Forney's Character and Career.

The news of the death of John W. Forney will be sadly heard by very many people in this place of his nativity and scene of the successful labors of his early manhood, where his genial character made his acquaintances his friends, and his intelligent activity drew upon him the eyes and gained him the respect of the whole community. He was a remarkable character, endowed with a strength that took him close to the doors of the highest station, but yet dropped him short of the entrance. The arrow sped from a stout bow, but yet not so stout as to carry it to the fairly-aimed-at to the ton. mark. Col. Forney was a politician of a high order, but not a statesman of the highest. Making state-craft the business of his life, he lacked the independence and steadfastness to principle that would Albany by the filing for record in the which his aim was followed.

of most men, that he did not use all the Church one of the largest landed proprienature. He occupied the very front rank in public observation that he could reach. He was restrained by no sluggishness of disposition or diffidence of character from pressing as far forward as he could get. His industry was great, and his ability to graciously encounter her right to retain Kirkwood or name his be assumed that he accomplished in his choice of Dame Gossip to succeed Maclife all that his mental strength enabled him to, barring the lack of luck which may have forbidden him opportunities wart and harmless. of greater prominence, if not of greater distinction. Almost he was a United States senator; but it is not certain that he would have iluminated the position, although it is beyond question that he was a vastly superior man to the most of those who fill it.

There is no doubt at all that Col. Forney was a man of brains and great talents, although we may not claim for him the highest order of mind. He arose from obscurity to great prominence, and honestly earned a great deal of money while attracting a great deal, also, of public applause; a faculty which is notably rare among our public men. ic counterfeit out on that bank. The And yet probably it was this matter of money that was the greatest drag upon tations of the genuine. A glauce at the his aspiration after fame; for, freely as he made, he yet more freely spent, and note show they have been engraved and was seldom clear from a pressing necessity to supply the material wants of his extravagant disposition. Independence is a difficult, if not impossible, thing to such a character. If Col Forney had been born a millionaire he would have been still the same man, with the ability to indulge the natural promptings of his honest nature. zealous servant without fear or reproach. Indeed we do not know any man who singleness of, heart. He was exceedingly ambitious of fame and singularly unmoved by base considerations. The warm friendship felt for him by so many men attests the number of delightful traits in his character; and if we admit that he had weaknesses too, we only

admit his humanity. A great change was given to his life by his difference with Mr. Buchanan, of whom, having been the warmest friend lows : "The Tribune and the rest of the and advocate, he became one of the bitterest foes. The break in the relations message is exclusively the work of President of the two men necessarily followed Mr. Arthur, and that no member of the cali-Buchanan's elevation to power, because of net or any other party had anything to do the marked difference in the generosity of their characters. Forney was full of it, Buchanan had none to speak of. Forney was the prime agent in securing pleasure of reading the message for the Buchanan's nomination, and it never occurred to him that his successful Is this the reason why Blaine gives out his head blown off; a younger son was efforts would not be magnificently acknowledged. Not that he worked for his friend mainly for the reward. His enthusiasm was grounded upon his respect for his talents and the cordial friendship which the great man showed him. But when the president turned coldly away from him, after he attained the place which his humbler instrument had done so much to secure for him, Col. Forney's feeling were of course outraged, his sensibilities wounded, his selflove bruised, and his veneration for Mr. Buchanan turned into hatred by his great ingratitude. Mr. Buchanan doubtless did not consider himself un- York this summer Mr. Samuel J. Tilden grateful. He thought that he had done was her very attentive admirer." Miss much for Forney in writing him an unwise letter intended to secure for him the senatorship from Pennsylvania. He refused to feel any obligation resting upon him. It was not his nature to. He could not cling to his friends, and his entrance into the presidency severed his relations with most of them. It was not to their discredit, if they thought they were badly used. The scriptural following Tuesday evening she gives a rule to turn the unsmitten cheek "german." These official entertainalso to the smiter is not an accepted one in our lives. Col. Forney went out from his friendship with Mr. Buchanan supported by the sym- nor of Pennsylvania. The Clearfield Repathy of a host of friends who made at once successful the newspaper to which lives, says authoritatively: "The ex that rupture gave rise. It was a fortunate thing for Col. Forney that he got and his personal business, which so much away from his dependence into indepen- needs his time. He is not a candidate for dence; and it would have been still more fortunate if he could have staid independent in the proud position he had at the head of his journal. But he yearned for office, got it, and became an organ the position. On hearing of his resignaand an instrument. He ground and was ground; and was shattered; and shorn houses intimately connected with the of much of his influence before he broke away again to independence in the closing days of his active life.

