The New York World and Tribune cannot of course be expected to express unfavorable opinions of Blaine's policy. as it comes into question in the difference between him and his successor in their treatment of the South American imbroglio. We reprint the comments of cuse the Pullman car company of smugthe Herald, Sun and Times because they gling. view the matter from different standpoints, and present it very clearly in their condemnation of Mr. Blaine and the manner of his interference in a matter in which it chiefly concerned Chili how she should deal with her conquered enemy. If any South American power had undertaken to tell us what should have been done with Mexico after the war of 1848, the United States would not have been slow to proclaim and maintain the doctrine of "mind your own business;" and it is pretty hard to see what is to be gained by the introduction upon this continent of the European system under which, to maintain "balance of power," every government deems it its duty to mix in the determination by each other government of its relations with its neighbors. We have all the territory we can develop and govern for centuries to come, and it is a matter of very little interest to us as a nation, which one of the quarreling South American states holds the guano nor any of his friends has been able to damages in a suit againt the railway comshow what he would or could have done pany. For less money they might have if Chili had snubbed his messenger and put on more cars and more careful spat upon his messages of interference, drivers. and all his bluster might have gone for

The truth is that there are strong suspicions of jobbers and jobbery in this whole business. The inefficient South American governments are generally the spoil of speculators, whose profits are the stake in their wars and diplomatic negotiations. A company developing the Peruvian deposits of guano wanted better terms than Chili was disposed to give, and were especially desirous of not being interfered with by any transfer of take note of all this, as it seems to be the guano riches to the conqueror. It is Mr. Blaine's fame to be implicated in jobs and his fortune to have many friends among jobbers; and when these seek official patronage or is due to the purely personal reason that protection he is generally discovered to his family do not want to leave their pleasbe a medium for them to obtain it. He ant home at Carlisle and dwell in the mais as naturally a blatant demagogue larious atmosphere of Harrisburg. Mr. reaching the street half smothered by as he is a rapacious lobbyist; and so Simonton will now become president judge smoke and with hair, whiskers and clothes when he can serve the lobby and make and J. B. MacPherson, esq., son-in-law of singed by flame. There was not a moment fire descended. His name is Edward a popular show of devotion to national Judge Patterson, of Laucaster, will be ap- for the rescue of even the most valuable Moore, a compositor on the Scottish Ameriinterests he is in his element. So he shines in this Chili-Peruvian affair, and not to great advantage to himself or his clude Judge Henderson from aiming trying to get \$250, which he had put in his

The County Finances.

Ex - County Commissioner Robert Montgomery, in a statement we cheerfully print, excepts to our classification of the late board of county commissioners as "unpopular," without noting gone. that his unpopularity was due to causes different from that which made his col leagues obnoxious. In the main Mr. Montgomery is right in maintaining that his unpopularity arose from his stubborn resistance to the payment of improper and exorbitant bills presented against the county treasury. We have not al ways been able to agree with him in his polis. views of public affairs. At times and in some of his official conduct he has manifested minor inconsistencies which gave his enemies a handle against him, and his manner was frequently such that persons were apt to get the impression that he objected to the payment of bills as much for the pleasure of objecting as for the sake of public economy-as the Pusitans were blamed with being down on bear-baiting because it pleased the spectators, rather than because it hurt the bear. But on the whole Mr. Montgomery's course was one of stern integrity and official uprightness, and if he too jealously guarded the county treasury, the example of one such rare official is most salutary, and with such colleagues as he had his influence could not

economy. Mr. Montgomery, as a taxpayer, goes further and exercises his undeniable right to criticise the action of the new board in laying a three-mill tax. He points out that the "large floating debt." which was made a pretext for the extra half mill, is a bonded debt of only some seven thousand dollars, and that no part of the extra money raised can be applied to the redemption of the other bonded debt, since it is not due until 1884. It is plain, therefore, that the extra levy was not warranted unless extra expenses are contemplated, of which the taxpayers have a right to be suspicious. A twoand-a-half mill tax ought to have been sufficient to meet all current expenses and pay off the seven thousand dollars. The extra half mill will raise some \$45,-000, which will only be a temptation for tempting his rescue Seaman Peter Smith extravagant expenditures. The surplus | fell in and narrowly escaped drowning. can not be applied to the extinguishment of the bonded debt, nor can it be put at interest to await the maturity of the county loans. For its levy there does his suspenders for a rope and a cell bar not seem to have been occasion.

