Lancaster Entelligencer.

THURSDAY EVEN'G, MARCH 2, 1882. The City Government.

Last evening's meeting of city council was one of the most important of the fiscal year; it is a peculiarity of our system of city government that the responsibilities of our councilmen are weightiest near the close of their terms and after their successors have been elected. Our fiscal year is so disarranged that one council makes the estimates, the appropriations and the tax levy, and another spends the money. A large portion of close of the fiscal year. These and many other ill-jointed features of our municipal system will never be regulated until the time-not far distant we trustwhen our people of all parties will see branch of the local government. The taxpayers will not be especially

gratified at the levy of another nine mil year it was claimed, and with indisput funding of the city debt had reduced the necessary expenditures for interest some \$4,000 and as out of last year's current appropriations some permanent improvements were made, the like of which are not projected for next year. The estimates for the coming year not being ficiency of some \$2,500 in the lamp dewater and street departments have slight deficiencies, but besides the street damages the principal item which the extra two mill tax has to provide for will be the cost of the new fire department, which includes at the outset the purchase of fourteen horses, harness and other apparatus. City Treasurer McComsey also tells us that the appropriations of last year were actually in increase of receipts, the finance committee having consider ably under-estimated the abatements and the lottery of assassination.

worth careful study. It is a comprebensive statement of the yearly operations in his department. It shows that with the reservoirs filled to the top all the water renters cannot be properly supplied; therefore better facilities are needed. The repairs at the eastern reservoir have stood the test of time and our people has increased the total cost of the water works operations.

the average cost of pumping by Philadelphia mint so long as the reports, water power last year was only like that of last month, show that its coin-\$1.81 per million gallons, though the same service under Supt. Kitch last year cost \$3.57 and under Supt. Hal. bach, the year before, \$3.73. It seems too, that notwithstanding the increased cost of coal the water pumped by steam power last year cost only \$7.53 per mil. lion gallons, while the year before it averaged \$7.74 and under Halbach it veto of the bill empowering the New Jer- his pocket-book picked of \$1,100 while was \$8.69. These economies reflect from water rents is another satisfactory stock to keep control. New Jersey always feature of the report.

Experiments with water meters have shown, what most of the tax-payers have tions to get the better of each other the long believed, that according to the ad- old ring has shown that it still encircles vantages they enjoy the private consumers pay more than their share of water tax and the manufacturers less.

The necessity for greater security from some spunk in its detense of the "306." accident to our present single source of It says truly that the Half-breeds always water supply cannot be too urgently call upon the "Heavy Brigade" when pressed upon public attention.

GOVERNOR CORNELL, of New York, is as ready as the president to show the warmth of his feeling for Conkling. In fact his manifestation of it has been accelerated by the president's. He has removed the present efficient state super a Democrat but not a politician, and put into his place a stalwart of stalwarts of blank paper." into his place a stalwart of stalwarts, that Isaac V. Baker, whom Whitelaw

worked for and elected a Democratic state senator against one of Conkling's friends nominated to succeed Wagner.

Gov. Hoyr has so emphatically denied

previous report circulated by the Philadelphia Press that he would call a special session of the Legislature that its revival of the rumor will not gain much credence. Its alleged Harrisburg correspondent declares such to be his intention, and attributes it to the fear of the next Legislature, which will give the state an apportionment not so advantageous to the Republican as the present the revenues raised and appropriated is and prospective legislative and congresonly paid into the city treasury near the sional gerrymanders. "A session of the present Legislature will enable the managers to redistrict the state in a manner that will remove all possibility of a Democratic succession, and thus eliminate what many well-informed polithe wisdom and necessity of uniting to ticians pronounce a dangerous element secure a non-partisan, business-like ad- of discord from the approaching canministration of city affairs in every vass." And a pretext for such a session is to be found in the proposed consideration of a popular new tax bill that is to be completed by the revenue comcity tax. When this rate was laid last mission about the middle of this month, largely to the success of the paper, are and which will propose a reduction of able truthfulness, that the addition of something like \$1,000,000 in the annual publishers confidently look for the supthe two mills was due entirely to the tax levies. The story breaks down from port of an appreciative public in their enfloating debt incurred by an extravagant its own weight. Gov. Hoyt is not alto-terprise. and reckless street committee. That ex- gether a fool. He knows no such preplanation fully explained. It was ex- text would deceive the people. The call pected, however, that when this special of a special legislative session would necessity had been provided for the rate arouse a storm of indignation before would be lowered, especially as the re- which he and his party would go down together. It would introduce " a dan gerous element of discord " into the approaching canvass that would speedily work Republican ruin. There will be no special session of the Legislature.

