

Lancaster Intelligencer. TUESDAY EVENING, NOV. 1, 1881.

A Little Plain Talk. The statement which Mr. Goodman gives us to day from the mayor of Reading furnishes nothing essentially new to the consideration of the question of the proper fire department in Lancaster.

The question is whether Lancaster would have the same efficiency in a volunteer department similarly equipped and sustained; and our judgment is that we could not have it immediately or for many years, if ever, no matter what we would pay for it; and we are ready to frankly declare that we so believe because we have not yet seen in our volunteer force the evidence of the capacity for self-management which has been conspicuously exhibited in Reading.

The spirit of the fire corps in Reading is good; it is subordinate and fraternal. This is largely due to the fact that it has been fortunate in having ardor, fraternity and capacity in its leaders. Similar good fortune would attend a while no doubt lift a volunteer department in Lancaster out of its rut; but what a labor! And where are the organizers? Certainly they have not appeared to public view in a department against some of whose members it is charged that they are the very incendiaries whom they pretend to protect us against.

Mr. Goodman knows that this charge is made and against hangers on of the company to which he belongs. It has been to him and the good members associated with him in the Shifler company, a source of the keenest annoyance to know that some of its members or runners have been accused, on substantial evidence of being incendiaries.

If Mr. Goodman can tell us how he proposes to get rid of such men, and to keep rid of them, he may be able to satisfy us that Lancaster is as fit as Reading for a volunteer fire service. In Reading such a thing as an incendiary fireman, we assume, would be impossible. The spirit of the corps would not permit such a contamination. No fireman there would dare to even think of such a way of creating work for the department and amusement for himself. Is it so here? We ask the question confidently of Mr. Goodman, because we know that he knows that very lately at least it has not been so. We speak frankly to him and his fellow-firemen; not with any desire to disparage them, but to let them know what is in the mind of the people, and to show them that one great reason for the general desire for a paid department is the lack of confidence felt in the volunteer department because of the known ill-conduct of some of the hangers on, if not members of certain of the companies.

If Mr. Goodman will show our citizens the man or men who will undertake to purify the volunteer fire department of Lancaster and convert its members into a cohesive body of workers with no aim but the efficient discharge of their duty and with no men disposed to throw water on each other rather than on the fire, and to burn rather than to save, he will be in a position to claim the attention of the audience he addresses.

cutting Banks. For the cleanliness of their sweep the operations of the manager of the Mechanics' National Bank, of Newark, bear off the palm from any bank cracksmen whose performances history has yet recorded. The capital of half a million and a surplus of nearly as much more has been taken, and more than as much more beside out of the deposits, during eight years, and nothing is suspected of the speculation until the operator, finding there is nothing more to take, and that the bank can no longer be run, calls its directors together and tells them the facts. There was nothing mysterious about the way he did it. He simply took the money from time to time and accounted for it on the books by charging it to the account of the bank in New York which was its agent there.

The one fact which will impress those interested in banks is the self-evident one that they have no protection at all against the dishonesty of the man who is in supreme charge of its affairs. In this case it was the cashier; the president, on account of his advanced age, knowing nothing of the conduct of the business. All the examinations made of the bank's books were of no value whatever, since the examiner did not ascertain the fact as to the credits they claimed. Evidently bank examinations that do not go beyond the statement of the officers as to the reality of the claimed assets are a delusion and a snare.

This officer had the unlimited trust of the community, and the bank's credit was unchallenged; yet in a moment it is found that all its property has gone as Mr. Fisk would say, "where the woodbine twineth," and nothing is left, but the bank building which could not be stolen, and the individual liability of the stockholders to the amount of the par value of their stock, to satisfy a million or two more that has been taken which was held in trust by the bank. It is enough to make owners of bank stock feel very serious; and to call for a speedy remedy.

