The Governor's Recommendations. The governor sends to the Legislature a message making numerous recommendations of legislation, all of them good. though not generally upon matters of any vital importance. It is well to recommend the abolition of the office of recorder of Philadelphia and of the office of sealer of weights and measures, which are not useful to the extent of the tax they impose upon the people. While the offices exist the governor is right in saying that it is a duty to put good men into them.

The recommendation that the Legisla ture shall designate banks which shall be the depositories of the public moneys may also be a judicious one, though it would be better, we think, to give the selection of these depositories to the state treasurer with the approval of a board consisting say of the auditor general, the attorney general and the gover nor, requiring them to make public the selections they may make. The danger in confiding the choice to the Legislature would be that members would com. is held under a heavy bond for the safety of the moneys in his care, he ought certainly to have a voice in declaring where they shall be kept; but it would be well to require his selection to be approved by the other high officers of the state.

The governor recommends that election ballots shall be required to be uniform, which is a very good recommendation, and one that is within the injunction of the present law, fairly construed. The ballot now is required to be folded so that the designation of the office, ' and that only," shall appear. Certainly the words " that only," exclude everything. even though it be but a mark, that is not parties, however, have been in the practhat they were not violating the letter of the law. The spirit was certainly violated, for that contemplated a secret ballot, which should not show by its face its contents. The Legislature probably will readily comply with the governor's suggestion to make the language of the law more difficult of evasion; for while a secret ballot is guaranteed to the voter the state should exhaust its power in protecting him in its exercise.

Among the governor's other recommendations, with none of which do we find occasion to take exception, we find for the protection of honest soldiers as one we especially approve calling atten- for the disclosure of the humbugs. tion to the wrong done in the state in the peddling of its old charters. All such charters not in use should certainly be at once withdrawn by a repeal of the even the friends of the measure slain laws creating them.

Our Oil Production.

We find in the Philadelphia Record a statement that the shipments of petroleum from New York from January first of this year to January twentyseventh, were over twenty-four millions of gallons, being an increase over the shipments for the same time last year of over six million gallons; while the exports from Philadelphia during the entire month of January were but three millions, being two millions less than in January a year ago.

These figures not only show the diversion of the oil production of Pennsylvania to a port of another state, but indicate that Philadelphia is rapidly ceasing to be a port of export at all. It is the business of the Legislature to inquire why this is so. Philadelphia interests ought not to be thus sacrificed if they can be fairly protected. The great product of Pennsylvania soil should yield its legitimate benefit to the state and its people. The fact is well known that a single great corporation controls the oil production of the state; and that a corporation foreign to the state which has declared that it does not do business in Pennsylvania, and under that plea has escaped taxation on its immense capital-That it does not do business in Pennsyl vania in the refining and exportation of petroleum is shown by the location of its refineries at New York and by the figures of the exportation of petroleum from that port. It takes the oil of small enough to comfortably take it in. Pennsylvania, but without doing busi- There is well founded complaint of too ness there, as our courts have decided, many judges in the state. A diluted and gets it out of the state before we get judiciary generally leads to depreciated infant from a car window between Macon an opportunity to tax it. New York judges. and Ohio can lay their hands on the Standard company's eil, but it is too slippery for Pennsylvania to hold on to, though it is produced from her bowels Good nature is sometimes a virtue, and sometimes otherwise. In this matter it strikes us very strongly that the state is being abused. If the Standard oil company is permitted to carry its oil to Ohio and New York, it ought not to be allowed to get away with it without paying to the state a fair share of the profits it makes upon the product of the state. Citizens of Pennsylvania are required to contribute of their profits to the support of the government. Citizens of other states ought not to be treated more generously. The Standard oil company's monopoly of the oil traffic ought to be broken up by the power of the state. If it has not vigor enough for this act of justice to its people, it ought at least to make the bloated concern pay for its stolen fatness.