THE ten gentlemen in the Philadelsubmitted as yet we can not of course phia select council who, on state and fairly judge as to the propriety of the national issues are Democrats, have heavy tax rate; and anything except wisely united with one Republican general criticism must be suspended and three Independent Republicans in until we have the details of how the the selection of a Republican for presimoney raised by a nine mill tax dent of the select branch. Their choice is expected to be spent. It is of course is not made because he is a Republican. a presumption in favor of the propriety but because they have confidence that if of the rate that all the members of both | elected he will take the chair unpledged, branches of council, controlled by differ- except to advance the best interests of ent parties, assented to it. Upon exam the community, and his election will Republican enemies are considering the ination we find that of the money raised show that they are opposed to the plac- practicability of a union with the Demogenerally by the city tax the smaller pro- ing or displacing of officials for party crats to elect Lyman Trumbull, of Chicago portion goes to the current expenses of motives. This is the proper position for or Gen. John M. Palmer of Springfield. the city. Five mills are required to pay the Democrats to assume, and they do A sumptuous complimentary dinner the interest and principal on loans, the well to show their sincerity in it, by not given at Welcker's last night by exstate tax, and to make the annual seeking to elect one of their own party, Senator Mitchell to Mr. SARGENT, of Car reduction of the city debt required however worthy, to the presidency. The ifornia, cur new minister to Berlin, was by law; out of this the tax- address which they and their Reform as- attended by nearly seventy guests, in payers have the satisfaction of knowing sociates have put forth says what is true cluding Speaker Keifer, Justice Field, of that their permanent indebtedness of all city governments: "No party the supreme court, Secretary Kirkwood, will be actually decreased about question can come properly before coun- Postmaster General Howe, Senators Miller, \$15,000 next year. Of the city tax cils. The measures which we are called Farley, Jones, of Nevada, Grover, Slater, last year only two mills were upon to consider are those exclusively Fair, Sherman, Hill, of Colorada, Dawes, actually devoted to current municipal of finance, of taxation, of economy and Morgan and Ferry; Representatives Hisexpenses, and the same amount would the administration of local government cock, Knott, Hazelton, Page, McKinley, probably meet next year's expenses ex- for the benefit of the masses of the people. LeFevre, Orth, Hubbell, Pound, Buttercept for some special wants that have to The proper time has come when all good worth, Belford, Cassidy, George and be met. One of these, we understand, citizens should cast aside the trammels Strait. is \$7,350, damages assessed for the open- of party-dictation and unite upon the ing of streets, fixed by judgments now best measures to lighten the burden of dications point to the nomination of Gen. recorded against the city, over which taxation and to apply the sums assessed Beaver for governor, and William Henry councils have no control. There is a de- upon property to the best uses." Of Rawle or A. M. Brown, of Allegheny, for course, McMullin and the Ring Repubpartment occasioned by the fact that the licans will set up a candidate for themappropriation for last year was based on selves, the most pliable that they have an estimate of \$18 per lamp, but when any hopes of electing It is as satisfacthe contract came to be given out it tory to see McMullin in the right comcould not be let at less than \$23. The pany as it is natural that the Democrats have the support of the committee of one

> REPUBLICAN STATE CHAIRMAN COOPER picks out Senator Wolverton for the Democrats to nominate for governor. This will not help Wolverton's chances.

who will make reform triumphant.

THERE seems to be a demand upon somebody to chronicle in verse the charge of the gallant three hundred and six upon the federal offices that are turned out by for two orations, one by George F. Hoar,

Tut scheme for an elevated railway in The report of the water superintend- Philadelphia is effectually scotched for ent, printed in full on our first page, is the present by a unanimous negative report by the council committee on railroads Meantime the reports of the street railways to the state show that their profits both prepared their speeches. Hoar has like their rates of fare are undiminished

THE Free Masons of Philadelphia and other parts of Pennsylvania-there is some outlying territory-will have a grand pa use. The low stages of water in the rade and other festivities in celebration of creek have increased the demand for the sesqui-centennial, or one hundred and steam service, and the enormous and fiftieth anniversary of the organization ever-increasing consumption of water by of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on the 24th of June.

NEW YORK is not apt to make much Blaine. It is satisfactory to learn that headway in securing the removal of the age during the past month, amounting to \$5,681,870.50, was very nearly two-thirds of the total production, thus leaving but one third to be distributed between three

Senate in overriding Governor Ludlow's ginia, last week. sey Central railroad to increase its capital changing cars at Salamanca, New York, credit on the administration of the past | stock and the Gould and P. R. R. combi- | yesterday. year. A steady increase in the receipts | nation will be able by means of the watered was considerably corporation-ridden, and during the winter season, closed on Tuesin the strife of the corporation combinathe Legislature.

