Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 8, 1861.

Paying the Debt. Sherman introducing into the Senate a jority of its voters its seat will be vacant. resolution for the refunding of the national debt at 3 per cent. when he was the financial head and front of a national administration which vetoed the Democratic measure to that effect. Under his successor it has been shown that the bonds could be refunded at 31 per cent. without the profligate payment of premiums to syndicates and brokers that Sherman used to indulge in and the rapidity with which the 34 per cents., redeemable at the government's option, went off, proved conclusively that the Democratic bill for refunding we begin to overhaul Chili we had better was an entirely practicable measure which would have worked all the economy that was claimed for it. It is certain that a 3 per cent. bond with a fixed time to run, would sell more readily and at redemable in a year or thereafter at young ladies among the diplomatic famthe government's pleasure. The immense surplus revenues of the government and the rapid reduction of the public debt by the same generation which has already paid half of it, and which was subject to all the drain and burden of the war period, have suggested in all financial quarters the propriety of relieving the burdens of the people and contracting the receipts from taxa- portion of the message, which ought to tion. There is no occasion to increase have made them feel the halter draw. the expenditures of the government nor to waste the moneys on subsidies and posed to do. A steady reduction of the verted into an independent daily newsdebt the people do not ask. But to se- to make anything a success. cure stability in our finances and to make any new loan most acceptable to the public the bonds issued should have a fixed time of maturity. It is readily of the departments, found himself concalculable at what rate the moneys now diverted into the sinking fund will provide for the payment of the public debt and the series of loans could easily him, he wrote in reply : "I am unable to be adjusted to fall due just when the government is prepared to pay them. The president calculates that at the present rate we can pay the whole national debt in ten years, which would pile the burden of all the billions of cost of the war on the single generation which saw it created. There is no need to pay the debt within fifty years-certainly not in shorter time than thirty, and a series of bonds in thirty numbers running frem one to thirty years respectively, at three been conceived that a "Christian" car be by the surviving members of his cabinet, per cent, interest, could be sold at an attached to moving trains on the New Messrs. Black, Holt, Thompson and King, per cent. interest, could be sold at an attached to moving trains on the New have tended to show the people of this average of above par. Of course, a por- York, New Haven & Hartford railroad. tion of the debt can not be refunded until due, but the loan can be authorized now and issued when needed. It ought not to take any very elaborate states manship to devise a plan of funding the | well to fit up the "directors car" on the debt at the lowest practicable rate of interest, which will yet be fixed in its terms and to haul the Philadelphia street railand subject our financial system to no disturbance, such as ensues from the fund-

The Buchanan Blography.

ing the very next.

ing of the debt one year, and its refund-

When the unfinished, if not the never begun, work of writing the biography of the late President Buchanan was committed to George Ticknor Curtis there were misgivings that his lack of acquaintance with his subject, if not his General Grant, Senators Conkling and lack of sympathy with the political opinions and purposes of Mr. Buchanan. would render his satisfactory execution field that they would not speak to him on of the work impossible and the book disappointing to those interested in it. Mr. Curtis had performed his duty as the biographer of Webster in a commendable manner, and it could not be discovered that his treatment of that dially received by them; and that I subject conflicted with a proper was well dressed and well fed at the Fifth appreciation of Mr. Buchanan's private Avenue hotel. I want to show my personcharacter and public services. But Mr. Curtis was naturally closer to the New England school of statesmen than to that to which Mr. Buchanan belonged, and it was feared his associations and the tendency of his mind would either incline him to a too narrow view of Mr. Buchanan's political purposes or force him to treat his biography as a "case" undertaken by an advocate for the vindication of his client, rather than a ton. work of simple justice to be performed in a broad, judicial manner. As the time vesterday from Europe, and left in the poverished, and his reverses so preyed draws near for the publication of Curtis' biography of Buchanan there are manifest signs that it will be eminently satisfactory to the friends of the distinguished dead and of far greater interest to the public than had been anticipated. Mr. Curtis found at his hand a vast and valuable collection of interesting documentary information, with which he has amply fortified every statement made or position assumed with reference to Mr. Buchanan's attitude toward the secession movement, and he is confident that he will be able to entirely reverse popular opinion upon that subject, summoning the most highly chief of sunflower hue thrust with cunapproved Republican witnesses to the ning carelessness" into his white waistsupport of his claims. It is not unlikely that the Buchanan biography will appear at a favorable time for candid judgment of its merits, and that the re- affairs. It looks as if he would have a markable and often provoking delays good deal of opposition, Lucius Rodgers, which have attended its preparation may, after all, turn out to have been most favorable to its unbiased consideration and wider reading.

