## Lancaster Entelligencer.

MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 13, 1882.

Got the Wrong Pig by the Ear. It has been just about seven years since a Republican official in this city, goaded on by a newspaper of his party, indiscreetly brought a libel suit against the INTELLIGENCER, from the consequences of which he was glad to escape by preventing us from establishing before a jury the truth of our accusations against him. Some five years later the editors of this journal were again haled before a civil tribunal to answer for having indulged in criticism upon the failure of the court to take cognizance of an imposition practiced upon it by officials who had betrayed its confidence. In this case, as well as in the other, the INTELLIGEN-CER's course was vindicated This journal has neither sought nor shunned legal responsibility for its criticism upon public officials. It has not courted the notoriety of libel suits; neither has it been swerved one inch from what it believes to be its duty to the public by any threats of such prosecutions from those whom it criticises in pursuance of its obligation to the public. It endeavors at all times to perform its cheating on a grand scale. duty in accordance with the dictates of

It is vastly of more concern to the IN-TELLIGENCER and every other respect. attacks on his character if such conduct | Saturday' the board concurred in the elecable newspaper to do justice to itself by as this on the part of the public press is tion by the president and fellows of publishing the truth and correcting any to be tolerated ?" errors into which it may fall, than to avoid libel suits or dodge their consequences. When therefore the INTELLS GENCER is accused of misrepresent ing anybody it diligently sets itself to inquire into the proof of the accusation and publishes its results regardless of whether libel suits are brought or not. and equally regardless of whether, if brought, they are prosecuted or aban doned.

lie duty.

Last Thursday there appeared in the local columns of this paper a commaunication from a reliable and disinterested gentleman of this city, the purport of which was that a prison inspector had bought pigs for the prison at two dollars a head more than he had been author ized to pay for them, and three dollars a head more than he himself had sold like pigs for; and the inference in which was that he had sold four of his own pigs the county at three dollars more than a tration : fair market price, making a profit for himself of eighteen dollars. For the publication of this communication the INTELLIGENCER has been violently as sailed in the Economics's editorial columns-by some one who has obtained permission to use that dumping ground -for a "shameless libel." "evidently the product of partisan recklessness and personal hatred," " a base and malicious attack." all leading the writer to the melancholy reflection that civilization may be a failure and that the newspaper -Examiner included perhaps-is about "to become a curse instead of a blessing

than we would say if he has done so or lendar. proposes to do so. In justice to our This investigation, the result of which as now the territory of Dakota. is elsewhere given, has convinced us that Mr. Kauffman was mistaken in suppos ing that the shoats seen at the prison were the shoats he saw and left at Car ters, and the inference that Carter had sold his pigs to the prison was unfair to Mr. Carter and unwarranted by the real facts of the case; nor is there any reason to believe that Mr. Carter personally profited in the purchase by him from other parties of pigs for the

In making this correction we desire to do Mr. Carter even and exact justice: but we neither impugn the good faith of our correspondent, who based his inference on Mr. Kauffman's statement nor on Mr. Kauffman, though they were obviously mistaken. That mistake it was easy to make in view of the remark ble resemblance between the prison pigs and Carter's pigs; and in view of Carter's statements to Kauffman that the pigs in his pen he had " for the prison."

The investigation has not shown why Mr. Carter paid \$7 for pigs for the prison that are no better than those which he sold to a neighbor for \$4; nor why he exceeded his authority and paid 82 a head more than the resolution of the board directed.

Beyond this, Mr. Carter's private character or his official conduct or any matter referring to his or any other inspector's relations to the prison management. is not involved in this pig discussion. They remain just as proper subjects for inquiry as they were before this statement was made necessary by the infer ence of a correspondent which the facts will not sustain. And the INTELLIGEN-CER is under no greater nor less obliga. This day more cheerfully than ever shine tion to discuss them.

BEAVER'S Agricultural college threat-

been concerned for years in getting \$30 .-000 out of the state treasury to be wasted on a bogus college, of whose trustees he day, when the courts of justice and the is president, it is no wonder Quay feels laws of libel offer ample means of satisfacuncertain about his strength as a candi-