THE Examiner displays some spirit and the fighting is to be done; and as its editor was along with Cameron when he made his Western trip in 1980, he knows whereof he speaks when he says that but for the Salwarts Garfield would not have been elected. The Examiner editor could probably tell his readers something about University School of Medicine yesterday, the treaty of Mentor when, as one of the in the Academy of Music, Baltimore, sevintendent of prisons, who happens to be Stalwarts puts it, "the Republican candi-

THAT our literary and critical readers evening, one hundred and fifty-two students received the same degree. Reid in his famous dispatch to Garfield, may have a chance to contrast the earlier The work of transferring the furniture called a "bad lot," and whose unfitness and later production of Tennyson, of and archives of the state of Louisiana to is generally conceded. His appointment to a place in which he will abuse his influence for factional ends is a vicious blow at the Half-Rreeds, but not more blow at the Half-Breeds, but not more vicious than the H. B.'s aimed at their kind reception of the "Charge of the government." opposing faction when they openly Heavy Brigade," we will be greatly mis-

taken if it ever becomes such a favorite as the earlier poem has been. The graver, slower metre is rendered necessary, of course, by the subject, but it is much against the chances of the Heavy Brigade getting into the school readers and the declamation books.

G. M. REEDER retires from the Easton Express, of which he has been editor and publisher for the past eleven years, and the paper passes into the hands of J. J. Republican leaders that the Philadelphia Cope, W. H. Bixler, Davis Brodhead, and Reformers may send a delegation to the T. F. Emmens, comprising the "Express publishing company.". Mr. Reeder's withdrawal from a sphere he has so ably filled is a loss to journalism. His experience and editorial talent have made a good newspaper of the Express, and it is to be hoped that the new management will be able to maintain it at its present high standard of excellence as a family and local journal. An entirely new dress of type, a new and faster press to enable the agents to serve town subscribers earlier, some alterations and improvements in the 'make-up," and an avowed purpose of maintaining the independent and fearless that in the past have contributed so some of the grounds upon which the new

> PERSONAL. Rev. T.K. BEECHER has been nominated for mayor of Elmira by the Greenbackers

of that city. Mrs. Scoville, Guiteau's sister, has sent a bitter protest to the Senate against Conkling's confirmation. She affirms that he is responsible for the crime which resulted in President Garfield's death and which will probably bring her brother to the gallows. Under such circumstances, Mrs. Scoville thinks it would be an outrage on the country to elevate Conkling to a seat on the supreme bench.

Senator John A. Logan, of Illinois, is regarded as desiring that after the next senatorial election his colleague shall be either Senator David Davis or Commissioner Raum, with either of whom he would not have to divide the federal patronage of the state. But some of his

Sir THOMAS V. COOPER thinks that inthe supreme court. He thinks that the Wolfe element will run a separate ticket, regardless of what the regula convention may do, but that its strength and influence is waning. "The Wolfe party will not should prove to be the majority of those hundred, or of the Continental Republicans, and many of Wolfe's strongest adherents are recognizing the folly of his exertions." The field marshal thinks that Senator Wolverton stands the best chance of receiving the Democratic gabernatorial

> Concerning the Garfield memorial service, it is now said that Sherman's Senate committee had arranged the programme senator from Massachusetts, representing the Republicans of the North, and one by JOHN RANDOLPH TUCKER, of Virginia, representing the ex-Confederates of the South. This arrangement had gone so far in the supposition that the House committee would concur that Hoar and Tucker since delivered his speech at Worcester, Massachusetrs, but it is not known what disposition Tucker has made or proposes to make of his address. When the question came up before the joint meeting of the two committees, Orth said he was opposed to appointing any man in Congress, but wanted some man of national reputation outside, and when the vote was taken he carried his point by the selection of

> > NEWS MISCELLANY.

ttems of All Sorts From All Quarters. The . Austrian force from Foca lost 200 men on Saturday last in an unsuccessful attempt to force a passage of the Drina. In the circuit court at Chicago, Judge Tuley has decided that deposits in the hands of private bankers are taxable. Twenty-one cases of smallpox and four THE New Jersey House has followed the deaths were reported in Richmond, Vir-

> Superintendent Maxwell, of the Cincinnati chamber of commerce, reports that the number of hogs packed in that city

day night, was 284,878, being 137,547

less than during the winter season a year ago.
The assessed value of real estate for taxation in St. Louis for the present year is officially stated at \$162,177,610; personal property, \$30,414,630 : total \$192 .-592,340. This is an increase over last year on real estate of \$22,180,140; on personal

property of \$2,947,870. Utica, N. Y., celebrated her semi-centennial last evening by a large gathering at the City opera house. Addresses were made by ex-Senator Kernan, Wm. J. Bacon, Ellis H. Roberts, General James McQuade, Rev. Dr. I. S. Hartley, Walter B. Camp, of Sackett's Harbor, and others. At the commencement of the Maryland mencement of the College of Physicians and surgeons, at the same place, in the

