Lancaster Intelligencer.

THÚRSDAY EVENING, DEC. 22, 1881.

Judge Cox's Course. Judge Cox comes in for a great deal of seem to be particularly disturbed about

free and easy proceedings in the French courts across the channel would have accustomed them to the scene presented now for the first time in an American court. On the continent, and in France especially, it is very usual for colloquies between the court and the prisoner to occur; Guiteau's practice is an enlargement upon this, it is true, since he addresses everybody and nobody: still the scene is no more undignified than such as are often witnessed in European courts, and there is no need for the newspapers of England to feel a great deal of astonishment at the license allowed the Washington prisoner.

It is particularly a case in which criticism is easy, but correction difficult. It is certainly the fact that Judge Cox has no power of moral suasion to compel Guiteau to hold his tongue. If he was in fact repressible by such means then it would be wrong not to repress him. The theory of his insanity compels the admission that he cannot himself control his tongue, and therefore the judge can then claim that he is not insane. But only issue that it has to try.

If Guiteau is insane then it must be admitted that it is such a character of insanity as to make him irrepressible but by physical force. That is the claim of the defense and that is the matter to be tried. What then is the judge's duty? Judge Cox has decided that it is incumbent on him to refrain from prejudging department reorganization. the case by treating Guiteau as sane and that his duty requires him to les him expose himself before the jury as though really what he claims to be. We cannot see that he could have come to must be based upon the presumption that he is insane. Should then an insane man be gagged, or should be be removed manity as well. Certainly so long as the a candidate for the graveyard. prisoner's conduct is at all endurable, the judgment of a sensible and humane mind would forbid his seclusion from his trial or his physical repression. There is positive advantage, furthermore, to the course of justice in such magnanimity, for a jury can in no way better judge the state of the prisoner's mind than in viewing it in its unrestrained manifestations. We consider that Judge Cox is doing so nearly right in his embarrassing position as to deserve commendation rather than condemnation.

The House Committees.

The chairmen of the House committees as fixed by Speaker Keifer will not take the country by surprise, as they had been anticipated in the main by the newspaper correspondents. The Stalwarts could not secure the displacement of Hiscock from the appropriations committee, and the administration had too much political sagacity to lend itself to this movement, which would have been an immediate declaration of war. Judge Kelley is put at the head of the ways and means committee, but its majority is by no means as violently high tariff as the chairman. Mr. Randall is put on this committee, though a third Pennsylvanian, Russell Errett, is also a member of it; the ex-speaker was crowded on it no doubt to save Keifer the necessity for putting him on the appropriations committee, in which service he won his greatest distinction and the gratitude of the country for his heroic resistance to jobbery and his enforcement of public economy. Such services are not wanted by the prevailing majority in Congress now. However, Mr. Randall is assigned to the one chairmanship given the minority by a new courtesy, and some of the Democratic leaders are recognized by appointments on the more important committees. It is a proper subject of complaint that Mr. Hewitt, one of the ablest and most useful members of Congress, placed on the insignificant committee on buildings and grounds, and nowhere else. He might very properly have been placed upon the ways and means committee to represent New York, as that state with a special interest in this committee hasn't a member on it. Mr. Cox is left on the census committee, as that subject has been has rendered valuable public service. and uninfluential place, despite his ability and long public service. Mr. Whitthorne, who exposed Robeson's rascalities, is punished with banishment to the tail end of the levees committee, while triumphant Robeson, Keifer's best and lost it in Wall street operations. He friend, is second on the naval committee. chairman of the committee on expenditures in the naval department, second on the appropriation committee, and has a place on the committee on rules. Thus is Robeson's administration en-

seven chairmanships. It will be re- descriptions of his personal appear them amply. Complaint is made that curtin is ignominiously slighted, that last desperate venture in a life of moral "Bayne is retired on military affairs. obliquity and personal discomfiture."

and Herr Smith is lost somewhere down among the tail, having indignantly declined the mileage chairmanship." In all of this can be traced the fine hand of the ruling dynasty in Pennsylvania politics, which having elevated Keifer to his adverse criticism because of the freedom place, uses him as an instrument to punof expression which be allows Guiteau, ish its enemies as well as to reward its and the leading newspapers of England friends. Curtin, Bayne and Smith were as surely marked for THE FAMILY'S it, although one would think that the vengeance as Errett, Brumm, Barr and Fisher for its favor.

MOUAT at last throws up the sponge. After twisting about for years as an eel Lefevre and Ellis. on the end of the hook, he makes up his mind that he has no chance of escape, at the hands of a court, though perchance he may still look hopefully forward to a pardon board. Judge Biddle and District Attorney Graham have earned great applause by the firmness and vigor with which they have stood in this case in the gates of the temple of justice. Judge Biddle again honors the name which often has been honored before, and gives the people the assurance of safety they must always feel when they fcel that they have an intelligent and honest judiciary to rely upon. It is the of Illinois, Weber, Dengley, Moore, Corguarantee of the liberties of the people. the bulwark behind which our demo ocratic institutions safely repose. While it remains strong and upright the country is safe indeed.

THE vote by which the ordinance reorganizing the fire department was only restrain it by physical means. No finally passed in common council shows doubt many persons will claim that that of the seventeen members in favor Guiteau is not thus powerless over of it nine are Democrats and eight are himself; but the same persons must Republicans; of the eight votes against it four are Democrats and four are Rethat is the very point that is in dispute. publicans-a pretty equal division, re-When they decide that he is sane and garded from a partisan point of view. proceed to treat him as a sane man by In select council Republicans and Demgagging him or removing him from ocrats were alike in favor of it. All court because of his contempt for its three of the daily newspapers favored a direction, they take from the jury the reorganization of the fire department.

