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of the revenue. with caution. If a careful revision cannot the necessity for improving the Mississippi be mode at this session a commission, such as was lately approved by the Senate and is now recommended by the secretary of the treasury, would doubtless lighten the labors of Congress whenever this subject shall be brought to its consideration.

The Army and Navy.

The president concurs in the recommendation of the secretary of war that the army be raised to thirty thousand enlisted men. The report of the secretary of the navy, he says, presents valuable suggestions for its improvement. I call your especial attention, also, to the appendant report of the advisory board, which he gested and of certain proposed regulations governing appointment to public office. convened to devise suitable measures for The efficiency of such regulations has increasing the efficiency of the navy, and been distrusted mainly because they have particularly to the report as to the characseemed to exalt mere educational and abter and number of vessels necessary to stract tests above general business capaplace it upon a footing commensurate city and even special fitness for the parwith the necessities of the government. I ticular work in hand. It seems to me that cannot too strongly urge upon you my conviction that every consideration of na-tional safety, economy and honor imperathe rules which should be applied to the management of the public service may tively demands a thorough rehabilitation of our navy. We have for many years maintained with foreign governments the relations of honorable peace, and tenure of office should be stable. Posithat such relations may be permanent is tions of responsibility should, so far as possible, be tilled by the promotion of desired by every patriotic citizen of the republic; but if we heed the teachings of history, we shall not forget that in the gation of all complaints and the punishlife of every nation emergencies may arise ment of all official misconduct should be when a resort to arms can alone save it prompt and thorough." from dishonor. No danger from abroad now threatens this people, nor have we any cause to distrust the friendly professions of other governments. But for avoiding as well as repelling dangers that may threaten us in the future we must be prepared to enforce any policy which we think wise to adopt. We must be ready to defend our harbors against aggression to protect by the distribution of our ships of war over the highways of commerce the varied interests of our foreign trade and the persons and property of our citizens abroad ; to maintain everywhere the honor of our flag and the distinguished position which we may rightfully claim among the nations of the world.

The Postal and Star Route Service

The report of the postmaster general is a gratifying exhibit of the postal service. The receipts from postage and other ordi nary sources during the past fiscal year were \$36,489,816.58; the receipts from the money order business were \$295,581.39, making a total of \$36,785,397.97. The expenditure for the fiscal year was \$39,251,-746. The deficit supplied out of the general treasury was \$2,481,129.35, or 6 3-10 per cent. of the amount expended. The receipts were \$3,469,918.63 in excess of those of the previous year, and \$4,575,397 .-97 in excess of the estimate made four two years ago, before the present period of business prosperity had fairly begun. During the past year 338 additional money offices have been established, making a total of 5,499 in operation at the date of this report. During the year the domestic money orders aggregated in value First, a tenure of office which is substan-\$105,075,769.35. A modification of the system is suggested, reducing the fees for money orders not exceeding \$5 from ten cents to five cents and making the maximum limit \$100 in place of \$50. Legislation for the disposition of unclaimed postoffice department is recommended, in view of the fact that their to al value now exceeds one million dollars. The attention of Congress is again invited to the subject of establishing a system of savings depositaries in connection with the postoffice department. The so-called star routes have been decreased in length 3,949 miles, and in cost \$364,144. Most all the more expensive routes have been superseded by railroad service. The cost of the star service must therefore rapidly decrease in the Western states and territories. The investigations of the department of justice and the postoffice department have resulted in the pre sentation of indictments against persons formerly connected with that service, ac cusing them of offenses against the United States. I have enjoined upon the officials who are charged with the conduct of the cases on the part of the government, and upon the eminent counsel who, before my accession to the presidency, were called to their assistance, the duty of prosecuting with the utmost rigor of the law persons who may be found chargeable with frauds upon the postal service.

The tariff laws also need vention of fraud. He advises appropria- attention as important. He thinks that | where the Half-Breeds are in possession river he takes up the subject of civil service reform and says : In my letter accepting the nomination for the vice presi dency I stated that, in my judgment, " no man should be the incumbent of an office the duties of which he is for any cause unfit to perform, who is lacking in the ability, fidelity or integrity which a proper administration of such office demands. This sentiment would doubtless meet with general acquiescence, but opinion has been widely divided upon the wiscom and practicability of the various reformatory schemes which have been sug-

The President's Promise

manufacturers. The message concludes with a reference to the presidential inability, as suggested by the situation which existed during most of the past summer, but he does not indi-

cate what he thinks should be done. Lancaster Intelligencer. WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 7, 1881.

The President's Message.

