### Lancaster Intelligencer.

TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 3, 1882

Very Suspicious.

On last Friday morning the retiring board of county commissioners, Messrs. Coble, Bushong and Montgomery met and concluded the business of their term, and by agreement finally closed the office so far as they were entrusted with its administration. In the afternoon Prothonotary McMellen came in with a bill, which he offered to present, when he was informed by Coble and Montgomery that they had suspended business. Mr. Coble, however, asked to see his bill, but McMellen said that if they had closed their business there was no use in showing them the bill and

walked out. At some place that day, at some time, reported to have been at midnight or some other uncertain hour, the necessary approval of Coble was secured to this bill and others, and warrants were drawn by Commissioners Coble and Bushong on the county treasurer for \$1,800 in favor of Prothonotary McMellen, for \$1,411,33 in favor of Sheriff Jacob S. Strine, and \$211.50 in favor of John H. Barnes, jeb printer; and they respectively drew this money on these warrants from the county treasury; the Democratic county commissioner, Mr. until he heard they were paid. All three of the bills for which these warrants were drawn had previously been refused payment by a majority of the board, that majority consisting of Montgomery and Bushong, the latter of whom has been for a year or more "out" with McMel len. He is now " in" with him.

The suspicious change of mind on the part of one of the commissioners, the suspicious circumstances under which these warrants were secured, the fact that neither of the Republican commissioners has been like Casar wanted his wife to be, have created a great deal of suspicion regarding the honesty of these bills and the honesty of the proceedings attending their payment.

Mr. Barnes's bil! was for printing done for the county, official blanks, etc., since November, 1878, and a portion of it, at least, was for blanks ordered by Clerk of Quarter Sessions Urban for his whole term, a large part of which were rendered useless by a change made in the rules of court after they were printed. It does not appear that the clerk ever had authority to order three years supply of blanks or that proposals were ever asked for the supplies which Barnes was paid for furnishing. Hence the objections which had previously been made to payment for them.

Sheriff Strine's bill was for fees, for

which the county is, we believe, liable, and the objection to its payment was an unsettled account against him for jury fees, for which the sheriff admits his liability to the county, but he holds that he has never received them, as they were paid to the prothonotary instead of to speak for him that the prothonotary has failed to pay these over to him, but that in his settlement with the protho-

arranging the papers of his office, "by denism. order of court," and in support of it he makes a statement setting forth the work done " by order of court," relating the confusion in which he found the papers in his office, and the labor with which, since January, 1881, he has put in order some 1,260,000 papers contained in some 5,000 packages, employing most of the time of two clerks. He fortifies his statement with a certificate of Judges Livingston and Patterson that "the work above stated has been done in a most satisfactory and acceptable manner. The office is to-day one of the best arranged in the state. Mr. Mc-Mellen should be very liberally compensated." Notwithstanding this the com missioners had refused to pay this bill up to the time of the successful midnight crusade upon Bushong. McMeilen has his money, and has another bill for some \$400, we understand, to present for other work done in the office, which awaits a settlement of an open account between him and the county.

We present the facts in these cases today. They will admit of future comment upon some of their extraordinary features, notably the extra services claimed to have been rendered by the prothonotary, the remarkable recommendations of the court and the circumstances under which the payment of the bills was se-

# Disgusting.

The Democracy of the country have good cause to be again disgusted with the behavior of the different factions who are necessary to give the Democracy control, refuse to go into the party caucus, ostensibly on the ground that they are "anti-monopolists," really, no doubt, because they cannot make satisfactory terms with the other faction about the division of the spoils. All of which is the natural sequence of was treated by the last state convention of New York. It is needless, however, to go into the merits of the factional quarrels of the party in New York or in Philadelphia. Opinions differ about them and all sides are unquestionably to blame. There will never be peace and harmony until all those who have been The Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier, newspaper, was yesterday sold by its owners, Riordan & Danson, to a joint stock company for \$100,000 cash. The management of the paper will remain substantially unchanged.

Edward F. Ryan, Michael Ryan and Richard Adkins, employed in the Paradise (Col.) tunnel, on Saturday were buried one hundred feet deep in a snow slide. Parties have left Silverton to recover the bodies.

identified with them are remanded to the rear and new men promoted to the leadership. Fresh names for the different factions and high-sounding pledges of better things are of no account when the old wranglers direct them and the old grudges inspire them. The party organizations in these two great cities need a purge, a violent radical purge.

The Prison Management. spectors yesterday, and which was not printed yesterday, only because it accidentally failed to reach us until a very late hour in the afternoon. There will be played by the keeper in firing off such an whose keeper he is, and it may fairly be held that much of what he says bears just as severely against the condition of things when the ring to which Burkholder belongs controlled the prison direction and elected subordinates at variance with the keeper. Now that the order is just reversed more sensitive to the horn of the Bull case the communication, and the disre-Montgomery, knew nothing of them gard with which it will no doubt be treated throughout by the present majority of the board, are useful to illustrate the miserable system of administration to which the prison must be subject so long as the present plan of governing it is continued. While men are run for inspectors as a speculation on the part of pot-house politicians and the subordinate officers are changed yearly to gratify the schemes and reward the retainers of our political bosses, and while the double-headed government of keeper and board of inspectors, with divided responsibility and undistinguishable authority, is persisted in, there can be no substantial reform in the management of the prison.

