TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 9, 1881.

Black's Letter to Gen. Scott. Judge Black's communication to the reporter of the Philadelphia Press leaves scious of. as little doubt as to his position that "the forts at Charleston ought to have been re-enforced immediately after Lincoln's election, or certainly as soon as it became manifest that South Carolina wanted the possession of them," as that he did all he could and used all the indone, when many fervid Republicans at the outbreak of it. were echoing Gen. Scott's desire to "let the wayward sisters depart in peace." Mr. Buchanan seems to have had a lively appreciation of this neces- to be delivered from such friends as the sity too when he instructed Floyd to one who undertakes through the Press a have it done; and it must ever be re- defense of him which assumes "that Gen. formed by Judge Black of the failure to were kept from him." he doubtless would have become fitted go to that expense." to occupy" Judge Black's position, there was plainly more than he intended in his avowal, that had the then acting secretary of state been educated for the military he would have reached a position to entitle him to almost any to trial, they were both acting strictly through the left breast. His recovery is command—certainly he would have been within the line of their political convic- doubtful. better qualified than Gen. Scott to deal with the emergency which then confronted him. Judge Black presented the urgent necessity of relief for Major | that secession made them independent and Anderson and foresaw the consequences of withholding it. That failure result- tribunals at the close of a long war than ed just as he foretold it; and how re- would have been the king of England gardless Black was as to what political under similar circumstances. Mr. Steeffect would ensue, from taking or not the falls the same. He held that the Southern taking this step is expressed, in the felicitous style characteristic of him in these memorable passages of his letter :

comes to the worst has no influence upon my mind, and I take it for granted will was founded. He frankly declared that not be regarded as a just element in making up your opinion."
"The auxiety which an American citizen must feel about any future event

"The fact that other persons are to have

which may effect the existence of the country is not less if he expects it to ocour on the 5th of March than it would be is he knew it was going to happen on the

Of the alleged difficulties in relieving very summarily and conclusively, and in newed only by the conqueror. a manner that shows his knowledge of the other departments of the government lieutenant-general, had his insight into the ease with which this relief could have been afforded. His "probatum est" was conclusive. For Gen. Scott which shows how he and to have answered such a letter Stevens changed sides on a point of doc at his leisure with jocose satire, Mr. Lincoln, had he lived, would have was to invite all the consequences which followed. For that invitation less have held with the Northern Demo-Judge Black shows that he was not re. cracy, that the war had been waged against sponsible. That he was as bold with his advice to the civil as the military powers, and that his counsel was as destructible at least as the government patriotic and sagacious in one instance | they had originally united to form. as the other, appears from his memorandum on the treatment of the "South Carolina commissioners," which we will New York Sun. publish in the concluding portion of the Press interview.

The Vacancy at Washington.

The continuing prostration of the president, not unvaried with relapses the real seriousness of which the country is not allowed to know, must serve to direct public attention again to the fact that there is some obscurity in the constitutional provision concerning the "inability" of the president which practically creates an interregnum in that office at present. Mr. Garfield is manifestly unable to discharge the duties of office in his present condition. It is true this inability occurs happily at a time when there is less pressing occasion for the exercise of these duties than at almost any other season. This, however, does not solve nor clarify the question which the situation gives rise to. It only renders its present determination less urgent. That determination may be rendered necessary at any moment, and we fail to see why it should receive ally, Mahone would destroy by repealing the inattention that it seems to be treated | the taxes which sustain it. The convenwith at Washington.

Not to speak of the more serious circumstances which are momentarily likely to call for the assertion of the presidential prerogative, a case is easily conceivable, if it does not indeed exist, in which every interest of humanity would call for its prompt exercise and a settlement of who is entitled to exercise it profitably followed in other states. Meannow. Suppose that a prisoner under sentence of death, for such causes and in such courts as the president alone can give relief to, should be found to be ino. such a platform, and for the prostitution cent, who would pardon or reprieve him? give relief to, should be found to be ino. Plainly the president is not in condition to hear such a case, and one life would not be risked to save another. Were the execution of the condemned man appointed and approaching, how could be be delivered save by the exercise by some | Spotted Tail by Crow Dog, at the Roseone of the executive power? Mr. Blaine obviously could not assume it. It is in such cases expressly declared that the vice president shall. We understant shall was killed in some difficulty bevice president shall. We understand tween him and Crow Dog, growing out of that it is maintained that there is no Spotted Tail's expected trip to Washingprovision made for any power declaring ton. He had been directed by the Indian the president's inability. Neither is there Indian delegation due about the fifteenth for declaring his death should that event instant, and it is thought Crow Dog, who occur. We presume the certificate of the wanted to come to Washington himself, vice president would succeed per se. In case of inability and the succession of the vice president on that account. the case is complicated by the probability Doolittle, of Lehigh university, have beof the removal of the disability, but cer-tainly that of itself would work a re-thracite coal fields. It will take them two vocation of the office. The fact of the years and six months to complete the surpresident's inability, under the constitu- | vey of the Wyming coal fields alone.