Over in Schuylkill county the bar association has had a meeting over the bill for salaried county officers which the Lancaster county bar association has proposed to the Legislature and to counties of over 100,000 population. While it is generally agreed that these officers ought to be salaried, there is disagreethem, and one report has it that at the Pottsville meeting the Lancaster county bill was "picked to pieces" because under its provisions if the officers do not earn their salaries in fees for the county treasury they are proportionately reduced. The expectant county officers here also object to this feature of the bill, and in some quarters the fear is expressed that if the county officers are offices to make their stated salaries and more levient to the barrooms.

expenses, the present imposition of illegal and extortionate fees will continue, The Schuylkill county bar also suggest that prison inspectors and poor directors be salaried. Why not?

It is satisfactory to see, however, a general recognition and approval of the system of salaries instead of fees. The details of the bill may be arranged at Harrisburg by mutual compromise. It is gratifying that the subject has received attention in Schuylkill county. burgh & Western railroad company suf-Luzerne and Berks are yet to be heard fered severely, every bridge and culvert

Public Scrutiny Needed. A silly and bumcombe practice has grown up in the state Legislature of greatly, and travel has been nearly sus offering resolutions on topics of federal legislation, affecting to instruct Congress in its duty on such questions. These resolutions are usually introduced by callow fledglings who essay flights beyoud their sphere for the sake of seeing their speeches in the Record. If all the talent in the Legislature were exercised on behalf of subjects of state legislation it would find ample employment. Last night a resolution was offered by Mr. Hasset, of Philadelphia, asking Congress | hundred families are living in second to require the publication of the names bine together to favor local banks, and of all applicants for pensions, and of all that in this way weak institutions would pensioners. The vote was eighty-seven to be selected. While the state treasurer sixty-one, the majority being Republi cans joined by a great many Democrats. away. All manufactories are shut down The object of this resolution was to pre vent fraud in the pension system by exposing each individual grant to public scrutiny. Mr. Morgan, of Philadelphia, moved its reference to the committee on federal relations, saying that he opposed any scheme to cast a stigme of pauperism on the disabled soldiers. Mr. Brown, of Erie, declared that the resolution was a houses. All the principal manufactories designed insult to the saviors of the Union, and moved indefinite postponement. The indefinite postponement of the resolution was a proper disposition of it, as it would be of every such subject introduced into the state Legislature. needed to designate the office. Political but not for the reasons given by Mr. Morgan or Mr. Brown. Such a proposi tice of ornamenting the backs of the tion, if made in Congress, which has tickets so as to mark them, claiming jurisdiction in the matter, would be very proper for adoption. There is no stigma cast upon the deserving pensioner by having his right to draw a pension made for his country. It is the frauds and sneaks only who need fear exposure, and it is they alone who dread such publication. The soldier who lost an arm or leg or eye cannot conceal his disability it is a badge of valor. Let the imposters who have obtained their pensions upon false pretenses have their names emblazoned in the public prints, as much

> seems to be a highly creditable one, and almost beyond repair. admit its justice. Bedevilled Pittsburgh and is rising at the rate of 7 inches per has had a special act passed to relieve hour. Its surface is a mass of ice and slush, some of its financial complications, but with a large quantity of drift wood, barrels, the measure was got up in such baste and with such carelessness as to be open to grave constitutional objections andwith proper and conscientious regard for these, the reform governor promptly puts his firm foot down upon it.

> Ir has been left to the New York Sun to crrefully read the Congressional Record, to discover and disclose that while all the other congressional enlogists of Ben Hill spoke hopefully of immortality there was a tone of doubt about the pan gyric of Senator Ingalls. Nevertheless, he ad mitted that "if immortality is a splendid but delusive dream, if the incompleteness Previous to the first shock there was a of every career, even the longest and most fortunate, by not supplemented and perfected after its termination here, then he who dreads to die should fear to live, for life is a tragedy more desolate and inexplicable than death."