The president has sent to Congress long and able message that will be read with interest and will repay perusal which is something that in these latter days is not often to be said of presidential messages. Upon our foreign relations much is said, but not not much of didate for speaker ? significance. Where information is properly conform in the main to such as specially looked for as to the government regulate the conduct o: successful private policy, in our relations namely with business. Original appointments should Chili and Peru, we do not learn any be based upon ascertained fitness. The thing save that it is the president's de worthy and efficient officers. The investihas sent out " a special envoy accredited to all and each of them and furnished with general instructions which will,"

these powers into friendly rela-The views expressed in the foregoing letter are those which will govern my adtions." What these instructions are ministration in the executive office. They are doubtless shared by all intelligent and the president's desire is supported by his to visit his rooms, which are in the law patriotic citizens, however divergent in their opinions as to the best methods of putting them into practical operation. United States to interfere in these South For example, the assertion that " original appointments should be based upon ascertained fitness" is not open to dispute. But the question how in practice such fitness can be most effectually ascertained is one which has for years excited interest and discussion. The measure which, with slight variations in details, has lately been urged upon the attention of Congress and the executive, has as its principal feain regard to the Panama canal, the view ture the scheme of competitive examinastated by Mr. Blaine in his recent manition. Save for certain exceptions, which need not here be specified, this plan would give admission to the service only in its lowest grade, and would accordingly demand that all vacancies in higher positions ritory the canal lies had itself sugshould be filled by promotion alone. In gested to the European powers that they these particulars it is in conformity with the existing civil service of Great Britain. should join in a guaranty of the neu-And, indeed, the success which has attended that system in the country of its birth is the strongest argument which has been urged for its adoption here. The fact should not, however, be overlooked that there are certain features of that the junction of the European things all right yesterday morning by the English system which have not generally been received with faver in this coundirect contravention of our obligation as try, even among the foremost advocates of civil service reform. Among them are: tially a life tenure; second, a limitation of the maximum age at which an applicant odd to object to assistance in the discan enter the service, whereby all men in charge of our obligation, as a contravenmiddle life or older are, with some exception of it; and it might have been more tions, rigidly excluded; third, a retiring allowance upon going out of office. These frank to have used the word "privilege" After that the physicians ordered him to

revision, but that a due regard may be tions for such internal improvements as there would have been no decline if we the Stalwarts will expect them to be put paid to the conflicting interests of our citi-zens important changes should be made with caution. If a careful revision caunot culiar statesman will expect to have

realized. All Western Pennsylvania is convulsed over the McKeesport postoffice matter; what would happen if Cameron and Smith would lock-horns over the Lancaster collectorship. Or did Smith make his peace and Wiley's calling sure by his vote for Keifer for speaker? There are more holes in Pennsylvania than there are pegs for them, and when they begin to put the Cameron pegs into

the anti-Cameron places the mettle of the administration will be best tested.

As an "Independent Republican organ "-for reform within the party lines-what does the New Era think of A. Herr Smith's vote for Cameron's can-

SUICIDE OF WARREN WOODWARD

His Body Discovered Three Days After the S_ooting.

Warren Woodward, attorney at-law, aged 27 years, the only son of the late sire that those nations shall become Warren J. Woodward, justice of the su friendly, and that to secure that end he preme court of Pennsylvania, was found in his room in Reading yesterday, shot through the head. The body, when found, was in an advanced state of decomposition and had evidently lain there for some he trusts. "enable him to bring time. The last seen of Woodward was on

Saturday evening, when he told some of his friends that he was going to leave the city on a visit. This was thought to be we do not hear, and cannot judge how the case until a party of friends concluded judgment. The fact appears, however, building of George F. Baer. The rooms that he considers it the business of the occupied are three in number and are elegantly furnished, the front one being a library, in which is said to be the finest American imbroglios, and to impress its selection of books in the state, left to the views upon the governments. It follows deceased by his father. One of the rooms naturally that he proposes to sustain is occupied as a bed chamber, and in this, them with the power of our country, and that he would not shrink from involving stretched at full length on the bed, with us in war on their account. The same the revolver still clasped in his hand, policy is indicated in the position taken which was lying across his breast. Deceased has but one sister, married to F. B. Howe, of Danville, son of Bishop Howe. The body was taken in charge by friends festo being sustained, and the ad- and the relatives living in Wilkesbarre ditional information being given us notified. The funeral will take place at that the state of Colombia in whose ter. that point. Woodward graduated from Princeton college in 1876.

Came Back and Married Her.

