St. Paul by being thrown from a buggy, from the effects of which she has gradually been growing weaker until her situation is considered so critical that recovery is despaired of by her physician and friends.

**MISSING SINCE SEPTEMBER LAST.**

**A** boy's skeleton found in a ravine, and a Farmer Arrested.

About two years ago Hiram L. Smith, of Broome, a Scholastic county, N. Y., took a town paper, a boy about 10 years old, to work for him. On Sunday, Sept. 12, 1880, Smith and the boy went to look after some sheep, and the boy did not return. Smith said at the time that he had left the lad in the field. A search was instituted by the villagers, but no traces of the boy could be found. On Sunday last, as Cyrus Nickerson was on his way across lots to church, he ran across the skeleton of a boy, on the north side of a ravine near Smith's farm. In a few minutes he had the villagers at the spot. The remains were identified as those of the lost boy. Coroner Zell held an inquest, and in its close statement was arrested. Smith's sworn statement was in substance as follows:

"I sent the boy to watch the sheep. There was not water enough in the stream to drown him, nor was the ravine deep enough to injure him by falling into it. The ball in the field was a coil of rope, and he had no theory as to how he came to his death."

The impression is that in whipping the boy Smith gave him a blow that proved fatal; that the boy was then concealed, and the last fresh evidence is that Smith is a well-to-do farmer, six feet in height, and a broad-shouldered muscular man. He has a light complexion, sandy whiskers, and one eye deformed by an accident in early life. It is that several times since the disappearance of the boy, Smith and that of the boy's hearing to cry: "Don't! Don't! You will kill me!"

**Married One and Stopped with Another.**

Last Thursday, Mr. W. C. Muse, late candidate for county surveyor of Westmoreland county, was married to Miss Douglas, daughter of Mr. William Douglas, who lives at that place. The wedding was a brilliant affair. There was a large number of guests, and the presents were many and costly. The bride's wedding attire was of unusual richness. Her husband is a well-to-do farmer, who has been engaged to marry, and proposed to bring her to Pittsburgh to have the ceremony performed. They started for this city accompanied by two brothers of Miss Douglas. Arrived in the city it was found that the train they intended to leave on to take their wedding trip was about to leave, and the ceremony was again deferred. The brothers returned home, and Mr. Muse and Miss Hall departed, nobody knows where. There is a rumor to the effect that Miss Paul, in her first wife, they having been married some time ago. Detectives are looking for the young ladies are determined to leave nothing undone to bring him to punishment.

**Garfield and Grant Meet.**

The president and General Grant have met at last. The president and his wife and boy were just starting out for a drive at 3 o'clock last evening. General Grant at the same time met him in heaven. He was strolling over the lawn at his son Jesse's cottage. He was going toward the railway as the president's carriage passed. The salute which was exchanged was spontaneous, simultaneous and to all outward appearances cordial, though not familiar. The president drove on and the general resumed his stroll. The news of the meeting and the greeting was abroad in an instant. Colonel Murphy has been here all day with Colonel Rockwell, the president's secretary, and with Secretary Windom. Postmaster General James went to the city this morning. Secretary Hunt has been studying the sea from the bluff. Colonel Porter, John Hoey and Hugh Hastings called on the president and cabinet yesterday.

**Bradford** county is the first in the field to choose delegates to the next Republican state convention with instructions for state treasurer. The choice of Bradford is Senator W. T. Davis.

**STATE ITEMS.**

**William** Gettys, a Marysville blacksmith, had his leg cut off on the railroad.

**S. J. Jordan**, late of the Bedford Inquirer, has died, after a lingering illness from consumption.

**The Pennsylvania State Equal Rights League**, established at New Castle, Lawrence county, on the 15th of August.

**The foundation** of the new Reformed church, at Milton, is nearly completed. This edifice takes the place of the handsome one destroyed by fire.

**The remains** of Mrs. Henry Hatterman, of New York city, who died recently of consumption, arrived at Washington, yesterday afternoon, were cremated in Lemoyne's furnace last evening.