WHEN the INTELLIGENCER is in search of instruction in the ethics of journalism it will not be apt to take its lessons from the peculiar people who occasionally stumble into and abuse privileges in the office of the Ecominer. The tirade which some one not on its staff procured insertion for on Saturday, is not the first occasion that the innocence and geniality of its editor have been taken advantage of by guilty and malevolent people, who rob the public treasury, make bogus tax receipts, sit as toll-gatherers for blackmailers and whisky rings, forge naturalization papers, tinker returns and stuff ballot boxes. And it must have been while the good men who conduct that journal slept the other day

to the back office, perpetrated this " shameless libel " which we find dumped into the editorial columns of the Er- try, paid a visit to Vassar college on Sat-The Democratic chairman is getting

ready to do some ballot box stuffing and

that some evil one who had admittance

We need not say that this item, referits publishers' consciences, and with a ring to Mr. Jos. K. Bogert, chairman of week. careful regard for the rights and privi- the Democratic state committee, is "maleges of new-papers as guaranteed or liciously and shamelessly false, evidently limited by the law of the land. More the product of partisan recklessness and than these it does not ask, and to less personal hatred;" "one of the most than these it will not be limited by any shameless and inexcusable libels on considerations conflicting with its pub- record. Can party or personal malice people to sit still. go further? What man in the community is safe from base and malicious

> THE exact figures of the increase of the bonded city debt under Mayor Stauffer's administration are shown by the following statement :

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Ox our first page to-day will be found a complete resume of the current news of subject would disclose, of course, the the day, a press of local matter requiring simple fact that the money continues to be a change in our usual style of make-up.

of adolescent affection. To-morrow is St. Valentine's day and the weary letter man is not likely to forget it, either.

We do not know whether Mr. Calvin | The committees have prepared enough of the Legislature, will, if it investigate at Carter has sued the INTELLIGENCER for business to keep the House running for all, report nothing material to the main libel or not. We do not care. We pro- ten years, and they have only fairly got to issue. It is too much to expect from it a pose to say nothing more or less work. Full many a bill is born to blush | plain and candid statement of the case. if he has not or will not do so unseen and waste its sweetness on the cal-

selves as well as to Mr. Carter, we have Tue sub-committee of the House cominquired carefully as to the truth of the mittee on territories have agreed to refacts and inferences of our correspond | pert to the full committee on Tuesday ent, which were published neither ma | next in favor of the proposition to admit liciously nor negligently by him or by as a state all of that portion of Dakota for it the continued payment of the state us, but in good faith, for proper public lying south of the forty sixth parallel of fund. A year ago, a resolution passed the information and after diligent inquiry. latitude, the northern portion to constitute to discontinue the payment; but when it

> late enormous defalcations, describes the therefore, be considered without involving prevailing method of bookkeeping as his political interests, and so it was laid aside, until under the necessity of some deserving but little better title than the action, the committee of investigation was "common gateway to fraud." As some proposed by the "college" itself. This kind of check upon the cash book the situation recurs. General Beaver is too editor advises vouchers for every entry on all intents and purposes, the "college."

> It is said that Professor Lewis Swiit, who discovered three of last year's comets, to be misappropriated, as heretofore, thereby winning \$1,000, first caught under the protection of personal and sight of the celestial strangers from the form of the abuse. roof of a cider mill in Rochester. It is the expressed opinion of a solemn contem porary that he could not have found a more appropriate place from which to make cidercal observations

> Ir they succeed in getting Hartrauft out of the collector's office in Philadelphia, and send him off on a foreign mission, it will make an opening for the blonde field marshal of the Republican forces in this state. And they do say this is the talk among our congressman, and that Chairman the disease is working frightful ravages Cooper strokes his tawny mane in fond in the community. It is now, he states, anticipation of the good time coming.

BISHOP VALENTINE. Hail Bishop Valentine, whose day this is, All the air is thy diocese, And all the chirping choristers

And other bird are thy parishioners: Thou marriest every year The lyric lark, and the grave whispering dove The sparrow, that neglects his life for love. The household bird with the red stomacher: Thou mak'st the blackbird speed as soon As doth the goldfinch or the haleyon;

The husband cock looks out, and straight! And weets his wife, which brings her feather

I'his day, which might inflame theself, old Val

ens to get him into trouble. The Chester THE lamentable tragedy in Washington county "farmers" are disposed to make on Thursday night is well calculated to excite both horror and disgust at what occurred on the steamship Andes, of the that the money paid by the state for the support of that institution is wasted; the American, of Philadelphia, makes to be an attempt to revive the bloody arbitration of the pistol in affairs of pertangent the American, of Philadelphia, makes to be an attempt to revive the bloody arbitration of the pistol in affairs of pertangent the American, of Philadelphia, makes to be an attempt to revive the bloody arbitration of the pistol in affairs of pertangent the post of the pistol in affairs of pertangent the provided in the steamship Addes, or the New York, via Kingston, on December 29, 1881, which was duly reported to the health authorities of our government. the graver charge that but for his per- but a rare thing to hear of persons at- Within the past ten days the medical jury sonal and political influence the tempting to redress wrongs received or of this city has been reorganized by the concern would have collapsed and supposed to have been received from the government and Dr. J. R. Ferris, our vice the state saved its money long ago, and press by the method just illustrated in the that an investigation of this fraud has Barton-Soteldo affair. There was a time, been stifled and is to be further suphappily gone by in most sections of the action in behalf of the community by such pressed out of regard for Beaver's wel- country, when a bludgeon or a revolver body and it is hoped that the ravages of

