WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 6, 1881

The Crudity of Our System. There has long been a common feeling that the methods provided for keeping our government supplied with a continuous head, are very crude and inefficient; and the present disaster renews the liveliness of this feeling, while exhibiting an additional fault in our present system. The hereditary plan of succession has this great excellence—that there is always a chief, and one who is government established by his predecessor. "The king is dead-long live the king," signifies an instantaneous transfer of authority which is essential to the well-being of any state. There should be no possibility of lapse of authority; and there should be as little chance as changes in policy, when they are condition. made, should come about through the deliberate action of the sovereign people, taken directly or through their repportunity given to men of evil or unbalshooting of Garfield was not, as we conceive, anything more than the individual act of a man not so crazy as to be ignorant that he was violating the human law, but still so unsound as to believe that he was obeying the higher law. There will always be people who are a law unto themselves and who can not be restrained by any fear of punishment from doing what they see fit. This man Guiteau is a clear sample of the class. He insists that he has committed no crime for which he should be punished. because he has no ill-feeling against the president and did not shoot him from malice, but only because he was bidden

by God to remove him for the good of

convinced by reason nor controlled by

that they will go unharmed as God's

anointed, or that if they die for their

act it will be a martyr's death.

The necessary safeguard to the life of the ruler is to make his death ineffective to change existing conditions. Our con_ stitution seemed to have provided such a protection in making ready a vice president, of the same party as the presiopposition to the Democratic party has been singularly unfortunate, in generally having a vice president disposed to Shine with irregular, intermitted light,* reverse the policy of the executive whose death places him in power. In making a ticket to be elected the faction disappointed in its presidential choice is given the despised second place to secure its vote. It was the concession of the vice presidency to Conkling which gave Garfield the vote of New York, and elevated him to the presidency and the gates of eternity. Should Arthur succeed to the presidency he stands in peril of his life, at the hands of some exalted fellow! of the other side, or even some crazy Democrat who might want to put into the presidency the Democrat who will be very likely to be chosen as president of the Senate at the next session. Still, as no Democrat shot the fraud Hayes there is a reasonable probability of the safety of all other Republican presidents from assassination at Demo-

A serious hitch in the succession is presented by the fact that no man at present stands ready to occupy the presopportunity, by leaving his seat, to select a substitute. A ready way to save this difficulty, while at the same time providing a successor to the president who be to give the succession to the cabinet officers, in prescribed rotation, until an election could be held. Practically this would be giving the president the power objection, but great advantage, in would require a constitutional change; but it is generally conceded that the mode of electing our presidents requires amendment; and the revision should be so radical as to seek to remedy all the confessed evils in this part of our federal system. The electoral device, though good in idea, has been smothered in the clutch of the party convention; and the excellent idea that the people should decide who their president shall be has been as efficiently knocked in the head by the same overpowering might. The electors have no choice but to record effect that there was a conspiracy, he said: the will of their party; the people no re- "No, no; there has been no conspiracy. source but to accept one of the two can- This is the deed of an individual." didates of the conventions of the dominant parties. Garfield and Arthur were not the officers selected by one out of a rich man and proprietor of a paper mill thousand of the Republicans who felt in York, has died suddenly of apoplexy in more in its name than in its essence; it of the people that selects the men who rule the country. Perhaps the fiat of that judgment cannot be given voice; discussion as to whether it may not be, and how it can be; and the present state have it put in order. Mr. Jessup has win's Creek, Perry county, less than of public feeling strongly invites such lived abroad mainly for the past ten discussion.

It has so far been taken for granted that in case of Arthur's accession the present cabinet would be displaced; but this may be a mistake. Arthur's proper course would be to make no change in found her sojourning in the upper part of the cabinet at all at present nor a wholesale change at any time. He will take | "a handsome, well preserved woman, of resented Utah in the national Congress. stances, put there by the murderous act ing, with a complexion like a rose and lily room, but were distinguished contempoof his partisan. He would offend public combined, a wealth of sunny, chestnut. raries in public life. If Bernheisel is still sentiment greatly by taking advantage brown hair, sparkling eyes, a sweet, mo be far advanced in years. of power so obtained to put his own ad- bile mouth, and a face capable of most herents in place. It would be danger-ous for him to attempt it. He will be bound hand and foot in exercising the dered all the easier because she generally bound hand and foot in exercising the dered all the easier because she generally presidential powers and we doubt goes by her platform name of the talented whether any stalwart will ever have a reader and elocutionist, "Marie Isabelle chance to get a smell of the kitchen. Hammond."

MINOR TOPICS. ONLY a short time ago the president inmred his life for \$25,000.

LARGELY owing to dirty streets the death rate in New York is nearly 50 per cent. higher than in London.

MISSIONARY RIDGE, near Chattanooga, Tenn., was the site of one of the most decisive battles of the civil war. It was a wild, rugged place, worth a dollar or so an acre. Now it is covered with orchards.

