The Cause of Our Troubles

is correct, that comets come to restore to our solar system its proper stock of away if they can't do their work with appeared the following: less discomfort to humanity than our present visitor seems to have caused. maybe it is not the cause of the excessive heat, nor of the shooting of the president, nor of the unprecedentedly early advent of the mosquito; but it will have to stand the blame, as we don't know where else to put it. These apparent misfortunes may indeed be blessings in disguise. The hot sun and the heavy rains may insure us the abundant crops that we are promised; and then we can't deny their blessing. The wounding of the president may be his good fortune, seeing how it has drawn to him the averted heart of the country and for the present caused a veil of oblivion to be spread over his doubtful record. It may be a good thing for his party, too, in persuading its contending factions to hush their quarrel and come together in unity; though the advance towards this grace does not seem to be very swift. benefit in the magnanimous attitude their party has taken, in the situation. It compares well with a party so distracted as to find in its own membership an assassin hand for its chief and our president.

But when we come down to consider the mosquitoes we fear our ingenuity will fail us in the effort to plausibly state the blessing in their presence. We might fall back upon the faith of the faithful, and declare that they are good because they are. But there is nothing novel in that statement of the case; and it won't persuade the unregenerate many, who will condemn the mosquito while they feel his sting and don't see a bit of use in it. To those of little faith it may be hopeless to urge that the mosquito is the messenger of the comet's elec tricity, dispatched early in the hot season to bestow to each body the portion of the fluid needed to put it in first-rate electrical condition and fit it to defy the fevers and malaria that lie in wait to assail it when the positive and negative forces are not in due proportion with those of the circumambient air that the sun, newly stored by the comet, has promptly supplied with the right kind and quantity of electricity. If that exwe have no defense for the insect, or the comet that brought him, if it did. And it don't matter much whether it is innocent or guilty, for one who is engaged in a mosquito war cannot reasonably be expected to be in a frame of mind to comet; he may be expected to condemn it on general principles, thankful to have something beside the little mosquito to swear at, and something grand and beautiful and afar off, that will inspire him with words to do justice to the subject.

And, by the way, is it not about time for the astronomers to tell us some thing about the comet? It has nearly disappeared from view, and we are not yet informed whether it is the comet of 1807 or a new one altogether. About the greatest sufferers by the comet are these astronomers, for they have suffered in reputation, which is their all. They have claimed to know so much and have been found to know so little, that they have this great mortification of the spirit to bear in addition to the mortification of the flesh caused by their all-night vigils, and the heat and the mosquitoes that they endure along with the rest of us.

Poor men of science! The only ones comet are those who have maintained these strange celestial visitors to be the messengers of electrical force. The lively electrical commotion that has been exhibited during the season gives great plausibility to this theory. To say nothing of the mosquito bite as a gentle electrical force, we have been treated to a great number of bolts of the old fashioned kind that strike houses and trees and men and beasts. Hardly a day passes, certainly not a week, in any community, in which the heart of the wicked local reporter is not rejoiced with the story of a thunderbolt. The comet has been expensive to the insurance companies, and they are deeply disgusted that the astronomers fail to foretell the coming of the all-fired things long enough ahead to enable them to raise their premiums accordingly. A Vennor in the comet prophecy line is guaranteed steady employment on his own terms by the under-

WHEN Mr. Garfield publicly expressed the opinion that the influence of Mr. Jefferson was on the wane and that of Hamilton strengthening he only formulated a thought which has been for years fathered by the wish of the Republican party. The dividing lines between the principles of these two men are the dividing lines of American political parties. The doctrines of Hamilton were so essentially undemocratic and those of Jefferson were so essentially this direct issue the Jeffersonian princithat no political party has been so bold Hamilton ideas by name. The tendency of Republicanism has, however, been exof leadership which, with Jeffersonian's administration, inaugurated for it a period of signal honor and prosperity. The ex-cathedra announcement that a bolder De gustibus non. move toward the adoption of Hamiltomian principles is to be made justifies the

be found to fairly present some elements of Jefferson's character, in the contemplation of which this generation will find abundant reason to anchor their political faith to his example and teach-

If our friend Dr. Fahnestock's theory In a personal sketch of Judge Black (which was printed last year), not as a electricity, we may be permitted to mild- presidential "candidate," but as one ly observe that we wish they would stay who would honor the highest office.

Orthodox, pure, simple Christianity, in all its holiness, has no more devout wor Maybe we are wrong in charging our unusual disturbances to the comet; shiper in spirit and in truth than he, and the noblest article yet to appear from his pen will be printed when he gratifies the wish that has been expressed in so many high theological quarters that he should publish a reply to Ingersoll from a lawyer's

and a layman's standpoint. The expression of the wish herein re ferred to was greatly intensified by this publication, foreshadowing that it might be gratified, and the judge has yielded to it by furnishing to the North Ameri ern Review a direct answer to an arti cle by Ingersoll in the same number, at tacking Christianity. As indicated Judge Black discusses the question at issue as a lawyer and layman, or, as he felicitously expresses it, he performs " a duty analogous to that of the policeman who would silence a rude disturber of the congregation by telling him that his clamor is false and his conduct an offense agrinst public decency." How admirably the duty is performed the readers of the INTELLIGENCER shall have a chance To the Democrats even there has been to read and determine for themselves. There is as little left of Ingersoli as remains of most of those who engage Judge Black in controversy.