All these consideration aside, much that the new prison keeper says about better it may have been said before. The frequency of escapes, the irresponsibility of the underkeepers, the delay in the subordinates elect taking their seats, the amount of raw material and stock of manufactured goods carried, the looseness in the purchase of supplies and the transfer of goods on hand from one administration to another, are subjects that call loudly for reform. The people will stand by the prison keeper if he makes a sincere effort to effect this. They will condemn the board if they fail to co-operate with him in securing it. And they will watch both parties to see if they are working his reputation as a soldier, so that neither for the public good or for buncombe. himself nor his family need longer suffer For lew men get into office in this county by the grace of either of the Republican rings who do not need close watching.

WE would like to think well of John to him. We are told by those authorized | C. Jacobs, the Democratic nominee for president of the New York Senate, because he is Lancaster county born, and because in that trying time when he notary he will deduct them from his ac- was clamorously nominated for governor count; and that he is now, and always of New York by the frenzy of a convenhas been ready to account to the county | tion let loose, he declined the temptation for them whenever the amount of them with dignity. If Mr. Kelly has no other is ascertained. As the sheriff and his objection to him than his behavior on bondsmen are liable for this there that occasion, the refusal of the cannot eventually be any loss to Tammany senators to vote for the county by the payment of his him is inexcusable. But we susbill of fees, if they are legal and proper, pect that there is something wrong without a settlement, though manifestly | with this Jacobs -that he is, like his old the proper way would have been to have political namesake, something of a de had a square open settlement of both ac- ceiver. The Sau which is hot against counts with the commissioners; and an Tammany is as hot against Jacobs honest bill should not have had to make and loudly proclaims his unfitness. It a midnight hunt after and have had seems that he has been one of the kind other suspicious means brought to bear of legislators who represent their pet case in detail until I do so over my own upon an honest commissioner to secure corporations better than the people. For that sort of representatives the Demo-Prothonotary McMellen's bill of \$1,800 | cracy have no use in New York or elseis for extra services rendered in re- where, by the grace of Tammany or Til-

FITZ JOHN PORTER receives a most unexpected vindication in the public acknowledgment of Gen. Grant, that his estimate of Gen. Perter's case has been all wrong, and that gross injustice has been done this long-suffering man. This development of an interesting case is as creditable to Gen. Grant's sense of justice as it is gratifying to Gen. Porter. to an overwhelming conviction, that Gen. Porter has been misjudged and maltreated. After Gen. Grant's avowal of his conviction to the same effect, there will likely be withdrawn all further obstacles to this Democratic soldier's complete vindication, and ample compensation for his wrongs.

It was a cool day around the prison yesterday, and the New Era party was badly by President ARTHUR at the White-

JOHNNY GOOD is the only official who felt real Good yesterday, except the county treasurer. Good day.

REV. JOHN SWENK "drew the biscuit' yesterday, and the first man is to step for- large number of the Philadelphia clergy ward who says he did not deserve it.

THE Scranton Republican celebrates New Year by donning a dress of handsome new type, that makes it look fine as a fiddle. Our contemporary has our warm congratulations upon the material prosperity that has been its portion during the past year ; for in all things save its politics, it is a model of journalistic enterof their party in New York. The few prise and ability. It has a push and vigor gels." Its purpose is the exertion of so-Tammany members of the Legislature supplemented by intelligent editorial direction, and a keen appreciation of just what its patrons want, that have been the touchstone of its past success, and that bid fair to add greatly thereto in its future course. The Republican is on the HAYES refused to subscribe to the Garwrong side of the fence politically, but field monument. He did subscribe \$250, with all its intense and aggressive devo- and offered to make the sum \$500 if others tion to the principles it espouses, it gener- He made no plea of impoverishment, but All of which is the natural sequence of the impetuous and summary manner in ness and courtesy that find ample appredant, \$200,000, he had saved \$60,000; and the large Tampany constituency ciation in the esteem in which it is held that he told Garfield \$20,000 a year,

> by its contemporaries and the public. The Charleston (S. C.) News and

VINDICATION OF PORTER.

GEN. GRANT NOW THINKS THAT HE MAS BEEN WRONGED.