THE happy, holy Christmastide draws n ar; and as it comes apace old winter time it hath been written that a green Christmas maketh a fat graveyard, and for sentimental no less than mortal reasons people like to see snow on the ground and ice over the water in the holiday James. season. Business droops and fresh WM. F. WELD, of Boston, who has died

a poor job of it.

fittest men shall have the proper places, and yet that Cameron and the influences which made Keifer speaker shall get all they want. 13-15-14 is nothing to Keifer's

Ir Tom Murphy shall be appointed assistant United States treasurer in New York there is a chance that Belknap "and all of us" may yet be happy. "The Halfbreeds doubt the news of course but Murphy is confident and Stalwart "confi by falling into a creek near Franklin, Vedence "now-a-days pans out a good deal

FRESH evidence of the prevailing tendency to accumulate lands in single proprietorship was furnished the other day in have made successful the force with c'erk's office of deeds for 150 farms from the old Van Rensselaer estate to Walter few hours after his rescue. It cannot be said of him, as it can be S. Church. This will make Colone talents with which he was endowed by tors in New York, as the farms range from 500 to 2000 acres each.

BOUTWELL is now thought to be booked for the navy department. The competition is lively for the interior portfolio. Sargent | turkeys in a clump of bushes. He crept is the leading candidate. lowa insists on his fellow men was unsurpassed. It may successor. Brewster is still the favorite Veagh. Frelinghuysen will succeed Blaine, and Lincoln will stay. He is stal-

> IT was Col. Forney's ambition to edit the administration organ under Buchauan's administration. During the last campaign he cherished the hope that in the event of Hancock's election he might be the head of a great newspaper enterprise in New York, which would champion the administration that was to usher in the new era of reconciliation, political only a short time. purity and old-fashioned economy of federal administration.

IF you get hold of a \$5 note on the Boyleston national bank of Boston, take a second look at it. There is a photographpink seal and figures are excellent imigreen border and ends on the back of the printed in such a crude manner as to at once attract attention and determine the fraudulent character of the note. The state arms in the left oval and the eagle in the right oval are wretched travesties.

SEVERAL week ago appeals were sent ardent, industrious, warm-hearted out to all the churches of the country to take up a collection for the Garfield Memorial hospital on the first Sunday in And, at least while his fortune endured, November. In all, some forty thousand in his store. Cause unknown. the country would have had in him a appeals were sent out to churches and to private citizens of well-known liberality. The project turns out a signal failure, less could have been liberally pensioned upon than five thousand dolars thus far having the country for his life with greater been received from all the churches in the profit to it than John W. Forney. He country, and not fifteen thousand dollars ter, the largest ship ever built on the would have done it the good service of from all other sources, including condiwhich he was capable, with ardor and tienal subscriptions, although \$200,000 were needed for the project to build the buildings and \$400,000 to properly endow the institution. As usual it is now talked of to transfer the undertaking from a private association to the government.

> THE Tribune (Half-breed) having declared that the message evidenced the vigorous work of Mr. Blaine, Hugh Hasting's Commercial (Stalwart) retorts as folworld might just as well know that the with its composition beyond furnishing the Barry county, Mich., because the tramp statistics and information relating to the was not furnished as good accommodations various departments. Mr. Blaine had the as he desired. The tramp is in custody. first time after it was read to Congress." that he will pick up his hat and go next badly cut about the head; one colored Wednesday?

PERSONAL.

Speaker Keifer has appointed Benja-MIN P. GAINES, of Ohio, to be his clerk. some time as correspondent of the Chicaga

JAMES McHENRY, the London banker, has instituted a suit for libel against President Bond, of the Reading railroad, for saying in an interview on November 26 that "Jim McHenry" was the veriest vagabond that walked the London streets, and a notorious stock jobber.

And now "report has it that during Miss CELESTE STAUFFER'S visit to New Stauffer is from New Orleans, but well known in this county. Her last visit to this city, where she is popular in the younger society, was during the past summer, as the guest of ex-Mayor Stauffer.

Mrs. BLACKBURN, the accomplished wife of the governor of Kentucky, will begin the gubernatorial entertainments of the winter on Tuesday evening of next week with an old-fashioned quilting party. It will close with a reel (O. S.) On the ments will inaugurate the gayety of the

Ex Senator WALLACE is not a candidate for the Democratic nomination for goverpublican, published in the town where he s nator asks to be permitted to give his time and attention solely to his practice the gubernatorial nomination nor for any other political office.

Joshua Nunn, who has served as vice consul general of the United States at London for twenty-six years, has resigned tion, a number of prominent business American trade presented him with a purse containing fifteen hundred guineas, accompanied by a very complimentary letter, as a token of their appreciation of his services.

