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The State Reports.

For many years the legal profession of this state suffered an onerous burden in the excessive price charged them for the reports of supreme cases. The reporters, generally appointed by the governor with a view to rewarding some personal favorite, had a monopoly in the copyright of the reports and could charge for them just as much of a tax as the lawyers and libraries who have to have them would stand. It was to his advantage, too, to get out as many volumes as possible. As the total number of these reports increases yearly the tax upon young lawyers forming new libraries and taking the current reports became very severe, and finally legislation was secured to effect the same system as prevails in New York and some other states, the reporter to be paid a salary and the reports to be issued under contract entered into by the reporter, secretary of the commonwealth, and auditor general, with the person or persons who shall agree to publish and sell the said reports on terms the most advantageous to the public, and at the lowest price. Under the old system the state reporter's office was coming to be worth about \$10,000 a year, and State Senator A. Wilson Norris was the last person to enjoy this fat place. The books cost \$4.50 a volume, while under the new plan it was expected that they could be furnished for \$1.50 at the most. Reporter Outbridge's first volume of reports coming to hand costs the old price, \$4.50, and a Danville lawyer who writes to the Press inquiring about this imposition is answered thus: Unfortunately the law puts no limit on the price, and the publishers, with the concurrence of the three officials indicated adhere to the old charge, taking themselves the profit or excess of \$3,000, which formerly fell to the reporter. Under the new law these reports cannot be copyrighted, and any enterprising publisher could, if he chose, reprint them and sell them to the bar of the state at a just and reasonable charge. The Press is somewhat mistaken in its facts. In accordance with the law of 1878, a contract has been entered into with New York parties to publish the state reports at \$1.17 per volume and furnish them to the profession at that price for a period of ten years. That contract begins with and refers to the term of the present state reporter, Mr. Outbridge, which began at the May term, 1881. He was appointed for and filled a few months of the unexpired term of A. Wilson Norris from January to May 1881, and it is for that term that his present volume of reports is issued, which does not come under the new law. Meantime Norris has three more volumes of his own to issue at the old price, with the appearance of which he is inexorably slow. Hereafter, we are assured, the regular Outbridge reports will be published at \$1.17 per volume, and should there be any deficiency about them the profession will have the remedy in their own hands, as the publisher has henceforth no copyright privileges in them, and the reporter cannot get his last quarter's salary until his reports for the year are published.

What Answer?

After the late municipal elections and before the Republican councils caucus—to be precise, on March 3, 1882—our esteemed Continental Independent contemporary, the New Era, reminded the Republican councilmen that "the citizens who voted for them did so upon the reasonable presumption that when in power they would fairly meet the public expectation, not only in local legislation and economy in expenditure, but also in their choice of heads for the several departments. If they fail to do this they will forfeit the confidence of the better class of citizens, and they will deserve to do so." "And yet," our esteemed contemporary had heard there was "a disposition in some quarters, supposed to be potential in such matters, to apportion the offices on other considerations than those which the people everywhere are declaring shall be paramount in municipal affairs." Against this it declaimed vigorously, and declared that "personal favor in caring for 'the best workers of the ward,' or a desire to punish personal or factional grievances, should have no place in the council chamber or even in the party caucus." It predicted that if those selected by its party "for the heads of the treasury, water and street departments are not at least equal in all respects to the present incumbents, the Republican party will have signed its own death warrant, and a citizens' committee, or its equivalent, will attend to the execution in February, 1883." It begged its party friends not to "entrust the public business to men whom they would not employ to manage their own affairs, or advise their neighbors to employ, when they can select men about whose business qualifications and personal character there is no doubt." We have waited for several days for our esteemed contemporary to tell us what it thinks about the way its party friends disregarded its advice. Does it presume to say that Sam Levan is the equal in fitness for street commissioner of Dan Trewitz, or that Clayton F. Myers is as suitable a person for city treasurer as William McComsey? Was there any other consideration than that of rewarding "best workers" which entered into their selection by the party caucus? And, in view of the only possible answer which the New Era can make to these queries, is it ready to proceed with the execution of its party in this city according to the "death warrant" signed on March 3, and sealed on April 3? Better still, is it not the time now for all good citizens to unite in a movement for a non-partisan municipal government?

