## Lancaster Entelligencer

MONDAY EVENING, SEPT. 18, 1882.

The Bench and the Bar.

The members of the committee Philadelphia lawyers opposed to Judge Briggs' re-election, express themselves with a freedom and frankness that could hardly have been ventured upon if the supreme court of this state had affirmed the doctrine laid down in the opinion delivered by Judge Patterson and approved by Judge Livingston in the disbarment case of Steinman and Hensel. That opinion expressed by our local court, to which some members of the local bar gave their adhesion and which was supported in a written and printed argument of the attorney general, would have disbarred Charles S. Pancoast, E. Hunn Hanson, George Tucker Bispham, William C. Hannis, Joseph M. Pile, Walter E. Rex, Charles Gibbons, jr., and numerous other scarcely less prominent members of the Philadelphia bar who head a movement to defeat the reelection of Briggs.

In a published card these gentlemen proclaim, as the sentiment of a large number of the Republican lawyers of Philadelphia, that Judge Briggs "has lost the confidence of very many members of the Philadelphia bar. In the opinion of some of these, he is not a well-trained lawyer; in that of others, he does not possess that strength of mind and integrity of character which rises superior to political or personal influence; while all are convinced that his egotism, eccentricities and infirmities of temper are such that any attempt to penetrate these barriers to his sense of judicial fairness is in many cases futile. He is rude and overbearing to the weak, and deferential and subservient topoliticians and others who are supposed to be influential and powerful in the community. His behavior on the bench is undignified and unjudicial, and his habit of addressing juries at great length (often interrupting the course of a trial) on subjects in no way connected with that before them, seemingly for no other object than to extol his own importance, subjects the administration of court business to ridicule, and wastefully consumes the time and money of parties, witnesses and the public. His conduct on the bench has created a feeling among members of the bar and in the community that in causes where the interests of well known politicians have been involved he has not displayed that imparalways exhibit."

if justifiable, are not only sufficient reathat result'and to make the public acquainted with his shortcomings as they reveal themselves to the profession. But under the rulings of Judges Patter son and Livingston all of the gentlemen are likely to have their labor for their her husband had deserted her, and gave who hold these opinions or who knew pains. these facts could have been silenced under penalty of being stricken from the roll of practitioners in the courts of Philadelphia. The case of Judge Briggs is only one of a class that is likely to occur at any time in Pennsylvania wherein it is the privilege and duty of the bar to expose judicial infirmities, but it comes very close upon the heels of the decision in the Steinman and Hensel case to illustrate the importance of that deliver

The Degeneracy of Newspapers.

The manner in which certain newspapers intrude into the privacy of families to lay bare their skeletons without justification in any propriety of the publicawrong consists in its objectless impertinence. The latest case of the kind is the invasion which has been made into the household of Engineer Melville. The Press of Philadelphia contains a sensa tional account of what its reporter heard and saw after he had forced himself into the presence of Mrs. Melville, who had Carlisle Volunteer. had a disagreement with her just-returned husband. He was not in the house to boot the reporter out of it; and the of August. It was established in 1864 by latter, having only a woman to deal with, Morton and Alfred Sanderson, This firm filled his note book with the story of the | was dissolved in 1867, and for some years family jar, and his principals were weak | the paper was published by Steinman & enough and mean enough to print it Smith. Subsequently Mr. Smith retired the next day. There was nothing in it to the next day. There was nothing in it to from that time forward being Steiman & concern the public. It was published to Hensel. These gentlemen have conducted gratify a prurient curiosity—and to sell the Intelligencer ably and successfully the newspaper, whose proprietors hope and it ranks among the foremost inland to earn by such " enterprise " both cash and reputation. Doubtless they will, but the repute will be of a very bad kind. It may be that Eugineer Melville's temper Daily Intelligences which it has recentis hasty, as the Press reporter makes it, ly entered promises to be its most sucand that his wife is a fool, as also clear ly appears; but there are many house. holds where hasty tempers dwell and where one or both of the family heads are fools. In fact sweet-tempered and sound-headed couples, we fear, are in a big minority. But what business has the public with their wrangles unless they lead to a breach of the peace and the law? If the newspaper is permitted by public sentiment to reach into the family to expose all the dis- ble looking man opened an account at turbances there, some public ben- that bank, depositing about \$2,000, which efit ought to furnish the justification he drew against and replenished until he for the intrusion. But we know no such for the intrusion. But we know no such benefit that can be urged, unless it may drawn by a Portlaud man against a N. Y. be claimed that domestic broils will be bank, and on the next day drew \$5,800 checked by fear of their publication; againts it. The draft was sent to New which may be; but nevertheless the newspaper is not the family peacemaker, -\$17-to \$5,800. Before, however, adand the bold journalist who conceives vices to this effect reached Boston the otherwise has a lesson to learn about the depositor had closed his account, drawing utility of minding his own business.