AND STORM. FLOOD

FIRES AND OTHER CALAMITIES. MEMPHIS MAN'S TERRIBLE MISTAGE.

evere Losses Sastained by the Farming Population,

The signal service bureau reports that vesterday the rivers fell 2 inches at Cairo, inches at St. Louis, 3 inches at New Orleans, 5 feet at Cincinnati, 66 inches at Louisville, and rose 1 inch at Memphis, 1 inch at Vicksburg, 4 feet at Nashville and Chattanooga, 3 feet as Augusta, and 2 feet at Davenport.

A telegram from St. Louis reports that more than one-half of Mississippi county, in Southern Missouri is inundated and the farmers in the flooded districts have lost nearly all their live stock, many families are living in the second stories of their houses, and many others have been taken away in their boats to higher ground and are being provided for at the public expense. Much suffering exists throughout the submerged district.

Advices from Little Rock report that three miles of the track of the Iron Mountain railroad have been swept away. A despatch from Vicksburg reports a break tone and reliability as a newsbearer in the Concordia levee and the loss of two lives. Other breaks are reported in the Clay, Wade, Baggot and Clark levees. which will increase the area of the flooded region. It is said that a number of people have been drowned at Riverton and other

> Storm in Texas. A severe cyclone struck Valley Mills. Texas, on Monday night, almost completely

house being left standing. Brinkman's Hotel, a two-story building, was carried some distance and hurled into a confused heap. Ten persons were in the hotel at the time of the accident, all of whom were injured, but none seriously. There was no loss of life, but the damage to property will amount to \$20,000. Accounts from Hempstead, Bryan and other places show that trees, fences and telegraph poles were levelled, and dwellings and churches damaged and domolished. Around Navasota the storm did material damage uprooting One Falls Down and Obstructs the Ratiros trees, blowing down fences and some houses and demolishing two large gin houses near the town. A tree fell on the house of a freedman named Sandy Williams, near Anderson, killing a child and crippling an old woman.

Losses at Sea. A collier has been wrecked off Yarmouth. Twenty-three persons were

The steamer Helvetia, at Boston vesterday, from Antwerp, encountered immense masses of field ice and icebergs on the banks of Newfoundland. On the 23d ult., in latitude 47, longitude 47, she was completely surrounded by ice and had to turn back 80 miles in a southeast direction to get clear.

The yacht Eva, from Norfolk for Jacksonville, was capsized in a squall off Charleston bay. No lives were lost. The three-masted schooner, Hannah M. Lollis, of Wilmington. Delaware, with lumber from Savannah, for New York, went ashore fifteen miles north of Chinco teague station. Her crew were saved.

Raliroad Disasters. By a railroad accident near Davenport, Iowa, one man was killed and five freight cars and one engine were wrecked. reight car at Glendale, Minn., on Tuesday fell under the cars. His body threw the train off the track and six cars were plunged into a ditch. He did not die from his injuries until yesterday morning. By an accident at Opheim, a station on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, a fireman was killed, and four freight cars and a locomotive were badly

Damage by Fire. Ruyter & Son's tannery and several ad-oining buildings in Greenbush, near Albany, were burned yesterday morning. Loss, \$30,000.

damaged.

A fire in Waterville, Maine, destroyed part of the Waterville bank block, causing loss of nearly \$20,000. A fire on Tuesday evening destroyed Garland's - trunk factory at St. Paul, Minn., causing a loss of \$15,000 on stock and \$3,000 on building, which were fully

insured. A Terrible Mistake. In Memphis, Tenn., at one o'clock Dr. H. L. Wilford, was awakened by his wife, who had heard some one trying to open the back door. Shortly afterwards a shadow appeared at the side of the winlow. The doctor fired at the object, thinking it a burglar on the outside, but it proved to be a young colored nurse who slept in the room. She had gone into the

she will die. Fall of Wall. The unfinished wall of an apartment iouse being built in One-hundred-and-I wenty-eighth street, New York, was weakened by rain and fell yesterday, crushing in the adjoining house, occupied by Mr. Jarvis, a real estate dealer, his wife and daughter, and a servant, all of

whom escaped serious injury, except Miss

Jarvis, who was probably fatally hurt.

yard and returned again. The bullet from

The pecuniary loss is about \$4,000. The Result of a Mother's Neglect. In Peoria, Ill., a four-year-old child, belonging to a family named Thrush, was burned to death on Monday night. It was left in the house with other children while the mother visited a neighbor. During her absence the child crept up to the stove from which its clothes caught fire.