It was hardly to be expected that the lawyer who presides over the war department and the much abler lawyer who is attorney general would countenance the extraordinary ruling of Judge Advocate Swain setting aside the Mason court martial. They have sensibly sat down upon it, and if anybody

was disposed to regard or respect it before they will hardly cling to their consideration for the judge advocate crank any longer. In fact, public opinion is fast settling to the conclusion that for himself, his family and his country, Mason is at present the right man in the right place. After Guiteau is hanged, the "Ditty and Baby" fund all gathered in and invested with careful trustees beyond the spoilation of a Godless husband and an impenitent father, it will be time enough to talk about a pardon for Mason.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Accidents and Incidents of Daily Life—A Budget That Includes Murders, Suicides, Fires, Tragedies, Politics and Other Items. Three soldiers have murdered a Jewish family of nine persons at Sijbertz, Russia. All the landlords of Counties Westmeath and Roscommon in Ireland are now under police protection. The London Sportman says there is no likelihood of a match between Trickett and Boyd. The latter declares that he will never fight again. Mr. J. Murray has sent a cable dispatch to Hanlan that Winnipeg, Manitoba, contributes \$15,000 for a regatta, open to the world, in July next, on the Red River.

POINTS IN POLITICS.

The Usual Result in Rhode Island—Elections Elsewhere. The state election in Rhode Island took place yesterday and resulted in the usual Republican majority—about 4,500—for Alfred H. Littlefield for governor. The Senate will stand: Republicans, 28; Democrats, 8. The House, Republicans, 69; Democrats, 17. It is understood that the Republicans favor the election of Mr. Anthony to the United States Senate for a fifth term. Minneapolis Goes Democratic. In Minneapolis, Ames, Democrat, has 1,790 plurality for mayor over Loring, Republican, and 820 majority over all left alies. The Democrats elect four out of five aldermen. Chicago Councils Democratic. Complete but not official returns of the Chicago election show that the new council will stand 19 Democrats, 11 Republicans, 2 Socialists and 1 Independent. The present council is Republican. A Mayor and a Congression too. The Democratic city convention of Albany, N. Y., yesterday nominated Michael N. Nolan for mayor. Mr. Nolan is the present incumbent, besides being a representative in Congress from that district. Close Sighting. A Republican mayor by three majority and the rest of the city officers Democratic was the result of the election at Springfield, Ill., on Tuesday. Councilmen in Contempt. In Norfolk, yesterday Judge Boss delivered his opinion on the injunction against the town council enjoining the members to permit the three councilmen from the sixth ward to take part in its organization. Council met in the afternoon and voted down the motion to adjourn, and about half the members left the chamber, whereupon the rest, in disregard of the judge's order, elected officers and adjourned. Healing the Breach. The state credit Democratic executive committee of Tennessee yesterday elected its chairman to the international convention in conjunction with the call by the chairman of the other wing of