A dispatch from London says : " Dr. LAMSON, who is suspected of causing the death of a student of the Blenheim ought to feel the need to make fitter house school, Wimbledon, with the view weather for the season. Long afore of succeeding to his property, and who time it hath been written that a green disappeared from that neighborhood, has been arrested. He will be formally charged with murder." Dr. L. will be remembered as formerly resident of Lancaster, and for a short time organist at St.

meat spoils in the languor of these In- lately in Philadelphia, worth ten millions, with the axe. Mr. Armstrong seized a dian summer days. The new administration and its weather direction make a poor job of it.

With the axe. Mr. Armstrong seized a gun and shot and killed him. The babe was uninjured. system. He refused several years ago to KEIFER is in despair over the work of pay taxes in Boston on \$2,000,000 worth of personal property, but paid the assessarranging his committees of the House so ment under protest and sued the city in that every man will have his desire, the 1875 to recover. He was defeated, but obtained an abatement on the assessor's valuation, and shortly after went to Philadelphia to live.

> STATE ITEMS. Washington Walters, of Derrick City, McKean county, fell from a scaffolding and was instantly killed.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, who has offered to donate \$250,000 toward a public library in Pittsburgh, is estimated to be worth \$10,000,000. George P. Corr, aged 67, was drowned

pango county, while drunk. Mayor Broderick, of Wilkesbarre has fixed his commercial value of a kiss at \$1.50. He fined a man \$4.50 for kissing a pretty girl three times against her will. John Matz, aged twenty, of Reading, was working on an ice dam across the river, when the bank caved in and buried him under a mass of earth. He died in a

Miss Means, one of the two old maider ladies who lived alone in Franklin township, Westmorelend county, has died from the effects of rough usage by burglars, who entered their house on the 19th of

Near Sand Patch, Westmoreland county. Samuel Wilhelm thought he heard wild toward the bushes, and, seeing something moving in them, fired. The bullet killed Julius Keefer, who was in hiding and seeking to lure wild turkeys with a call. Samuel Leter, of Pennsylvania, was

robbed on the border of Polk county, Ark. He had been buying land for a colony, and stopped at a cabin on the roadside. About 10 o'clock several masked men broke into the house and robbed him of \$4,000 and escaped. The robbers were mounted.

Margaret Kane, a women about fortyfive years of age, and the mother of five children, was killed on the railroad in Bridgeport near Norristown. She attempted to drive her cow from the track, when the engine of a passenger train struck her and threw her ten or twelve feet. Her head was horribly crushed, and she lived

Work on the detour from the Pennsylvania railroad, near Cresson has so far progressed that track-laying has begun. The route is the New Portage railroad and the tunnel and bed are being put in order. The line will be to Hollidaysburg, thence via Williamsburg to Petersburg, Hunting-don county, six miles west of Huntingdon, where the main line is again reached. The grades are much lighter than by the

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. Adam Weiner, 90 years of age, committed suicide at Brooklyn, N. Y., by hang-

Meyer May, a prominent citizen of Richmond, Va., has died suddenly aged Richard Lockett, a negro burglar, was

shot and killed at Butler, Ga., by a man Leon Schoop, a news and music dealer

at Richmond, Va., shot and killed himself J. K. Jillson shot and killed himself at Springfield, Mass., during a fit of despon-

dency, heightened by acute rheumatism. Edward O'Brien has launched from his shipyard, at Thomaston, Me., a ship named General Knox, of 2217 tons regis-Georges river. Governor Cornell, of New York, has ap-

pointed General Benjamin F. Treacy, of Brooklyn, as associate judge of the court of appeals, in the place of Judge Andrews, promoted to chief judge.

taken, the best quality only being selected by the thicves. Harris Vaughia, a colored boy, about and fall back upon the old and reliable

twelve years old, was yesterday kidnapped from Hamptou, Va., and carried off in a boat supposed to belong to a coasting schooner in the roads. A reward of \$50 An Italian tramp named Cassasser dan-

gerously stabbed Harry Jones, a farmer, Wednesday night, near Nashville, By a terrible boiler explosion at W. B. Jones's gin houses, Elberton Ga., an cight-year-old son of the proprietor had man had both legs and one arm broken, and another man was severely injured.

In the suit of John M. Armstrong, the widow and administratrix of John M. Armstrong (of Philadelphia, He is a nephew of the speaker and served some years ago murdered by Hunter, in Camden, for the insurance) against the New York Mutul life insurance company, the jury in the United States circut court in Brooklyn, before Justice Wheeler returned a verdict for the plantiff for the full amount claimed, \$10.

