Lancaster Entelligencer.

A Bungling Mplemat. It is seldom that any public man comes to grief so promptly and so conspicuously in his attempt to mislead the people and to play the demagogue as has happened to Mr. Blaine, in his effort to recommend to popular favor his diplomatic notions concerning our relations with Chili and Peru. Whatever may be thought of his lack of taste in criticising the policy of the administration and his successor, through the medium of a newspaper interview, there seems to be no doubt that he has displayed an ignorance of the subject under discussion or a disposition to grossly misrepresent it, which are alike unfortunate for his reputation and for the cause he espouses in this matter. The New York Times, the leading paper of Mr. Blaine's party in the country-albeit not favorably disposed to him-calls this expression of his views "a most ludicrous performance, in which disingenuousness, inconsistency, and downright ignorance are about equally prominent," and it is notable that none of Mr. Blaine's editorial defenders has ventured to gainsay the facts which the Times marshals to sus-* tain this view of him. The disingenuous. ness and inconsistency of Mr. Blaine consist in the fact that he attempts to excite American indignation over the exaction by Chili and the English bondholders of \$20,000,000 in indemnity, a single province and some guano islands from Peru, while this Peruvian company in whose behalf Blaine would have committed our government to his policy proposed to virtually confiscate Peru by enforcing a trumped-up claim of \$1,000,000,-000 against it. Moreover, the Chilians and the English bondholders had some right to dictate terms, the one as conquerors in war and the other as unsatisfied creditors, while the Peruvian company is really basing its claims upon a revamped demand, which so long ago as 1861 had been examined and rejected by a mixed French and Peruvian commission. The Sun, too, convicts Blaine of inex-

cusable ignorance or duplicity when he says the new protocol of Chili " enlarges Chili's demands somewhat beyond the indemnities asked before Mr. Trescott arrived. She has added, I think, the district of Tacna to her previous demands, besides a large strip of territory north of Tarapaca." The Sun points out that " neither the area of territory to be permanently ceded nor the amount of money indemnity called for by the new protocol is a jot larger than was de
Than youth itself, though in another dress.

And as the evening twilight fades away

The sky is filled with stars, invisible by day. manded at Arica in October, 1880, while the area to be personally held by way of guano between themselves and the Brit ish bondholders, Peru owns no guano;" all its treasures in that line having long since been turned over to its bondholdthrough Chili's interposition, invested the opening, thereby enlarging Belgium and the Netherlands."

Even the Tribune, always friendly to position on this question is by pointing out that the territory which Chili demands of Peru as a part of its war indemnity "constitutes altogether about four percent. of the entire territory of Peru. It is an utter desert so far as the premium is due, preventing the payment absence of any vegetation can make one, and valuable because it is a desert; for nitrate beds, as well as rich guano deposits, can only exist where it never rains. It contained before the war about thirty thousand inhabitants, twothirds of whom were Chilians, for the tropical lethargy of Peru leaves the prizes of commerce on that coast to be won by her alert and industrious rival. Besides this, Tarapaca has always been absolutely dependent upon Chili for its food supply. Should Chili gain possession of the entire coast from Camarones to Cape Horn, she would still be much smaller in territory and population than either of the two countries, Peru and Bolivia, which formed an alliance against her. Her signal victory over both is the triumph of a higher civilization over a lower; the victory which sound national credit, stable government, industry and pluck will always gain in the long run when they come into collision with bad faith, incapacity for self-rule and laziness."

But, most conclusively of all, the Chilian minister in Washington, in a quiet but intelligent interview, has shown that Mr. Blaine is densely ignorant of the condition and relations of Chili and Peru, and discusses their affairs on an entire misconception or misrepresentation of them. The whole affair exhibits the late secretary of state in a very painful light. It proves what an unsafe and unfit man lie is to deaf with the affairs of larger governmental concern. He would have conducted them without either dignity or knowledge. Ever since he left the scenes of his parliamentary victories on the floor of the House, where bravado and bullyrag served him so well, or where he could market his rulings as speaker, he has steadily diminished in public estimation. There were many reasons be- si xteen women who qualified to vote at fore why Blaine could never reach the Concord, Mass., yesterday. sidency. He has added manifold to Mrs. GARFIELD is annoyed of the state department, and since he traits of her husband which are published. his mouth he puts his foot into it.

THE enthusiastic people who are geant Mason's wife and baby will do well Grissinger was here, too. to temper their almsgiving with discre- ALBERT WILSON and AUG. RICHARDS.

tion. Newspapers like the Press, which special agents of the Mutual life insurance have been foremost in awakening public company, of New York, are in Lancaster interest in this matter should see to it in the interest of their company. TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 28, 1882. that the fund collected is properly baby comfortable for the rest of their lives, if safely and wisely invested. It may also be big enough to tempt some scoundrel to steal it or to turn an ignorant woman's head so that she may squander it. The editor of the Press and two other reliable gentlemen should, by common consent, be made trustees to see that the interest of the fund is secured to the woman for life, and the principal to the child at her death. For even should Mason be pardoned, his admission, upon being entered at the penitentiary. that he was without religion and of intemperate habits, indicates that he is not to be trusted with the control of four or five thousand dollars.