who had overstepped the bounds of decency and decorum. But at the present tion, an attempt to forcibly redress such a grievance must be regarded as in the highest degree, absurd as well as criminal. -Balto. Sun.

PERSONAL.

The Rev. Dr. Hall, of Brooklyn, has for Guiteau.

JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE is seventytwo years old, but he is the most industrious man in intellectual effort in Boston. JOHN E. OWENS has been engaged by ROBERT BONNER, of the New York Ledger, is a remarkably well-preserved man of sixty, and would readily pass for a

dozen years younger. Leonard Grover has written a melodrama entitled "The City," containing comic parts for Mr. and Mrs. NAT Good

Sir HENRY PARKs the New South Wales, minister, who is on a mission to this counurday.

Mr. HEALY lectured on the Irish question to an audience of 1,500 persons in Worcester, Massachusetts, last night. He will sail from New York for home this

As the curtain rose for the second act in Hamle:," in a packed theatre at Atlanta, last Thursday, the cry of fire was raised. EDWIN BOOTH, who was playing, stepped to the front and persuaded the At a special meeting of the board of

overseers, of the Harvard university on OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, as professor of law and of Ephriam Emerton, Ph. D., as Winn professor of ecclesiastical history. The ninety-first birthday of PETER COOPER was celebrated on Saturday by a dinner to a select party of gentlemen friends at his residence, in Lexington avenue, New York. ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, of Georgia, celebrated his 70th

birthday on the same duy. Rev. GEORGE C. MILNE, who is making a sensation by his apostasy in Chicago, is a duffy and fluent Englishman who came from London, with credentials to Mr. Beecher, some years ago. He got into a much-mortgaged suburban Congregational church in Brooklyn, and split it with eminent success on the scarcely theocarelessness, recklessness and violation logical question of his views on the moral character of Mr. Beecher.

BEAVER AND HIS COLLEGE.

Why They Will not be Investigated. Patiadelphia American.
The scandalous misappropriation of the state fund (thirty thousand dollars a year ), in its continued payment to the socalled "college" in Centre county, begins to attract some attention on the part of the press. It should, however, be explicitiy understood by anyone who is inclined to demand a reform of this abuse, that there are serious complications difficulties in the way. A "investigation" into the paid over, and that the amounts to nothing. This is the fact, and the only way to dispose of it is to ignore Titt mails are freighted with missives or conceal it. But the committee of the Legislature, raised upon the motion of the college " people last winter, headed by their attorney, a resident of their county, and constituted according totheir sugges tions by the speakers of the two houses Beyond this, however, there is the political interest of General Beaver, which is involved in the matter. He, being now an aspirant for the governorship, is unfortunately, also president of the board of trustees of the "college." is his personal and political influence which has again and again saved the con cern from complete collapse, and retained reached the Senate General Beaver had just been presented as a candidate for Tite Bookkeeper, in an article on the United States senator. It could not To expose its worthlessness would be to interfere with his governorship canvass. No such exposure, therefore, need now be anticipated, and the fund will continue

THE SCOURGE OF PORT-AU-PRINCE. Hundreds Dead of Smallpox and Hundreds More Sick of the Disease.

Minister Laugston addressed the state department, under date of Port au-Prince. January 24, that he reported to the national board of health the prevalence of smallpox. in alarming form, in the city of Port-au-Prince. He states that since November 15, last the disease spread steadily until it had reached on the 7th instant the character of an alarming epidemic, and so far, instead of there being improvement. an epidemic of the very worst character, Hundreds of people have died already, and hundreds are now sick of the disease Minister Laugston writes further :

"This disorder, as it prevails here, is of Vaccination and revaccination in several thousands of cares have seemed to work as might naturally be supposed, special service proving, it is believed, complete protection, perhaps, against the disorder. Business of a local character is being greatly disturbed by this sickness, and since certain foreign ports, as that of Kingston, are establishing quarantine against this port, Port de Paix, Gonaives, St. Marie, Petit Goave, and Cape Haytien, where the disease also prevails, general business must sooner or later be affected thereby. So far, however, there has been up to this time no prevalence of this disease in the shipping or harbor of this port. A single case of this disease consul general, has been named its president. It is expected that such reorganiza-

THE LANCASTER MATORALTY. An Independent View of Its Issues.

