Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPT. 28,1881

The Slighted Vice Presidency. The Philadelphia Press recalls the manner in which the Republican vice presidential nomination went begging course, could have had it, but equally, of course, would not think of accepting the second place on the ticket. It is a singular fact that Arthur even did not pack away their little bats; to figure up want to take it, because he expected to the profits and losses of the season's busibe chosen senator from New York, and ness, and to retire from their heroic engreatly preferred that place to the presidency of the Senate and the second office in the country. So would almost any other man. Why is it that the vice presidency is so little esteemed, not withstanding it has so often conferred the presidency? No doubt, one reason is the fact that its chief importance comes from its liability to the inheritance of a dead man's shoes; but the real reason is found in the fact that the place gives the holder of it very little influence. It is an ornamental position and only that. The incumbent has no patronage and is not able to catch the eye of the country on the floor of the Senate, over which he presides, but in which ditty: he does not raise his voice even to cast his vote unless occasionally when there may be a tie among the senators. He is a part of the administration, and as such bears the weight of its acts if they are evil, without profiting by them if they are good. In this re gard, however, he is no worse off than a cabinet member; but positions in the cabinet are also looked upon askance because of this embarrassment to the ambition of the politician. The vice presidency and cabinet offices used to be looked upon differently, and as stepping stones to the presidency. But in those days first class men were willing to be vice presidents, and first-class men can pull themselves up anywhere. The old system of election, that gave the representatives in Congress the choice among the candidates voted for by the people when none had a majority, was a great | will apply for admission to that converdeal better than our present way, and it tion. was not far-sighted wisdom that changed it. Our present method of obtaining a successor to a president is even worse than our way of electing a president, and that is bad enough. There is a fair chance at least that a party will select a good man for the first office; but when a convention has exhausted itself with this supreme labor it is not in a fit condition to find a second good man for the second place, especially when it is compelled to balance the ticket furthermore it finds it their behests."-N. Y. Independent. expedient to put upon it one who has been an opponent of its chief candidate: and so it always happens that when the president dies and the vice president comes in there is a general upsetting of

What is His Use! The New York Sun thinks that our

things and a state of uproar in the af-

eighty days' experience without a president shows that the country can get along very well without an executive. without a chief, as it would be if Presicandidate to usurp the place; which he ceeded in pulling the wool over the eyes value. of the Democratic statesmen, who were virtuous and guileless, and accepted the electoral commission without seeing the thimble-rig in it. A thing ought to be of great value which we maintain at such cost; and perchance the presidency is not really valuable enough to hang on to. It is a pretty whistle, but maybe we pay too dear for it.

What is the president's use? To sign his name to papers? But the secretaries do that most of the time. But he directs them. Does he? No doubt he does very often, but oftener they do it in the routine of business, without special direction. Appointments to office are made by the heads of departments. The president may control them if he chooses, and sometimes does, but more frequently does not; and what they can do in some cases they can as well do in all

Congress really governs the country under our institutions and controls the president. Parliament governs Great Britain and controls the queen, who is but a figure-head. Our president has his personal traits upon the administravastly more power than the queen; but the question is whether the country could not get along better if he had as little; and if he was thus shrivelled, could be not probably be dispensed with entirely, and the country be governed by congress and the secretaries?

We do not declare our opinion on the subject. It is an idea suggested by the ease with which for three months we did without a president. We have never of the usefulness or uselessness of the office, taking it for granted that the just as every great interest is given a single head. And probably this head must practically exist in some form : but since Congress rules the roast anyway, why not let Congress find the head, and put it up and take it down, some- N. J., the cares of Cashier Hedden, exwhat in the English fashion, and let us not be bothered with presidents elected by the people, to kick up a rumpus with Congress and keep the country in turmoil | hees was made and the decision of the until they are subdued and reduced to court was reserved until to-day. The know their places?

THE Philadelphia Record says that a lady advises it that the fabrics used in draping the buildings in mourning will ing. be very useful to the Michigan sufferers, for skirts and linings for women's wear. It seems an excellent idea; there is enough cloth rotting on our buildings to clothe every woman in Michigan, and the New York Democratic convention. they are in mourning, too, so that the the mayor.

MINOR TOPICS.

BASE BALLISTS are getting ready to deavors until the coming spring time. Chicago seems to be "safe on the first" as champions.

A QUARTERLY paper has just been is sued in New York with the title of Moderation. It proposes temperance reform not by prohibition or total abstinence, but by the moderate use of fermented and spirituous liquors, and by the organization of Moderation societies, especially among

An Echo Celestial [from the Chinese quarter of Ft. Colville, W. T.] Our correspondent "Fred." sends the following St. Mary's, in Baltimore county. The Chinese version of a celebrated English

Fleece all-same white-as-snow : Every-where Moll-gall-went Bah-bah hoppy-long too :"

GEN. CHALMERS, of Mississippi, denies the report that he was so much opposed to the re-election of Senator Lamar that he would join the fusion movement to beat him, and says, on the contrary : "While I am opposed to the re election of Senator Lamar, I would vote for him myself rather than see the Democratic state ticket defeated."