Among the first associations in the country to dispatch resolutions of condolikely to be in sympathy with the idea of lence to Washington were Tammany, the meeting of Democratic legislators at Al bany and the Young Men's Democratic association, of Philadelphia.

THE kings of Italy and of Hayti have telegraphed their solicitude to Washington. Alfred Tennyson, the poet laureate, has telegraphed to United States may be that a violent removal of one Minister Lowell expressing deep regret at head shall establish in power another of the attempt on the president's life, and antagonistic political feeling. The asking for the latest news regarding his

DURING the residence of a bitter South ern woman in Washington, she formed an resentatives. There should be no op. intimate acquaintance with President Lincoln, and a friendly correspondence was anced minds to achieve the triumph of kept up between the two during a great their views through assassination. The portion of the war. On one occasion her letter paper was adorned with the Confederate motto, a snake entwined around a Confederate flag, and the inscription : "Don't tread on us, or we will bite. When Lincoln replied to the missive, he sent back the motto with "bite" erased and the word "burst" substituted.

Our esteemed radical contemporary, the Philadelphia Bulletin, piously suggests that should Arthur become president and then the succession be open to the president of the Senate-to be elected by the Democratic majority-"It would be a Aberration of the mind, caused by the most praiseworthy and patriotic act for the Democrats to cast aside the little advantage they have gained by accident and help to elect some eminent member of the the country. Such men are not to be Republican party." Just so, the Republicans are always doing that sort of praisepunishment. They are wont to believe worthy and patriotic acts. You remember that when Johnson became president they straightway hunted for the most violent copperhead they could find in the person of that arch Democrat, old Ben. Wade, and made him president of the Senate, to show how generous they could be.

"TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR, the nursery rhyme so familiar to everydent, to take his place. But the party in body, has been revised by a committee of that they will increase and become an imeminent scholars, with the following portant addition to the game of the coun-

for to, this earth, the planet we inhabit similar in general appearance and refractory powers to the precious primitive octahedron crystal of pure carbon,** set in the aerial region surrounding the earth.

*Or. Swad out with the antro gilespians *Or, Swal out with the antrogresspans,

†See Hesio. Pro mea benevolente. Act.
Mediav. Pp. 992. Quisque numjam satis.
Vol. II., chap. 78. ¶XIV. Also, Hey Didhul
Didhul Thecat anthef Hidul, ¶XI. Pp. 672. Ib.
§Not found in the MSS. of the 29th century.
Hunc. Dunc. V. Hugo Dusenbury; Sine
venire, Puck; Vol. XV., pp. 93-87; objected to by the English committee.
This may also be rendered, "a long

**In the Vulgate, "like a diamond,"-But Prof. Loomis has been for some months

experimenting in the West Virginia mountains on his arial telegraphy and has succeeded by running up wires to a certain altitude in reaching the current of electricity which he claims can be found at that height, and by means of which communication can be had at any distance. He has telegraphed to parties eleven miles idency should Arthur succeed to it and distant by merely sending up a kite at die in it; no president of the Senate each end of the distance to a certain height, having as yet been chosen by that body, attached to which, in place of an ordinary through Arthur's failure to give it an string, was a fine copper wire. When both kites touched the same current communication was had between them, and messages were sent from one end to the other by means of the ordinary Morse inwould be identified with his policy, would strument in connection with the instrument invented by Prof. Loomis. He now has a project for a series of experiments from a point on one of the highest peaks on the Alps, in Switzerland, to a similarly to name his temporary successor should situated place in the Rocky mountains on he be removed; and we know no this side of the world. If this succeeds of course his invention will rank in importconceding him this privilege. This ance with that of the electric telegraph itself, and vastly reduce the cost of telegraphing.

PERSONAL.

Mr. M. P. HANDY, managing editor of the Press, has returned from his European voyage very much improved in health. H. P. McGrath, the well-known race-

horse owner, has died at the Central hotel, Long Branch. The remains will be taken to Kentucky for interment.

When Mrs. GARFIELD read to her husband a suggestion in a newspaper to the

A. D. JESSUP, aged 55, formerly of the Jessup & Moore paper mill firm, a very impelled to vote for them. The de- England at Westwood Park, the country mocracy of our government is vastly seat of Lord Hampton. He had leased it for a term of years, and it was there that is not the good judgment of the majority he resided with his family six months out of every twelve. The remainder of the year he spent at Rome. Near that city he ate, a few days before that body adjourned had recently bought an old palace situated but certainly it is worthy of the fullest upon a large estate, and at the time of his death he was making arrangements to years, making frequent visits to this

> The famous "BELLE BOYD," the rebel spy, is now the widow of Colonel J. S. Hammond, an English gentleman, once a member of the noted "Louisiana Tigers;" and a Philadelphia Record reporter, who governor of California at the same time commanding presence and high-bred bear- These men were not only born in the

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. During the celebration on Monday at Lincoln, Neb., a cannon exploded. Three

men and a boy are reported killed. Early yesterday the opera house and eleven other buildings at San Jose, Cal., were destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is unknown. Loss, \$40,000. A fire just north of the city limits of

Baltimore, destroyed Mr. Ballard's carriage factory and residence and a slaughter house and stable belonging to Richard Cromwell. Loss, \$8000.