THE Tunkhannock Democrat directs at tention to the unnecessary number of judges in the state, and illustrates its complaint by special reference to the Wyoming Sull van district for the abolition of which it moves, and suggests that Wyoming should be attached to Susquehanna and Sullivan added to Columbia and Montour, the Twenty-sixth district. The Wyoming and Sullivan district only has a population of 23,671, and the districts among which it would apportion it are

THE Maryland court of appeals has affirmed the judgment of the lower court of Frederick county in perpetually en joining the execution of a large number of judgments rendered by a couple of country magistrates against a score of citizens and corporations in nearly thirteen hundred cases brought by one Harrison Wagner for small amounts each, aggregating \$130,000. The places of hearing were so remote, the cause of action so groundless and the proceedings so remarkable, that in most cases the defendants made no defeuse before the magistrates and entered no appeal. Upon this and not upon the righteeusness of his action the plaintiff depended. But the court equitably cut across lots and treated the whole scandalous proceedings as a fraudulent job which should have no countenance house "easy of egress and devoid of innor protection in law.

THE barroom of the Hoffman house, New York, is the most elegant in the world. Mahogany furniture, cut glass, fresh flowers, exquisite statuary, rare and to awaken the inmates in time. Fault paintings and many articles of vertu make it a resort of which the attractions bring customers enough to afford a fortune to the notorious Ed. Stokes, who is the proprietor. But there are people whose sense of the proprieties will not allow them to contribute to such gilded gin mills. The work of a woman artist was lately seen by The furniture manufactory of Theodore ment as to how much ought to be paid of a woman artist was lately seen by Stokes and he liked it so well that he Kraan, on North Ninth street, Philadel offered her a large sum of money for it. | phia, was entirely destroyed by fire last The woman is very poor, and, of course, stock and fixtures. Insured for \$4,000. was delighted at the idea of the sale of The building was owned by John Supples her picture, but when she found out it was and was said to be fully insured. to adorn a barroom she positively refused to make the sale and the picture now lumber yard contiguous thereto were dehangs unsold upon her own wall. Perhaps if she had not had such a bitter ex- firemen were injured. compelled to swell the receipts of their perience in her own family she might be

THE FLOODS.

CNABATED BUSE OF WATERS. High Water in Pittsburgh - Railroad

Washed Out and Fatalities Resulting-The Rivers on the Rise. In the vicinity of Pittsburgh, yesterday, the bridge connecting Allegheny City with Herr's island was swept away and came in contact with Mechanic street bridge.

doing considerable damage and resulting in closing the bridge to travel. The Pitts from Callery junction to the city having been washed away. The road was able to run out trains by using the West Penngylvania tracks. The Allegheny Valley & Fort Wayne roads have also suffered pended. The lower portions of Allegheny City and the south side are under water and many workshops and foundries have been compelled to suspend operations until the flood subsides. The damage there will exceed \$100,000, while the loss above caunot at present be approximated The Monougahela river did not put out much water, but is now rising. The ice in the Youghiogheny remains intact and no damage has resulted to coal barges moored at different points along the river. Dispatches from Kittauning say the water is falling. Between seventy-five and one stories or have moved out. There is great suffering among them on account of At New Castle, Pa., a number of bridges and hundreds of families are washed out. Dispatches from Rochester, Bridgewater

in the lower part of the town are under water and have closed down. At Mahoning town one pier of the Pitts burg & Western railroad was swept away. At Newcastle junction the Ashtabula & Pitusburgh railway is three feet mader water. Trains from Sharon could not reach the city. At Niles people living on the flats escaped from second story windows on rafts and boats. Browen, Bennel & Co.'s iron mill, at Youngstown, is in great danger of having to shut down in

and New Castle, Pa., report that the Ohio

with inundation. At Steubenville, Ohio,

the water is over the Clevel and and Pitts-

burgh railroad tracks, and travel is sus

pended. East Liverpool, Obio, is partially

submerged, and a large number of fami-

lies were compelled to forsake their

consequence of being flooded. The iron bridge at Hilltown was carried away. At Excelsior the wax works owned by the Standard oil company and two foot public. It is to his honor that he suffered bridges were carried away, five tanks She smiled upon his suit, but her father were emptied of oil, fifty barrels of wax chinery injured. Beck & Co.'s provision | elor. house and numerous other establishments in the valley sustained damage which will be very large in the aggregate. The Cleve-

loating ice and driftwood. GOVERNOR PATTISON'S first ve o bridges were carried away or damaged securely in the sleeve of the old-fashioned