**M. A. Gates**, of Franklinville, Huntingdon county, was killed at Hawkins station, P. R. R. He had his head out of the car window and was looking down the track when a train coming in the opposite direction struck him. His neck and head were broken and death ensued.

**The celebrated Conway-Carpenter** contested election case in Philadelphia for a seat in common council as a member of the Fifth ward is about drawing to a close. The result is expected to be that the city will be about \$35,000, which will fall upon the city, because Conway has made out a case.

**The Mercer Press** declares it is a sight not soon to be forgotten, to see Tom Bestwick's three thousand trout in his pond in Coolspring township. Two years ago he purchased and stocked his pond with thirty-five hundred inch-long brook trout, about three thousand have lived. These have attained an average length of about eight inches, some being much longer.

**While** the board of public charities were being shown through the Montgomery county jail, Isaac R. Litchell was found hanging by his neck from a shawl strap fastened to the iron bars of the cell window. His body was still warm. Litchell was about 35 years of age, of good appearance and has a wife and three children. He was committed to jail on the charge of Demagogic agitation, but was later preferred by Annie B. Meyer.

**The business** of the Pennsylvania railroad company, east of Pittsburgh and Erie, for May, as compared with the same month of 1880, shows an increase in net earnings of \$211,758. The five months of the year ending last night and ending with the month of May, show an increase in net earnings of \$426,451. All lines west of Pittsburgh and Erie for the five months of 1881, show a surplus over liabilities of \$1,632,183, being a gain, as compared with 1880, of \$287,756.

**Judge** Wm. M. Hall, of Bedford, announces his retirement from his recently announced canvass for re-election. He puts it on the ground that "a triangular contest has arisen which is characterized by personal venom and malignity. The result promises the probable election of the Democratic nominee. I have no such desire for judicial position as to make me wish to pursue this contest any farther."

**He** expresses the hope that the bench of the district may be filled by some honest and competent man who will keep the judicial machinery free from the malignant influence of partisan politics.

**LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.**

**COURT.**

**What** was Done This Morning.

This morning court met at 10 o'clock for the transaction of current business &c., both judges being present.

**When** the docket was called nineteen judgments were entered.

**A charter** was granted to the "Independent Social and Literary club" of this city.

**In** the cases of D. R. Patterson vs. Willie R. Carter, defendant and admistrators of Wm. Black, deceased, garnishees, judgments were entered against the garnishees on answer to interrogatories filed. One judgment was for \$117.75 and the other for \$35.34.

**In** the case of Mary S. Whitman vs. James Wenrich, garnishee attachment, judgment was entered against John Wenrich, jr., executor of John Wenrich, sr., deceased, garnishee, on answer filed to interrogatories for \$352.60-7.

**Judge** Patterson delivered an opinion in the case of John B. Gardner, defendant and Jacob Adams, rule to set aside sheriff's sale, discharging the rule.

**In** the equity suit of Christian Halde-man, sr., et al. vs. the borough of Washington and George Wall, the court allowed the plaintiff to file amended bill.

**The** pedlar's license attached to Solomon Brenner was revoked, as Brenner is not a naturalized citizen of the United States.

**Mrs. Susan W. Cooney** was discharged under the insolvent debtor law, upon her main assignment of her effects to Dana Graham, who will give bonds for the faithful application of all money coming into his hands. Hugh R. Fulton, solicitor for the county, asked the court for a writ of attachment against the defendant for failure to satisfy the sentence. All debts and dividends due the defendant by C. M. Howell, executor of F. Cooney, deceased, the application for the attachment was filed and no order was made.

**Court** adjourned to July 6.

**LOUST TRESS ON FARMS.**

**Between** Sinking Springs and Vinemont, on the old Lancaster road leading from the former place to Reinholdsville and other places in Lancaster county, there are a number of locust trees planted along the public highways. These trees form a delightful shade and are excellent for posts and other purposes. The planting of locust trees is becoming quite general, and as the locusts of our soil are very five miles northward of Harrisburg, the farmers will soon have their fields surrounded by rows of beautiful locust trees, which will set their farms off to advantage and make them all the more valuable.