Melville matter is probably due to the but failed to work. The case has been same brazen reporter who wrote the kept very quiet, and the police, as yet, other day that he had gone at midnight have obtained no clue to the whereabouts in search of information about the of the stranger. Phipps matter to the residence of the officer who was in charge of the search and represented himself as an important | train on the Lehigh & Susquehanna railofficial in order to get out of his bed the man he had come to interview. Here was not only an impudent intrusion at an found under a car, where he must have of greater proportions than could have unseemly hour, but a lie at the back of it; fallen while in the act of coupling. The been dreamed of will take place.

tion of a newspaper, especially in a large FROM JOY TO MOURNING. city where the demand for enterprise in gathering news is urgent, is a fearful strain upon the gentility of its publishers, under which they even fall below the level of a very common decency in their conduct. It is unfortunate that the newspaper, which aims to be a public eacher, should thus descend to be only a public scavenger; that, where it should represent the essence of manhood, it may seil and Joel Cook, and later visited the not be able to lift itself above the office British consulate and various points of represent the essence of manhood, it may of the hog.

THERE is a suspicion in some quarters that Foreman Dickson is merely Jim Anderson, of Louisiana, in disguise.-Press. This is pretty rough on Anderson.

CORNEL's friends say he has a sure thing of it at Saratoga this week, while the other fellows are "on the contrary quite the reverse." We shall see what we shall

On's up and it keeps a-going at the liveliest kind of pace. Just where it's going to stop is a mighty interesting matter for a good many people who are in a very excited frame of mind about it all. The latest quotation is somewhere around 80, and they are talking dollar oil just as though it was coming to pass. Such things have happened before.

A SHADOW BOAT. Under my keel another boat Sails as I sail, floats as I float; Silent and dim and mystic still, It steals through that weird nether-world, Mocking my power though at my will The foam before its prow is curied, Or calm it lies, with canvas furled.

Vainly I peer and fain would see What phantom in that boat may be : Yet half I dread, lest I with ruth Some ghost of my dead past divine, Some gracious shape of lost youth, Whose deathlass eyes once fixed on mine Would draw me downward through the brine

—Arlo Bates in October Atlantic.

THE New York World prints nearly two pages of what it claims to be over whelming proof of the systematic jobbery and official corruption that have prevailed in the construction of the great bridge that spans the river between New York and Brooklyn. It shows that the original estimate of seven million dollars has been swollen to twenty-two millions of outlay, and that only one-fifth of the expenditure has been accounted for in materials. Boss Tweed's plans of 1867, the World claims, are only ripening to their fruition in 1882. The expose is likely to create a decided sensation in political circles in New York.

THE end of the Egyptian war has caused a boom in various securities on the London exchange, and it is said American stocks have risen in sympathy with the general tiality which the upright judge should upward movement of the market. A These are very serious accusations, and, tage of this "boom" to try and foist those immortal Confederate bonds once more sons why Briggs should be defeated, but upon the public. They manage to make a the counterpane and snowy pillows; her why the lawyers should labor to secure price and get tham quoted, but the "trans- face was tear-stained and her eyes red and actions" are all bogus. The present quo- swollen with constant and long weeping, tation is 11. The British public generally now at last understand that this matter is hard. Mrs. Melville in a very exan out-and-out swindle, and the speculators cited manner told the reporter that

GEN. BEAVER'S recent visit to Warren recalls to the Ledger a chapter of history having greeted her with curses and pro that is not very creditable to the Stalwart | famity. The whole tenor of her conversacandidate. Some of the facts of Miles' charges against Superintendent Sunderland, of the asylum for the insane, are reproduced. Miles, now deceased, was a Republican, but a few years ago he showed up the frauds of the superintendent, A committee of legislative roosters, including Tom Cooper, investigated the matter and whitewashed the superintendent. Gen. Beaver, one of the three state commissioners, defended Sanderland and abused Miles, but finally, in order to prevent more revelations, admitted the charges and Sunderland placed some \$16,000 in excited at the mention of the name of her tion is certainly a gross outrage, which | bank to be used as a contingent fund in should be severely punished; yet the decorating the grounds, etc. The Ledger law has no punishment for it. It is not does not charge Gen. Beaver with corrupgenerally a libelous publication; its tion, but these revelatious, as well as the mismanagement of the agricultural college, go to show conclusively that the following card for publication: Stalwart candidate is not the kind of man to choose for governor. His record as an investigator and reformer bears a striking W. Melville and myself. The latest one is contrast to that of Controller Pattison.

Among the Foremost.

The Lancaster daily INTELLIGENCER finished its eighteenth year about the close J. M. Cooper, H. G. Smith, William A. journals of the state.

Better Than Ever. Chambersturg Valley Spirit,

The nineteenth year of the Lancaster cessful. It is now better edited and more liberally patronized than ever, and its good qualities increase with its years. We take pleasure in noting its prosperity and especial pride in its success because one of its founders-Mr. J. M. Cooper-was the founder of Valley Spirit.