tion, makes his subordinate the chief executive until the disability is removed, and it does not seem that thereshould be crop this year and the growers are all ju any difficulty in finding a way to officially declare what the whole country for more than a month has been so painfully con-

EX-ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR CHAS. A. DANA, in assuming the view of the rebellion that Lincoln would and drowned. have taken in reconstruction, overruling the radical doctrines of both Jeff Davis wish her name made public, has just given and Thad. Stevens about secession, makes his views at the close of the rebelfluence he had in the cabinet to have this lion accord exactly with Judge Black's

PERSONAL.

From the grave Gen. Scott might cry gretted that those instructions were not Scott distrusted the loyalty of Judge enforced. That the president was in- Black, and important matters of state

do this he leaves no doubt; nor does he THURLOW WEED has never ridden or hebitate to lodge a large part of the re- the elevated railway. "Yes," he said, sponsibility for this failure with the gen. laughing, "that's so. It isn't on ac eral commanding our military forces, count of any principle or prejudice, but Scott. What might seem a harsh judg- time is no object to me. I've all the time ment upon this old soldier by a civil offi- there is ; no one has any more, and it does Brandreth house, in New York, by stabcer is amply vindicated by the letter not matter whether it takes me ten minwritten by the secretary of state to utes or half an hour to go down town. produced because its author has only lately been able to obtain a copy of it. Whatever opinion may exist of the him then, and which is only now And then, since of late years my eyesight truth in Gen. Scott's biting sarcasm, in prefer the surface roads. They are easier domen, causing almost instant death. answer to this letter, that "had he de- for me. Usually now I take a cab, but if voted himself to the law in his early life I were well and stronger I wouldn't even

Varying Opinions.

New York Sun.

When Horace Greeley became the bai of Jefferson Davis and Thaddeus Stevens offered to defend him should be brought

Dr. Greeley having maintained that the dissatisfied states had a perfect right to secede, he must logically have conceded foreign countries, and that their political chief was no more amenable to our civil states did legally, as well as in fact, take themselves out of the federal union, and were at the end of the struggle conquered provinces, and at the mercy of the victoricharge of the government before the worst ous power. It was upon this theory that his whole system of reconstruction laws they were "outside the constitution;" that if the constitution applied at all, those laws violated every provision of it, from girls and an alleged attempt on the part the preamble to the end But he of Captain Kautz to get the Michigan was dealing with a public enemy, and framing institutions for a subjugated country. No war had been made upon American states, for none could constitutionally be made; but war had been suc cessfully made upon a group of foreign Fort Sumter, Judge Black disposes crushed out of existence, and could be re-

Mr. Davis wisely declined such a defence. Circumstances alter opinions. was such as to entitle him to the presi- Mr. Stevens four years before. But had He would have agreed very heartily with dent's greater confidence in his interfer- that doctrine been then advanced by the ence with them. Certainly neither the chief of the fallen Confederate states and secretary of war, of the navy, nor the judicially sustained, the demand of the South for self-government would have been an absurdity.

Mr. Davis's book contains revelation more curious than Mr overruled them both. He would doubtindividual insurgents; that the states could not go out of the Union and had never been out; and that the states were as in-

Virginia.

The Virginia Democrats take the field in a style which must challenge the respect of the country and put to utter shame those Northern Republicans, who have, without protest, permitted their managers to ally the Republican party of the country with Mahone, and to buy with him the disgrace of promoting repudia-

Mr. Daniel is an exceedingly creditable nominee. There never was, in fact, the slightest objection to him in Virginia except that he was known as an extreme and absolutely uncompromising debt payer, a circumstance which is not likely to diminish the satisfaction with which his candidacy will be regarded outside of

The platform of these Virginia Demo crats-moss-backed Bourbons, as the Republican press delight to call them-was drawn by no feeble or doubtful hand. It is instinct with the spirit of true progress and enlightened liberty throughout. It, of course, pledges the honest people of the state to the full and scrupulous payment of the delt. It also takes the common school system under the protection of the Democracy—that system about which the Republicans make many loud protestations of friendship, but which their purchased tion also proceeds to declare again the timehonored principles of the Democracy in language almost identical with that of

It is indeed a happy omen when the respectable people of Virginia come together to reaffirm those ancient doctrines of free government and pure, precisely as they were formulated by the first Democratic president. It is an example which may be while it will be interesting to observe what apology Northern Republicans can offer for giving their sympathies to Mahone and his brigands, against such a candidate and

SPOTTED TAIL.

Official Information Received at the terior Department of His Death. Official information of the killing of vsicians would be invoked and the was jealons of Spotted Tail's prominence and influence in tribal affairs.