The Ex-President Reviews the Case and Changes His | Mind After Nineteen Years,

To a N. Y. Times reporter who yesterday asked Gen. Grant if he had recently reached the conclusion that Gen. Fitz John Porter was a greatly injured man, and that the conviction and dismissal of the latter from the army was We print in full on our fourth page to-day the communication which Prison made up my mind that the judgment of Keeper Burkholder sent to the prison in- the court-martial was a just one. Recently however, at the request of Gen. Porter, I have read over all of the testimony and also the orders and reports of the Confederate officers who were at the second battle of Bull Run. As I progress some valid objections to the taste dis- ed in my reading I became very much interested in the case and I found that the facts were very different from what I have unprecedented message as this at the hitherto believed. I am of the opinion that board of direction of the institution had all of the testimony and documents now available been brought before the court-martial there would have been no verdict against Gen. Porter. The orders of the Confederate generals show that the Confederate army was just where Porter said it was and not where the court-martial was led to believe it was. For 19 years I have believed that the finding of the court was a just one and warranted by the facts. But now I see that I am in error, and the fact Burkholder and his friends naturally are | that for 12 years, when I was general of the army and president of the United ring in their flesh. Even in this view of States, I had it in my power to do Gen. Porter justice and did not, makes me feel under obligations to do all that I possibly can to remove the odium and disgrace from him now.'

"How long is it since you became convinced that the finding of the courtmartial was wrong?"
"Oh, within the last two months. I finished reading the testimony about three weeks ago, and since then I have expressed my convictions unreservedly to some of my friends, I did not expect, however, that anything would be printed in the newspapers about the matter. I communicated my conclusions, after investigating the matter, to Gen. Logan, who, as a warm personal friend of mine. desired to understand clearly my position. I think that Gen. Porter is entirely innocent of the charges made against him, and am thoroughly satisfied that in Gen. Pope's campaign he did his duty to the very best

of his ability." "Have you written to President Arthur about this case?"

"I must decline to say anything on that conducting it is true, however often and subject. What I do or say will all be made public at the proper time and through the proper channels. I shall write out my views and append my signature to them, and it is quite likely that my statement will, in the course of time, find its way into print. I cannot tell you when that statement will be prepared. "Do you believe that Gen. Porter will

be reinstated in the army?" "I think justice should be done on the facts as they exist. He has been greatly wronged, and there is scarcely any repara tion that can entirely compensate him for the many years of misrepresentation and humiliation. Of course, the first step to be taken, providing that the government can be brought to see the matter in the same light that I do, is to restore to Gen. Porter his good name and give him back may be restored to the army, but that is a point I do not care to talk about." "What do you think, general, of the

rule that a soldier should always obey

orders?" "Sometimes it may become the duty of a soldier to disobey orders. For instance, a commanding general may send an order to a subordinate who is a long distance off. He may not be fully acquainted with the condition of affairs at the place where his subordinate is, or during the transmission of the order circumstances may have taken on an entirely different phase. Such things have been known to happen, and very often, therefore, it becomes the bounden duty of the subordinate to disobey orders. Being in possession of knowledge of which his superior is not, and, perhaps, cannot be, he should exercise his own judgment and do what may seem to him to be right."

" Do you now understand that Gen. Porter failed to obey Gen. Pope's orders ?" "I did so understand for 19 years, but now I understand that he did not disobey orders. However, I am not desirous of saying anything about the merits of the

PERSONAL. A. L. WELPER was chosen chief, and Frank Garlock and Theo. C. Erb, respecttively first and second assistants of the

The former chief, Geo. C. Fager, candidate for re-election, was defeated. A complimentary banquet was given to terday, and was killed. Judge Pearson last evening, on his retirement from the presiding judgeship of the district, by the members of the bar of

Harrisburg fire department last evening.

Lebanon and Dauphin counties, in Brant's new hall, Harrisburg. Miss West, the daughter of the British minister at Washington, is described as a

piquant face and expressive eyes, and goes walking in a brown dress, with a quaint poke bonnet tied under her chin. Miss Anna E. Dickinson disavows all responsibility, it is reported, for the at tempt to serve a writ on Miss Davenport on a Philadelphia stage. Miss Dickinson s mentioned as calling that attempt an

unseemly act." Her first knowledge of t was through the newspapers. This is the way it is headlined : " New Year's at the Capital. Brilliant reception House. Music, flowers and fair women. A large attendance. Cabinet officers' callers. Secretaries Frelinghuysen and, Lincoln and Postmaster General James

keep open doors.' In accordance with an invitation extend ed by the Right Rev. W. BACON STEVENS D. D., LL.D., bishop of the diocese, a assembled at 11 o'clock vesterday in St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal church. Eighth street above Spruce, to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of his elevation to the episcopate. He delivered an address reviewing his episcopal experience. Mrs. Logan, the wife of the senator, belongs to the Methodist church and believes in total abstinence. A number of ladies in Washington-some of them prominent in society—have organized a bakery was burned yesterday morning. cial influences for the reform of congressmen and others who are inclined to the

cup that inebriates. The Cincinnati Commercial says: " dirty and ugly story has been going the rounds to the effect that ex-President in his county would raise an equal sum, close management, might be saved."

Buried in the Snow.

