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What the Reason May Be. As there is generally found to be reason in the apparent madness of corporations who are excessively liberal to the public at the cost of their stockholders people who see the railroad companies low prices are wondering what the reason is; no one has yet suggested that the motive is a philanthropic one, or that it is inspired by a desire to promote the public welfare. It is taken for granted that, while it is not likely to be a crazy performance, it is certainly a selfish one. The corporations themselves maintain that it is quite a senseless business and that they only do it because the others do it. Through the compulsion of circumstances each one is forced to folly. That is a very good sort of a story to tell the marines; but less credulous people do not accept it. Most persons probably incline to the opinion that there is a stock-jobbing scheme concealed like a little nigger in the wood to benefit their speculations in its stock. that none will refuse this explanation because of the improbability that officers | pense of the presidential helplessness. of corporations would be so wicked as to deliberately conspire to depreciate the value of the stock of their employers. Not one of the great transcontinental lines that is engaged in the present apparent conflict is so officered as to assure the public that the contest is not corruptly conspired. Even Mr. Vanderbilt with a hundred or two of millions to keep him out of want, is not free from suspicion general situation of the great East and West railways to challenge the high to be as plenteous as usual; while the European crops will be more than an the railroads; but still, as it is prospective, the trouble between them from this cause would seem to be premature. Then the Mississippi river threatens to become a formidable rival in the grain carrying trade, the transportation by barges New Orleans being very cheaply done. But the chief cause of anxiety which the railways have is in the stimulation given by their prosperity to the building of rival railroads; and it is suspected that the reduction of rates s resorted to more for the purpose of intimidating capital against enlisting in such rival work than for any other reason. The present roads are capitalized at very much greater figures than new ones can be built for ; and the threatened competition may make some of them very sick. The Erie railroad. just out of bankruptcy and heavily loadel, is not in very stout case to encounter young and light weighted rivals. Nor is the heavily watered New York Central. The Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio are probably without much to make them afraid, as their stocks are not watered, except as the Pennsylvania has been weakened by the

There is no doubt that new railroads may be very cheaply built in comparison to the cost of those existing, and that there is plenty of capital to build them. But they wont put the old lines to the sword yet awhile; some day, when steel rails will be bought at half their present price and a railroad equipment at a proportionate reduction, there may be trouble for the present corporations; and meanwhile capital may blackmail and worry them; but if they are prudent and lay by a good share of nuts for the winter of their discontent a glorious summer will dawn for them again. Their present rate-cutting is hardly inspired by any such far-sighted policy as the fear of further rivalry would be; its cause is as yet their own secret. Perhaps there is a sharp purpose to get all the people from the east into the west, to visit their cousins and their aunts, so as to catch their full fares on the homeward fly; on the principle upon which "empties" are carried west free to get toll on the full return load, a rush of passengers might profitably be stimulated from the East in the summer to catch their cash in the fall. The run of shad oceanward is not disturbed by the fisherman, who knows that they will be back in the spring multiplied a hundred fold; and just so all these Eastern visitors to the West must come back, and after them or with them all the Western relations, to enjoy their return hospitality.

But maybe the railroad combination that was so tight but lately, and now is so seemingly shattered, has no such base design upon the folks they are hurrying from their homes in this hot holiday time. We don't know how it is; we only know that they are most likely playing possum with the people in some shape or other, and doing sor to the late Justice Clifford on the susome very tall lying to cloak a design not creditable enough to boast about. Go west on your cheap ticket if you have business there; but you need not go under any particular sense of obligation to or commisseration for the railroad companies because of your

MR. FIELD's purse for Mrs. Garfield, though recruited lately from ten cent subscriptions, still stands at about \$150 .-000 and obstinately refuses to rise to anything like the anfount which it was so prematurely telegraphed over the coun- ing among other reasons his bad health, try had been raised and sent by the New | "the result of malarial fever contracted in York chamber of commerce. No better April last at Harrisburg." answer could be made to the arguments doubts that the American people are ap. preme court, vice Clifford, deceased. Sup- cus. preciative of Mrs. Garfield's nobility of womanhood, her courage and devotion at this critical period, nor that they would be generous to her necessities who had a proper occasion unbarrily.

Does it.

Dr. McCosh, of Princeton college, who is traveling in the West, was mentioned in an Iowa paper recently as "Dr. M. C. Cosh." This is not with the proper occasion, unbarrily.

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arise. Therefore this failure to approve Mr. Cyrus W. Field's individual notion of the existence of this occasion proves the good sense and good taste of the people and his own lack of both.

SAM JOSEPHS concributes another and still more interesting letter from London to the Philadelphia Times. He altogether distances Rev. Dr. Tiffany's carrying passengers and freight for very | correspondence from abroad to the same enterprising journal, and if he keeps on a popular suspicion will get abroad that such able letters as Josephs' could not be written anywhere outside of the Times office except at Cresson.