the party, the objection being to unite the factions. Clemency to Oyster Pirates. The governor of Virginia yesterday decided to extend clemency to the oyster dredgers recently convicted of violating the oyster laws and sentenced each to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary. The governor has granted a full pardon, certificate from the surgeon of the penitentiary that his life would be endangered by longer confinement. The other six captives had their sentences commuted to sixty days' imprisonment in jail. All but one of the captives were fully pardoned, the exception being William Larkin, who escaped from jail after setting it on fire, but was recaptured. A Sewing Girl's Singular Mishap. The long curls of Maggie O'Brien, a young woman employed in the overall factory at Mattawoman, on Tuesday, caught on a shaft to which her sewing machine was attached as she stooped to pick up a lost bobbin ring, resulting in her scalp being torn completely off. The scalp was replaced and sewed on her head. A Student Murdered by Negroes. Walter Roundtree, a University student, was shot on Tuesday evening at Athens, Ga., by two young colored men named Frank Johnson and Enoch Ebohis, and died yesterday from his wounds. The townspeople filled by a mob of students and negroes. A Cowardly Murder. George Jones, colored, shot and fatally wounded John Foster, also colored, in Pittsburgh, on Tuesday night. Foster had interfered in a fight that Jones had a short time before, and the latter to get even with him shot him in the back. The Panama Canal. Conte de Lesseps denies and authorizes the contradiction of a statement emanating from Washington to the effect that the Panama Canal company was unable to take up the Nicaraguan concession if the American government permit it to lapse, and that negotiations to that end with the Nicaraguan government. Caught in Machinery and Killed. David Lawson, residing on Cedar street, Port Richmond, Philadelphia, was fatally killed yesterday at Conlar saw works, Front and Laurel streets, by his clothes catching in the shafting while he was trying to adjust the beltting. Suicide in a Melancholy Fit. Mrs. Richard Harrison, aged 30 years, of Mountain View, Warren county, N. C., committed suicide on Sunday last by shooting herself while alone in the house with her five children. She was subject to fits of melancholy. "The Amenities of Journalism." Judge J. J. Lyons, editor of the New York Journal, was found shot dead in his private office yesterday morning. A printer named Ashley, who is missing, is suspected of the crime. His Conscience Troubled Him. The residence of John Thompson, treasurer of the Potstown Turnpike company, was recently robbed of \$700. A portion of the money was returned on Tuesday by an unknown man, who has not been seen since. Serious Charge Against a Minister. Rev. Jesse Laros, an Evangelical minister, 50 years of age and father of a family, has been committed to jail for four days for the charge of feloniously assaulting Ida Miller, 13 years of age. Threat of Life and So Young. Jennie J. Putnam, aged 21 years, committed suicide yesterday at Worcester, Mass., by taking hydrocyanic acid. She left a letter stating that she was tired of life. French Leave. Alfred Forest, a money broker, has absconded from Ottawa, Ont., leaving liabilities of about \$14,000.