A Clever Bank Swindler. It has just been learned in Boston that the Maverick national bank of that city was victimized recently to the extent of nearly \$6,000 on a raised draft. Some time ago a well dressed and very respectaweek or two he deposited a draft for \$5,000 all the balance, and had left the city. The The impudence of the Press in this attempted at the Merchants' national bank,

Decapitated by the Cars. and the wonder is that any respectable newspaper would publish such a tale of the infamy of its employee, written down by himself. It seems that the publica- employees exonerated from all blame.

MELVILLE'S SAD FAMILY AFFLICTION.

The Arctic Hero's Brilliant Reception at Home Followed by the Mental Derangement of His Wife.

Chief Engineer Melville and Lieutenant Berry spent Saturday in Philadelphia. At noon they visited Mayor King, accompanied by Navy Pay Director A. W. Rusinterest about the city. Engineer Melville proceeded to his home at Sharon Hill last evening. He was escorted from the Continental hotel at 6 o'clock to the Broad street station by a committee of residents of Sharon Hill, composed of A. C. Bryson, James A. Bunting, George Gavin, Peter Clark and George A. Nitzky. The party was conveyed to Sharon Hill in a private car, where the gentlemen were joined by Lieutenant Berry, who had been driven there in the four-in-hand drag of B. K. Jamison. The streets were lined with people, who cheered lustily upon the appearance of the Artic hero. Across the avenue leading to his cottage an arch was erected on which was the inscription Welcome Home." Eugineer Melville's was also nearly every cottage on the place. He met his daughters on the threshold of their house. The meeting was very af-tecting. His wife, whom he had not seen for three long years, he received privately, and no one saw the meeting. Mr. George Gavin presented him with a letter of wel come from the citizens of Sharon Hill, after which he held a public reception for an hour and a half.

This morning a most distressing culmination in Melville's triumphal return is announced. The hero of the hour had received the homage of New York and guests and neighbors who had welcomed him to his home, when the terrible discovery was made that the great excitement consequent upon his return, after three years absence amid the terrors and dangers of Arctic exploration, had been too much awful climax to his years of expectation. The joy of the fond wife had completely

upset her mental balance. Mr. Melville went to Darby, to the residence of a friend and there spent the night. Yesterday morning the family physician, Dr. W. Fisher Longstreth, was sept for, and Dr. Bartleson was called in as consulting physician. The doctors conversed for some little time with the lady and satisfied themselves as to her condition. They regard her case as peculiar, but the precise nature of her affliction they decline to state. To day some steps will be taken which will lead to her permanent restoration to health. This will probably take the form of her transfer to the hospital. Mrs. Melville has been under a great mental strain ever since her husband sailed on the Jeannette

This morning's Press has a very sensational account of the affair and publishes small clique of brokers are taking advan an interview which are porter had with Mrs. | was now reduced to seven, five of whom ebbing life. The parents' joy knew no Melville, whom he found in her room in a | died before reaching the beach-Captain pitiable condition. Her hair was dis- Sauaze, who was the last to die in my while her hands were clutched convulsively and her breath came thick and rison and myself the only survivors.' him a highly colored account of his actions ever since his return home, which she described to have been unaccountably tion with the reporter indicated her flighty mental condition, and in regard to her charge that her husband had deserted her the explanation is that the physicians who had been called in deemed it best for her not to see her husband while her condition continued so serious and he was compelled to remain out of her presence during all of yesterday. Meanwhile several of the nearest neighbors of the family at Sharon Hill were summoned and took upon themselves for a little while the care of the household. Mrs. Melville showed a continuous desire to have her three little girls near her, but in her deliriousness would become greatly husband, and it was on this account the physicians advised his remaining for the present away from her.

> Danenhower and Melville. Washington, September 17.-Lieuten ant John W. Danenhower furnishes the My attention has been drawn to several items and comments referring to an alleged trouble between Chief Engineer George in the Washington Star of last evening copied from a New York paper, and is the first that takes a definite shape, stating under the title, "Melville vs. Dane n-

> hower," that if he(Melville) had not turned back from the first search Captain De-Long and his companions might have been saved. The above alleged charge has never been made by me. In the first place the facts would not admit of such a charge, for

when Melville turned back the captain's party had been dead at least fifteen In the second place I would never make such a charge except to the proper official authorities. I have always avoided adverse and premature criticisms of my late

comrades, and will simply refer to what I said when confronted by half a score of journalists on board the Celticon my arrival at New York, and as published in the New York Herald of May 29, 1882, under the caption : "A Vindication of Melville." This was caused by my learning that he had been hastily and unfairly criticised previous to my return.