> MINOR TOPICS. W. H. KENBLE, erstwhile "Bill." sojourning at Bedford springs, where he is expected to take classes in "addition, division and silence."

THERE are only sixty-six candidates for county commissioners, etc., up in Lycoming, and everybody has quit work and sits on the fence to see the procession go by.

Ir Messrs, Rockwell, Brown & Co., have any kind of luck they will make the patient pile. We are so accustomed to find rail- out to be an illustrious imbecile. It is road managers manage their property charitable to assume the venerable platitudes telegraphed from Washington to be emanations of more plebian wit at the ex-

> CHARITY covers a multitude of sins, but the mantle thrown over the Albany iniquity is not all wool and a yard wide. Disposing of the ill-gotten \$2,000 to the relief of the indigent is in itself a worthy conception, yet the underlying motive is too gauzy to make up the warp and woof of a substantial fabric.

From the agitation in the West Chester of an intention to help along his swell- papers of the repeal of the law authorizing pile with a little sharp practice. Still, ing market clerks to confiscate light weight the general suspicion of the inspiration butter, we suspect that Chester county of the present railroad battle may be dairymen use fourteen-ounce pound wrong. There is a good deal in the weights habitually. The logic of the Village Record is that because the purlieus of Philadelphia nourish thieves the simple prices at which their stock has been sell- minded rural rooster ought to be allowed ing. The Western crops are not going to sell short weight butter with impunity.

JUSTICE in New York is swift, however average. Here is a loss of carriage for sure. The other day one justice disposed of 106 cases in three hours, allowing a little less than two minutes to the adjudication of each case. This sort of rapid transit may be authorized for those in defenseless quarters, but it would bankrupt the concern projecting it through the preon its waters to the ocean transports at serves called the rights of man, if backed by the might of means. The Fairweather case is a sample of the quality of justice dispensed (with) by these tribunals, and makes one wish that the old dame who holds the balances would adjust her spec tacles and peer about a little in this rushing nineteenth century.

port are certain to have the merit of novelty. Mr. Roach has conceived and brought forth a scheme whereby the United States is to rank among the first maritime powers of the earth. The salient feature is a fleet of one hundred iron clad vessels, of the 3.65 interconvertible S. T. 1860 X style of architecture, serviceable as merchantmen in the haleyon days of peace, but convertible into A 1 men of war when war's horrid front menaces us. Mr. Roach demurely remarks that the government could find "somebody" to undertake the construction of these hybrid terrors of the sea, liberal stealing which has been permitted but neglects to point out how the invincible merchantmen are to be employed when completed. The inventor must devise a policy for the government, to round out his plan, for under existing inhibitory statutes American commerce is filed away among the achives of the republic. Mr. Roach's well-known disinterestedness dis_

arms suspicion of ulterior motives; he is actuated by the natural desire to see every tub stand or sail on its own bottom ; visions of Brazillian subsidies and Robesonian traffic in old junk are as repugnant to his purposes as they are foreign to his nature.

PERSONAL. SCHUYLER COLFAX has gone to Manitoba to look after the weather and Lorne, United States Senator-elect WARNER MILLER resigns his seat in Congress.

King Alphonso, of Spain, has given the Jews permission to return to that country in any numbers. BISMARCK habitually reads a chapter in

the New Testament at bedtime, out of the old version, presumably. W. R. Wilson, esq., of this city, and

his daughter Miss LENA WILSON, are at Mr. M. V. B. Соно and family left to-day for Ashbury Park. They will be gone

three weeks. The late Justice CLIFFORD received the LL. D. degree four times-from Harvard, Brown, Dartmouth and Bowdein.

King Kalakaua has been gazetted an honorary member of the order of the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St.

George. The court of inquiry in the case of Gen. WARREN, examining into his conduct at the battle of Five Oaks, is in session in New York.

A groundless rumor has stirred Baltimore that ex-Senator WM. PINKNEY WHYTE has been mentioned as a probable succes-

preme bench. Mme. Louise Montague, Forepaugh's alleged \$10,000 beauty, is lying dangerously ill at Galena, Ill., and the physicians in attendance are fearful that she will not

President JOSEPH YOUNG, familiarly known as Uncle Joseph, a brother of the late President Brigham Young, has a woman in the case of "state supplies." breathed his last at his residence in Mormondom. He was 84 years of age.

Hon. GEORGE V. LAWRENCE in a letter to Secretary Quay, declines the Republican nomination for state treasurer, assign-

Suppose, for example, that Arthur, a

an Eastern newspaper in perfect good county, has an awful scandal. "Dr. Musquash."

Senators Lamar and George both think that Senator BECK is the ablest Democratic member in the senate. Secretary Blaine once told Mr. Lamar that Beck was regarded by the Republicans as "the hardest hitter and the strongest debater on your side of the chamber.