IT seems that King Kalakaua's tour around the world is really an auction of the kingdom of the Sandwich Islands His nation cannot get along well on its own hook and has dwindled from 400,000 souls in 1779 to 56,000, rapidly being replaced by foreigners and half-breeds Half its revenues are consumed in official salaries, and nearly all of its politics and business are in the hands of enterprising Americans. The patriotic soul revolts at the idea of this outpost being auctioned to erect a statue to him. off to European powers and Yankee ingenuity may be depended on to prevent it, even if the American "princess" now there has to be crowned sovereign by field should restrain that sort of curiosity. force of Yaakee arms.

No man knows and appreciates better than Garfield the corrupting influence of making and receiving gifts from rich wife to accept the purse now collecting other inherits from his mother the Booth for her he will recall his speech on Gen. Thomas, in which he praised him for declining gifts offered. He will, too, planation of the hidden blessing in the find the reflex of public sentiment in the glad to know that their son, Harry, is conmosquito bite won't work, then we fear popular applause which greeted his re- valescent, and in the opinion of his physimarks on that occasion.

WHAT a second cousin, horse doctor. thinks of Guitcau's mental condition is deemed worthy of telegraphic transmission these days; and also a half-column make nice distinctions or to earefully about a man who purchased an old pistol weigh the evidence for and against the like Guiteau's at a Washington junk

MINOR TOPICS.

Notice is given that the five cent nickel coins are no longer furnished by the United States mint, but may be had upon application at any sub-treasury.

OUR exports of petroleum for May, 1881, were 34,815,484 gallons, worth \$3,361,155, nearly double double those of May 1881. Five sixths of it is shipped from New

THERE are now two hundred persons imprisoned in Ireland under the coercion act, including one member of Parliament, one priest, one magistrate, several town councillors and many poor law guardians.

PEOPLE don't need to "go off" in denunciation of "heartless hoaxers" who got up "a malicious report" that the steamwho can find any consolation in the ship Arizona was lost. Its captain has found that his cabin boy did carelessly throw overboard the package of letters of which the finding caused the scare. The newspapers made no more ado about it than the facts warranted.

> CAR wheels are now kept in their place without being keyed on. In former times they were almost sure to precipitate an accident; besides keys would drop out by the constant jar and be weakened by the axles and wheels. Axles are turned to fit the wheel snugly and are driven in place by hydraulic pressure Previous to being driven the axles are covered with a thin coat of white lead and oil, which hardens in a short time and holds the wheel so firmly that a pressure of from 100 to 140 tons is required to remove a broken axle from the wheel in which it is placed.

ORDINARILY, the number of letters re ceived daily by the president in reference to the appointments and other executive business is at least fifty, but not a single letter has been received relating to public affairs since the date of the shooting, except a few that were mailed at points distant from Washington on the day prior to the attempted assassination. Since the shooting, however, there has been received at the White House an average of seventy letters daily, but all of them have been letters filled with expressions of sym pathy and condolence, and a majority of these were addressed to Mrs. Garfield.

THE New Era thinks the INTELLIGEN those of our constitutional system, and | CER is true to its instincts in feeling and in every appeal to popular opinion on expressing disgust at the tedious details concerning Mr. Garfield which those who ples have been so abundantly vindicated, throng his bedside report to the public. We are glad that our instincts are so coras to openly attack them and espouse the rect, and that they accord, in this instance, with so well-qualified a judge as the presidential patient. In language as forcible actly as Mr. Garfield stated it, and it has as his condition will allow, Mr. Garfield drifted the country away from that sort has been expressing his "disgust" at the number and quality of the reports sent spring put in, and he appears to have mill sheds, adjoining, were also burned. out from his chamber. The New Era, however, is cutitled to differ from him.