Charles A. Ashbburner and A.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL There is a prospect of a large cranberry

The two United States senators for Wisconsin have met and decided to nominate ex-Congressman Jeremiah Rusk for governor of that state.

During a disturbance on the steamer Canada, near Point Aux Trembles, Quebec. La Framlaise was knocked overboard It is announced that a lady who does not

\$100,000 to Princeton theological semi-Joseph O'Donnell, clerk for a lumber firm, was shot dead by Edward Northrup, a prominent lawyer, in Elizabeth, New

Edward C. Gilbert, aged 38 years, was trampled upon and fatally injured by a vicious horse, in Providence, Rhode Island.

During a thunder storm a bolt struck the residence of Owen Higgins, 42 Nostrands avenue, Brooklyn, instantly killing Mr. Higgins. He was 65 year old. Vineland celebrated the twentieth anni-

versary of its birthday by a festival in Jones's Grove last evening, embracing short addresses by pioneers and others and a display of fireworks. Bernard Strauss, a dry goods merchant, of Brooklyn, attempted suicide at the

bing himself in the throat and attempting to sever an artery in his arm. Mr. Alliers, book-keeper for Blume &

William Weeks and Thomas Warren were killed by lightning in Coventry, R. I. They had gone from their house to a wood shed, when the lightning struck an overhanging tree and passed into the shed with fatal results.

Parker, who committed the assault on Mrs. Bull, in Adirondacks, was arrested in Hamilton county, N. Y., on Saturday. He resisted the constable who shot him

Elder James White, the founder of the sect of Seventh Day Adventists and president of their publishing association and of their college at Battle Creek, Mich., died at that place on Saturday, at the age of sixty.

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While a stage, overloaded with passengers, inside and out, was descending the mountain from Prattsville to Mooresville, in the Catskills, it capsized, and the driver and several of the passengers were injured, the former seriously.

The United States naval station at Eric has supplied over forty husbands for Erie of Captain Kautz to get the Michigan stationed permanently at Cleveland produces symptoms of a panic among the eligible maidens of the Lake City.

-Dr. George C. Worthington, a physician of twelve years' practice in Baltimore, was arrested yesterday on the charge of malyoung woman named Hewett issaid to be in a critical condition.

Adam Craig, of Plainfield, N. J., sixtyfive years old, while bathing at Asbury Park, had an apoplectic stroke. He was promptly taken out of the surf by the bathing masters, but the physicians were unable to resuscitate him. This is the first death on this beach this season.

A. B. Wheelock, a clerk of J. C. Wolcott & Co., brokers, of 42 Broad street, New York, who was left to close up the tore on Friday last, has absconded with \$40,000 worth of stocks and securities and \$15,000 in checks one of which he got cashed and on the others received letters of credit on two well known banking firms.

Charles C. Kitcher, of Philadelphia, tormerly connected with the signal-service office of Cincinnati, was found dead in Eden park, a city park on the hilltops overlooking Cincinnati. He had evidently committed suicide, as a partially emptied bottle of cyanide of potassium was found in his person.

At 6:40 last night William Gale, the English pedestrian, finished his great feat of covering 6,000 quarter miles in 6,000 consecutive minutes and continued on the track until he had added fourteen quarters to his record. At the finish he wanted to to bet \$500 to \$1,000 he could "begin right off" and cover 500 miles within seven

The French bark Victor E. Eugenie has arrived in St. Johns, N. F., bringing tidings of the dory City of Bath. The crew of the dory, Alison and Turner, boarded that the dory capsized on the twentyeighth of July and the provisions were spoiled. The captain of the bark suppled them provisions, and they resumed their voyage for Europe in good health and spirits after expressing their gratitude to Captain Vasval for his generous assist.

SAVED FROM SUICIDE.

A Woman Rescued Just at the Brink of the

Mrs. Kate Adams, residing at No. 159 Cedar street, Buffalo, attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the Niagara river from in front of the pulp mill, just above the American Falls. She was noticed by Miss Ward, an attendant in a curiosity store near the spot, to act strangely, but not enough so to admit of interfer-Although her movements were watched, quick as a flash Mrs. Adams made the fearful leap. Miss Ward gave the alarm. Mr. W. A. Phillips, who happened to be near, quickly responded. Taking in the situation at a glance, he threw off his coat and waistcoat, ran down | water. The skin peeled from the child's the bank about a hundred feet, where body. the lady had drifted in an eddy, plunged into the stream and brought her safely to the shore. Had the mill stream been running at the time, Mrs. Adams would have been carried far out into the rapids where no human aid could have reached, and in a few moments she would have been dashed over the American falls. A telegram was sent to her address and an answer was received stating that J. F. Adams would be down in the morning. He has arrived, taking the lady in charge, who in the meantime was well cared for by the village authorities. A deranged mind was the cause of the dread ful attempt.