THE Philadelphia Bulletin, a Stalwart Republican paper, says: "Not one person in a thousand can give any sensible reason for signing petitions for Sergeant Mason's pardon. As there is no such reason, the fact is not very remarkable."

THE board of trade in Easton are agitating the consolidation of that borough with South Easton under a city charter, and recommended to the councils of the respective boroughs that the matter be submitted to a vote of the people.

THE Pope expects to purchase for the Vatican the largest topaz in the world, weighing seven pounds, and upon which famous lapidaries of Naples have been working since 1832, fifty years ago, caryug upon it representations of Jesus at the Last Supper.

THE McCalmonts having disposed of their Philadelphia & Reading railroad interests, quite naturally have no desire to of London are working in Lamson's behalf. continue their litigation against the deferred bond scheme, but now that Mr. Gowen has a clear path, it will be as well for him to pause and consider whether any exigency requires him and his company to resort to this means of raising money.

And nothing is too late
Till the tired heart shall cease to palpitate.
Cato learned Greek at eighty; Sophocles
Wrote his grand Ædipus and Simonides
Bore off the prize of verse from his compects
When each had numbered more than tour-

score years:
And Theophrastus, at fourscore and ten.
Had but begun his "Characters of Men."
Chaucer, at Woodstock with the nightingales,
At sixty wrote the "Canterbury Tales."
Gethe at Weimar, toiling to the last,
Completed "Faust" when eighty years were
mst.

mast.
These are, indeed, exceptions; but they show how far the gulf stream of our youth may flow into the arctic region of our lives, Where little else than life itself survives.

kuarantee is considerably less. Seven lo the effects of ivy fastening itself on brick teen months ago Chili insisted that the walls, that people who have it against the districts of Tacna, Arica and Moquegua sides of their houses will be glad of the should be retained as pledges for the Sun's assurance that the attachment of Porter has thus far been thoroughly enpayment of \$20,000,000. Now she exacts ivy to walls, so far from injuring them Tacna and Arica only as security for and causing dampness, is an advantage. the same sum." And as to Blaine's If the walls are dry when planted, ivy will " talk about the Chilians dividing Peru's keep them so. If damp, as the plant overspreads the surface the dampness will disappear. Where dampness prevails, ivy sucks out the moisture, and its thick foliage will prevent the access of rain to ers, being required to satisfy their the structure; and thus it is not only a claims, which of course our government remover, but a preventive of dampness. could not righteously interfere with. So | The only dauger attending the planting of far as he undertakes to excite prejudice ivy on buildings is where fissures occur in against these by appealing to the anti- the walls, in which case the shoots and British sentiment, he is again on the roots will enter, and, if left undisturbed, wrong track, as " a majority of Peru's their growth will soon begin to tell upon obligations, long rendered worthless by the building, and will, by increase of the bad faith of the debter, but now, growth, push against the sides of with some value, is owned in France, and eventually so weaken the wall as to cause it to fall. Where the wall is sound there is no such danger, for the plant does Blaine, has shown how defenseless his not make fissures, although quick to dis-

It seems a hard ruling indeed of the supreme court that the sudden death or illness of an insured person on the day his of it instantly, should work such a forfeiture of the right to recover under it as cannot be cured by a subsequent tender which caused his arrest. He will be tried of the premium on the part of his heirs or | in April. legal representatives. An account is elsewhere given of how two leading companies availed themselves of this severe interpretation of the law to avoid payments, which in all equity and good conscience they were bound to make. In honorable and conspicious contrast with their per formance is that of the New York Mutual, in paying a similar risk which it could have avoided under the law. We have of his age. He was at one time resident sometimes criticised this company for what we deemed its readiness to take advantage of technicalities against the in. sured and the answer has been that in a mutual company the management must protect the general interests of all the stockholders by resisting every doubtful claim. No company can fail to do itself much material and moral benefit by such acts as that of the New York Mutual in the Swinehart case. People want to feel sate that no little accident or unforeseen slip will deprive their families of the insurance which they may have been keeping up for years at great expense.

PERSONAL.

BUTLER will not help Guiteau. General KILPATRICK's body will be removed from Santiago to the United States. SOLON CHASE is reported to be about to start a Maine paper called Them Steers. The president yesterday nominated

STERLING P. ROUNDS, of Illinois, to be public printer. Judge BLATCHFORD expects to take his seat on the United States supreme bench

The Princeton alumni residents in Philadelphiz endorse Dr. McCosu. He'll

Miss Louisa M. Alcort was one of the

them on his short experience at the head erous unauthorized biographies and porleft it, of a truth, every time he opens J. A. Hubbell has been re-elected chairman of the Republican congressional com-

Major J. W. Yocux was in town yestershowering their ten cent pieces with day canvassing his chances for recorder. such self-sacrificing generosity upon Ser. but he seems to have found that Steve

TEMPLE HOUSTON, Sam's son, of Brahandled. It is likely to swell to an zoris county, Texas, is mentioned as the amount sufficient to make Betty and her orator of the occasion at a San Jacinto festival at Huntsville, in that state, on April 21.