DISASTERS.

THROUGH A BRIDGE.

RAILWAY WRECK IN MAINE. an Iron Bridge Gives Way-Four Cars and

One Hundred People Go Down-Twenty Killed. As the half-past eight train from Boston on the Boston & Maine railroad, Conductor Weymouth, with two engines, crossed the iron bridge at Coles' Corner, at Wells, Me., the bridge gave way after the engines, baggage and parlor car had crossed, precipitating the other four cars down an embankment, and they immediately caught fire and were totally destroyed. There were about hundred passengers on the train. One whose name is unknown, was J. Henry Downer, of Berwick, Me., probably fatally hurt. Conductor

Weymouth and James Nolan, brakeman, were badly wounded, and Leland and James Canney, of Pittsfield, were also badly hurt. The following passengers were injured: William H. Purdy, of Old Orchard, wounded in the eye; C. D. Parish, of Salem. N. Y., slightly hurt; — Warren, of York, Me., broken arm; Joseph P. Roberts, of Charleston, Mass., slightly hurt; C. K. Tibbetts, of Boston, badly bruised; Mrs. Frank H. Peabody and daughter, of Kennebunk, slightly bruised; Lizzie M. Dixon, of Wells, Me., slightly bruised; Joshua H. Smalley of West Dennis, Mass., ribs broken; Mrs. G. A. Clark, of Portland, injured in the head; Paul Wild, South Braintree, Mass., severely bruised about the head : William Hazleton, wife and son, of Haverhill, slightly injured. Drs. Ross and Wentworth, of Kennebunk, and Hall, of Wells, were on hand and rendered all possible assistance. A special train from Portland has arrived with physicians

#### TERRIBLE DISASTER. One Hundred Persons Killed and Wounde

During the Knights of Pythias' festival

on board.

at Shanesville, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, Saturday evening, the floor gave way, precipitating the company, numbering two hundred, to the floor below. Two persons were instantly killed, ten others fatally injured, and between seventy and eighty more or less bruised or burned. The building took fire almost instantly, producing a scene of the wildest excitement. The lights were nearly all extinguished, leaving the shrieking, struggling mass of humanity to grope their way from the pale lilac necktie. Secretary Frelinghuyruins almost in the dark. By the prompt action of those who escaped uninjured, and other citizens summoned by the terrible alarm, the fire was subdued, but not until quite a number had been more or less to be a frock coat administration, although burned. The night was very cold, and the all the senators and all the diplomats whose scene is described as frightful in the ex- governments subscribe no court uniform The doors were barricaded and a passage had to be chopped through. The following are the killed : Miss Mary Neff. Milton Yodder, son of Mrs. Dr. Yodder, burned to death in his mother's arms. Fatally burned : Mrs. Dr. Yodder, Mrs. | The display yesterday was not as great as Allen Goeler, Miss Annie Arrine, who usual, owing to the absence from the city was found wedged against a hot stove, of several foreign ministers and the illness with her side and hip burned to a crisp. of one or two others. There were, how-Seriously injured : Fred Schlard, Lewis ever, a large number present, and the Kerch, James Walter, Lizzie Showalter, abundance of gold and jewelled orders, Augustus Beider, Mrs. Bruella Steiff, Geo. | gold lace, colored cloths or velvets, em-Frielach, jr. Many more sustain painful broidered in gold or silver; long white though not dangerous wounds. others were injured slightly, but did not ing swords made a brilliant spectacle. think of themselves in their desire to assist worked like heroes, saving many who would otherwise have perished. Several of the injured are in a very critical condition. Mary Neff and Milton Yodder were buried yesterday. An immense crowd at tended the funeral. The building had been regarded as unsafe for some time, which fact kept many away. The scene of the disaster has been visited by hundreds from the surrounding country. Everything that can be suggested is being done to relieve the suffering of those who were injured.

Fatal Hunting Accident. James Coon, a well-known mine con tractor of Pleasant Valley, Luzerne county accidentally shot and killed himself while bunting.

Burned to Dratt. In Elizabeth, N. J., Miss Emily Ogden was burned to death by the explosion of: kerosene lamp which she was filling.

CONDENSED.

Extracts from the Miscellaneous Disparches The giving away of the print works dam at East Greenwich, R. I., Sunday night, caused a damage of \$30,000.