A STEAMER LOST.

Her Cargo Saved, by Sailors from the Van The steamer Cortes in going out of the harbor at Halifax, N. S., struck on Thrum Cap, and will be a total loss. She was bound to St. Johns, N. F. The Cortes sailed about 4 a. m. About 5 she struck on Thrum Cap shoal in a dense fog. Two United States war ship Vandalia, went to the rescue. Unable to get the ship off, they turned their attention to saving the cargo, which was transferred to another vessel. The cargo, valued at \$75,000 or \$100,00, principally flour and beef shipped at New York for Newfoundland, was more or less damaged. The ship, valued at \$60,000, was partially insured in New

THE PRESIDENT'S CONDITION.

According to Dr. Bliss' report at 11:30 p. m. yesterday the president did not fully recover from the effects of the morning's operation until after the evening examin ation. He suffered more or less through out the afternoon from nausea, caused by ether, he was rather weaker than on Sunday, and was not able to take the usual quantity of nourishment; milk with lime water was given him as soon as his stomach would bear it after the direct effects of the ether had passed away. During the evening he had beef extract, but he was allowed no soild food. His pulse, prob-ably as a result of the gastric disturbance, was rather high during the afternoon, and at 4:30 went to 110, but his temperature did not rise correspondingly until about the time of the evening examination when it reached 101.9. The febrile rise shown by this temperature was more pronounced than usual, but it was fully accounted for in the opinion of the surgeons by the operation and its consequent nervous exhaustion, and by nausea and the effects of ether. It therefore caused no anxiety. Early in the evening the fever began to subside and the president went to sleep quietly without any anodyne juice. During that time his pulse and temperature have slowly fallen and his general condition has improved. At this hour, 11:30 p. m., his pulse is 98, his skin moist and healthy in tone, his temperature not more than half a degree above normal and he continues to sleep quietly. It is possible that there may be considerable febrile disturbance again before the patient begins to permanently improve, but the ultimate result of this operation is expected to be a marked and decided change for the bet-ter. The incision made cannot be closed or obstructed by the process of granulating as the old track of the

ball was between the ribs, for the reason that the cut is through the soft parts of the body where there are no bones to prevent the spreading or separating of the sides of the wound whenever they begin to close in process of healing. The present incision, therefore, can be kept open and unobstructed as long as may be necessary. No fear is entertained of a further suppression of the discharge. Dr. Hamilton has returned to New York.

STATE ITEMS.

There is a vacancy, for a Democrat to fill, on Mayor King's police force because Officer R. T. Jordan "won't serve with niggers."

Mrs. George Van Dolen, of Frenchtown, committed suicide on Friday by drowning herself in a well. It is believed that she was deranged, as she had been acting strangely for some time. Mary E. Mohler, two years old, residing

at 1329 Earl street, Philadelphia, was run over and killed by a furniture car in front of her parents' home. George Webb was run over and seriously injured while stooping to save the little one Samuel Miller has been arrested in Clin-

ton township, Lycoming county, Pa., on a charge of poisoning his father, aged 74 years, for the purpose of obtaining an insurance on his life. A post-mortem examination has revealed the presence of poison in the old man's stomach.

A bad gang of tramps infest the shore of the bay at Erie. On Friday they set tion of the grand jury. His victim, a subsequently fired upon them with revol vers. The ruffians have money enough to buy beer by the barrel.

Allen Gilbert died in a cell in the Lehigh county almshouse Sunday morning. He was placed in the cell on account of insanity and no sooner was he in than he began the most violent ravings, beating his head against the walls, throwing himself against the door, climbing up the bars and throwing himself to the floor and in every way trying to end his life. The officials endeavored to bind up his wounds and pacify him, but without success.

A Flood and Massacres. The steamer Zealandia, arrived in San Francisco, brings advices from Auckland of a destructive flood in the River Thames on July 16, caused by a water-spout which damaged the towns to the extent, as estimated, of \$50,000. One life was lost. Much damage is reported from the out-

lying districts. On May 29 a vessel named the May Queen anchored at Island Aoba to obtain laborers. The natives killed two boat crews of blacks and one white man. An American and a Frenchman, named,

respectively, Bret and Follorte, were killed by natives at New Britain in Febru ary last.

KIVAL ROMEOS.

Their Passion for a Dusky Damsel Leads to CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 9.-A murder took place at Stringtown, near Xenia, Ohio, on Sunday night. Wallace Davis Wm. II. Hudson were suitors the Eugenie a few days since and reported of Miss Parker (colored), and sometime ago had a fight about her. On Sunday night last Miss Parker refused Davis' offer to escort her home from church, and accepted Hudson. On the way home Davis overtook Hudson and threatened to whip of the tunnel, was in town on Thursday. him. Miss Parker and her sisters ran away and left the two men together. Three shots were fired and Hudson rejoined the girls. Yesterday Davis' body was found in the road with a bullet hole through the head. Hudson has not been arrested.