CONKLING will not enter the White House until he gets in as president. Alex. Stephens will not cross the threshold of the Senate chamber until he does so as a senator.

The "ex-Premier" may yet rejoice over Chili. WALKER BLAINE is to be married to a Chilian lady, the daughter of an exminister of that republic to the United States.

Mr. Longfellow was in the habit of giving pennies to every hand-organ grinder who appeared before his house. On the afternoon of his death no less than three had to be shut off.

Prof. JEAN Louis, an accomplished musician, for seven years superintendent of musical instruction in the Philadelphia public schools, and a prominent figure in musical circles during the Centennial year is alsolutely penniless, and is now in the almshouse.

An Ohio man, a physician, who met Dr. LAMSON at Bucharest during the Russo-Turkish war, in connection with the Red Cross service, writes to the papers to say that aconite was one of Lamson's hobbies. He gave it on all occasions and in tremen dous doses, and laughed at those who remonstrated with him. In fact, he gave it to Dr. Von Klein himself, who was afflicted with neuralgia, greatly to his alarm and "his displeasure at the treatment disturbed their friendship for a time." Dr. Von Klein is of opinion that Dr. Lamson has simply been trying his favorite remedy on Percy John and has tried it once too often. The American residents

GRANT AND PORTER.

The Ex-President's Efforts to Have the Dis-graced General Reinstated. "Excuse me, this is private," said one of the doorkeepers of the lobby leading to the marble room as a gentleman tried very persistently to pass him. "But I am General Grant, and I want to see Mr. Windom and other senators," said the presistent stranger. Immediately the door flew open and the doorkeeper was profuse with apologies. General Grant spent the greater part of the afternoon at the Capitol calling for senators and urging them to help restore Fitz John Porter to the army. "What did General Grant have to say on the subject?" asked a visitor of one of the senators whom the expresident interviewed. "He said that he thought he had done Fitz John Porter an injustice for many years, and that he was determined to do now what he could to restore him to his old place in the army. 'General Grant called out'a good many bill now before the Senate for the restoration of Porter, but it is inferred one will soon be introduced for his relief. The movement this winter in favor of General ergetic. It is said upon apparently good nor Porter have made any impression upon President Arthur. A congressman who has taken as deep an interest in the Fitz John Porter case as any one in Washing. ton, said to night: "You can put it down as an absolute fact that Grant's crowd have thoroughly failed in their attempts to induce Arthur to reopen the Fitz John Porter case. He will not do it, and he has as much as told them so Grant goes home to-morrow morning without waiting for President Arthur's reception, which will occur to-morrow

Taking Rum for Small-Pox. John Hague has been employed for the past week as "runner" at the Iron Company's smallpox hospital, Bethiehem. Believing rum to be a safeguard against the dread disease he has kept himself tolerably full all the time. On Saturday he took an overdose and imagined that everybody he met had the disease. He stopped Maggie Harrington on the Philadelphia road and told her she had the smallpox and he was going to take her to the hospital. She ran down an embankment in order to get away from him and entered the house of a Mr. Engle. Hague followed her and when Engle attempted to put him out of the house he threatened to shoot Miss Harrington's protector. He was finally ejected and afterwards raised a row in a saloon

The Dead. Dr. Thomas Meore, a well-known phy sician, died in Germantown on Saturday, in the 56th year of his age. He was graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, bu; later became a practicer of homocopathy, of which he was an able exponent Dr. Robert S. Kenderdine, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, died in Philadelphia, yesterday, in the 51st year physician of the Episcopal hospital, and

during the war was surgeon-in-chief of the Volunteer hospital, at Broad and Prime streets. Daniel F. Pickering, a prominent Republican leader at Elmira, N. Y., ex sheriff and postmaster died yesterday

from typhoid pneumonia. A Merchant's Sad Death. Caleb Woodruff, of the firm of C. L. Woodruff & Co., wholesale tobacco dealers at 13 North Third street, Philadelphia, died on Saturday at his residence. No. 1228, Arch street, of an injury received on Thursday evening in attempting to step on the platform of an Arch street car near Broad street. He fell and struck his head, causing a fracture of the skull.