Exit-Democratic majority in the House. Enter-the lobby strikers.

trial is amply vindicated by its result.

THIRTEEN Democrats and thirteen Republicans in councils voted for the fire

The new appropriations committee is solid for the old flag and an appropriation. The lobby is, happy.

THE sight of Reformer Philip C. Garany other conclusion; and the only crit- rett on the jury to try Mouat was more icism that can be applied to his action terrible to the detendant than an army

GUITEAU'S day of doom dawns. His from the court which he disturbs? The fate is fixed. Life insurance speculators law, jealous of the prisoner's rights, from Reading have written to Washington Shultz. Lord, Brewer, Kenna, Wise of frowns upon both these courses, and hu- agreeing to put \$100,000 risk on him. He's

> SPEAKER RANDALL was blamed by the Pennsylvania Republicans for his ways take notice that the free traders and tariff Calkins, Young, Cassidy, Berry, Benja-for-revenue men make up a majority of min Wood of New York, Brumm and for-revenue men make up a majority of the new ways and means committees.

THE Moravian is one of our excellent religious exchanges which does itself credit with a special Christmas number, in which one of the features is an admirable and touching Christmas story by "C. A.V.M," of Lancaster. Under its present manage ment the Moracian is taking long strides forward in church journalism.

With characteristic enterprise and good taste Rev. P. S. Davis, D. D., editor of the Reformed Church Messenger, has issued a Christmas number of that journal. It is a very considerable enlargement over nois, Page, Tyler, Welles, Clements, the size of the regular edition, and its most striking feature is a full size illustration on the first or cover page. The word; of an old Christmas carol, written by John of Damaseus, A. D. 1754, are set to music by Miss Alice Nevin, with a beautiful and well, Farwell of Iowa, Jones of New Jerillustrative border, designed by Mrs. Lala sey, Spooner, Vance, Turner, of Kentucky, M. B. Kieffer, of this city; in the upper right band corner a cloud of angel faces Ray, Dawes, Pettibone, Parker, Rice of are about the star of Bethlehem, and the Ohio, lower part of the border is made of holly boughs, the whole forming a very happy design, in which we can take just local pride as the work of two of our gifted Carolina, Robinson of New Jersey, and townswomen. Other special illustrations of this number of the Messenger are the 'Coming of the Magi " and "The Nativity of Christ," from Dore's conceptions of Biblical illustration. Rev. C. S. Gerhard, of Columbia, and Rev. J. A. Peters, of this city, are among the contributors to this Christmas number, and Miss Patty bour and Chapman. F. Nevin writes most entertainingly of "The Sacred Bambino of Ara Coeli," and burn, W. A. Wood of New York, Ryan, the "child preaching" at Rome during DeMotte, Lewis, Ladd, Fulkerson, Martin, the Christmas season.

CRIME AND CALAMITY.

Recent Disaster and Rescalities. J. Carrigan, 35 years of age, was killed on the Chester Creek railroad, near Lam-

okin station, yesterday. Two young men, brothers, were drowned while skating at Pembroke, Ontario, yesterday.

The house of John Evans, at Sheridan, Michigan, was burned on Tuesday, and two little children were burned to death. A locomotive and tender plunged through an open draw-bridge into the north branch of the Chicago river, at Chihis hobby and in its useful work he cago yesterday afternoon, killing the conductor and seriously injuring the engineer. Mr. Holman, "the watch-dog of the the river prevented the signals being The noise and smoke of factories along treasury," is given a very insignificant heard or seen by the bridge tender or rail-

road men. Frederick A. Palmer, auditor of city accounts of Newark, New Jersey, surrendered himself yesterday and confessed that during the last three years he had stolen about \$125,000 of the city's money is about 35 years of age and has a wife and

Watterson's Opinion of Guiteau. Henry Watterson attended the Guiteau trial and telegraphed his paper that Guitean "impressed me to day as a man of acute understanding, and, though a blundorsed and the exposure of its iniquities dering, a truculent wit, as a mimic actor on a real stage he certainly cuts no mean The most striking thing about the figure, and will go down to history as abappointments is that Pennsylvania gets solutely suigeneris—a sort of weird and wizened apotheosis of dead-beatism. All membered that it is to Pennsylvania at fault. He is simply brazenly and shabthat Keifer owed his election, and it is bily and scantly genteel. His voice, intherefore apparent that the proverbial stead of being harsh and unnatural, is both trading character of its politicians drove a good bargain for themselves in the pitch of Wendell Phillips, but a homely, arrangement to elect Keifer. They a vulgar cross between the two, with a made him speaker, and he now rewards touch of Mulberry Sellers and a reminis-

THE HOUSE COMMITTEES. HISCOCK HEADS THE LIST.