Philadelphia Times. Mayor MacGonigle, of Lancaster, has served two terms with a blameless record, thousand of the voters of the city again known desire to retire from the responsible and rather thankless position. Among the signers are a number of prompublished a collect to be used in praying inent citizens who regard honest municipal administration as more important than party, and there is every reason to believe elected by a decided majority. He was first elected over Mayor Stauffer by only the Madison Square theatre, New York, 53, but his administration was so acceptas a member of the company for five years. able that he was re elected two years ago many participated in the exercises. The

While Mayor MacGonigle is a Demo crat, his strength before the people is mainly in the fact that he is mayor for the city of Lancaster and not mayor for the Democratic party; and the persistence of the Republican leaders in struggling to get the municipality back into the clutches of a partisan mayor, with the profligacy that ever attends partisan administration, is likely to defeat them badly now as it has defeated them in the last two mayoralty contests. They can't or won't learn that cities are created for some greater and nobler purpose that to be plundered by partisan profligates, and the only method of bringing them to their senses is to defeat them, as the people of Boston, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Pitis burgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis have defeated the leaders of the dominant political party.

The several Republicans who promptly declined the nomination of their party for mayor to make a contest against Mayor MacGonigle, exhibited both prudence and intelligent judgment, and Ex-Mayor Stauffer, who finally accepted the candidacy, should have been content with the defeat he suffered from Mayor MacGonigle four years ago. Now Mayor MacGonigle has proved by four years of trial that he can govern Lancaster quite as well as debt from year to year, while Mayor Stauffer's administration increased the city debt nearly fifty per cent, in four years. The people are now awfully given to the study of figures, especially in municipal affairs, and when one mayor swells the debt nearly fifty per cent. and another reduces the debt, the general inclination of all honest tax-payers is to vote and not bother about the politics of candidates. They will do so in Philadelphia on Tuesday week and clean boss rule out of both branches of councils, and they will pretty certainly do it in Lancaster by the election of Mayor MacGonigle.

A Good-Deal-of-a-Fool Young Mag. Cincinnati Commercial. A young exquisite, the son of a celebrated rope maker, is exciting much good natured laughter by his exceeding daintiness and lavish display. He has lately attained his majority and is anxious evidently to dispense the large income he finds at his command. He has forty coats, an umbrella for each shade of dress, and capes and scarf-pins innumerable. said he had to get a brougham because he has to go to his lawyer's so often and he has, besides, a two-wheeler and a Russian sleigh with horses to match. He has flowers sent to his rooms twice a day and when he walks with a young lady he always buys her a most expensive bouquet, there being no other at this time of the year. He spent \$4,500 in fitting up two rooms in his mother's house. wears three marvelous rings upon his hand -a cat's-eye set in hammered gold, a red cat's-eye with two diamonds, and a sapphire set with two diamonds. His shirt buttons are two pearls set in diamonds and also a cat's-eve set in the same precious stones. He has five dozen pairs of silk hose, with his monogram upon them, and he has a cane in which is concealed a cologne fountain.

A Lucky Escape. Two masked robbers were lying in wait for a lumber merchant at Russiaville, Ind., on a day when he was known to be carrying a large sum of money from his mill to his residence. A clerk came along first, and they mistook him for their intended victim. When they discovered the blunder, one wished to rifle the young man's pockets, but the other insisted that it was foolish to waste time on him. The high waymen quarrelled over the question, and when they came to blows the clerk escaped, with his employer's wallet safe in his pocket, it having been intrusted to him because the owner was too ill to go

## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

The Firemen in the Presbyterian Chapel,

SERMON TO THE SHIFFLER.

The members of the Shiffler fire company turned out in large numbers last evening to attend service in the Presbyterian mission chapel. The house was well filled and an eloquent discourse was delivered by the pastor Rev. Hume, from the words "Am I my brother's keeper ?" The reverend gentleman showed most conclusively that we were all by word and deed, by the law, by morals and the Bible, to a certain extent the exemplar and therefore the keeper of our brother : he spoke of the results which flow from little things. The shaking of a twig may and often does cause the destructive avalanche. The kind word or the little acts of good will and love often bring large returns in better and more manly fellowship, and acts which are often most unthought of produce great results; the granting of their hall for the organization of this mission as one had done great good the very worst character, confluent gen-erally, and in some cases hemorrhagic. this section of our city long atter those who fostered and defended it would continue to do so to had gone to their long homes. He comolimented the Shiffler on the uniform kindness and help given to the chape and hoped it might ever continue, and closed with a most cordial invitation to make this a welcome and pleasant home. The music was exceptionally good, and Miss Alice Kline deserves great credit for the perfection to which she has brought the scholars who form her choir.