be too strongly exerted in behalf of

IT seems that the Wilkesbarre post reached Washington to prevent it; that been found in the office of a lawyer named it was done on the motion of Senator J. M. Welsh, adjoining the store. Welsh Miller, of New York, in the absence of is in jail. both Cameron and Mitchell, and at Congressman Scranton's instance; and that Hoyt has gone to the White House and Mitchell has stood up on the Senate floor to see if some "clerical error" can- Vignaux brought his score up to 600, was not be found in this matter, as soon even with the American and then was discovered when the name of shot ahead, finishing the evening with a woman's feet. The crowd held its breath windows or roof. Colonel Leslie C. Bruce a man objectionable to Mahone total score of 1,200. Slosson added only was sent in. It is not very big 808. Vignaux's average was 30 6-7 and business for a Pennsylvania gover- Slosson's 73-7. nor to be pettifogging around Washington to beat a confirmed postmaster because "he had not voted the Republican ticket and that he was a Hancock and malfeasance in office, of Cornelius man in the last election and his appoint. Callaghan, captain of a "Preventive ment would split the party in Wilkes. Watch and Detective Agency," which has barre " But the president has " prom-

gressmen Walter A. Wood, of New NEW YORK'S BIG FIRE, York, writes to a postmaster in his district, the administration is making things solid for 1884.

EVEN the Wilkesbarre Record has its kick at the medals for the 306.

THE St. Louis clergy are moving on the Mormons-that is the Utah Mormons

AND now the Montreal authorities ac-

THEY are talking about a ten-million dollar reduction of the national debt this

BEAVER has carried Centre county. It

NEW YORK might find it economy of

life and property to tear down its tinder boxes before they burn down. IF Farmer Butler can't be elected governor he might succeed Beaver in managing

the state agricultural college. THE Yankee has his nose to the front again. One of them has secured 100,000 acres of land near the City of Mexico, with partial freedom from tariff laws, for the colonization of forty families of the Latin

A PHILADELPHIA street car being crowded, a delicate young girl was obliged to stand up, and a sudden start of piles from which we ship enrichment for the car twisted her spine and so injured our broad acres. Moreover, neither Blaine her that a jury has given her \$12,000

> In putting William Henry Rawle, of Philadelphia, on the slate for supreme judge Cameron intended to represent the the intellectual and aristocratic element of the party, and to conciliate the Wolfe Independents. For like considerations Boss McManes is "agin" him, and in despair of bringing McManes to terms it is now proposed to drop Mr. Rawle and substitute either F. Carroll Brewster, or the Hon. George Lear. Farmer Butler should gleaning in his fields.

Henderson's resignation of the president judgeship of Dauphin and Lebanon county | were dingy, and in many instances reachpointed associate law judge and afterwards all opened and there was no time to shut elected no doubt All this does not pre- them. One man was nearly smothered in administration of the state department. higher, and the chances are that he is cash drawer. To save his life he left his slated for the supreme bench of the state. cash and fled. The spectacle of people

> PERSONAL. WILLIE EDOUR is the last man who left \$2,500 between the mattresses in his hotel chamber, and came back to find it

> ARTHUR has secured John Jacob Astor's cook, and when the 306 are invited to the White House, they may expect the table to be well set.

the state of Maryland a portrait of George | ten the fire was at its height, and a mag-Calvert, the first Lord Baltimore, and it has been placed in the capitol at Anna-

Mr. HIRAM MILLER, father of United States Senator Warner Miller, was killed on a Utica street crossing by a locomotive on the New York Central railroad last

The trustees of Dartmouth college have voted not to accept the resignation of Professor Sanborn, but to engage ex-President Brown, of Hamilton college, to assist in his department.

Business was suspended on the floor of the Commercial Exchange, Philadelphia yesterday, to give way to the final struggle in one of the most bitter contests for the presidency ever known the history of the association. Many carriages were run for slothful members and WALTER G. WILson got 41 votes to 38 for WM. L. ALLEN. Ex-Senator CONKLING has been very reticent of late on public affairs, but he is credited with an observation at a dinner party to the effect "that the gentleman from Maine had at length obtained rope enough to hang himself, and he expected he would at once proceed to the execution." Meanwhile, the question on all hands is, " What is it the Peruvian company has to tell ?"

The Direful Drift of Daily Dologs. Mary Clapp, a married woman, aged living at Dunham's Corner, near New Brunswick, N. J., was fatally poisoned by taking drugs. She was about to become a mother. John Morrison, employed in the picker-

room of the Bridgewater Mills, at Chester, was fatally burned by the ignition of the While skating on the bay at Erie Lieutenant Thomas Smith Plunkett, U. S. N., serving aboard the ship Michigan, fell in and was drowned. The deceased was a young and very popular officer. In at-

Thomas P. Rone, aged twenty-seven, of Plainfield, went on a debauch in Hoboken and was put in the jail. Yesterday morning he tried to commit suicide by using for a beam. He was cut down, however, before life was extinct.