THE Tammany organization's abandonment of its proposal to the New York county Demogracy and the Democrats who meet in Irving hall to unite with them on a delegation to the Democratic state convention has made it certain that two, and perhaps three, delegations from every Assembly district in the county of New York

THE New York Independent does not know how many Republicans in Pennsylvania will follow the lead of Mr. Wolfe, yet it would not be surprising if the number should be sufficient to defeat the regular candidate nominated under the bossism ' of Sanator Cameron. We have no sympathy with such 'bosses' and would be glad to see them expelled from the politics of the country. Their rule is look among the ranks of the hangers on one of pure selfishness and iron handed of the great men for its candidate. To proscription of all who refuse to bow to barian of the novelist, she was an impish

INTELLIGENCE received from the Warner observatory, Rochester, N. Y., announces the discovery of a new comet located in the constellation of Virgo It is ham, a captain of volunteers, and subsea striking coincidence that this new and quently was "married" to John Rolfe, bright comet appeared at the same hour simply as part of the policy of that unflicted party and in the country, which that Garfield was breathing his last. It scrupulous satrap, Governor Argall, in ormay be very interesting but is not edifywas first seen by E. E. Barnard in Nashwilly sire, Powhatan. So far from her ville, Tenn., who has made claim through having saved Captain John Smith's life, Prof. Swift for the Warner prize of \$200 as related by this unfortunate adventurer, in gold. This makes the fifth comet seen since May first, and of this number four have appeared from almost the same spot benefactress on her visit to England. Inin the heavens.

ONE of the results of the use of elc-Possibly we could do better without vators in New York, and the construction than with one. It seems absolutely of high buildings, is a restaurant and necessary that everything should have a kitchen in the top story. Instead of going head and that every nation should have down to dinner, the diners go up, and a ruler. We have been in great alarm look out from airy perches on a broad exlately lest our country should be left panse of sky. The idea of having a kitchen in the garret is said to have origident Arthur was taken off. Perhaps our nated with Worth, the man milliner of alarm has been needless; and we would Paris. It has been adopted in the Union be quite as well off if we abolished the League club's new building and at the presidency. When we reflect upon it we Union club. The arome of cooking find that our presidents have been a great | which otherwise pervades a house, in spite bother to us. They are troublesome to of precautions, is thus diffused into the unelect and troublesome when they are complaining clouds. The new plan is also elected. Lately we narrowly escaped advantageous because it saves the most a civil war through the effort of a beaten | valuable part of the building in the lower stories for more available uses, and utilfinally got, too, because his party suc. izes a part that is generally of not much

> THE succession of Mr. Fillmore, though New Yorker of anti slavery antecedents was the signal for the break-down of the Whig phalanx opposing slavery extension. That amiable gentleman, though cherishing anti-slavery sentiments and sympathies was wanting in the stern courage and indomitable will which was necessary to cope with the imperious temper of the slaveholders. He was sworn in on the 10th, and accepted the resignations of Gen. Taylor's cabinet on the 20th of the same month. The spirit of the new administra. tion was not equal to the occasion. They agreed to a compromise; and although the omnibus bill of Mr. Clay was not adopted in form, the several measures embraced in it ware carried. California was admitted as a free state, but New Mexico was ruled out; and the Fugitive slave act was

In the judgment of the New York Times, the leading Republican newspaper of the country, and anti-Arthur, the new executive is absolutely certain to impress tion of which he is the head. Gen. Arthur is a very different man from Gen. Garfield, but in his way he is quite as positive in his character. He goes into the seat of the chief magistrate of this nation with his nature unchanged, his ideas unmodified, his associations derived from his michael, charged with mailing to Senator own past experience. He will give us an Arthur administration, and it will differ from a Garfield administration even as the man Arthur differs from the man Garfield. seriously considered before the question There is nothing to be gained by shutting | ing lost during her passage out Godfrey our eyes to facts or to probabilities. There may be no sudden changes, no country must have a single executive, hasty overturnings, but when the new administration has put on its permanent character it will not be a continuation of struck a rock at Hoiraus beach on the that begun on the 4th of March

In the United States courts at Trenton, executors of the Lewis will case are to Goodrich, however, got the first fire and be compelled to execute their trust.

PERSONAL. Governor WILTZ, of Louisiana, is dy-

HARRE and JAMES GARFIELD will return to Williams college next Monday. Ex-Senator KERNAN has been elected delegate from an Oneida county district to

JOHN SHEPPARD, a Boston owner of fast among the second rate New York politi- black will be appropriate. Take down horses, refuses to permit his trotters to cians, to which state the place was unanimously conceded. Conkling, of the mayor horses for the benefit of the Michigan sufferers, because he objects to racing for any

Miss KATE SHELLY, the Iowa heroine. has been presented with a watch by the railroad conductors of the state. On the case is engraved a picture of the scene at the bridge where the young woman, at the risk of her life, stopped the train.