KELLEY AND A MODERATE PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

Randall Excluded from Appropriations. Following is a complete list of the committees, as announced by Speaker Keifer

yesterday: Appropriations—Hiscock, Robeson, Can-non, Burrows of Michigan, Butterworth, Caswell, Ryan, O'Neill, Ketcham, Blackburn, Cox of New York, Atkins, Forney,

Ways and Means-Kelley, Kasson, Dun nell, McKinley, Hubbell, Haskell, Russell of Massachusetts, Errett of Pennsylvania, Randall, Tucker, Carlisle, Morrison and

Judiciary-Reed, Willetts, Robinson of Massachusetts, Briggs, Humphreys, Taylor, McCoid, Payson, Norcross, Knott, Hammond of Georgia, Culberson, Converse, Hanning of Mississippi and Townshend of Illinois

Elections-Calkins, Hazleton, Wait, Thompson of Iowa, Ranney, Ritchie, Pettibone, Miller, Jacobs, Paul, Beltzhoover, Atherton, Davies of Missouri, Jones of Cexas and Moulton.

nell, Brumm, Buckner, Hardenburg, Flower and Ermentrout. Coinage, Weights and Measures-Fisher. Bedford, McClure, Lacy, Washburn, Pay-

Haseltine, Stephens, Singleton of Mississippi, Rosecrans, Bland and Luna. Commerce-Page, Richardson of New York, Townsend of Ohio, Herr, Washburn, Candler, Ward, White, George, Guenther, Reagan, McLane, Gibson, Ross, and Herndon. Agriculture-Valentine, Updegraff

Ohio, Carpenter, Anderson, Godschalk, Wadsworth, Rich of Michigan, West, Cullom, Haseltine, Hatch, Dibrell, Aiken, Latham, Black and Post, Foreign Affairs-Williams, Orth, Kasson, Rice of Massachusetts, Dunnell, Lord,

Walker, Blount, Wilson, Deuster and Bel-Military Affairs-Henderson, McCoid, Bayne, Steele, Davis of Illinois, Spalding, Spooner, Sparks, Upson, Bragg, Wheeler and Maginnis.

Naval Affairs-Harris of Massachusetts, Robeson, Harmer, Thomas, Watson, Ketcham, Dezendorf, Maise, Davidson of JUDGE BIDDLE'S course in the Mouat Florida, Talbot and Harris of New Jer-

> Postoffices and Post Roads-Bingham, Audersou, Jorgensen, Lacey, Pecle, Farwell of Iowa, Morey, Springer, Mooney, Evins, Armfield and Brents. Public Lands-Pound, Belford, Hep-

> burn, Dwight, Watson, Strait, Rice of Missouri, Cobb, Cravens, Phister and Mutchler. Indian Affairs-Haskell, Deering, Rice of Massachusetts, Mason, Spalding, Buck, Richardson of New York, Hooker, Scales,

Weiborn, Blanchard and Ainslie. Territories-Burrows of Michigan, Aldrich, Van Voorhis, Miller, Dawes, Crowley, Grout, Mills, Richardson of South Carolina, Dugro, Lecdom and Pettigrew. Railways and Canals-Townsend of Ohio, Dwight, Henderson, Campbell, Pennsalvania, Chalmers and Hoblitzell. Manufactures-Campbell, Hammond of

Godschaik, West, Chase, Finley, Murch, Harris of New Jersey, and Stockslager. Mines and Mining -Van Voorhis Davis and means committees. They will please of Illinois, Bingham, Fulkerson, Hobbs,

> Ouray. Public Buildings and Grounds—Shallenberger, Lewis, Cutts, De Motte, Scranton, Ford, Smith of New York, Cook, Hewitt of New York, Singleton of Illinois and Herbert.

Pacific Railroads-Hazelton of Wisconsin, Harmer, Robinson of Ohio, Hammond of New York, Paul, Darrell, Farwell of Illinois, Butterworth, McKenzie, Bliss, House, Dunn and Nolan. Mississippi Levees-Thomas, Carpenter,

Prescott, Darrel, Rice of Ohio, Moore, Jones of Texas, Burrows of Missouri. King, Thompson of Kentucky, Gunter of Arkansas, Clardy and Whitthorne. Education and Labor-Updegraff of Ohio, Sherwin, Carpenter, Davis of Illi-

Money, Dibble and Dowd. Militia-Strait, Bayne, Hawk, Money, Gunter of Arkansas, Valentine, Thompson of Kentucky, Frost, Mosgrove and Jones

of Arkansas. Patents-Young, Ritchie, Skinner, Cas-Scoville and Shelley

Invalid Pensions—Brown, Joyce, Cullen, Wadsworth, Matson, Caldwell, Simonton, Cabell, Latham and McMillan. Pensions-Marsh, Hepburn, Rice of Missouri, Stone, Steele, Webber, Fulkerson, Hewitt of Alabama, Cox of North

Burrows of Missouri. Claims-Crowley, Taylor, Bowman. Mason, Thompson of Iowa, Ray, Peelle, Hill, Smith of Illinois, Mills, Hutchins, Turser of Georgia, Buchanau, Clark and

War Claims-Houk, Updegraff of Iowa, Smith of Pennsylvania, Ranney, Jadwin, Hall, Robertson, Geddes, Holman, Bar-Public Expenditure-Randall, Black-

Gunter of Arkansas and Berry. Private Land Claims-Pacheco, Norcross, Hazelton of Wisconsin, Cornell.

Morey, Cutts, Muldrow, Williams of Alabama, Ford, Shackleford and Hoge. District of Columbia-Neal, Heilman Barr, Urner, Smith of New York, Pierce, Dezendorf, Klotz, Garrison, Cassidy and Allen.