Coroner's Inquest. This morning the coroner's jury empaneled a few days ago in the case of Wm. Serena, who died in the county hospital from injuries received at Columbia, met in men were examined and it was shown by them that Serena was injured while coupling, by being squeezed between the en-gine and a freight car, he having allowed them to come together with sufficient force as to break the bullnose, after which one. Sufficient space was not left to protect his body when the cars came together and he was squeezed. The jury found thard as a stone. received while performing his duties, but fare. All this is a very lively introducted was supposed to be the best as well as the tion to Beaver's campaign. If he has thest argument to address to a journalist tion may be speedily stayed."

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STRASBURG.

Quarterly Convention of Good Templars. The 80th quarterly convention of the I.O. of G. T. was held on Saturday, Feb. ruary 11th, in Temperance hall, Strasburg, and a public letter signed by nearly one Pa., and the Good Templars dedicated their new hall to the cause of temperance. The afternoon session was called to order calls him into the field in disregard of his at 1:30 o'clock and opened with music and prayer. Then followed recitations, original poems, music by Carter Brothers, ad dresses, dedication of hall and five minute speeches by members. The committee on arrangements filled their position with credit. The committee on entertainment provided ample accommodations for that Mayor MacGonigle will be again all. The committee on reception filled the position accorded them to the best of their ability, and did justice to the position. The lodge extended a cordial invitation to all Good Templars and delegates, and closing ode, "After Prayer," (air-"Auld Lang Synne"), was rendered, after which the audience dispersed highly pleased with the way they had been entertained.

Borough News. Book & Carey's Famous Eight gave a grand performance in Massassoit hall on Saturday evening. The hearers did not seem to appreciate the performance. Whether it was due to the performers' inability to entertain or the audience's dul! ness of comprehension is a question. Those visiting Strasburg, should pay their respects to Geo. L. Seymour, and see the wonderful piece of art produced by him, "A Bust of Himself." It shows

won lertul dexterity and skill.

Tobacco Factory Burned. Yesterday morning about 8 o'clock a ing to Jacob Rothermel and occupied by J. A. Albright & Co., as a manufactory on fire, and was soon, together with its of the county.' contents, destroyed. The first story of the western part occupied by Albright & Co. It is believed to have been fired by an building a lathe and a few other articles. He holds a policy of insurance on the building of \$250, in the Franklin insurance | five dollars apiece,' but he thought those company, of which Mr. H. S. Gara is worth the money asked, and is able to This will perhaps cover his loss, as the building was not worth much. Albright & Co. lose about 500 pounds of Mr. Carter had no interest in this pur manufactured tobacco and 700 pounds of chase save to buy the shoats at a fair leaf, besides their tools-their total loss price, nor has he ever sold a shoat to the being about \$400, on which they have an prison, directly or indirectly. insurance of \$225 in the Hamburg-Magde-

in From the West. Mr. Albert Stiffel, an old INTELLIGENnight, on a visit to his home. Mr. Stiffel witnessed by his aunburned cheeks and stout proportions. The road in whose construction Mr. Stiffel is engaged will extend from Granger, Wy. T., to Baker City, Oregon, thence probably to the sea-coast. It is being built by the Union Pacific company as an opposition line to the Central Pacific, and is designed to secure the coast trade. Mr. Stiffel will remain East about a week. His homeward journey kept him twenty days on the road, detention being occasioned by the snow blockades and other adverse circumstances.

List of Unclaimed Letters. The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the postoffice for the week ending February 13, 1883 : Ladies' List .- Miss Lizzie Acker, Mrs. Emma E Breneman, Miss Maybell P. Davis, Miss Mary Eberley, Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Miss L. A. Kiel, Miss Lizzie Miller, Miss Ella Rook, Miss Sady Tomas, Mrs. Sarah Weaver, Miss Hattie Young, Miss Elmira

Gents' List,-John Ashbaugh (2), Dr. G. Bowlden, Thomas Buskin, Ancelo Cribar, H. B. Campbell, D. B. Childs & Co., Ewd. Dillon, Tom Halpman, Wm. Herrington, Irhan Hecht (for.), Daniel F Hoover, John W. Koontz. Rev. E. P. Lit-Little, Harry Mathers, James McGrady, Giovanni Mazzei, And. M. Miller, Wm Radeliff, Franklin Resi, H. L. Schnider, John Stormes, Mr. Sleinberger, C. P.

