

Lancaster Intelligencer.

FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 1, 1881.

The Wonderful Star.

May be it is the Star of Bethlehem. Canon Farrar in his life of Christ says that star was a comet, which the ancient authors record as then having appeared in the sky, where to were gathered together in close communion a notable number of planets. We are told that now for the first time since then have so many planets appeared together in one quarter of the heavens, and a comet again keeps them company. Jupiter, Venus, Mars and Saturn shine together in the East, and the strange celestial visitor adds itself to the wonders of the sky. The coincidence is striking, if true; and will fix upon the comet, while it shines by night, the strong interest of all the people. It is with us through all the hours of darkness because it moves within "the circle of perpetual apparition" around the polar star and the stars about it that never set to us in this northern hemisphere. When it approached this circle from the south it seemed to set after it had risen to our view; but it soon got so far to the north as to be within the sky space of which we cannot lose the sight in our diurnal revolution.

The astronomer will have no excuse of the want of opportunity for observation for their failure to satisfy the keen interest of the world about all things pertaining to the comet; but while they are getting their glasses to work and their heads into agreement, common people may be excused for using their own eyes and nodules to see and think for themselves; which they will especially decline to do, since the wise men are so slow and discordant about this star which may be even our own star of Bethlehem.

We are quite willing to give to our fancy and thought free range in cosmology, while it has no laws to bind us, and to encourage our readers to think for themselves what this comet and all comets really are. And we can see as deeply into a millstone as anybody, wise or simple, and perchance into a comet as well. And, with Dr. Fahnestock, who has sent us to his extracts from "Worlds Within Worlds," we are struck with the plausibility of the theory there advanced as to the nature and motion of comets. The question that naturally occurs in viewing any part of the creation of Almighty and Omnipotent power is, "what is its use?" Things are not vainly made; but the wise astronomer does not explain to us why comets are, when they tell us that they are light and unsubstantial things that travel through space with tremendous speed around immense orbits under the attraction and repulsion of our sun. If our sun attracts them how does it also repel them? Why, when they rush up to it with inconceivable velocity do they not rush into it? What repels them as they reach their apparent destination and sends them back with the speed with which they came?

And as they go back so swiftly through space, for even seventeen hundred years—as they say the comet of 1807 does before it completes again the circuit of its orbit—are they not hurled far away beyond the limits of our own solar system? And if so why are they not drawn to the sun of another system, and how can they have an orbit solely controlled by our luminary? We do not pretend to know anything about the matter we are writing of; but since we are persuaded that nobody else knows anything, we feel under no obligations to be modest; and to be silent in the presence of the wise. Free speech is a privilege in all known nothing associations, notably exercised in the churches, and apparently as justifiable among the astronomers.

The suggestion that comets are celestial messengers through the solar systems, sent out to keep the electrical forces of the universe in equilibrium, is a very plausible and attractive one. It at once sustains the rationality of their being and explains their motion. It supplies for them a use and causes us to recognize them as a worthy part of creation. It tells why they are drawn towards and repelled by the sun. It is of the essence of electricity to attract as well as to repel, it being of two kinds which are insensibly interchanged. The comet comes to us from so immense a distance as of itself to demonstrate that it comes from a system outside our own. It comes thence, laden with the electricity of that system, into one having a superabundance of a different kind; approaching its sun, the electrical conditions are equalized and the messenger is repelled under the electrical law which causes like to repel like; just as unlike attracts. Nature is in constant commotion, equalizing its electrical conditions; and wherefore should there not be need of a natural appliance for restoring equality in the electrical forces of the solar system? and what is there unlikely in the assumption that the comet travels between the systems to this end? Nothing that we can see with the naked eye of unassisted sense; though, perchance, the astronomer looking away above the simple things under his nose, and holding his eye to the small and distant field opened to him by a big telescope, may not find the electrical creation of the comet.