James P. Weller, the lover whose strange and boiler, but everything has again been trality of the canal. Mr. Arthur pro. conduct in deserting beautiful Bessie Norposes that we shall have no partners in their wedding day caused much comment, this guaranty, notwithstanding Colom- and who returned subsequently to find the bia herself desires them. He considers poor girl prostrated with brain fever, made powers in the guaranty " would be in marrying his affianced. The affair is most remarkable in many respects. The sudden flight of the lover threw Miss Norris to the sole guaranty of the integrity of on a bed of sickness, where she lay be-Colombian territory and of the neutrality tween life and death for many days. of the canal itself." It seems a trifle Upon Weller's return he went to see her He was refused admission to the house by the lady's mother. He pushed his way is and caught her in his arms as she was ap proaching him from her sick couch money orders in the possession of the three elements are as important factors of instead of "obligation" when the obliga- remain by her. He did so, nursing her the problem as any of the others. To tion is so manifestly treated as a privi- until she was out of danger. She was willing to forgive him for his conduct, the mother's objections were overcome, and yesterday the two were married in the ccremonies was performed under a large floral horse-shoe. A houseful of guests enjoyed a grand wedding breakfast, and

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAB CORRESPONDENCE It is the "Arion " not the " Columbia" rchestra.

The Shawnee furnace will not be started before the 15th inst.

Grover's "Humpty Dumpty" played to \$75 dollar house. The young folks of the E. E. Lutheran

Sunday school met at the parsonage of Rev. Wm. P. Evans last evening, and had a delightful time.

The McGibeny family's concert this evening in the opera house will be largely attended, as special rates for school children have been made.

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon one of Mr. John Fendrich's horses, which was tied in front of his store on Locust street, got scared, broke his halter and dashed up Locust street. Several attempts were made to stop him, but all were unavaling. He tau home.

The people of Columbia are very fond of comic opera. They will have a rare opportunity to enjoy "Patience," in the opera house, on Tuesday evening, December 17, under the auspices of Post 118, G. A. R., by Gorman's Boston church choir com-pany, sixty people, including their own orchestra of eight pieces. Miss Lillie Hinton, the beautiful and accomplished actress and one of Philadelphia's leading favorites, will appear in the Columbia opera house, in one of her choicest selections on December 13th. Though only 18, she has a handsome face and much dramatic talent.

A Fortunate Escape.

What might have been a serious accident at the Shawnee rolling mill, on Saturday, was prevented by the prompt action of the men. The water tender after looking at the amount of water in the boiler, and finding all right went away, but returned in a short time, and seeing that the water was getting low, he turned on a fresh supply, and again went away. He was gone a few minutes and returned to cut off the flow, when to his dismay he found that instead of the boilers being filled they were nearly empty. In frightened haste he went to the engineer and asked why he had stopped the force pump, and was told that the engineer thought he was done filling. Au attempt was made to start the force pump, when it was discovered that it would not work. The news spread in an instant, and the greatest excitement prevailed. Orders were issued for the fire to be "drawn," and as this was done in time, it saved us from reporting an accident by which many lives would have been lost and the build ing blown to pieces. Work was suspended except those connected with the engines

fixed and the mill is now working again. The Late Warren Woodward.

Warren Woodward who committed suicide one day this week, and who was a son of Judge Woodward, of Reading, deceased, is well known in and about Columbia, having at one time attended the Washington institute (now the grammar and high school), when it was taught by Professor Alexander.

Election of Officers.

greatest of which latter perhaps is that it really does not end at all with the final The following officers were elected at the business meeting of the Vigilant fire drop of the curtain, and you are left in company last evening : President—George Bennett. of Antonia, against whom her Corsican hus-Vice President-David Coleman. Secretary-George Schroeder. Treasurer-Nicholas Gilman. Chief Engineer-Charles Grove. Assistant Engineers-Wm. Rogers, Wm. Hershey, Jeff Gilman, Jim Hook, Mich ael Doyle and Russell Supplee. Trustees .- Martin Smith and Edward Baight. Borough Briefs.

DEATH OF DE. WRIGHT.

Formerly Surgeon of the 79th Pa. Vols.