I have made no charge against any one. My personal relations with Mr. Melville have been of a very pleasant character. Mclville's Leave of Absence Extended Preparations for the proposed grand reseption at Washington had been completed. Last night he telegraphed that, owing to

come. He has been granted indefinite leave of absence.

the serious illuess of his wife, he cannot

CRUDE OIL ADVANCING. Brokers Yestorday Bidding a Heavy Ad-The boom in oil which started last week still continues. Saturday some heavy selling was indulged by certain prominent speculators, who were influenced by a reported tightness of the money market, not only in the east but in Oil City and Pittsburgh, as well as Bradford. Prices lingered about 681 and 69 cents during the greater afternoon session, and in less than fifteen minutes, amid the most exciting scramble ever witnessed, prices advanced from 69 cents to 75 cents. During the after- position, who was a suitor for her hand. | tance ahead. He gave a cautionary whisnoon the market jumped between 72 and 75 cents till the close, when 751 cents was

an advance of five cents since the market | comfortable. He is 63 years old.

closed Saturday night. It is expected that to-day will witness the most tremendous excitement ever known in the oil regions.

MANY LIVES LOST AT SEA.

Steumship Crowded with Passenger Founders in a Gale. A report has just reached Collingwood Ont., by the hands of Captain John Daucey, of the tug Minuchaba, sent from Parry Sound by J. C. Miller, which gives details of the loss of the steamer Asia, of the Great Northern transit company's last for French river and Sault Sto. Marie. The report from Parry Sound is this:

Captain H. M. McGregor reached here yesterday by tug from Owen sound and reported passing the wreckage of a steamer off Limestone Island. He picked up and brought with him a trunk, a door and a pillowslip marked steamer Asia. About 10 this morning an Indian boat reached here from Point au Barry, about 35 miles distant, bringing D. A. Tinkis, of Manitowaning, and Miss Christiana Morrison, from near Owen Sound, supposed to be the only two survivors of the ill-fated steamer. Tinkis makes the following statement : "I went on board the Asia at torchlights, which had done service in Owen Sound about midnight on Wednesday in company with J. H. Tinkis and H. residence was brilliantly illuminated, as B. Gallagher, both of Manitowaning. The their task until daylight, when they were steamer was crowded, all the state rooms being full and many passengers lying on sofas and on the cabin floor. All went never ceased to wander through the well until about eleven Thursday morning, when the storm struck us. I was in my berth at the time. My uncle, J. H. Tinkis, jumped up and said the boat was doomed Dishes and chairs were flying in every direction. We left the cabin and found difficulty in getting on deck. The boat was rolling so heavily I got a life preserver and put it on. The boat went into a the awful strain on her system for a day trough of the sea and would not obey her and a night, was obliged to take to her helm. She rolled heavily for about twen- bed. When the shades of Tuesday night Philadelphia, and had bade "good ty minutes, when she was struck by a night" to a brilliant company of invited heavy sea and foundered, going down with heavy sea and foundered, going down with searchers had lost heart, but the father her engines working, about half-past eleven. The Asia was making for French river and had men, horses and lumbermen's supplies for shanties there.

"I saw three boats loaded. I was the first. About eight persons were with me sons were hanging on to my life preserver, which got displaced and I threw it off. I then left the boat and swam to the captain's boat, which was near by, and asked John McDougall, the purser, to help me me his hand and I got in. There were He was dying, and being supported by one of the men, a wave washed him overboard. The next to go was a boat hand. I could of Sault Ste Marie; Mate McDonald an two others, names unknown. The boat finally stranded near Point Aubarrie about daylight on Friday, with Miss Mor-

PERSONAL. Mr. W. D. Howels, the novelist, will emain in Europe about one year. REUBEN SIMMS, an old colored man who died recently in Roanoke, claimed to have

made the first plug of tobacco ever manufactured in Virginia. KING HUMBERT has conferred the decoration of the Order of the Crown of Italy upon Colonel J. Schuyler Crosby, late American consul at Florence.

GENERAL J. D. Cox delivered an address on the battle of Antietam, of which yos- the fair complainant and the faithless defenterday was the twentieth anniversary, in Cincinnati on Saturday night.

cret." the novel said to have been left in promise of marriage it was not necessary manuscript by Nathaniel Hawthorne. COLONEL ROBERT G. INGERSOLL'S leetures are being translated and circulated by Budhist priests in Japan to counteract

the teachings of the Christian missionaries. MUNENORI TERESHIMA, the newly ap pointed Japanese minister to this country s fifty-two years old, and the son of a lapanese physician. All Yu Sing, the secretary of the Chi nese legation, who is visiting at East

Lynne, Conv., has thirteen sons and eleven servants with him. JOHN A. HALDEMAN, United States honorary degree of LL. D., from Highland

university, Kansas. CARDINAL MANNING objects to the Salvation army on account of "the reck-

less language in which the most sacred subjects are often treated." J. J. HILL, president of the Chicago, Minneapolis and Minitoba railroad, was not many years ago a clerk in St. Paul, at

a salary of \$35 a month. He is now worth about \$6,000,000. M. PASTEUR has received for prosecuting his scientific researches in regard to the contagious diseases of animals grants of money amounting altogether to \$30,

ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MRS. BREW-STER and Aristarchi Bey attended a pic nicat Ward McAllister's farm at Newport on Saturday. Several old fashioned dances were brought into use.