The city council of Petersburg, Va., has elected Colonal F. H. Archer, mayor, to succeed Governor W. E. Cameron, resigned. Jeremiah Long, at work on the steamer

Santiago, at pier 17, East river, New York, stated that a firm of tobacco dealers fell from the main deck into the hold yes-In Detroit, Mich,, Henry Kamman was

fatally stabbed by Adolph Tiesse, Sunday, and died in half an hour. The stabbing was the result of an old quarrel. A saloon kept by two Germans at Palestine, Indiana, has been blown up by

dynamite by unknown persons. This is Popular opinion has long been tending graceful and pretty brunette, with a the second building lost by these men in this way within the past three months. A saloon keeper named Dill is now in the county jail at Lincoln, Nebraska, having

been brought from Culbertson by the sheriff to escape the vengeance of a mob of cowboys. Dill had killed a cowboy by the gentleman who represents the firm named Little Sam in his (Dill's) saloon. J. N. Austin, of the produce firm of J. N. Austin & Co., Boston, which failed last week, has disapeared, leaving a reported deficiency of \$10,000. It is stated

shippers. At Kansas City, Mo., Joe Burns, a negro barber, was shot and killed by Officer Lovett, who, mistaking Burns for a thief, ordered him to halt. Burns 1efused to stop, and was shot dead. Lovett

has been exonerated. William Lappe, aged twenty-seven, a German gardener, fell down the ceilar stairs of his house on the Williams Bridge road, New York, yesterday, and fractured his skull, from the effects of

which he died. Nicholas Caperal, aged thirty-two, an Italian laborer, was stabbed on Sunday night in a quarrel with his brother Antonio and the latter's wife, Philomena, and being left to himself during the night

At Syracuse, N. Y., Rannie & Sears' The fire was of incendiary origin. The loss of the firm is \$7,000; insurance \$3,000. D. H. Hull, the owner of the building. loses \$10,000; fully insured. In Petersburg, Va., carefully compiled statistics for the year show a large in-

crease in all branches of trade. The business outlook during the past six months has been more favorable than since the panie of 1873. The receipts of tobacco and cotton show a heavy increase over previous years.

by fire Sunday night. The work is sup- Mr. Hill's company entirely competent posed to have been done by an incendiary. support. There was no insurance.

Previous to the adjournment on Saturday the Maine executive council acted upon a large number of nominations for county officers recently made by Governor Plais

ted. As far as possible they confirmed the nominations of Fusionists in Fusion counties, and rejected the nominations in counties where Fusionists were named to

succeed Republicans.

In Indianapolis, Ind., a street car at the crossing of Virginia avenue and the Union railway track was run into by a freight

train of the Wabash railway yesterday morning. Sister Mary Assumption Con-roy, of St. Mary's Catholic academy, while attempting to get out of the street car, was thrown under the freight train and instantly killed. One other passenger in the car had his foot crushed

NEW YEAR POLITICS.

fusion of Tammany and the Republicans The Maryland Legislature will meet tomorrow, in Annapolis. Caucuses to nominate officers for both houses will be held this evening.

The new board of aldermen of New York organized yesterday, by the election of Alderman Sauer, Tammanyite, as president, he receiving the votes of all but two of the Republicans in addition to those of his own faction.

The Ohio Legislature met yesterday morning in Columbus. The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Hickenlooper, and R. A. Horr was elected president pro tempore. G. J. Hodge was elected speaker of the House. The annual message of Governor Foster was received

Wm. E. Cameron, governor of Virginia was inaugurated yesterday in Richmond The oath was administered by Judge Fitzhugh in the library of the capitol building. The other state officers were also sworn in. There were present the heads of departments, several members of the Legislature, and a few personal friends of the new governor.

The New York Legislature meets today. The Democratic caucus nominated John C. Jacobs, of Kings county, for president of the Senate, and Charles E. Patterson, of Troy, for speaker of the House, The Tammany members refused to attend the caucuses. The Republican senatorial caucus renominated the old officers, and the Republican House caucus nominated Alvord, of Syracuse, for speaker over Sharpe by a vote of 26 to 21.

### HOW THEY DRESSED.

At the Washington New Year's Receptions Washington Dispatch to Times.

The president wore a morning dress black frock-coat, black pantaloons and sen and all the members of the cabinet excapt Attorney General Browster, who wore a dress suit, wore black morning suits also, so that settles the question that this is wore dress coats when the others wear court uniforms. The great feature of the reception at the White House is, of course, the display of court uniforms by; the foreign ministers and secretaries of legations. Many plumes, worn in hats or caps, and glitter-

## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE LEAF.

Local Tobacco Matters. Very little has been done in tobacco circles in this city, during the past week, A few loads of leaf were received at the warehouses in this city on Saturday, but there has not as yet been any general movement. The lots received are said to be good and well assorted. The farmers are still stripping, and perhaps one half of the crop has been stripped. The only complaint made by them is that a large proportion of the leaf is short. To this complaint the dealers add another-that white vein is very prevalent. By both parties it is admitted that fillers furnish a very small proportion of the crop, and that the price of them-old ones especially-will be ad-

vanced. The following recent sales of new lead

are reported : J. H. Clark, of West Caln, Chester county, has sold his crop at 28c. for 20-inch wrappers, 9c. for seconds and 3c. for fillers, to C. R. Richmond, for Mendel & Co. William Good, to the same, wrappers at 25e. for 22 inch; 12 and 5.