Mr. Wolfe, no doubt, will have a large audience to-night. The number of his supporters among the Republicans of Lancaster is large, and he can increase them materially by making a good impression to-night. Curiosity will give him a good crowd to talk to, and it will be an impressive one. Political speeches are not often of much value in making votes, but Mr. Wolfe has an exceptional opportunity to show what talk can do. There is no doubt that his candidacy is daily increasing in importance.

It was only a year or two ago that another Newark bank was laid out cold by the operations of its officers, done in much the same style as the latest piece of undertaking. Newark atmosphere seems to have a very rotting effect on banks.

THE present rains come very opportunely and New York city is especially relieved by them. There has been something like a panic there over the water question, the reserve supplies being so nearly exhausted that another rainless fortnight was expected to leave the reservoirs dry. As yet the streams have not been much helped by the rain-fall, but when the dry ground has become saturated they will swell in volume, and probably the danger of a water famine has passed for the season. The lesson taught should suffice to awaken every community to the consideration of a more abundant water supply; and Lancaster among them.

NOBLE gains strength steadily with the progress of the campaign. BALDWIN knew when he had enough. He didn't take the building.

THE cordial reception tendered by the people of Delaware county, to Mr. Noble, yesterday, must have been very cheering to Field Marshal Cooper.

It Field Marshal Cooper wants to know what sort of Republicans these are who are going to vote for Wolfe, let him keep his eye on the organization of to-night's meeting in this city.

THE New York board of apportionment yesterday reduced the estimates for the departments of the city governments to an amount of \$2,300,000 less than last year. This reduces the tax rate twenty-three cents.

THERE is a rumor in Ottawa that, at the approaching session of the Dominion Parliament, "a member will take the sense" of that body "on the desirability of Canadian independence, and the election of the chief magistrate for governor general."

THE New Orleans Produce Exchange yesterday adopted resolutions approving the action of the Mississippi convention, recently held at St. Louis, and pledging the exchange to advocate the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi river until the nation shall accord it as the just due not only of the Valley states, but of the commercial interests of the entire country.

DEBATES, bear in mind that the election is only a week off, and the time remaining can be best employed in getting out the vote. Nothing can prevent Mr. Noble's election but supine negligence on the part of the Democracy. If anything like a full poll is secured the care of the state treasury is certain to pass into the hands of that honest and upright man, whose success in business constitutes the most conclusive evidence of his financial ability, and whose integrity is attested by a long course of honor—Orange Noble, of Erie.

Madame ETERA GERSTER, the prima donna, arrived at New York yesterday by the steamer Arabia.

Lou DUNN was arrested in California, Nova Scotia, last week for shooting a mouse without a license.

A bust of ROBERT BLESS is to be placed in the Poets' Corner of Westminster Abbey. "Better late than never."

The Chinese Consul at San Francisco says the name of the new Chinese minister to the United States is CHANG CHAO YEH, and that he is a "Taoti" in rank, and will leave Peking for the United States about the middle of this month.

Second Lieutenant HOLLAN A. IVES of the Fifth Artillery, died at Summit, New Jersey, on Saturday. He was a native of New York, graduated at West Point in 1870, and in 1876 was made assistant professor of law at the Military Academy.

The French guests were received in Newport yesterday by the governor and legislature of Rhode Island. The Von Steuben party were received at the Grand Pavilion hotel in Chicago, yesterday by Mayor Harrison, General Sheridan and committee of aldermen and citizens were present.

HOB. LIONEL S. SACKVILLE-WEST, the new British minister, is expected to arrive in Philadelphia on Thursday. A committee of citizens has been appointed to meet him down the bay. The mayor is to receive the expected visitor at his office, and a banquet will be given him at St. George's hall, on Friday next.

SENATOR INGALLS has become mixed up in a mess with Washington correspondents. One of the correspondents wrote hard things about him and he procured the writer's discharge from the clerkship of a Senate committee. Then the injured scribe enlisted a dozen other correspondents in his cause, and they are now making it warm for Mr. Ingalls.

ON THE EAST NEWS TRAIN. Scenes and Incidents of its Trip. Philadelphia Times.