PRINCE BISMARCK recently, in conversation with Lenbach, the Munich painter, admitted that he lacked all musical feel ing, but said that he liked to hear a good Italian hand organ or an accordeon.

MRS. D. W. LINCOLN, of Portland, Me. has just fallen heir to \$175,000 from the estate of her cousin, Owen W. S. Noughton, of California, lately deceased. Mrs. Lincoln and Mr. Noughton were once engaged to be married to each other. MR. GLADSTONE is still guarded by

special officers, two of them accompanying him whenever he walks or rides out. Hitherto they have carried only batons, but now they have been furnished with revolvers and twenty rounds of ammunition each. PROF. CASPER ZAMBUSCH, a sculptor of Austria, has nearly finished a statue of

and Clemency are to surround the impos-MRS. BOOTH, wife and active coadjutor of the general of the Salvation Army, is portion of the forenoon, but early in the the daughter of an English lady of rank, who was banished from friends and home because she chose to marry a Methodist House, bound south, the engineer discov-

the Empress Maria Theresa, which is ten

times larger than life. Allegorical repre-

sentations of Wisdom, Strength, Justice

CAPTAIN MAYNE REID, the novelist, bid for spot oil. The excitement on the streets of Bradford and in front of the streets of Bradford and the street Eugene Huff, a brakeman on a coal Exchange has increased hourly since the He was a second lieutenant in the First New York volunteers, and went through the stirring scenes of the Mexican war, getting bullets at Chepultepec and other impressions for future use in story books. His claim was filed about two years ago. He sets forth in his affidavit that he is quite poor, living on a small hired farm, and that the fifteen dollars a month will help out his meagre income and make him

LOST FOR FOUR DAYS.

A CHILD'S TERRIBLE SUFFERINGS Wandering Through the Marshes an Meadows of South Jersey for 96 hours Without Food or Shelter.

There is rejoicing in Dorchester, a little town on the Maurice river, twenty miles southeast of Bridgeton, Cumberland county, New Jersey, over the recovery of the 4-year old daughter of Captain John Westcott, who was lost on the meadows near line, which left on Wednesday evening that town for four days and nights. On Sunday afternoon last the children of Captain Westcott, started for the meadows to drive the cows home. Little Emma toddled after the older children, and when about a mile from home she was ordered to return, by way of the river bank, a different route from that by which they came. When the other youngsters returned home they were surprised to find that Emma had not yet arrived. Search was immediately instituted for the lost one, and the greatest excitement prevailed. The father and mother were nearly crazed. Darkness did not force the people to abandon the searth. Lanterns and old many political turnouts, were produced. and a score of men and boys continued at bushes and peer auxiously through the thick underbrush for the little girl, while others dragged the river and ditches for the body.

Captain Westcott persisted in accompanying the investigators, though he was barely able to stand owing to fatigue and worry. The mother, after withstanding closed around Douchester many of the urged them on. Relays of men and boys were organized in the town, and sent out every six hours to relieve the others. Many of the farmers left their fields and brought with them their help.

When Thursday arrived, and still no of a strain on the mind of his wife, and at first. More got in until the boat was trace of little Emma, many concluded that she had become deranged. It was an overloaded and turned over twice. Per that she had starved to death. Others indulged in the belief that the child had

been carried off by tramps. Late on Thursday afternoon William Forber accidentally stumbled across the lost one lying beneath a clamp of underin. He said it was of little use, but gave brush so thick that it was with great difficulty that he forced his way through. eighteen in the boat and by that time Emma's face had become swollen and her there was a large number in and clinging skin had turned a palo blue color. Her to the boat I had left. I know nothing of hands, neck and face were badly bitten by the third boat. Our boat rolled over and mosquitoes. She was unconscious, Tend I remember missing McDougall a few crly the big farmer lifted the frail form minutes after. People were hanging on to from under the bushes. He gave such spars and other parts of wreckage. Our a shout that his companions instantly poats were full of water and the sea was divined that he had found the child. They constantly breaking over us. One of the crowded around the little mite, whose first to die on the boat was the cabin boy. torn frock, disheveled hair and pinched features told only too plainly the suffering endured by her during the ninety-six hours she was wandering about. No see him paddling round in the water for time was lest in conveying her home and nearly one hundred yards. Our number procuring medical aid to save the fastbounds

A physician has been constantly attendnecessitated the most careful nursing. She was without food during the four days. On Monday night she was exposed to the fury of the terrible storm that swept over that part of South Jersey. She has been improving every day, but has notyet regained sufficient strength to prattle about her experiences.

THE LAW OF COURTSHIP. A Legal Becision That Does not Fully Meet

New York Herald.