Albert Good, to Buyers, McConnell & Co., wrappers at 25c. for 20-inch; 6 and 3. Methuseiah Platt, of the Gap, sold his erop of tobacco, consisting of 2 acres, to

Jonas Eaby, at 27. 8 and 4. A paragraph appeared in the INTELLI GENCER two weeks ago in which it was (names not mentioned) had, through the newspapers, cautioned farmers to be care ful of making contracts with buyers at high figures, as they would find fault with and reject their goods on some technicality or other when they came to be delivered and that it was now reported that this same firm had in a single day rejected twenty wagon loads of tobacco brought to them by Connecticut farmers-thus being the first to practice upon the farmers the trick they had cautioned them to guard against. Our information on this point was received from a source that we have heretofore found to be well posted, and reliable. We are, however, assured supposed to be alluded to that there is not a word of truth in the charge made, and that neither twenty wagon loads nor any quanitity of tobacco bought from Connec ticut farmers has been rejected by the that he is largely indebted to country firm. The INTELLIGENCER freely gives the benefit of the denial to the firm and their agent, who is a trustworthy gentleman and in a better position to know the facts in the case than the party from whom we obtained the statement com-

> -Since the above was put in type we have seen quite a number of country wagons, well filled with tobacco, wending their way to several of the warehouses in this city. Eight or nine wagons unloaded at Skiles & Frey's, North Duke street, a larger number on Tobacco avenue, several at Frank Pentlarge's on Lemon street, and perhaps at others. Mr. Pentlarge has already a force of men engaged in packing. It is probable that on Saturday next there will be heavy deliveries at many of the warehouses.

Gans's Report.

Sales of seed leaf tobacco reported by J. . Gans's Son & Co., tobacco brokers, No. 131 Water street, New York, for the week ending Jan. 3, 1882 : 250 cases 1880 New England wrappers, 15@38c; 200 cases 1880 Pennsylvania, assorted, 12@ 18c; wrappers, 18@40c; 200 cases 1880 Ohio, 61/a 14c ; 100 cases 1880 Wisconsin, 14(a 15c ; 100 cases 1880 New York, 7(a 18c Total, 850 cases.

"All the Rage." A good audience witnessed the recond production of Mr. Eaton's comical conceit Jackson Showalter's barn, near Dayton, at Fulton opera house last evening, and for Rockingham county, Va., with one thou-sand bushels of wheat, nine hundred throughout the performance. Davidge and bushels of corn, seven horses, ten cattle, Hardenberg are themselves a whole show, and all his hay and straw, were consumed and with a few exceptions they have in

saw at Leslie's cigar box factory.

THE LINN EAN.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY. Additions to the Library and Papers Read The State of the Society and its Financial Condition.

The annual meeting of the Linnaan so ciety was held at the residence of Mr. Charles A. Heinitsh, East King street, on Thursday evening, December 29, 1881, Prof. Stahr and the secretary, Dr. M. L. Davis, in their chairs. After the custo-mary opening and collection of dues, the following additions and donations were Library-International Scientists' Di-

rectory for, 1981-2,434 pages, demi-octavo. Annual Report of Commissioner of Patents for 1880, 430 pages quarto. Alphabetical List of Patentees and Inventors, January to June, 1881, 258 pages quarto. Proceedings of Academy of Natural Sciences, for June and July, 1881. Catalogue of the Fungi of the Pacific Coast, 46 pages, med. octavo, from California Academy of Natural Science. Nos. 21, 22, 23 and 24, Official Gazette of United States Patent Office. Lancaster Farmer for December, 1881. Four book catalogues and sundry circulars. One envelope containing 18 historical and biographical scraps.

No additions or donations were made to

museum. The curators reported 2,500 plants added to the herbarium of the society during the year 1881; also, 1,000 specimens of paleontology, and 101 in mammology, ornithology, ichthyology, reptilia and 'mis-cellaneous. Total over 4,100 objects added

to the museum. The librarian reported 100 books, pamphlets and serials added to the library during 1881, besides a large number of catalogues and circulars; also, 37 envelopes containing 500 historical and biographical scraps. Ten original papers were read during the year. Since the organization of the society, 566 original papers were read before it,

only 20 of which were published. The treasurer reported the receipts, in cluding the balance on hand last January, for the year \$41.90, and the expenditures \$23.14, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$18.75. The whole amount of eash re ceived by the society during 20 years was \$1,268.86, and the expenditures the same, less the balance now in the treasury. Papers Read.

Prof. Stahr read an interesting paper of the swarming of the "Brown Ant," mica Rufa) early in the month of November last. This was some weeks later than the usual period of swarming, but the past season has been rather extraordinary for its mildness-causing many trees to re-blossom, and in some instances to bear a second crop of fruit. As there was no weather during which ants could not have swarmed at their usual period (August and September), the question might well arise, "Did the same colony swarm a second time, as the apples, pears, cherries,

Prof. Rathvon read an illustrated paper on a species of fungus (Coprinas Comatus) which sprang up in his garden on the night of November 3, 1881. This was another illustration of a retarded warm season, and the effect of such weather, among the subject of the animal and vegetable worlds. The fungus alluded to was one of the edible species, and was eat here. The worthy couple appreciated fully ten inches in height.