Revision of the Laws-McKinley, Robnson, Buck, George, Brumm, Hall of New Hampshire, Jadwin, Covington, Richards of South Carolina, Jones of Arkansas, and McMillan. Expenditures in the Department State-Deering, Lindsey, Barr, Williams

of Wisconsin, Hendron, King and Frees. Expenditures in the Treasury Department-Belford, Reed, Heilman, Scranton, Forney, Buckner and Curtin. Expenditures of the War Department-Briggs, Miles, Steele, Marsh, Blackburn, Jones of Texas and Sparks.

Expenditures in the Navy Department -Robeson, Harris of Massachusetts, Harmer, O'Neill, Phelps, Turner of Kentucky, and Morse. Expenditures in the Postoflice Department-Caunon, Walker, Pound, Farwell, of Illinois, Reagan, Tillman and Ladd.

Expenditures in the Interior Department-Hubbeil, Crapo, W. A. Wood of New York, Shultz, Simonton, Blanchard and Burrows of Missouri. Expenditures in the Department of Justice-Willetts, McCoid, Norcross, Neal, Singleton of Missouri, Blount and Bragg.

Expenditures on Public Buildings-Errett, Robinson of Ohio, Hook, Grout, Wise of Pennsylvania, Garrison and Latham. Rules-The Speaker, Messrs. Orth, Robson, Randall and Blackburn.

Accounts-Urner, Skinner, Brewer, landler, Martin, Clardy and Hoge. Mileage-Jorgensen, Rich of Michigan, Ward, Cobb and Moulton. The Library-McCook, Lindsay and

Printing-Van Horn, McClure and Springer. Enrolled Bills-Aldrich, Pierce, West, Shallenberger, Kenna, Warner and Belmont.

Census-Prescott, Sherwin, Bayne, Fulkerson, McCoid, Pierce, Cox of New York, Colerick. [Wise of Virginia, and

Civil Service-Orth, Kasson, Horr, Briggs, Neal, Hubbell, Butler, Worth, House, Curtin, Tucker and Phelps. Pensions, Bounties and Back Pay-Joyce, Brown, Lindsey, Hawk, Whitthorne.

Curtin and Mosgrove. The Presidential Election-Updegraff of Iowa, Camp, Crapo, White, Fisher, Jacobs, Lindsey, Stephens, Morrison, Carlisle and Hewitt of New York.

Public Health-Van Aernam, Updegraff of Ohio, Bowman, Cullen, Hobbs, Roserans, Colerick, Aiken and King. Additional Accommodation for Congressional Library-Rice of Massachusetts

Farwell of Illinois, Humphreys, Geddes and Gibson. Alcoholic Liquor Traffic-Wait, Joyce, Chase, Hepburn, Dingley. Williams of linquent city taxes, from common council, Alabama, Atkins, Davies of Missouri and was presented, read three times and passed

PERSONAL. Mrs. Rose Porter Shissler, of Ga-

ena, Illinois, is in Philadelphia, visiting The grand jury has found an indictment for embezzlement against CHARLES A. BYRNE, formerly editor of the Dramatic

News, at the instance of Joseph Hart. Mr. George G. Sickles, aged 82 years, father of Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, was married yesterday, in New York, to Mrs. MARY SHERIDAN SAWYER, aged about 45. Major John M. Carson, Washington correspondent of the New York Times, was yesterday elected clerk of the ways

and means committee. The friends and neighbors of Col. JAMES CHESTNUT in the Cumberland Valley are talking of him as a Democratic candidate for governor.

Alderman BARR left for Norristown today where the executive committee of the Firemen's association of the state met at 11 a. m., in the Humane engine company's house. HENRY MORRIS, for many years the

head of the firm of Morris, Tasker & Co., died on Tuesday at his residence, No. 520 Tasker street, Philadelphia, aged 80 JAMES RHODES, a wealthy farmer, res

pectably connected, was convicted at Harrisonburg, Virginia, yesterday, on the charge of perjury. It is his second conviction of that crime.

Statesman Logan, having leveled hi ance, comes out victor in the fray. He has secured the Chicago custom house for Jesse Spalding in place of the amiable WILLIAM HENRY SMITH, the agent of the Western associated press.

A numbe of members of the Philadelphia bar have tendered Hon, B. H. Brew-STER a dinner, to show their personal regard, as well as their gratification, at his appointment as attorney general of the United States.

PATTI has been talking to a Press reporter about her contemporary rivals in a very lively manner, and her opinion of them is summed up briefly thus: Gerster merely an instrument, Kellogg devoid of expression, Nilsson worn out, Cary the best contralto, and Minnie Hauk an artist. JEFFERSON DAVIS was visited in New Orleans by a correspondent in regard to the story that he had made away with \$2,500,000 Confederate specie at the end amendment in the shape of an entire new of the war. The accused old man said :

"I do not believe that Gen. Johnston ever made a statement so absurdly false." The " Continental Congress" in Session, The executive committee of the Independent Republicans of the state, who formed an organization a month ago at the Continental hotel, met last evening at the Girard house, Senator Stewart presiding. The other members present were Senator Lee, Franklin; J. M. W. Geist, Laneaster; Hugh S. Fleming, Allegheny T. W. Phillips, New Castle; and S. W. Pennypacker and William McMichael. Philadelphia. Ssnator Davies, of Brad ford, was the only absentee. The conference lasted from 8 o'clock until after midnight, and the committee refused to disclose the nature of the proceedings, declaring that no conclusion on any subject had been arrived at. It is understood that names of persons in various counties were discussed in connection with the matter of increasing the membership of the general committee to 250. The executive com-

when it is expected something definite will be accomplished.