Scalded to Death.

A five-year-old son of Henry Staetz, 2112 North Front street, Philadelphia, fell into a tank of boiling water, and received burns from which he died. Men in the employ of Mr. Stactz were engaged in butchering hogs at a slaughter house and had near them a large tank of boiling water. While they were in the act of immersing a hog in the water the little boy, playing near, ran forward to seize the dead animal by a leg, but missing his foothold fell into the tank. One of the men took the little fellow out and in great excitement plunged him into a tub of cold

RAILROAD COLLISION

An Incompetent Engineer the Cause. LONDON, Aug. 9.-The railroad accident ear Blackburn yesterday arose from the express train from Manchester being in care of a driver who did not perfectly understand the vacuum brake, which failed to act. The Manchester express consequently rushed into the Blackburn station at the rate of forty miles an hour, the entrance being down grade, smashing into splinters several carriages of the Liverpool & York express which was stationary and preparing to shunt.

Casuaittes on Ratiways.

in Second avenue, New York city, was struck by a Morris & Essex train in Orange N. J., and probably fatally injured. Michal Conlon, of Mill Creek, aged 60 years, was struck by the engine of a passing train on the Lehigh Valley railroad, at Wilkesbarre, and was seriously injured. New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio train while watching a passing train on the Buffalo & Southwestern track.

sudden Death While Returning from Margaret, wife of Robert Brewster, of Poughkeepsie, visited Kingston on Saturday to attend the circus. After the perwhen, according to Samson's story, Mrs. Brewster was taken sick, and while carry-ing her home she died in his arms. Samson laid her on the car track, and there her husband found her when he went in search of her after the circus. An examination proved that she had died of heart disease,

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE. Pleasant weather and people happy. Jim Allison, at Richards's book store, is selling tickets for the Atlantic City excursion, Thursday, Aug. 18.

count of the late rains. From present prospects this month's shipment of cars, east and west, will be a great increase over last month. Watermelons and cantelopes have made their appearance in our market, but are

The river is somewhat cloudy yet on ac-

of a poor assortment. While John Witmer, a youth of 15, attempted to get out of the way of the elephant, he fell, spraining his ankle A short time ago one of Col. Shoch's black horses received a kick from the other and on Sunday night died from the effects. This is a serious loss, not as they were costly horses, but the colonel has had

them for a number of years, and beside this breaks the match. A fight occurred between two countrymen on Locust street, near Seventh, this morning. The fight lasted for about fifteen minutes and both were pretty badly used up. Liquor was the cause and it was a lisgrace to the men standing around to let such an unseemly act occur in their presence. We trust there will be no repeti-

Co. C. 4th regt, drilled last evening, on Locust street, in the skirmish drill, which 'the boys" enjoyed largely. Next Thursday evening they will be exercised in guard mount and other camp duties, At the regular meeting after the drill the necessary arrangements were made in regard to the encampment, and the new quartermaster, Mr. L. K. Fondersmith, assumed his position, everything being turned over to him. Mr. F. A. Reichard was elected secretary, with Mr. Jacob Bletz as his assistant.

The bill board facing South Second street should be looked to and at once repaired, as it leans chiefly over the pavement and has very slender props. It is unsafe to walk on that side of the street at all for the boards look as though they were coming down every minute.

Mr. John Wilson, who has been spending few days at Lancaster, returned home this morning; Mr. Walter Barr is with him; W. Hayes Grier has returned from the seashore.

The circus is here and with it brings a large number of strangers and the usual crowd of hangers-on. The streets have been crowded all morning on the expected parade, which we cannot speak of much. as it is about the same as others. Yesterday they showed in York to large audience and everybody expresses themselves delighted. Columbia promises to give large audiences both in the morning and evening.

A number of young boys living Kitchentown are in the habit of stealing coal off of louded cars standing on the R. & C. railroad siding near that place, and, upon and robbed a party of Finnish emi- also letting the cars run down the siding rants waiting on the dock for a boat, and which has a steep grade towards Columbia. This should be stopped, as in the former case there are plenty of unloaded coal cars near there from which they have permission to take the coal; while the latter is a very dangerous amusement for the siding runs into the R. & C railroad car-

penter shop. Last evening Henry Rodenhouser, who has been regularly sworn in as a special policeman, and who attempted to arrest some negroes on "Tow Hill" last Saturday, but was forced to "give in" on account of the odds against him, was arraigned before Squire Frank on a charge of assault and battery and attempting to make an arrest without a warrant (when he saw the men fighting). Nothing delinite was done until this morning, when it is thought the matter will be satisfactorily arranged. Council took the matter in hand and had Mr. A. J. Kauffman, their lawyer, appear in defense of Rodenhauser. The question now agitating the public mind here is, "can a policeman arrest a man without a warrant, when he sees the law being broken with his own eyes?" According to the borough charter and a poiceman's duty he can. Rodenhauser has the sympathy of every good citizen of Columbia, and in a short time the "coons' will find out whom they have to deal with,

for when Henry says, & come along," they may as well go quietly, for go they must.