Dr. Wm. McKendree Wright, formerly surgeon of Hambright's 79th Pa. Vet. Vols., and who was well-known and highy esteemed by many friends in this city. died at his home in Chambersburg, Franklin county, on Tuesday, Nov. 29, after a protracted illness. The Chambersburg Opinion prints the following sketch of his life :

"Dr. Wright was a graduate of Jefferson medical college and also a graduate of dentistry. In 1832 he removed from this cessfully practiced dentistry until the breaking out of the war. Ou the 5th day of November, 1861, he was mustered in as surgeon of the 79th Pa. Vols., Colonel Hambright commanding ; serving during the war in the department of the Cumberand, under Generals Grant, Thomas and

soldier friend.

to his ashes."

others

in charge of several of the large hospitals established on the line of march from tiffs' witnesses endeavored to prove that Nashville to Atlanta. The one at King- at the time the tobacco was delivered the ston, Ga., had 1,500 patients. The pubunderstanding was that Nissley was to lished medical records mention the valgive credit on account that he owed Mr. uable service of Dr. Wright, not only as an accomplished surgeon, but as a su-perior executive officer. In 1872 he was Collins. One of the witnesses for the plaintiff having sworn that he owned \$116 worth of the tobacco delivered, defenappointed surgeon of the National home for disabled volunteers at Hampdant's counsel offered no testimony, but raised the point that as there ton, Va., and in 1873 was transferred to were two owners of this tobacco and a like institution in Augusta, Maine. Iu suit had been brought by but one for all of it, there could be no recovery. The 1874 he was compelled to resign on account of declining health. His admin-istration at the Soldiers' National home court declined to affirm the point, and, was highly commended by those in authority. The secret of his success was in enforcing the best possible sanitary regulations, in which he recognized the truth of the adage that prevention is better than cure. On leaving the home the officers and men presented the Dr. with a very

under the instructions of the court, a verdict was entered in favor of plaintiff for \$380.22. A motion was filed in arrest of judgment, and a rule to show cause why a new trial should not be had, granted. The next case attached was that of Jon athan Morgan, one of the heirs of Thad deus S. Morgan, deceased, vs. John S. Morgan and Joseph M. Showater, admin-istrator of Thaddeus S. Morgan, deceased. handsome gold mounted ebony cane, as a mark of esteem for his professional abilities and the good will they bore him as a scire facias to revive the judgment entered

to March term, 1879, and ascertain the "Dr. Wright was an eminently pious amount due and unpaid to plaintiff. Jury man and Christian gentleman. During out when court adjourned.

his residence in Pittsburgh he was a rul-BEFORE JUDGE PATTERSON : ing elder in Christ church. He never fal-

The suit of Fletterer vs. Breiter, attered in his devotion to Christianity, and tacked on Monday, is still on trial before in no relation will he be greater missed Judge Patterson. than in the church. He leaves six children besides a brother and sister. Peace

A NEW PHASE OF THE FIRE QUESTION

Paying Individual Debts With the cubbe

Money. MESSRS. EDITORS : There is one thing that the discussion of our fire department has not yet brought out, and that is how some of the fire companies spend the city appropriation. in Gunter's melodramatic composition

I was talking to an officer of one of the fire companies, and said I knew of two companies (the Union and Washington) that managed to get along nicely on \$400, and what was collected from the members as dues was saved and invested. "What." he said, " does it cost them \$100 to run ? Why we can beat that ; it don't cost us \$200. If it did where would we get the money to pay the interest we owe on our

property ?" New, Messrs. Editors, every fire com pany in this city claims that the real estate and personal property ato the prop-erty of the individual members of the sevpainful uncertainty as to the ultimate fate eral companies. We do not pretend to say it is not, but if it is their individual band has sworn the oath of the vendetta. property, then the debis they owe are But its points of merit and demerit individual debis, and we do not think it have been noted at length in our previous right for the city to pay the debts of any

COURT.

Proceedings to the Common Pleas.

BEFORE JUDGE LIVINGSTON. On Treeday afternoon, in the suit of the president and directors of the Old Columbia public ground company vs. the First M. E. church of Columbia, counsel presented their points. Without argument of counsel, under direction of the court, a verdict pro forma was entered in favor of the defendant, the court reserving the legal question raised. A rule was at once granted to show cause why a new trial should not be had, which will bring the

legal point in dispute before the full bench at the December argument court. Mary Missley and Henry B. Engle, ad ministrators of Martin C. Nissley, dedeceased, vs. Abraham Collins. This was an action to recover \$272.89 for tobacco sold and delivered to defendant by Martin C. Nissley on May 15th, 1875. The sale Garfield. During his term of service he was and delivery were prover. Defendant's counsel in the cross-examination of plain-

Cowboys and Indians.