TIBBLES, the Omaha man who married the Poncha maiden, "Bright Eyes," is 45 years of age, is a widower and has two children by his former wife. Mr. Schurz remarks in the New York Evening Post that, Tibbles being yoked, we may now look for peace.

Ex-Senator CONKLING tells the Washington Republican that he was tendered the chief justiceship during Grant's administration and that he declined it. The Philadelphia Times booms for his appointment to Clifford's place. This is got up to discount the report of ex-Senator WHYTE's probable nomination.

Mr. WM. H. VANDERBILT is reported to be negotiating for the purchase of the grounds and property of the Catholic orphan asylum, Fifth avenue, between Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets, immediately opposite his new dwelling house, his intention being to lay out a magnificent garden or pleasure ground there. He has offered \$500,000 for it. The trustees of the asylum favor the transfer.

Prince Auguste Louis Victor, duke of Saxe Coburg-Gotha, has died lately. He was born on the 13th of June, 1818, and in April, 1843, he married Marie Clementine Caroline Leopoldine, daughter of Louis Phillippe, king of the French. He was a major general in the Austrian army and lieutenant general in the army of Saxony. His family is one of the most influential in the world, being related to half the reigning heads of Europe.

No one would ever take Dr. AGNEW from his looks to be the surgeon that he is. In appearance he more nearly resembles a well-to-do farmer than the conventional surgeon. He is about 55 years of age. He stands about as high and erect as Gen. Sherman, whom he resembles in appearance very much, except that Dr. Agnew has white side-whiskers, while Sherman only has short chin-whiskers. He wears a country-looking white straw hat, and is a very pleasant gentleman, though he does not talk as much as some newspaper writers would like.

BLACK AND INGERSOLL.

A Criticism on the Champion of Orthodoxy [The following criticism of Judge Black's reply to Ingersoll, is from the pen of a leading theological teacher of the country. Although part of a private letter we take the liberty to make it public because, written in a clear and temperate style, it relates to a public question of MR. JOHN ROACH is a personage whose great interest and is an interesting contrideliverances upon matters of national im- bution to a discussion far reaching in its scope. Eds. Intelligencer.]

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W. U. HENSEL, ESQ. MY DEAR SIR: Many thanks for the copy of the Intelligencer containing Judge Black's reply to Ingersoll, I read it with much interest and pleasure. It is excellent, conceived in good spirit, vigorous and convincing, yet taken as a whole not as fresh and forcible as I anticipated. Besides it has several weak places which expose the whole article to some danger. I shall refer to but one topic, his answer to Ingersoll on persecution by the church. The notion that hypocrites and bad men only were persecutors is utterly gratuitous. The best men of every age since Augustine down have held the principle that error could be overcome by the sword, and that the Prince was bound to use the sword in the service of truth. If he failed to use the power that God had given him against heresy he became particeps criminis. On the basis of this false ethical principle you can easily see that the more conscientious the Prince was and the more zealous the church, the more powerfully would both church and state be moved to use the sword in putting at the St. James hotel, Kansas City, down error. Governed by this false principle the authorities could destroy heresy by putting errorists to death just as debe, put down a riot or insurrection at the the Scranton Liedeskranz; second, point of the bayonet. It is only within drinking horn tipped with gold, to the the last century that Christian ethics has advanced to the position that spiritual error can be overcome only with spiritual nerchor, Scranton; fifth, a silver water weapons, and all false theories only by the pitcher, to the Allentown Liederkranz. power of truth. Judge Black overlooks the history of the question, If Ingersoll has knowledge and logic enough he will

be able to use his lance with good effect.

STATE ITEMS. Allentown policemen guard the town Several Philadelphia boys have become

blind from smoking cigarettes. Mr. Jonathan Hay, a prosperous farmer f Somerset, committed suicide by shoot-

Miss Polly Landis, of Coopersburg, ran a splinter into her finger and died from Philadelphia has fifty reserve officers

who aggregate 10,000 pounds in weight and 305 feet 3 inches in height. The chief clerk of the Philadelphia post office has held the position for twenty

In the vicinity of Kutztown are several Indian burial grounds of considerable in

Mrs. Speelman jumped into the river at Washington, Pa., and was fished out. Her husband died and she was "tired of liv-The various rewards offered for the de-

tection and conviction of the Healey murderers, at Dunbar, amount to \$10,000. The Bradford Era intimates that at Harrisburg, as at Washington, there was The Era is right.