271.24. The steamer T. II. Moore, of the People's line, plying between Columbus, Ga., river struck on Beeton's rock, twenty-five miles below Columbus, and sank. The cargo consisted of cotton and mixed freight. The steamer went down in twenty feet of water and is a total loss. None of the passengers were injured. The cargo will be saved in a damaged condi-

At the Harris mines, a few miles from East St. Louis, Mo., the striking coal miners gathered at five o'clock yesterday morning, several hundred strong, and established a cordon around the pits through which the miners at work in the mines would have to pass. The sheriff and posse appeared on the scene, and the strikers retired. Later they returned in increased numbers, armed with revolvers. Affairs were critical, when the sheriff and posse bravely arrested several ringleaders and quelled the rioters.

Expouses of the Government for 1883. The book of estimates of appropriations required for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883,

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Objects		for 1883.		for 1882.
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Executive p	roper	109,860,00)	116,322,8
Depar't of st	ate	1,473,995,0	0	1,511,109.15
Treasury de	par't	117,619,613,7	, 1	67,145,147,43
War departs	ment.	45,559,276.9	1	46,792,845,7
Navy "	5 65	20,327,806.4		16,073,990 19
Interior "		1:2,665,042.9	t	80,212,844,53
Postoffice "		2,466,287.9		3,690,163.43
Dept of agric	cul	502,980.0	O:	355,500.00
Dept. of Jus	tice	2,816,620.9)	3,854,497.73
Grand totals		\$310,462,507.6	5 \$	325,555,963.55

A Frightful Tragedy in Georgia. Near Moscold, in Lamar county, Ga, Mr. Winchester Armstrong left home, leaving his wife and babe and old mother-in-law in the house. A crazy negro entered and tried to carry off the infant. The mother attempted to rescue the child and a terrible struggle ensued. The negro seized an axe and split Mrs. Armstrong's head open. She died in a little while. The negro then beat her mother to death, and while still at the butchery Mr. Armstrong returned. The fiend assaulted him

CATANTROPHE AT VIENNA.

Total Destruction of a Crowded Theatre Several Hundred Lives Lost—Heart-rending Scenes in the Building. The Vienna Ring theatre, formerly the hardt recently performed, took fire at 7 o'clock last night, just before the begin ning of the opera "Les Contes De Hoffman." The fire was caused by the fail of a lamp on the stage. The house was tolerably full, and the loss of life is very announcing that he had died at 3 a.m. The great. Sixty persons were saved by immediate events hastening his decease, means of ladders and by jumping into thus narrated in the Philadelphia Record cloths held below. The greatest efforts were made to save life. The scene was

terrible, the flames shooting up through the roof and eventually gutting the entire building. 11 P. M.: One hundred and forty-five odies have been brought of the theatre, but the dead therein are still numerous, many bodies having been consumed in the galleries and other elevated parts of the building. The chief cause of the catastrophe was that in the confusion the iron partition separating the stage from the auditorium was not lowered. Thousands of people assembled in the neighboring streets, where they could hear the cries of agony of the people at the windows of the theatre praying to be saved. The rapidity of the flames prevented the people from taking advantage of the ordinary exits. Only a small proportion of the audience saved themselves, which they did by leaping from windows three stories high into

cloths held below. MIDNIGHT: The taking out of bodies from the theatre continues. It is estimated that 300 persons perished. Some of the until Wednesday of last week, when his bodies are fearfully disfigured. Several strength deserted him and he was compersons were injured in springing from pletely prostrated. At first it was thought the windows of the theatre. Among the that he was suffering from overwork and the windows of the theatre. Among the missing are Herr Fefe, court musical director, and Herr Hellmersperger. Most of the bodies identified up to the present time are those of tradesmen and minor officials. On the spreading of news of the disaster, the performances at the other theatres were stopped.

The London Standard's dispatch from

Vienna says: "It is estimated that the audience in the theatre numbered 2,000. Many persons were trampled to death in Many persons were trampled to death in the panic which ensued. As soon as the disease of the kidneys, began, howfire was seen there was an explosion of gas, and the audience was plunged in darkness."

Iron Ore Production. Pennsylvania is still at the head of the states producing iron ore, her yield being little more than one-fourth of the whole product, but Michigan is pressing us closely. Of the total product of the Unites States in the census year 271 per cent. came from Pennsylvania mines, and 23 per cent. from Michigan, and Michigan actually headed the list in value of product. There were sixteen states producing iron ore in 1870; there are now twenty-three; the number of employees has been more than doubled,

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

use of steam power and machinery.

and the increase in quality of product has

been still gteater, owing to an increased

Goose-Bone Philosophy. We have had laid upon our table the breast-bone of a fat goose. recently slaughtered and roasted by our good friend Henry Eckert, of Gordonville. The goose-bone is unmistakably marked with what many people regard as a sure index of the condition of the weather for the enduring the early part of the winter. Near the middle of the bone there is a dark purple blotch of irregular shape, which indicates that we may look out for severe weather or early in March; while the stern of the bone is also a dark purple, a sure sign