Gap News. There was a very heavy rain in this se tion on Sunday afternoon. Down towards Chester county, in the neighborhood of Christiana, a considerable amount of tobacco was destroyed by hail.

On Wednesday morning last a dispatch was received here, ordering all work at born. the P. R. R. tunnel to be suspended at once, until further orders. This will throw about twenty men out of employment. Mr. Richard Langdon, contractor The ladies of the Gap intend having another festival, for the benefit of the M E. church, in Penn Monument hall, on Saturday afternoon and evening, August

18th inst. bids fair to be a success from this place. Quite a number have signified their intention to go. Mrs. Uriah Fox, whose husband is a railroader, is in possession of a pistol, and on Thursday night she shot a valua-

The excursion to Atlantic City on the

ble dog belonging to Mr. Hamilton, of this Christian Fox has rented the restaurant building from Mrs. Sweigart, and has opened a Victor sewing machine office, where he will keep every thing in the sewing machine line. He is also agent for

George Wood's organ. RESULT OF BLASTING.

A Water Street Spring Ceases to Flow.

From time immemorial there has been a pure and unfailing spring of water in the pasement of the residence of John Kepner, Water street. Some days ago after men at work in constructing the Water street sewer had made a blast, the spring stop ped to flow and has not flowed although it has been deepened and other means taken to renew the stream. And now the question arises will the city be compelled to pay damages to the owner of the lost spring.

A festival will be held in David Haverstick's woods, near Quarryville, on Saturday afternoon and evening, August 13, for Patrick Gallagher, a book agent, living the benefit of the Mount Eden Lutheran church. Music by the Quarryville band.

A Festival in Prospect.

Passed West.

This afternoon a number of P. R. R. officials passed through this city on their way west on two special trains. They had the track indicator with them and

Mr. Julius Lederman, the well-known tobacco dealer, and his wife mourn the loss of their little son, who has fallen a victim to that dread scourge of the household, diphtheria.

Early Saved.

Sunday School Picule, The Zion's German Lutheran Sunday formance she went off with Henry Sam- school will hold its picnic on Thursday son. They had not gone a great distance next at What Glen park.

DISGRACEFUL SCENE.

Negro Women Fight in an Alderman' Yesterday afternoon there was a dis graceful disturbance in Rockland street, that gathered together a large crowd of

people, a majority of whom were colored. At 3 e'clock Alderman Donnelly had a hearing of the case of Henry Boston against Thomas Besick, both colored From the testimony in the case it appeared that Besick met Boston's wife at the railroad depot and accompanied her home, at her own request. This made Boston jealous, and a quarrel ensued between them, during which blows were struck, but neither of the combatants were much hurt. The alderman promptly dismissed the case.

During and after the hearing there was much bad talk between Mrs. Harriet Boston and her sister, Mary Wilson, on the one part, and a Miss Hetty Thompson on the other. Mrs. Boston called Miss Thompson some very ugly names, that wouldn't look well in print, and among other things charged her with alienfice, almost if not in terms confessed the soft impeachment, and then trouble commenced. Miss Thompson and her friend were followed by the sisters as far as the corner of Rockland and Middle streets. The vilest language and the direst threats were hurled at Miss Thompson, who finally turned back and said she would sue both Mrs. Boston and Mrs. Wilson. She had proved by the finance committee in double not walked a dozen steps before Mrs. Boston flew at her. Then the couple clenched and fought like tigers. Mis. Boston, being a powerful woman, threw her antagonist to the ground. Pounding, pulling hair, scratching and biting, were given and taken on both sides as the combatants rolled and squirmed in the dust. The mob that had gathered seemed either afraid or not inclined to interfere, until Alderman Donnelly hastened to the scene. He seized Mrs. Boston and tugged hard to get her away from her victim, but he was unable to do so, and called on others to assist him. By main force the combatants were lifted to their feet, but they could not be separated. Mrs. Boston had fastened her teeth into the fore-arm of Miss Thompson and held fast with the tenacity of a bull-dog, and it was until she was taken by the throat and her windpipe squeezed that she let go, and then she directed her blows at those who assisted in pulling her away from her enemy. Miss Thompson accom-panied the alderman to his office to make ormal complaint, but she had hardly reached the door till Mrs. Boston, foaming with rage, was after her. While the alderman was writing the complaint, Mrs. Boston ran behind his desk where Miss Thompson had sought safety, and attacked her with fury. The alderman was almost crushed beneath the dusky pugilists. He again tried to separate them, and in the name of the commonwealth demanded as sistance. The scene that followed beggars description. Several of the colored people had "taken sides" in the melee which assumed proportions that would have done credit to a Donnybrook fair. Blows were struck and wool pull in all directions, Mrs. Boston was twice knocked down, and as she fell her lighter but more lithe autagonist "jumped ber." Finally Officer Leman arrived and was ordered by Alderman Donnelly to take both Mrs Boston and Mrs. Wilson to jail. This was namesake Abe of Harrisburg.