Points in Politics. In the Illinois House a congressional apportionment bill was introduced, which gives four districts to Cook county, and changes all the other districts in the state. An extra session of the Missouri Legis-lature has been called to meet on the 19th proximo, to redistrict the state for con-

Swalm on Sergeant Mason's Sentence. Judge Advocate Swaim has made his report on the case of Sergeant Mason to the secretary of war, in which he holds that the sentence of the court-marshal is invalid by reason of certain irregularities and informalities in the proceedings of the

The " Royal Arcanum." "Supreme Conneil of the R. Arcanum "has been called to meet at Baltimore on April 25. Delegates will be present from Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and many other states.

Crushed to Death by a Falling Tree. Jesse B. Strait, a farmer at Gibson Hill, Erie county, was fatally crushed by a tree falling upon him, which he was engaged in chopping and which fell in the opposite direction from that intended.

THE STORM KING.

SAVAGELY WIELDING HIS SCEPTRE. Terrific Tornados in the Bouth and in Thi

State-Lives Lost and Considerable

Property Demoi On Monday a destructive wind swept the country four miles northeast of Waynesborough, Ga. Houses and fences were blown down and trees were uprooted Considerable damage was done to property on the plantations of Joseph M. Ward, J. J. Jones, E. A. Carter and P. E. Steener. The dining room of Joseph M. Ward was

killed and a Miss Dunlap was painfully injured. At Macon, Ga:, a tornado did considerable damage to property and along the Central road as far as Sandersville. Dwellings, barns, gin houses, cabins and trees were destroyed and many persons injured. No fatal accidents were reported The tornado was very violent and about

A storm of thunder, lightning and rain passed over Bradford, Pa., carrying away a derrick that was holding up an unfin-ished building and demolishing the structure, several people barely escaping with their lives. At Richburg a tank containing 1000 barrels of oil was struck by lightning and burned.

During a severe gale at Evansburg, Crawford county, Pa., a three-story brick house in course of erection was blown down and William Hunt and Frank Mc Donald were killed, and John Houser aud William Shark fatally and five others slightly injured. A similar accident occurred at Pittsburgh, the wind blowing down a frame house and fatally injuring John Atkinson and Patrick Gavin, two

At Wheeling, W. Va., the most severe hail storm known since 1869 occurred about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. It was short but severe. The state house, United States custom house, Female college, Linsley institute, the large hotels and factories and all the ward school buildings, with the business houses and residences having frontage on the west, had the windows riddled. Hot beds, green houses and skylights gave way like egg-shells and many valuable plants were destroyed. The storm reached from five miles west to five injured by jumping from a second-story miles east of the city, and from a short distance below the town to the north end, and the damage at the lowest calculation will reach \$25,000. Persons exposed and unable to reach shelter were badly bruised about the head, and horses in many instances became frantic and ran away.

A furious gale, accompanied by vivid ightning, thunder, hail and torrents of rain, swept over Cleveland. Numerous trees and several unfinished buildings were prostrated. The weather, which has been remarkably mild, became quite cold after the storm, which lasted about thirty minutes.

THE SOUTHERN FLOODS.

outsiana Sugar Plantations Threatened-

The crevasse at Arizona plantation, La is now reported twelve feet deep and 200 feet wide. The impression prevails that the waters from this and the Landry cresenators and spoke very earnestly to all of vasses will overflow all the sugar planta tions on the left bank down to Bonnet Reports received indicate that Carre. the entire Grosstete country is under water. The back water is rapidly encroaching on the plantations of Baton Rouge.

The steamer Carroll, from Sharkey, on authority, however, that neither Grant the Tallahatchie river, reports a fall of eighteen inches at that point, and that gine No. 2, and David Dorwart was submany planters are preparing to resume

work. Louis Stanley was drowned at Mrs. Davis's place, near Chotard, on Saturday. Two negroes were capsized in a skiff at Major Higgins's place, in the same neighborhood and both were drowned. The house of Henry Davenport, on Peeler's place, was washed away and everything he had was lost.

The compress at New Orleans, which has been under water, is now opened for business. The steamer Sunflower, from Fasonia, 215 miles up the Sunflower river. arrived, and reports the river as falling at that point, and falling an inch in twentyfour hours.

The steamer Ike Bonham, from Little Deer creek, has come in with 70 head of stock and 43 passengers, 1,000 sacks of seed and 47 bales of cotton. A fall of 7 inches is reported in the creek with a cart No. 1; the Trewitz horse to hose strong current, which indicate a general decline of water. The Bonham went as high as Gibbons' landing, Starkey county. She reports but little destitution in that section. Planters generally think a good crop will be made. The hands, generally, are well cared for and satisfied. With a decline of three feet many plantations will be out of water.

Eighteen Persons Drowned. The coasting steamer Pelton has found ered in the British Channel. Eighteen persons were drowned.

Feil From a Ladder and Killed. Martin Schubecker, employed at Ulman's brewery in Brooklyn, N. Y., while assistng in the storage of ice yesterday, fell from the ladder to the ground, a distance of thirty feet, and was killed.