Kidder & Co., of Grand Rapids, was raided by burglars and \$400 worth of furs the best arms and \$400 worth of furs theory, and who scout Vennor and Old Probabilities, will have to wait Candlemas,

> Driving Accidents. Last Sunday, as Mrs. Hull, accompanied by a son and daughter, was driving through Fairville, she touched up the horse with a carriage whip, which caused the animal to spring suddenly forward, tearing the harness and breaking one of the driving lines Fortunately, the unbroken line gave Mrs. Hull the power to pull the animal into a fence corner until assistance arrived and rescued the party from their rather perilous position.

> This morning a young man named Trout was driving the horse and wagon of Metzger & Reist's West King street grocery, across the railroad at the Plum street crossing, near the Penn iron works when, Trout says, a train came along without whistling, struck the team and broke the horse's leg. He will have to be

Circumstantial Story of a Duel. The Harrisburg Telegraph has an account of a duel that took place on Friday last on an island in the Susquehanna river, opposite Steelton. The parties engaged were young men respectively from Carlisle and Harrisburg. They were at a ball given in Carlisle on Thanksgiving and Apalachicola, Fla., on her trip up the night, when the gentleman from Carlisle received the major portion of smiles that were bestowed by a young lady who was escorted to the ball by the Harrisburg gentleman. Hot words ensued in the ball room, and a challenge was sent by the Carlisle gentleman and promptly accepted by the other. The first fire was harmless, but in the second the Carlisle gentleman had his arm broken, when he declared himself satisfied. No arrests have been made.

> Police Cases. Alderman McConomy this morning committed "Chicago Slim" and Pat Kelly to the county prison for 20 days each. They were arrested by Officer Pyle for drunken and disorderly conduct in and about the Pennsylvania railroad.

> The mayor had only four customers this morning. Two of them, indigent travelers who had applied for lodgings and were given a soft plank to sleep upon, were discharged with a cup of coffee and a bless. ing. A drunken man paid costs, and was five days for needed rest and recuperation.

> > Tobacco Sales.

20 inches in length, and 8 and 3; J. W. Wallace, at 25 for all over 24 inches, and and 12 and 3; William Knerr, 3 acres, at 25 for all aver 24 inches, and 12 and 3.

A Little Wreck.

Another small wreck occurred on the Pennsylvania railroad, near the bark mill this city, last evening between 4 aud 5 the track, blocking up the road for the remainder of the evening and night. The day express train which passes here at 5:15 was delayed about an hour. OBITUARY.

DEATH OF COL. FORNEY.

The Career of a Distinguished Journalist The telegraphic news of yesterday brought tidings of the critical illness of Comic opera house, where Sarah Bern- Col. John W. Forney, the well-known journalist and politician of Philadelphia. The morning papers confirmed the accounts of his precarious condition, and at about 10 a. m. to-day a dispatch reached Lancaster of to-day, will be read with painful interest by his wide circle of friends in this city and county: "I feel as though I had twenty years of

life before me yet," said Colonel John W. Forney to a reportorial friend a few weeks ago. But man proposes and God disposes. Yesterday the veteran journalist, whose name is known over two continents, lay at his residence on Washington Square at the point of death. When this sorrowful fact became known through the evening papers it produced a profound sensation, for although Colonel Forney had been confined to his room for a week the fact was only known to the family and a few intimate acquaintances. The week before last, while on a visit to Washington, he caught a severe cold, and was advised by his friends to return home at once. But urgent business compelled his presence in New York, and when he reached this city it was apparent that he was not in his usual good health. He kept bravely at work, however, in the editorial chair of Progress that a short respite from his arduous were taken to cancel a large number of lecturing engagements which he had made for different parts of the country during "Thomas Jefferson" and "Andrew Jackson" being the topics upon which he had arranged to speak. Symptoms of that terrible malady, Bright's all the efforts of his physician. Dr. Frank Getchell, he gradually sank. Up to Wednesday he retained consciousness and perused the daily papers, but on the evening of that day he fell into a comatose state. At noon yesterday Dr. Getchell informed the sorrowing family that in his opinion the patient had peached a stage at which recovery was out of the question. Up to an early hour this morning there was no perceptible change in his condition, and he had not regained possession of his faculties. There were large numbers of anxious callers at the residence yesterday afternoon and evening. Mr. George W. Childs and ex-Speaker Randall were sent for in the morning. When Mr. Childs called the patient could not recognize him. Mr. Randall arrived at night