Mr. Longfellow, it is said, is not nearly so venerable as his portraits represent him. His hair is not so white as the pictures make it out. It is streaked with an occasional dark line, and the moustache still retains the tawny amber shade of the vanished chestnut of his youth. Miss HELEN M. ABELL, daughter of Mr.

A. S. Abell, proprietor of the Baltimore Sun, was married yesterday to Colonel L. VICTOR BAUGHMAN, editor and proprietor of the Frederick Citizen, at the Church of original purpose was to have had the wedding celebrated at the cathedral, Archbishop Gibbons officiating. The bride ordered a magnificent trousseau from Paris, and invitations had been issued to a large number of friends. The death of President Garfield, however, caused an abandonment of this plan. The invitations were recalled and the wedding took place quietly. The bride wore a rich bridal esstume and veil, with magnificent diamonds, a present from her father.

ATTACKING POCAHONTAS.

A Ruthless Britain's Assault upon the Vir-

History has, indeed, been rather hard on the conventional heroines of romance. The late M. Edouard Fournier spent a cynical life in upsetting figures which uncritical chroniclers had set up, and in showing that half the smart sayings attributed to celebrated men were never uttered by them. The first American romancer has not even been spared evisceration. In the parish register of Gravesend is an entry which every year the Wrolfe, wyffe of Thos. Wrolfe, gent., a Virginia lady borne, was buried in the to Princess Pocahontas, or Matoax-which was her real name—one of the numerous friends of Powhatan, the Indian "Emperour of Virginia," who saved the life of doughty Capt. John Smith, married John -not "Thomas"-Rolfe, and for the year preceeding her death was the sensation of the English court. It now turns out that so far from being the innocent young barwell-known in the court yard of the Eng lis's fort at Jamestown. She even scandalized the tree-and-easy ginian dames early life the brevet spouse of one Cookthere is every reason for believing that he was barely acquainted with her in Virdeed, the story was most probably invenbecame tion after the red damsel famous, in order to give currency to the "General Historie of Virginia," and its pennyless author. As for Master John Rolfe being the love-sick swain he is in variably represented to be in the transpontine drama., it is now ascertained that he was a married man, and therefore more rogue than fool when he committed bigamy with the "Virginia lady borne." There threatens to be no end to this cruel

awakening from the dreams o our youth. LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

Rich gold, the grains as large as flaxseed, has been found in the sand at Little river,

Guiteau will be indicted for murder in Monmouth county, N. J., as a precaution against any legal quibbles which may be

A fire yesterday at Dundas, Ont., burned the Dufferin hotel and nearly the entire block in which it is situated. Loss, \$75,-

At the congress of the Americanistas a Frenchman sustained the thesis that America was discovered by Irishmen. The next meeting of the congress will be held in Copenhagen in 1883.

General S. C. Armstrong, principal of the Hampton Normal school, left for Dakota yesterday with thirty Indian students. He expects to bring back with him an equal number of young Indians as pupils. G. A. Zahn, a farmer living near Baton Rouge, Le., shot and killed Harry Price, whom he found stealing corn from his field. Zahn surrendered himself and the coroner

Ham White, a notorious highwayman and murderer, who was arrested last June in Colorado for robbing the United States mails, was on Saturday last sentenced, at

Denver, to the penitentiary for life. The three mile race on the Genesee river at Charlotte, N. Y., yesterday, between Courtney, Riley, Lee and Plaisted, was won by Courtney in 20m. 15s., the quickest time on record. The course, however,

is short. Ike Stockton, one of the leaders of the notorious Stockton-Eskridge gang of desperadoes, who is wanted in New Mexico on charges of rape, arson and other crimes, was fatally shot at Durango, Col., on Monday, while resisting arrest.

The hostiles in the neighborhood of Camp Thomas, A. T., are still coming into the reservation for the purpose of surrendering. Only a few of them re-main out. A military commission has organized to try the chiefs.

In the United States court at Alexandria, Va., yesterday, the case of William Car-Vance a postal card referring to Senator Mahone in a scurrilous manner, was postponed until January next. The bark Havana, which arrived at New

York yesterday from Havana, reports hav-Wilder and Isaac Jensen, seaman, both by yellow fever. Two other were left in hospital with the same disease. The ship Halesburg, from New York, loaded with railroad iron for Oregon,

with the captain, were drowned, and one boy, aged 13 years, was also lost. Detective Goodrich, on duty in the streets of Cleveland on Monday night, noticed about midnight a gang of pickpockets at work among the crowds of visitors. He was observed by the leader, F. B. Williamson, who attempted to shoot him.

shot Williamson through the head.

WILLIAMSPORT.