It is true that electricity now-a-days in physical science what the nerves are to the doctors; the pack horse of explanation for all sorts of mysterious things which are too much for human understanding. But it is the lightning's own fault. Electricity has been doing for us so many wonderful things, that it cannot complain if we try to hitch on to it everything that we can decently couple it to.

Gubernatorial Vetoes.

We print the text of a couple more of Gov. Hoyt's vetoes, because of their sense and their style. No one who reads them simply for the latter can fail to be impressed with the intelligence which Gov. Hoyt brings to the consideration of measures presented to him. It is refreshing to find in public men and es-

pecially in the incumbent of the gubernatorial office of this state which has been so conspicuous for the lack of it in late years. Gov. Hoyt plainly shows that when he goes wrong he sins against the light. For he is manifestly not a stupid man, but one of good mind, broad judgment and acute legal discrimination. We have no complaint to make of his exercise of the veto power. Beginning with the death of an outrageous judicial appointment bill, framed for partisan and personal purposes, he has carried himself very well in his tilt with the demerits of legislation pressed upon his official notice. He does well to thus dispatch superfluous enactments even without greater objection than that they are superfluous, for "the world is governed too much" and all superfluous legislation should be made short work of. The oleomargarine bill, the proposed repeal of the power of market clerks to seize short-weight butter and the bill prescribing the rights of relatives to the disposition of dead bodies—all of which he has vetoed—had this demerit at least. When the virtue of the state and the necessities of the people shall compel every article sold to be stamped with its true composition it will be time enough to compel oleomargarine to be exposed as "imitation butter," but while we tolerate imitation gold, imitation diamonds, imitation champagne, imitation tea, imitation reform and imitation Christianity, let the imitation butter take its chances with the more dangerous shams.

MINOR TOPICS.

SOMEbody writes to a Boston paper that three ladies in his family distinctly saw the comet at 2 o'clock on the morning of Friday, June 17. But the letter was not written until June 26.

The Centre county Democrat has a monopoly of its growth at Hoyt for evoking the judiciary appointment bill. And so has the West Chester Village Record in its lament over the slain oleomargarine burlesque on legislation.

A LEVEL-HEADED Republican paper in New York urges the Legislature to "elect Conkling and Kernan." "As for Mr. Kernan, in the qualities of patriotism, integrity, manly honor and regard for personal and popular rights, he represents the real Republican ideal much better than Mr. Depew."

A COLLEGE founded in London for the purpose of giving special professional training to women intended to be governesses or teachers in higher class schools has been doing good work for the last three years. It sent twenty-four students to the first teachers' examination held in Cambridge last year, seventeen of whom passed successfully both in the theory and practice of teaching.

A CORRESPONDENT of a Bucks county paper propounds the following conundrum, which we reprint for the consideration of those whose duty it is to look into such matters: "During the month of May the receipts of flour at Philadelphia were 75,275 barrels, and as only 10,300 of that amount was inspected will somebody inform us what becomes of or into whose pocket goes the \$387,750 surplus that has been charged" for inspection, but which was not done."

THE consummation of the great sale of a million and a half of passenger railway stock in Philadelphia by Singery to Work has been temporarily restrained by the court upon the application of the vendor's sisters, who were each given by their father's will an annuity of \$6,000, payable, if necessary, out of the profits of this railroad stock, which the will further directed that Wm. M. Singery—to whom it was all bequeathed—should not sell for ten years. The petitioners aver that if it is sold their annuities will not be secured.

THE London Truth makes a strong appeal to the Prince of Wales to put the abominable chimney-pot hat out of fashion by ceasing to wear it; and it is reported in another paper that the Prince of Wales is having constructed a soft felt hat with a broad rim, which he intends to assume in public at an early day. If he secures the extermination of the stove pipe hat the Philadelphia Bulletin promises him a revised version of its opinion that he has lived in vain. When he hears from the Bulletin he'll do it.