Twelve thousand dollars' worth of silks, stolen from the store of Camp, Mormaster was confirmed before Gov. Hoyt | rill & Camp, at Jackson, Michigan, have

Vignaux Passes Slosson. At Paris, in the international billiard match last night, the second evening of the game, Slosson resumed the cue and made a run of 56. As the play progressed

Does Detection Detect? A warrant has been issued in Chicago for the arrest, on the charge of conspiracy been largely patronized. A private watchised to take the subject into consideration," for he knows the size of the habit of increasing his business by play-Pennsylvania statesmen; and, as Con- ing burglar on occasions.

PARK ROW A HEAP OF ASHES.

A TERRIBLE CONFLAGRATION.

LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

Some Hair-breadth 'Scapes and Some Terri ble Deaths—Graphic Description of an Awful Holocaust. There is a great heap of smouldering ashes in Park Row, New York. All the great block bounded by Park Row, Nassau and Beekman streets, with the exception of the New York Times building, is in ruins. The fire was a fierce one, and the flames spread so rapidly that it was with the greatest efforts only that anyone escaped is a long way out to the circumference of alive. As it is, several lives are lost and many occupants of the burned building suffered serious injuries. The fire started in the death-trap known as the old World building. The building was thus called partly because it was old, partly as a term of disrespect and partly because formerly occupied by the World news paper. This structure stood on about twelve city lots of average size, being part of the property which was in the olden time occupied by the "Brick Church." About 1856 the church was demolished The southern half of the plot it had formerly occupied is now occupied by the New York Times building. This is fire-proof and was not injured by the con-death. flagration except in the roof. The fire in the death-trap burst out suddenly a little after 10 o'clock. There are several dozen conflicting stories as to how it began, but most of them agree in saying that it first was seen in the elevator shaft. A moment afterward the building was ablaze from pavement to cornice. Had it been a haystack it could not have been more quickly on fire throughout. There was no provi sion for escaping from the flames. The stairways were of wood and double as far as the second floor, above which one stair-

way with many crooks and angles served the upper floors. A Death Trap. The five stories of the building were divided into offices, most of the partitious being of pine. Most of these offices were occupied by people whose fixtures and belongings were very combustible. There was Pettingill's great advertising agency, with tons of newspapers on files. Above it was the office of the Scientific American with its accumulation of years of the record of Munn & Co.'s extensive patent business. The New York Observer, Scottish American, Turf, Field and Farm and half a dozen other papers had their offices in the building. Although the outer walls of the tinder-box were of brown stone, WE have reason to know that Judge giving the structure an air of solidity and respectability, the inner plan of the structure was an bad as could be. The offices ed by narrow and tortuous passages. From these offices the occupants fled in hot haste, tumbling over each other headlong down the crooked stairways and papers. Pettingill's tirc-proof safes were clinging to signs and hanging from upper windows was one long to be remembered. Several persons were dangerously injured by jumping or falling to the pavement. Many were seen struggling and screaming at the upper windows. Some jumped and were caught on blankets by the people be-

How the Fire Spread. It was but a little while till the floors fell in. Within an hour most of the walls Mr. John W. Garrett has presented to fell out into the streets. About half-past nificent sight it was. There was dauger that it would spread southward. For a site side of Beekman street was on lire. The new fire-proof monster, "Temple Court," which is not yet quite finished, suffered the loss of its window-sashes and other woodwork. The gigantic Morse suffers the loss of much of its outer woodwork. Nassau street was laid out by the Dutch, who made it as narrow as a cow-

ocean of fire which filled the area within.

with brickbats. The Flight for Life. from the offices beneath had rushed to the roof in the hope that they could escape by passing over to the Times building. In a short space of time the engines were on the ground. They came from every direction. The windows of the burning structure had been opened and the breaking of the glass mingled with the cries of the sufferres. Little tongues of flame shot out here and there and licked up the tiny snowflakes as they came pelting down. Fire-escapes were hastily improvised and several men slid down in saity to the street. The crowd each mo. ment grew larger. As one after and other with burned hands and face, reached the street in safety the crowd cheered. A woman standing on the sill of the window of the fourth story held on to a telephone and her clothing was in a disordered condition. She fanned herself with her right hand and waited for assistance. "Hold fast till I come!" shouted a brawny fire man and a score of brave men and boys rushed forward and dragged a ladder from a hook and ladder company that had just arrived. In an instant a ladder was

placed alongside the building. It only 'Can you hold a minute?" the leader asked the poor woman. "Yes, but for God's sake hurry," was the hoarse reply. fracture of the base "Come on Ben," said the fireman to his afterward she died. companion. "D-n the ladder, we must

ground Jumping from the Windows. themselves hemmed in with a seething patent office and on the Scientific American is held at the Lancaster postoffice, for engineer of the reorganized fire department.