THE VETO SUSTAINED.

SHARP CRITICISM OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Senator Bayard's Speech in Defense of the Anti-Chinese Bill passed by Congress. The president's veto came up before the Senate yesterday, and the proposition to pass the anti-Chinese bill failed to receive the necessary two-thirds. The vote was 29 to 25—except that Messrs. Cameron of Wisconsin, Jones of Nevada and Miller of California voted yea with the Democrats. Mr. Davis, of Illinois, and Mr. Mahone of North Carolina, voted nays. Mr. Sherman moved to refer the bill and message to the committee on foreign relations, and supported and elaborated the objections of the president, and particularly of the Chinese minister, and argued that there was no occasion for the measure, and that it should be carefully considered in committee with a view of obviating these objections. Mr. Garland expressed the opinion that in view of the protracted discussions of the bill in the Senate and House, it was improbable that any new light could be thrown upon it; that as intelligent action could be had at this time as well as at any other the only purpose of the proposed reference was to bury the bill. Mr. Bayard said it was useless for the friends of the bill to expect, by referring it, to change its features in accordance with the president's objection. He proposed to answer the sole objection upon which the president had seen fit to return the bill, and to show that it had no justification in fact, and that it was a violation of treaty obligations. Furthermore, nothing could be found in the action of Congress to justify this further objection upon which the veto was based. Characterizing the statements of the veto on the point as a slur upon the Chinese minister, and what seemed to some persons, and to himself, as very coarse language, he said the phraseology did not seem to be that which ought properly to characterize communications between the great departments of the government, and that the language of Congress deliberately discussed and passed by both Houses and unanimously recommended by a committee of the Senate, was an impeachment of the act of Congress and a reflection upon the president. That comity which though unwritten was as essential for the good government of this country as the unwritten law had been lost sight of.