Two bad boys in Mahanoy Plane built a

fire under a cradle containing two sleeping infants, and the mother returned just in time to save the children and the house. The body of the father of Rev. Dr. Hartranft, deceased, was found in the Delaware at Pennsgrove, It is thought that

he committed suicide, as he appeared par-tially insane since the death of his sen. • which have been advanced for the pro. guing the "inability" of Garfield, under Clearfield last Sunday, the John Robinson While the Shaw house was burning in priety of the movement than this failure the constitution, should appoint Conk- showmendid gallant services, and next of the public to respond to it. Nobody Ling a justice of the United States su. day all the Clearfielders went to their cir-

should a proper occasion unhappily Cosh." This is not quite as bad as when Williams township, Northumberland

The 75 faith referred to the learned gentleman as year old owner of a half dozen farms accused of indecency with his own grand, daughter and has vainly offered his indignant son \$4,000 and a farm to settle it.

Last Sunday a Swede went out upon the nountain near Houtzdale to gather whortleberries. Not returning home in due time, search was made for him, when he was found with innumerable rattlesnakes astened to and feeding upon his body.

There is a gentleman, over seventy years of age, living in Telford, Montgom county, who has never ridden on a railroad car. In Souderton, a mile distant, is an intelligent youth of eighteen, who has never been even one mile from his native

While John Stewart was squirrel hunting near Bellevernon, Westmoreland county, he heard and saw something moving in the leaves on a tree that had lately blown down. He shot at the supposed coon and killed Frank McFall, aged 14, who was hunting squirrels too.

B. F. Stebbins, a prominent member of the Oil City oil exchange, formerly treasur-er of Crawford county, went bathing in the Allegheny river alone. His dead body was found in about two feet of water next morning. He was a cripple, having lost one leg in the army. His artificial limb, together with his clothing, soap, towels, etc., were found on the bank about thirty feet from the body.

At a picnic near Wilkesbarre a party five ladies and gentlemen went out in a boat. An oar was dropped and all the men leaned over for it, upsetting the boat. Help was at hand and the party taken ashore. Some twenty minutes after one of the ladies. Mrs. Berrighan, was missed and not until then was it realized that she might be still in the water. Search was made and her lifeless body was found at the bottom of the river. Mrs. B. was but eighteen years old, and her husband is in

NEWS NOVELTIES.

Notable Events of Actual Recent Occur Down in New Jersey a coal black horse was sunstruck. When he recovered he

was a light dun color. The commissioners of the Sprague estate will accept \$4,000,000 for the entire

Two young ladies from Chicago go into the surf at Long Branch with tight-fitting

Many meadows and stacks of grain have been destroyed lately througout the coun try by sparks from locomotives.

A ghost wandering around the street of Patterson, N. J., caused great excitement until it was materialized in a colored girl dressed in white, and wearing rubbers. John H. Negley, editor of the Butler Citizen, has brought two libel suits, one against Thomas Robinson, correspondent, and the other against Eli Robinson, pub

lisher of the Butler Eagle. A boy who discovered a land slide or the Old Colony railroad and ran and warned the station master has been given by the company a life pass on its line and all its branches.

A woman hanged herself three times in one night in a Springfield cell, using strips of her clothing to make nooses, and each time she was cut down before she was quite dead.

The Paris Monetary conference adjournnew conference to meet April 12, 1882. The American and French position at the close of the conference was for unlimited silver coinage at the ration of 151.

Edw. S. Golden, the Armstrong county lawyer who recently was awarded a \$25,000 fee for services in a big estate, has been sued by Mrs. Frances E. Tonner to recover \$24,921, which "she alleges" he collected for her in the settlement of an ejectment case relating to some valuable oil property.

Trouble between Mormons and Gentiles in Arizona is likely to become serious. A. N. Bagnell, prominent in opposition to the Mormons, has had several valuable animals killed and probably an attempt will be made to drive all the Mormons from the neighborhood. Nearly 600 properties were to be sold

for delinquent taxes Tuesday afternoon at the City Hall in Camden, but although they were put up, only about a dozen were bought, the balance being taken by the city. Even those which were bid in were taken by persons interested in order to strengthen claims against other parties, Governor Crittenden, of Missouri, pro-

poses to offer a reward of \$50,000 for the arrest of the Rock Island train robbers: \$20,000 of this is to be given for the capture of the James Brothers, who are supposed to be leaders of the gang. Frank James, the outlaw, has been stopping with his wife, but it was not known until after he left.

In the Wilkesbarre Sængerfest yesterday prizes were awarded as follows : First voutly as our civil authorities can, if need a French clock and bust of Bethoven, to Hazleton Concordia; third, a silver cup, to the Hawley Mænnerchor; fourth, a silver goblet, to the Lackawarna Man-

In a justice's court at Jersey City, William Manning bit the arm of a spectator A bystander interfered and was bit in the shoulder. Manning ran out of the court room into a saloon, where he bit the aged father of the proprietor on the arm. He then seized a man passing on the street and bit him twice, on the wrist and shoulder. Five policemen secured him after a desperate struggle.