Stabbed Because He Would Not "Treat." Charles Walker, colored, of Hamp.on, a., was fatally stabbed last night at Baltimore by Albert Johnson, colored, be-cause he refused to "treat" when asked. Johnson is in jail.

In a fight early on Sunday morning, on board the schooner Annie S. Gaskill, from Philadelphia for New York via Norfolk, Va., off Finney's inlet, between two of the crew, Rudolph Anderson, a Swede, and Robert Foster, a negro, the latter inflicted probably fatal injuries on the head of the Swede with a capstan bar. The negro is in custody.

Cut to Pieces by Her Husband. An autopsy yesterday at Baltimore on the body of Mrs. Brizzalaro discovered three fractures of the skull and thirtyeight knife wounds inflicted by her husband, who is now in jail awaiting the action of the grand jury.

The Exeter Thief. George E. Lane, the defaulter, yesterday at Portsmouth, N. H., furnished bail in \$10,00, and immediately left for his home in Exeter, accompanied by prominent gentlemen, where he will endeavor to clear up his accounts, which are badly confused. He is "short" about \$63,000.

Smugglers Taken While the steamship City of Tokio was entering the harbor of San Francisco on Sunday she was boarded by two United States deputy marshals who arrested John Many deaths have occurred and the cases Hennissy, purser of the steamer, and Henry Kennedy, the steward, on suspicion of smuggling opium from Hong disease does its fatal work is alarming. .Kong.

John Davis, colored, an oiler in Zell's fertilizing factory, at Baltimore, was caught in the belting of g drum wheel yesterday and was killed.

He was shoeing. In a sudden ht of anger and smarting from the pain, he seized a hammer and struck the horse on the head, killing him at one blow.

While a heat was being run by Martin

Loss by Fire.

BLOWN INTO ETERNITY.

A FATAL POWDER MILL EXPLOSION

kleven Men Killed and Four Injured nes San Francisco-The Daily Budget of Crime, Calamity and other News.

An explosion by which eleven men were killed and four others seriously injured occurred on Monday in the Vulcan powder company's works across the bay from San Francisco, where the manufacture of block-blasting powder was in progress. Fire broke out in a room in the granulating house and communicated almost instantly blown to pieces while the family was at dinner. Gilbert Ward, 4 years old, was which was in the building. A blast of to the powder, only a small quanity of flame, however, rushed across a passage separating the granulating from the dry ing house. In the latter were stored about three tons of powder, which at once exploded. The concussion was not very great, windows of buildings 200 yards distant not being broken.

The dry house was blown to pieces, killing or wounding all the men at work of the grinders halted at the house and 100 yards wide. It moved from west to there. The killed are George Stansfield engineer ; H. C. Lamb, L. W. Starr and Thomas Mills, carpenter; Mr. Stewart, general assistant about the works, and six Chinamen.

The wounded are : W. B. Dales, fore man of the works, and Gottlieb Koch Peter Schafer and J. Ferris, carpenter Their injuries are serious and may result fatally. The loss of property will proba-bly fall within \$25,000.

Fatal fall of an Elevator. A freight elevator at W. H. Gallups Novelty works, at Troy, N. Y., fell from the fourth stery. John McNulty, 14 years old, who was picking up wood under the elevator, was instantly killed. William McClure fell with the elevator and was rendered senseless, and it is feared sustained internal injuries. His recovery is doubtful. The proprietor of the works says the elevator was improperly constructed, and has fallen twelve times in two vears.

Death in the Flames. A fire in West Ansonia, Conn., early yesterday morning, destroyed a building

occupied by a meat market, laundry, saloon and boarding house. Two young ing house, and Mrs. Nichols was seriously

Two Boys Drowned. Two boys, sons of William Low, a fisherman, were drowned at Newport, L. I., yesterday by capsizing their boat while hauling lobster traps.

Creation of Seven Cardinals. At a consistory in Rome the Pope cre ated seven cardinals, including Archbishop McCabe, of Dublin; Archbishop Lavigerie, of Algiers, and Archbishop Luch of Seville.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Filling the Vacancles and Apportioning the

The committee on the reorganization of the fire department last night accepted the declination of Washington H. Potts as driver of engine No. 2, to which he had been appointed at a former meeting of the be filled hereafter.

W. S. Burns and Henry Leonard declined the position of hosemen of engine No. 3, and Adam E. Smith and Wm. W. Price were appointed in their stead. John Krapp declined as hoseman of en

stituted. John P. Fetterly declined as hoseman to engine No. 4, and W. S. Weaver was transferred to the place from engine No. 1. All the horses needed for the depart. ment, fourteen in number, have been purchased, and are now in training for the new service to which they will be put. They are all grays and are conceded by

horsemen and others to be strong, finelooking animals, entirely competent for the work to which they will be put. Last night the committee apportioned them as The Knapp horses to engine No. 4; the Sontheimer horses to engine No. 2; the Murphy horses to engine No. 1; the Brenner horses to engine No. 8; the Colvin

horses to truck A; the Metzger horses to hose cart No. 3; the Gruel horse to hose cart No. 4; the Trewitz horse to hose eart No. 2. The committee are kept constantly engaged providing for the details of the de-

partment, which is expected to be into operation on Thursday next. The Electric Atarm in Working Order. Last evening the new electric fire alarm was turned over to Chief Engineer Howell

of the fire department, who this morning distributed the keys to the boxes, giving them to reliable persons residing in the neighborhood. It may be some information to those

holding keys to know how to work the boxes. The key which they hold unlocks the box; inside is a small lever which must be pulled down. This will sound case this is not a sufficient alarm the lever can again be pulled, or as many times as necessary.