A workman on the railroad at Edenville Iowa, was assaulted for expressing the hope that the president would not recover.

Two adventurers, John Traynor, an Irishman, and Ivar Olsen, a Swede, sailed from Bath, Me., yesterday, in a dory fourteen feet long, twenty-one inches deep and five feet wide, the smallest craft in which a passage across the Atlantic has ever been attempted. They are both skilled seamen and are provisioned for 60

Capt. O'Shay, a Jersey City custom house officer, entered Canfield's saloon on the corner of Third and Monmouth streets where he heard a laborer remark, "Garfield deserves to be shot." Capt. O'Shav answered that that was false and that the man who said it ought to be sent to jail. Before he finished speaking others who were present knocked him down, kicked him in the head and dragged him to the door, and then threw him into the street. Garo Grima, an Italian fruit vender. arrested in New Orleans for the murder and robbery of his partner, Carromenio Chiro, in San Francisco, two years ago, also identifled as the murderer of Salvator Socozan in New Orleans, six years ago. Socozoi was stabbed twenty-five times and robbed of \$3,000. The governor of California offers a reward of \$500 for the arrest of Grimo, but he will first be tried for the murder of Socozan.

Mrs. Prichard, widow of Dr. Prichard, former eminent physician of East Orange, N. J., committed suicide in Rogers's cottage, Asbury Park, by opening an artery in the left arm with a pair of scissors death of near relatives, induced the act. She was sixty-five years of age, a fervent Christian and much beloved by the people of Asbury Park, where she has been in the habit of coming every summer for several years.

MATTERS OF INTEREST.

Mostly Gathered in the Open Air. According to the census returns there are about 700,000 people interested in the isheries of this country, which are annually worth about \$100,000,000. A million shad fry were lately obtained

by Senator Hawley, of the United States fish commission, and deposited in the Connecticut river. A lot of England pheasants have been sent to the Rocky mountains, in the hope

In the history of Colorado the outlook for stock interests was never better. The How I conjecture, with surprise, not unmixed grass on the range is plentiful and still growing rapidly. Cattle are fattening with uncertainty, what you are, .

Located, apparently, at such a remote distance from, and at a height so vastly superwell.

growing rapidly. Cattle are lattening earlier than usual and sheep are doing well.

One of the most important products exported from this country is bacon. To supply the foreign market it is estimated that 7,155,000 hogs were slaughtered last year, which yielded a total sum of \$84,-838,242 for bacon and lard.

A Montgomery county farmer asks whether he has a right to shoot the imported house-sparrow. He can shoot any bird or wild animal which comes upon and destroys his property; but he must show that it does so. It is a natural right. Beet root sugar is now extensively sold in the grocery stores of Philadelphia. It is preferred by many to the cane sugar on

account of being finer grained and dissolving more readily. In portions of Europe the supply is annually increasing. The whortleberry bushes were well proected last winter by the blanket of snow. and an unusually heavy crop of fruit is promised this summer in New Jersey. The passengers from that section to the various seashore resorts will be able to in-

dulge in this favorite fruit all the way through. In Cape May county, New Jersey, some of the farmers are complaining of the quantity of fruit on their peach trees, which threatens to break the limbs if a portion of the fruit is not removed. The nfluence of the salt water doubtless mod-

crated the temperature. An eagle, with a brass chain around its neck, suspending a little tin box inclosing a slip of paper on which was written in Danish : "Caught and set free again in 1792 by N. and C. Anderson, Boetod in Falster, Denmark," was shot on April 15 last, at Makkoo, in the island of Lapland. The bird measured six feet and a half between the tips of the wings.

ANOTHER WOULD-BE ASSASSIN.

A Manlac Who Threatens to Kill Secretary

A man was arrested yesterday morning on Pennsylvania avenue who said he had come to Washington to kill Blaine. His actions were those of a crazy man. When taken to the police station he was unable to give his name. He is said to be Daniel McNamara, forty-two years old, and comes from Philadelphia. He is perfectly insane. He walked into police headquarters and demanded a hearing before the people, which, if not allowed him, he would shoot Secretary Blaine. He had a claim, it had not been allowed him, and justice he would have in some way. He said that some time ago a set of spiritualistic mediums formed a plot to shoot General Grant, and he had been selected to do the shooting It was abandoned, however, as Grant promised to stand by them in a scheme they had formed. The man was examined by Police Surgeon Elliot, who pronounced him insane, and he appearad harmless. He was sent to the insane asy lum. He did not have a pistol.