PERSONAL.

BUCKLE UP DON'T WANT THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR.

CONKLING has been invited to deliver the annual address at the Virginia agricultural college. BARON DE SCHEFFER, the new Austrian minister to Washington, is a bachelor, and is just "too sweet." Gov. CHARLES FOSTER, of Ohio, is to deliver the welcoming address at the national forestry congress, which is to meet in Cincinnati April 25, and continue in session five days. Mrs. CLEMENT B. GRUBB gave a matinee party last Saturday to her young nephew, Irvin Grubb, and a round dozen of his college friends, followed by an elaborate dinner at the Bellevue.—Progress. GEORGE BARRY WALL, the New York lawyer, who was shot and killed by his wife recently at New Utrecht, L. I., willed his property to his father, subject to the dower right of his wife on the real estate. The Sultan of Turkey yesterday granted General WALLACE and Mr. PHELPS, the United States ministers to Turkey and Austria respectively, permission—now very rarely granted—to inspect the imperial treasury. An enthusiastic British parent has named his child "Jumbo," after that sagacious and ponderous animal. The interesting circumstance is thus chronicled in an English paper: "Buskin.—On the 27th ult., at—, wife of Henry Buskin, esq., of a son and heir (Jumbo)." BERNHARDT will dismiss her company and renounce the stage. Mr. Damala was an attaché of the Greek embassy at Paris. He made the acquaintance of Sarah last August. He informed her that he had a passion for the stage and asked to be allowed to join her troupe. She was so pleased at his recitals that she admitted him to her company under the name of "Dala." Congressman BELTZHOVER is absent, owing to a very serious illness of his wife. Mr. LINDBAY, of Maine, is still very ill, although he is believed to be improving. Congressman BLACK, of Georgia, is getting better and Mr. ALLEN, of Missouri, is about the same. Senator LOGAN is off for the Hot Springs, and Senator COCKER has been called away by the serious illness of his venerable mother, who resides in Illinois. ALBERT C. BOGERT, who on the 28th of March attained to the age of one hundred and one, followed the calling of a shoemaker up to four years ago. He can see to read, and his appetite and general health are good; always took his toddy in moderation, and until he was ninety-seven was an inveterate smoker of tobacco. His living descendants at seven children, thirty-five grandchildren, eighty-six great-grandchildren and fifteen great-great-grandchildren. The total number of his descendants, some of whom are dead, is one hundred and ninety-three. The president has nominated JAMES R. PARTIDGE, of Maryland, for minister to Peru. He is said to be an ardent Stalwart. Though the president had determined to provide some place for Mr. Partidge, it was only recently determined upon to make him the successor to Gen. Hubert. He was minister to Brazil during Grant's last term and secretary of the state of Maryland during Governor Holliday's administration. He was also once minister resident at Honduras and Venezuela and served as arbitrator on the part of the United States to adjudicate the claim of Earl Dundonald, which gave \$3,645 pounds sterling to the claimant.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Children Playing With Fire.

Rachel, little daughter of Charles Killian, was burned to death on the property of Heber Handwork, East Earl township. The man had been burning brush, and the children, supposing the fire entirely extinguished, were playing in the ashes. Live coals were exposed by brushing away the top, the little girl's clothing was ignited and she was soon enveloped in flames. Her cries attracted a farm hand, who came to her, extinguished the flames and conveyed her to her parents' house. Her limbs and lower body were burned to a crisp and she died a few hours later, after intense suffering. While Mrs. George Moyer, residing near Allentown, was at the barn she was startled by the loud screaming of the children in the house, and hastily proceeding thither, found Mamie, the youngest, in flames and in great agony. When reached, only a few remnants of the clothing remained on the child. It was shockingly burned about the breast, back, abdomen, limbs and face. The accident was caused by the child playing with some matches. Death ensued in a short time. Police Cases. The mayor had a round dozen of customers this morning, nearly all of whom were picked up for drunk and disorderly conduct. Among them were David R. Porter and Mary Wise of unsavory memory. Nine of the gang were sent up for terms ranging from 10 to 30 days and others were discharged. John Quinn was drunk and disorderly and was arrested by special officer Gill, and locked up for a hearing before Alderman P. Donnelly.