TO-DAY'S DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Go-as-you-please Affair Without any Factional Fight or Bossism—Chances of the Candidates.

Col. A. K. McClure, editor of the Times, who is up at Williamsport looking at the Democratic convention which meets there to-day to nominate a candidate for State treasurer, telegraphs to his newspaper as

There is one very gratifying sign exhibited by the delegates. Most of of them are almost entirely uncommitted and undecided, and the common anxiety is to present a thoroughly honest and competent man. They confidently expect to elect their nominee and they recognize the fact that they cannot afford to present a doubtful man to the people. Instead of caucusing in the interest of individual candidates or of factions or leaders, the bulk of the delegates are looking for the man who would make the most aggressively honest State treasurer.

Another healthy sign is the entire ab sence of all the common wranglers of faction. There is no Wallace and Randall dispute, no struggle for personal mastery. Wallace is here trying an important case in the United States court and he has refused to take any part in the struggle. It s customary for leaders to say so when they mean to do their level best in a quiet way to control results, but any one who notes the straggling flocks that would be in the Wallace fold if he were in the fight, need not be told that Wallace has no personal candidate for State treasurer. Randall is not here, nor is there any one here who represents him, and a regular go asyou-please race is to be run to morrow with almost any result possible except the nomination of a man of doubtful char-

The Philadelphians seem to be taking a picnic rather than running a convention. If they intend to get in dead earnest about they have yet to display the symptoms of

The Candidates' Chances. J. H. Lambert, the careful and reliable staff correspondent of the same paper, takes this view of the chances of the several candidates :

The Democratic party seems to be very much in need of a boss. Never in my experience have I seen so many loose ends to a convention crowd and the unprejudiced observer must pick up these ends and thread them to suit himself. The delegates and caudidates and workers are scattered up and down town for two miles. The weather is hot and pocket handkerchiefs and cold drinks are in urgent demand. The candidates are all on "good American" revently peruses. It the ground and there are so many that no relates how, in "1816, March 21, Rebecca delegate has been left without attention. has, in fact, been more difficult find delegates than to find

This, of course, refers to the candidates. Noble has his headquarters in the City Hotel, but he prefers to move about the corridors and seek the delegates. He has done this all day and nearly everybody has shaken hands with him at least once. He is a tall, robust man of six feet, perhaps, with a stoop to his shoulders, a carelessness in his dress and a black slouch hat. He owns a national bank and a lot of other things in Erie, has some strong friends, and, besides and not very well-behaved little squaw, having a good showing of delegates, is shouted for by some pro ocrats on local account. Lounging about the City hotel, also, is Bogert, of Wilkesbarre. Bogert is a good looking, good-natured Democrat, who has had some local experience and made a popular can-didate in his own county. He dresses as becomes a Democrat, has a rather frail moustache, but knows exactly what he is up to, Bogert's estimate of Bogert's strength is thirty delegates, perhaps more, perhaps less.

The Other Candidates. Kerr, of Bedford, who takes a front place among candidates, is everywhere. He is very winning in his way and makes a friend of every man whom he takes by the hand. He is a man of perhaps forty or forty-five, with black beard, with just a stroke of gray hair, and a keen eye full of business. Kerr, like Bogert, is an editor. Plumer, of Venango, who had the race altogether alone with Noble for a long time, s making the best use of his time. He loes not move about much, but with a quiet dignity stands near the office of the hotel and receives his friends. There are many of them, but they are not by any means all delegates. Plumer was the first man in the fight and he feels as if a hornet's nest had been opened since he began the contest some months ago. Col. Guthrie, of Pittsburgh, is at the Park hotel, up town, a mile or so away. He came in at noon to-day with the whole Allegheny delegation, every member of which he named. Guthrie says he didn't want to be a candidate, but since he is in he will votes to start with, and some caudidates who now appear very promising in their own minds won't start as well as Guthrie. Hackett, of Northampton, are also on the ground and each has friends doing all that s possible for him. Colonel Dissinger, of Northumberland, is the jolly candidate, with gray hair and beard and a happy red face. He says the boys are going to have some fun whether he is nominated or not, and he is helping them to as much of the present themselves in an inverse ratio. fun as possible.

How Arthur Was Nominated.