THE Mormon candidate for delegate staff. to Congress from Utah got nine-tenths of the votes, but the governor issued the certificate to the man who got one-tenth man on record—unsoiled by pecuniary or because he considered the Mormon not within—ever levally out cropping his own "a citizen of the United States." He self only—his own poetic and devout soul." went behind the returns and the clerk of the House went behind his certificate boat captain, and a life-long personal and put on the rolf the name friend of the late Commodore Vanderbilt, of the member who was elected; and now, it is threatened, the House wealth, and was a liberal contributor to will go behind the roll which went be- religious and charitable institutions. hind the certificate which went behind the returns and put on the roll the man who was not elected, but who is a citizen. There seems to have been something the continuance of the heavy sea, to res-

festly a man who is not a citizen should not sit in Congress : neither should a man who was not elected. The right thing would be for Congress to notify Utah that until it sends on a citizen who ing letter:
In the correspondence published by It looks queer enough to see John was chosen delegate by a lawful ma-

> SIMULTANEOUSLY with the accession of the Republicans to power in Congress the lobby reappears at Washington in force. The places that lately knew not the assailants of the treasury are now thronged with strikers. Biggest and most brazen is John Roach's Pacific mail steamship subsidy, which comes up hopeful and smiling.

THERE is a suspicion afloat that before take an inventory of our men-of-war. The Chilian navy is a fighter.

THE Washington beaux have a chance to show the cosmopolitan tastes of this country. There is a graceful group of ilies. The Mexican, Spanish, Portuguese, Chilian, Hayden and Hawaiian ministers all have unmarried daughters.

THE Philadelphia Evening Telegraph detects more anti-Mormon aggressiveness in the message than hostility to the star routers, and of is the opinion that Brady. Dorsey & Co. felt no cold chills creep double-dealing. I am deeply sorry to say down their backs when they read that

THE Baltimore Gazette, after a long other profligate purposes, as we fear the series of journalistic vicissitudes, marked present majority in Congress is dis- by spasms of enterprise, is about to be condebt can easily be effected with a paper called the Times, owned and run hundred millions less of taxes than the by W. B. Hazleton, who says he will people now suffer, and anything more back the venture with capital, brains and than a gradual extinction of the national honest purpose. Those qualities ought thing that his anxious friends desired, be

> A BRIGHT youth, undergoing examination a few days since for admission to one fronted with the question: "What is the distance from the earth to the sun ?" Not having the exact number of miles with state accurately, but don't believe the sun of Mr. Lincoln's inauguration, Mr. Buchis near enough to interfere with a proper performance of my duties if I get this clerkship." He got it.

> Ir has long been suspected that the New York merchants hurrying to and fro between their suburban homes and their business places, were not subject to such influences as best fitted them to resist the temptations of their daily calling or to of Mr. Buchanan. It is somewhat encourrepent over their misdeeds. Hence it has aging that the revelations recently made The proposition is to set apart a car where passengers can listen to Scripture reading be remembered that General Dix and Mr. and prayers during their journeys to and from the great metropolis. It might be great trunk lines with such appliances; way bosses over their own lines about sixteen hours a day in a "Christian car."

> ENCOURAGED no doubt by the election of Edward McPherson to the House clerk ship Guiteau says : "The president of the United States would never had been shot if it had not been for the political situation as it existed last May and June; and I say I have a right as a matter of law, through my own counsel, to ask your honor that Platt, and President Arthur, and these kind of men who were so down upon Garthe street, and would not go near the White House, shall be put upon the stand, I have the right to show my personal relations to these gentlemen; that I was on They thought, however, that time was the friendly terms with them; that I was coral relations to these men." All this reads very much like the resolution which Mc-Pherson had passed in the last Pennsylvania Republican state convention.

> > PERSONAL.

In drawing desks in the House Hon. A. HERR SMITH had to take a back seat. Dr. SAMUEL H. GREEN has accepted the Republican nomination for mayor of Bos-

JEFFERSON DAVIS arrived in New York evening for Louisville. GEORGE H. BOKER is mentioned as the probable successor of the late General

Kilpatrick, minister to Chili, Miss GENEVIEVE WARD intends to play in French in St. Louis and in New Orleans,

in both of which cities is a large resident French population. YOSHIDA KITONARI, the Japanese minister at Washington, has been recalled to Tokio, to take office in the home administration. It is believed he will be as-

signed a high position in the department of finance. "Mrs. Langtry's OSCAR WILDE," being present at the debut of the Jersey Lily on the amateur stage, wore "a ker-

AARON K. DUNKEL has formally annonneed his desire and intention to succeed himself as secretary of internal being also entered for the race.