OBITUARY.

yesterday morning at Innianapolis.

More or Less Distinguished Dead. Theodore Kullak, the distinguished German pianist and composer, is dead. Hon. John S. Newman, an old and promnent citizen of Indiana, died suddenly

was for many years president of the In. diana Central railroad. Henry B. Hinnershitz, one of the most popular men in Reading, died yesterday afternoon at about half-past three, from paralysis of the heart, after an illness of a little over a day. He was aged 38, had served in the Union army during the civil

war and at the time of his death was pro-

prietor of the Madison house. to the treasurer of the United States, to be applied to the reduction of the war debt. To the attending physician of the testator \$5,000 is given on a condition expressed as follows: "That my head is severed from my body, as I have a great norror of being buried alive."

Dr. Thomas P. James, a well-known botanist, died recently in Cambridge, Mass,, aged 70 years. He was born at omitted from the list of the members of Radnor, near Philadelphia. Thirty years ago he was a wholesale druggist. He was secretary at that time of the Horticultural society and a member of the Philosophical lished in our columns last evening. Mr. and other societies of Philadelphia. He was also a member of the Philadelphia Contract with the Union fire company, Union League during the war.

The funeral services of the late Bishop Lynch were held yesterday at the Cathedral chapel, Charleston, S. C., two archbishops, six bishops and about twenty priests being present. Archbishop Carrigan, of New York, presided at the chanting of Lauds and Matins, and Arch-

bishop Gibbons was celebrant at the solemn requiem mass which followed. The church was densely crowded. No funeral sermon was preached. Prominent citizens without distinction of creed attended the fu-

Salcide in the Garret.

neral.

Ezra Smith, a wealthy farmer, residing near Woodsboro, Frederick county, Md., committed suicide by hanging himself to a rafter in the garret of his house. He was sixty-two years old.

THE NIBILISTS.

A Woman Condemned to Death. Just before the Nihilist prisoners were sentenced, Klyetotsschnikoff struck Merkuloff, who testified against several of the others, in the hope of escaping sentence of death, on his ear, saying, "Take that from your fellow prisoners." Those of the Nihilist prisoners who were sentenced te be hanged are as follows: The woman Lebedeva, and Michaeloff, Kalodkewitch. Tregonia, Baraniakoff, Hanoff, Klyetotschnikoff, Isnieff, Emiliananoff, Merkuloff, all of whom were convicted of complicity in the assassination of the Czar. The rest of the prisoners were sentenced to indefinite terms of penal servitude except Lustig, whose term is four years. It is re- peal from water taxes, and authorize the ported that the sentences of death will be commuted to penal servitude.

What are We Coming to? Philadelphia Times.

Only a few weeks ago a judge of the upreme court had to be bribed by an annuity to perform a plain duty. Since that military chieftains high in command | year was \$572.40. have conspired with conspicuous civil functionaries to affect changes in the army roster which would enable relatives on plunge their hands deeper into the bowl Upon the heels of this shameless prostitution of privilege the Senate the other day voted to give a man of enormous wealth and fabulous income the opportunity to feed his cupidity by delving into the public vaults and fatten on the plunder.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. DANGEROUS WALLS.

Last evening about 6 o'clock some 20 or 30 feet of the stone wall, just east of the Duke street bridge, fell down with a terri ble crash, obstructing both tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad and detaining passenger trains from one to two hours. The wall was about twenty feet high, was built within a few feet of the railroad track, in the deep cut at the point named, and formed the foundation of the Blickenderfer iron foundry which was destroyed by fire some two years ago. For some time past it presented a very dangerous appearance, and some time ago a small part of it fell, obstructing the track for a short time. Last evening the remainder went down with a crash as above stated. Had a train of cars been passing when it fell a terrible wreck would have resulted. When the limited express passed the point at a high rate of speed yesterday afternoon, the wall-shook perceptibly, and small pieces of stone and mortar were thrown down by the vibration. Had the Harrisburg accommodation, east and west, the Dillerville local, and the Columbia accommodation. The wreckers were at once set to work and succeeded in cleaning John Small, in attempting to board a the north track by 71 o'clock last evening, and the south one between two and three this morning.

Another Shaky Wall. The south wall of Gable's small, brick warehouse along the line of the Pennsyl. rania railroad, just west of North Queen street, is also in a dangerous condition and ought to be taken down. It is badly cracked and terribly out of plumb, being almost "as crooked as a dog's hind leg." To all appearance it is liable to be shaken down at any time by a passing train.