But the most exciting scene of all, perhaps, Harrisburg excepted, was when the train reached Lancaster, which it did two minutes ahead of time, or at 6:29. Here there was a crowd of newsboys, news agents and disinterested persons, who seemed to take complete possession of the news car. They swayed and fought and pushed and shouted and grabbed and yelled and clamored for papers. The three postal men and two newspaper men showed the Lancaster bundles out at them as rapidly as hands could act and in a moment the air began to resound with a mixed chorus of newsboys to the tune of "Here's your Philadelphia Times." All the news, now, "Here's your Times, with the latest news."

The crowd about the depot, independent of newsboys and newsmen, was very large. Curiosity and a desire to get papers and read the news at the breakfast table seemed to have brought out two-thirds of the town. The rush for papers on the part of the bystanders made fully as exciting a scene as did the rush of the newsboy and the agents for the same when the train first stopped. After three or four minutes' stop here it was off again. At all the stations between Lancaster and Mount Joy the same scene of excitement, clamorous crowds both of men and boys was repeated. They rushed for the papers as they would be thrown off, regardless of rain or mud, of which there was plenty of both. At Middletown there was a scene almost equal to that at Lancaster.

Colonel George Cowie, Chief of the Diplomatic and Consular Division of the Fifth Auditor's Office of the Treasury Department, has resigned at the request of his superiors. He recently passed a claim for \$20,000, which had been pronounced illegal by the First Comptroller.

LETTER FROM CARLISLE. The Cumberland County Teachers and Mining Engineers' Association. Carlisle, Pa., Oct. 29th, 1881.

ED. INTELLIGENCER—As this has been quite an eventful week at the school I thought I'd write you as what we have been doing might be of some interest to your readers.

On Tuesday the Teachers' Institute, which has been held in Carlisle during the week, adjourned at 10 a. m., and the teachers visited the school in a body. Admiration, wonderment and incredulity was expressed by the teachers, who could hardly believe it possible that our Indian boys and girls could make such rapid progress in so short a time.

On Wednesday a number of our teachers visited the institute, which is very well attended, but not nearly as many teachers are present as attend the Lancaster county institute.

On Thursday afternoon our school was visited by a delegation of mining engineers, who came down from Harrisburg, to see the school. They and the ladies who accompanied them expressed themselves delighted with all they saw and heard. On Thursday morning Prof. Apgar (state superintendent of New Jersey and author of Apgar's Geographies) visited the school. The captain had the school all in the chapel, when Prof. A. spoke to the Indians and said their progress was remarkable; but I can't give his address, which was a most delightful one. He then drew on the blackboard for the Indians a map of South America, and it was very wonderful, I thought, to see how quickly he did it, explaining as he drew the exact position, elevation, etc., of every spot in South America. We were all delighted with him.

Last evening (Friday) the Indians had their monthly entertainment. It consisted of essays, compositions, recitations, declamations and music, all by the Indians. After they had finished their part of the entertainment Prof. Brown, of Boston, an eloquent man, who had been attending the institute, spoke to the Indians, gave them some valuable hints in regard to their manners on the stage, etc., and then read several pieces for them. The entertainment was a very pleasant one. Why don't the Lancaster people invite the school there? They would give a first-class entertainment. I think with a little urging that Captain Pratt could be induced to visit Lancaster. Of course the people of the towns that the school has visited entertain the Indians and the teachers who accompany them. It would be too expensive to be obliged to pay their board.

The department at Washington has shut down on paying the Indians for their work, much to the boys' dissatisfaction. M. E. C.

NOBLE'S CANVASS. The Democratic Candidate's Warm Reception.

Orange Noble, Democratic candidate for the office of state treasurer, made a tour of Delaware county yesterday and met and shook hands with many friends and supporters at every stopping point from Darby to Chester.