The August tribunal commonly known as the supreme court of Pennsylvania has lately expounded, in an claborate opinion, the law governing courtship. The opinion was rendered in a criminal case which turned on the question whether a valid marriage engagement had been made between dant. This point was left to be determined by circumstantial evidence afforded by the JULIAN HAWTHORNE intends to bring incidents of the courtship. The trial out in November "Dr. Grimshaw's So- judge ruled that in order to establish a to show "the making of presents, writing of love letters and all of such things that pass between young people." "We have long passed that day," he said, " so far as courtship is concerned. One man may desire to court the girl he wants to make his wife in a secluded place, or he may desire to keep it quiet; another may be in the habit of keeping company with a young lady and appear upon the public highway from time to time so that all may see him. Hence there is no standard ; each case must stand on its four legs as the party built it up.'

The supreme court thinks that this is counsel general in Siam has received the altogether too lax a view of the legal essentials of a proper courtship. It viewed with surprise not unmingled with indignation the fact that the jury had found that a promise of marriage had been made when it appeared that the alleged wooer had been in the house of the wooed one, only four times, but had " met her out in the evenings, sometimes at church, walked home with her and left her at the gate.' The court then proceeded to define the true legal standard of such a courtship as will warrant the inference of a matrimonial engagement. "Circumstantial evidence of an engagement of marriage," says, " is to be found in the proof of such facts as usually accompany that relation. Among them may be mentioned letters, presents, social attentions of various kinds visiting together in company, preparations for housekeeping and the like. These and similar circumstances, especially when the attentions are exclusive and continued a long time, may well justify a jury in finding a promise of marriage. But the court below ignored all these matters as being no longer essential, or rather as belonging to a past age, and virtually instructed the jury that attentions paid to a woman in a secluded place' are quite as satisfactory evidence of such promise. We cannot and was in their employ when stricken

assent to this proposition." In a staid community where the courtship has been protracted through extended periods, not unfrequently from ten to tifteen years, and where the wooing proceeds with marked regularity, propriety and all the recognized conventionalities, this may be very satisfactory law. But how will it afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment at Lanwork in the case of those unromantic, go- caster cemetery. ahead spirits who contract the matrimonial alliances on principles of business rather than sentiment and often on such short notice as puts love letters, "visiting together in company, preparations for housekeeping and the like question?

A deliberate case of suicide occurred near Amelia Court House, on the Rich mond & Danville railroad, Va. Soon after the regular mail train left the Court preacher instead of a man of wealth and cred a man walking on the track some dis-

Kemarkable Suicide.

of him, and too near to be even slowed Wynkoop. down, the man stretched himself out on the ground, with his body lying at an augle from the track and his head over a rail, and an instant afterward the whole train thundered over him. The train was immediately stopped and parties went back to the scene, where they found that

the man had been completely decapitated.
The body was lying on the outside of the track and the head in between the rails. The dead man was very genteely dressed in a full suit of black clothes. The papers | Dullen also received serious burns.

found in his pockets indicated that his name was George C. Mouse, of Michigan. lie also had photographs of several ladies. His body was sent back to Amelia Court

House. A Husband's Crime. A most atrocious crime was committed wo miles east of Chenango Forks and thirteen miles north of Binghamton, N. Y. The cries of a woman in distress were heard a long distance away, and brought the neighbors to the house of John Ellis, where to their horror they found Mrs. Etlis lying in the yard, her head chopped open and her body black and blue over the entire surface. Near by was found an axe which had been used in perpetrating the crime. The husband, aged fifty-five, was arrested and is here in jail. The coroner summoned a jury, and an inquest will be held to-morrow morning. Ellis is a laborer employed on the railroad. He was visited in jail, but refused to say any. thing. The excitement in the neighbor-

hood is intense.

A Fatal Kow. A row occurred in a house of ill repute at Williamsport, the principals being a notorious ruffiau named Bill Gowdy and a companion named George Hicks, These two came to blows when Hicks knocked Gowdy down. The latter sprang to his feet and threw a lighted lamp at Hicks. The lamp was broken and Hicks was covered with burning oil. He sustained burns about the head, neck and body that are liable to prove fatal. Gowdy managed to elude the police and escape from the city.

THE DRAMA

Ranch 10 " at the Opera House.

There was a big audience at Fulton pera house Saturday night when the order drama of "Rauch 10" was presented by a very capable company of etors, headed by Mr. Harry Meredith. The play has much to commend it to the public favor, being free from the coarseness that is the distinguishing feature of so many dramas of its class, while the plot turns eleverly enough on the conceit of two brothers, noble fellows, who are exact counterparts in appearance, as they are in character. One of the twins is falsely accused of a murder, and he escapes from the hands of an infuriated just as the other brother arrives on the scene from a distant part of the country, and who learning the situation passes himself off for his brother. whom he knows to be innocent; he stands his trial, is acquitted and the real murderer and heavy villain of the piece is brought o justice. The flavor of "M'liss" and "My Partner" is noticeable at various points of the drama, but does not detract from the original merit that it undoubtedly ontains. While there are of course some blood-curdling incidents and improbable phases in the run of the story, the shootng and bowie knife business is not unnecessarily conspicuous, and the fire scene was a capital piece of stage effect. The court scene was quite amusing and very nearly approaches that witnessed in Bret

Harte's famous play.