mittee will hold another meeting to-day,

An Independent View. 'hiladelphia Times. It is an ungracious thing to say, but the first impression given by the formation of the committees seems to indicate the pestilential potency of the lobby. On the whole, Speaker Keifer has made about the worst possible use of the mater-

ial at his disposal. A Discarded Lover's Revenge. Brown's furniture store and Evart & Anderson's drug store and the office of the Warren (Ind.) News have been burned. Oscar Noe has been arrested, charged The friends of the bill in their conscious with firing the buildings, because Brown's son was his successful rival for the hand treated Mr. Cox and his amendments with of a young lady, whom Brown married

that night. A Balloon's Broken Thormometer A broken thermometer, from the balloon in which Mr. Powell ascended on the 10th instant, has been found at Weymouth on the Dorsetshire coast. This circumstance confirms the belief that Mr. Powell has been drowned at sea.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

OBITUARY.

Death of a Prominent Citizen. Mr. Joseph Groff, residing along "the Scotland road," in Drumore township, and one of the most prominent citizens of that district, died on Monday morning after a short sickness. He was about fifty years of age and was a leading member of the Methodist church in the Mt. Hope circuit, latterly holding his membership at Bethel, and himself being a local preacher. He was a man of about 50 years of age and leaves a wife and children. He was a progressive, intelligent citizen and at the time of his death was a supervisor of Drumore township.

Matrimonial. At the residence of the bride's brother Mr. Galen J. P. Raub, , in the village of Quarryville yesterday, Mr. Elam K. Herr was married to Miss Lelia S. Raub, daughter of the late Dr. John K. Raub. In the presence of the company of invited guests Rev. J. A. Cooper pronounced the ceremony and the attendents of the high contracting parties consisted of Dr. T. M. Rohrer and Miss Emma Herr, Mr. Harry Strohm and Miss Ella Stevenson. After a handsome entertainment the bride and groom left at 2:30 p. m. for a wedding journey to Ohio.

At a regular meeting of Goodwin Counil No. 19, R. S. E. and S. M., held at Masonic hall on Wednesday evening, the following were duly elected and installed officers for the ensuing Masonic year, by P. T. I. G. M., Chas. M. Howell, assisted by P. T. I. G. M., Dr. Geo. R. Welchans: T. I. G. M.—David H. Wylie. D. G. M.—John Hull. P. C. of W.—Joshua L. Lyte.

Treasurer-Chas. A. Heinitsh.

Representative-Chas. M. Howell.

Recorder-H. S. Gara.

Election and Installation.

THE FIRE ORDINANCE.

THE NEW PLAN ADOPTED AT LAST. Special Meeting of City Councils to Consider Ordinance Reorganizing Fire De-ment-Adoption of the Ordinance

Prepared by the Special Com-mittee, After a Deter-mined Fight by its

A special meeting of select and common councils was held in their respective chambers last evening for the purpose of considering the ordinance for the reorganization of the fire department, and that providing for the collection of delinquent

taxes. Select Council. Present-Messrs. Barr, Bitner, Borger, Franklin, Judith, G. W. Zecher, Philip Zeeher and Evans, president.

An ordinance for the collection of deunanimously. An ordinance from common council for the reorganization of the fire department

and for regulating the same, was presented and read three times and passed by the following vote: Yeas-Messrs, Barr, Bitner, Borger, Doerr, Franklin, Judith, G. W. Zecher,

Philip Zecher and Evans, president. Navs-None.

Adjourned.

Common Chuncil. There was an unusually full turnout in the lower branch, every member being present with the exception of Messrs. Boos and Stone. Mr. Middleton arrived from Philadelphia at 7:15 p. m., and came directly from the depot to the council chamber, where he was "on time" to cast his vote in favor of the final passage of the fire ordinance, which has been such a bone of contention ever since the organization of the present municipal legislature.

The tax ordinance was first taken up and put on third reading. It was passed unanimously. This measure is designed to take the duty of collecting city taxes out of the hands of the constables and provides that the finance committee shall have control of the matter and shall advertise for proposals, the contract for collection to be awarded to the lowest bid-

ders in the respective wards. Finding themselves now face to face with the heavy work of the session, Mr. Johnson moved to lay common council ordinance No. 10 (providing for the call system of fire department, designed by the special committee) on the table. The motion was lost by a vote of 15 to 8. He then raised a point of order against the consideration of the bill, holding that the measure was precisely similar in purpose and effect and almost identical in phraseology with one voted down in this body a few weeks ago; from this he contended that parliamentary practice and the usages of legislative bodies forbade its considera-

tion at this time. President Levergood ruled the point not well taken, stating that this body had never established any precedent upon the subject and that council could be a law unto itself with regard to it. Mr. Johnson appealed from the decision of the chair, and the vote showed considerable preponderance of sentiment in favor of the decision, which stood therefore as the de-

cision of the house. The ordinance was then called up for third reading, when Mr. Cox offered an ordinance being the measure he had presented at the previous meeting of council, and which provides for the continuance or the volunteer system under the plan devised by him and published in these col umus. The amendment was read at length, when, on Mr. Ostermayer's motion, it was laid upon the table. Thereupon council proceeded to consider the "call" ordi nance, section by section. Sundry amend ments were offered by Mr. Cox to sections 2, 7 and 14, which were uniformly laid on the table, and the original sections adopted. The vote on the final passage of the bill

was as follows : Yeas-Messrs, Albert, Barnes, Brown, Davis, Diffendersfer, Fisher, Hays, Leibley, Lichty, McMullen, Middleton, Oster mayer, Reith, Shroder, Shulmyer, Yackley, Levergood, president-17.