The president refers to the depredations "cowboys" in Arizona, and says that in the event of a request from the territorial government for protection by the United States against domestic vialence this government would be powerless to render assistance. The act of 1795, chapter 36, passed at a time when territorial governments received little attention from Congress, enforced this duty of the United States only as to the state governments. But the act of 1807, chapter 39, applied also to the territories. This law scems to have remained in force until the revision of the statutes, when the provision for the territories was dropped. I ain not advised whether this alteration was intentional or accidental, but as it seems to me the territories should be offered the protection which is accorded to the states by the constitution, I suggest legislation to that end. The president calls attention to the report of the secretary of the interior and says: Prominent among the matters which challenge the attention of Congress at its present session is the management of our Indian affairs. The president recommends that the Indian have the protection of the law. He should be allowed to maintain in court his rights of person and property. He also recommends land in severalty and a liberal appropriation for Indian schools.

The Mormons.

Regarding Mormonism the president says that the existing statute for the pun. ishment of polygamy, so revolting to the moral and religious sense of Christendom, has been persistently and contemptuously violated ever since its enactment. Your attention is called to a recent opinion of the supreme court of the United States explaining its judgment of reversal in the case of Miles, who had been convicted of bigamy in Utab. The court refers to the fact that the secrecy attending the celebration of marriages in that territory makes the proof of polygamy very difficult, and the propriety is suggested of modifying the law of evidence, which now makes a wife incompetent to testify against her husband. This sug gestion is approved. I recommend also the passage of an act providing that in the territories of the United States the fact that a woman has been married to a per son charged with bigamy shall not disqualify her as a witness upon his trial for that offense I further recommend legis. lation by which any person solemnizing marriage in any of the territories shall be required, under stringent penalties for neglect or refusal, to file a certificate of ich marriage in the supreme court of the vitery. Doubtless Congress may devise practicable measures for obviating fliculties which have hitherto at. 'he efforts to suppress this iniqui ure you of my determined purin any l

would effect a most radical change in its lege. We consider it very debatable theory and practice. The avowed purpose whether the position taken is sound in of that system is to induce the educated its policy; it is not clear that the inter- bride's home. Miss Norris was robed in young men of the country to devote their lives to public employment by an assurance that having once entered upon they need never leave it, and that upon voluntary retirement they shall be the recipients of an annual pension. That this system as an entirety has proved very succesful in Great Britain seems to be generally conceded, even by those who once opposed its adoption. To a statute which should incorporate all its essential features l should feel bound to give my approval, but whether it would be for the best interests of the public to fix upon an expedient for immediate extensive application, which embraces certain features of the English system, but excludes or ignores others of equal importance, may be seriously doubted even by those who are impressed, as I am myself, with the grave importance of correcting the evils which inhere in the present methods of appointments. If, for example, the English rule,

which shuts out all persons above the age of twenty-five years from a large number f public employments, is not to be made an essential part of our system, it is questionable whether the attainments of the highest number of marks at a competitive territories over the Indians within their examination should be the criterion by which all applications for appointments should be put to test. And under similar conditions it may also be questioned whether admission to the service should be strictly limited to its lowest ranks.

The English System, The present English system is a growth of years, and was not created by a single stroke of executive or legislative action. Its beginnings are found in an order in council promulgated in 1855, and it was ideas of Indian policy, the country might after patient and cautious scrutiny of its well be content to await the results after patient and cautious scrutiny of its workings that fifteen years later it took its present shape. Five years after the issuance of the order in council, and at a time when resort had been had to competitive examinations as an experiment much more extensively than has yet been the case in this country, a select committee of the House of Commons made a report to by competitive examination, promoting About the same time she obtained that House, which, declaring its approval of the competitive plan, deprecated, never- life or good behavior, and retiring them heless, any precipitancy in its general adoption, as likely to endanger its ultimate success. During this tentative period the results of the two methods of pass examination were closely watched and compared. It may be that before we confine ourselves upon this important question within the stringent bounds of statutory enactment we may profitably await the result of further inquiry and experiment. The submission of a portion of the nominations to a central board of examiners selected solely for testing the qualifications of applicants may, perhaps, without resort to the competitive test, put an end to the mischiefs which attend the present system of appointment, and it may be feasible to vest in such a board a wide discretion to ascertain the true characteristics and attainments of candidates in those particulars which I have already referred to as being no less important than mere intel- bity, industry, good sense, good habits, lectual attainments. If Congress should deem it advisable at the present session to establish competitive tests for admission to the service no doubts, such as have been suggested, shall deter me from giving the measure my earnest support, and I urgently recommend, should there be a failure to pass any other act upon this subject, that an appropriation of \$25,000 per year may be made for the enforcement of section 1,753 of the revised statutes. With the aid thus afforded me I shall try to execute the provisions of that law according to its