THE Hawaiian kingdom is making marvelous progress in education. About 7,200 children attend school, 5,700 of this number being natives. The free elementary schools are taught by natives in the Hawaiian language, instruction being given in reading, writing, geography and mental and written arithmetic. There are fourteen select schools with an enrollment of 1,300 pupils, who are instructed by foreign teachers of experience and capacity. The English language is used, and a tuition fee of \$5 is charged. There are several private schools and others subsidized by the government. There is a seminary and a college providing high school instruction, and Honolulu has a kindergarten of which it is very proud. Teachers' salaries in the Hawaiian schools range from \$300 to \$2,000 a year.

SOME of our esteemed contemporaries talk as if the dog days had already set in. Here is the Atlanta Sun giving mention "the smut of the great divorced prostitute keeper, the low, black, blackguard who prints the Oel. The Delaware county Democrat denounces a Presbyterian Sunday school anniversary held down that way as "a mean initiation and a faint attempt to render the music as so finely performed by the chorists of St. Clement's church, in their grand processions, of which ceremonies the good Bishop Stevens, by the direction of the Episcopal convention held in Philadelphia two years ago, bounced the reverend gentleman presiding at St. Clement's for allowing such theatrical exhibitions in an Episcopal church." And the genial Dennis Dealy, of the Chronicle-Herald, declares that "a high school which graduates pupils who cannot select fresher and more livelier topics for their addresses than the 'American Indian' and 'The Legend of Tannhauser,' and 'The Stage,' does not seem to be altogether carrying out the idea of a

people's college." If July starts in this way where will we be in the torrid days of early August?

PERSONAL.

HERT GUSTAV FREYTAG, the popular German novelist, is building at Weisbaden a house which is to cost \$30,000.

JOHN S. CLARKE has sailed back to Europe, but will return to make his first grand tour of the states.

Sir EDWARD THORNTON called upon the president yesterday and presented his letters of recall.

MAYOR KALLOCH, of San Francisco, in reply to a request from his congregation, has announced that he will not run for office again.

YALE GAVE GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS L. L. D. and M. A. to W. D. HOWELLS and T. B. ALDRICH of Atlantic Monthly literary fame.

REV. C. Z. WEISER was the preacher-ordinator at the laying of the corner stone of Grace Reformed church in Dayton, O., 1,500 other persons were there.

REV. EDWIN A. GEINANT, of Leosport, the newly elected pastor of Zion's Reformed church, Alleentown, will be installed next Sunday morning, on which occasion several clergymen from abroad will be present. He occupied the pulpit at Reading last Sunday.

SENATOR ROBERTSON said yesterday in Albany that he would not assume the duties of the collectorship of New York for some time if the senatorial deadlock should continue. His movements would be controlled by the outcome of events in Albany.

SCANDALOUS.

THE News from Albany. According to reports from Albany the "Half Breeds" have freely signed a call for a caucus started by the "Feather Heads," which has received nearly 50 signatures. It needs 65 signatures. In case a caucus is held, it is agreed that 50 votes shall be required to nominate. The "Half Breeds" will have nothing to do with the call.

THE administration people have started a story which looks as if it was concocted to offset the bribery scandal. They allege that Mr. Platt was seen about 10 o'clock on Monday night to enter the room of a woman in the DeWitt house. Her actions with Mr. Platt at the supper table had attracted the attention of the people. Hearing of Mr. Platt's presence in her room, some administration members of the Legislature hired a room opposite to that alleged to be occupied by Mr. Platt and patiently waited for several hours. Becoming impatient they put a step-ladder against the door and peeped through the transom into the room. Their suspicions are said to have been confirmed. They sent in a note to Mr. Platt worded as follows: "You are caught. Everything that you have done has been observed. Unless you come out of the room in ten minutes we will burst open the door."

Mr. Platt is now here put out the gas on reading the note and to have shortly come out of the room. In passing through the hallway he passed between a file of members who had been watching him, and went to his own room. Mr. Platt declares that there is no truth in the story, and the state bar has refused to take any action and say that the story is a conspiracy and the natural outcome of the spy system that has been in vogue for some weeks.