At wheeling W. Va. The river is now 31 feet 8 inches high fences and small bridges. About moon a barge with two wagous passed and shortly after a flat with a new buggy, one end being sunk. The fair grounds of the state exposition association and other low parts of Wheeling island are under water as well as a few of the low portions of the main part of the city. Some of the residents of the island, the streets of which are usually submerged by high water, are moving out.

Earthquake Follows the Flood. An earthquake, which rattled windows, ockery and furniture, was felt at Well borough, New Hamphshire, at five minutes past three o'clock on Sauday afternoon. The movement was from west to east, the duration five seconds. Ten minutes later another slighter shock was felt. "but instantaneously with the earthquake the air was set in rapid motion, continuing so during the afternoon

An earthquake shook Bloomington, Illinois, yesterday morning at five o'clock. still hopeful of a re election. It was preceded by a rumbling sound which lasted several seconds.

News Notes and Miscellany. One hundred infantry and artillery have left Louisville for Lexington, where they will preserve order during the trial of the alleged murderers, Neal and Caft. Altogether, 400 militiamen will be in attendauce, under command of Colonel John Allen. The trial begins to-day. Owing \$50,000. to the force of troops no trouble is expected.

There are further reports of a panie in the southwestern counties of Virginia, owing to the prevalence of small pox. The disease has abated at Salem, but is reported to have appeared at Bristol, and other towns along the Norfolk & Western railroad and in the interior.

An unknown young woman threw her and Atlanta, near Frankville, while the train was at full speed. She got on at Macon, bound for Atlanta. The child was picked up by road hand. It was badly bruised, but it may live.

The carnival at New Orleans was inaugurated yesterday, "Rex" entering the city in the afternoon. The "second lace at night, the history of France being

llustrated by the tableaux. Jacob Hess, of Irvington, was sentenced at Newark, New Jersey, to three months' imprisonment in the penitentiary for selling a cow from a herd which had been quarantined for pleuro pneumonia. R. S. Eshler, Joseph Griffin and James

McKee, were killed by a cave-in at the if any, through inadvertance or otherwise, Esmeralda mine, at Deadwood, Dakota. Mrs. John Steinman, of Saltaburg, Indiana county, was run over and killed formation.' Some Recent Fires.

The coroner's jury in the Nehall house disaster at Milwaukee found the Newhall tricate passages, with outside escapes, ladders, etc.," but nevertheless found the owner guilty of culpable negligence in not having provided more escapes, and also in not employing a sufficient number of watchmen to guard the house against fire was also found with the network of

An oil tank at Cooper station, in Forest county, Penua., containing 12,000 barrels. burst yesterday and set fire to the United pine line station, destroying it. Mrs. Davey was burned to death, and a man

wires surrounding the hotel.

William Qedding's stable and a large

stroyed by fire in Havana. Nine valuable horses were burned. Over a hundred

suicidal and Domestic Tragedies.

of Michael Payton, Monday shot and killed his wife and then shot himself in the jary room of the criminal court in St. Louis. He survived only forty minutes. His wife and sister, accompanied by his counsel, had called to see him, and the

sister gave him a pistol to "defend himelf because she had heard that Payton's prother had threatened to kill him on Harvey Smith, 15 years of age, attempt ed suicide in Brooklyn Mon tay morning, by swallowing Paris green. He was taken

to the hospital in a critical condition. Alfred G. Thompson, editor of the Sea Island News, at Beaufort, S. C., hanged

himself Monday.