"committee on the state of the society," appointed at the last meeting, read an in teresting paper, full of goad practical suggestions relating to the welfare, the progress, and a greater efficiency of the society. and the manner in which this could most probably be effected.

The secretary read a paper from Mrs. Gibbons on some of the peculiarities in voting on questions, brought before socicties in Ireland and on the continent of Europe. She observed that at a confer-ence held last summer at Cologne the president "generally or always" put the affirmative only. At a meeting of teachers in Ireland the chairman put the negative only, and if no one voted "no" he would declare the motion "passed unanimously."

Elections. Mr. H. M. Herr was balloted for and unanimously elected an active member o

the society. The annual election of officers resulted is follows : President, Prof. J. S. Stahr Vice Presidents, Profs. T. R. Baker and J. H Dubbs; Cor. Secretary, Dr. H. D. Knight; Rec. Secretary, Dr. M L. Davis; Treasurer, Prof. S. S. Rathvon : Librarian, Mrs. L. N. Zell; Curators, S. S. Rathvon, C. A. Heinitsh, Jno. B. Kevinski and Wm.

Following is an extract from a report on general finance. "We have tabulated these financial statistics of the society merely to show by comparison with other associated enterprises in the city and country of Lancaster, what a little financial wheelbarrow we have been pushing orward during the last twenty years, when according to the magnitude of the subject, we should have been enabled to drive a 'six-horse Conestoga team.' It would be quite safe to say that such a collection as the society possesses, could not now be made for ten times the amount it has costus: and this fact should stimulate a de sire for its preservation and perpetuation, among the intelligent and moneyed citizens of Lancaster : for, extinguish this institution and its museum, and such another nucleus could not be formed acain for fifty years to come. No future scientists would feel encouraged to begin such a work again. The public seems to have very little comprehension of its mag nitude, especially since more than one half of it is necessarily packed away in drawers and boxes. Indeed, there are people who seem to think, that we are in some way, pecuniarily enriching our-

selves. After a very pleasant meeting, and general interchange of sentiment, the society adjourned to meet on the last Saturday in January, 1882.

### A MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR. Found Wounded and Frozen in an Open

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, Mr. John W. Kettler, junk dealer on North Penn street, was found in Hyde's field on the road leading from Cottage Hill to Chas. Smith's residence, York, lying along the fence, suffering from a wound in the head, and his body bespattered with blood. The cut is right on the top of the head, and could scarcely have been caused by a fall. Mr. Kettler, no doubt was lying out in the cold during the whole of Saturday night; his limbs and especially his hand were badly frozen, and being over 75 years of age, his chances for recovery are very doubtful. Last night his condition was very precarious. His life is heavily insured.

## THE MINSTRELS.

Change of Management. For some time past Haverly's New

Mastodon minstrels have been under the management of J. H. Mack, one of Mr. Haverly's right hand men. His place will now be taken by Kit Clarke. The latter gentleman arrived here this morning, and will take charge at once. Before the street parade to-day the company assembled in the opera house, where they were addressed by their new manager, wh spoke of his future intentions, in regard to the management, &c. He was heartily applauded. Mr. Clarke is well-known here. For years he was the manager of days ago cut his thumb and several fingers old Mastodons shortly and the fact that he very badly while working with a circular is with a company is sufficient to insure highest price paid being \$280. their success.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE. NEWS FROM THE COUNTRY. OBSERVATIONS OF CORRESPONDENTS

Doings Down in Dramore. Gossip in and and around Fairfield is all out of breath about a skirmish between one of the sinners of the village and Zion M. E. church. The fence dividing the sinner's field from the church yard and belonging to the church, has been neglected until it is in a very bad condition (other ecclesiastical things besides the church fences are allowed to get into bad condition sometimes in this community), and the sinner has been much worried with straying stock trespassing on his wheat, and has not been cultivating meekness and humility to any great extent. Week before last an extemporary fence was built across the carriage entrance to the church yard, which had the double effect of keeping out estrays and persons wishing to drive to church. The pedestrians succeeded in climbing over and crawling through. Little people can go through little holes. As the fence