The stock in the Mechanics' Bank was held in large amounts by the president and his friends, and he had speculated very considerably in the stock. The Mutual Benefit life insurance company was a large depositor, but not so great an amount as before. Messrs. Ballantine & Sons, Joseph Hensler and Gottfried Krueger, are among the largest depositors, as were also F. T. Prellinghuysen and T. T. Kinney.

Mr. Nugent offered to confess judgment for \$200,000 on his indebtedness.

Several years ago Mr. Baldwin has been engaged in speculation in Wall street, and it is believed that the misfortunes of the bank are largely due to this fact.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. Diptheria and typhoid fever are prevalent in Montreal.

President Arthur will leave Washington for New York to-morrow or Thursday. Secretary Folger is expected in Washington early next week.

William York shot and killed his son Thomas in a quarrel in Whitfield county, Georgia, on Sunday. York escaped.

The Cigar-makers' Union of Milwaukee has issued an order on piece work of \$1 per 1000 cigars. If the demand is refused 800 men will strike.

Captain Paul Boyton, who is making a cruise down the Missouri river, arrived at Omaha on Sunday. He has paddled about 2300 miles in 47 days.

Haulan says he is willing to row Trickett at St. Louis for \$2000. He has heard nothing of the rowing match since the departure of his race with Ross until next June.

Copious rains have fallen in Virginia, New York and the interior of this state, and nearly all the streams are reported to be rising.

The ship Magdalen was wrecked at Cape Anagnalla, Newfoundland, on the 28th ult., and one of her crew was drowned.

J. R. Keene's three-year-old chestnut colt Don Fulano has broken down badly and will probably be obliged to quit the turf.

The whalers Atlantic and Hunter arrived at San Francisco yesterday from the Arctic Sea. They saw nothing of either the aurora or the Rogers.

In the Criminal Court at Washington, yesterday, Judge Cox fixed Thursday next for the hearing of argument in the Star Route cases.

A shock of earthquake was felt at forty minutes past one yesterday morning at Centocook, Hillsboro and Heniker, New Hampshire. It was quite severe at Heniker.

Hans Schmidt, a resident of Brooklyn, who had been drinking to excess and quarreling with his wife, committed suicide yesterday morning by blowing out his brains.

An extensive conspiracy has been discovered among the conductors on the Wisconsin Central Railroad to defraud the company of passenger fares. Two of the conductors are under arrest.

Carroll W. Allen, convicted at New Orleans of having embezzled \$6,000 from a coal association, for which he was

bookkeeper, was sentenced yesterday to two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Policeman Smith attempted to arrest a negro cotton thief at Union Springs, Ga., Saturday night. The thief cut Smith's throat and fled. Parties are pursuing the murderer with bloodhounds.

Two boys, named Gilbert Arquat and Anton Gundson, quarreled over a game of pool at Chicago, Sunday night, when Arquat struck Gundson with a billiard cue, fracturing his skull. He died Monday morning.

At Abbeville, S. C., Jeff Davis, convicted of the murder of George Franklin and his sister, has just been acquitted on a technicality. The day for his execution was fixed nine times and was nine times repudiated, twice on the scaffold with the rope around his neck.

The coroner's jury at Dayton, Ohio, in the case of the three men killed by the boiler explosion at the Dayton wheel works last Tuesday, has rendered a verdict placing the blame on the proprietors of the works and their engineer. The cause of the explosion was overcharging the boiler.

At Montreal, yesterday, Judge Johnston gave judgment against William Duckett for sitting and voting in the local parliament as a member for Soulangue without being legally qualified. The judgment was for \$75,000, at the rate of \$2,000 for every day defendant held the seat. Duckett is declared to be insolvent, and unable to pay the penalty.

STATE ITEMS. Rev. Dr. Whitehead has accepted the bishopric of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Pittsburgh. He will be consecrated on the 25th of January next.

In all there were 311 deaths in Philadelphia last week, being the same number as occurred during the previous week, and 41 more than during the corresponding week of last year.

An execution was issued yesterday at the suit of Arlo Pardee against the Allentown rolling mill company, for \$1,343,286. The result may be a change of ownership in the works.