Major WILLIAM ARTHUR, the brother of the president, arrived in Chi-cago yesterday morning from Montana on his way to New York, he having received an appointment on General Hancock's

Walt Whitman praises EMERSON as the "truest, most moral, sweetest literary JOHN BROOKS, a veteran ship and steam-

To the Mescus With a Balloon. radically wrong in all these departures, beginning with the governor's irregularity in giving a certificate to a man whom his very certificate showed had not received a tenth of the votes. It is now proposed to drop a rope to them from a signal balloon and then establish communication by means not received a tenth of the votes. Mani- of life-rafts.

VINDICATING BUCHANAN.

A Ray of Light from the Workshop of Biographer Curtis. The New York Sun contains the follow-Mr. Horatio King in the December number of the Century, it appears that in No-vember, 1860, he called the attention of President Buchanan to the secession tendencies of the Constitution. a paper pub-lished at that time in Washington and popularly supposed to be Mr. Buchanan's organ. For this supposition I do not know that there was any foundation, excepting that the paper enjoyed some of the advertising patronage of the govern-ment. It might be inferred from Mr. King's letters to his correspondent that he spoke to the president repeatedly about this paper and that the president did nothing. Mr. King does not appear to have known that the president rebuked this editor for his course in regard to secession. I have in my possession, on President Buchanan's files, a copy of his letter to the editor of the Constitution, written after that paper had taken ground against the president on the subject of secession

[Private.] " WASHINGTON, Dec. 25, 1860 .- My Dear Sir : I have read with deep mortification your editorial this morning, in which you take open ground against my message on the right of secession. I have defended you as long as I can against numerous complaints. You have a perfect right to be in favor of secession, and for this I have no just reason to complain. The difficulty is that the Constitution is considered my organ, and its articles subject me to the charge of insincerity and that I must in some authentic form declare that the Constitution is not the organ of the administration. Your friend, very

"JAMES BUCHANAN. "William M. Browne, Esq." In the multiplicity of matters of the gravest concern which, in the mouth of November, 1860, demanded the president's attention-of which, as we'll as of all his conduct down to the 4th of March. 1861. l expect ere long to give to the public a full account—he may have not done every fore his annual message of December 3, 1860, to relieve their minds of the appre hension that his administration was suffer ing injury from this newspaper and other similar signs that it harbored secessionists among its officers or the objects of its patronage. But I take it upon me to affirm, after the most thorough study of Mr. Buchanan's course and a full examination of the very abundant materials contained in his private papers, that from the time anan never did an important act which any patriot or any friend of his would now wish that he had not done, or refrained from doing an important act that any patriot or friend of his would, upon close consideration of the facts, say that he ought to have performed.

There is not a more remarkable in stance in all history of the misconception and misrepresentation with which a great public man may be pursued than this case have been in regard to him. But it must trating the reward of virtue, and the Stanton are no longer living. From them, and from Mr. Holt, will come in due time the most indubitable poofs, put on record immediately after the c'ose of his administration and when facts were recent, that their authority is not to be used to disparage any part of his conduct, his firmness, his fidelity to the constitution and Union, the wisdom of his measures, and the propriety of his acts. The time has come when Mr. Buchanan himself, the unsatisfied."

GEORGE TICKNOR CURTIS. NEW YORK, Nov. 22, 1881.

ROMANTIC YOUNG WOMEN.

Miss Ada Carpenter, of Newport Centre, Vt., who has recently suffered disappointment in love, has during the past few days appeared melancholy and despondent and caused her friends no little anxiety. best physician for heart-sickness and would healthy mental condition. They were, therefore, not at all prepared for the tragic announcement made last night that she had taken pulverized glass with suicidal intent. As soon as this fact came to the knowledge of her relatives a doctor was summoned. He pronounced the case hopeless and the unhappy young woman is hourly expected to die. From Wealth to Insanity.

In Jersey City an insane woman was ar rested in the Central depot, having come in the cars from Easton, Pa. Her name was Annie Thompson, formerly a resident of Montclair, N. J., where her family were at one time wealthy people. By unsuc-cessful speculations her father became imupon his mind that he died. The mother and two daughters came to New York, and one got occupation as a book agent. About six months ago she began to show signs of mental aberration, and about three months later mysteriously disappeared. The next thing heard of her was that she had attempted suicide by jumping into the rapids above Niagara Falls. The men who saw her preparing for the fatal plunge forcibly restrained her. She was sent back to New York. and since then her whereabouts were unknown until her present arrest. She was sent to the county jail, so that she might be properly examined by the county phy-sician. All efforts to find her friends have been unavailing.