Ratiroad Casuattles A passenger train on the Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia railroad plunged into the creek at Ischia, between Olean Buffalo Monday morning Engineer Hall and Fireman Briggs were killed, and Conductor Love was severely injured. Several passengers sustained slight in

A passenger train and a freight train collided Monday near the Chaudiere falls. Canada, wrecking several cars and causing a loss of \$20,000. Had the collision occurred one minute earlier, while the trains were crossing the bridge, they would in all probability have been swept

Torpedo Shocter Blown to Atoms Harry McHenry, employed as a shooter for the Roberts torpedo works, Bradford, was blown to atoms while engaged in torthe cold weather. Trains are all delayed. pedoing a well belonging to John McKeon, near Alton. Nobedy knows how the acci crossing the Neshannock were swept dent happened, as McHenry was alone in the derrick, pouring nitro-glycerine into the torpedo shell. McHenry had a marvelous escape from death three years ago. while he was hauling a load of several is rising rapidly and threatening the towns hundred pounds of explosives. The deceased leaves a wife and three children, who reside in Bradford.

An Ohio Romance.

Pittsburgh Dispatch. There is a little town near here named North Lima, which has akind of romantie historical affair which has invoished the neighbors and villagers food for talk. The hero, if such he could be called, was a queer old man named Jacob Augustine. He lately died. He was a strange, goodhearted little man, who had never slept a single might away from his home, and the longest journey he ever made was to come to this city, a distance of but a few miles. And yet this stranger to the world at large, whose life was almost that of a child, through all its years had a romance, the secret of which he carried to the grave. When he was a sturdy young man he became betrothed to a bright, vivacious little German girl, Gottlieb Wealandt. broke the match. From this moment destroyed, the fires put out and the ma- Jacob Augustine led the life of a bach-

It has been known of late that Jacob was accumulating considerable wealth, although he made no exhibition of it, and land & Columbus railroad bridge was when he died a search was at once institutsaved by running the railway trains on it | ed for the money and his will which he and by energetic work in feneing off the had made a year ago. The search through the attie of his house revealed in Bellefonte was flooded yesterday by the out of-the-way corners many and various rise in Spring creek; Meadville's poor are amounts of money, which was largely in drowned out and suffering; the loss by Mexican and Spanish coins, but no trace and a bag containing nearly \$700 in gold. Yesterday all the personal effects left by the strange old man were sold at auction. and almost within hearing of the auctioneer's voice, a prisoner in her owu honse, was the once fair maiden. Gottlieb Wealandt, now and for the last fifty-eight years hopetessly insane because of the cruel fate that kept her from uniting her heart and life with her betrothed. She remains the last servivor of this sad remance of a half century ago.

REV. GEORGE C. MILN, the agnostic actor, while playing " Hamlet" in an Indiana town the other night, fell and broke one of his ribs.

HENSHAW DANA, a well known musician and composer, died anddenly at his residence in Worcester, Massachusetts, yesterday afternoon.

DELOS P. SOUTHWORTH, of Philadel phia, ex-city treasurer, has died in Monte Carlo, Italy. Jos. Swift Keen, a well known resident of West Philadelphia, died on Sunday, aged 91.

SENATORS FERRY, of Michigan, Windom of Minnesota, and Sauders, of Ne braska, re appeared in their seats vesterday. Senator Ferry expresses himself

SEECRETARY FOLGER left Washington yesterday for his home in Genava, N. Y. to attend to urgent private business. He does not expect to be away from Washington more than a week.

Ex Jedge Amos Briggs has filed his declaration in his libel suit against Philip C. Garrett, chairman of the Committee of One Hundred. The damages are laid at

MADAM CHRISTINE NILSSON is continuing her very successful concert tour in the West. She gave three concerts last week at Cincinnati. Thus far she has given thirty-three concerts, of which the gross receipts have been \$147,856. WALCOTT was promptly on time yester-

lay to finish his thirty days of quail-eating. He was greeted by a large crowd. At 4:17 he began his repast, and finished at 4:24. He tried to beat his record in eating the birds, but failed by ten seconds. His best record was seven minutes.