**Decided to Build a Bridge.**

**On** Thursday Commissioners Zook and Elliott, of Chester county, met the Lancaster county commissioners at Christiansburg, Md., to discuss the proposed bridge over the Pine Grove inter-county bridge on the Octoraro creek. After some discussion it was finally decided to take down the present bridge and build a new structure. No definite arrangements were made as to the time when the bridge shall be made. Further action will be taken at the next meeting, which will probably be in West Chester.

**The Comet.**

**Quite** a number of star gazers took a look at the comet last night and early this morning. One gentleman, whose business requires him to be abroad during the early morning, says that he saw it about 2 o'clock, and that it gave so much light that he thought a tobacco warehouse was on fire. Some afterwards saw the head of the comet, which was as large as a tennis ball and it had a flaming tail a hundred feet long, from which brilliant sparks were emitted. He inclines to think the visit of the comet portends war, but it is very likely to break out in Ireland, though it may strike nearer home.

**Broke His Arm.**

**Jacob** Light, residing at No. 629 South Jones street and employed at Bartholomew's log-sawing mill, near the foot of South Pine street, broke his arm on Thursday evening. It appears that he was standing on a pile of logs several feet high, with the intention of moving one of them, when he slipped and fell forward, striking his left arm upon another log lying at the bottom of the pile, and badly fracturing one of the bones above the wrist. Dr. George A. King set the broken bone.

**Friday's Party on Friday Evening.**

**Last** evening, Sam Matt Friday, the newly nominated prothonotary, gave a party to his friends at his home in Mountville. It was a "stag" affair, and there were present several hundred gentlemen friends of Mr. Friday, from Harrisburg, Pottsville, Columbia, Marietta, Lancaster, Mountville, and other places. The party included a number of the county officers, members of the Legislature here and others, and all had an excellent time.

**Coming Home.**

**Wm.** Sherman, of Bloomfield, Green county, Ind., writes us that he is coming to this town on a visit in the latter part of July. He says that he was put to bed and learned his trade here; that he left here 47 years ago and has a brother and sister living here. Mr. Geo. Kopp and Mrs. Lizzie Auncamp, and many relatives, the Buell's and Lithgoes and Lautes. They will no doubt all be glad to see William.

**Aldermen's and Justices' Bills.**

**The** bills of aldermen, justices and constables are payable on the first Monday of each month, but as the first Monday of next month is a legal holiday (Fourth of July) aldermen and justices of the peace are requested to have their bills made out and presented for payment on Friday, July 1.

**Holiday Tickets.**

**The** Pennsylvania railroad company will sell excursion tickets on the 24, 25 and 26th of July, at a reduction of 50 per cent. of the original cost. They will be good to return until the 5th.

**The Wannamaker & Brown Tally Ho** coach, with its company of eight men advertising Oak Hall clothing store, has been traveling on the Schuylkill valley, and will be in Lancaster one of these early days.

**Extensive Farming Enterprise.**

**There** is a farm near Fargo, Dakota, embracing about 100,000 acres, owned by half a dozen capitalists. It is divided into sections of 20,000 acres each, each section having a superintendent and assistants, and being managed with the most exact system. All the latest improvements in farming have been introduced, including the telegraph and telephone, communicating with different parts of the vast area. This year 13,000 acres of wheat have been planted and harvested, and next year 20,000 acres will be planted. The yield has been 25 bushels to the acre, bringing \$2 per bushel, two-thirds of which is net profit. The chief superintendent has been shipping East by way of Duluth 20 car loads of wheat daily. He expects to have in due time 40,000 acres under cultivation, and to bring his annual production up to 1,000,000 bushels. There are many cultivated farms in the territory of 1,000 to 2,000 acres, and Dakota promises to be one of the greatest wheat producing regions in the entire West.