STATE ITEMS. Charles Lewis. Late residence, Chambersburg. Jumped on a moving freight

train. Usual verdict. Hon. William L. Scott has just pre sented \$3,000 to St. Paul's Episcopal church of Erie, for the purchase of an organ to supply the place of one destroyed

by fire last summer. The firm of Washington Butcher's Sons, Philadelphia, which failed some time ago, has been revived, and will continue in their old line of business. They have effected a settlement with their creditors on a basis of forty cents on the

Burglars entered the grain house of Mr. J. H. Swope, at Jonestown, and operated on the safe by drilling three holes into the door and filling them with powder, but they were not exploded, and the contents railroad, partly on the track, near Heilmandale, and almost caused an acci-

The electric lighting of Chestnut street, It has been found impossible, owing to the continuance of the heavy sea, to rescue the men on Calf Rock, who had occuing is, that the light is too much concen-trated, and that the number of lamps erected for a given space is generally too small to give brilliant illumination, if they are shaded by globes to reduce the daz-

zling brilliancy of the light and make it tolerable to the eve.

Automatic Train Service. Officials of the Pennsylvania railroad have inspected Mr. E. J. Boyton's auto-

matic station indicator at West Chester with a view to having the new invention in use on the Pennsylvania passenger trains. The indicator consists of a glass frame about two and a half feet long and eighteen inches wide, which is to hang at both ends of the car, and reveals by an automatic apparatus, controlled by the engineer, the name of each station as the train approaches it. The case contains a diminutive pair of bellows and an endless panorama of names printed on woven cloth. The roll is spun off by the action of air through the rubber tubes connecting the air brakes under the cars, and is excedingly ingenious in its construction. The indicator was operated by Mr. Boyton in the presence of Superintendent Lockard during the progress of the train from Philadelphia to West Chester. The inventor said that he would put the rubber tubes inside the hose of the regulating air brake, and so do away with any delay in uncoupling cars, if the Westinghouse people would allow hin to do so.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE DRAMA. A Wild, Farcial Conceit at the Opera House One of the most thoroughly mirth-provoking performances that has been witnessed in Fulton opera house in a long while was that presented there last evening, when a company, fresh and funny, from the Madison Square theatre, New York, presented the new alleged comedy entitled "The Professor," before a brilliant audience that quite crowded the house and that was kept in an almost constant state of explosive merriment during the four acts that comprise the piece, with only here and there a momentary intermission to make way for a gleam of pathos with which the author has succeed ed in touching up this astonishing produc-tion. They call it a comedy, but more liberal license was never asked nor taken in the wildest flight of farcical conceit, so far at least as regards the disor ganized arrangement of the incidents, their ludicrous character through out, and the utter impossibility of the existence of the chief actors in them. The piece was written to make laughter, and in that design the author has scored a pronounced success. The Professor, a preposterous person, is the centre of a preposterous circle around whom revolve a number of preposterous young maidens and men who perform the most preposterous actions, with corresponding preposterous results. The Professor makes love to the maidens severally and seperately in the most preposterous fashion, considering that he has reached the age of fortyone years, "though he might just as well make it thirty-nine," and the action lies mainly in the adventures thus encountered by the verdant Romeo. Withal there is a vein of romance and of human interest pervading the whole, in the story of Daisy Brown, and the performance actually arrives at a dramatic climax, when one of these preposterous personages transforms himself into a detective, badge and all, and lays the strong hand of the law on the heavy villain, who has been smuggled into

stern retribution that we are taught to believe is bound to overtake crime The cast is capital. Mr. Lacy plays the title role and gives a unique characterization; his acting is marked by an artistic finish and a clevernesss of execution that serve to develop in a marked degree the singular humor of the part. Miss Morant is a vivacious young woman with a remarkable laugh the top note of which never failed to evoke a roar from the audience, and her entire performance was of when the truth as it is, should have a the funniest sort imaginable. The other hearing; and although I do not mean, in ladies and gentlemen of the cast answered writing his life and times, to constitute all the requirements of their respective parts in the most satisfactory he and his cause shall be "read aright to style. But the one who fixed herseli firm in the affections of the audience was Miss Belle Jackson, who in the part of Daisy Brown, interesting and in genuous, contributed such an admirable foil to the senseless performances of the other people, and whose sweet face, child-ish voice and simple manner swept betimes over the audience at the termination of some period of uproarious mirth like a breath of the fresh and fragrant flowers of

the piece, in order that it may not be

without the proper moral effect of illus-

her native woods. The general mounting and the scenic effects throughout the performance were exceptionally fine, while the songs interbefore long restore the young woman to a jected by the male quartet at several healthy mental condition. They were, points were nicely rendered and generously applauded.

NEIGHEORHOOD NEWS.