Abraham K. Wither, for a number of years teller in the National Bank, and latterly general agent of the New York life insurance company, died in Pottsville on Sunday night, aged 48 years.

The citizens of Lewisburg have raised \$10,000 for the university at that place. This secures to the institution an additional amount of \$100,000, of which William Bucknell, of Philadelphia, gives \$30,000.

A little daughter of Stephen Heffron was fatally injured at Locust Spring slope Sunday afternoon. She was riding on the rope while a wagon was being hoisted from the slope. She hung to the rope until she reached the sheaves and then dropped to the ground, twenty feet below. She died shortly after.

Monday morning, at Port Murray, on the Morris road, Martin Schlecht, of Phillipsburg, jumped from a car directly in front of a locomotive, which passed over him, nearly severing him in two at the groin and causing his death. He was sixty years old and leaves a wife and several children.

At Easton Judge Meyers on Monday passed sentence upon Edward Lynch, convicted of rape, and Stewart Garrison of manslaughter, in killing Joseph Mann last July at Williamsburg. Garrison, who is related to the deceased, was sentenced to two years of age, received eleven years and six months, just six months less than the full term allowed by law. Lynch received nine years and six months and went swagging and noisily from the court room. Judge Meyers ordered him brought back to court the following year for the insulting words he used.

Land League Meetings. A large meeting of the various branches of the Land League of Jersey City was held last evening at the Adelphi hotel, presided. Addresses were made by Mrs. Parnell, Mrs. Dugald Campbell, of Scotland, and Mr. Edward McDonald, director of the board of freeholders. Mr. T. P. O'Connor lectured to a crowded and enthusiastic audience in Norwich, Connecticut, last evening.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. Secretary Goodman's Argument for the Volunteer System.

EDITORS INTELLIGENCER: Will you please grant me space in your valuable column for the expression of my views on the subject of the fire department of Lancaster. The Reading department holds such a high standard that it is unnecessary to dwell upon it.

DEAR SIR—(1) Our department gives satisfaction. (2) The city gives each steam fire company twelve hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,250) annually; each truck and hose company nine hundred (\$900), and each engine company five hundred (\$500). (3) Our department is as prompt and efficient as any paid department in the state. (4) It is under perfect control. (5) Our authorities do co-operate with the firemen in securing a well ordered department. (6) We could not sell, as the department is as efficient as ours for double the amount. We had a committee appointed by council to look into the cost, and found that it would cost double the amount it does at present. Yours, P. S. GOODMAN, Secretary City Firemen's Union.

Reading gives the fireman \$10,500 a year and keeps the machines in repair. Lancaster gives \$3,650. Is it any wonder that the Lancaster department has degenerated, and its members demand a proper compensation as a paid department?

Can not a volunteer department in Lancaster be made, as in Reading, "as prompt and efficient as any paid department in the state" at half the cost? Reading councilmen have examined into the cost of a paid department, and found that the amount required did not underestimate or misrepresent its true cost. Had not our councilmen better half and measure the distance before they leap?

Respectfully, P. S. GOODMAN, Secretary City Firemen's Union.

THE EMPIRE. Their Meeting Last Night. Last evening the Empire hook and ladder company held a meeting, at which it was agreed by an almost unanimous vote of the members present to rent their apparatus, lower rooms of the truck house, tower and bell to the city. A committee was appointed, consisting of Major C. M. Howell, F. A. Demuth, S. W. Altick, Dr. H. E. Muhlenberg and John C. Carter, to confer with the fire committee of councils and report at the next meeting of the company, which takes place on Monday evening next.

Some of the members of the company claim that the meeting last night was not regular and their action will not stand. On the other hand it is claimed that all was right. This matter will also come up at the next meeting of the company.

Others Mine Discovered. Peter Houser, while digging a well near Mechanick Grove, this county, struck a vein of fine ore. It was tested by Joseph H. Groff, who found that an excellent product could be made from it. Mr. Houser in company with others, has erected a plant mill on the premises, and is now turning out the mineral paint in large quantities. They have a contract with a Philadelphia firm for 30,000 tons.