escape. Some rushed to the many windows fronting upon the streets and climbed out upou the sills and cornices, while others took to the roof. Within a few minutes after the outbreak of the fire dense smoke and flames were pouring from all the upper windows, and the great crowds which had gathered sent up pity. ing greans and words of encouragement to the poor mortals who could be seen clinging to the windows. The insurance patrol spread their sheets, while willing hands grasped them and held them for those above to jump into. Some few availed themselves of this means of escape. A long wire connected a telegraph pole with an upper Park Row window, and by cutting the wire at the pole a fire escape was improvised, down which four persons ground. One man jumped from the fifthstory window to the telegraph wires in front of the building and creeping along them slid down the pole. Flames were shooting out of all the top windows and the three sides. The heat was almos; in sufferable, but its temperature was mild compared to what it was half an hour later. The great crowd that had gathered below were horror-stricken to see four persons hanging by the lintels of the windows on the fourth floor. Three of the men were on the Nassau street side. The other, an old man, was isolated by himself on the Beckman street side. The smoke almost blinded them; the flames almost scorched them. Flames of fire dropped upon them, but there they stood and hung, awaiting, as all thought who saw them, inevitable

A Terrible Fall.

The flames danced from window to window, approaching with a fierceness that paled many a cheek to the spot where the three men were. The firemen had trained four streams of water upon the men and upon the windows nearest them and checked the flames. Ladders were brought, but all fell short by about four feet. The flames suddenly broke out of the window nearest the men and the horror-stricken persons expected momentarily to see them drop, but two well directed streams speedily drove the flames back. A desk was brought out at the suggestion of Mr. Anthony Comstock, and he braced himself, allowing the ladder to rest on his back. But while the ladder was being put in position one of the men dropped, in the hope of catching it, and missing his aim fell to the street, his head striking the curb with a sickening thud. He was picked up -his name was Richard Davy-and carried into a eigar store opposite and an ambulance was sent for. In the mean-time, with the aid of the desk and a score of stalwart arms, the ladder was placed directly under the feet of one of the men. He was a young man and further from the flames than the other, but with a display of bravery that called forth the cheers of the hundreds who saw the act he stretched out his hand to the older man and helped him to descend first. As the older man reached the sidewalk his appearance was greeted with cheers and he was rushed over to the eigar store. He was uninjured; his name was A. M. Stewart and he is the editor and proprietor of the Scottish American Journal. Then the ladder was shifted to the other window and the hero of the

A Brave Colored Bootblack On the corner of Beckman street and Park Row for months past might have been seen a colored bootblack who was known as Charles Right. This morning he occupied his usual position, when he was startled by a loud cry of "Fire!" He immediately went to the scene of the blaze, then on the fourth floor. He saw three men standing on the window-sill of the fourth floor. At the same time he noticed that a large telegraph cable ran low while others fell backwards into the from the roof of the burning structure to a pole which stood near the curb in front of the building. Without a moment's hesitation he climbed up the pole, and on reaching the top, with a spike he cut loose the wire which came from the roof. He then took it and threw it toward the three men. As soon as it reached the men they proceeded down it hand over little while the old building on the oppo- hand till they reached the ground in safety, thus owing their lives to the forethought of this heroic bootblack. Among the miraculous escapes none was more remarkable than that of Mr. Charles Blackwell, who was cut off from escape building, on Beekman and Nassan streets, both on the Park Row and Nassau street entrances. He burst through the door of an office fronting on Beekman street, on the fourth story, and climbing out of the A. section of the falling wall window held on firmly to a large sign tumbled into the majestic doorway of the board till the fireman reared a ladder and Morse building, completely choking it rescued him. The rescuers were not a moment too soon, for he had not descended more than half way down the The building, in which several hundred ladder when a sheet of flamo swept eople were at work, was old and filled out of the window through which he with wooden partitions, and the stairs had emerged, and half a minute were dry as tinder. The house had for later the cornice of the roof tumbled years been looked upon by firemen with over with a loud report. The cheers of peculiar apprehensions by reason of its age the spectators for the gallant firemen and general condition of ripeness for a were again and again repeated. Two girls, conflagration. Two entrances led into the shortly after the flames were discovered, building in the middle of it, one from appeared at the windows on the Beekman Nassau street and the other from Park street side. A ladder was quickly raised Row. On Beekman street there was none. to where they were standing, and, shout-Recently an elevator had been put in at ling for assistance, Mr. F. Herrlich, a the Nassau street entrance. It was in its water meter inspector, sprang up the ladshaft that the flames shot upward and der, and taking one of them in his arms spread. In a moment almost after the proceeded down the ladder amid the shouts fire started people were seen on the roof and applause of the spectators. After de-