Watters. " Patience." That the popularity of Gilbert & Sullivan's delicious opera is not on the wan here was evidenced by the large audience assembled at Fulton opera house Saturday night to witness its production by the Gorman Church Choir company, being the fourth representation of the piece this season, and the second by the Gorman party. The performance was admirable. All the good words that the previous presentation of the Gorman troupe evoked might be repeated, as the cast was unchanged, and they acted and sang with a spirit that left little to be desired, minor defects defects being lost sight of in the general

merit of the representation. Sale of the Millport Hotel Property. Allan A. Herr & Co., real estate agents, effected on Saturday, the 11th inst., an exchange of the Millport hotel property, including about 40 acres of land, in West Lampeter township, belonging to John F. Echternach and valued at \$12,000, for the two story brick dwelling, No. 643 East Orange street, belonging to Jacob S. Smith, valued at \$5,000; the balance to be paid in eash by Mr. Smith on April 1, next, when title and possession of the respective premises will be given. Bruisers Passed Through

Paddy Ryan, the noted pugilist ac companied by Johnny Roche and a number of well known sports, passed east through this city on Day Express Saturday afternoon. They were on their way from the scene of the prize fight. Paddy had but one mark on him, and that was a small cut on the lin. Taken to Philadelphia

Thomas W. Wilson, the young painter who was struck by fast line while working on a bridge of the Pennsylvania railroad company a few weeks ago, was removed to his home in Philadelphia yesterday from the county hospital. He has a leg and an arm broken and is getting along very well.

STAUFFER'S LIEUTENANTS. "Give Us Back Our Old Commander." From County Statement, 1881. Paid A. K. Spurrier, cases neard and disposed of \$2,510 90 Paid J. K. Barr, esq., cases heard and

Malicious Mischief.

Last night about half-past nine o'clock several other cars were run against this and cutting the window curtain. The that he thought he could tell this from his He will erect a new three story building. snow ball was afterwards found on Mr.

The sheriff has posted up bills for the

CARTER'S SHOATS

SIX FROM TEN LEAVE FOUR.

TWO PIGS, EACH WITH A BLACK SPOT.

In its issue of Saturday, under the head of "A Shameless Libel," the Examiner contained the following editorial:

"The INTELLIGENCER of Thursday even-

charges against Mr. Calvin Carter, a mem-

ber of the board of prison inspectors. seriously damaging to his character as an officer and a man. The charges impressed us as being talse when they first came under our notice, but we concluded to say nothing before investigating them. Hav ing done this we are now prepared to say that the statements impugning Mr. Carter's integrity are maliciously and shamelessly false, evidently the product of partisan recklessness and personal hatred. In substance they amounted to this: That Mr. Carter being authorized to purchase some shoats for the use of the prison, forwarded six, for which seven dollars each was charged, though he had been instructed not to give more than five dollars apiece. That four of these were part of a lot he owned, ten in number, the other six being sold about the same time to a farmer near the Gap, by the name of Christian Kauffman for four dollars each. The four remaining shoats of the lot, recruited by two others, which must have cost him less than four dollars each,' were sold to the county at seven dollars apiece. 'Here it will be building on West German street, belong- observed that the stern guardian of prison discipline made an aggregate profit on

the shoats of upward of eighteen dollars, for smoking tobacco, was discovered to be twelve of which he made at the expense "This is the substance of the charges. building was of stone and the upper part Now the facts are as follows : Mr. Carter of frame, and through the centre of it had a lot of ten shoats. Six of these he ran a partition dividing it into two com- sold to Mr. Kauffman at four dollars apiece. partments. The fire was discovered in the The remaining four he owns yet; never sold them and never thought of selling them, as he needs them for his own use. incendiary, as the fire in the stove had He purchased for the use of the prison, been carefully extinguished on Saturday from David G. Steacy, of Bart, six shoutafternoon. Among the ruins after the fire at seven dollars each, which were duly was found a broken bottle which, it is forwarded, and for which Mr. Steacy has supposed, contained coal oil or other com- not yet been paid, although the prison bustible fluid used by the incendiary to treasurer, Mr. Miller, is ready to do so burn the building. Mr. Rothermel suc- when called upon. As to his being in-Mayor Stauffer did and reduce the city ceeded in getting out of his part of the structed to pay but five dollars each for these, the fact is that one of the inspectors said to him, 'they ought to be got for