After that tumultuous and thrilling scene when the Chicago convention surged away from both Grant and Blaine and named General Garfield as its standard bearer, it adjourned till evening to consider the question of vice president. All sides agreed that the candidate must come from New York and that, as the president represented the anti-Grant division, the vice president must be chosen from the Grant element. Three conspicuous names were canvassed-Levi P. Morton, now minister to France, General Stewart L. Woodford and General Chester A. Arthur. When the New York delegation met to pass upon the subject Mr. Morton and General Woodford withdrew and General Arthur was selected as its choice by a very decided vote. But just then those who were in the inner circle discovered that a serious obstacle had been encoun tered, and that was the very earnest and emphatic objection of the proposed candi-

General Arthur was not free from honorable ambition, but there was a special and poten' reason why he did not want the able public position. Only eight months later the Legislature of New York was to elect him a United States senator as the accessor of Francis Kernan, and it had already been agreed that General Arthur should be advanced to that place. All the representative leaders of the controlling force in the party—Senator Conkling, Gov-ernor Cornell, Mr. Platt, Mr. Crowley had fully concurred in his selection. It was reasonably certain that, however the presidential election might result, the Republi-Pacific coast, and went to pieces. Of the crew of twenty-four persons nine men, tor was thus as morally sure as any event in the future could be, and that was the position of all others that he desired. On the other hand, the issue of the presidential election was doubtful, and even if successful the vice president would have only the prospect of dignified retirement for a period of four years. General Arthur was thus asked to surrender a certain comprising all the sandstone and marble funeral. General Hancock was among the election to a place which he prized above cutters of the city, went on a strike at number.

all others for a dubious contest for an office a day's work. which he didn't want at all.

Under such circumstances it is not sur prising that he shrank from the proposed omination, and for nearly two hours he resisted the appeals which were made to him. But there was a very earnest desire on the part of the friends of General Garfield, rather than his own, that he should go upon the ticket. They felt the vital mportance of carrying New York, and realized that no man could contribute so much to that result as General Arthur branous lining. with his thorough knowledge of the organ ization. Governor Dennison of Ohio, among others, was very earnest in his pleas. The duty of accepting was put to

General Arthur as a matter of patriotic obligation; and finally, against the pro-test of Senator Conkling even to the last, he reluctantly yielded his own wishes and allowed the completion of the ticket of Garfield and Arthur. instantly.

JUNIOR O. U. A. M.

An Argument Assainst the Insurance Plan, For the ITELLIGENCER. In looking over a copy recently issued

of the proceedings of the state council of

the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, recently held in this city, we find in it a table of the standing of the councils for the year ending June 30, 1881, amongst which we find that Conestoga Council, jr., No. 22, has become the third highest financially in the state, the total worth being \$3,359.02, a gain over last year of nearly \$500, the two highest being Union No. 6 of Philadelphia \$5353.78, and Relief No. 2 of Philadelphia \$4271.38. We observe, also, that National council has set apart the last meeting night of this mouth for each and every council to take a vote on various changes in the objects of the order, and also another vote on the insurance plan, which was lost last year, and if said plan be adopted it is believed by many members of the order that it will be injurious to the interests and welfare prize-judges failed to report. of the councils, not only in this county, but throughout the order; and it becomes the duty, and is to be hoped that every member of the order will be at the meeting of his council this week to vote for or against said plan, as it interests him directly: it means an increase of his dues to pay for a large number of deaths occurring in other places, more particularly in the larger cities where deaths occur more frequent, the number last year being 54 deaths throughout the order, whereas all the councils in this city or county have not had more than six or eight deaths for the past ten or twelve years, thus costing each council very little, but should the said plan have cost Conestoga council No. 22 \$340.20 and

no return for same.

Empire No. 120 \$332.10, and no deaths of

their own, and simply to notify the mem-

bers of each council at a death would have

cost each council fifty or sixty dollars and

THE LUCK OF A PEDESTRIAN. How Daniel O'Leary's Thousands Came and Went.

A Chicago correspondent, in noting the fortunes of the pedestrians, says : It was only a few years since that Dan O'Leary literally "stepped" from obscurity, and, if not poverty, from the humble station of a canvassing agent for cheap publications to notoriety and affluence, while Mistress O'Leary-not the owner of the fateful cow, but Dan's hearty little Lancaster. maid to the five little O'Learys, laundress, cook and seamstress to the entire household combined, to the position of a lady of leisure, who kept her servants, rode in her carriage, disported in fine jewelry and raiment, and lived in luxury in her fice brick residence on the West Side.

Dan showed up as became a wealthy gentleman of fine cloth. He traveled, was a hero among the reporters, dined and wined his friends, and enjoyed the good things of life right royally. Mr. and Mistress O'Leary spent their money lavishly and with little regard to the "rainy day that seems to be always in waiting for those upon whom prosperity shines with special radiance. In fact, there was no Dressmaker, Jim's back would be "bad"

and his legs "queer."
Still, less than two years ago, the O'Leary family were worth between thirty and forty thousand dollars. But, it is reported, while Dan's success was phenomenal from a business standpoint, and he seemed to have the money-getting gift, he had a weakness for backing his judgment on chances with too much of his hoarded wealth, and here the tables turned on him and he began as rapidly losing as he had easily gained. His last venture, and one which Dan's friends say laid him out flat, was an attempt to establish a great walking rink in New York. Two months' rent of this at \$4,000 a month and the attendant enormous expenditures laid Dan out completely. It is stated that make the most of it. He has eighteen he has not a dollar save that represented by his home on the West Side, in which he lives, and even this would have been swallowed up some time since, but Mistress Senator Ross, of York, and Representative | O'Leary stoutly refusees her quite important signature to any instrument which may take from them all they have left. What may be ahead of Dan, of course, is conjectural. His friends are many, and warm ones; but it would almost seem that the noted Daniel had got to a point in life where his opportunities would hereafter

Suake Stories.