STATE ITEMS.

In Fairmount park on "the Fourth" Wanamaker will send off King and his ballroom.

The 25th annual commencement of the Polytechnic college of Philadelphia was held last evening. Degrees were conferred upon six graduates.

The fourth annual commencement of Central State normal school, at Lock Haven, Pa., comes off on Thursday, July 7th, at 6 a. m.

Michael Flaunigan, aged 60 years, was found dead, from the effects of liquor, in the streets of Pittston, yesterday. His wife was burned to death a short time ago.

Wm. Lyons, aged twenty-two, a laborer on the Pittsburgh Southern, acting as brakeman, when coupling cars was caught between them and crushed to death.

Mr. Henry Cartwright, president of the Penn gas coal company, died last evening from injuries received by a railroad accident during the early part of the day, at Bell's Gap, on the Pennsylvania railroad.

James Redman, of Harrisburg, aged 30, fell asleep on a coal car at Millersville. The engine which struck him knocked him sixty feet and almost cut him to pieces. His brother was killed two months ago jumping a freight at Harrisburg.

Nathaniel Sausbury, colored, aged 35 years, residing at No. 232 Irving street, Philadelphia, fell from a ladder, a distance of sixteen feet, at the northwest corner of Twentieth and Walnut streets, fracturing his skull and died.

The building of the New York, Susquehanna & Western railroad, from Cooper to Seneca, has been completed. The company has secured sufficient coal lands in the Lackawanna valley to guarantee an annual output of 1,500,000 tons of anthracite.

Dr. J. B. Welsh, of Wilmington, Del., has challenged H. M. Thomas, V. Cooper to a discussion of the general welfare of the Republican party. If Welsh would wait until after Cooper fails to get the gubernatorial nomination he will not gain the Democratic position.

A. J. Colburn, ex-legislative rooster, has got the judicial nomination of Somerset county, receiving 2,239 votes to Judge William M. Hall's 1,246. Cessna received no votes in that county, but as Bedford has instructed for him there will be a deadlock in the convention in the Pittsburg & New York railroad company for 999 years, to extend from the Pittsburg & Western railroad in Armstrong county, by Brookville and Ridgway to Bradford. The length of the road is to be 140 miles, and it is to be among the counties of Armstrong, Indiana, Jefferson, Elk, Forest and McKean. Capital stock, \$1,400,000, furnished by New Yorkers.

The Reading committee to raise funds to get up the big firemen's parade require about \$5,000, and expect the brewers, saloon and hotel keepers to contribute very liberally, as they will reap the largest benefit. The brewers of Reading together are expected to give \$1,000, while the saloon keepers a sum exceeding that. Over 80 companies have already engaged quarters.

Mrs. Brown, a colored servant in the family of William Halliwell, Conshohocken, was out in the garden picking berries when a storm commenced. She took refuge under a tree. The tree was struck by lightning, which passed from the tree, six or seven feet from the ground and struck the woman, killing her instantly. Upon examination a hole was found in the top of her skull. The lightning had gone down the left side of her body, coming out of the left foot, tearing off her shoe.

GOV. HOYT GETTING IN GOOD WORK.

Bad Legislation Vetoed and Good Legislation Approved.