Among the curious facts brought out in the eulogies on the late ex-Governor William Bigler, delivered in the state Senwas the statement by Senator Smiley, o Perry, of the birth of five distinguished Pennsylvanians in one room of what is known as the old Gibson mansion, in Sherthirty miles from the state capital, The men were: John Bannister Gibson, the distinguished chief justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania; his brother George Gibson, for many years prior to the rebellion the commissary general of the United States army; Wm. Bigler the late governor; John Bigler, who by a singular coincidence was made his brother was made governor of Penn-

dam. Murphy got into deep water, and his companion was so terrified as to be unable to render assistance and he drowned. Young Murphy was an only child.

THE WASHINGTON TRAGEDY. | ance. Portions of the fire department GARFIELD'S CONDITION HOPEFUL.

The Antecedents of the Assassin. The disease from which the president suffers is peritonitis, which is inflammation of the membrane that lines the whole abdominal cavity and covers all its contents. The peritoneum, the anatomical name of the membrane referred to, is very extensive, and as inflammation of one part of it almost necessarily involves the whole the danger needs only to be mentioned to be seen. One of the symptoms of the dis-The man has since died from the effects of the beating. A similar fracas occurred at State Centre, but it was not attended with of exit, as that generated in the stomach has, distends the abdomen until it is sometimes as tense as a drum head. It is to remedy this that Dr. Simms telegraphed from Paris recommending a puncture of the abdomen. The president's pains are relieved by the hypedermic administration of morphine, and consequently he is drowsy and sometimes partly uncon-

scious. The Conspiracy Theory. With regard to the conspiracy theory, about which so much has been said and which Attorney General Mac Veagh is said to adhere to, but little further is known. Attorney General MacVeagh says there is no foundation whatever for the statement that an effort is being made to establish the fact of a connection between the assassin Guiteau and those concerned in the Star route cases. The fact is that certain matters have come under his notice, in tracing up the career of Guiteau, which he considered demanded a thorough investigation. He is prosecuting this inquiry, and the exigencies of the case forpade any information as to the nature of these things or the developments being given to the public at the present time Detectives are investigating a rumo

that the police have been advised of the secret formation within the past two days of an organization of colored men, numbering six hundred, who have arranged to set in motion a scheme to lynch Guitteau on the announcement of the death of the president.

GUITEAU'S INSANITY.

Pronounced to be of Unsound Mind at the

Dr. Thomas B. Hood, medical referee of the pension office, makes the following statement concerning Guiteau: "I re garded him as insane. On the thirtieth of April he was referred to me by Commissioner Bentley for medical examination. He talked incessantly and gesticulated wildly much of the time. He commenced by saying that he was drawing a pension for wounds received in the army, one of which was located in the left lung and the other in his right arm. He also stated that he had risen to be lieutenant colonel. This I believe to be true What he wanted, he said, was an increase of pension, so that he could go to Europe for his health. He ran from one subject to another rapidly, and said he was a stalwart and had distinct views upon many subjects. He said he had own way of thinking about things. 'My friends call me insane,' he remarked but I am not insane.' He then branch ed off on a plan he said he had invented for reclaiming flats on the sea shore and in rivers. I was consulted. he said, 'before I left Chicago, about reclaiming the flats around the lake. My plan was to plant willows, and then put in fences and then more willows. The water would rise and gradually the space between the willows would fill up; the grass would take hold; the flats would be reclaimed.' Guiteau then branched off on theology, During all this time I had not said a word, but he rattled away all the while. I looked over his papers, and returned them with the words written on the back, 'The applicant is insane.' I remember now some of the medical papers in the bundle said the applicant was in-How He Behaved at mis Boarding House

Rev. Rush A. Shippen, pastor of All Souls' Unitarian church, a boarder in Mrs. Grant's house, speaks of Guiteau as follows: "I sat at the end of the table and he sat to my right, and very often we were alone at the breakfast table, both of us being early risers. I roomed upon the same floor with him and he often called on me, remaining in my room at times for quite a lengthy period. He was solemn and reticent person, morose in his demeanor, and seemed to be brooding over something. I was never inquisitive enough to question him relative to person. al affairs, though we talked over current subjects, political and otherwise. I must say, however, that I never heard him utter a bitter word against the president A friend of mine a short time since was speaking to me in the highest terms of Mr. Conkling, and I repeated his conver ration at the table a day or two afterwards. I added that I was glad to hear such a high tribute paid to Mr. Coukling. One of the ladies remarked that she believed in Conkling, when Guiteau spoke up and said: I am glad to hear you say so, for l believe in him too.