Gattysburg Compiler. Early on the morning of Saturday week an eight year old daughter of Henry C. Rice, Menallen township, was bitten in the ankle three times by a copperhead snake, the snake lying in a path from the kitchen to the celler, and the child stepping upon it. As soon as it could be procured whisky was administered in considerable doses and onion poultices were applied to the bitten part. The swelling soon became frightful, but by evening it had somewhat subsided. She got better rapidly, and last Saturday accompanied her parents on a visit to Gettysburg, the ankle still a trifle stiff, but free from pain. The snake was killed and measured two and a-half feet. During the last twenty or twenty-five years we have had reports of the existence of a blacksnake of immense proportions somewhere between the Emmitsburg road and Round Top, but so shy has it been as to avoid observation for a series of years. Mr. Hiram Warren saw it quite a long while ago, and last week Mr. Samuel D. Plank had each particular hair on his head placed in a most erect position by a sight of the reptile lying across the road with a stone fence for a pillow. As he saw it he nomination for vice president. He was makes its length about fifteen feet. There then expecting a different and more desir. | are parties who went to take it alive by looping," but if it continues to make itself as "scarce" as it has heretofore done, the present generation will hardly have a chance to see the feat performed

> STATE ITEMS. Isaac L. Johnson, district attorney of Fayette county, will be impeached for alleged malfeasance in office.

Charles Tulleroth, a well known miner, was killed at Plymouth last evening by falling down a shaft 155 feet deep. Patrick Kilcourse, who killed his in Chester on July 4th, was convicted

Major Ryan, following in the steps of General Wagner, has withdrawn from the contest for the Republican nomination for city commissioner in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia for a reduction of one hour in

Jacob Guyer, a farmer, of North Wood berry township, Blair county, had finished preparing the ground for seeding, and in passing along the harrow struck a post and fell down, one of the teeth catching Mr. Guyer and tearing a line almost across his abdomen and then downward into the membrane of the bowels, in the shape of the letter T, the flaps hanging down and exposing the greater portion of the mem-

At Irvin station, Westmoreland county, J. W. Cook, a young freight brakeman in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad, started to walk from one end of his train to the other over the tops of the cars, when, as he was stepping from one car to another, the coupling broke and he was thrown on the track with his head on the rail. The wheels of the loose section of the train passed over his head, cutting the back part completely off and killing him

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

Report of the Juuges Awarding the Prizes. The Reading Firemen's Union met last evening, President Holl in the chair. The business of the evening was the reading of the reports of the judges and the awarding of prizes, with the following result : . To hose company making best run, etc. 1st prize-silver tankard \$300, to Hanley hose, of Chester, Pa. 2d prize-"Spawn & Dennisson prize," hose jumper, \$150, to Friendship, of Danville, Pa.

To hook and ladder truck making best run, etc. 1st prize—solid silver horn, \$200, to Mt. Vernon hook and ladder com-

pany, of Harrisburg, Pa. To company having largest number of equipped men in line. 1st prize—silver vase, \$100, to Union, of Lebanon. 2d

To company making finest appearance in line of parade 1st prize, the "Silsby prize" and "Anderson & Jones prize, two trumpets, \$150, to Montgomery, of Norristown, Pa. 2d prize, "Eastman prize," withdrawn, awarded, however, to the Humane, of Norristown, Pa., they to have one of the prizes for best drilled company. Under this class the judges made honorable mention of Empire, of Consho hocken; Empire, of Lancaster; Hope, of Harrisburg; Good Will, of Pottstown; Good Will, of Myerstown; Hanley, of Chester, and Lebanon, of Lebanon.

To company having finest equipments in line—1st prize, coin silver fire trumpet, \$150, to Humane of Norristown. been in existence last year it would have prize, C. R. Botsford prize and Cairns Bros. prize, two fireman's hats and belts. \$25, to Montgomery of Norristown. To best drilled company-1st prize,

Mutual fire insurance company's prize, silver water service, \$75; Braxmar prize, gold and silver medal, \$50. But one company competing-the Empire, of Pottstown; they to have choice, and prize not chosen to be used as 2d prize for finest appearance.