" Now we ask every fair-minded man in for honest and economical government, burg company, with Rife & Kaufman the community if this is not one of the most shameless and inexcusable libels on record? Can party or personal malice go further? What man in the country is safe from such base and malie-CER boy, but for nearly five years past in jous attacks on his character if such conthe far West, and at present on the engineer corps of the Oregon Short Line is to be tolerated? To what is the boasted marked with a black spot near her tail railroad, arrived in Lancaster Saturday 'freedom of the press' leading us, if that Kauffman picked out the next best men of irreproachable character are thus gives physical manifestation that the wild to be maligned and hed about? Is civilizathe other four there; that Kauffman visit-Western air agrees with him thoroughly, tion a failure, or is the newspaper to be-

prove that a farmer in the vicinity wanted

to take them afterward at the same price.

come a curse instead of a blessing to the New Era copied this malicious libel, tively and believed three of the others to without expressing a doubt of its correctness, is very suggestive. Was it a set-up job on the part of our esteemed contemporaries, or was the Era's prompt publi cation of the article only a natural result of its fondness for defamation?"

And in the local columns of the Ectaine on the same day appeared the following article headed "Libel Suit." "Calvin Carter this afternoon brought

suit against the INTELLIGENCER for libel.' The Facts of the Case The above statements refer, no doubt, to an article published in the local columns of the INTELLIGENCER on Thursday even-

words :

Up to the time of the present writing no writ, summons, nor warrant has been served at this office or on anybody connected with it to justify the impression that Mr. Carter or anybody else had "sued the Ix-TELLIGENCER for libel."

In accordance with the invariable policy of the INTELLIGENCER to print the truth, to do justice to everybody of whom it has any occasion to speak, and to repair any wrong which it may unwittingly have done any person, we print an explanation of the facts upon which the publication which the Examiner alleges to have been a libel-"maliciously and shamelessly false" -was made.

On Jan. 11, according to the minutes of the board of prison inspectors, "Calvin Carter was authorized to buy six shoats at a price not exceeding five dollars each." Some time after that, in the latter part

of January, two men brought six sheats to the prison which they said had been ordered by Calvin Carter, a member of the board of inspectors. The clerk and a prisen employee who received and unloaded them, observed that they would weigh about 40 or 50 pounds apiece and estimated \$4 as the outside price for them. Some time last week a bill for them in the name of D. G. Steacy was sent to the prison by Mr. Carter, the pigs being charged for at \$7 apiece. It was freely mentioned around town that Mr. Carter, having been authorized to buy pigs at \$5 apiece for the prison, paid \$7 for them.

On last Monday morning Mr. Christian Kauffman, a farmer living near the Gap, quite as truthful as the Eraminer, and quite as "irreproachable" as Mr. Carter, on his way to this city to serve as a juryman, fell in with Mr. Carter, who took occasion to express his disapprobation of Prison Keeper Burkholder's official course. A gentleman who overheard this incidentally remarked to Kauffman that Carter had bought shoats for the prison at seven dollars a head, after the resolution of the board had instructed him not to pay over five dollars. Mr. Kauffman answered that that was very high, as he had himself bought shoats of Carter at four dollars apiece, picked from a lot which Carter said he had for the prison, and it looked as if the prison had been overcharged. The circumstance coming to the ears of Prison Keeper Burkholder, he invited Mr. Kauffman to come reduced the dislocation. out to the prison and look at the shoats delivered there, to compare them with those ome one, threw a snowball through the bought from Carter; and on the way out front window of the residence of John was discussed the probability that they Prince street, breaking three panes of glass might be of the same lot. Kauffman said identification of one of them-a sow pig,

Rees's bed. It was a "soaker," almost as with a small bluck spot near its tail. Upon examination of the prison pigs than his; that prison pen fare for two on Saturday evening was withdrawn by weeks might have made them a little heavier but that they were not a hit bet had been bid up to \$4,600. heavier, but that they were not a bit bet-

ter pigs, nor worth more, and finding among them one-and only one-sow pig with a small black spot near the tail, and another which he identified, he declared it as his firm opinion that four of the pigs at the prison were the four which he had left

at Carter's pen. These facts came to the notice of the INTELLIGENCER several times. On Thursday a communication relating to them was farnished to this office by a gentleman who has no interest whatever in polities, who does not know and likely had never before heard of Mr. Carter, and who in ing published a statement containing frequent contributions to this journal wa had always found to be veracious, careful and reliable. His communication stated these facts.