and took his place by the bedside of his The end scems to have come quite as early as had been anticipated. As is well known to nearly all the readwas born in Lancaster in 1817, and the He made these and many other visits to circumstances of his parents gave him no Lancaster, the occasion of renewing and Balance on hand. advantages at the start of life's battle, reviving his acquaintances and nothing save those which natural genius, a comsuing winter. The front or "prow" of mon English education, youthful ambition, the bone is perfectly white, which indi- geniality of disposition and ardent induscates a pleasant autumn and mild weather try endowed him with. As early as at the age of 13, he was a boy in a store, and soon afterwards became an apprentice in the Journal printing office, edited with squalls about midwinter. Further to the rear is a broad white belt, indicating well. When but 20 years of age he pura term of mild weather, late in February chased the INTELLIGENCER, James H. Bryson being associated with him

in its publication for a part of the year 1837, at the end of which Forney bought him out and ran the paper himself until Sept. 1839, when he consolidated with it the Journal and enlarged the joint publication, making it a leading state paper and of the Democratic party. For a brief period during his connection with it he was prothonotary of the common pleas court, by appointment, and devoted himself to his editorial duties in this city until 1845, when he removed to Philadelphia to more efficiently discharge the duties of deputy surveyor of the port, to which President Polk had appointed him. His natural bent toward aggressive journalism, however, led him to purchase a true royalty of those Americans who orc-half interest in the city and state rise to deserved eminence by their own Democratic organ of that day, the Pennsylvanian, with which he was associated from 1845 to 1853. Elected clerk of the Federal House of Representatives in 1851, ion, gray side whiskers, strong and yet address he spoke of the improvement of he held the place for several years, and for graceful figure, and, until somewhat crip- the schools; how a great amount of money his satisfactory and impartial discharge of its duties, during the memorable with fine step. struggle of 1855 56 for speaker, resulting in Banks' election he was tendered the compliment of a unanimous vote of thanks and commendation. He public men. Few have contributed so improvements in scholarship" has been became an editor of the Washington much to the current periodical literature gradually on the increase, both in the Union, but when his friend, Mr. Buchanan, was nominated for the presidency, in order to devote himself with undivided zeal to work. the cause of his election, he left the paper, was made chairman of the Democratic state central committee of Pennsylvania, threw his soul into that canvass and his labors in the press, on the stump and in James, John W. Forney, jr., Mrs. W. W. the party councils were exhaustive, untiring and comprehensive. They carried Pennsylvania for "her favorite son' and that settled it. He was nominated for United States senator tives of his wife. His brother-in-law. W. by the Democrats, then in supposed control of the Legislature, but the corruption of Simon Cameron and the treachery of Loebo, Waggonseller and Manear defeated him and cheated him out of the office just as he seemed to have reached the crowning point of his career and to have had the golden prize in his hand. His memorable quarrel with Mr Buchanan soon followed, the circumstances of this country in 1847. In 1848 he took up which are too fresh to need review here and the causes of which have discharged with the admonition to sin no long been in dispute between the more. A drunken woman was sent up for friends of the parties to it. He started the Press in 1857 and was elected clerk of faith and showed considerable ability in the House again in December 1858. The In Hopewell township, York county, the Sunday Morning Chronicle, established in west ward, which on several occasions following tobacco sales have been made: 1859, was converted into a daily and for a elected him to membership in the city A. C. Manifold to Stehman, of Lancaster time with "two papers, both daily," and county, 21 acres, at 18 cents for all over with his official position, large experience and wide acquaintance, few men occupied ber of St. Mary's church. At the time of county population, but they have sub-12, 5 and 3; Charles Gibbs, 3 acres, at 18 a more distinguished place in the public his death he was in the 61st year of his

for all over 20 inches, and 8 and 3; James gaze or exercised greater influence on lage. Liggett, 1 acre, at 25 for all over 24 inches, popular thought and feeling. In the divisions in the Democratic party he [espoused the cause of Douglas, and his opposition to the administration Kingston, Jamaica, on the 8th of Novemquickened his antagonisms and intensified his friendships. Naturally at the opening of the war he drifted into Republicanism o'clock. Owing to some imperfection in a and for seven years, covering the most switch two or three cars of a freight train eventful period of our history, he was took the wrong rail and were thrown from clerk of the Senate, a busy actor in the soon discovered the building to be on fire.