THE Pittsburgh Leader is of opinion prompt resistance of the Democratic- that the development of esthetic dressing Jefferson party ; and although Mr. Ran- is by no means exhausted in the apotheosis dall's recent excellent speech at Dickin- of dandelions, hollyhocks and field daisies: son college was a literary and historical "Before the reaction comes we expect to rather than a political address, that por- see the piquant smart weed become the tion of it which we reprint to-day will subject of our women's passionate adora-

tion. The tall and plume-like mullein, how stately that will look when it replaces the ostrich feather in our ladies' bonnets! The young centleman who wants to make a genuine "mash" in fashionable circles will doubtless soon have to appear in the ball room with the broad and plantain-like leaves of the modest and homely burdock, adorning and concealing his buttonholes.' All this may have much to do with the discoveries by English journals that from \$50 to \$75 per year is amp'e for a lady's

EUROPE, continental and insular, consumes two milliards of matches daily. Assuming that each several act of ignition occupies the brief period of one second, it will be obvious to every ready reckoner that five hundred and fifty-five thousand hours of each successive day are spent by the inhabitants of Europe in striking matches. Four hundred thousand cubic yards of timber and four hundred and twenty thousand pounds' weight of phosphorus are in annual request for the manufacture of the seven hundred and thirty thousand millions of matches used up by Europe in a year. There is indeed food for much speculation in the fact that Europeans dispose of nearly sixty-four years per day in scraping tiny sticks, tipped with some inflammable composition, but the able statistician from whom we quote would have added zest to his figures by including a computation of the number of swear words daily uttered in connection with the process of scraping tiny sticks tipped with some inflammable composition," when the inflammable composition fails to go off, or the tiny stick breaks close to the head, and a search through the recesses, of the vest pockets discloses pary another match. Your ready reckoner who undertakes this job will find his hair standing on end at the appalling magnitude of the figures produced by the calculation.

> ---PERSONAL.

Mr. TURNER MESSERSMITH goes to Saybrook Point, Conu., on Friday, The admirers of Victor Hugo throughout the world are asked to furnish money

Mr. GARFIELD has been auxiously inquiring: "What effect does this have upon the contest at Albany?" Mr. Gar-In the meeting of the American Dental society in New York, Dr. M. H. WEBB.

of this city, presides over the department of operative dentistry. Of JOHN S. CLARKE'S three sons one men to those in public position. When has taken to the sea, another has his he gets well and before he allows his father's genius for comedy, and the

> aptness for tragedy. The many triends of Mr. and Mrs. HEXRY E. JOHNSTON, of Wheatland, will be

cians is "getting on finely." Vice-President ARTHUR called at the executive mansion last evening, and had a short but pleasant interview with Mrs. Garfield. It is understood that he will return to New York-to aid in electing anti-Conkling senators, of course.

Col. H. W. GRAY has retired from the shop to carry with him to New Mexico. Philadelphia board of health in which he was serving his third term. Col. Gray was born in this county near Mountville, went to Philadelphia in 1857 to assume the management of the Schomaker piano forte company. As councilman, colonel and politician he has been in public life twenty years.

At Mr. TILDEN's age the young man's fancies lightly turn to thoughts of books. He is adding the adjoining building to his town house and will use it as a library and art gallery. To that end he is having the present building torn down, and will have it rebuilt of iron and fire-proof brick. The front of No. 15 will also be torn down, and a uniform front of about sixty feet of brown Belleville stone and reddish Carlisle stone, with strong courses of black granite will be built.

During Joe Jefferson's travels through France he chanced, in one of the smaller towns, to visit a church, the officiating priest of which had just died, and in consequence the letters R. I. P. (Requiescat in Pace) were displayed in silver in a black drapery above the altar. His little boy, clinging to Mr. Jefferson's hand, looked up at the familiar word and exclaimed, "Why, papa, how did the people know that you were coming here today ?"

WILLIAM STIRLING, of the late firm of Stirling, Ahrens & Co., of Baltimore, died yesterday, aged 55 years. The firm of and coffee importing firm in Baltimore, and controlled all the large sugar refineries there. About ten years ago it became involved with the government regarding the payment of duties on sugar, and finally suspended, the closing of all the refineries in Baltimore following. At the time of his death Mr. Stirling was engaged in the

The Philadelphia Times and Boston Herald disapprove carnestly of the proposition to present Mrs. Garfield with a purse of money in case her husband lives. During the long service of John Quincy ADAMS in the House of Representatives after the close of his presidential term, some publisher sent him a fine edition of the Bible, bound in costly style, as a present. Mr. A. ascertained the probable value of the book, and enclosed the amount to the donor with his thanks, but with the assurance that he regarded it as improper for a public officer to receive presents

LEE FAULKNER, who failed to meet his marriage engagement to Miss Hubbard, of Hartford, Conn., is still missing. A New York dressmaker comes to the front, whom he was to have married the week following the date fixed for his marriage to Miss Hubbard, and first heard of his Hartford engagement by reading an account of the preparations for the marriage. He secured her gold watch to have a new mainplayed the same game in Hartford. Miss Loss, \$60,000; insurance \$25,000. Hubbard had a valuable gold watch, and as she wanted to carry it on her wedding journey she gave it to him to take to New York to be cleaned, and that was the last she saw of it. She has overcome the shock of her first great disappointment, and is satisfied that her confidence was entirely misplaced and that the fellow is a scoundrel.

NEWS NOVELTIES.