THE MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Its Monthly Meeting.—A Good 'Attendance for a Wet Day.' At the regular monthly meeting of the Lancaster medical society yesterday Vice President Bolenius was in the chair in the absence of the president.

There were present Drs. Allen, Blackwood, Bolenius, Carpenter, Compton, Ehler, A. J. Herr., Roland, Shirk, Stehman, Urban and Welchans, of this city Drs. Craig and Lineweaver, of Columbia Drs.-B. F. Herr, Millersville ; Lightner, Ephrata ; F.M. Musser, Witmer ; Wiseman, Bainbridge; Treichler, Elizabethtown A. H. Smith, Paradise.

The health reports showed diphtheria, whooping cough and malarial diseases

prevailing in the county. The subject selected for discussion at this meeting was "Dysmenorhea." The discussion was opened by the reading of the pistol passed through her body, and an excellent paper on this subject by Dr. Shirk. A number of members participated in the discussion. Communications were received from the

Chester county medical society on the subject of registration, and from the Luzerne county medical society on the subject of compulsory vaccination. Both were filed

The subject adopted for discussion next meeting was "strangulated hernia." Yesterday, for the first time, the society had a stenographer present to report the discussions verbatim, and from his report the publication committee will select such matter as is of permanent value to be printed in the journal of the society.

BURGLARS ABOUT.

Operating West of Lancaster. When the family of Jacob Bausman, residing on the Columbia pike, west of this city, arose from their beds Wednesday morning they found that burglars had broken into the back kitchen, during Tuesday night, and stolen about a dozen common knives and forks, three home made linen table covers and a lot of eatables. The report that a large quantity of silverware was stolen and carried off in a hand cart is unfounded. The thieves left behind them two heavy clubs, which they probably intended to make bloody use of

had they been discovered. On the same night thieves visited the premises of Mr. Elliott, who lives on the farm adjoining Mr. Bausman's, and, breaking into the smokehouse, stole the meat of a hog, which was curing therein. The keeper of the toll-gate on the turnpike near by says he saw three suspicious look-The will of Charles Albert Read, lately deceased, of Newton, Mass., gives \$50,000 o'clock Tuesday night. From the tracks around the houses of Mr. Bausman and Mr. Elliott it appears there were three men engaged in the burglaries above named, and it is supposed they may have been the men seen by the gate keeper.

He Was There.

The name of Councilman Ostermayer, of the Ninth ward, was inadvertently the committee on the reorganization of fire department present at the meetalong with his colleagues of the commit-

Government Building for Lancaster. In the federal House of Representatives yesterday, the committee on public build-

CITY GOVERNMENT.

THE MARCH MEETING OF COUNCIL

Annual Reports of the Departments an Other Important Business Trans-acted—The Tax Rate Fix-A stated meeting of city councils wa

held last evening. Select Council.

Present-Messrs. Barr, Borger, Doerr, Franklin, Judith, G. W. Zeeber, Philip Zeeher and Evans, president. The reading of the minutes of last meet ing was dispensed with. Finance, Water and Law.

Mr. G. W. Zecher presented an abstract the past month, which was read; also the where. The opinion among some of the monthly report of the city treasurer and that last month's receipts into the city is, and the old system again predominate : \$4,841.02; and the balance in treasury on the 1st of March, \$18,605.35. Mr. Borger presented an abstract of the minutes of the water committee for the

past month. The committee name Thursday, the 20th of April, as day of ap above James. The annual report of the city solicitor

was presented and read. It contains a statement of the disposition of several suits in court to which the city was a party. The amount collected on liens during the

Report of the Lamp Committee. Mr. Barr presented the annual report of the past year. It shows that there are five hundred and eight street lamps in the city, the location of all of which is given in an appendix to the report. During the year seven lamps were put up as tollows : At the corner of Concord and Grant, at oridge on Shippen street, at the colored school house near Strawberry street, on Beaver street near Conestoga mills, on New street near Market and on Marion