In New York, Geo. W. Harris's only son Charles, a bright and active fifteenyear-old boy, while performing on the trapeze, tried to hang by his chin in the loop of the swing rope, as he had frequently done on the trapeze bar, and the rope suddenly slipped under his neck, stun ning him so that he was powerless to relieve himself so that he was found hanged dead. The lad was well liked by his companions, stood at the head of his class and had received several prizes for proficiency in scholarship.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. A fire at Garrington, Ohio, destroyed property to the value of \$60,000. Fifteen

houses were burned. A telegram from East London, South Africa, states that a terrific gale has occurred there, during which three vessels and all passengers in excess of that num-were wrecked and thirty persons were ber had to pay full fare. We are informed

drowned. Five business buildings on Main street, Oneon'a, N. Y., in the wooden row west of Broad street, were destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The loss is estimated at \$27,000 : insurance about \$15,000.

Miss Minnie Reeve, telegraph operator and agent of the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad at Hopkins, was killed by a collision between an empty train and a locomotive on which she was riding. She was terribly crushed and scalded.

Annie W. won the 2:27 race in Cleveland, Argonaut second and Exeter third. Best time 2:20. Mattie Hunter won the Time 2:23, 2:21.

Eva Jacobs, the young Jewess who was arrested in Brooklyn some time ago, charged with robbing dwelling houses where she made calls on pretence of seeing were absent at the time, was sentenced yesterday to two and a half years imprison ment in the penitentiary.

Charles Parker, a guide in the Adiron-dack at Blue Mountain lake, while guiding

Mrs. George Bull from Forked lake to Long lake, where she was to be a guest of ex-Senator Platt, made a heinous assault upon her. He almost strangled her and tore her clothing into shreds. All the guides of the Adirondacks are hunting the villain down. They have sworn vengcance and will have him dead or alive.

A whirlwind passed through Cumber-land-Centre and Yarmouth Foreside, Me., mowing a path a quarter of a mile wide through field, fences and orchards, destroying crops and snapping off trees six inches in diameter. No buildings were destroyed, but many houses had glass shattered by the heavy hail which accompanied it. About fifty farmers lost their crops, valued at from \$200 to \$400 each.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

ANOTHER SUICIDE.

A Tweive-Year Old Boy Hangs Himself. The neighborhood of Bareville, on the New Holland turnpike, some eight miles east of this city, is greatly excited over the discovery this morning, of the suicide early to day of a twelve-year-old boy. Coming, as it does, so closely to the late suicide of John Ebersole, it occasions a feeling of great interest and painful discussion. The boy, who is the subject of this last tragedy was aged between 12 and 13, and a son of Samuel M. Good, a tenant farmer residing in West Earl township, a short distance north of Bareville. He was subject to epilepsy, and as is usually the case with those afflicted in that way, his mind had become somewhat affected. It is supposed that in some fit of despondency, induced by this tendency te depression, he went to the barn and hanged himself, where he was found early this morning. The deputy coroner was notified to summon his jury and hold an inquest.

The rash young suicide's father, it will be remembered, was a candidate for prison keeper at the late Republican primaries, but not being in either ring he did not "get there."

MANHEIM BOROUGH.

The News from That Stald Town. Rudolph Sheffler, of New York, and Mrs. Kleinfelter, of Philadelphia, are visiting their brother, Wm. Sheffler.

Geo. Dennis, Manheim's absconding landlord, has made his appearance again. On Friday evening the Liberty cornet band serenaded their townsman, E. B. Bomberger. After some of their finest selections, Mr. B. invited the "boys" in and entertained them until a late hour.

Rev. William B. Thorne, who recently eccepted a call of the Episcopal church, this place, preached his initiatory sermon on Sunday evening, selecting his text from St. Matthew, eleventh chapter and twentyeighth verse : "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," His sermon was highly spoken of by those who heard him, and the impression he made was most favorable.

The Liberty cornet band propose to hold a picuic on Saturday, the proceeds to go for the benefit of the band. They will se- Cour, also of the circus company, as the which takes 6 hours on and 12 off, giving cure the services of a good orchestra, and dancing will be one of the prominent fea- of the shooting. Both of these were ar- tive 18, an average of 8 in 24. Our policetures. The band is under the leadership of Prof. Wellington Young, an accomplished musician, and through him they have acquired the high degree of proficiency they now enjoy. They will be liberally

patronized. On Saturday evening Mr. Phares C. H. Sharpe celebrated his eighteenth birthday. The invitations were limited, and those who were honored enjoyed themselves. After congratulating him, they were conducted to the dining room, where an excellent repast was awaiting, to which all did justice. The party adjourned at a late hour highly pleased with the evening's

entertainment Mr. S. A. Ensminger's hen roost was visited on Saturday night by some magnanimous person, who relieved it of two valuable (?) fowls—one of them was sick with the cholera and the other had hatched two broods of chickens this season. A certain party of young men made "chicken corn" soup down in the meadow, and after partaking of the palatable mess they retribution would come so soon.