Near and Across the County Line. The big pole Rapid telegraph company s now running its lines through York. Thieves went through the till of B. Eshleman's store in Harrisburg and took all the cash on the premises. A single order recently given by the

Pennsylvania railroad is for 3,100 freight Harrisburg had a brilliant wedding yes terday-Harry L. Gross and Miss Laura

Corman. Milton Eshenauer, son of Christian W. Eshenauer, of Londonderry township, Dauphin county, was killed on a railroad at Sedalia, Mo., and his remains will be

brought home. A charter has been issued to the Weimer machine works company, of Lebanon, for the manufacture of iron and steel, with a capital of \$126,000. The incorporators are P. L. Weimer, L. E. Weimer, Asaph Weimer and T. E. Ireland, of Lebanon, and John Berkenbine, of Philadelphia. A branch office of the company will be lo-

cated in Philadelphia. Died November 12, 1891, Elizabeth Yoder, of Spruce Hill township, Juniata county, aged 56 years, 10 months and 12 days. The sick among friends and neighbors ever found in her a faithful helper, a sympathizing friend. The familiar name, Betsy," was a household word, and the love of the little ones was always given

inreservedly to her wherever her kind There are a great many muskrats in the embaukment along the Schuylkill canal, in Berks county. They do a great deal of damage, and frequently cause leaks in the canal. The canal company give 12 cents for each muskrat tail as a premium for catching the animals, and the nides are worth from 17 to 20 cents each. At Monocacy a number of persons are engaged in catching the animals with steel traps, and some 400 have already been secured this season. At Laurel Hill the lock tender caught 75 muskrats in one night. The tails are given to the canal bosses, and the hides are sold to dealers in furs.

Off the Track.

Shortly before 7 o'clock this morning of the safe remained undisturbed. It is | 28 engine 1044 was shifting cars from the supposed the robbers used a truck car to north track to a siding on the south, ride from Lebanon to Jonestown or at Conductor Barefoot, who was in charge of least part of the way, for Tuesday morn. the train, neglected to turn the switch, the pilot and doing some other small damage. It took over an hour to get the engine on the track again. The Harrisburg

CITY LEGISLATURE.

MEETING OF SELECT AND COMMON

ot Much Business Transacted—A Peaceful Assemblage of our Municipal Solons— Two New Fire Ordinances Pre-sented—The street Appro-priation Exhausted.

A stated meeting of select and common councils was held last evening. Select Connett. The following named members were resent; Messrs. Barr, Borger, Doerr, Franklin, Judith, G. W. Zecher, Philip

Zecher and Evans, president.

The report of the city treasurer and receiver of taxes for the month past was read, from which it appeared that the receipts for the past month were \$38,947.09; payments, \$7,593.16; balance in treasury

\$31,373.93, G. W. Zecher presented the monthly report of the finance committee, showing the amount of unpaid city taxes in the several wards of the city for the year 1881. showing \$5,760.23 on real estate, \$2,446.54 on tenants, and \$1,359.69 on single men; total \$12,566,46.

The monthly report of the water committee was read. The committee recommend that \$200 be taken from the contingent fund and applied to the water appropriation for the purpose of laying 250 feet of water pipe on North Lime street north of James. The committee also invite councils to meet the committee at the mayor's office at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon and proceed thence to the city water works for the purpose of inspecting the new boiler house and boilers recently erected and put into use. On motion both the above prove propositions of the committee were agreed to. Common council concurred.

A petition praying councils to repair Rockland street from Vine street, south to the city limits, or compel the turnpike company, which charges toll on said street to put it in such condition as will make it safe to drive through, was read, and referred to the street committee to inquire into the matter.

A petition for permission to lay a railroad siding on North Charlotte street from Schuberth's tobacco warehouse, near James street, northward to the Pennsylvania railroad, was read and referred to the street committee.

Common Council. The following named members were

present : Messrs. Albert, Barnes, Brown, Cor-meny, Cox, Davis, Diffendersfer, Everts, Fisher, Franklin, Hays, Huber, Johnson, Leibley, Lichty, McMullen, Middleton, Ostermayer, Reith, Shroder, Shulmyer, Smoych, Stone, White, Levergood, presi-

As soon as the minutes had been read, Mr. Barnes offered an ordinance to reorganize the fire department. It is the same measure, with a few verbal changes, devised by the special committee on reorgan. ization, that passed select council at the recent special meeting, but which failed in the common branch for lack of a constitutional majority. Mr. Cox then presented an ordinance

with a similar title and object, except that it proposes to reorganize the department on the volunteer basis. The ordinance was read before the Firemen's Union on Tuesday evening, and a very fair idea of its scope and character is gathered from the communication of Mr. Cox to councils printed in full in last Saturday's INTEL LIGENCER. Both ordinances were referred to a special

committee consisting of Messrs. Shul myer, Fisher and Diffendersfer, who retired for the purpose of examining them, and after a protracted absence returned a report recommending the adoption of the ordinance offered by Mr. Barnes.

While common council was acting upon the business sent over from select council the latter adjourned, so that the grave and reverend members of that body didn't get a whack at the proceedings in the contemporary branch.