Local Tobacco Market. We have had another very quiet week in Lancaster. The buyers want old tobacco badly, but the packers will not sell it to them at the prices they offer.

The result is, there is nothing doing. The packers confidently expect an advance in prices, owing to the limited stock of old tobacco on hand and the acknowledged shortage of the crop of 1881 in nearly all the seed-leaf districts. The jobbers and manufacturers, on the other hand, prefer to believe that there will be no advance, and hope there will be a decline as soon as the 1881 crop is stripped and ready for the market. Meantime, the packers continue to traverse the county and pick up all desirable lots they can find at reasonable prices; but as they will not sell their old tobacco except at steep prices; farmers expect steep prices also for their tobacco.

The weather and "low barometer, and mild temperature," as Old Probs says, has given the farmers a chance to take their tobacco from the poles, and not a few of them have done so, although the packers declare they will receive none of their purchases before January. Early stripping is not desirable, where it can be avoided; but there are often circumstances which make it necessary to do so. Sometimes the farmer needs money and must sell his crop even at a sacrifice. We hear of one farmer from the lower end of the county who has not only stripped his crop, but brought it to town the other day to deliver it to the packer who purchased it early in the season. Neither the packer nor any of his agents were about the warehouse, and perhaps will not be for many weeks. The grower was in consequence greatly "put out" and declared his intention of disposing of his crop to some other purchaser.

Dr. B. S. Kendig & Co., bought of J. G. Mitchell, esq., and Wm. H. Fabel, at Constitution, York county, two acres at 28 cents for all over 24 inches, 10 cents for all over 18 inches, and 5 and 3.

The York Dispatch says that Robert J. Cunningham, of Constitution, has one of the most complete tobacco houses in York county, and has hanging in it six acres of fine tobacco.

A Lancasterian's Birthday. Harrisburg Telegraph. Fourteen gentlemen, members of the Society of this city, went to Lancaster on Saturday evening to celebrate the anniversary of the birthday of Mr. Murphy is the well known agent of the Harrisburg car company, and can almost be claimed as an original Harrisburg. He received his first car in 1845, and has since his guests royally and entertained them gracefully. During the evening an elegant easy chair was presented him on behalf of the club, the president, Geo. G. Boyer, making a few appropriate remarks at the presentation. Mr. Murphy responded in a feeling manner. Several other souvenirs of the occasion were presented Mr. M. The Harrisburgers returned home the same night.

Death of John Gausemer. John Gausemer, a prominent citizen of West Cocalco township, Lancaster county, near the line of Berks, died on Saturday, aged about 70 years. He was engaged in farming near Fox's mill, now owned by John Mengel, a brother of Alderman Mengel, of Reading. He held the office of township supervisor for a number of years and was a Republican. William Gausemer, who was recently shot and killed by Samuel H. Miller, at Union Station, was a relative of the deceased. He was twice married, his second wife being Mrs. L. Lebanon, and has by her two sons and one daughter, and by his first wife surviving him.

PAINTED ACCIDENT. Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Wolf, a lad aged about 15 years, met with a painful accident at B. F. Skene's bending works, corner of Lemon street and the New Holland turnpike. While drawing wood away from a circular saw that was running at high speed, he accidentally took his hand too close to the saw, the teeth of which cut a groove in his thumb, splitting it open from the end to the first joint, injuring the bone as well as the flesh.

A Bear Loose. This morning at Tom Daily and "Burt" Reinhard entered the opera house, they discovered the place in possession of one of Frank Frayne's bears, who had torn loose from his keeper in the hall, and compelled them to leave. They afterwards returned with his keeper and found him up in the flies taking a nap. He was caught and again placed in the cage.