of the burning building as gusts of wind livering up his charge he again went up carried the smoke away. They were crying frantically for help. Men and women gir! A Woman's Death Leap. Elleu Bull, a colored janitress, was at her work when she became aware of the presence of the fire. She, with two men, rushed to the window of the top floor on the Park Row side and climbing out gained a footing on the cornice of the window below. In this position, the smoke ever and anon clouding them from the gaze of horror-stricken thousands in the street, they remained for at least five minutes, which must have seemed ages to the unfortunate persons. Meanwhile the firemen and citizens halloed to them encouraging words and in a most supolieating manner bade them retain their hold a little longer, and with an carnestness that was truly heroic the citizens helped the raising of the ladders to wire with her left hand. She was hatless the place where the persons clung for life. Suddenly the colored woman rose bold upright on the cornice and her shout to clear the way sent terror to her hearers. The men raised their hands and begged that she stay a moment longer, but in vain. She gathered her clothes tightly about her and sprang, striking the street with a sickening thud. Several men immediately sprang forward and raised the reached to the third story. A cry of dis-may went up from the crowd. "Push up neighboring restaurant and from thence another!" a hundred voices yelled. Two she was conveyed in an ambulance to the firemen jumped up the steps two at a time. | Chambers Street hospital. She remained unconscious all the time, and it was found on examination that she had sustained a fracture of the base of the skull and shortly There seems no reason to doubt the

save her." and up he went step after step judgment of the steadiest observers that to the top, and his hands just reached the nearly all got out safely by the stairs, in suspense; the woman looked calm and of the Tarf, Field and Farm, confirms this collected. 'Hold on to the wire and view of the losses. He was in the office of The woman as told, and as the brawny heard the cry of fire. Fourteen persons swoon and had apparently lost her balance, the stairs. He stayed to throw the when the fireman on the other step caught subscription books out into the her and she was hastily carried to the street and was overtaken by the fire. He, however, succeeded in locking the door of the safe and escaped through Desperate efforts were made to reach the window. On the coping under the the street from the narrow stairways. They windows he crept to the Times building and were almost immediately a mass of fire, was saved. The statement is made that and the many unfortunates above found fifty persons employed in Munn & Co.'s Nicols, Rock Falls, Whiteside Co. Ill.," acted on, there will be an election of chief Leonard.

one of the men who jumped from the third story window of the burning building and was taken to the hospital died there this morning.

The burned building was held by its owner, Mr. Potter, to be worth \$700,000, including the ground and all. The rent collected from its tenants amounted to \$70,000 a year. The total loss in its destruction can probably not be put at over \$200,000. It was insured for \$175,000. The New York belting company loses \$150,000, insured for \$100,000. Wallack, stationer, loses \$75,000; he was insured and so was the Scientific American, but a heavy loss is sustained by private persons, patentees and inven-tors, whose models were in the keeping slid from a fourth-story window to the of the latter firm. The destruction of accumulated patents, models, drawings, etc., owned by this concern swell the amount of its loss to a very high figure. It is stated to be over \$100,000. Competent judges sum up the total loss of property, excluding the building, to be over \$1,000, 000. Turf, Field and Farm had the finest sporting library in the country, some of the books being very valuable. The library was the property of Colonel S. B. Bruce and Leslie Bruce. The manuscript for the Bear's stud book, in process of compilation, was destroyed. The loss of the concern is put at \$50,000. The loss of the firm of S. M. Pettingill & Co., advertising agents, is estimated at \$25,000.

ALL SORTS.

BUT MOSTLY TRAGIC.

Recent Railroad Accidents. Thomas McCune, brakeman, slipped off a freight train and was killed, near Oak dale, Long Island. He leaves a wife and

eve children. A special pay car on the Union Pacific railroad ran into the rear of a freight train near Fort Steele, Wyoming. Three train men were killed and four others injured. A freight train and construction train on the Sciota Valley railroad collided near Hanging Rock, Ohio, killing two workmen and severely wounding five others. It is said the conductor of the train "was going without orders."

The second section of a train on the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac railroad in Vinginia, collided with the rear of the first section, which had broken loose. Several cars were wrecked and L. Jewell, engineer, received serious injuries.

Blow-up of a Gasometer. In Newark, N. J., last evening, the gasometer of the Citizens' gas company exploded, leaving the northern portion of the city in darkness. The iron cylinder covering the gasometer became tilted by the weight of snow upon it and by the force of the wind, until the chains broke. top of the gasometer then struck against the brick sides of the tank producing a spark, which caused the explosion. A sheet of flame leaped two hundred feet into the air, suddenly lighting up the whole city; the next instant the whole northern section was in darkness. The gasometer contained 100,000 feet of gas. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. No person was injured.

Found With a Bullet in His Side. Bloomfield, disappeared very mysteriously from his home last Friday. Yesterday he was found in Stauffer's woods, near Scottdale, Westmoreland county, with a bullet hole in his right side. He was unconscious, without being able to give an account of how he was injured. The affair has created great excitement, as it is not known whether he committed suicide or met with foul play.