"He never said anything to me in relation to consulships, but perhaps his knowing that I was a minister prevented him to some extent from talking to me as freely about such matters as he did to others He appeared to be moderately posted upon affairs generally, but was not what I considered a polished gentleman. He was quite rude in his movements at the table, being bent on helping himself and never

assisting the ladies around him." Eats Heartily-Has no Fear. Colonel Crocker, the jail warden, says Guiteau passed a restless night, and arose yesterday morning with bloodshot eyes and somewhat nervous, but ate a hearty breakfast of bread, potatoes, beef and coffee. He said to General Crocker he would like just one square meal from the hotel and he would be satisfied for the day at least. He appears very anxious about President Garfield's condition and earn estly hopes that he will die, so that the Republican party will be united. He says he does not fear for himself, as he knows the Stalwarts will take care of him. General Crocker regards him as a fanatic on politics. At present he says on some subjects he talks brightly and intelligently. He does not regard him as an insane man by any means, yet not a man with correct

judgment on all points. Garfield's Last Letter. By a singular coincidence the very last letter written by President Garfield was addressed to his opponent in the late pres-idential campaign—Major General Winfield S. Hancock. It was dated Friday and related to an appointment recently conferred upon Col. Mitchell, one of General Hancock's aides de-camp. It was friendly and pleasant in tone, and could not but have pleased the recipient. The letter informed Gen. Hancock that Col. Mitchell had been appointed assistant adjutant general of the army, and, apologizing for depriving the general's staff of an excellent officer, concluded : 'While your staff, general, loses an ornament, the army gains an assistant adjutant general of whom it may well feel proud."

A LARGE CONFLAGRATION

A Stove Works at Spring City, Pa., Partially Destroyed by Fire. In Spring City Pa., at 8 a. m., yesterday a fire began the destruction of the extensive stove foundry of Oliver Keely, and by noon, excepting the pattern shop, engine, some patterns and tools, everything was in ruins.

from Pottstown and Norristown were forwarded to the scene by special trains, their presence being necessary owing to danger of the entire town being destroyed. Mr. Keely does not think of rebuilding there. One hundred and fifty men are

engine and badly injured. STATE ITEMS.

The Philadelphia cricket match, Americans vs. English resident, was won by the

former with eighteen runs to spare. Chairman Dill says he intends to soon call the state committee together to fix a time for the state convention.

A boiler exploded at Boston Run colliery, Schuylkill county, with fatal effect. Thomas Rourke was instantly killed and a mule met the same fate. John Green, an aged citizen of Sharps burg, has died under circumstances which

make it doubtful whether morphine or want of air killed him. Near Youghiogheny, accommodation train struck and killed Jerry Bragnel. The wheels of the engine ground his head into

Pittsburgh expects to have big races next week. Maud S., St. Julien and Hopeful will be there; and eighteen other nags

with a record of 2:25 and under. Two boys and two girls in trying to row across the river at Scranton, sank their eaky boat and Catharine Thomas, aged 4. was drowned.

Albert Wetterauch was found dead ed in Pittsburgh, and the jury decided that he had committed suicide with a dose of morphine. Geo. Myers, an Allegheny county farmer

who was jealous of his wife, was found dead with a bullet in his head and his pistol in his hand. A young son of William Johnson. Honeybrook, Chester county, who fell

from a cherry tree, striking the back of his head on the pails of a fence, died in six hours after the accident. In Locustdale, Robert Bennie and John Lennon, who were connected with the Baschee murder several years ago, for which Lennon was discharged on Saturday from a five years' term in the penitentiary, got into an altercation on Monday about

the murder, when Bennie draw a revolver

and fatally wounded Thomas Bennon, a disjuterested party. While the mayor of Allegheny and his chief of police were standing in his office on the Fourth a pistol ball entered the window, and passing near where they were standing, struck the wall opposite them, and rebounding fell at their feet. The ball was from a 22 calibre revolver, and came

with considerable force. Out at Waynesburg, Mo., a picnic party, 600 in all, partook of lemonade that had been poisoned with acid. Eight persons have died and a hundred are in a critical condition. The vendor was arrested and will be prosecuted. Public indignation is excited and the community

is in mourning. The North and West Branch railroad sold at sheriff's sale at Bloomburg to Chas. Parrish, Thomas Beaver, Charles R. Buckalew and Henry W. Palmer for \$700,000. The line is forty miles long, running from Wilkesbarre to Catawissa, and is nearly graded from Catawissa to Nanticoke, eight miles from Wilkesbarre. A new company will be formed at once and the road pushed rapidly forward to completion. It will become a feeder to the Danville and Hazleton branch of the Pennsylvania railroad and make a rail outlet for the mines

of that company at Nanticoke. Up in Meadville Edward Howard and Charles Knorr, while drunk and late at night, demanded admission to the disreputable drinking house of Ferd. Bork. The wife denied them admission. They persisted, and began kicking at the door. A fight then ensued, during which Mrs. Bork ran into her bed-room, procured a revolver which she had concealed in the bureau drawer, and returned. Without saying a word, she aimed at Howard and shot him dead through the heart, and then turning upon Knorr, who was standing a short distance from Howard, fired the second shot, the ball lodging in the fleshy part of the left arm.