Nays-Messrs, Cormeny, Everts, Cox, Franklin, Huber, Johnson, Smeych, White

A majority of all the members elected to council having voted in the affirmative the ordinance was declared passed. During its consideration there was considerable speech-making, Messrs, Franklin, Johnson and Cox speaking vigorously against the plan, and repeating the arguments that have previously been printed. Mr. Cox as sured councils that the amendments proposed by him were not designed to delay the measure, but to improve it in those points wherein it was palpably deficient and that the few days delay necessary to get the bill into good shape would not seriously affect its working. Mr. McMullen, on the other hand, argued that this matter had been hanging fire long enough, and after the new plan got into working condition it would be very easy to make any changes which experience might prove necessary. power were boisterously aggressive and short shrift, and Mr. Franklin was not a little nettled at what he denominated the disrespect shown to the minority in this matter. Mr. Johnson spoke very determinedly against the passage of the bill, saying it was proposed to plunge into a measure concerning the expense of which they were entirely ignorant, and challenged the promoters of this change to point to an instance wherein any man would so act when his private business or

interests were affected. The bill as finally adopted is as follows. and will convey an idea of the new system as it is proposed to put it into effect on the

1st day of February next : An Ordinance to Reorganize the Fire Depart ment and Regulating the same : Section I. Be it origined by the Select and Common Councils of the city of Lancaster, that from and after the first day of February, 1882, the Fire Department shall consist of one Chief Engineer, four steam fire engines, four hose-carts and one hook and ladder truck which shall be located in such part or parts of the city hereafter designated.

SEC. 2. Each company shall consist of one engineer, one driver of engine, one driver of hose-eart, one foreman and four hosemen, who shall hold their positions as long as they conduct themselves properly and obey the laws and ordinances of the city, and their superiors in the department.

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SEC. 3. The property of each company shall consist of one steam fire engine, one hose-cart the requisite quantity of hose, three horses, with all minoraccessories for effective

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Chief En gincer to attend at all fires, superintend and direct the operations of all the companies; he shall have full control of all the men and apparatus, issue and enforce such orders as in his judgment may be best calculated for the protection of property and extinguishment of fires; to enforce all laws of Councils governfires; to enforce all laws of Councils govern-ing the Fire Department; he shall report an-nually to Councils all fires occurring in the city, the origin thereof if possible, together with the amount of property destroyed, and the amount of insurance if any; also a full statement of the condition of the department at the end of each year. He shall also report promptly to the committee on Fire Department any member of the department who may have disobeyed his orders or violated any of the laws or rules governing the depart ment; he shall have control and supervision of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, and shall devote his whole time in the interest of the depart-

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the foreman. whenever his company shall be in active service, to take charge of all apparatus belonging thereto, direct the operations of the same, subject to the orders of his superiors; preserve order and decorum among the members of his company; he shall attend to having the apparatus housed on returning from fires; he shall have the hose washed, dried and aired, and again placed in readiness for immediate use; he shall also keep a record of and report to the Chief Engineer the absence of any member of his company from fires, together with any dereliction of duty or violation of any of the rules and regulations of the department.

Sec. 6. The engineer of each steam fire engine shall accompany his engine to all fires and whenever his company shall be in active ser-

alarms, and discharge the duties apertaining to his position as may be directed by the foreman of his company or his superior officer; he shall keep his engine in complete order and repair, ready for service at all times; he shall have it tested at least once in each month, and shall have charge of his company in the absence of the toreman.

sence of the foreman. SEC. 7. The drivers shall have the care and management of and properly groom their horses, keep their respective engine houses, stables, barness, etc., in a neat and clean con-dition, have charge and care of the apparatus when not in actual archive and services. when not in actual service and report to the Chief Engineer any injury it may have sustained. He shall keep the engine house heated during the proper season, and shall lodge in the engine house at night time.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of all hesemen to

attend promptly each and every call or alarm of fire, assist in taking the apparatus to and locating the same at fires, and returning and housing the same, assist in washing and recling hose, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the foreman or other superior officer. SEC. 9. Each and every officer and member o the department shall respond promptly to every call or alarm of fire, and any neglect or ctusal shall subject the member or member-

to dismissat fine or other penalty, as may be prescribed by the rules and regulations of the Sec. 10. The salaries to be paid the several officers and employes of the department shall be as tollows:

Chief Engineer Foremen, each...... Engineers, each..... Drivers Hosemen and Laddermen SEC. 11. The property of the mook and ladder company shall consist of one good truck, the

requisite number of ladders and hooks, and shall be located in one of the engine houses, The employees of this company shall consist of one driver of truck, one foreman and tour laddermen.