STRIKING, STARTLING AND SENSA-

Facts From the World's News Stranger Than Fiction. Benjamin Crossman, a drawtender on Hodgden island, Sheep Scot river, Me., left home with his wife to go to Wiscott in a dory. At an early hour next morning he was found in an intoxicated condition on Barter's island, and being questioned as to his wife, replied : "I have committed a horrible crime and want to be hung." The dory was picked up in the river and found to be besmeared with blood from end to end, the inference being that the woman had been literally chopped in pieces and thrown overboard. Crossmon is a peacable man when not in liquor, and is about forty years of age. He was sent to jail.

Indianapolis Under Conviction. The great revival among the churches of Indianapolis continues to be the subject of much discussion. The population of that city is about eighty thousand. Nearly five thousand of these have professed religion in connection with some church or other. The work has gone on during the past four months, while general business as been unusually active. The movement has received the respectful attention even of those who are not particularly religious. The "boy preacher," Thomas Harrison, inaugurated the work, and in spite of his eccentric methods it has steadily grown to its present proportion.

Pursued by a Phantom In Wilmington, Del., last evening, a deanged stranger was put off the train from Philadelphia, reaching the city at 6:15 o'clock. The next seen of him he was rushing wildly out on the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore railroad track. shouting to men whom he met : " A man on whom I forged a note is after me to shoot me. Don't tell him where I went." He ran at the top of his speed until the city limits were passed, and then went through a farmhouse which stood by the river bank and made a vain attempt to hide himself. He then plunged into the river and was drowned. The body is being dragged for. The man was of respectable appearance and was either violently inane or suffering from delirium tremens. " Ain't it Hot ?"

James Craig keeps a toll bridge in Virginia. During the recent hot weather everyone who stopped at the bridge to pay the toll thoughtlessly observed, "Ain't it hot?" In addition to the wear and tear ff his ears. Mr. Craig soon discovered that his voice was growing feeble, for the exclamation being couched in the form of a question, courtesy required that an an swer should be returned. Having kept count for sevoral days he found that the interrogation was uttered and answered 725 time daily on the average, and proceived that he should soon talk himself to death. He therefore determined, while reason yet remained, to avert the the impending catastrophe. He accordingly painted and hung up in plain view a sign which reads : "Yes, it is very hot," Now when a traveler pulls up at the bridge, Mr. Craig simply points to the sign with one hand while he takes the toll with the

A Thief Among the Apostles. The night watchman of Brieg, Prussia, while performing his usual rounds, observed a light to be burning inside the village church at the conspicuously uneanonical hour of 1 a. m. He straightway attention to the suspicious appearance. Having hastily collected together a sufficient force of stout-hearted parishioners. armed with hatchets, hay forks and cudgels, the watchman and beadle proceeded to search the interior of the the church. The chancel of Brieg church is adorned by life size effigies of the twelve apostles. For some time the investigation proved altogether fruitless, when all of a sudden the watchman nudged his companion, and whispered, "Look how one of the apostles is wriggling about!" "Have you taken leave of your senses?" rejoined the beadle. "Not at all. See, there are thirteen apostles, instead of twelve, and the extra one has got a mole skin cap The beadle's ecclesiastical instincts at first prompted him to regard this addition to the apostolic company as a miracle, symptomatic of special glory and honor destined to accrue to Brieg church, but his pleasant illusion was soon rudely dispelled by the discovery that the thirteenth apostle was a sacriligeous rascal, who had cereted himself in the church at the time of its closing, with a view to making a clean sweep of the communion plate. When he heard approaching footsteps he climbed from the altar into the gallery containing the holy effigies, and there he was seized. trembling with fright, his detection being mainly due to his inability, through sheer panie, to maintain a statuesque attitude. TANNER OUTPONE,

The Chicago Faster Begins to Eat Once

Griscom ended his fast of torty five days in Chicago noon yesterday. A great crowd assembled in the Olympic theatre, notwithstanding the heat, and when the faster appeared he was vociferously cheered. His bill of fare was : Two quarts of milk, one quart of cream, a dish of milk-toast, strawberries, huckleberries, a dish of boiled potatoes, crackers, butter, sugar and coffee. The stage was arranged for the occasion so that all present had a full view of the faster when he took his first mouthful. His present quarters were considered too small, and, besides, he says which he was head was the principal sugar he has wearied of the monotony of their surroundings. After he feasted on his milk, berries, toast and potatoes, he re-turned to his private rooms, and in due time have something more substantial in the shape of roast duck, ham garnished with celery, etc. He will remain in the city till next Monday, when he will return to his home in Fayette, Ohio. He intends to return to Chicago and make preparations for a lecture tour of two years, giv ing an account of his fast and the dis coveries he claims to have made. He lost about forty-nine pounds in all, and was still very strong at the end of his fast. The attendant physician recorded the faster's temperature as 98 7-10 degrees, his pulse as 56 and his respiration as 14. To show that he had still a good deal of muscular strength he made a test with the dynamometer and pushed the indicator around to the highest point. Half a dozen of those present also made a test, but not one could push the indicator more than half way around the dial. He pushed it all the way with his left hand without apparently exerting himself.