The dual role of the McClelland brothers was effectively carried by Mr. Meredith, rural gentlemen were strongly in the lead who is an actor of energy and genuine ability. The support was of evenly balanced merit, Miss Emma Vaders, as the charming heroine of the story, enhancing the favorable impression which she made on our people on a previous visit. Miss Annie Douglass gave a capital impersona tion of the strong-minded and nervy female proprietor of "Ranch 10," and Miss Lilie DeGrey was interesting in her from a visit to friends in Lancaster. role of the little Irish maid. Mr. Sid Smith gave a very amusing portraiture as the Judge, while Mr. Hunter, Mr. Clifton, and indeed the entire east were fully up to the requirements of their several parts.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

A Boy Accidently Shoots Himself,

On Saturday last Johnson Keener, aged about 15 years, went gunning along the Conestoga, above the Pennsylvania raiload bridge. While walking he commenced oading his gun, and had rammed down the powder just as he came to a fence. With the ramrod in the barrel of the gun, he climbed the fence pulling the gun over after him. The hammer of the lock was partly lifted by catching on a rail, and, slipped off, dis-charged the gun, the ramrod passing entirely through his leg just below the knee joint and inflicting a fearful wound. The boy's screams attracted the attention of Ephriam Phillips and Daniel K. Eberman who were fishing near by, and they ran to his assistance. They bound up the the boy's wound with handkerchiefs and notified George Tomlinson of the accident. Mr. Tomlinson took the boy across the creek in his boat and thence to his home on East Walnut street where he was attended by Dr. George P. King. The wound is so large that two fingers can be passed into it. The ramrod entered the right leg on the inside just below the knee joint, slightly fractured the bone, and passing downward come out on the outside of the leg some inches lower down. The ramrod was broken into a hundred pieces, no part of it that was found being more than a few inches. The injured boy is a bright little fellow, a stepson of Jacob Zell, residing at No. 634 East Walnut street, east of the Penn iron works.

OBITUARY. Death of David D. McComsey. David D. McComsey, son of William McComsey of this city, died in Pittsburgh, Pa, this morning about 4 o'clock, of typhoid fever, from which he suffered for more than a month past. Mr. McComsey was about 37 years of age. He was a young man of fine promise, well known and highly esteemed by a large circle of friends both in this city and Pittsburgh. Here he spent his childhood and youth and received his education. On leaving the high school he went into the store of H. C. Demuth, and remained in his employ until 1877, when he went to Pittsburgh and took a position in the extensive establish ment of Goddard & Co., wholesale jewelers, down by disease. When his condition became critical a few days ago, his father was telegraphed for, and at once went to see him. His remains will be brought to this city for interment. The funeral will take place from his father's residence, No. 43 West Chestnut street, on Wednesday

ters remaining in the postoffice for the week ending Sept. 18, 1882: Ludies' List.—Barbara Eshbach, Miss Mary Fulmer, Miss Hammaker, Aunie R. Hagan, Mary Herr, Miss Mary K. Herr, Mrs. John Kleinfelder, Miss Fannie Long Mrs. Belinda C. Pyfer, Mrs. Sallie Schroll Miss Beatrice Steller, Mrs. Amanda York. Gent's List .- George Buckwalter, Geo. W. Baker, C. M Benningham, Cokenhour & Diffendaffer, M. Chamberlain, Henry M. Etnier, Henry Eurich, John Evan, J. F. Groff, L. W. Hall, T. J. Hartman, S. tle, and the man stepped to one side and A. Huston, John Moke, H. C. McAlister, continued walking along. When the esq., Geo. W. Ramsey, George Sciling, train was within about twenty-five yards Marris M. Smith, G. F. Wilson, esq., J. J.

List of Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of unclaimed let

river at Reading, some one threw a lighted Lottie Balmer, fer \$805. eigar into the water which was thickly covered with benzine from the gas works. They were enveloped in flames and jumped overboard. Wm. Speers had his face and sight. Matthew Buckley and Francis

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE Events Along the Susquehann-Hems of Interest in and Around the Borough

Picked Up by the Intelligencer's Reporter An amateur singing society is being oranized here.

The new rails on the Reading and Columbia coal shutes have been laid. The festival of the E. E. Lutheran church was also a success, \$50 being cleared The contractor for repainting the river

bridge, Mr. Samuel Morrison, began the work this morning. The Columbia wreckers cleaned away the remains of the wreck which occurred on the P. D. R. R. last week, yesterday. The Ringgold band of Reading passed

through here to day. They went to York where they will give a concert in the new opera house. A 5 year old child of Mr. Frank Crone's died yesterday morning The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon.