We have already published the provisions of the Landis bill, approved by Gov. Hoyt, to regulate the holding of elections. Another bill, which supplies some of its deficiencies, also passed the Legislature. Gov. Hoyt has affixed his official signature to the following important bill: To regulate the holding of an election to prevent frauds in the primary elections of the several political parties in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

That from and after the passage of this act it shall be lawful and it is hereby made the duty of the judges, inspectors and clerks on the part of the primary elections, meetings or caucuses, held for the purpose of nominating candidates for state, city and county offices within the commonwealth of Pennsylvania before entering upon the discharge of their duties, to examine the qualifications of each candidate, and to certify to the county clerk, in form as follows, namely: "I (A. B., do—that I will as judge, inspector or clerk (as the case may be) at the ensuing election, impartially and faithfully perform my duties in accordance with the laws and constitution of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the party of the county of — for the government of said primary elections, meetings or caucuses to the best of my judgment and abilities." The oath of affirmation shall be first administered to the judge by one of the inspectors, then the judge so qualified shall administer the oath or affirmation to the inspectors and clerks and may administer the oath to any elector offering to vote as to his qualification to vote at said election.

Sec. 2. If any judge, inspector, clerk or other officer of a primary election as aforesaid, shall presume to act in such capacity before taking and subscribing to the oath or affirmation required by this act he shall be convicted, be fined not exceeding two hundred dollars; and if any judge, inspector, clerk or other officer, when in the discharge of his duties as such, shall willfully disregard or violate the provisions or any rule duly made by the said party of the county for the government of the primary elections, he shall be convicted, be fined not exceeding two hundred dollars, and if any judge or inspector of a primary election as aforesaid, shall knowingly reject the vote of any person entitled to vote under the rules of the party of the county, or knowingly receive the vote of any person or persons not qualified as aforesaid, shall, on conviction, be fined, not exceeding two hundred dollars, and if any judge, inspector, clerk or other officer of a primary election as aforesaid shall be guilty of any willful fraud in the discharge of his duties by destroying or defacing ballots, adding ballots to the poll other than those lawfully voted by stuffing the ballot-box by false counting, by making false returns, or by any act or thing whatsoever, the person so offending, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both or either, at the discretion of the court.

All acts or parts of acts of Assembly in violation of the act are hereby repealed, except in counties or cities where special acts are in force for the same purpose; provided, however, in such cases where the provisions of this act are accepted the special acts shall be null and void; provided further, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to the county or cities adopting this act. Approved June 29, 1881.

WELL-GROUNDED VETOS.

In the message vetoing the act to repeal an act authorizing clerks of markets to weigh butter, the governor says: "The original law repealed by this bill has been in force for 100 years, and was designed to prevent the sale of short weight packages of butter, and by the act of 1877 was extended to sausages and lard exposed for sale in the markets of Philadelphia. Injustice in the confiscation of the original law is not to be proved to be deficient in weight by the market clerk is provided against by the right of appeal to a magistrate. These acts are wholesome and do not touch an honest dealer. They are safeguards against petty frauds in the weight of necessary articles used in the household, and they are extended to other articles sold in packages of specified weight.

"The wisest of men said, 'A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but just weight is his delight.' No sufficient reason can be assigned in the interest of morality and justice for the repeal of the act, I therefore withhold my approval of this repealing bill.

In his veto of the oleomargarine bill after citing the bill disapproved of by number and title, he says: "This bill attempts to prohibit the importation or sale of the article known to commerce as oleomargarine, unless the package shall be marked 'imitation butter,' or the use thereof in signs, restaurants or boarding houses unless a sign conspicuously posted containing the words, 'imitation butter or cheese served here.'"

"The manufacture of oleomargarine is protected by letters patent issued by the United States under that provision of the constitution which gives Congress the power to promote the progress of science and the useful arts by securing, for limited periods, to inventors an exclusive right to their discoveries. An inventor has an undoubted right to use the name given by himself to his invention, especially if it be descriptive of the article and not calculated to deceive. It is not to be doubted whether the General Assembly has power to compel a patentee to name or label his invention by a designation that would tend to diminish its sale and his profit, unless it be found dangerous to health or morals.

By the act of May 23, 1878, vendors of the article covered by the act under consideration must mark it 'Oleomargarine,' and its sale without this designation is made a penal offense. This name is sufficiently descriptive of the article, so that no one can be deceived. It is not understood to be deleterious to health or against public morals, and therefore, to arbitrarily brand it by a name calculated to injure its sale and which is not descriptive of its character, could not be justified as a measure of public policy. It is a question of taste, and not of morals or health.