freedmen's bureau bill, and Forney first showed a disposition to break with his party when he sounded the famous "Halt" in a double leaded editorial, evoked by the treatment which Summer suffered from the Grant administration. He was tendered and, after declining, finally was pre vailed upon to accept, the collectorship of the port of Philadelphia and, though he proved a good officer, his frends generally deprecated his deporture from the path of independent journalism. He resigned it and aided the bolt against Hartranst in 1872 with his voice and pen. For this the Press was fiercely assailed by the Cameron faction and every effort was made to break it down; financial embarrassments no doubt caused bim to retire from its editorial management about 1874, and he went abroad as agent for the Centennial exposition, which scheme he eloquently promoted in England and on the continent, employing his leisure with letters to the Press, and with the production of further "Reminiscences of Public Men," in which he delighted, and for which his wide acquaintance gave him almost unequaled opportunities. Re turning, he occupied a prominent place in that celebration, and has been ever since a leading figure in the social and journalistic life of Philadelphia. Some years ago he established Progress, as a society and critical journal, and made it a model of typographical beauty and genial writing of the class to which it was devoted. But it has been only indifferently supported, and it is no secret that its success never quite justified the hopes of its publisher. In 1880 Col. Forney esponsed of the late wreck have now all been clearthe cause of Gen. Hancock's election with great earnestness, and wrote a complete journalistic labors would be followed by a campaign biography of the Domocratic restoration to health. Accordingly steps candidate; he spoke at many places in ter in the 1:20 p. m., train. He will be sent support of his election, and was in great demand as a stump speaker. He was greatly disappointed in the result of the campaign, and since then his paper has been ardently Democratic, bitterly op-

> One of the most notable features of Col. Forney's whole life and character was his unfaltering devotion to and grateful memory of his early home and associations. He never forgot Lancaster nor its people, and under all circumstances dutiful in every obligation, generous and noblehearted. In all the vicissitudes of his political career he tried to maintain unchanged relations with his Lancaster friends of every creed and party. He spoke in this city in 1866, for the new conspeeches in Fulton hall, this city, at Total ... Mountville, Quarryville and New Holland. had greater interest for him, albeit tinged with melancholy, than to see from time to Balance credited to building account time how his generation were "passing away," and the sons of the men with whom he associated were taking their

posed to the aggressive encroachments of

the "Plutogracy" on the rights and liber-

ties of the people, and devoted to the res-

toration of good feeling toward the South.

and the building up of its material inter-

places in the business, professional and social life of his native city. During his last visit and three days stay here, ia the presidential campaign of 1880, he was quite enfeebled and showed him. He delighted in the wonderful development of Lancaster county and never tired revelling in its beauties and enjoying its hospitality. He was fond of re calling the old men of his day and in tracing the career of those who started with him; but throughout the review of his own life he was bitterly mindful of the ingratitude and unkindness he had often met where least deserved and most unexpected. He was especially sensitive to the growing power of accumulated wealth and apprehensive of the dangers to the country from aggregated capital. His novel aimed to deal with this question while showing the

Col. Forney was a handsome man, of striking appearance, with ruddy complexpled with rheumatism, walked erect and was saved by the economical way in which

Few Americans of this age have had more eventful careers. No citizen of Lancaster had seen more of public life and for the better was indeed wonderful. "The of the day. But time alone will tell what white and colored schools The local permanent influence will attach to his

Col. Forney was married to a daughter of the late Philip Reitzel, of this city, and | pride, and was positive the system as it is she survives him, together with a family of children all grown, and of whom Capt. Weigley, Misses Emma and Tillie are well known in Philadelphia and Lancaster society. His sister, Miss Sue Forney, is a resident of Lancaster, and numerous rela-W. Reitzel, has been manager of Progress since its establishment.

Death of James Peoples. James Peoples, blacksmith, an intelligent and well-known resident of this city, died this morning at 10 o'clock at his residence on West Vine street, near St. Mary's church. Mr. Peoples was born in the county Donegal, Ireland, and came to his residence in this city, carrying on the blacksmithing and horse shoeing business until a few years ago, when declining health compelled him to relinquish it. He was an active politician of the Democratic moulding the politics of the old Southcouncils. He was a very genial man and informed on all matters of general interest. He was a strict Catholic and mem-

A Littz Man's Narrow Escape. The Lititz Record prints an account of the distress of the fire sufferers, ber, destroying seven buildings. The fire originated in a confectionery store, owned by L. C. Rutledge, in which Mr. Horace Eshbach, formerly of Lititz, was employed. About 2 o'clock that gentleman was awakened by a crackling noise in the house and scenes at Washington, intimate with all He had only time to save a few of his perits public men and a fertile contribu- sonal effects and escape from the flames tor to his papers. He quarreled by sliding down the posts of a piazza to with Johnson when he vetoed the the ground.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Council meets this evening. Five tramps in the lock-up last night. A horse employed at the "cut" fell lead this morning.
The Citizens' band will have no practice

antil after the holidays. Miss Lillie Hinton's parents were from Columbia.

The G. A. R. post is complete in equip ments except a drum, and this will soon be purchased Railroad traffic is slacking up.