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.**

**Near** and Across the County Line.

**Mr. Frank** Stanfor, of Dover township, York county, cut and shocked his rye crop last Tuesday. This is the first harvesting of the season.

**A committee** of Reading councilmen have recently made a tour of Massachusetts to inspect the operations of a road roller in use in that state. They express themselves as greatly pleased with the machine and the ordinance in favor of purchasing one for use on the streets of that city will probably be passed.

**The Reading** firemen have collected but about \$1,300 toward defraying the expenses of the coming state firemen's tournament in that city. They want \$7,000.

**When** the passenger train which leaves Reading at 5:30 p. m., reached the "fill," a short distance below Naom station, on the Wilmington & Northern railroad, the engineer saw a large plank lying on the track. He immediately reversed the engine, but he could not stop the train before it reached the obstruction. Fortunately the plank was partly yielded, and the engine in striking it broke it into two pieces without wrecking the train. The up crew found on the track three heavy planks on which stones were placed, the largest of which weighed one hundred pounds.

**OBITUARY.**

**Death** of Mrs. W. T. Gerhardt.

**Mrs. Elizabeth** Gerhardt, wife of Rev. W. T. Gerhardt, of 31 East Orange street, died last evening after an illness of three days. Dr. John J. Atlee, the family physician, was called in Wednesday morning, but as her sickness had long continued, and the treatment her son, Dr. J. Z. Gerhardt, was telegraphed for and he came from Harrisburg in the afternoon. Everything was done for her that medical skill and loving affection could devise, but all to no avail. Her death causes a deep bereavement to her family and she is highly respected and loved by all who knew her, and her death is a great loss to her family, her complete devotion to her family, unswerving application that came in the line of duty, and above all her strong, clear intellect, and her devotedness to her self deeply felt, greatly respected and sincerely beloved, wherever she was known. Her life was indeed a life of rare moral worth and exemplary Christian fidelity, and although her death causes a feeling of bereavement, there is no cause to regret the loss of this woman from this world that leads the eye of faith to a home where all is peace and joy.

**THE LOCUSTS.**

**MR. JOHN** K. Nisley having read in the Mt. Joy Herald that Prof. Rathvon would like to procure specimens of locusts for scientific purposes, writes to it that "in excavating a cellar for a tobacco building on my farm in East Donegal township, three miles west of Harrisburg, I discovered a number of locusts. One of the locusts, an old apple tree had to be removed where we found quite a number of them about the roots, from one and a half to two and a half feet and the surface. Two was found four and a half feet below the surface and one distant from any tree. They seemed to be lively in their snugly smooth little houses, and crawled about when relieved from their dark prisons. Have also heard several among the trees between the last night and last night and early this morning. Whether they were our identical seven-year locusts I am unable to say, only that their songs did not compare with those of their ancestral Pharaohs. I also heard a number of them in the upper end of my garden, in a twenty-five mile northward of Harrisburg, near the North Central railroad, on the first of June, but had not the curiosity to hunt them up to see what they were like. Have secured a few for the professor, and will hand them over to you by first opportunity, which you may send him."

**MR. COZZENS' ELECTION.**

**There** appears to be some difference of opinion as to the length of time for which Mr. Handberg Cozzens will be elected teacher of the Strawberry street school. THE INTELLIGENCER reporter understood that he was elected for one year. The New Era reports that he was elected but does not state the length of time, but states that his pay is to be at the rate of \$195 per month. The Recorder reports that Mr. Hartman's resolution to elect Mr. Cozzens "to serve as long as the board has use for him" was adopted after being amended, but does not state the length of the amendment. Mr. D. G. Baker states that his amended resolution was adopted, namely that Mr. Cozzens be elected for one month at \$195—the object of the amendment being to close the school unless a sufficient number of pupils attend to warrant keeping open. The president states, and the secretary of the board has it recorded, that Mr. Baker's amendment to Mr. Hartman's motion was adopted as follows: "that the board proceed to elect the teacher for the Strawberry street school, at the rate of \$195 per month."