much easier said than done. He seized Delegations from Perseveran them both and they both for a time re- Masons No. 21, of Harrisburg, and Eureka sisted. He got them out of the office at last, and escorted them as far as Middle street, where Mrs. Wilson got away from him, ran home, locked herself in the house and from an upper window bade defiance to all her enemies. The officer safely landed Mrs. Boston in jail, and this morning Mrst Wilson was arrested and also locked up. They will have a hearing before Alderman Donnelly on Thursday,

both of them being charged with drunken and disorderly conduct and assault and battery on Miss Thompson. At the close of the fight the floor of Alderman Donnelly's office was strewn with handsful of wool and hairpins from the heads, and torn petticoats, aprons and buttons from the bodies of the belliger ents. Probably never before in the history of Lancaster was so disgraceful a row witnessed in a magistrate's office; and yet Alderman Donnelly did all that was possible to restore and keep the peace.

No Trouble on That Score.

To a set of rules for the better conducting of the primary elections of his party in this county, framed by the editor of the New Era, the Philadelphia North American finds objection that "they do not define the ways and means whereby the attendance of the disinterested voter at the election is to be brought about." We beg to assure the North American that there is no difficulty here on that score. In this city, at least, all the voters get to the polls, and more, too. The difficulty is to keep the poll down to the Republican vote of the ward. But for that trouble the Fridy-Skiles contest would not have been still

Broke His Neck. William Dripps, a wealthy farmer and esident of Coatesville, had been to his farm in West Brandywine township, some six miles distant, after some tomatoes, and on his return home, drew up in front of the kitchen door and called his wife to assist him unload. He was standing up in the rear end of the wagon, when the horses became restless by being annoyed by flies, and in stamping and kicking at them threw Mr. Dripps out; he fell head foremost, and in so doing broke his neck. The deceased was about 65 years of age,

and owned a large amount of property. Reconciled-" That Settles It."

Chas. Edwards and his son George, whose misunderstandings have from time to time furnished subjects for local re-ports, have arranged and settled their personal and business differences on a basis satisfactory to both. Mr. Edwards feels that his arrest of his son, on suspicion, has been somewhat misunderstood, and now that their matters are adjusted it is hoped and believed these misunderstandings will cease and vex neither the public nor the parties any more forever.

Throwing Stones at a Train. Last night a stone was thrown through passenger car on Harrisburg accommo dation west, due here from Philadelphia at 5:45. The stone was thrown by some one who it was supposed was standing on the James street bridge across the railroad, the stone passed through the top ventilator and out through a window on the lower side. The glass was broken and a piece struck a child, but no one was

Suit Against an Insurance Company. This morning Mrs. R.W. Shenk entered in the office of the prothonotary, a suit Ogden to Portk n l, Oregon. against the Mutual life insurance company of New York, to recover \$5,000, the amount of a policy held in said company, by Major Shenk at the time of his death, which the company has failed to pay.

Corrections. The late Amos Deverter entered the ser- with prayer by Rev. F. Seachrist. The Andrew Anderson, aged 71 years, was were making an examination of the track. vice of John Rees when he was 17 years of atter age. After serving in Capt. Hambright's is suitable music and an organ on the three-months' company and the militia he enlisted in Co. K, of Col. Pyfer's 77th Pa. ground for the entertainment of visitors. Vet. Vol'.

> Delegate Elected. At a regular meeting of the Humane

Peter McConomy as alternate.

SOME NECESSARY REFORMS. Engine House Loading and Beer Drinking Prohibited.

THE AMERICAN.

The committee of the American fire company on its reorganization made its report last last evening which was acted upon and a new constitution and by laws adopted, embodying some reforms which the recent demoralization of the company and the abuse of its property by reckless and dissolute members have rendered necessary. The meeting was largely attended, and the new regulations were

considered item by item and adopted with

substantial unanimity. Among the lead

ing features of the new orders are the follewing: The officers of the company shall consist of a president, two vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, chief engineer, four assistants, chief hose director and four directors, three trustees, a committee of three on finance, five delegates to Firemen's Union, and a chief and assistant fireman. ating the effections of, Mr. Boston. Mi. s all to be elected by ballot at the January Thompson, as she left the alderman's of- meeting, upon nominations at the preceding regular meetings in November and

December. The duties of the officers are those usually pertaining to such positions; the treasurer is to pay all bills only when approved by the finance committee and on the president's order; and, when required by the company, he must give a bond apthe amount of the city appropriation. The president shall appoint an investigating committee to inquire into the character and qualifications of persons proposed for membership. The trustees take charge of the company's property and the janitor collects the dues.