A Tramp Promptly Lynched. On Saturday night a tramp, named William Steel, called at the residence of Mrs. Buell, about twelve miles from Lo gansport, Ind., and asked her for supper. Finding that the woman was alone he assaulted her and fled. Neighbors of Mrs. Buell immediately pursued Steele and when they caught him hanged him without delay. They then piled brush about his body and burned it beyond recognition. The sheriff took possession of the body, and turned over to the coroner.

The Susquehanna Gorge. At Pittston the ice gorge in the Susque hanna river is twenty miles in length. The river banks are overflowed and there are signs of a freshet.

At Wilkesbarre the gorge in the Susquehanna is still firm and the river has risen twenty feet above low water mark. Snow is now eleven inches deep. The indications are that a severe freshet will take place in this locality.

The Spread of Smallpox. Eighteen new cases of small-pox were reported yesterday in Pittsburgh, and six in Allegheny City. There were 21 deaths from the disease in Richmond, Virginia, last week. The small pox has appeared on board the U.S. steamer Tennessee, now at New York.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

For Congressman at Large.

B. J. M'GRANN

Columbia Herald, Dem.

well received.

the Empire:

Under the new apportionment Pennsylvania will likely gain two members of Congress. They will have to be elected on the general ticket, and as Col. Sam Dick of Meadville has been promised one of the nominations on the Republican ticket

by Senator Cameron, we hasten to match him with the name of Mr. B. J. McGrann of Lancaster. There will be room enough on the ticket for all sections to have representation, and as Lancaster county with her 10,000 Democratic voters has always had the lamb's share, we think it about time for her to be acknowledged as part and parcel of the great and often defeated Democratic party. Mr. Mc-Grann is one of the most successful business men of the state. He is not brilliant in oratory, but he has good sound sense and judgment. He excels in social qualities and would make an excellent congressman. He would be the superior of the antediluvian now warming the seat once filled by Thaddeus Stevens. Mr. Mc-Grann has an extensive acquaintance throughout the state, and, although he has no knowledge of this movement, we believe the suggestion of his name will be

The Empire Will Stay. In reply to the request addressed by the special committee on the reorganization of the fire department to the several compa nies at present comprising the department | Katie McIntyre.... 54 asking them to remain in service temporarily, the following has been received

from Chas. M. Howell, esq., president of

Herbert Johnston, Clerk Special Committee of City Councils: DEAR SIR: As far as I can judge the special committee on the reorganization of fire department may rely upon the ser step on my shoulder," said the fireman. his paper, on the third floor, when he vices of the Empire H. & L. Co. being cheerfully rendered until such time as the fellow went to move a step she seemed to were in his office, but all got out safely by committee shall have the new system in working operation.

> Yours very truly, CHAS. M. HOWELL, President Empire H. & L. Co. LANCASTER, Jan. 31, 1882.

Detained for Postage.

THE GROUND-HOG.

LINES ON THE GREAT WEATHER

To-morrow Will be Candlemas Day The Ground hog cannot climb a tree. Nor navigate a ship at sea : Nor in wrial baltoon Make an ascension to the moon : Slight is his knowledge of the stars. He scarce knows Juniter from Mars : And yet he knows a thing or two Of vast import to me and you : Of vast import to every soul Who has to buy his winter's coal : A thing or two to fix the price Otall who use or deal in ice. Unaided by thermometer, Or aneroid barometer. Or signal service telegrams, Or flight of birds, or beaver dams, Or goose-bone's curious conditions Or planetary oppositions, Conjunctions, quadratures, ascensions. All astronomical pretensions-Without the aid of seers or quacks, Or witchcraft, magic, almanaes, Or any other weak appliance On which the ignorant place reliance. The Ground-hog's gift of prophecy Proclaims the truth and not a lie. For ages past he has foretold Whether the weather would be cold-Whether old winter's reign was o'er Or spring postponed for six weeks more; Though unbelieving tools may scoff it, He is the champion weather prophet.

When Autumn's glorious days have past And many a cold and chilling blast Sweep over meadow, vale and hill And bitter frosts the grasses kill, The Ground-hog to his hole descends And gathers round him all his friends Looks well to see that all is right, Then bids his tamily good night: Pulls in the latch string of the door Falls fast asleep and 'gine to snore-He sleeps and snores, and ne'er awakes Till Candlemas upon him breaks.

Then, just at dawn, he issues forth-Sniffs the cool breezes from the North: With long-drawn breath and heaving chest Inhales the zephyrs from the West: Turns slowly round his eyes to feast On the red glories of the East : Then on his haunches faces South. Opes wide his eyes and shuts his mouth, Resigns him to the impending Fates And on the day-god calmly waits.