"I am, therefore, of the opinion that this act ought not become a law, on the ground that its operation would tend to infringe the rights secured to patentees by the Constitution of the United States, and that any mischief likely to arise from the sale of the article known as oleomargarine is sufficiently provided against by the act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania above quoted."

A Girl With Preposterous Feet.

A shoe factory in Albany, has received the diagram of a foot from Sandusky, O. The girl placed her bare foot upon a sheet of paper and a pencil mark was drawn close around the outline. This foot, as shown by the diagram, is exactly 17 inches long, 7 1/2 inches wide at the widest part, and could be measured 20 inches, though a No. 39 would be just the thing. The ball of the foot is 19 inches around, instead of 18 1/2 inches, and the heel measures 22 inches. The ankle measures 16 1/2 inches.

The immense pedal adorned the person of Miss Mary Wells, of Sandusky, O., whose weight is 160 pounds, and she is but 17 years old. The diagram was sent to the manufacturer as a curiosity.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

It is announced that in a few days there will be about ninety removals from the interior department, mostly clerks on the temporary roll on the pension office.

A terrific southwest rain storm raged at St. John's, Newfoundland, during Wednesday night. Some of the fishing fleet have been lost.

Frank E. Dimmick, aged 90 years, for 30 consecutive years a justice of the peace, committed suicide at Smyrna, New York, on Wednesday evening, by shooting himself in the head.

The company for the construction of the proposed belt railroad around Chicago has been organized, by Elijah Smith, of Boston, and several Western railroad men. The capital stock is \$5,000,000.

John Grison, the Chicago faster, weighed 160 1/2 pounds yesterday noon, showing no loss in the last twenty-four hours, during which he drank 42 ounces of water. His pulse was 50, respiration 12, and temperature 98.6.

The Yorktown centennial commission met yesterday in Washington, and formally accepted the model for the proposed monument at Yorktown. It will cost \$100,000, and work upon it will be commenced at once.

\$98,000,000 in coupon five per cents have been received at the treasury for continuance at 83 per cent, including those presented at the London agency. After the bonds forwarded yesterday have been received, there will remain only about \$15,000,000 of the coupon five per cent standing.

The Cumberland Valley railroad company has decided to extend the road from Mansburg to Winchester, a distance of twenty-five miles, and surveys are already at work running the line between these two places. This company is also about furnishing the entire track with steel rails, a large portion of the road having been already supplied with them.

The excursion steamer Arrowsmith embarked on her regular route on Monday at Blue Point in the Potomac, was forced against the wharf by the wind and had her upper works damaged and one of her life boats carried 200 yards. The bath houses on shore, in which were some of the excursionists, were blown down, and a young lady had one of her arms broken.

Obituary. Ex-Chief Justice Hiram Waaner, of Georgia, died yesterday, in Atlanta, after a long illness.

Samuel Williams, for many years editor of the San Francisco Bulletin, died yesterday.

Ephraim J. Whitlock, president of the Brooklyn board of education, died last night.

John G. Saxe, son of the poet Saxe, died yesterday in Albany. It was to this son's house that his father was soon to be brought in the expectation of curing him of the melancholy into which he has been plunged since the death of his daughter, some time since.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

EDUCATIONAL.

Dickinson College Commencement. Among the ten graduates at Dickinson college, Carlisle, yesterday, was Harry R. Robinson, son of the Duke street Methodist church pastor of this city. His commencement oration was on "The Eloquence of Literature."

Among the degrees conferred by the college was that of Doctor of Laws, upon Prof. W. M. Nevins, of Lancaster.

Hon. James G. Blaine was selected as the orator before the societies next year, and Hon. William H. Riddiman, of Philadelphia, as the poet. L. E. McComas, esq., of Hagerstown, was chosen as annual orator.