Gene to Philadelphia. Cyrus D. McCaskey, who for years has been day telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania railroad in this city, has been promoted and is now yard master in West Philadelphia. Mr. McCaskey is a fine operator and has always been very accommodating to all having business with him. The reporters of the press here are indebted to him for many a "live item," and their best wishes follow him to his new field of labor.

Revival Services. Rev. A. R. Pine, of the East Pennsylvania church of the Church of God, will preach the opening sermon this evening in the Green Street mission. A series of revival services will commence, to be continued every evening during the present week, under the auspices of the parent church, Rev. G. W. Seilhamer, pastor. All are invited.

Sale of Real Estate. Henry Shubert, auctioneer and real estate agent, sold at public sale October 31st, at the residence of the late Jacob Easton, to the estate of Jacob Stauffer, deceased, situated on the north side of East Orange street, between Lime and Shippen streets, No. 235, to David Stauffer, for \$4,800.

A Destitute Family. Mrs. Wallace, who resides on Middle Street above Lime, is in a destitute condition and is being looked after. She is a cripple with two children, and sometime ago her husband left her, taking away the sewing machine, her only means of support, and selling it.

A Belle. Abraham Brubaker, residing near Mechanics' Grove, Drummer township, while making some repairs to his house recently, found a pound-iron—a band of iron used to hold the rounds of a wagon together—with the date "1731" and the initials "A. W." marked upon it.

Entered Jail. John Seisert, charged with the larceny of an overcoat from Eugene Richards, was arrested yesterday, and the overcoat found in his possession. He says he was drunk, and has no recollection of stealing the coat. He entered bail for a hearing before Alderman McConey.

Death of Horses. Last night a valuable horse belonging to George A. Sprenger died of pink eye. This is the second horse he has lost within three weeks of the same disease.

A Woman Whipped. Last night, while drunk, Jacob Price whipped Margaret Franklin, of North Street. He used her up badly and she brought suit against him before Alderman A. F. Donnelly, for assault and battery.

Forfeited Bail. Charles Stein, charged by Jacob Ritter with slander, has been discharged upon his furnishing bail in the sum of \$1,000.

COLUMBIA NEWS. OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE. A Hallow Eve party was held last night at Miss Annie Dean's residence, and was a thoroughly delightful affair.

Mr. D. G. Bruner, of this place, will be married to Miss Helen Fleming, of Harrisburg, on the 25th inst. The ceremony will take place at 5 o'clock, in the Market street Presbyterian church in the latter city.

Mischief was afoot last night, as the demoralized appearance of the town this morning attested. Some of the pranks played were not of an entirely innocent character.

Joseph Moore won the cake at the African Baptist festival last night, but for some reason or other he failed to receive it. Miss Josie Woodlyard won the plain gold ring.

The doctors' annual reunion opens here to-morrow. The track at the wreck is cleared. The new Fifth street school house was formally handed over to the school board yesterday afternoon.

Miss Fromm took a grand evening party at her father's paternal mansion last evening. A large number of guests were present, among whom were a party of ladies and gentlemen from Lancaster.

SERIOUS RAILROAD ACCIDENT. Lancasterite on the Columbia & Port Deposit Road—Train Wrecked and Engineer Killed. The freight train that left Safe Harbor at 8:05 last evening met with a terrible mishap about a mile north of that place. The late heavy rains had loosened the earth on a towering bank above the road-bed, and an avalanche came down upon the track. The train was stopped, and the engineer did not see the obstruction until he was almost upon it. The result was a fearful collision. The engine ran into the mass of earth and rock and striking a huge boulder, slid to weigh seventy tons, was thrown from the track and rolled into the river. The engineer, Ellis Ault, and his fireman, named Zohne, went down with the wreck, and four freight cars followed them into the river. Ault was killed and his fireman, named Zohne, was seriously hurt. Two or three other cars left the rail, but did not touch the river. Workmen were at once sent to clear the track and expected to have the road in running order by noon to day.