The firemen and citizens of the town on the electric fire alarm in case of fire corridor as far as the first bridge; also to and nothing else, as it will be used at brace the arch in the cellar near the pump

Yesterday a number of the boxes in the city were tried and all worked well. A number of enterprising business men of the city have had printed on the backs of their business cards the location of the

different fire boxes in the city. NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS. Events Across the County Line.

The Reading artillerists publish a paper called the Knapsack, and it is principally devoted to news usual to soldier life. Chicken thieves are numerous in Chester county, and owners of poultry suffer

nightly from their depradations. In Reading the committee on law have favorably considered the ordinance relative to taking possession of the fair ground and converting it into a public park. The managers of the Chester county agricultural society have decided to hold a

spring fair in West Chester, May 7th. The needle factory in East Coventry, Chester county, will seen be removed to Rover's Ford, Montgomery county. This is the only factory in this state. Mary White, the colored woman, who

was so mysteriously shot on Spruce street, Harrisburg, some weeks ago was very low yesterday. Blood poisoning has set in and there is no possible chance of her recovery. A maliguant form of scarlet fever prevails among the children of Phonixville. are numerous where life trembles in the balance, and the rapidity with which the John Hobsou, a Chester county black.

smith was bitten in the shoulder by a horse he was shoeing. In a sudden fit of anger

While a heat was being run by Martin Murphy, at Sharpless' foundry, on north Walnut street, West Chester, and he had Fire yesterday at Canton, Ohio, caused his mouth open to give an order, the handle damage to the extent of \$30,000. The of the ladle gave way, causing some of the

STRANGE COINCIDENCE.

SUDDEN DEATH OF ROBT, G. BARTEL. He Dies While Listening to his Father-in Law's Funeral Sermon.

A startling incident occurred at the funeral of D. S. Bare yesterday afternoon. Rev. Sylvanus Stall, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, was about concluding an eulogy on the life and character of the deceased at his late residence No. 228 East Orange street, when he was informed that Mr. Bare's son-in-law, Robert G. Bartel. had just expired in an upstairs room in Mr. Bare's house. The announcement of the fact created the greatest excitement and profoundest grief among the large concourse of relatives and friends assembled to do honor to the memory of Mr. Bare, and for a time the funeral services were interrupted ; but when the tumult had somewhat subsided the services were concluded and the funeral cortege proceeded to Woodward Hill cemetery where Mr. Bare's body was interred, while the body of his son in-law was removed to the room from which Mr.

Bare's corpse was borne away.

Mr. Bartel has been in ill health for some time, suffering from a pulmonary or asthmatic affection. He was able, however, to be about, and was on the street vesterday assisting in making preparations for Mr. Bare's funeral. He probably over exerted himself, as upon returning to the house about noon he had great difficulty in breathing, and after struggling for an

hour or two he died as above stated. Mr. Bartel was 45 years old. In early life he was a railroad engineer and continued in that profession until failing health compelled him to seek a less laborious avocation. He then went into the sewing machine trade, and at a later day into the provision commission business, selling by wholesale cured meats for Phil delphia doalers.

Mr. Bartel was twice married-his first wife being a Miss Souder, by whom he has one child. His second wife who survived him is a daughter of Mr. Bare, as above stated, by whom he had two children. He was a kind husband and father; an upright, honorable man, and a pleasant neighbor. He was a member of the First Methodist church, this city. His funeral will take place to-morrow forenoon, at half past 10 o'clock from Mr. Bare's house, East Orange street, and his remains will be interred in Woodward Hill cemetery beside those of his father-in-law.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

The Supplies for the City Water Works. The water committee met last night, opened bids and awarded contracts as fol-

For pea coal-H. Baumgardner & Co.