In the junior prize oratorical contest at Dickinson college, Mr. W. C. Robinson, son of Rev. Robinson, Duke street M. E. pastor, this city, was one of the contestants. He spoke on "The Power of Eloquence," and the orator was evidently selected with a taste discriminative with reference to effect. The oratory was undoubtedly the best of the evening, but was marred by imperfect memorizing.

The speaker is evidently gifted in this particular and if he develops this natural endowment his future is full of good promise.

Points of Local Interest.

J. Hay Brown, esq., alumni oration at Gettysburg (Pennsylvania college), was on "The Coming Politician." It was received with much favor and will be published in full in tomorrow's INTELLIGENCER.

The trustees of the Central normal school, at Lock Haven, have re-elected the present faculty of the school, including the Lancaster county men: Albert N. Bank, A. M., Ph. D., principal, mental and moral science, theory and practice of teaching, and John M. Peoples, M. S., mathematics, bookkeeping and penmanship.

The Reading school board has resolved to build a separate high school building for the boys and will come over and look at ours for a model.

At the Polytechnic college commencement in Philadelphia last evening, Dr. Wickersham made a speech. At the state college commencement in Centre county, J. Kaufman, of Columbia, who was a student at the opening of the college, made a speech yesterday at the alumni dinner.

At 11 o'clock yesterday morning, at the residence of Col. H. A. Hambridge, North Prince street, Mr. Jacob E. Frantz, the well-known jeweler with H. Z. Rhoads & Bro., was united in marriage with Miss W. M. Metcalf, Col. Hambridge's adopted daughter. The wedding was strictly private, Miss Katie Ingraham, of Allegheny being bridesmaid, and Mr. John F. Reist, of this city, bridesman. During the afternoon the bride and groom left Lancaster for Cape May. After a two week's tour they will return to Lancaster and occupy their new residence in Orange street.

In the presence of a small company of relatives and immediate friends, and with a private ceremony, Mr. Jacob B. Long, the well-known broker, was married last evening to Mrs. Ellen H. Lager, at the residence of the latter on East Orange street.

DISTRESSING FATALITY.

Another of Walter Kieffer's Children Dies of Pneumonia. Our readers cannot have forgotten the terrible affliction with which the family of Walter Kieffer, local editor of the New Era, was visited in the autumn of 1879 when within a very few weeks five of his children were carried off by that dreadful disease. The youngest child, a boy, about half-past 5 o'clock another of Mr. Kieffer's children, a babe fifteen months old, died of the same disease; so that of a bright, interesting, well-developed and apparently healthy family of eight children, only two remain alive. In extending our heartfelt condolence to Mr. Kieffer and his wife, we but voice the sympathy felt for them by the entire community.

Safe Over.

The Wessland, the steamship which Miss Elizabeth Gara, of this city, sailed for Europe, arrived safely at Antwerp, yesterday.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

BRICKERVILLE AND VICINITY.

The news from that neighborhood. Everybody hereabouts is busily engaged in cutting and putting away the hay crop. The recent wet weather has had a damaging effect on cut grass. Wheat is ripening fast and rye is already being cut.

Miss Ida Youtz has returned home from Lancaster, where she attended the Sacred Heart academy. Miss Susie Grumbly, of Southampton county, a friend of Miss Ida's is a guest at Speedwell.

We arrived at the race course on Tuesday last just in season to see Purdy driven a half-mile by her trainer, Harry Bechtel, in 1:04. She will be given "a mile and repeat" to-day.

"Coming events cast their shadows before." This vicinity abounds with predicting prophets, sanguine sibyllistic soothsayers, fire-blowers and pow-wowers of all kind. Just at present the wonderful comet, together with the prophet is causing great excitement, and the various cures and predictions are as impossible and ridiculous as they are numerous. According to some, an early war is inevitable; while others declare that the comet will strike the sun with such force as to knock it all out of time. One old fanatic thinks it is after Bob Ingersoll. Another thinks 'tis Leecher; while a number are undecided whether to say Garfield, Conkling or John Davenport.