Engineer Ault stuck to his engine to the last moment and tried to make his escape while it was too late. His remains were found this morning in a mangled condition, so much so that they were hardly recognizable. A report was current that nothing could be found of him excepting one leg. It was untrue. It is supposed that Fireman Zohne jumped from the engine as soon as he saw the danger, and received his injuries by the fall.

By the death of Mr. Ault, three children, a sister and an aged father, who depended upon him for a subsistence, are left in an almost penniless condition. For a number of years he had been connected with the Pennsylvania railroad and has ever proved himself to be a hardworking, energetic and efficient railroadman. He was a great favorite in Columbia, where he resided, and his death has caused a deep gloom over the entire community. Nearly six years ago he lost his wife, and since then his sister had been his house-keeper.

Mr. Zohne is a young man, and this trip, with his sad end, was his first over the Port Deposit road. He was a native of Lebanon, and has recently moved to Columbia. His injuries though slight are very painful. Dr. Craig, the P. R. R. physician, attends him.

THE DRAMA. "St. Slocum" at the Opera House. Last evening Harry Miner's dramatic company, presented in the opera house the thrilling drama of "St. Slocum." The audience was quite large, a great portion being in the gallery, which was packed full of boys long before eight o'clock. They were very enthusiastic, and their coats off and perspiration rolling down their cheeks, they loudly applauded every move of the hero of the play. The piece has been presented here before, and it is familiar to all lovers of the blood-red drama. The Indian, Harry Miner, was very extensive in the play, but what is lacking in those gentlemen it makes up in Spaniards, Greasers and other ruffians, who from the number of weapons about them remind one of an arsenal or a gun store. The piece abounds in red shawls and in the hall, and it is not so much as in one of those fire-breathing spectacles. There was lots of shooting but the hero always had the best of the matches and took the first prize. When he was disarmed by his captors he amused himself by whistling and singing and without the aid of anything but a pair of boots long enough to pass for a pair of overalls. Mr. Frayne personated St. Slocum in a very easy way, and his acting seemed to please. In the fourth act he gave an exhibition of marksmanship with a rifle. He is one of the best shots now before the public, and those shots last night were simply wonderful. Among the difficult shots were those of hitting and snuffing out canes, breaking pipes and hitting apples. The very best shot was that of shooting two guns off at the same time in different directions, the bullet from each hitting different objects on either side of the stage. Mr. Frayne's support was given by his funny acting as Jerry Blackburn and J. C. Coleman were passable as Duck Julius. Geo. O. Morris played the part of the villain in a satisfactory manner to all except the dime novel boys, whose hearts leaped with joy when his right was finally put out. The acting of the ladies was fair, Miss Edith Merrill, a pretty young lady, singing several songs in good style. The trained dog Jack is a wonderful animal. He appeared several times in the piece and always with effect. In the last act he was a favorite with the audience and seemed to be possessed of about as much intelligence as any member of the troupe. At a time he was also brought on the stage, and he had a tussle with a villain of the deepest dye. In the last act, a beautiful animal, was introduced. He was kept in a cage which was entered by Mr. Frayne, who caressed the animal, and after kissing him went out. The troupe are in Harrisburg to-night.

THE RENOVATION ASSOCIATION. Their Meeting Last Evening. The Renovation association organized last week, met last evening in the law office of R. B. Risk, esq., secretary. Henry Baumgardner, the president, was in the chair, and Newton Lightner, esq., was elected vice president of the society. An executive committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Charles Scherbert, Peter McConey, Lewis Haldy, D. C. Haverstick and Harry Moore.

Daniel Mayer stated that the Carreno-Donaldi opera company had made a proposition to give to this society a portion of their receipts when they perform here on November 8. Messrs. Newton L. Lightner, Charles Scherbert and Daniel Mayer were appointed to see Mr. Yecker, of the opera house this morning, and learned that the company would give the association one-third of the amount derived from the sale of tickets. This was satisfactory and all members of the association will get some tickets to sell.

A resolution offered by Mr. Mayer to the effect that each member of the society be provided with a book with the object