Losses by Fire.

The shops of the Dodge manufacturing company at Mishawaka, Ind., were struck by lightning and burned. Loss, \$30,000 no insurance. Williamson & Routh's tobacco factory and the copper shops connected therewith, at Petersburg, Va., were destroyed

by fire. Loss, \$34,000; insurance, \$23, Fire, which started in the stables of the Black Diamond steel works, Pittsburgh, Pa., last night, totally destroyed the stable together with 15 mules. Watson A. Ulam's pickle factory and Hill's planing

The Five Per Cents, It is estimated at the treasury depart- terday. ment that there are outstanding about thirty millions of registered five per cent bonds, which cease to bear interest on October 1st. They are redeemable at once with interest to the date of presentation. Upwards of twelve millions of coupon five per cents are outstanding, which cease to bear interest on the 12th of August, and are redeemable after that date.

of Johns Hopkins university, Professor Blackwell, of the University of Missanri, and Professor Loy, of Howard university. In the evening the annual address was deare redeemable after that date.

INSURANCE FRAUDS.

A Decree of Over \$300,000 Against Con Philadelphia Press.

A decree has just been issued by Judge company, involving the sum of \$331,992.-37. The decree in form is against John C. Stein administrator of Simon J. Stein, deceased; Whildon Halfman, Huntzinger, of Pottsville, and Jacob R. Eby, of Harrisburg. The aggregate amount of the decree against Stein, Halfman and Huntzinger is \$278,533.32, and against Eby, \$53,495.05. The suit was instituted against Stein, the late president and treasurer, Halfman, the secretary, and against Eby and Huntzinger as directors, for frauds perpetrated on the company while they were officers, and was begun in the spring of 1871, in common pleas court No. 1. Organized in September, 1871, the Na-

tional fire insurance company was granted a charter by the Legislature, and began business with a nominal capital of \$300, 009 with the right to increase it to \$1,000, 000. Halfman obtained control of the charter for the purpose of effecting personal advantages, which finally assumed the form of a series of stupendous frauds, and succeeded in persuading Simon J. Stein, of Lebanon, to associate with him in the scheme. Upon becoming an accomplice Stein was offered the dual position of president and treasurer of the company, and the board of directors was filled up by Halfman with men subservient to his will. After a formal organization of the board Stein was elected president and treasurer and Halfman secretary, and at the succeeding meeting the first fraudulent step was taken in a proposition to the directors by Stein and Halfman to purchase all the stock of the company, valued at \$200,000, for one-third of its par value, or \$66,666.66. Being subservient to Half man, the board voted to accept the proposition, and on the same day all of the stock was assigned to Stein and Halfman, and they paid for it chiefly in notes. In order charged \$10,000 for the charter, so that the company only received \$56,000 for its \$200,000 worth of stock. Some time after this transaction Eby and Huntzinger became aware of the crookedness, and Eby, being also vice president of the company, demanded of Stein and Halfman that they would divide the profits of their transaction. This demand resulted in an amicable partnership between the four conspira-

In order to do business in those states. particularly in New York, where insurnce examiners were required to examine companies' assets, it became necessary to increase the capital stock to \$500,000, which was done at a meeting held in Leb anon. On this occasion it was decided that one share of stock should be given to each director for every two shares that might be sold by him. These frauds on the company and the motion to increase the stock were concealed from the stockin the minutes of the meeting. Only ing unable to sell more. The company was wonderfully successful in getting bus-

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

The Garfield fund now reaches \$134,321. The total amount received yesterday up to noon, was \$11,566. Henry A. Howe, of Princeton, Mass.

aged fifty-five, committed suicide by hanging himself. He was suffering from delirium tremens. The smoke is very dense on the St. Lawrence river from bush fires. All the

steamers are delayed, and the destruction of wood is immense. It is reported from Albany that the Stalwarts" are determined to continue

the senatorial dead-lock until it is broken by adjournment. Colonel Crossman and Lieutenant Rusell, of the British army, are locating sites for the fortification of the harbors of Vic-

toria and Esquimault, in British Colum-The Dominion authorities are advised that Sitting Bull remains at Fort Qu' Appelle. His band, or what is left of it, now consists mainly of women and old

The coal miners of La Salle, Peru and Oglesby, Illinois, who have been idle since the 1st inst., have arranged with the mine owners to receive 75, 80 and 90 cents per ton for mining during the period of twelve months.

The convention of Catholic Knights of America met yesterday in Cincinnati. High mass was celebrated in the morning, and Bishop Elder welcomed the delegates. After mass prayers were offered for the recovery of President Garfield.