A TRIPLE MURDER.

A Negro Shoots Two Children and Cuts the Throat of a Third. Sheriff Mickler, of Hernando county, Florida, who lives some miles from the court house, having occasion to go there on the 29th ultimo, left his three children. aged 8, 11 and 14 years, alone with a negro named King, to whom he had been very kind. The fiend shot and mortally wounded the oldest, drove the others to the wood, s and shot the elder dead and cut the throat of the younger and left it also for dead. He then returned, robbed the house of what he could carry and wayaid Mr. Mickler, designing to kill him on his return, but a neighbor accompanied Mr. Mickler and the murderer was thwarted. The two wounded children when found were able to give an account of the terrible affair, though one and perhaps both are now dead. The fiend was captured and confessed his crime. He was

and colored. He died sullen and unrepentant. An Ambitions Little Scot. With his youthful mind filled with the opportunities which America offered, ames Fosner, a thirteen-year-old boy residing in Glasgow, Scotland, borrowed \$35 from his grandmother three weeks ago and set sail for the domains of Uncle Sam. After scouring New York for employment in vain young Foster struck out for Phila delphia some days ago and resumed the search. Meeting with no success he was taken charge of by St. Andrew's society, which body found a home for him at the House of Industry. He is still on the look-

hanged in the presence and with the ap-probation of two hundred citizens, white

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

out for something to do.

Sudden Death. Christian Wolf, a respectable resident of Scheeneck, West Cocalico township, died under very unusual circumstances yesterday morning, aged about sixty years. He left Scheneck in the morning in his usual good health to take a load of oak bark to Grimm's tannery, near Union Station. He sat upon the load of bark, and when nearing the station, his horses were seen descending a rather steep hill at an unusually fast pace, and apparently without a driver. The team was stopped as it entered the village and Mr. Wolf was discovered lying on top of the load, dead.

Deputy Coroner Charles Carpenter being notified empaneled the following named gentlemen as a jury to inquire into the cause of his death; Messrs. D. S. Lutz, Daniel Kline, A. J. Ream, A. R. Royer, Cyrus K. Regar, John B. Hacker. The jury rendered a verdict that Mr. Wolf came to his death by paralysis of the

Another Man. The George Evans confined in the Clearon charge of mu a fellow convict, is not the former resident of Lancaster by that name who fled hence under suspicion of criminality. The Clearfield county man is a Welshman who never was in these parts.

Recovered.

The fire originated in the unused loft. The cause is unknown. The loss is \$125,000; insurance over \$100,000. William Whitall, of Philadelphia, has charge of the insur-

TRINITY STEEPLE.

The History of This Famous Landmark. The repairs being made at the present time to the steeple of Trinity Lutherau church have created not a little interest. recalling to the minds of many of the older inhabitants, the times when the thrown out of employment. John Hiller, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was run over by a fire

steeple was repaired in years gone by. Mr. Henry L. Eichholtz, a member o the vestry, has in his possession a great many old papers relating to the building of the church. This morning he showe us a number of bills and receipts for work done or labor furnished, some of them bearing date as early as 1751. They are written in both German and English. some of the latter showing by their peculiar orthography that they were written by Germans having a very limited knowledge of the English language. Here is

one of them copied, verbatim:
"Received of Michael Hubley George Hoff & Jacob Yens Elder & Church wordons for the german Drinity Luderien church in Lancaster the sum of Thirty six Points wich I alowed Dourts Builthing of an orgin it being in Part of the Money Due me Towrtst making an case for the orgen now builthing in said church. say Rec. by Me this 11d Day of August PETER FRICK.

" £44..0..0." Another old bill shows that Philip and Benjamin Schaum, coppersmiths, furnish ed nearly 200 pounds of sheet copper to cover the points in the wood-work of the steeple, which was erected in 1792-4; and also that the same firm made the copper ball placed upon the spire above the woodwork. Their bill was £47,18s and 9d, the price of the ball being £9. The weight of the ball when it was put up was 45 pounds, but when it was taken down it weighed only 43\(\frac{1}{2}\) pounds. The height of the ball, which is of oval shapes, is 3 feet and 1 inch, its smaller diameter 333 inches, or 8 feet,

10 inches in circumference. The weather vane is also made of copper, the point and bearings being of cast brass. The vane is 8 feet, 44 inches in length; 2 feet, 2 inches in width, and 1061 pounds. The roc's indicating the cardinal points of the compass are 4 feet, 11 inches in length, and the letters N. S. E.