POSTPONED.

argument of the Sprecher-Sensonis Injunc-In chambers this morning, before Judge Patterson, came up the hearing of argument in the case of the preliminary injunction granted on application of Lewis Sprecher to restrain Levi Sensenig from erecting a certain sliding gate and high fence on the line separating his property from that of said Sprecher and shutting out air and light from Sammy Groff's European hotel.

Counsel for Mr. Sprecher asked for a postponement of the case until to-morrow, lesired to employ E. H. Yundt, esq., as additional counsel, and he was not at present in the city. Counsel for Mr. Sensenig resisted postponement on the ground that the plantiff had no right to it; that having asked for an injunction it is presumed that he is prepared to proceed forthwith, and that the five days time given for the hearing of argument are given solely in the interest of the defendant who may be taken by surprise by the injunction and is entitled to five days time to prepare his defense; but that if he is E. church, who preaches at Middletown

of the case, and granted the postponoment asked for by plaintiff. The argument will be heard in chambers to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

To-day's Excursions.

The rival excursions this morning over the Pennsylvania and Reading railroads to Ocean Grove were both pretty well pat-ronized. By the way of Reading twentyone tickets were sold at the Lancaster office and by way of the Pennsylvania road fifty tickets. There is a good deal of growling at the way the Pennsylvania railroad company treated their excursion-ists. They advertised extensively that tickets for the round trip would be sold at \$3.75-just one-half the usual fare, but they only issued fifty tickets by the P. R. R. officials that it is their sustom to send only a limited number of tickets to the agents at the several sta-tions; but why this should be thus is not

contemptible fraud. There were twenty-one tickets sold this morning for the excursion from Lancaster to Elm station to witness Maud S. in her effort to beat her own best time, 2:101 which comes off at Belmont Park this afternoon.

explained, and to advertise an excursion

generally, and thus deceive its patrons, is

To-morrow's Ofreus.

The Republican, printed in Clearfield. 2:264. Great Eastern, with a running parade in the morning was one of the full of them as a patent outside and a halfmate made two attempts to beat 2:14. finest that was ever made in Clearfield. sheet circus "ad" will allow. Everybody who attended the exhibition pronounced it to be satisfactory and better than any show that has pitched its tent in Clearfield for many a day. The honorable transactions of the managers, together with the character and variety ter than any show that has pitched its some of the occupants whom she knew together with the character and variety, of the exhibition, left for them a good private ice houses.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Near and Across the County Line. The main building at the Centennia

grounds must go. Samuel R. Shipley, of West Chester, in interesting himself with a white cat bird that is raising a brood on his lawn, of its own Democratic color.

By the fall of one of the pavement arches at the Mansion house, West Chester, now undergoing improvements, Eli and Elmond Baldwin, contracting bricklayers, were seriously hurt. .

Wm. Beard, aged 26 years, who has a wife and two children living in Philadelphia, was drowned in French creek dam, Phoenixville, being seized with cramp while he was "pushing off" a sand scow. Wm. R. Dickerson and Joel Vanarsdalen, two lawyers, were convicted in Philadelphia yesterday of forging the will of Robt. Whitaker, by which it was proposed to divert an estate valued at \$800,000 to their own ends.

Elsie Levina Moore, a pretty girl, not much past sixteen years of age, the child of Charles and Salome Moore, of Reading, died on Tuesday afternoon at 1808 Woodstock street, Philadelphia, from what Dr. Jerome L. Artz has since certified to have been puerperal peritonitis, after abortion.

At the Harrisburg tube works, Peter Heisy, a young married man, while on a car assisting to load pipe, lost his balance and fell off the car and the ripe he was helping to handle followed, striking him on the head, fracturing his skull and oth-

erwise injuring his head and face. Springfield, Chester county, yesterday was crowded with representatives of all the leading manufacturers of fire engines, hose carriages and hose, in the country, the authorities having announced that they intend to purchase fire apprratus and that they would give out the contracts

The water will be let out of the nine mile level of the Pennsylvania canal about Middletown on Saturday at midnight in order that a more thorough search may be made for the head of the colored woman, Mrs. Andrews, murdered by her husband, which the boatmen claim to see floating on the water occasionally.

Clark, Reeves & Co., of Phonixville, have just received an order for single track draw and 3d are kept moving all the time to oridge 330 feet for the Oregon navigation get over their wards and report every hour company, over Snake river, in addition to a lot of smaller orders for the Great Western railroad and Mexican national construction company. On Saturday they closed a contract for 26 spans of bridge, costing \$175,000, for the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonia, in Texas.