To company having finest steam engine in line—1st prize, two service pipes, \$50,to Humane, of Norristown; 2d prize, silk American flag, \$75, to Vigilant, of Al-

To company having finest hose carriage -Report referred back to judges. To company having finest truck-Fire

After the award of prizes had been approved, Mr. Rakes moved the prize com mittee have the prizes suitably engraved and forwarded by express to the successful

companies. STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

A Large Barn and its Contents Burned. During the storm last evening a large rame barn on the premises of Seth Grabill, near Pennville, Penn township, this county, was struck by lightning, and to gether with its contents totally destroyed. By great effort the horses and other live stock were safely removed from the burning building, but the crops, including an acre of tobacco, hay, grain, straw, &c., were all burned. There is an insurance on regard for the days when, like Doll's the property of \$3,200 in the Penn township company, but this amount will not cover one half the loss.

Mr. Grabill is peculiarly unfortunate Last winter a fine large barn belonging to him was set on fire by tramps (as is sup posed) and was entirely consumed, with all its contents, including live stock. The barn burned last night was built on the site of the old one and was a large and fine structure, only recently completed.

Mr. Grabill was in Lancaster yesterday and laid in a great quantity of supplies to be used at a love feast to be held in a few days in the neighborhood of his home by the religious sect of which he is a mem-

The burning of the barn made a great light, which was seen as far south as Quarryville. In this city it caused an alarm of fire and most of the fire apparatus was run out, it being supposed the fire was in the northern part of the city.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Fatal Result of a Coal Oil Explosion, Last night about 9 o'clock while John Brobst, residing at 730 St. Joseph street, was filling a lighted coal oil lamp, the lamp exploded, scattering the oil over a threenonth-old child which had been prepared for bed and was lying on the table on which the lamp was standing, burning so badly that it died from the effects at 3 o'clock this morning, Mrs. Brobst who was standing close by, grasped the burning child in her arms, and was also badly burned about the face, arms and breast. Mr. Brobst had his hands severe-

burned. Further damage was prevented by Joseph Adams, who lives next door, and other neighbors who rushed to the scene and extinguished the flames by throwing the burning lamp, etc., into the street. At the time of the explosion a small can of oil was standing on the table but fortunately it did not catch fire.

Skull Fractured.

On Sunday morning about 8 o'clock a young man named Ellwood Crossin, residing with his parents two or three miles southeast of Atglen, was kicked in the head by a horse and had his skull fractured. It appears that he and two other young men went to the stable and found the horse rubbing his harness. To prevent it from doing so, Crossin, while standing behind the horse, struck it with a cornstalk, whereupon it kicked with both hoofs, planting one on each side of the young man's head. Drs. Bailey and Sharp were sent for, replaced a part of the fractured bone, and at last accounts it was thought the young man had a chance of

The mayor acknowledges the following additional sums in aid of the Michigan sufferers: A widow's mite, \$5; Eliza Eshleman, Strasburg, \$10; John Bachman, Strasburg, \$10; Jacob Bachman, Strasburg, \$10; Dr. S. H. Metzger, \$5; Millersville Mennonite church per John K

Injured by the Caving-in of a Bank. One of the workmen constructing the not take hold of the woman but obstructed new sewer, on Water street had a bank to cave on him yesterday. He was injured so and Reider for 15 days. yesterday of murder in the second de- that he had to be taken home, but is able to be at work to-day.

Went East.

A special train passed east through this city last evening at 7:20. It had on board Two hundred and forty stone cutters, persons returning from the president's LUTHERANS IN COUNCIL.

Final Session and Adjournment of East Pennsylvania Synod. Tuesday, 2 p. m.-Synod opened with

prayer by Pastor Peter of Manheim. Items of unfinished business were taken up in order and discussed The case of the new church organization in Columbia consumed almost the entire afternoon's session. It was finally moved that the pastors of each church

select a person and these two a third to confer at Columbia within thirty days and try to adjust matters amicably. The election of three ministerial and one lay delegate as directors to the theological seminary resulted as follows: Clerical lelegates, Revs. Dr. F. W. Conrad, M. Sheeleigh and E. S. Henry. Lay delegate, Jas. S. Young, of Middletown. The president announced the different

committees for the current year.

Adjourned at 5 p. m. with prayer by Pastor Meister. Tuesday evening was devoted to the ordination and licensure services. The intense heat of the evening led the speaker to say that his remarks would be shorter than he intended. Dr. Albert then announced as his text Exod. iii, 10: "Come now therefore, I will send thee unto Pharaoh that thou mayest bring forth my people, the children of Israel out of Egypt." t was a timely, appropriate and impres-

sive discourse calling for strong, studious men for the church's work. After the discourse E. H. Delk, of Philadelphia, and H. M. Oberholtzer, of Lionville, were licensed to preach the gospel for one year, and Rev. W. S. Delpe, of Chalfonte, was ordained to the holy minis-

try by the laying on of hands. Biographical sketches of Revs. D. P. Rosenmiller, of Lancaster, and Dr. J. Mc-Cron, of Philadelphia, were then read by Rev. M. Sheeleigh, after which resolution on their death embodying the feelings and sentiments of wood were offered and adopted by a rising vote, followed by a

moment of silent prayer.