Mr. McMullen presented the report of the street committee, which showed that the appropriation for grading, macadamizing, guttering, &c., is exhausted within \$38.52, and that the contract for the construction of a five-feet sewer on Water and Chestnut streets, which was made upon the credit of said appropria tion, has not yet been completed, and will require for its completion the further sum of \$650; also, that the appropriation for repairs of streets is exhausted, and that work has been dore in excess of said appropriation to the amount of \$405; also, that there is due to the regulators the sum of 892. All work on the streets has now been suspended, and the report goes on to state that such work as was done after the appro-priation was exhausted consisted of filling up in front of new gutters in places where the recent plan and survey of the city than the present bed of the street. This filling up was absolutely necessary to prevent the gutters newly laid from being destroyed and torn up by wagons driven

over and against them. The reading of this report was followed by Mr. McMullen presenting a resolution ransferring the sum of \$1,147 from the contingent fund to the street fund for the purposes shown in this report to be neces-

ary. The resolution was adopted. Mr. McMullen presented a communication from Mayor MacGonigle, in which that functionary informs councils that he had written to Mr. Prevost, Pennsylvania railroad superintendent, urging upon him the great need of placing watchmen at certain crossings in the streets of Lancaster, and reciting some of the more serious accidents that have occurred for the want of them, but Mr. Prevost had not answered his letter nor paid the slightest atten-

Dr. Davis expressed the opinion that the proper thing for the city to do would be to press the suits it has instituted against the railroad company, and which have been permitted to lie dormant.

Mr. Cox presented a clipping from the INTELLIGENCER of last Friday, in which the action of the committee on fire engine and hose companies with regard to the fines against the Shiffler, Friendship and American companies, is reported, and said he wanted it to go upon the record as the action of the committee in the cases stated. The president was dubious about allowing the article to be read, because it had no signature to it, and he thought it would be setting a rather bad precedent to have reports presented to and accepted by councils, in the shape of newspaper clippings. Mr. Cox retorted that he could put as many signatures to the clipping as the president wanted; the account, as printed in the INTELLIGENCER, is entirely correct, except, he modestly added, that he didn't like the expression "Cox's committee," which occurred in one of the headlines of the article in question,

After the clipping had been read, and the report of the committee on the Barnes and Cox ordinances had been received as above reported, council adjourned.

Sneak Thieves About.

several nights durings the two weeks, a suspicious character has make the inquest. been prowling about the back yards of residents of the neighborhood of Middle A Letter for film.

A Letter for film.

If there is a boy in this city named Morris Melinsky he can get a letter for him by calling on Chief of Police Deichler, who received it from Ohio yesterday. The boy is 17 years of age and is believed to be here.

The Lancaster Bloycle Club.

At a meeting of the Lancaster bicycle club, last evening, a permanent organization was effected. The officers consist of H. Clay Brubaker president; C. B. Long-enceker, vice president; C. B. Long-enceker, vice president; W. Frank Gorrecht, secretary and treasurer; Walter Boardman captain. The club numbers twelve.

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COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE. The Presbyterians will hold their Christ mas cantata on the Friday before Christ-

The Columbians who attended the " Professor" in Lancaster last evening expressed themselves as being highly de-lighted. The G. A. R. should bring it to Columbia

A small row boat was caught at the bridge this morning and held in the outlet. The owner has not called for it as yet. A water pipe burst on Front street yes

terday and half filled a cellar with water. Important school board meeting to-night.—Cold, wind and ice last night.— Christmas draws nearer.-Streets in good condition and a number of pavements being repaired.—Bridge piers finished.— Game in season.-Slim market.-Shop

The McGibenys. The McGibeny family played in the opera house last evening to a large and select audience. The school children turned out en masse to see the performance of the young musicians. The performance was complete and gave universal satisfaction, as was proven by the frequent bursts of applause. They play in Lancaster this evening, and we would advise our neighbors, if they wish to spend a pleasant evening, to go see the little

Narrow Escape A traveling agent wishing to cross the Susquehanna river last evening, hired a boat. About 7 o'clock he started and when about the middle of the river he got mixed and did not know which way he was going, as the night was very dark. He saw a light and thought it was the Wrightsville furnace. It proved to be the Susquehanna rolling mill and the man had all he could do to pull into shore, as the wind was blowing the boat directly towards the dam. It was a narrow escape from drowning. G. A. R. Election

At an election of officers of G. A. R. post 118 on Tuesday evening, the following gentlemen were elected: Post Commander, J. W. Yocum; Senior Vice Commander, C. A. Becker: Junior Vice Commander, Jno. L. Becker; Quartermaster, Jas. L. Pinkerton; Officer of the Day, Simon C. Camp: Officer of the Guard, Edw. Caswell; Surgeon, Dr. F. Hinkle; Chaplain, Rev. H. Wheeler; Delegates to the Department Encampment at Wilkes-barre, W. Hayes Grier, H. Mullen and J. W. Yocum. Alternates, Washington Hershey and Cyrus Bruner; The post is in good financial standing, and is one of the strongest in the state, and is steadily on the increase