No person shall be elected to member ship who is under 21 years of age. All members to be elected by ballot. Five black balls shall reject a proposed member, nor can such a one be proposed again within a year after his rejection.

Meetings of the company are to be held on the second Monday of the month; and stated or special meetings shall be held on 24 hours notice given through at least two of the daily papers of the city. The secretary to be paid \$1 compensation for every meeting.

Every member must procure equipments within six months after his election, and six months absence from the meetings shall cause the absentee's name to be dropped. No company property to be loaned to anybody for whatever purpose. No liquor, tobacco smoke, religious, political or personal debate shall be introduced into any room where the company is holding a meeting. Each and every member bringing liquor or beer upon the premises shall upon due proof be summarily expelled from the company. Any member loating about the company premises in a disorderly or intoxicated condition shall

be ejected from the premises and expelled. NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Near and Across the County Line. This afternoon the Anchors of Harrisburg will open their new baseball grounds, Third street near Seneca. They will play the strongest picked nine that can be selected. Joseph Roth, who hails from Newark.

N. J., stole a horse from Ben Whitmoyer, Mifflin county, and was gathered in by his Delegations from Perseverance lodge of lodge, of Mechanicsburg, visited Prince

Edward lodge, of Middletown, last evening. The visit was a social one. A de lightful evening was spent. A Mr. Light, residing on Kelker street, Harrisburg, feli over dead yesterday while talking to Mr. Wenrick, his next door neighbor, in the latter's yard, it is pre sumed from an apoplectic stroke. Mr.

Light was aged about fifty four years and leaves a family of grown-up children. Arthur Kelly, of Middletown, a young married man employed by Mr. Harry Et tla, a well known contractor, who is engaged building a branch railroad near Lewistown was instantly killed near that place on last Saturday while attempting to jump on a moving freight train, on which he was about to steal a ride. His missed his hold and was thrown under the wheels and was almost instantly killed. His re-

mains were taken to Middletown on Sun-J. E. Duke, esq., a prominent citizen of Charleston, West Virginia, is perfecting arrangements for a Masonic exenssion on Wednesday the 17th of August, to the famous Luray Caverns in West Virginia. The reunion of the Masonic fraternity of the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Vir-

ginia and West Virginia, is to take place under the auspices of Malta lodge, A. Y. M., of Charleston. The sixteenth annual reunion of the State camp of Pennsylvania P. O. of S A. opens in the Market opera house to day. Delegates from all parts of the state will be present, and there will be at least 325 votes in the convention. The hotels are already crowded with incoming delegates, and the town promises to be even more lively than it was during the past week on the occasion of the militia encampment.

The annual meeting of the Democracy of Berks county held in the court house at Reading yesterday was a large and enthusiastic gathering. Stirring speeches were made by Chairman Harris, ex-Congressman Clymer, Congressman-elect Ermentrout and others, while the resolutions rang with true Democratic doctrine, being especially vigorous against the encroachments of monopoly; denounce the late attempt of the national banks to dictate the financial policy of the government, and call for legislation that will render them powerless to create any disturbance of the business interests of the execrate the attempt on the life of President Garfield; approve the lecision of the attorney in declaring the extra \$500 legislative sa'ary unconstitutional and illegal; compliment the public services of Clymer, Ermentrout, Harris and the members of the Legislature from Berks; and urge the claims of Reading as the place for holding the next state convention.

An . Intelligencer " Boy Out West. The following paragraph is from the Blackfoot (Idaho) Register : " Mr. A. R. Stiffle who has for the past six months been foreman of the Register office, severed his connection with the same on Saturday last, and has engaged with Col. Wolcot in his surveying party.

Mr. Stiffle, who learned the trade of printing in the INTELLIGENCER office, and s well-known in this city, where his parents reside, has been in the West for he past few years, and his friends here will be pleased to learn of his successful fortunes. The railroad with which he has connected himself is a newly projected line which it is proposed to run from

Brownstown Campmeeting This meeting was opened in the usual form by Rev. J. E. Knarr, P. E., who read the 23d Psalm, and made suitable remarks. He was followed by Rev. J. Speach, Jacob Zern, F. Lehr, and the exercises closed

"Our Boys" Abroad.

Sunbury Daily. Mr. Herbert Eichholtz, of Lancaster. fire company, held last evening, Walter and E. E. Steigerwalt, of the same city, M. Franklin was elected a delegate to the are spending a few days in Sunbury. Both firemen's convention in Reading, with are pleasant and agreeable young gentle-