Noticing in a West Chester paper an account of some runaway boys, S. L. Clark. from Christiana, writes to it : There were two boys answering to their day, two hours at the station house in description passed me yesterday (Mouday) | charge there, and five hours at the mayor's morning, 26th inst., inquiring the road to Lancaster and how far. They were on ready for any emergency, and while this the Strasburg road, about a mile from the Swan hotel. They each had a bundle wrapped in paper and carrying-strap. One of them said they were from Chester county, and said they wanted about ten days' work and would like to hire to-

Over at Lebanon the Shelby circus men nearly got into another big row by ordering off a patent medicine vender whose cause the citizens took up. The men arrested at Harrisburg for shooting Moran at Pittston have been discharged after pointing out to their captors, John Van force is divided into three shifts, each of murderer and Frank Sprong as a witness rested, and on the way to Harrisburg men say they can stand 21 hours continufrom Carlisle Van Cour acknowledged ous service, and prefer to have a long that he had fired two shots at the fight in period following, for rest or to attend to which Moran was killed.

The P. O. of S. A., now counts seventeen thousand members in Pennsylvania, consisting of 267 camps and 18 comman deries. Camp 61, Reading, shows the lagest membership, 226, but is closely followed by camp 111, Philadelphia, with 213 members, and Camp 89, Reading, with 208. Camp 155, Philadelphia, shows the greatest gain for the term, increasing from 104 members in January to 165 members at the date of the last report. A number of camps contain over a hundred members each. The annual convention of the state camp will be held at Pottstown, August

10 and 11. The barn of Jacob Ruth. jr., one and and his detection or escape from detection may be a matter of accident. The diligent destroyed by fire. The house and barn policeman keeps moving around his ward were built since spring. Mr. Ruth has not yet occupied the dwelling, but the barn hours of strict duty. The big wards are, was filled with hay and grain. The fire were taken terribly sick, not thinking that was caused by a boy, seven years old, son for a man to get over the whole of them, of Samuel Steffy, who was playing in the but on the other hand there is more wagon shed. He had some matches and frequent disorder, more demand for with them lighted the shavings under a police and more valuable property, work bench in the shed. He then tried subject to work bench in the shed. He then tried subject to attack, in the inside to stamp out the fire and poured a tin-cup wards. On the whole our informant

bors to the rescue. In Fishing Creek valley, so a market woman gave it to the Harrisburg Telegraph snake story reporter, Mrs. Mary Shoop's mastiff and his little dog friend tackled a viper snake. He pierced the cur with his fangs and sent him off bowling. The larger dog jumped on the viper from his rear, wounding him severely near the head, but before he could get away from him the snake struck his second assailant servant than he who makes a business of near the rump. Disregarding this wound the dog returned to the attack and killed the snake, but the little dog died in great agony. Milk saved the mastiff and he had the satisfaction of seeing fourteen rattles cut from the snake.

A Colored Camp-Meeting.

Rev. J. R. Davis, a regular minister of the Philadelphia conference of the A. M. ready for an immediate hearing as in this case he is entitled to it.

Judge Patterson took a different view

Springville and Rawlinsville, has just closed a camp-meeting at Middletown, and on August 6, will open a ten days' camp in Detweiler's grove, near Spring ville, Mountjoy township. The grove is three-quarters of a mile from the railroad station, but vehicles will convey visitors to the grounds. Many noted speakers have been solicited to be present and there will be a goodly number of sweet singers to raise the tune, and make the woods vocal with melody. Bro. Davis says he believes in camp-meetings, and the way he conducts them they cannot do any damage and may do good. Last year he had some conversions and he hears no complaint of any harm done. Sunday will be big day at Springville.

> The Sunday-school teachers and pupils connected with Christ church, King street, are holding a picnic to-day at What Glen. About 200 adults and children were taken to the grounds in Reese's omnibuses.

The Sunday-school connected with St. Stephen's Lutheran church are at Tell's Hain to-day. They were taken to the grounds in Houghton's omnibusses. The employees of the Lancaster bolt works are holding a picnic to-day in Shenk's woods. They were taken to the grounds via the Millersville railway.

According to the Columbia newspapers Best time 2:20. Mattie Hunter won the pacing race; Bay Milly taking the first two heats. Time, 2:14, 2:15, 2:19, 2:21, cently exhibited, says of it: "The street snipe club. The Courant columns are as

THE " COPS."

NONE DIE AND PEW RESIGN.