was allowed to remain, and the saints and

followers," all having experienced a

"change," of course, not seeming to come

to an understanding with the sinner, gossip has been impatiently waiting for a law suit. And gossip is not fully satisfied whether the fight is for the benefit minerals : 100 Indian relics ; 50 historical of the church and the glory and specimens; 150 entomological; 300 in advancement of the cause, or the gratification of a personal animosity. Our churches are not usually combatively inclined, except when they have scalawags for trustees, and Zion's trustees "are honorable men-all, all honorable men."-so gossip is in a quandary. Last Saturday night the fence was removed and the Gospel stream, unimpeded, Sunday, flowed out with its usual impetus. Now the church is very anxious to know who tore away the fence. Not the sinner, he's too contrary. Not John McLaughlin, for he's afraid of ghosts; Howard Hensel's too peaceable; J. G. McSparran was stripping tobacco; Dave Weidley wouldn't walk that far ; Will McSparran would be afraid of soiling the good clothes he always wears; the rails were left on the premises, and it wasn't Jim Austin or Al. Brosias; Will Hastings never goes out of nights, and VanArsdale is too short to reach the top rail; Peter Smyth was home with his children; Squire Boyd was hunting up points of law about wagons, and Park Shank had the ague further, deponent sayeth not. Perhaps the New Year epened it to get in, or the devil to get out, or some of the "lower enders" in somnambalistic wanderings; or the trustees found they had flown higher than they could roost, and wanted

to get down quietly, and did it on the sly. Last Thursday evening at the residence of the bride's father, N. N. Hensel, Fair field, Mr. Chas Chambers and Miss Jennie Hensel entered into a co-partnership under the firm name of Chas. Chambers and wife. The article of agreement was executed by Rev. Cooper. They have my

old shoe thrown after them. Wednesday of last week a very delightful surprise was given to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ankrum by about sixty of their friends and neighbors, who ate enough to give half our township the dyspepsia. It is wonderful the amount of good things we or M. L. Davis, the chairman of the by Robert Boyd and Jas. G. McSparran. Mr. Ankrum is one of our good, unterrified Democrats, in which, else, he is strongely seconded by his excellent wife, and informed by the INTELLI-GEECER. Our friends will quit the surprise business soon or furnish us a list of

ew adjectives. The Fairfield lyceum will discuss Gui-> teau's ciaim to life next Friday evening. Mr. J. W. VanArsdale is stripping his erop of tobacco grown on Mr. Wm. Hast ing's farm, Fairtield. It is perhaps one of the finest lots of tob eco in our neighborhood and is sold for a nice price. 'Mr. Van has shown us a leaf that is translucent in

its fineness and is as light as a featherforsooth! light as two feathers. THE HARLS.

NEWS FROM THE MAST END.

the Budget of Our tedar Lane Corres-This village has again been visited by that fell destroyer Death, and it almost seems that its intention is to entirely wipe out whole families from our midst. The following deaths have occurred in the family of Henry Decker, of this place, within a couple of months: Samuel Ranck, aged 75; Kate Ranck, aged 40; Henry Decker, aged 22; Alice Decker, aged 5; Levi Decker, aged 25; and, there are two more sick at present, with the same disease. Miss Annie Hammond was buried from the adjoining farm, and both Henry Rutt and his wife on a neighboring fare, within a month, leaving a family of eleven children, some of them quite young ; but they have all found homes among friends of the family. Miss Clara Gehr, of this village, has also died of consumption.

On account of the mild weather building has been carried on extensively this winter and our lumber man, Mr. W. H. Sweigart, has been doing a very large business; he says the present has been the best'year for business he ever had. Mr. Charles Sweigart has completed his store building which will be occupied the ensuing year by Mr. Ezra Witmer, who is at present engaged in business at Nottaway Court House, Virginia. Mr. Sweigart has purchased a tract of land from the estate of Samuel Ranck, deceased, which he con. templates laying off in bailding lots, and will either sell the lots or erect buildings on them himself. We expect by the end the year 1882 to see at least a score of new houses and business places in Cedar Lane, and if some of our other villages do not hurry up, Cedar Lane, of only a couple of years growth, will lay them in the

Wm. Good and son, who met with an accident some time ago while hauling rails, are improving. Mr. Good is able to be out again, and the young man who had a fracture of one of the bones in his leg is

improving. Farmers and tobacco growers have taken advantage of the damp weather, and are all busy stripping their tobacco, the bulk of it being already sold, although a few of the choicest as well as a great many good lots still are in the market.

Great quantities of Western corn have been shipped into this valley for the use of our farmers. W. H. Sweigart has sold over 5,000 bushels within the last 60 days, besides what George A. Wallace of East Earl has disposed of. Besides these dealers, a great many farmers have had whole car loads consigned to themselves for their own use.

During the h liday season quite a number of our young folks, here entered into the bonds of matrimany. East Earl can boast of over a score of couples who have put on the yoke and most likely there will be as many more between now and

Public sales are beginning to take place and in the next few months many dollars worth of personal property will change hands in this section.

Mr. George Zorn, of Cedar Lane, has slaughtered the heaviest porker of our village; weight 575, only 104 months o

Sate of Horses

Hand Injured.

Harry Burkhart, of Fairville, a few here. For years no was the manager of different companies of M. B. Leavitt. He is a good man and is popular with the public. Mr Mack will take charge of the public. Mr Mack will take charge of the Grossman, 18 head of heavy Canada horses, Samuel Hess & Son, auctioneers, sold at