and W. are 7 inches in height. The tulip-shaped ornament above the vane was made by Nathanel Smith and his receipted bill still extant shows that the

cost of it was £1,5s,6d. When the ball was taken down the other day it was found to have been pierced by no less than four rifle bullets, two of which passed entirely through it, and the others only entered it without passing through. One of the bullets was found inside when the ball was taken down. The shots appear to have been fired from an upper room in the old Shirk building or from the court house steps. The vestry offer a lib eral reward for the detection and conviction of the persons who fired the shots. It may be noted as a singular circumstance that the big copper ball was made by Benjamin & Philip Schaum, in 1794, in the very same premises, 27 South Queen street, now occupied by John P. Schaum

grandson of Benjamin, and by whom the bullet holes in the ball are to be plugged up. After the ball, vane and ornament had been taken down and carried to the shop of Charles Brimmer to be regilded, hundreds of slips of paper containing the names of well-known citizens were found inside the ball, some of them having been placed therein in 1854 and others in 1868 in which years the ball had been taken

as follows: "Deposited by John H. Duchman, born 19, 1796, resident of Lancaster, June 19, 1854, in the 58th year of his age; this being the fourth time he was present when the ball was taken down.'

down for repair. One of these slips read

Another slip reads : "This ball was taken down by Michael McCullon, Oct. 22, 1868, and put up Oct. 31, 1868." Anothers contains the following Painters who worked on the Lutheran steeple, Oct. 19th, 1868-Michael McCullom and Allen Guthrie, contractors ; journeymen painters, Frank Freidenstein, Charles Tucker, Sam. Showers, John Car-

penter, Frank Broadbelt, Another contains the names of Jacob Waltz, Edw. Bookmyer, W. L. Peiper W G. Baker, Dr. E. Greenwald. There are hundreds of others, some

pretty good preservation and others partly or quite illegible. As soon as Mr. Schaum shall have patched up the ball and taken out the 'dents" Mr. Brimmer will regild it, together

painters will be at work on the steeple, and in a short time "Old Trinity' assume a rejuvenated appearance.

COURT. Current Business-The "Spreener House

Court met this morning at 11 o'clock. The argument on the rule to show cause why alimony and counsel fees should not be allowed Mary A. Pendegrast, pending the suit of a divorce brought by her hushusband having provided a boarding place pending the suit. Counsel for the ibellant was directed to file an affidavit showing that he had been a resident of the state for one year when his application for a divorce was filed. In the case of Edward Seiber et al. vs.

M. Fernsler et al., arising from the Brick erville church difficulty, the counse asked that certain wood which had been cut be allowed to be used in the repair of the church. A writ of estrepement had been issued, restraining defendants from cutting any timber, and the argument on it has not yet been heard. No order was made by the court.

A citation was issued to Amos Slavmaker, esq., executor of James L. Reynolds, deceased, to file an account in the estate of William Mathiot, in whose estate Mr. Reynolds was administrator. The citation is returnable on the third Monday of September.

Insane Tramp John Moran, who was sent to jail recent ly for being a tramp, was ordered to be taken to the insane asylum, as it was shown by the affidavits of attending physicians that the man is of unsound mind.

A hotel license was granted to the Sprecher house, on Duke street, which prior to this has had a restaurant license. The court said that they granted the license on condition that the house be kept on the European plan, and in its present excellent condition. If that is not done they will revoke the license next spring without any remonstrance. Divorced.

Mary R. Williams was granted a divorce rom her husband, Frederick Williams, of columbia, on the grounds of desertion. Sentenced for Costs.

George W. Moore was sentenced to pay he costs in the cases which he brough against C. C. Schumaker and which were gnored by the grand jury and the costs mposed upon him. Moore has been a fugitive from justice for some time and was only caught recently. He went to jail. Court adjourned to August 13th.

held a meeting last night, passed a num-ber of bills and signed the contract be-

Contract Signed.

Good Profit. The Lutheran Sunday-school of May-The small velocipede stolen from the town, at their festival, held for the bene

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE. The Vigilant No. 2 want a new engine. The school board held an informal meeting in Mr. Given's office last evening to recommend several children to the sol-

diers' orphan school. Yesterday was the warmest day of the season, being 93 degrees in the shade at 4

Messrs, George Bennet, Geo, Schroder, and Martin Smith, were appointed delegates from the Vigilant to attend the firemen's convention to be held July 12, to elect a chief of fire department of Colum-

Company H's inspection last evening was poorly attended.
The condition of President Garfield still

causes great excitement here. A sail boat containing three men be calmed this morning and drifted down to the dam where it "stuck." A row boat was sent to the gentlemen's assistance. This morning three drunken darkeys

were lying in a gutter on Union street, huddled like so many pigs. The funeral of Mrs. Rudenstein last evening was very largely attended.

The Upp & Black contract, despite the

warm weather, is being pushed rapidly forward. A large number of gipsies were encamped at Gossler Green last night, but left this morning.

ried 3,000 passengers to Lititz on the Fourth, and 140 to Atlantic City the same A beer car belonging to the Prospect brewery was thrown from the siding in the rear of the P. R. R. warehouse by an

The Reading & Columbia railroad car-

empty keg on the track. It has not yet Nine tramps were on a westward bound train this morning. Where was Brady?