between Charlotte and Mary. The lamps are all lit with gasoline, and the committee recite at length the circumstances which led to the adoption of this method, the gas company having refused to comply with the terms of the city ordinance governing the matter, and their bid being so much higher than the rates in former years, that it was resolved rather than yield to what the committee and councils considered extortion to resort to the expedient of lighting with oil. The committee also relate the reductions made upon the bills of the gas company last winter, when there was such a great ! public clamor about the inferiority of the ight furnished. The total reductions made upon the gas bills for the quarters ending respectively January 1, 1881, and April 1, 1881, amounted to \$600. The committee report that of the \$9,500 appropriated for lighting the city all has been spent but \$227.17, which will of course 1883, and such other business as may cause a large deficiency, as the appropriation is designed to run until the 1st of July, the time when the contract for lightwall fallen then, there is no telling how ing is made. The committee explain many lives might have been lost. The this by pointing out that when the appropriation was made the amount provided was based on the rate paid for lighting the preceding year, \$18 per post, while the cost the present year is \$23 per post for gasoline; gas, the committee allege, would Shulmyer, Smeych, Stone, White, Yackhave cost the city \$40 a post on the terms of the gas company's bid. This committee state that the sum of \$1,619.28 is lying idle of a fund that has been for some years accumulating as an appropriation for 'lamps and posts;" there is no need of this money for the object stated, and the committee recommend the transfer of this sum \$1,619.28 from the appropriation for 'lamps and posts," where it is not wanted, to the fund for "lighting city," where it is. This will pay the bills up to the first of April, but the committee state there

will still be a deficiency of about \$3,100 to see the committee through to the first of July, and recommend the immediate adop tion of measures to supply the necessary The report concludes with a warm recommendation of the electric light, and thinks councils should take immediate steps for securing the introduction of this illuminator for lighting the city. It points out its great superiority over all other

methods, and thinks that on the score of economy as well as in the interest of progress practicable measures should be adopted in this direction. The committee suggest that an unused ninety-horse power engine now at the water works, could supply the power for operating the light, while, if feasible, the old boilers at the water works might be used in the same service. The wires could be strung on the city telephone poles, making the cost for that item very small. Some communica tions from the Maxim Electric Light and Power company, offering terms for lighting the city, are transmitted as part of the report, from which it appears that the cost of a forty-light plant would be about as follows: Generating machines..... Forty lamps, per \$69..... Tirree miles of No. 4 wire.....

\$6,792 The cost of maintaining the plant may be approximated from the carefully kept record of the expenses of a forty-light plant that has been in successful operation for several months.

Interest on investment in plant, per Carbons consumed, per hour.

Carbons consumed, per hour.

Power absorbed in machines per kour.

Depreciation, attendance, etc., per hour \$1.42

3000 hours at \$1.42; cost of plant for one year (10 hours per day).....\$1,250 Mr. G. W. Zecher presented a resolution, which was adopted, transferring an unexpended balance \$1,619.28 of former ap propriations for lamps and posts, to the appropriation for lighting the city. Common council concurred. The Streets.

A report was presented by the street committee of work done by them during the past two months. To the report was appended a detailed statement of work done, and cost of same, by the street committee from March 1st to December 1st 1881. The report was received and con sidered as read.

The Tax Rate Fixed. Mr. G. W. Zecher presented a resolution fixing the rate of taxation for the ensuing year, at nine mills on the dollar-five mills thereof to pay interest, principal, and state tax on loans, and four mills thereof for city purposes. The resolution was adopted, and common council con-

The Markets. Mr. Barr presented the annual report of the clerk of the market committee. As the ordinance providing for a fish market in Vine street, east of South Queen, has been repealed, the clerk suggests that the stalls in the northern part of the Central mar ket be fitted up for that purpose.

Wants to Establish Stove Works. A brief message from the mayor was presented, enclosing a communication from Stephen V. Wright, of Spring City, Pa., who states that a company has been organized at that place for the purpose of starting a stove foundry, to be located wherever the best inducements are offered; and asks what inducements the citizens of Lancaster will offer to have it acted upon as reported in the proceedings located here. The matter was referred to of that body, and a resolution offered by

port for the committee on reorganization of fire department.

To the Honorable Sciect and Common Councils: GENTLEMEN-The committee appointed by your honorable bodies to reorganize the five department respectfully begs leave to report : That we have entered into a lease with the Union steam fire engine company, No. 1, for the engine house and apparatus as instructed by joint resolution of councils ; and have also agreed with the Washington steam fire engine company for a lease of their property and apparatus -the lease for which is now being executed We are in hopes of arriving at terms with the Shiftler and American companies. Should your committee fail to secure the other companies necessary to complete the department we would ask of the minutes of the finance committee for authority to purchase apparatus elsefiremen seems to be that the present counreceiver of taxes, from which it appeared | cils will drop the whole question where it treasury were \$1,155.14; payments, but your committee can assure them that we propose to organize the new department as rapidly as possible.