**And** that settles it.

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.**

**With** Suicidal Intention.

**Wm.** Gross, of Farmersville, has been suffering from some bodily ailment for some time, and the other day he arose from his bed about one o'clock, went to a desk in his room where he kept his razor and got it to cut his throat. His wife wrested it from his hand, but terribly lacerated four of her fingers by pressing the razor through the handle. The man then ran down stairs to the kitchen, stating that he would get the butcher knife. His wife closely followed him and succeeded in getting that from him. She then took a dinner horn and went outside in order to sound an alarm of distress, and when she got into the house again he was beating himself on the head with a stove plate. He succeeded in cutting some fearful gashes in his scalp, but before he finished he had arrived at his room, where he lay where he now lies at the point of death, caused, by what the physician pronounces, congestion of the brain.

**Trotting at Speedwell.**

**Yesterday** being "speed day" at Speedwell stock farm, a large number of horsemen and others interested in stock matters were present and witnessed the trotting. "Middleton Chief" made his mile in 2:36; "Millie Gardner," "Bog Meadow Girl," "Nara" and others did beautiful work and made excellent time. "Parity" trotted a mile in 2:23. On stopping, her driver discovered a "quarter foot" had worked under her feet. A number of those present were gentlemen from Lancaster and they were all in their praises of the noble little mare. "Shamrock" made a  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile in 1:15.

**Jr. O. U. A. M. in National Council.**

**The** national council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics held its twelfth annual session at Haverhill, Mass. The constitution of the order was amended in various ways. The "fifth object" was struck out; the word "youth" was omitted from the first, and a new one was adopted "to maintain the public school system of the United States, to prevent sectarian interference therewith, and to uphold the reading of the Holy Bible therein." It was also decided to change the title to "Independent Order of Americans." The next session will be held in New York, in June, 1882.

**The New-Harvard Bank Building.**

**Masses** have commenced work on the foundations, and the committee are pushing the mechanics urgently.

**ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.**

**What** the Intelligence's Traveling Correspondent Thought Along the Susquehanna.

**The** fair and festival of the Star corner band in the graded school building at Washington still continues to be the center of attraction. A large crowd was present on Thursday evening and a number of articles were disposed of by chance, among which were a fine pair of vases, some gross, worsted work, &c. A handsome gold necklace is being voted for, the qualification for its retention being that the lady shall be "the prettiest girl in town." Strange as it may seem all other fair ones have been discarded in the fight leaving Miss Lizzie Martin in undisputed possession of the field. The Washingtonians have proved good judges. Young Horace Shand may not be a bad boy, but would take the prize for being the most mischievous one in town. Always ready for a "racket," his fund seemed absorbed yesterday until he saw Mrs. M. E. Davis coming from the spring. Mrs. D. is quite as popular as the handsome Shand knocked at her door it disturbed her. He said he came for some lemonade. This made her cross, and when he had repeated this several times, to the enjoyment of his companions, who were present to see how the "old lady took it," she was the maddest woman in this section; but of a sudden she remembered that "kindness turneth away wrath," and answered another summons to the dock. The same question was asked: "Make me some lemonade." "I have no bucket," answered the lady. "Make it in the coal bucket." She "tumbled." There was a hasty retreat. Mrs. Davis interviewed "Squire Frank," of Columbia, about the matter, and he took such an interest in the affair that he went to Washington to see the man and his three companions—C. Newcomer, C. Urban and J. Saylor. Two of the boys had left for the West to fight Indians before Columbia's official arrival, and have not been heard of since. The other two repent in sack cloth and ashes. The way of the transgressor is hard.

**It** is singular, yet true, that no matter how petty the affair "justice" awaits the offender in Squire Frank's Columbia "justice mill." Time and again parties have come before the squire, in Washington, stated their complaints and asked for protection, but the offenses have been so trifling that they have refused recognition; yet those same cases are heard before the Columbia justice mill. In Washington, offenders committed, in many discharged and in all the costs are put on the county. But we don't complain, if the county can stand it we can.