\$2.97 per ton; James Stewart & Son, \$2.95. The contract was awarded to the latter. The contract for lead was given to Flinn & Willson at \$5.85 per 100. Ferrules-D. H. Kulp three-quarter inch

per gross and half at 93 cents per piece; W. P. Cummings, 85 cents; J. F. Stauffer, 94 cents; E. H. Diller, \$89.80. This contract was awarded to P. W. Cummings. Water pipe-R. D. Wood & Co., \$43.75 per ton; Mellert & Co., 4 inch, \$41 per ton, 6 inch, \$39, 8 inch, \$39, 10 inch, \$38,

2 inch. \$28. Mellert & Co. received the

contract. Special castings—Joseph H. Huber, 31 epts per pound; W. P. Cummings, 21c.; D. H. Kulp, 21c.; B. W. Harnish, 21c.; Mellert & Co., 31c. W. P. Cummings re-

ceived the contract. Fire Hydrants—Joseph H. Huber, \$240 per dozen; E. H. Diller, \$240 per dozen. Huber received this contract. Stop boxes-A. Mott was given the con-

tract at 31 cents per foot. Plug cases-D. H. Kulp, agt., \$6.70 per piece ; W. P. Cummings, \$5.90 ; E. H. Diller, \$8.331. The contract was given to Cummings. Street stop valves, inside screw-E. II. Diller, 4 inch, \$14.50; 6 inch, \$20; 8 inch,

\$29; 10 inch, \$40; 12 inch, \$50. Mellert & Co., Reading, 4 inch, \$13.50; 6 inch, \$19.35; 8 inch, \$30.38; 10 inch, \$43.43; Mellert & Co. received the contract for 4 and 6 inch screw.

Outside screw-E. H. Diller, 4 inch. \$17.50 ; 6 inch, \$24 ; 8 inch, \$32 ; 10 inch, \$45 ; 12 inch, \$55. Joseph Huber, 4 inch. \$15 ; 6 inch, \$19. Mellert & Co., 4 inch. \$15.70; 6 inch, \$22:28; 8 inch, \$23.53; 10

inch, \$47.98; 12 inch, \$60.53. Joseph Huber received the contract for the 4 and 6 inch outside screw and E. H. Diller the contract for the 8, 10 and 12 inch outside screw and the 8, 10 and 12,

inch inside screw. There were no bids for hauling.

Kesterday Afternoon's Meeting of Inspector Yesterday afternoon the board of prison inspectors again met and decided to purchase a Branson knitting machine at the price of \$20.

THE PRISON.

Mr. Hoffmeier offered the following. which was adopted: "Resolved, that the board of prison inspectors hereby recommend to the county commissioners the immediate necessity of repairing the prison wall by broad pointing, increasing the height and covering the same with a prothe number of the box where the alarm is jecting roof, believing it to be a better sestruck in all of the engine houses, as well curity against the escaping of prisoners, as on the Empire bell for four times. In | and a copy of the resolution to be sent to the commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Hoffmeier, the keeper was authorized to have the following work done : Calciare notified that hereafter they can depend | mine the entrance hallway and the main with planking.

> was adopted: " Resolved, That any religious society that feels interested in the reformation of the prisoners, have the right to send religious papers to this institution, and that the prisoners can have our county papers

Mr. Carter offered the following, which

at their own expense. Mr. Hagen offered the following : " Resolved. That all provisions and articles for manufacturing purposes be given out by contract to the lowest bidder at the next meeting.

On the same subject Mr. Rutter offered the following : "Resolved, that the secretary be instruced to advertise for sealed proposals to be handed in at our next monthly meeting for all the principal material and supplies (not at present under contract) that are required for the maintenance of the prison for three months from the time the bid is accepted." The resolution of Mr. Hagen was

The following was passed: "Resolved, that the keeper, Mr. Burkholder, be allow ed sufficient county carpets for the dwelling part of the prison. The disputed bills of C. H. Amer and

the Lancaster knitting company were ap-It was decided to give Dr. W. P. Rife \$10 for extra services and materials furnished; and to give Urias Kendig a \$15 suit of clothes and George Bartmyer \$5 on the expiration of their sentence.

The bond of David Warfel, prison clerk, in the sum \$500, with David Warfel and Geo. A. Tripple as sureties was pre- Merrimae house, yesterday 18 head of The board signed a recommendation to \$232.55 per head, and 7 head of western

George Stape, who was convicted of horse stealing in November, 1878, in consequence of impaired health, as it is believed that longer confinement will be dangerous to Mayor's Court. The mayor had three cases before him

ALONG THE RAILROAD.

BENRY CRAMER KILLED AT PRILA-

lecident on the Waynesburg Branch-Fatal About 2 o'clock this morning Henry

Cramer, of Parkesburg, aged 24 years, and employed as brakeman on the way passen-ger train was found lying dead on the track of the Pennsylvania railroad in the company yards at 32d street, West Philadelphia. It is supposed that he was struck and killed while he was making up a train of cars, but just how the accident happened is not known. The coroner was notified and an inquest held. The body will be first taken to Parkesburg, where the family reside, and will then be brought on to this city for interment. Cramer was a single man, and had been on the road for some time.

Wreck on Waynesburg Branch On Saturday afternoon a combination train of passenger and freight cars was wrecked on the Waynesburg branch of the Pennsylvania railroad near Downingtown. There is a very heavy grade there. and one of the freight cars left the track and was hurled into the Brandywine creek. The passenger car was filled with people, but all escaped injury. This accident is the third that has occurred recently on the branch road near the same place.