Henry Smith (colored) who confessed having ravished and murdered Mattie Webb, an orphan 11 years old, was taken from the jail at Desare, Ark., by a mob of 40 masked men and hanged till dead; the body was then thrown into the river. Frank Markey, aged twenty-six, a fire-

man, was struck on the head and killed by an engine on the Manhattan elevated railroad at South Fifth avenue and Spring street. His body was found lying on the the sleepers near where he was killed. The house of John Brandt, near Calli-

coon depot, Sullivan county, N. Y., was struck by lightning, and Mrs. Brandt was instantly killed. The body was horribly mutilated. The house and the dead woman's clothes were fired, but the flames were extinguished.

In Providence, R. I., Dr. George W. Porter, a young physician, attempted to get on a moving train and fell under the wheels. His left leg was crushed so as to require amputation. He was connected with the Rhode Island hospital, where the operation was performed. The betting on the race for the St. Leger stakes, which will come off at Don-

easter on September 14, is three to one

against Mr. P. Lorillard's br. c. Iroquois,

three to one against the Duke of Westminster's br. c. Peregine, and even money on the two against the field. A highwayman fired at the mail carrier going from Franklin court house to Danille, in Virginia, on Monday. The carrier, though disabled by being wounded in the hand, put his horse to full speed, and safely delivered his mail. It was the second

attempt to rob the mail, and a reward of

200 is offered for the capture of the rob-Temperatures ranging from 100 to 107 legrees were reported in various places in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois, on Monday. Temperatures were reported yesterday of 100 in the shade at Cineinnati and Nashville, and 101 in the shade at Columbus and Louisville. There were twenty-seven

deaths from sunstroks in Cincinnati yes-The thirteenth annual session of the American Philological society began yes-terday in Cleveland, Ohio. Papers were read in the morning by Professor Sihler, livered by President Packard, of Yale col

One of the six-penny journals of London recently had a staff dinner, which began with every mark of amity and ended in Allison, of common pleas court No 1, in a shower of tumblers, wine glasses and favor of the assignees of the National fire fragments of broken chairs. A distininsurance company, against the late offi-guished and popular journalist who had cers and several of the directors of the recently joined the staff was severely maltreated. The question upon which the company appealed to crockery and furniture warfare was whether Mr. Edwin Jacob Arnold is or is not a poet.

STATE ITEMS. The Pittsburgh Leader likes Mayor Lyon, but thinks he is too lenient with his \$20 tires for cruelty to animals, assaults, pickpockets and the like.

'Lady Brownwell won the 2:30 race a Pittsburgh in six heats, best time 2:271: So So took the 2:23 in 2:18!, and Lady Belle the two mile heats in 5:25. Frank Peterson accidentally blew his

brains out in Erie; Jacob Weschler was drowned, and Hon. Wilson King, former railroad millionaire, died in his seventysixth year. Congressman Hendrick B. Wright is re-

ported to be out of immediate danger, and improvement is discernible. Dr. Thomas, of Philadelphia, is in consultation with the family physician, and has hopes of his recovery. It has been decided that the third bri-

gade of the National Guard of this state will go into encampment in Wilkesbarre during the ensuing month. A suitable place for the camp is to be selected at Near Easton Sylvester Bisbing was in stantly killed at the Glendon iron com-

pany's work. He fell from a limestone car, and the wheels passed over his body, He leaves a widow and seven children. Robert Nolf, aged 69, was fatally injured by a fall of rocks in the quarry. He fell while endeavering to get away and a large rock fell on his back.

The Philadelphia cricket match, Izin garis, of Canada, vs. Young Americas, was concluded yesterday. Total score for to carry his scheme still further Halfman the two days : Canadians 232, Young Americas 233, with six wickets to spare By mutual consent the game was contin ed until six o'clock and when the stumps were drawn Young Americas had added 76 more runs to their score with ten wickets down.

The British King, of the American line, sails from Philadelphia to-day with a cargo worth of \$247,000 and composed of 35,000 bushels wheat; 23,000 bushels corn; 1,700 sacks flour; 132 barrels oil; 43 casks carbon; 25 cases leaf tobacco; \$4 hhds, tobacco; 7 cases forks; 1,800 pkgs provisions; 1,500 bales cotton; 400 barrels syrup; 150 casks tallow; 76 cases sawed wood; 630 logs; 149 boxes cheese.