SEC. 12. No intoxicating liquors of any kind shall be allowed in any engine house or other building belonging to the department, or at any fires or alarms, and any member who shall become intoxicated shall be subject to

dismissat Sec. 13. The several officers and members of the Fire Department shall be ex-officio members of the police force at fires and alarms, and shall each take and subscribe before the Mayor a similar oath of office prescribed for

regular policemen.
SEC. 14. The Committee on Fire Department shall fill all vacancies occurring in the department, and in case of absence, sickness, re-moval or death of the Chief Engineer, the foreman of engine No. I shall temporarily fill the position until Councils shall fill the place permanently, and he shall be obeyed and respected the same as it he were the permanent head of the department, SEC. 15. Councils shall elect the Chief Engineer in joint convention, at the regular o special meeting in February, 1882, and he shal serve until the First Monday in April, 1885 when his successor shall be elected in the same

manner every three years thereafter, and be-fore assuming the duties of his office he shall take and subscribe, before the Mayor of the city, an oath of office prescribed for other city officers. Councils shall have power to remaye him from office at any time for misdemeanor, neg-ligence, hefficiency or any other offense; pro-yilling, both branches of Councils agree to do viding, both branches of Councils agree to do so by a majority of the elected mem-bers of each body, and the Commit-tee on Fire Department shall have power to suspend him at any time for viola-tion of the laws or ordinances, until the first meeting of Councils, when action shall be taken in his case.

Sec. 16. Persons to be eligible to member ship in the department must be twenty-one

years of age and upwards, citizens of the United States, and residents of the city for at least one year immediately preceding their application, and of good moral character; and no person shall be rejected or subject to re-moval on account of any political, religious, or other sentiment entertained by him, provaling that no member of the department shall take any active part in politics, or that such sentiment does not interfere with the

approved by the Finance Committee, and on a warrant drawn by the Mayor on the City Creasurer. Sec. 18. All ordinances in any manner meonsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

"WATCHED."

wife and family-one of the elders ob- by the latter part of the act of Assembly serving sotto roce that the pastor had been | read in the prisoner's hearing, might have watched and it was proposed to make pub. found him guilty of murder in the first lie the result of the watching. The pastor | degree ; their leaning towards mercy and appeared to be greatly astonished, but did not flinch from the investigation. He at once called in the family and indicated,

that "the proceedings should proceed," The venerable greybeard, M. J. Weaver, arose, and in very impressive lauguage elders and other members of the congregation had kept a sharp eye on the ingoings and outgoings of the pastor, and had with the prisoner to undergo an inone accord agreed that it was advisable to prisonment at separate and solitary conwatch him. As spokesman of the board, therefore, and in their behalt, he here took occasion to present to Rev. Hark an

elegantly gold-cased Elgin watch-and that's all there is about it. Rev. Hark was much more surprised than shocked at the unexpected turn the affair had taken, but there was no getting away from it. He took the watch, stammered out a few words of apology, or reproof, or thanks, or something of that the penitertiary in a few days sort, and then went into the lecture room and exposed the conduct of the elders to

the whole congregation. The watch was purchased from II. Z. grand monogram "J. M. H.," the initials of the name of the recipient, and on the back is the date "1881." On the inside of the can is inscribed, "Presented to Rev. J. Max Hark by the members of the Morariau church, Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 25,

and disorderly. drunk and disorderly. John Johnson, colored, got drunk ye

man Donnelly. The mayor had several drunks this Zug's school, Rev. Max Hark made a brief morning and they paid their costs. George Thusdy, who has figured quite pupils, and at Miss Etter's school a simrominently in police circles recently, got | ilar address was made by Key, Dr. Shu lrunk yesterday and whipped his wife. maker.

He was locked up to answer the charge efore Alderman Barr. Yesterday a German by the name of Smith went into the house of Mrs. Coby on Middle street, where Emma Archey colored, was at work. He got quite famliar with the dusky dame and when he left he said he had been robbed by her of \$3.50. He'complained against her before Alderman A. F. Donnelly, but after an investigation of the case at the hearing nothing was found to substantiate the charge and

the woman was discharged. New Year at the Y. M. C. A. The following Y. M. C. A. committee has been appointed to arrange for a citi zens reception on Monday, Jan. 2: P. S Goodman, B F. Henderson, D. C. Haver stick, D. S. Kurtz, Chas. H. Frey and Ex ecutive Secretary Jno. M. Davidson. A general meeting of the association to furheld to-morrow evening, and a meeting of

the ladies of the city next Tuesday even-It is proposed to keep open house on January 2d, 1882, to receive the calls of nembers, friends and the public generally. nuseum will be thrown open to the public. picked up unconscious and was taken to A reception committee of ladies and gen- his home where he now is. tlemen will be present to receive all callers. Refreshments will be served to all who drop in. Several microscopes will be

character. Property Withdrawn. at the Cooper house last evening, was speak in the highest terms of his hospitalwithdrawn at \$6,100.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE The Presbyterian cantata begins this evening and will continue to-morrow evening in the lecture room of the church. Doors open at 7 and performance begins at 7:30. Those in charge have spared no

efforts to make it a success. A Tempest in a Teamot. Squire Frank will on Saturday hear the

suits of the doctors against the borough, Drs. D. G. and W. S. Bruner, Taylor, Armor, Lineaweaver, Craig, Berntheisel and Kay were instructed by the sanitary committee on September 20, 1881, to vaccinate the people in their respective districts and to report the names of "al! persons who do not agree to pay you peronally for your services, so as they can be reported to council." This was done, and councils objected to paying for the vaccination of a number of property-holders thus reported and asked the doctors to confer with the conneilmen. The doctors assured the sanitary committee the bills were correct, but declined to meet councils or themselves one the delinquents." Councils refused to pay the bills and hence these suits. Public opinion is divided as to the propriety of the proceedings.