An unevenly loaded flour wagon spilled

its contents at the corner of Fourth and Walnut streets. Mr. Samuel Filbert again caught a five

pound bass yesterday.

The Shawnee and Susquehanna rolling mills, which "shut down" last Saturday, started up this morning with a full completion of men. The Supplee steam engine works are

doing a big business. They received three orders for stationary engines this week. . The heat of yesterday caused a number of rails on the siding at the Shawnee furnace to spring. Workmen are fixing the break this morning. Mr. John Maime, of Kitchentown, had his breast poisoned by wearing a blue

flannel shirt next to his skin. Eruptions cover the whole of his breast. A carrier pigeon was shot this morning near the "Five Points" and around its neck was a piece of paper with something

on it that was not decipherable. The Chiquesalunga tribe of I. O. R. M. felt so elated over the fine appearance of their room that they had a fine supper at Metzger's hotel last evening. Officer Struck arrested Harry Skeen,

who was implicated in the Wrightsville fight, and took him before Squire Frank. He was placed under 8200 bail, Mr. Sam'l Read going his security. The women who engaged in the fight at Shadtown yesterday had a hearing before

'Squire Young, who discharged them with a reprimand. The inspection of the Columbia water works by Superintendent Fasig is at last finished and the water works reported to

be in good condition. Adam Kieffer, aged 20 years, had his left wrist broken yesterday, while wrest-

ling with another young man.
The Citizens' band will meet but once a week-every Friday-instead of twice, on account of the heat. Post No. 118, G. A. R., drilled in their

ew room last evening for the first time. The G. A. R. encampment will be held at Gettysburg, and a number of members of our post will be in attenpance. Tickets can be had of Postmaster Mullen.

Mr. Richard Borrough returned from his trip in Maryland; Messrs. J. C. Gable, B. F. Mullen, H. C. Lichty and Miss Annie Gillman returned from Philadelphia; Mr. Luther Rider, of Duncannon, is the guest of C. W. Stevenson; The Misses Bogle have gone to York; Miss Carrie Root, of Pottstown, is the guest of

H. F. Yergey. A stubborn cow belonging to a farmer. caused a great deal of amusement as well as confusion at the P. R. R. round house. It persisted on getting on the track, and several times came near being run over. with the vane and ornaments. Meantime the It was at last driven off the tracks but took its position in front of Harry Bruner's coal office. One man attempted to twist its tail. He was picked up and carried into the office with the breath knocked out

of him. The cow was finally started. A little four-year-old child of one of the workmen of the Shawnee furnace met with what will probably be a fatal accident last evening. He was playing on the bridge in front of the furnace and which crosses the Shawnee run, when he lost his balance and fell into the run, his head striking a large stone and inflicting an band, was continued until September, the ugly and dangerous cut. His arm was also broken in two places. When taken home he still remained in an insensible

condition. THE MURDER AT HIGHSPIRE.

William Andrews, a colored man, re-

Colored Man Kills His Wife and Burns

sided with his wife and two small children on the farm of Michael Ulrich, near Highspire, between Middletown and Harrisburg, where he was employed as a laborer. The family occupied a small log house some distance from Mr. Ulrich's residence. On Monday Andrews and his family went to Harrisburg to celebrate the Fourth of July, returning home at 8 o'clock in the evening, the husband being intoxicated. Arriving at Highspire Andrews left his wife and started to walk home. The woman, after leaving the youngest child with a friend, left her home, taking the two-yearold boy with her. That was the last seen of her. Next morning Andrews came into Highspire with his boy and told the story that he had waited for his wife Monday night and she did not reach home, and that he then set out in search of her but without success. He said that early in the morning he started for Middletown, and having reached the Still house, he looked back and saw his house in flames. Hurrying back home, he arrived just in time to rescue his boy, who was at a window near the door. On bursting open the door he alleges that the flames and heat prevented him from entering and the building was burned to the ground. What had become of his wife he could not say, but volunteered the surmise that she had perished in the flames. The people of Highspire did not have much faith in Andrews's story and they returned with him to the house, the ruins of which was still smoking. Digging in the debris they came across some bones, which it was conjectured were those of the wife. Some of the more curious began to investigate, and found a spot in a corn-field where the ground was tramped down and evidences of a struggle were apparent. Searching closer, they found blood spots and long hair, and Andrews was taken into custody. He said he thought the hair The lamp committee of city councils and blood were those of his wife, but he did not know what had become of her, unless she perished in the flames. There tween the city and the Globe gasoline company, for lighting the streets of the city with gas.

Good Profit.

less sne persned in the names. There were several red spots in his clothing, and the child he had taken to Highspire had suspicious red marks on its dress. Andrews was taken before a justice of the peace and committed to jail. He is a light, sinewy negro with a repulsive appearance, made the more so by the loss of one eye, which, he claims, was knocked out in a Philadelphia restaurant, where he was a waiter