Boy killed at Parkesburg. An unknown young man apparently 17 or 18 years of age was instantly killed at Parkesburg about 9:45 this forenoon. He was standing on a siding whilst extra freight engine No. 19 was putting off ears. A draft of six cars were cut loose and were running by their own momentum alone the siding. The boy appears to have not seen them and though the brakeman called to him loudly, he did not hear him, and he was struck, knocked down, and the six cars passed over his body, mangling him in the most horrible manner. The remains were taken in charge by the railroad officials and will be held for identification. The coroner of Chester county was notified to hold an inquest.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT. Well Known Citizen Falts Down States This morning Adam Ranck, sr., residing at Bird-in-Hand, met with an accident which is very serious and may prove fatal. He got awake about 4 o'clock, and arose for the purpose of lighting a lamp. By some mistake he stepped into the stairway, down which he fell headforemost. His wife heard the noise and quickly arose. She was terribly frightened and blew a hern. J. S. Shirk, who lives near by, and his two sons, ran to Mr. Ranck's house. They found the old gentleman lying at the bottom of the stairs. They carried him into a room and placed him on a lounge. Dr. Miller was sent for and he examined the injured man. It was found that he had a bruise on his hip and another on his head. At last accounts he was lying unconscious and in a critical condition. Dr. Carpenter, of this city, was also sent for. Mr. Ranck is 72 years of age, and has a wife and five children, he is a brother of Samuel Ranck, residing at Ranck's mill, just east of this city. He was in this city in good health yesterday, and transacted considerable business.

"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN."

The Venerable Drama Unce Again. ancient and absurd play is considerably worse than its predecessor, but the party of barnstormers who last night, under the title of Authony & Ellis' "Ideal" company, succeeded in packing the opera house to the doors, may cheerfully challenge the world to produce their equals in inferiority. No more stupid or insipid performance perhaps was ever enacted within the walls of the building, which is saying a good deal, but it is true all the same. The young miss who played the part of Era might probably be excepted from the general category of worthlessness, were it not that she has acquired or been taught a preposterous mode of speaking, which renders it almost impossible to hear a word she says, albeit the child's action shows more real intelligence than all the others in the company put together. One of the most capable of the other performers was a "real live donkey." He had four legs, however, and was somewhat different in make up from his brother actors. It was funny to witness the chase of Eliea by the "ferocious bloodhounds' which were so extensively billed. After the woman passed across the stage, four lean-looking canines were let loose, and ran past as though they were in pursuit of a bone or a nest of fresh eggs instead of a female slave. The "Ideals"

FATALLY INJURED.

is to be found on the road.

named, for nothing like them it is hoped,

A Boy Dies from being Struck by a Blone, Amos R. Harnish, about seven years of age, a son of David J. M. Harnish residing on Beaver street, was struck on the forehead by a stone thrown by a boy named Clark on Sunday evening, March 19th. He ran home, told his mother about it, and she rubbed the wound with a liniment. He did not appear to suffer much, and went to school the following morning, and continued to go to school all last week. Yesterday morning he complained of pain in the head. Dr. Davis was sent for, and said the pain was caused by the stone. Last night the boy grew worse, the doctor was again sent for, but before his arrival the boy was dead, having died with con-

vulsious.

Upset This Afternoon This atternoon Henry Huber, of Marticville, loaded a barrel of oil, a barrel of crackers and a lot of other things on a onehorse covered wagon at Miller & Hart. man's wholesale grocery, in the rear of their store on market street. The horse frightened at a shifting engine, which was letting off steam, and, running against the corner of a building, upset the wagon, throwing the contents out, with Mr. Huber, who escaped uninjured. The barrels

Argument Court. Court met this morning at 10 o'clock, when a considerable amount of current

were broken and so was the wagon.

business was transacted. The case of Amos Bushong vs. the Pennsylvania railroad company, exceptions to master's report were argued during the whole forenoon and a good portion of this afternoon,

Died of Her Injuries. Margaret Elizabeth Miller, who was so

terribly burned at the house of Mrs. Essick, on Friday night, died shortly before one o'clock this afternoon, after three days of terrible suffering. Her funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock from the residence of her father John Steigerwalt, No. 14 Hazel

Samuel Hess & Son, auctioneers, sold at public sale for George Grossman, at the

the board of pardons for the pardon of horses at an average price of 177.59 per feed. The two highest sold, brought \$610. Sale of a Livery.

To day a sale of personal property, such as horses, carriages, sleighs, buggies, om-nibusses, harness, &c., took place at the principal losers are Horsheimer Bros., molten metal to fly into his mouth and clothier; S. Gunzberg, clothier; J. R. run down his throat, making a burn which Miller, dry goods, and Brown, photographer.

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