It appears that at the last meeting of the board of inspectors a resolution was passed instructing one of its members (a gentleman who lives not very far from Christiana) to purchase for prison use six shoats, the price not to exceed five dollars each. The shoats arrived and with them the bill, which latter showed that they had been bought for seven dollars each. The gentleman who had made the purchase explained this apparent discrepancy by dwelling on the alleged fact that shoats at this season of the year are very

And now comes the strangest part at the story. Christian Kauffman, a farmer and prominent member of the Amish church at the Gap, bought from the same inspector, at the very time the latter was supposed to be negotiating for the purchase of shoats, six of the ten shoats be longing to the inspector at the astonishing figure of four collars each.

And the same communication contained these inferences :

The four remaining shoats, recruited by two others which must have cost him less than four dollars each (else he would not have sold at that figure to Kauffman), he disposed of to the county at the rate of seven dollars apiece. Here it will be observed the stern guardian of prison discipline made an aggregate profit on the shoats of upwards of eighteen dollars, twelve of which he made at the expense of the county. In view of facts like this it might be well to suggest to the prison keeper that reform, like charity, should begin at home, and if the sugges tion may be pardoned it might be advisable to make "shoats" ineligible as prison in

Upon the publication in the Ecomine of the article quoted at the beginning of this present writing, the INTELLIGENCER set on foot further inquiries to determine the truth or falsity of the alleged libelous

Mr. Kauffman's Opinion. A visit to and interview with Mr. Kauff man obtained from him a confirmation of the above so far as it relates to him. He repeats that upon a view of Mr. Carter's pen and the ten hogs in it some weeks ago Mr. Carter told him he had them for the prison, but he would let him have six, as he knew where he could get more for the prison : that Mr. Carter reserved one sow six, paying Carter \$24 for them, and left ed the prison, saw the six pigs ordered there by Carter, pronounced them little if "The cheerful promptness with which any better than his, identified one posibe the pigs he had seen and left at Carter's

Mr. Carter's Statement.

Mr. Carter, upon being visited at his home, most cordially received the representative of the INTELLIGENCER; said that the Examiner article was correct : that he had never sold any of his pigs to the prison; the pigs bought for the prison were bought from D. G. Steacy and were of better kind if not better size than those sold to Kauffman; and Mr. Carter said he had never sold anything to the prison for himself and never bought anything from it ing, which was prefaced with these for himself at cost except a few eigars, some boots, a dozen brooms and a basket. "The following communication is from the whole not worth over \$10. Finally reliable gentleman in this city and the he took the INTELLIGENCER representative facts he vouches for are common talk in to his pig pen and there, sure enough, were four shoats, two of them about the size of Mr. Kauffman's smallest and ten almost as big as his best, one of the latter a sow pig, with a small black spot near its toil. These Mr. Carter said were the balance of the lot from which Kauffman had picked his six. He had bought them all for his own use.

The INTELLIGENCER representative was convinced that the pigs left by Kauffman in Carter's pen were still there, and that the pig with the black spot in the prison pen was not the pig with the black spot in Carter's pen; that this coincidence of two pigs in these lots-and only twothus marked had deceived Mr. Kauffman into the opinion that Cafer had sold his pigs to the prison; and that our corres pondent's inference to this effect was unjust to Mr. Carter and unfair to him. That it was neither recklessly nor maliciously made by him we know very well.

A view of the pigs in the prison has shown us that they are about the same size as Mr. Kauffman's and Mr. Carter's. They averaged about fifty pounds when brought to the prison; and in the neighborhood of the Gap and Christiana shoats of that size are selling at from \$3.50 to \$4. One of the pigs at the prison is a sow

with a small black spot near its tail. Whether the INTELLIGENCER's publication of this alleged libel was malicious or negligent is a question which probably could only be decided to everybody's satisfaction by a legal investigation. The Examiner says it was. Its allegation is of course ex parte. Our denial might be held to be of the same character. At any rate it is a matter of opinion with which this present recital of facts has nothing to do. The naked facts are presented as we have taken pains to get them-in justice to the INTELLIGENCER and its correspondent as well as to Mr. Carter.

Fingers Injured.

Albert Brownawell, a brakeman on extra engine No. 302, of the P. R. R., while coupling cars at the freight depot, this city, had two fingers badly crushed. Dr. Atlee amputated one of them.

Ankle Fractured. Last evening Emanuel Parmer, residing at No. 68 Locust street, slipped on the ice and falling, broke the bones of his left ankel. Dr. Westhaeffer was called in and

Improvements.

Queen street, known as Schoenberger's is now being torn down by Joseph Dorsh who recently purchased the property.

The old saloon building on North

Not Sold.

The family residence of George Spur-Mr. Kauffman said they were no better rier, advertised for sale by public vendue