Perchance the heavens are overspread With heavy clouds as gray as lend : Perchance athwart the wintry sky Great mackerel shoals are scudding by Or the arched vault is teeming tull Of fleecy vapors white as wool, While here and there, just peeping through Are paling stars, in field of blue. No matter what may be the scene. The Ground-hog, so emn but serene On his lean baunches sits in state His motto being, " watch and wait." Perchance he waits the livelong day

And still the heavens are cold and gray-The circling sun from east to west, Rises and sinks and goes to rest, Hid from the world behind a shroud Ot dark, impenetrable cloud. If so the Ground-hog winks his eye, Dances around and shouts, "Hi! hi! Ye slumbering wood-chucks all come forth, The winds and whirlwinds of the North Have gone for aye, and gentle Spring Our long-continued fast we'll break-And banquet for our stomach's sake."

But it perchance, while on his watch. The Ground-hog's eagle eye should catch A rift among the darkling clouds That frown on earth like heavy shrouds, He quickly turns his eyes askance, Gives one quick, penetrating glance Square to the right, to see, if he His shadow in the sun can see; And if he sees it, well he knows The jig is up; that drifting snows And roaring winds for six long weeks Shall rage and howl and split their cheeks.

With tearful eye and visage pale Between his legs he curls his tail, Sighs heavily, and straightway goes Down to his den to seek repose-To hibernate for six weeks more Till Winter's cruel reign is o'er.

Man! dost thy ardent bosom yearn Ground-hog philosophy to learn? It so, arise ere break of day On Candlemas, and hie away To where the Ground-hoz digs his hole: Secrete thyself, and for thy soul Make not the slightest noise, but keep Thine eyes fixed on the mound-like heap Of earth that marks the spot, I ween, Where the wise Ground-hog may be seen. Be not impatient; watch and wait: Perhaps the Ground-hog may be late; Perhaps important matters may Detain him in his hole all day : He may be seriously unwell. Or not at home-ah! who can tell? But be thou steadfast-never flinch-Yield not a quarter of an inch To rain, or hail or bitter frost, Lest thy great privilege be lost ! Firm as a rock remain! remain! Such chance may ne'er occur again

And you, ye superstitious clan, Who pin your faith to erring man, And who believe, deluded ones, In old John Baer and John Baer's Sons Who swallow all the shallow lies Of poor Old Probabilities, And wrestle with the more amazin Absurdities of silly Hazen, Or strive in vain to grasp the tenor Of the false prophecies of Vennor, And set them forth all in a row With the worse blunders of DeVoe, Who knows no more about the weather Than screaming sca-gulls know of heath To you, deluded ones, I say, Turn to the Ground-hog, right away : For though he cannot climb a tree, Nor navigate a ship at sea, Nor run a primary election Nor keep the small-pox in subjection. He is a creature of rare sense Whose weather wisdom is immense

Grade of Pupils. The following is the grade of pupils in attendance at the James street first grade secondary school during the month of January :

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Chas. Leyden 92 Harry Apple 91 Theo. Appel 90 Beckle O'Bryon 86 Clara Dellet 54 Lillie Miles 54	Frank Johnson
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Samuel Boas. 82 Chas, Sener. 77 Mary Munson. 75 Christ Flick. 74 William Long. 71 Frank Smith. 69 Michael Bartiev. 69	Herb. Pinkerton 25 Flora Miles 25 Sophia Cunningham 22

Railroad Watchmen Appointed. Thomas O'Brien has been appointed by the Pennsylvania railroad company as watchman at the Lemon street crossing. and Samuel Armstrong has been appointed watchman at Prince and Walnut street crossings. Watchmen have long been needed at these points, and the railroad company will no doubt find the officers of great benefit to the company, as they will assuredly be a safeguard to our citizens. A watchman should next be placed at the Plum street crossing.

Meeting of Councils A letter addressed to "Mr. Robert other matters of general interest to be POLITICAL.

THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES. LIVELY TIMES IN BOSS M'MELLEN'S "OWN."

A List of the Candidates for Ward Ufficers and Delegates.