Daniel Heisley, 14 years of age, had his head severely cut with a stone, on Chestnut street, Saturday. It was done acci-

dentally by a companion.

Mr. John McFadden and son were thrown from a buggy on Saturday, as they were returning from the picnic in Heises' woods. Both escaped with slight injuries.
The public school teachers of Columbia organized the local instution again, on Saturday morning. The session was held in the institution building. At the election of officers of the Col-

umbia and Washington turnpike company held on Saturday, the old officers were A. M. Reese is about starting a dancing

chool. It will start as soon as a full class has been formed. About \$70 was netted by the "Young

Folks'" at Heise's woods, on Saturday. The dancing was continued until scarly I o'clock, when a special train brought the party home. It was a great success in every respect. A colored campuseting was beld at a

point on the Five Mile Level, York county yesterday. A number of colored people from this place were present. A fight occurred late on Saturday night

on Front street. One of the pugilists had his nose broken and one of his cars almost bitten off. About 75 persons were present at a surprise party on Friday evening, which was

held at the residence of Mr. Andrew Hardnail, on Union street. His 53d birthday was celebrated. Yesterday a broken rail was discovered n the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel, above this place. It was immediately replaced

by a sound one. The timely discovery doubtless prevented another terrible rail road accident. Town and Country. Two countrymen attacked a young ownsman at Five Points yesterday, but received more than they bargained for. The last seen of the three was at the ex-

treme north and of Chestnut street, 7 or

blocks away from the Five Points. The

of the Columbian. Local Parsonals. York. Mr. Haye Smith and son, Marshall, left

for Philadelphia this morning. Mr. Benjamin Mullen has left town for trip for his bealth. Miss Callie Wills has returned home

Miss Annie Haines, of Philadelphia is visiting the family of Mr Hummell Booth, on Locust street. Mr. Frank Kramer and William Hoyt, formerly of this place but now of Philadel

phia, are visiting their parents here.
The Misses Annie and Lucy Parry left this morning to attend the ladies' college at Media, Pa. Miss Claude Rivers lost a valued bangle on Saturday. It was made of a go'd

dollar. On one side was the Lord's prayer, and on the other the owner's ini-P. H. McWilliams, the late superinten

dent for the construction of the Keely stove works, has returned to his home in Detroit, Mich. Potice Cases.

The mayor had ten cases before him this norning -three of whom were foolish virgins picked up for street walking. As this was their first appearance in the dock they were discharged with a reprimand. One man arrested for drunkenness was discharged, and three others more disorderly were made to pay costs. Three cases were

continued for a further hearing. George Kirk was locked up for a hearing by Alderman McConomy, for disorderly conduct and threatening to shoot Abraham Kreider on West Mifflin street. He resisted arrest and during the scuffle that ensued Officer Furlow lost his

badge.
Thomas Creedmore was locked up by Alderman Samson for ten days for drunken and disorderly conduct.

Frank Resh, driver for D. Rine Baer, was arrested for driving through the first gate on the Manheim pike without paying toll. He was given a hearing before Alderman Samson, by whom he was sentenced to pay a fine and costs, amounting

A Grand Hally. The colored people of this city had what they call a "grand rally" yesterday at the Strawberry street A. M. E. church. Rev. Thomas Wilson, of Providence township, preached in the morning, his text being taken from the 80th Psalm. The afternoon services were conducted by Rev. Norris, of this city; his text was from Schemiah, 6th chapter and 3d verse. Rev. Thomas Wilson preached in the evening from the 8th chapter and 36th verse of Mark. There was a large attendance during the day and evening. The collections amounted to \$55,28, and about \$35

Driving Accident. Yesterday afternoon Samuel Shertz, of

subscribed in addition to the above.

this city, accompanied by his wife, sister, mother-in-law and two children, while driving near Bird in-Hand, struck a large stone, by which the carriage was upset, all the occupants thrown out and more or less bruised, and one of the children cut about the head and hand. The top of the carriage was wrecked and one of the shafts broken, and the horse's legs were some what cut. The team belongs to Wylie's livery, and the horse, a very safe driving animal, stopped as soon as the accident occurred; otherwise the results might have been much more serious.

A stone Thrower. Thomas Crielman, with two companions all of whom were drunk, amused themselves on Saturday night by throwing stones at the watchman of Dodge & Son's cork factory, and acting disorderly in other ways. Crielman was caught by Officer Daley and Alderman Sampson gave him 19 days.

away. Pale of Roal Ratate. Samuel Hess. anctioneer, sold at public sale, on Saturday evening, for the estate of John Stone, a lot of ground on the east Strange Accident to Three Boys.

While three boys were rowing on the which is erected a frame stable, to Miss

the number of any of the alarm boxes.

The Fire Alarm. There appears to be a screw loose somewhere in the electric fire alarm. On several neck badly burned, and may lose his eye- occasions it has struck a single tap, or a number of taps not corresponding with