Seventeen different men were hurt in Columbia during the past week.
One of the cars at little Washington, the most demolished one, was sold by the Pennsylvania railroad company to Mr. Brush, of that borough, for kindling wood.

A mail box has been placed on the opera house lamp post. Thanks to Postmaster Mullen. Mr. Geo. Sample, who has been scriously ill for the past six or eight weeks, is

out again. Mr. Scott Snyder is very dan

The boat that was caught at the bridge, on Wednesday evening, belonged to Amos Shutter, of Collins station. It was sent home yesterday. Miss Lillie Hinton Tuesday and "Pa-

tience," comic opera, Saturday evening of next week. Tobacco business increasing; a new

store recently opened on Locust near Third street. A young married couple, just rnturned

from their wedding tour, were treated last evening to a serenade. The Columbia wreckers, after working about four hours, succeeded it raising the

three ears at Washington. The remains ed away. A drunken man for indecent exposure had a hearing before Squire Young at noon to day, but missed being taken to Lancas-

there this evening.

The members of the Cookman chapel practiced last evening for their Christmas

entertainment. A number of our young men, those who participated in last year's entertainment for the benefit of the poor, were requested yesterday have another of the same kind during the holidays. The Shawnee Mill Strike, The strike at the Shawnee rolling 'mill has brought out the following facts: The men have different turns ; one week they

work at night and the next week at day When the "day turn" goes off the "night turn" goes on. On Wednesday as the night turn were about quitting work they were informed that they would be compelled to work another week during the and all his effusiveness and the warmth of hight. This they refused point blank to his nature were called out by recollections they struck. Neither the manager nor the do, and as there was only one alternative, of this city and county. To the mother men have as yet come to a definite concluand sister left here he was always sion, but the mill will not start again for a

The School Board. All of the members of the school board were present at the meeting last evening except Mr. Wike. The finance committee reported as follows:

Balance on hand \$5,075 46 Tuition—Stoner \$6, Mellinger \$6. 12 00 Orders paid .. Under this head the financial statement of the new building on Fifth street was

Several questions on taxes were referred to the finance committee.

The text book committee and repair and supply committee were given orders for purchases made. Miss Paine's school was granted more desks; and a thermometer signs that age was beginning to tell upon was ordered for each room. The library committee was awarded an order for its appropriation for 1881. Mr. Given made an eloquent speech in regard to the library, and said that if the board would pay the librarian, room rent, heat, light and other incidental expenses, he and the rest of the committee would make it a personal matter to canvass the town and vicinity for subscribers and to work it up. On motion the rate of subscription was lowered from two dollars to one dollar.

The auctioneer was ordered to be paid for selling off the Fifth street building. Building committee reported progress and approved bills for \$214 65, which were ordered paid. It was resolved to close the schools for holidays from Dec. 23 to Jan. 9. J. A. Slade, J. A. Meyer and A. Bruner were appointed a committee on next commencement, to report occasionally to the board and to confer with the superintend

Superintendent B. G. Ames made his second annual report which gave immense satisfaction to the board. In a lengthy the schools were conducted, yet at the same time everything was first class; about the morals of the scholars compared to what thy were two years ago, the change institutes he thinks of a great benefit to the teachers, as was proven by two letters from teac ers. He spoke of the high school with feelings of now worked cannot be improved. He complimented the school board upon their efficient services and thanked them for as sisting him in raising the grade of the colored school, and also for givin; them comfortable quarters. He offered several recommendations and they will be acted upon. The report was accepted and a committee of three appointed to take into consideration the recommendations contained therein and to report to the board at subsequent meetings. President Meyer will act as chairman of the committee.

Michigan Rettef. The Detroit Free Press of the 7th inst. contains the following letter from Mayor MacGonigle to the chairman of the relief committee of Detroit, Michigan. We reproduce the letter, as it pays a deserved

tribute to the liberality of our citizers and especially of the Mennorices: LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 5, 1881. HON. H. P. BALD WIN - Dear Sir : Enclosed find draft for \$144.14, the balance remaining in my hands at this date of contributions to the sufferers of your state by the fires of last summer. Our people have done well, and particularly the roli gious people of this county known as Mennonites have responded nobly. At a rough guess I would say the Menuonite: do not number more than one tenth of the scribed to your sufferers fully one third of the total amount remitted, \$2,214.14. Hoping that the efforts of the charitable will to some considerable extent have alleviated

JNO. T. MACGONIGLE, Mayor. The report published in the Free Press shows the total number of subscriptions eceived from all sources up to date to be

159,933.43. Will Have to Walk Hom :. The Will Grover "Humpty Dumpty" troupe which appeared here the other night, and gave a very good show too, stranded at Norristown, Wednesday, and didn't have enough money to get away.