letter and spirit. I am unwilling, in justice to the present civil servants of the government, to dismiss this subject without declaring my dissent from the severe and delivered it to Congress and the self to the top, and with a broom-handle reaches us is from Honeybrook, Chester mayor is \$2,190, of which \$2,000 has been to conduct it. and almost indiscriminate censure with which they have been recently assailed, country; he has elected his speaker and drawn on the fellow, commanded him to county, where our old Lancaster county forwarded to the relief committee in De-

ests of this country are so intimately a magnificent bridal costume, and the connected with those of the South American continent as to make it advantageous for us to set up a protector- the newly-married couple subsequently ate over it, and warn off all European started on a tour to Florida. intruders from the premises. The obli-

gations assumed may be so onerous as to make the whistle too dear. The president wants an increase in the army and navy, as might be inferred from the favor he shows to our intervention in the affairs of our neighbors. He also wants authority to use United and chose a Democratic majority of the States troops in the suppression of dis- other city officers. In Fitchburg a Proturbances in the territories, where white hibition mayor was chosen, license defeatmen, and not Indians only, are to be council elected. In Gloucester, Haverhill, coerced. This suggestion seems to be Cambridge and Somerville, the Citizens unobjectionable. IIe considers our present Indian policy wise and thinks that Indian schools, the conveyance of plots of land to Indian families, inalienable for twenty or twenty-five years, and the ex- day resulted in the election of the Demo tension of the laws of the states and cratic city ticket by majorities ranging borders, to be the essential elements in a and 8 in common council. proper Indian policy. So far as these recommendations go probably they are wise; but they do not embrace all the features that go to make up a successful solution of the Indian problem. If Gen.

Miles should be made commissioner of Indian affairs, with full powers to inwell be content to await the results. Of civil service reform the president approve a measure that would include all value of \$50 from H: & S. Sternberger, the features of such a policy, introducing men at an early age into the system them for efficiency, retaining them for \$22 worth of goods from J. Black on pensions. But he will not approve of a system which omits any of these elements to the perfection of the system. And he manifestly doubts whether even goods, to which she replied : " They have the perfected system is adapted for use in his distrust of competitive examinations as a successful means They were both convicted, and when the many other things needed in the perfect man that are more essential than book knowledge or even intellectual capacity, which an examination into a candidate's knowledge does not detect. The presi- number of other charges are still pending dent enumerates some of them in "pro- against her. good temper, patience, ardor, courtesy,

tact, self-reliance;" and he might well have added as not less important, decision, promptitude, quickness, judgment and activity. In short, character is more thinking it risky to leave them there all important than knowledge to the suc- night, made a survey of the premises about cessful man, and the disastrous failures half-past ten o'clock. She moved cautiousof high graduates at college in the active | ly to where the clothes were hanging walks of life does not commend diplomas of teachers as certificates of men's su- act of removing some of the clothing. At premacy.

Municipal Elections.

Municipal elections were held in a num ber of the cities and towns of Massachusetts yesterday, and the question of license was also voted on. In Springfield a Democratic mayor and Republican board of aldermen and council were chosen Lawrence also elected a Democratic mayor ed, and the Citizens' ticket for common candidates for mayor were elected and license defeated. Newton elected a Republican mayor and council and rejected license.

The local election in New Haven yester from 1351 to 1781. The Democrats have a majority of 7 in the board of aldermen

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. A NOTED FEMALE THIEF.

Melinda Elliott Again in Custody for Rob

Melinda Elliott, alias Mowrey, alias Fisher, formerly of Lancaster, who has troduce and execute his very correct figured on the annals of the Philadelphia the work. before Magistrate South on the charge of larceny as bailee. It was in evidence that speaks sensibly. He says that he would the woman had obtained flannel to the 503 Market street, on the representation that she was a seamstress in search of work, She gave a fictitious residence. & Co., ou Fourth street above Chestnut, under the name of Mrs. Fisher, of No. 2710 Federal street, but also neglected to return the work. The magistrate asked the prisoner what she did with the found me ; let them find the goods now.' She was held in \$1,600 bail for a further in this country. Certainly there are grave hearing. The prisoner is the wife of objections to it, as there are great advan- Thomas Elliott, who was arrested about tages. We cordially agree with him in his distrust of competitive exhad obtained employment as a domestic. of selecting successful men. There are woman was arraigned for sentence in court upon eighteen bills of indictment which had been found against her, she assumed a flippant air which indicated that she was indifferent to her fate. She received a sentence of one month upon each bill. A

Robbers About.