The Republican primary meetings were

held at the several ward houses last even-

ing for the purpose of making general nominations from which the ward tickets will be selected next Friday evening. The nominations, are given below. The persons selected as delegates (three from each ward) will meet in convention after their election is ascertained, for the purpose of choosing a candidate for mayor and six school directors. The meetings were generally very quiet, though there was a lively scene at the Third ward polling place, Bauer's beer saloon, East King street. The room was crowded, "Hoggy' Leonard was the ruling spirit of the occasion, and the customary festive appearance of that distinguished statesman was enhanced by the aspect of his left eye. which upon his arrival on the scene of action was entirely closed, but as the evening wore away assumed the expression of a rapidly decaying pear. Mr. Leonard seems to have had a misunderstanding with Wayne Shay at the American engine house prior to the opening of the polls, and brought the ornamented optic along with him as a souvenir of the event. The position occupied by "Hoggy" relation to the present political situation was quite a surprise to those whose knowledge of ward affairs extends as far back as the last Republican primaries, when his bitter opposition to Captain McMellen and his dire threatenings against that political Napoleon constituted a memorable incident. Leonard last night, however, was the captain's champion, an out-and-out Mc-Mellen man from the word go. His voice was the first to propose "three cheers for Cap'n McMellen for mayor," and his the most vociferous response. The organization of the board was about a stand-off. Col. S. H. Price sat stern and sedate as the presiding official, placed there by the McMellen influence and vigorously championed by Leonard. J. Kahler Snyder, a trusted lieutenant of the boss, sat to Price's left while Alderman J. K. Barr and Eph. Shaub, representing the anti-McMellen wing, also secured places at the table. Nominations be gan early and continued lively. For select council the main fight is between the present incumbent, A. R. Barr, who was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by Major Shenk's death, and Chas. J. White, present member of common council, who has his knife into Adam badly, and is determined to beat him, as in all probability he will; the nomination of Judge Huber for the same place, however, may indicate that McMellen has transferred his favor to that celebrated constructor of iron-elad cells. In such an event the young and handsome common councilman, who aspires to a seat among the grave and reverend seigneurs, would find himself badly "left;" but White has all along been regarded as the McMellen candidate and the volunteer firemen will swing solidly into line for him by reason of his steady opposition strong fight to go back, as he likes the position on account of the prominence it gives him, and be has, moreover, made an active councilman with plenty of time and inclination for the duties of the office. Unless all sign fail, however, he will be elected to stay at home. For common council John H. Barnes and S. B. Cox will make a fight for renomination; they are both after a "vindication," having warmly espoused the new fire department system as a member of the special reorganization committee, and Cox having been an equally vigorous champion of the volunteers. "They say" they have Barnes beaten, but the plucky printer keeps a stiff upper lip and expects a renomination. There are a number of other candidates, and it promises to be a rough and tumble The opposition to Joe! Haines for asse-sor will not develop anything serious,

and his renomination is a foregone con-The nomination of Leonard for constable against the present incumbent, was one of the phases of the funny scenes enacted during the evening. The election for delegates is where the chief interest of the struggle centres. There are eleven candidates and Captain McMellen will make a big fight for a delegation favorable to his own aspirations for mayor, while his enemies will be just as earnest in preventing such a result. The anti-McMellen men drew first blood last evening when, just before the time for closing the polls, "Hoggy" Leonard moved that the delegates elected next Friday, whoever they may be, go to the convention instructed to vote for McMellen for mayor. Eph. Shaub sprang an amendment that the delegates go uninstructed and then there was a whooping time for a minute or more. Price put the question and the vote for the amendment was followed by a defiant "no," led by Leonard, who it was observed voted on both sides of the question. Then Price told them to raise their hands in order that they could be counted. By this time it was very evident that nobody knew what they were voting on, and while the counting was in progress Eph. Shaub spied that the clock pointed past eight and raised a "point of order" that the proceedings could not proceed, as it was past the time for holding the meeting. Price, for very helplessness, decided the point well taken and adjourned the meeting, whereupon there were manifestations of great joy among the anti-McMellen people, while Leonard and his colleagues were equally loud in their denunciation and kept up a hurrah for McMellen. It was a Happy Family, but the delegates will go uninstructed.

List of the Candidates. FIRST WARD. Select Council-Henry Doerr, William Leaman and W. K. Beard. Common Council—H. H. Power, Dr. S. T. Davis, Joseph Hoover, John B. Long, R. Blickenderfer, J. K. Stoner and George

Alderman-Charles F. Eberman. Constable-Samuel Swenk. Assessor-A. C. Welchans, Henry M.

Greenawalt. Judge-C. C. Carman. Inspector-Melvin H. Rathfon. Delegates—Joseph Cramer, Samuel M. Myers, Clayton F. Myers, Jacob Sourbeer,

Dr. George A. Horting. SECOND WARD. Select Council-R. A. Evans. Common Council-William A. Wilson Hervy N. Hurst, A. H. Peacock, B. F. Skeen, W. B. Middletown and Adam

Pontz. Assessor - Jerome Vondersmith, H. F. Benedict and J. A. E. Carpenter.

Constable-Geo. Cramer. Judge-H. L. Henderson. Inspector-W. T. Brown. Delegates to Convention-Jacob Halbach, Peter C. Hensel, Geo. W. Eaby

Geo. W. Kline, Philip M. Smith. Select Council-Charles J. White, A. R. Barr, J. H. Huber, Robert L. Eichholtz, Eugene Bauer. Common Council-Joel S. Eaby, Benj. Henry, S. B. Cox, John Falck, Geo. S.

Danner, John H. Barnes, Jere Rife, D. M. Assessor-Amos D. Ailes, Joel L. A stated meeting of select and common Glinn, H. C. Martin. Constable-C. I. Stormfeltz Henry

Judge-S. H. Price, Thomas A. Deen J. K. Snyder.