A Policeman's Lot Is Not A Happy Une." The frequency with which the public are reminded of instances of police discipline is due not to any special lack of morale in the local force so much as to the determination of Mayor MacGonigle and the chief to enforce the regulations "without fear, favor or affection." This has been the rule, and it is to be carried out "regardless." A correspondent, however, whose attention has been attracted by what he deems the tendency of persons to become demoralized by service on the police force, writes us strongly arguing that the system of twenty-four hours continuous service—or as they term it, "one day off and one day on"-is largely responsible for this, that the officers cannot endure such an unwonted stretch of work without resort to relaxation or stimulants, which tends to infringe the rules necessary to their proper discipline; and the writer urges an abandonment of the present system and a substitution of twelve-hour terms by which the shifts of policemen would change off twice a day instead of only every twenty-four hours as at present.

Upon inquiry at headquarters we find that the eighteen policemen are all now divided into two "shifts" of nine each, from as many wards, who go on duty every alternate morning at 7 o'clock. Between 7 and 11 a. m., the officer is expected to make the rounds of his ward and report at the latter hour. Then, taking in his dinner, he makes another round and reports at 3 p. m., and including the supper time another by 7 p. m. From 7 to 9 every evening a certain number of the officers are withdrawn from special ward service for attendance to the corners of Centre Square. At 9 p. m. they all sally out; and during the night they are expected to patrol their wards and report from time to time at the station house, where the chief keeps his vigil. The patrolmen of the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, the outside and largest, wards, report at 11 p. m., 1 a. m. and 4 a. m. The officers of the 2d, 4th and 5th wards report at 10 p. m., 12 midnight, 2 a. m., and 4 a. m. The officers of the 1st from 9 p, m. to 4 a. m. At 4 o'clock all the force go off duty and from 4 a. m. until 7 a. m. none are on duty, it being sup-posed that the early stir of the citizens between those hours is ample protection against wrong doers. In fact, therefore, the term of service is 21 hours on and 27 hours off, out of every 48.

It happens, too, that of the officers on duty each one alternately takes, during the occurs, or at times of "corner duty," the pres ence and guard of the officers thus assigned are withdrawn from their respective wards. In the opinion of the chief, and other experienced officers, this is a defect in the system which could only be remedied by increasing the force with a lieutenant to take charge of the station house during the day, and a sargeant, to be stationed at the mayor's office. With regard to the length of the turn, the policemen generally prefer the present system to the twelve-hour turns. In Philadelphia the civil and detective business; that 12 hours off duty would be too short for satisfaction, and that the present arrangement is better than shorter turns and more fre-

quent reliefs. An experienced and intelligent member of the force, who has been conspicuous for faithful service, upon being interrogated as to the labor and pay of the policemen, says that the duties of the police. like those of many other public positions, depend largely on the faithfulness which the incumbent brings to the discharge of them If he attends closely it will occupy all his time and he will earn his salary. If he neglects his business he can shirk duty of course, spread over too much ground of water on the flames, which blazed out thinks police duty not specially hard furiously. His screams attracted neigh- work, a great relief to the force being their exemption from turning out the lamps, which is really no part of the offi-cers' work and should never again be imposed upon them. The great aim of all police effort, however, and the purpose of every officer should be to prevent rather than to detect and punish crime, and the policeman who brings the lawless element of his ward into subjection and keeps them subdued is a much better public

multiplying arrests. THE MAN WHO SMOKES.

Has Been at It Twenty-Seven Years and
- Does Him Good. You have heard it said that Danny Shiffer, carpenter and candidate for coroner, is never to be seen without a cigar in his mouth. It is a fact. He says he always has it there except when he eats, sleeps or drinks. For all he does not smoke nearly so many cigars as many others. He very often has a stump that isn't lighted. He only averages four or five a day. He says he didn't smoke until he was about 32 years of age. Then he was superintending a forge down in East Earl, and was afflicted with a dry, hacking cough that portended fatal results. Up to that time he had never smoked. He was argently recommended to try it. He was incredulous but finally took to smoking. It cured him and has kept him well. He praises the bridge that carried him safely over; and when the great Coroner shall have sat upon his case, and he shall have gone where good coroners go, he would just as lief as not have a big Lancaster county tobacco plant keep his

grave green in grateful remembrance of what the weed has done for him. Took the Wrong Value.

On Tuesday morning, Morton Guthrie, a young gentleman from Lancaster, left his valise at the Pennsylvania railroad depot, West Chester, while he called upon some friends in our borough. He was greatly disappointed in the evening when he went to the depot to start away to find that a gentleman had taken the wrong valise, leaving his own and carrying off Mr. Guthrie's. As the man who took the valise lived four miles in the country, Mr. Guthrie could do no better than remain in West Chester all night, with the hope that the gentleman, when he reached home, would discover the mistake and at once

return and make an exchange. The Pine Grove Picnic.

The party which left Lancaster yesterday morning for the picnic grounds at Pine Grove, Cumberland county, returned about 10 o'clock last night, having had a delightful time, the weather being all that could be desired, the grounds in excellent condition and the ride exhibarating. A still larger picnic is expected to visit the same delightful grounds on August 4th, under the auspices of the City cornet band.