Organic Life on the Comet. Professor Draper says: "The argument that the existence of hydro-earbon compounds in the comet being established. the conclusion follows that organic life has existed there, since we have no hydroholders, and no mention was made of them | earbon compounds on the earth except as the result of organic decay, is true in some of its premises and false in others. \$100,000 of the proposed increase of \$300,-000 was actually issued, the directors be-It probably is true that we have no such compounds on the earth except those resulting from organic life, but it is also true iness, and in a short time had outstanding that we can form such compounds by chem-\$50,000,000 of risks. It lost heavily, how- ical and physical forces in use, as, for ever, by the Chicago, Boston and Oshkosh instance, the voltaic arc. Now, no fires, and was very much embarrassed in physical or chemical force can properly be called an artificial force, and since we do the officers to save the institution were un- not know what forces the comet may have successful, and on March 16, 1876, it made been subjected to, it is not safe to say an assignment for the benefit of its credi- that organic life necessarily existed in the comet because we find hydro earbon compound there. The great heat to which the body was subjected in passing near the sun would cause the two elements to unite, and as the comet cooled they would remain in the compound form. There is no telling what bodies we may run into as we whirl through space at the rate of, say, forty miles a second; and as such bodies come in contact with our sun they are heated, and if they are volatile product omets. It is not altogether impossible that the earth itself may become a comet. As we travel into the unknown realms of space who can say but that we may find ourselves subject to the influence of a sun hotter than our own which will vaporize our system. The theory is that our solar system moves in an orbit of which the Pleiades are supposed to be about the centre. The former theory was that the earth traveled about our sun alone. Now it is known that all bodies in space are in motion, so that we can extend the whirling of these wheels within wheels infinitely, and infinite space may contain a sun hot enough to make us all

> comets. Prof. Lewis Swift, of the Warner observatory, reports that it is the opinion of astronomers generally that the comet is identical with the one discovered in Brazil, May 29, called Europe by Dom Pedro and a new counct. Capt. Wilson, when near Demerara, saw two comets blazing brightly at the same time in different positions some time ago.

She "Saw a Dragon." Getrude Roberts and Delia Power in the Lougue Point asylum, near Montreal, were patients and occupied the same room. During the night, Power, a religious monomaniae, fancied she saw a frightful dragon, and to save herself and the other inmates killed it, as she thought, by pounding it on the head with a piece of board. The supposed dragon was her companion, Gertrude Roberts.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Washington Borough Items, Our correspondent furnishes the follow-

Weather oppressively hot for several days past. Mr. Henry Wertz sold a nice tive-year

old bay horse to Mr. Levi Haverstick, of Manor, for \$127.50. A great many persons were on the river yesterday forenoon fishing for bass and met with good success.

Mr. J. T. Yinger, of Columbia, agent for the Estey organs and domestic sewing machine, was in town yesterday advertising his business. Hon, J. P. Collins has sold out his entire

confectionery business to Mr. Aaron Shertzer. Collins expects to go into business of some kind again in the fall. A brother and a sister of the Rev. C. I. Gaul were in town several days last week, They live in Philadelphia. The Caurch of God Sunday school wil hold their annual pienie this year on Wed nesday, July 27, in Mr. Sherick's woods,

Held for Postage. Letters addressed as follows are held to ostage at the Lancaster postoffice: Reigel, Scott & Co., 333 Market street, Phila.

Geo. W. Shaeffer, New Holland, Laneas ter county, Pa. World Manufacturing Co., 122 Nassur street, New York. Mrs. John Hayes

Miss Jennie McAlcer, Tyrone, Blair county, Pa. Flora G. Day, Girard, Pa. The following are held for direction. Miss Kurtz, Delaware county, in care of

Jacob Thomson ;" and another letter with- went up stairs. She remained up stairs out any address whatever.

Soldlers' Orphans The public examination of the pupils in

Joy, takes place to-morrow. A large delegation of the members of George II. senic. She suffered the most terrible and Thomas post G. A. R. of this city, will exeruciating agony. Milk in large quantiattend the examination, leaving Lancaster | ties was given to her, but she is in a dying at 7 o'clock a. m. in omnibuses,

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Near and Across the County Line. Eight more mutual insurance companies were chartered at Harrisburg yesterday. C. C. Caldwell is creeting a new scale

house at Conowingo.

The second annual fair of the Cecil county agricultural society will take place October 4, 5 and 6. The corner stone of a new Evangelical

church will be laid at Bryansviile, York county, next Sunday morning.

The Anchor baseball club, of Harrisburg, will visit York on Saturday, July 16. to play a match game with the Clippers. Cecil county, Maryland, brags of fields of eorn planted on May 6, which measure

8 feet and are tasseling. The Prohibitionists will hold their convention at Altoona on July 18, when a candidate for state treasurer will be nominated.

Philip Shearer, aged 59, residing in Harrisburg, fell over dead at the car shops between 7 and 8 o'clock yesterday morning from the heat and over exertion. Charles Bernethum, aged 17 years, lacerated his hand with a toy pistol a few days ago in Womelsdorf and has died in the

terrible agonies of lockjaw. Bass fishing in the Susquehanna is pro nounced good A party from Oxford, some of them green hands, eaught about

two dozen on the 4th. The debt of the Rising Sun M. E. church has been reduced from \$5,146 to \$1,050. and the committee hope soon to announce the whole amount raised.