With reference to the Empire book and ladder company your committee are of the opinion that it is unnecessary to purchase their property, knowing that we can get along for some time to come by placing a chairman to advertise for proposals for ladder truck in one of the engine houses laying 250 feet of pipe on Lime street as contemplated in the ordinance creating the call department. By a resolution of the Empire hook and ladder company. they compelled the contractor erecting the telegraph fire alarm to cut the wires connecting the alarm with their bell. For this action, (although the contractor did it on his own responsibility) your committee consider the company deserve severe censure from councils and our citizens; as the lamp committee, detailing at length they were the first company to advocate destroying the town, only one business one hand and favorites on the other to the operations of that department during the tire alarm telegraph and ask the city to use their bell. Your committee were therefore quite surprised when officially notified of their action. For this conduct we think they will be ashamed some day. In view of the action of this company refusing the use of their bell to the city the Park house on the New Holland turn- unless we purchase the house, we would pike, in the centre of the new railroad ask councils to grant us the authority to purchase a bell of 2,000 pounds weight and erect a skeleton tower in the stationhouse yard, unless we can make terms

with the Empire company.

Respectfully submitted by the committee.

The report was read and the recommenlations of the committee adopted. Common council concurred. The committee also presented rules and

partment, which are printed in full on our irst page. The rules were read and adopted. In common council read.

egulations for the government of the de-

Another Transfer. On motion of G. W. Zecher it was " Resoleed, That the sum of \$348.03, an unexpended balance of a water loan of 1879. be transferred to the appropriation for water works general for the present fiscal

vear." Common council concurred. On motion council adjourned to meet Friday, March 10, 1882, for the purpose of receiving the estimates of the finance committee for the fiscal year ending May 31, come before councils.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The following named members were pre-Messrs, Albert, Barnes, Brown, Cormeny, Cox, Davis, Diffenderffer, Everts, Fisher, Franklin, Hays, Huber, Johnson, McMullen, Middleton, Ostermayer, Reith,

ly, Levergood, president. Want Water. The minutes of the previous meeting

having been read and approved, Mr. Shul myer presented the petition of residents of Frederick street between Lime and Shippeu, asking that water mains be laid for the purpose of supplying them with water. On motion of Dr. Davis it was referred to the water committee with instructions to investigate and report to councils on the advisability and necessity of the work asked for. Select council concurred.

Street Committee's Report. Mr. McMullen presented the report of the street committie detailing the operations of that department the past year, the most important item of which was the paving of North Queen street, between Orange and the depot, with Belgian blocks, while much addi tional work has been performed which receives especial mention from the commit tee. The appropriations to this department of the city government have been exhausted, and there remain unpaid bills to the amount of \$600. To keep the streets in a creditable condition until the beginning of the next fiscal year the committee state that \$1,000 additional will be required, and attention is directed to the urgent necessity of an increased an-

nual appropriation for the operations of the street department. Eugineer Howell's Report. The report of the new chief engineer of the fire department contains nothing of especial public import other than a record of the number of fires and of false alarms that have occurred during the month of February. Engineer Howell states that a considerable quantity of the hose owned by the city has been repaired by the contractors furnishing the same, and states that the city hose, amounting in all to 4,800 feet, is in good serviceable condition. The engineer recommends the erection of two new fire plugs at the water works, to guard against the danger of the fire there, states that the preparations for the new department, including the building of the new hose carts and construction of the electric alarm are well advanced, and that it is

anticipated the new system will be in run-

ning order by the first of April. Rhetoric and Steel Rails. Mr. McMullen presented a letter from Mr. C. Lewis, the gentleman who is anxious to establish a rolling mill in this city for the manufacture of steel rails. It is a document, in which the writer covers a good deal of ground in expatiating upon the boundless resources of the grand old Keystone commonwealth for supporting an enterprise of this kind, and deploring the tendency of the sturdy sons of the state to seek other fields for the employment of energies that ought rather to be expended at home. Mr. Lewis evidently thinks that Pennsylvania in general and Lancaster in particular is the snot above all others for the establishment of his projected enterprise. The communication was read, but councils remained thoughtfully silent as the clerk finished his wrestle with the eloquent peroration of Mr. Lewis' communication.

Unfortunate Contractors. Mr. McMullen presented a petition from Messrs. Schwebel & Dietz, contractors for the new sewer on Water street who stated that they had lost fully \$350 in building the same, owing to the unforeseen abundance of rock. They asked the kind consideration of councils in view of the circumstances recounted, which Chairman McMullen stated to be strictly true, and he further added that the contractors had made a very good job in building the sewer. There is an ordinance of councils specifically prohibits any additional appropriation in just such cases as mentioned in this appeal, and council consequently declined to indemnify the contractors for the loss sustained by their unfortunate

Paying the Firemen. Papers received from select council were the special committee on steel works.

Common council concurred.

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The fire Department of that body, and a resolution of the finance committee to pass the balance of appropriation due the fire companies, less fines imposed by Mr. Zecher presented the following re- the chief engineer of the fire department,