EAST END NEWS.

Correspondence from East End.

On Wednesday noon this section was again visited by a very heavy rain storm accompanied by thunder and lightning. J. B. Brendle's house, at Cedar Lane, was struck and considerable damage was done; the bolt followed the water pipe about one-half way down the corner of the house when it left the pipe, entered the corner post completely shattering it; it passed into the kitchen, struck the cupboard, demolishing it; it then passed out through the wall entering the easterly. Mr. Brendle and family were in the kitchen at the time and luckily escaped, the only injury sustained by any of them was a severe shock felt by the wife. Mr. Brendle's house is considerable. On Tuesday night several stables in Goodville were struck by lightning, but received no serious damage.

The New Holland bank put the furnishing of lumber for the new banking house in the contract to the lowest bidder. Mr. W. H. Sweigart, of Cedar Lane, received the contract; his bid was \$20 lower than any of his competitors. He is doing a flourishing business and the bank can depend on receiving a good quality of lumber.

Poor weather for haymaking. Our farmers are having considerable trouble to get their hay safely housed.

ON THE WAY.

From Millersville to Fite's Eddy. Mr. A. H. Breeman, of Millersville, has about 300 tobacco plants in his yard. They look fine. The average of the largest leaves measures 20 by 31. Good isn't it?

Daniel Stauffer, of Millersville, purchased last week a tin drove of young steers for killing. Mr. S. has the reputation for slaughtering fine beef, and this lot will add to it.

As the hired man of Daniel Hess, who resides close to Rock Hill, Major township, was hitching at the barn, his three-year old daughter who was standing just outside the door, was knocked on the head by the single tree, thrown down and bruised considerably about the head and back. It is thought her brain is injured by the fall. She is improving, but very slowly.

Hiram Warfield's team did the "great" a few days ago. As his man was backing it into the road one of the mules refused to work. The whip was applied; the animal got stubborn, jumped and ran away, wall down an embankment of six or eight feet and was extricated with difficulty.

J. Saylor Erb, the gentlemanly postmaster of Rock Hill, was on a fishing trip this week. He was successful, and among the best catches were several fine bass, that tipped the scales at 2 1/2, 2 1/2 and nearly 3 pounds.

Frank E. Miller, of Rock Hill, has an ordinary chicken egg that measures 7 1/2 by 9 inches.

There seems to be an immense run of catfish at Safe Harbor and other near-by resorts. This "old fisherman" says, occurs but twice each year, and seldom so numerous as now.

They arrived at Fite's Eddy on Thursday and they did look so tired. They started from Lancaster on Monday morning, from whence they tramped to Fite's. They start for home to-day and took with them a considerable number of aboriginal curiosities. We refer to S. M. Zahn, Peter Hiller and Horace B. Zahn. The last of the party was a young man, 200 pounds, was taken from the creek, about a mile from McCall's Ferry by repairmen on Thursday. Lee in July, just think of it!

Mr. Elias Frey, who for years past has operated the ferry at McCall's, has leased the same to his son Milton and son-in-law Warren Chandler, for a term of five years. The old ferryman will be missed by his patrons.

A Large Funeral.

Quite a number of gentlemen attached to nearly all the newspaper offices drove down to Salisbury to-day to attend the funeral of the late Geo. W. Mason. The wide acquaintance of his family and his own personal popularity will make his funeral one of the largest ever held in that section.

The staff and attaches of the New Era, with Miss Metcalf, Col. Hambridge's adopted daughter; the wedding was strictly private, Miss Katie Ingraham, of Allegheny being bridesmaid, and Mr. John F. Reist, of this city, bridesman. During the afternoon the bride and groom left Lancaster for Cape May. After a two week's tour they will return to Lancaster and occupy their new residence in Orange street.

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