John Shade bound on the farm of Howard Patterson, at Fairmount, twenty-nine dozen and eight sheaves of wheat, just as it was left by the reaper, in one hour and thirty minutes. Caleb H. Kinnard, jr , West Chester, while spending the day with his grand-mother, had the end of his index tinger

pinched off in the gum rollers of a clothes Mr. Eli Bushman, a farmer living a short listance south of Carlisle, was thrown off a load of grain. The side of his face and head were crushed to such an extent, that death occurred one hour and a half after

the accident. Rev. T. J. Aiken, pastor of the Port Deposit Presbyterian church, has tendered his resignation. His congregation does not want to accet it, but will hold a meeting on the 17th to take action in the mat-

William Paxson, of Colerain township, has sold his young mare, "Nannie," to James M. Henderson, of Ridley park, Delaware county, for \$500. She is of Na poleon stock, five years old, on July 4th, and gives promise of making a fast trot-

A fight occurred near Carlisle between Slater Stauffer and George Lay. Stauffer using a dung fork on Lay, struck him in the face and beat him over the eyes, mutilating his face shockingly. Lay was also injured about the ankles, but no bones were broken.

Benjamin Geist and his wife, an old and poor couple, were found in bed in Long swamp township, Berks county, too weak to move. They were starving slowly and had eaten nothing for some time, and there was no food in the house. Efforts . are being made to revive them. Miss Sallie L. Evans, of Lebanou, while visiting friends in Chester and Laneaster

counties, was made the recipient of a fine quilt, made from the wedding silk dress of her great great-grandmother, which is more than 100 years old. It is buff color A colored hostler, in the employ of L. II. Greenawalt, at Freystown, York county, stole \$28 from a neighbor on Sunday night and hid it in the barn. The neigh-

bor discovered his loss and ordered the

man to return the money. He took to his heels and has not since been seen, although several shots were fired after him. Fountainville, near Conowingo, on the Susquehanna river, a romantic and pleasant place, having failed to be profitable as a place of resort, has been converted into cannery, the park building being used or that purpose by J. Kirk & Co. Many

of the farmers of the neighborhood have planted large lots in tomatoes. Ernest Longsderf, a son of Dr. W. H. longsderf, of Penn township, Cumberland ounty, was missed at his home on last riday. On Monday, his dead body was found in a haymow in his father's barn. He had slipped down between the haymow and weather boarding. He was subject to epileptic fits, and is supposed to have died

in one of them. The notorious colored man Nathan Harris, who made a reputation for himself sometime ago by attempting to take his life by cutting his throat in the Dauphin county jail and followed this up with an endeavor to hang himself, made his escape from prison in the early part of yesterday afternoon. He ran up to the roof, dropped to the ground and made his way ome. His wife, however, persuaded him to give himself up and returned with him to the jail at 11 o'clock last night.

On July 4th, Theodore Harmon, colored, West Chester, got into an altercation with mother person. Officer Shields went to Harmon's house, arrested and took him before Chief Bargess Wood, who sent him to jail for five days. He was released on a habeas corpus, on the ground that the defendant was arrested by the officer and sent to prison by the chief burgess without any warrant. Chief Burgess Wood has been arrested on a capias issued by Judge Futhey on the charge of having made a false imprisonment and compelled to give bail to the amount of \$1000 for his appearance at the next term of quarter session

MONDAY'S STORM.

More Damage Reported. On Monday afternoon three cows belonging to John Lefevre, of Millport, were killed by lightning. The cows were standing along the dam and two of them were thrown into the water. The lightning also

struck three large trees close by. Our Washington correspondent reports the storm as very severe in that vicinity. Trees were bent and twisted off. A large buttonwood tree in front of. M. Shuman's mansion, was broken down by the storm, as well as a number of peach, apple and locust trees. A cow belonging to Henry Smith, of Manor township, sought shelter from the storm under a willow tree. Lightning struck the tree and killed the cow. The storm had full sway at the lumber yard of Shultz & Bro., and scattered the boards in every direction, making

the yard, for the time being impassable, Mr. Shreiner, near Lititz, sitting on his porch, was struck, the bolt striking a watch in his pantaloons pocket, smashing the face and melting some of the works. The current passed down his leg, through his boot and escaped by tearing off the sole. Mr. Shreiner was not injured in the least, though considerably shocked.

Took Poison,

Louisa Miller, aged 19, of Berne, Berks county, was alone with her father, who is almost entirely helpless, and sits around the house, unable to do anything, while her stepmother had gone to visit near neighbors. When Mrs. Miller returned Louisa made some remarks about Mrs. Miller's soul and her own soul and then some time and then came down and lay on the lounge. Her stepmother noticed that white froth was gushing from Louisa's mouth and she became greatly alarmed. the soldiers' orphans' school, at Mount Dr. Potteiger was at once sent for, and she confessed taking two spoonfuls of ar-