COUNCILS GET TO WORK.

MEETING OF OUR NEW LEGISLATURE.

The Standing Committee Announced—A Flood of Petitions—Resolution to Investigate the Fire Department Reorganization. The first regular meeting of the newly organized city councils was held last night. Select Council. In select council there were present Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Brown, Evans, Wise, Wolf, Zecher and Berger, president. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Evans presented the official bond of Clayton F. Myers, city treasurer elect, in the sum of \$50,000, with J. Hay Brown, John D. Skiles, John Copland and Levi Seneseng as sureties. The bond was approved. Common council concurred. Mr. Zecher presented the report of the city treasurer for the past month. It shows the receipts for the month to have been \$1,919.80; the payments \$9,437.58; and the balance in the treasury April 1st, \$10,987.73. Mr. Baker offered a resolution, which was adopted, directing that the sum of \$500 be paid to Mrs. S. E. P. Mosser, nee Powers, the value of a certificate of city loan issued in her name and which was lost or destroyed. Common council concurred. Mr. Brown offered a resolution, which was adopted, appropriating the sum of \$200 to be paid to J. L. Steinmetz, esq., for professional services during the reorganization of the fire department. Common council concurred. A petition of citizens for grading and gutting New street and laying a crossing at North Queen and New, was read and referred. Mr. Wolf, from the committee on executive appointments, reported favorably on the nominations for policemen, and all of them were confirmed. Mr. Baker asked to be excused from serving on the street committee, as the condition of his health and his professional duties would interfere with a proper discharge of his duties on the committee. Mr. Evans asked to be excused from service on the market committee and the fire and water committee. The president urged Messrs. Baker and Evans to serve on the committees named, as he feared their declination would discourage the appointments on other committees, agreed upon by the presidents of the two branches of council. However, he would confer with President Davis and endeavor to make satisfactory arrangements. The estimated receipts and expenditures of the city government (heretofore reported) were read. Adjourned. The Standing Committees. FINANCE. R. A. Evans and Henry Wolf, of select council; Harvey N. Harst and S. K. Lichty, of common council. WATER. Philip Zecher, Geo. W. Brown and C. A. Bitter, of select council; Daniel M. Moore, Henry Smeych and Geo. W. Corney, of common council. STREETS. J. V. Wise, Henry Wolf, A. W. Baldwin and R. A. Evans, of select council; H. H. Power, F. A. Albright, John McLaughlin, Frank S. Everts and John McKillips, of common council. MARKETS. Geo. W. Brown and D. G. Baker, of select council; William Riddle and J. S. Eaby, of common council. LAMPS. Philip Zecher and C. A. Bitter, of select council; Benjamin Huber and John E. Schum, of common council. POLICE. J. V. Wise, A. W. Baldwin and George W. Brown, of select council; John F. Reith, Jacob G. Goodman and John J. Cochran, of common council. PROPERTY. Philip Zecher and D. G. Baker, of select council; J. J. Hartley and J. F. Remley, of common council. FIRE ENGINES AND HOSE COMPANIES. R. A. Evans, Henry Wolf and Geo. W. Brown, of select council; Samuel B. Cox, William B. Middleton and W. C. Buehler, of common council. NURSERY AND ORNAMENTRY. J. V. Wise and A. W. Baldwin, of select council; B. F. Sken and George B. Leetz, of common council. BUCHANAN-MCDEVY RELIEF. Henry Wolf and C. A. Bitter, of select council; Adam H. Conrad and Philip Dinckelberg, of common council. Common Council. In this branch there were present Messrs. Albright, Buchanan, Cochran, Corney, Cox, Dinckelberg, Eaby, Everts, Goodman, Hartley, Huber, Hurst, Lichty, McKillips, McLaughlin, Middleton, Power, Reith, Remley, Riddle, Scheetz, Schum, Sken, Smeych, Trost, Davis, president. The only absence was Mr. Moore, of the Third ward. Clerk Deen called the roll and read the minutes of Monday's proceedings. The president then handed the list of his committees to the clerk who read them. They will be found in the report of select council proceedings, where the full joint committees are printed. There then was the first reading of petitions customary at "first meetings" of a new council. They were mostly for street work and were as follows: By Mr. Hartley: For the laying of a pavement on Filbert street near St. Joseph. Referred to the street committee. By Mr. Riddle: The petition of Christian Gittlich and Frederick Hoefel for water pipe in New street. Referred to the street committee. The same gentleman introduced a resolution providing for the insuring of the horses purchased for the new fire department. It went to the fire committee. By Mr. Schum: For the laying of a new gutter on the southeast side of Strawberry street. Referred to the street committee. Also for the relaying of the crossing at St. Paul's M. E. church. The street commissioner was ordered to have the work done. By Mr. Cochran: For the grading of East Frederick street. Referred to the street committee. By Mr. Remley: Asking that a fence on West Orange street near Mary, which extends beyond the line of the street, be set back the proper distance. Referred to the street committee. By Mr. Corney: A communication from the Shiffer fire company tendering their services to the city whenever required in case of emergency. This was the first document presented to council, and it was referred to the fire committee. Mr. Cox offered a resolution looking to the improvement of the new fire department, and including among its provisions the employment, by the street commissioner, of the horses of the department when not in service. They also require that the chief engineer of the fire department shall report to council a detailed statement of the expenses incurred in the reorganization, and also that he shall make a monthly statement to council of the working of the department and the cost of its operation. Mr. Cochran offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee of three members from common council and two from the select council, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the purchase of supplies for the new fire department, with power to send for persons