Yesterday was wash-day at Mrs. Hugh Dougherty's, East Orange street. The weather being unfavorable for drying clothes, they were to be left on the lines on the lawn all night. Mrs. Dougherty when suddenly she came face to face with a large, muscular fellow who was in the

sight of her he dropped the plunder and beat a hasty retreat. Not to be daunted by thieves, she closely pursued him. As The president has written his message he scaled the high pale fence she drew her- of mammoth grunters. The first that

Some part of the machinery in the Shawnee rolling mill broke last night, causing another stoppage. It was repaired this morning. Two new members were initiated into

the secrets of the Chiquesalunga Tribe, I. O. R. M. last evening. The tribe now numbers 212. Mr. John S. Given left for home this manner.

morning. Mr. J. C. Gitt has received orders that the Pennsylvania canal will be closed throughout for the season on the 14th inst., unless sooner closed by the ice :

and he was also instructed to inform the shippers and boatmen of the fact. Considerable rain fell during the night and a small amount this morning, but now everything is as bright as a new

to exhibit themselves at the "great School board will meet to-morrow evening and council on Friday evening. An employee of the Susquehanna rolling mill (name unknown) had two of his fingers cut off and his hand also was lacerated. The points of the accident are very indefinite.

Harry Pfahler, fire engineer at the Supplee engine works, in turning on a hot water gauge, had the index finger of his right hand severely scalded. A number of Columbiaus will attend

'The Professor'' in Lancaster this evening. The three wrecked cars at little Wash ington will be attempted to be raised to morrow. The Columbia wreckers will do

The new engine in the Henry Clay fur nace works successfully.

LIGHT WANTED.

Scaling Down the Lamp Bill. Last evening the lamp committee of city stolen from the stores of Ezra Bowman councils met in the select council chamber and A. Rhoads, jewelers of this city. for the purpose of passing upon the bill of the Pennsylvania Globe Gaslight company, There were many other articles in his house supposed to have been 'stolen, but of Philadelphia, for lighting the street none of them have been identified or lamps during the month of November. claimed. A charge of receiving stolen Every member of the committee was goods was preferred against Mr. Miller's present-Messrs. Smeych, White, Philip daughter, but the charge against her was Zecher and Barr, chairman-and the superdismissed. She acknowledged that her intendent of lighting, Miles Fite, was also a participant in the deliberations. It was father gave her the jewelry, but denied knowing that it was stolen, and there was seen from the police reports for the month no proof to the contrary. Miller was rethat the number of lamps which went out committed for a further hearing, and he at various hours during the night, togeth. claims to have a good defence. er with a small proportion that had not clock-maker by trade and has heretofore been lit at all, amounted to 481. As the borne a good name. cost of each lamp to the city is about seven cents per night it was resolved to make a

proportionate reduction upon the bill for the insufficient service thus shown, and \$33 at No. 424, West Orange street, has in was deducted from the month's charges. his possession two miniature horse-shoes The members of the committee also discussthat he made from a spike taken from ed the inferior quality of the light that has latterly been furnished, being far below the ship St. Lawrence after it had been raised out of Lake Erie, by Sgt. Bates, in the "sixteen-candle" power promised in the articles of agreement. Some of the years, and Mr. Shaltz's horse shoes cercommitteemen stated that many of the tainly possess an historical interest that lamps have recently been showing no

greater degree of brilliancy than a single tallow dip. Upon this point Superintend-ent Fite promised great improvement, and on the strength of his assurance the clerk was directed to notify the company that they would be granted one month's grace. and if by that time the lamps were not burning more satisfactorily severer measures would be resorted to, to secure com pliance with the terms of the contract and better light for the city.

Big Hogs.

Mennonite church of Leacock, by C. Hog-killing time having arrived it is in order now to hear reports of the slaughter

review of the piece, so that it is not neces sary to dwell at length upon them now. It needs some judicious and practical over-

THE DRAMA.

Miss Jeffreys-Lewis in "Two Nights in

At Fulton opera house last evening Miss

leffreys-Lewis gave a very powerful rep-

esentation of the character of Antonia

"Two Nights in Rome." The role is one

calling for high histrionic ability in its

proper execution, and Miss Jeffreys-Lewis

meets all the requirements admirably,

possessing in special degree the physical

attributes and the mental capacity neces

sary to furnish a true characterization of

the dramatist's conceit of the heartless.

vindictive, wicked woman. Of the play

it has points of great strength and

of singular weakness, the

itself "much may be-said on both sides ;

hauling before it can be classed as a dra matic success. The supporting cast in last night's performance was of respectable better known as "Aunt Polly Williams " mediocrity. The attraction at the opera house to-

Here is a Chance,

Charges With Larceny.