**A** special construction train with a large gang of men has just passed through the Shamrock & Pot Deposit Railroad to clear up the several washouts along the road, caused by the recent rains. In some places there are many stones and much dirt, in close proximity to the tracks.

**As** the river water gets clearer, fishing is becoming more popular. A large number went out on the islands awaiting to abduct the "bass" yesterday.

**Messrs. Christ Miley and Banks Smith**, of Lancaster, were fishing in this place. The old adage was verified in relation to their luck.

**Prof. Stahr's Address at Allentown.**

**The** Allentown News of yesterday says: Last evening Prof. J. S. Stahr, of Franklin and Marshall college, Washington, delivered an address to the students of the female college in St. John's Reformed church. Shortly before the time appointed for beginning the address, the faculty, trustees and student proceeded in a body to the church, where their presence was quite an animated appearance to the audience. The subject of the address was, "Is Life Worth Living?" The subject of life viewed in its physical, mental and ethical aspects. First its origin, and phenomena were lucidly and interestingly discussed; then its capabilities and finally what should be its object and end—"not to be ministered unto, but to minister," and "to glorify God and enjoy him forever."

**THE SHIFFLER FAIR.**

**It** closes To-night—Big Time Expected.

**Last** night was "Shiffler Night" at the fair and the attendance was again large. The Colored Workmen's association attended in a body. The following articles were changed off, and won by the persons named: Pair of large horns, Charles W. Evans; silver spoon-holder, Dollie Anne; flower stand, Mrs. J. Wallace Wolf; pair of ottomans, W. C. Arnold; large doll, Clara Haase; three round cake, John Francis; tidy, Mrs. Anderson; rug, C. K. Robinson; Mrs. A. M. Haagen, George Maxwell and Wm. Spang.

**The** following named articles were disposed of by votes:

Barber's chair, Wm. Benkert, 407;  
Charles Nutto, 99.  
Large Doll—Amanda Anne, 129; Daisy Lytle, 53.

**The** fair will close to-night. All articles not sold by private sale will be disposed of by public sale. The following articles were left over at 10 p. m.

**When** the announcement was made that Wm. Benkert won the barber's chair, his friends picked him up, carried him on the platform, placed him on the chair and carried him home on it.

**Rev. Barker's New Parish.**

**Rev. Thomas** B. Barker, late of St. John's, at the request of Bishop Hoag, has accepted of the invitation of a parish at Susquehanna, Susquehanna county, of the New York & Erie railroad, at the terminus of the Jefferson branch, a prosperous and growing manufacturing and shipping place, and the location of railroad repair shops, employing about eight hundred men.

**Rev. William** Bryce Morrow, formerly of this diocese, but for the past three years rector of St. Paul's church, Peoria, Ill., will officiate in St. John's church to-morrow.

**Reunion of High School Graduates.**

**Last** evening the class of '80, graduates of the boys' high school, held their first reunion at Speth's parlors, North Queen street. All the members of the class with one exception sat down to the handsome and beautiful table prepared with characteristic skill by Mr. Speth. There was a little speech-making, a few toasts and an abundance of good feeling. It was agreed to hold annual reunions and an organization was effected by the election of C. E. Urban as president and H. E. Stoner secretary and treasurer.

**The Contract.**

**Last** night the agreement between the city and the gasoline company, as prepared by City Solicitor Steinmetz, was read in the presence of Secretary Robinson, of the latter, and the members of the lamp committee, and was formally approved. A bond of \$5,000 is exacted from the gasoline company for the faithful performance of contract, which Mr. Robinson expressed the entire readiness of his company to furnish. The work of altering the fixtures of the lamp posts will be at once pushed to completion.

**Fell Through.**

**Yesterday** afternoon as Samuel Nisley, esq., of Springville, Mt. Joy township, who is erecting a handsome residence in that place, was walking around in the third-story of the building, he stepped on the end of a board, which tilted up and he fell through to the second floor, bruising himself slightly.