Our School Superintende Considerable complaint is made about the chools in our neighboring town, especially the smaller ones. They say the rooms in cold weather are so cold that they are unpleasant to sit in, and that in summer they are so poorly ventilated that they are nearly suffocating. We would advise such persons to visit the Columbia schools, which, since Prof. B. G. Ames has been superintendent here, reached a high degree of perfection. The professor can always be found around the schools, and weigh about 180. He wears a suit of if approached upon the subject nearest his black with a coat which he buttons nearly heart—the Columbia public schoolswill gladly tell you how he has worked and | rather shiny in front, and on the rear is pushed the school directors to have this and that done, and how after considerable labor he succeeded. Since the opening of 1881, a number of necessary additions have been made. A new school house for the colored children, which was undoubtedly necessary, as their old one was in a very poor condition; fire escapes more real "gall" than any man who has in the Cherry street building ; repairs on the institution, and everything conceivable to the comfort of the school children. The professor, aided by the present efficient chool board has done all this, and our citizens can feel proud of their public schools, as no better can be found outside of our large cities When contagious diseases were prevalent the professor advised the school board to close the schools. and when the smallpox scare was here all days ago he asked the chief of police to children had to be vaccinated or were not send him home free of charge. If he re-

allowed to go to school. Little Locals " Doves " dissolved .- Mr. and Mrs. D. Myers visiting Mrs. H. Booth, Locust street.-Shawnee furnace stopped for an hour yesterday to have flues cleaned .-Coal Dealer Filbert repairing railroad siding .- Library committee ordering new books. - "Boccaccio" troupe through from Reading to York .- S. S. Detwiler has bought 160 acre farm at Shank's Ferry, York county.—By the breaking of derrick tackling at Shawnee furnace five men thrown into a pit and severely hurt; another had index finger of left hand cut required such gutters to be laid higher off while loading car wheels.-Railroad wreckers off to Washington to raise the wrecked cars.-Shawnee rolling mill stopped; some dissatisfaction of em-

ployees.-On Sunday Rev. F. P. Mayser will preach in St. Paul's German Lutheran church, after which the congregation will attend the corner-stone laying of the new St. John's Lutheran church, Locust and

ANOTHER SUDDEN DEATH.

Ellen Nash, a colored girl aged about 18 years and residing in John street, died suddenly yesterday morning about two clock. She had been suffering from heart disease for some time and had been attended by Dr. Westhaeffer, but not lately. She went to bed apparently as well as usual, but died suddenly at the hour above stated. Coroner Mishler's jury returned a verdict of death from heart

The coroner, with a jury, yesterday afternoon visited the residence of Henry Snyder, West Clay street, whose wife was found dead in bed as related in the INTEL-LIGENCER yesterday. After viewing the remains and taking testimony, the jury rendered a verdict of death from beart disease. Dr. Compton was the physician attending the coroner in both the above

Dr. H. E. Muhlenberg, who attended Mrs. Snyder for two months, and who was not summoned before the coroner's jury, says the woman did not die of heart disease, but was subject to convulsions, caused by organic female trouble. The doctor saw her the day before she died. The report that her husband had disappeared is incorrect. He is in town, and is collecting money to bury her.

Deputy Coroner Wm. Rhoem, at the request of the coroner, yesterday empan-eled a jury and visited the late residence of "Aunt Polly Williams," colored whose death was announced yesterday. After viewing the body and hearing the testimony of Horace Reynolds, a grandson of the deceased, and Dr. L. A. Warren, the attending physician, from which it appeared that the old lady was taken sick two weeks ago and had careful attendance, the deputy coroner dismissed his

THE MAN WITH CHEEK. WHY NOT ENTER HIM AT THE NEXT

ne Will Take the First Prize.

L. M. DeMott is the name of an indi-

vidual who for a month past has been

beating hotel keepers, saloon men and others in this city. He is a book agent by occupation, and several years ago sold a large edition of Shakspeare in this city. At that time he stopped at the Stevens house, which was managed by Wilson & Son. He left town owing them about \$100 for board. On Friday, November 1st, of this year, DeMott again landed in this city as agent for a book entitled "A History of Rome." He went at once to the Stevens house, but Mr. Hiestand knew him and refused to keep him. He then went over to the Cooper house, and secured board of Mr. Tripple by telling him that he paid his windows look handsome.—Ten tramps arrested yesterday.—Squire Frank is out of town. Officer Struck now works for Squire Grier.