Patriotie Kelus.

devoted to relies and especially to such as

cherish the memory of the sturdy ship

wnose deeds of valor have caused its name

Michigan Relief.

Although Mayor MacGonigle has closed

his accounts for aid to the Michigan

sufferers, the following additionall sub-

naval achievements.

Silas W. Shultz, blacksmith, residing

He is a

from this city ?

died rather suddenly at the residence of her grandson, Horace Reynolds, No. 325 night is one that invites the patronage of Middle street. She was over 90 years of lovers of light comedy and wholesome fun. age, and was perhaps the eldest colored The Professor," as represented by the Madison Square company, is pursuing a triumphal tour over the country in which that eccentric personage is extending the scope of his success in the most flattering

woman in Lancaster, and was known to almost everybody She leaves a large number of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at two 'elock.

Yesterday morning, Alice C. Snyder, wife of Henry Snyder, dicd suddenly at Taking up the cue where Forepaugh No. 31 West Clay street. where she and left it, the Barnum, Bailey & Hutchinson her husband boarded with their brother circus people offer a rare chance to the in-law, Thomas Ruth. Mrs. Suyder had fortunate persons who shall prove thembeen sick for some tine, but a report selves to be possessed in the largest degree having obtained that she was found dead of the attributes of physical beauty. They in bed. Coroner Mishler summoned a jury propose to give \$20,000 for the most beauto investigate the facts. The jury meet tiful lady, and \$10,000 for the handsomest for the purpose this afternoon. man, who shall contract for the sums stated

Surprised.

est show on earth," of which Messrs. Bar-While Rev. E. L. Reed and wife, of num, Bailey & Hutchinson are joint probrist E. E. Lutheran church, were prietors. These gentlemen stoutly aver quietly enjoying the entertainment given that the offer is bona fide, and the money at Trinity chapel last evening, they were will be paid in solid cash to the winners, informed that it would be to their interest and moreover, they want it distinctly un. to return to their home. This they did in derstood that they desire no professional beauties or anything of that sort ; their haste, and to their great astonishment found their house had been "entered "-champion must be from the private walks by their friends with "many things," of life. Elsewhere is printed the glowing both good and useful. The parties conadvertisement containing this tempting cerned expressed their gratitude as best offer. Lancaster has long boasted of the they could under the circumstances, female loveliness and manly beauty comfeeling encouraged in their work by their prised within her borders. Will there be expression of good will on the part of their any contestants for the Barnum prizes friends.

Break Dows.

This morning as a son and daughter of A. S. Miller, of Intercourse, was ar-Mrs. Jacob Hess, residing on the Willow rested by Constable Warfel, on Monday, Street pike, were on their way home from and had a partial hearing yesterday before market in a light, covered wagon, and as Alderman Barr, on charge of larceny. When arrested he had in his possesion two they were passing the crossing at the corner of Middle and South Queen streets, gold rings and a gold pencil which were the front axle broke in the middle, letting the body down and driving the wheels into the sides. Mr. John Franciscus, who fortunately saw the accident, caught the horse and stopped him before the driver lost control of him, and thus prevented what might have been a serious accident.

Oblingry.

Mrs. Susan fleiss, who died in Philadelphia on Monday, and whose body will be brought to this city for interment in the Lancaster cemetery to-morrow, was a daughter of the late John Eberman. She was first married to the late Theodore Hensel, and some five years ago married Rev. Henry Heiss, of the U. B. church, who formerly preached in this city.

Sale of a Dweiling.

Allan A. Herr & Co., real estate agents, sold yesterday at private sale for B. Frank Saylor, his two story brick dwelling and other improvements, situated No. 214 East King street, to Dr. Frank M. Mus-1876. This vessel lay in Lake Erie for 61 | ser of East Lampeter township, for the sum of \$6,250.

Mavor's Court.

render them of peculiar value to persons The mayor had six customers this orning-three of whom, being impecunious lodgers, were discharged. The other three, being disorderly inebriates, to be inscribed high up on the roll of our were committed to the county jail for a few days.

Saturday Evening Sociable. W. N. Pennington, manager, will give grand sociable at Grant ball on Saturday evening next. There sociables will be given scriptions have been received : From at the above hall every Saturday evening Beiler, \$71.25; Mennonites of East Lam- leaved for the first on Saturday evening. peter, by Henry D. Heller, \$4. The total and a good time may be expected, as the par-amount of subscriptions reseived by the ties having charge of the affair well know how

APECIAL SOTICES.

-SUDDEN DEATHS.

Investigation by the Coroner. Yesterday afternoon Mary E. Williams,