and papers, and report the result of their investigations to council. The resolution was adopted, but select council amended it by providing that the committee should consist of two members from each branch. Common council concurred in the amendment, but the committee was not announced. When the resolution providing for the extra compensation of Mr. Steinmetz came over from select council, Mr. Eaby rose to inquire what the specific duties of the city solicitor are, and he quoted from the digest of the city ordinances (page 163), which defines the duties of that official, and which Mr. Eaby seemed to think fully covered the services for which additional remuneration is now demanded. Messrs. Riddle and Cox, on the other hand, claimed that Mr. Steinmetz's duties in this matter had been of a clerical nature, and that he was fully entitled to the \$300 which he now asked as extra compensation for extra labor. A vote was then taken on a motion to concur in the action of select council, and it was agreed to with several votes in the negative. Mr. Wolf offered a resolution providing for the establishment of a fish market in the rear stalls of the central market. He urged upon council the necessity of immediate attention to the matter, as the fish season was at hand, and by the condition of the Vine street market there was now no place for the sale of fish. The resolution was referred to the market committee, but select council laid it on the table. Adjourned. THE DOCTORS. Large Meeting of the Local Society. The stated meeting of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society was held yesterday afternoon, in the Grand Army building, with the president J. H. Musser in the chair. The following members were present: Drs. Atlee Jr., Blackwood, Bolens, Carpenter, Conrath, Herr A. J., Herr M. L. Roland, Sherr, Welchans, from the city; Drs. Sanderberg, Herr, B. J., Millersville; Livingston, Monntville; Leman, Leman Place; Musser, J. H.; Stamburg; Shenk, Rohrerstown; Hensley, Paradise; Miller, Bird-in-Hand; Bryson, Martletown; and Hoebuck, Litzitz. The transactions of the society were by resolution changed from a quarterly to a semi-annual publications. Dr. S. B. Foreman was elected a member of the society. The health reports show whooping cough, measles, typhoid fever, scarlet fever, pneumonia and fever and ague to be prevalent in the county. A number of very interesting cases were reported and discussed. The resolutions adopted by the Montgomery county, Alabama, medical society, condemning the action of the New York state society in voting to ignore a part of their "Code of Ethics," referring to consultations with other than regular physicians, were unanimously endorsed. The subject of "Stigmata of Hernia," which had been selected for discussion was postponed until next meeting, owing to the lateness of the hour. Adjourned to meet the first Wednesday in May. MAUNDY THURSDAY. Its Celebration in the Catholic Church. The solemn ceremonies of the Passion is today interrupted for a moment to honor the institution of the Holy Eucharist. The trappings of wood disappear for a time and the altars are adorned with white and blue, and the glad tidings of the Last Supper are announced by the "Gloria in Excelsis." The only joyous music heard during Passion Week. Though commonly styled Holy Thursday, it is more properly called Maundy Thursday, in remembrance of the washing of the feet of the disciples. On this day two hosts are consecrated, one for the sacrifice of the day, the other to be carried in solemn procession to a repository expressly prepared for it. At the close of the service, the Mary's chamber, the procession of the blessed sacrament took place. A cross bearer with five acolytes bearing candles and a banner led the way. Next came twenty little girls robed in white who scattered flowers in the path of the celebrant. The service was terminated under a canopy. After the procession was finished, the altars were divested of their adornments, and all preparations made for the consummation of the Passion to morrow. The Reformed Church. The Reformed Church Messenger issues a special Easter number with a beautifully designed heading in which the Easter appears conspicuous. The Messenger says it was "designed by Mrs. J. B. Kieffer, of Lancaster, to whose skill and taste we were indebted for the illustrated cover of our Christmas paper. It should gratify her to know that her modest but laborious efforts have given pleasure to thousands of our people." Rev. Drs. T. G. Apple and E. V. Gerhart have Easter articles in this special number. A premium of twenty dollars is offered for the best page or tract on "The Reformed Church in the United States," for general distribution. Tract to contain 1,500 words. A committee composed of Revs. J. A. Peters, Dr. J. B. Shumaker, J. G. Pritchard, Prof. J. S. Stahl and Elders Christian Gaston, J. B. Hote, Chas. Denuis, etc., all of Lancaster, Pa., will review the manuscripts, and decide which one is entitled to the premium, competitions being open until June 20. Election of Officers. Last evening the Schiller Verein held their annual meeting at F. Woehle's Tremont house and elected the following officers: President—Jacob Nendorf. Vice President—D. Papp. Secretary—George Swartz. Treasurer—Frank Ursprung. Trustees—Henry Smith, Lewis Smith and Peter Diehl. The Coming Circus. Advertising card No. 1, of Adam Forepaugh's circus, arrived in this city last evening. Philadelphia. It has eighteen men on board, with Coyle as superintendent. Five teams were sent to the country with bills, and at the same time the town was covered. The car is a large and handsome and it is chuck full of advertising material. Wheel Broken. Thomas Brown, of Texas, Fulton township, was driving along North Queen street this morning when his wagon heavily loaded with fire-wood was thrown heavily on its side, when one wheel struck the street car track and was broken to pieces. Assault and Battery. Last evening Henry Roto struck Christian Borne with a brick cutting his head badly and then bit him in the thumb. The latter brought suit before Alderman McComy who held Roto in jail for a hearing. Moved to Columbia. Ex-Sheriff Jacob S. Strine, who had been living in this city since he was elected, has removed back to Columbia, his former place of residence, where he will engage in business. Two thousand young trout were sent from the hatchery of the M. on Tuesday for distribution in different streams of eastern Pennsylvania.