board every week. At the end of the first week Mr. Tripple gave him his bill; he said that was all right, he would pay it when he received a check which he expected in a few days. The check never came, of course, and Mr. Tripple wrote to the firm which DeMott claimed he represented; he received no answer and at the end of the third week he turned De-Mott out, as he found that he was one of the rankest of dead-beats. The man next turned up at the City hotel, where he boarded for 10 days. When asked for the money for his board he showed Mr. Power, the proprietor, a telegram alleged to have been sent from his firm, stating that they would send him money The day for the arrival of the dust passed and DeMott, who had not been working but had been drinking whenever anyone would buy him a dram. was unceremoniously "fired" from the hotel. While boarding at the City hotel DeMott told the down-town men that he was stopping at the Cadwell house. In-quiry was made there congerning him, but Mr. Barnett knew him not. After this "Mr." DeMott stopped two nights at the Sorrel Horse hotel, but paid nothing for it. On Monday night, as stated in the INTELLIGENCER, he stopped at the Cross Keys hotel, where he also at-tempted to beat the proprietor; he was unsuccessful, however, as he was obliged to pay the bill on Tuesday. On that day he borrowed small sums of money from different parties by telling them "fairy tales." Yesterday he came into the Inan article that had appeared in this paper injuring his character; he told a number of lies and stated that he got into the Cross Keys hotel on Monday evening because he was drunk and did not desire to go to his own hotel, the Stevens house, where he was a boarder. As soon as he left the office we learned by tele-phone that he had not been at Stevens house, as they would not keep him, knowing him to be a beat of the worst kind. After leaving this office he visited several hotels, at all of which he owed bills, and told the men there that he had given the INTELLIGENCER h-1" would have to retract. He bragged that

> without being disturbed, as he was sharp and knew how to work the people. The Man's Description DeMott is between 40 and 50 years of age, and has a moustache and beard, which is tinged with gray; he will probably sometimes in wrinkles as though it had been slept in. He is a good talker, and can tell plenty of stories in good style. He has a very pompous air about him and claims to be an intimate appeared here yet, and although he has been "fired" from every hotel in this city he has the cheek to go back to them and

he could stay in this city for three months

call for drinks, even going so far as to ask He has no money and since last Saturday has been hanging on by the eyelids. He has beaten every one who has had anything to do with him, and that is the way he has managed to exist. A few mains in this city long he will find that there are laws to lock up hotel beats and tramps and he will not need a ticket home

or a few months. Besides the persons mentioned above he owes a score of people in this city, including saloon keepers, restaurant men and others, from whom he has procured

drinks and victuals, or borrowed money. ZION'S NEW OBGAN.

The Largest and Most Beautiful Instrument Mr. C. F. Durner, of Quakertown, Bucks county, Pa., has built for Zion Lutheran church, this city, a very large and beautiful organ-larger than that of any other church in Lancaster-and he and his son have been engaged for some weeks past in putting it into position, The work is rapidly approaching comple-tion and the organ will be solemaly dedi-

cated next Sunday week. The case of the instrument is of solid walnut and recewood, of beautiful design, and highly creamented with carving. It is 21 feet in height, 18 feet in width and 11 feet in depth. The front of the case is divided into three large panels, the centre one being the largest. In these panels are set the front pipes, all of them being speaking pipes, and richly ornamented in colors and gilt, the ornamentation being so arranged as to give a perspective to the two outer panels, which appear to recede at their outer edges and form, apparently with the centre panel, three sides of an octagon. The optical illusion is very complete and the effect very pretty, when the spectator stands some distance from the

instrument. Within this pretty case are placed no less than 1,364 pipes. In the great organ are the following stops: Oges dispason, cetave, bourdon, gamba, dulctans, melodia, flute d'amour, twelfth, fifteenth, mixture and trumpet. In the grell organ are the violin, principal, quintadena, salic-ional, fugara, stopped diapason, flute harmonic, flautina, oboe and bassoon, and tremolo. In the pedal organ are the double open dispason, bourdon and violon-cello. The mechanical stops consist of a swell to the great organ, swell to pedal, great organ to pedal, pedal check and the

lower's signal. There are two banks of keyboards, of 61 notes each, a pedal keyboard of 27 notes, three composition pedals, and a balance

foot swell. Mr. Durner has recently made an improvement in the construction of his organs, whereby the wind pressure is taken from the valves, and the keys are as easily and delicately manipulated as those

of a piano. Mr. Durner kindly furnished the representative of the INTELLIGENCER with some music from the grand instrument, and showed that be is no less skillful in manipulating the keys than he is in the construction and adjustment of the multi-tudinous parts of which the organ is com-

posed.

The cost of the organ is between \$3,000 and \$4,000, and the vestry and members of Zion church deserve commendation for their zeal and liberality in providing for the worshipers so fine and coetly an in strument. Doubtless the dedicatory ser-