Borough Brevities Lutheran cantata box sheet opens next Tuesday -John Filbert, home from Philadelphia, will resume engineering.-Senator Lee, of Venango county, is the guest of Hon, C. S. Kauffman,-Dr. Hinkle's horse ran away this morning, no damage was done; Jerry Long's horse ran off at market, but nothing was broken. - Ten tramps spent last night in the lockup.-Council met las evening but nothing of importance was transacted. - Strangers who will spend the holidays in Columbia, are daily arriving .- The river rose an inch last

The Model company shipped to day the first of the three 7) horse power engines to go to Virginia. - Detectives in town last evening.-Vesta furnace men ouit, but have resumed work .- The freight conductors have received orders to make out their own reports of their trains before leaving Harrisburg, Columbia and Hestonville; they are grumbling and the dispatchers are relieved .- Mr. Ben. Lichty went to the house of his father in-law, Mr. Supplier, with a message last evening and entered by a door which had been accidentally left open after the family retired; his brother-in-law almost shot him for a burglar.

A LONG TERM.

EDWARD NANDERS SENTENCED

He Gels Pleyen Years and Nine Months to The Eastern Pententury. This morning Edward Sanders, who was convicted last week of murder in the second degree, for killing Mary Seymour, was brought into court. Shortly after 11 o'clock District Attorney Davis, for the commonwealth, asked that sentence be efficient discharge of his duties.

SEC. 17. The officers and employees shell be paid their salaries monthly, their bills to be certified as correct by the Chief Engineer and replied that he had not. B. F. Eshleman, esq., the prisoner's counsel, said to court that this was the first time the prisoner had ever been be

fore them; he had one time been in prison for three days for assault and battery, because he did not procure bail; the case was afterwards dismissed. He mentioned this because there was an impression that Last evening the full board of elders of Sanders was a man of no character. He is the Moravian church visited the residence | but 21 years of age, and the most that can of the pastor, Rev. Max Hark, and when be said of him was that he was a mischiev. that gentleman presented himself they in. our boy. The court said that the jury, formed him very seriously that they wished believing as they did that the to interview him in the presence of his murder was committed as designated their right to fix the degree by another act saved him from the full penalty of the law. The court has looked during the trial and since for some mitigating circumstances but could find none: the prisoner's remarks to his victim in her dying moments informed the pastor that the board of and to others on the street showed that be had little of the milk of human kindness

> finement at labor in the Eastern penitentiary for the period of eleven years and miter meetities. The prisoner exhibited the utmost compositive after the sentence had been prononneed, as he did during the whole of his

in him. The court then sentenced

trial, and apparently he was but little at feeted. He was taken back to the person by Dep aty theriff Strine, and will be removed to

School Enteriorments. As has been heretofore amounted, the Christmas entertainment of Miss Emily Rhoads & Bro. It is full jeweled and of Saydam's public school, West Chesteut superior quality, double-cased in 18 karet street, took place Tuesday afternoon, and gold. On the front of the outer case is a the cutertainments of Miss M. Zug's and Miss Annie Etter's, yesterday afternoon. These several entertainments were credit able alike to the teachers and the pupils who took part in them. The school rooms were handsomely decorated with pictures, (some of them drawn and painted by the pupils of the school), evergreens, potted plants and cut flowers. The programmes embraced music, addresses, Wm Mack and Wm McElligott were sent | declamations dialogues, and recita o jail for five days each for being drunk tions generally of a higher order than have heretofore been given at sim-Ellen Piersol got 5 days from Alderman | ilac entertainments. The school resons. Donnelly, of the Seventh ward, for being were filled with directors, parents and patrons of the school. It was conceded by all present that the entertainments show terday and his wife had him arrested. He ed a marked improvement on all given in was locked up for a hearing before Alder- former years by pupils of the same grade. At the close of the entertainment at Mis-

address complimentary to the teacher and

Struck by an Engine. Last evening as George Myers was crossing Water street in front of the Laneaster & Quarryville radroad station, he was struck by the tank of a freight engine that was backing north. He was thrown to one side of the track, and eacaped with no worse injuries than a broken rib and several bad contusions. Mr. Myers had his umbrella raised at the time and probably did not see or hear the train, though the bell was being rung at the time. He was taken to his home. No. 505 Lafayette street, by Harry Williams and Edw. Fitzgerald.

A Hod Carrier Hert.

Last evening Spencer Woods, a colored nod carrier, residing on Middle street, and employed at the new banking building being creeted on East King street, met her the purposes of this reception will be with a serious accident. The men were about to stop work and Woods was standing on the first floor. By some accident a piece of scantling, about four feet long and four inches thick, fell from the second stery, a distance of 20 feet, striking him on the head and cutting a terrible gash The library, hall, parlor and scientific and loosening all of his teeth. He was

had a Fine Time

The deer which was brought to this city in operation during the day and evening. oy F. L. Hambright and Will Martin yes-All exercises will be informal in their terrlay were shot on the farm of Thomas H. Glenday in Bath county, Va., who is a son of Robert J. Glenday, with whom Mr. Hambright has stopped for several years The property of Mrs. Elizabeth Cox, at | while on hunting expeditions. The Lan-Walnut and Prince streets, which was to caster county men were handsomely enhave been sold by B. F. Rowe, auctioneer, tertained by their host Glenday, and they ity and kind treatment.