Rev. E. G. Hay, of Pottsville, whose people expect to entertain synod at its next meeting, offered a resolution ordering that if their audience room be found too small the opera house should be engaged for the occasion. It was adopted by

synod. The President, Dr. Baum, then offered the thanks of synod to the congregation and friends who had so hospitably entertained its members during their week's

pleasant stay in this city.

All joined in singing "Praise God from Baum pronounced the benediction, *

whom all blessings flow "-and then Dr. Thus ended the 40th convention of the East Pennsylvania synod. Pleasant memories of this week will always remain with us, and we separate with the desire of soon again greeting these friends face to face.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Near and Across the County Line. At each session of the Lancaster county court a number of divorce suits are tried and several married couples are divorced. That county will soon be full of people running around loose. If less beer was drank there would be more conjugal fe-

licity in the land .- Oxford Press. Mrs. Schertz, aged almost 90 years, died at the farm residence of her son, Jos. Schertz, in Caernarvon, Lancaster county. Her funeral took place on Monday and was attended by a large number of friends men's Journal prize, \$75, to Empire, of Lancaster. and neighbors; interment in the family burying ground on the farm. Deceased emigrated to this county from

France, about 50 years ago. The Oxford agricultural fair which will open to-morrow promises to surpass all others heretofore held by the Oxford society. The entries in all the departments are very numerous and praiseworthy and every day adds hundreds of new features to the display. The trials of speed prom. ise to be exceedingly exciting, a number of trotters from a distance being entered for the several purses.

The York Republican county convention yesterday re elected Michael Schall chairman of the county committee, and endorsed John Gibson, the Democratic candidate for judge The other candi dates are, Treasurer, Edward Smyser, of Manchester; Clerk of Courts, E. B. Goodling, of Loganville; Recorder of Deeds, Henry F. Neff, of Windsor; Clerk to Comaissioners, F. G. Metzgar, of York; Coroner, W. H. Wagner, of West Manchester; Director of the Poor, Eli S. Cole, of Codorous; Commissioner, Stephen Keefer, of Hanover: Auditor, J. B. McDonald, of Hopewell. Michael Schall was chosen senatorial delegate and J. Q. A. McConkey, R. C. Bair, G. G. Smith and John Kirk representative delegates to the state convention of 1882.

Memoria: College. Nathan Worley, formerly of Manheim, Lancaster county, Pa., but now of Marshalltown, Iowa, suggests the erection of a memorial college in Mentor, in honor of Garfield. The work could be done by twenty-live cent contributions by the people in general. Mr. Worley's suggestion s that as this fund will in all

bility amount to millions, the idea of ostentation should be abandoned and that of benefitting humanity be especially kept in view. To this grand end et a college be erected upon that farm at Mentor, to which the eyes of the fallen president turned with such hungry longing n his dying moments-a college that shall by its very grandeur, the immensity of its proportions and the principle upon which it is founded be an enduring monument in fact as well as name to the virtues of bim whose character it is intended to make illustrious to the present and all future generations. And that this object may be steadily kept in view Mr. Worley suggests that the college be forever maintained for the more immediate benefit of those whose birthright is that which was James A. Garfield's-the heritage of

poverty. Unclaimed Letters. The following is the list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice for the week ending Sept. 26: Ladies' List.—Susie H. Cooper, Ella Dean, Barbara Drayer, Mrs. L. Eckman. Mrs. Kate Gall, Amelia Landis, Mrs. Dottie Myers, Lucinda Paules, Barbara A. Shaub, Henrietta Smith, Annie Souders, Minnie Thomas (2), Mary Taylor, Mrs. H.

E. Talley, Mrs. Annie Wickenheiger, Sophia Zimmerman. Gents' List .- W. J. Bourke, Geo. Cooper, P. B. Ewing. John T. Fox, J. B. Ferguson, Zach Frye, Lou R. Goodell, W. J. Hensel, D. G. McBeam, E. M. Miller, John Millens, E. F. Mahoney, Lawesap Mihaly (for), P. J. Noyes, John Rine, P. J. Rinehart, N. N. Sensenderfer, Geo. W. Schmucker, W. F. Sherwin, Michael Stroub (for), L. C. Stauffer, Chrn. Ulmer, Henry Walck, J. H. Wenger, Eli Walker,

Ferdinand Zahlmann (2-for). Mayor's Court. Otto Fisher and Joseph Reider, were arrested yesterday by Officer Lemon for disorderly conduct and for insulting a lady on East King street near Christian. Fisher took hold of a woman named O'Brian and terrified her so that she became very much prostrated, and had not fully recovered when the hearing of the case was had this morning. Reider did

en payment of costs. County Committeeman Elected At a meeting of the Democracy of the Ninth ward, held on Saturday evening at the public house of Arnold Haas, Jacob Pontz was elected county committeman for the ensuing year, receiving 71 votes out of a poll of 74.

Two other disorderlies were discharged