GOVERNOR PATTISON sent his veto to the state Legislature last evening, returning without his approval "an act authorizing the investment of moneys in the sinking funds of cities of the second pageant of the Krewe of Protons" took class, and providing for the consolidation of said funds." The act applied only to Pittsburgh, and was very carelessly

JOHN CADWALLAER, Judge J. E. Mitchell, of Philadelphia, and ex-chief Justice Sharswood have been appointed by Governor Pattison, under joint resolution of the Legislature, "to ascertain what laws, have been omitted in compiling the acts of Assembly passed in this state since its

In the George H. Thomas camp, No. 19,

were elected for the ensuing year : Cap-

tain, W. Withers Franklin : First Lieu

tenant, Frank Zieglar ; Second Lieutenant,

John McNeal; Chaptain, Chas. H. Tucker

Q. M. S., Harry E. Carter; A. Q. M. S.

Graybill; A. O. S., Harry A. Myers; S. of G., Emlin Franklin ; C. of G., Harry Rees; C. S., Jacob Foose; C. Sent., Geo. Lutz ; P. Sent., Chas. Boyle ; Trustee,

Geo. N. Al'abach; Rep. of S. Camp. Geo. M. Graybill, John McNeal. Slight Runaway. This morning two horses hitched to a large freight wagon loaded with boxes and started to run down North Queen street several boxes off. The horse was caught easter. little farther down by Cyrus Colvin, who stopped them. One of the animals

Potice Cases.

fell down and was slightly injured.

The mayor this morning had five cases one drunk was sent to jail for twenty days, and the others were discharged. John C. Parker, accused of the murder jail for terms of 5 and 10 days.

A STOLEN CHILD.

FALSELY PROCURED FROM THE HOME Remarkable Proceedings of a Plausib Pair-How a Suspicious Couple Got

a Child for "Adoption " Some time before Christmas a man who alled himself Thomas Mooney came to 4:30 p. m. he Fountain Inn, this city, and obtained marding for himself and wife. This was not remarkable, as he had been in the habit of coming there in the winter and street between Fifth street and Laucaster boa: ding for a season ; he dressed genteely and paid his bills. A short time before the holidays he expressed a desire to find a private lodging place, and he and his wife were accommodated at Mrs. Emma Brown's (sister of Chief of Police Deichler) on Strawberry street. They expressed a desire to obtain a child for adoption, and represented that they had a good home in Washington, D. C., to take such an one to. They visited the "Home" and picked on a pretty little seven-year-old named Ida Bomberger. They made application for her, but were politely told by the lady managers that they must furnish reference before they became very impatient at this and showed such an ungovernable temper that the home. ladies who witnessed the exhibition con-

cluded she was not a fit person to have a child. "Mooney," however, apologized profusely for her display of temper, ex plained it on the ground of her great disappointment at not getting the child, apon whom she had set her heart and for whom she had already prepared toys and clothes. He expressed a willingness to give Mr. Geo. Hastings, of the Fountain inn, and Col. Hambright, his old commander of the 79th P. V., as references; he claimed to be a compositor in the government printing office at Washington, D. C., temporarily laid off and acting as detective. He represented that he was well to do, had a property there, gave his address and offered to get a letter from his pastor. He finally procured what purported to be a letter of recommendation from Messrs. Hastings and Hambright and was so importunate in his request for the child that some of the lady managers began to sympathize with his earnestness and others become suspicious of him. Finally, by going from one to the other and deceiving some or them as to the consent of others, he obtained possession of the child and took her home to his lodgings at Mrs. Brown's. The child, pleased with the attentions shown her, was glad to go and the wife affected great rejoicings. In the excess of their joy they wrote a most gushing lettter to Mrs Coxe, of the Home management, expressing their grat itude for the great happiness conferred

Early one morning just before Christmas, and only one day after they got the child, they, the child and their baggage disappeared from Mrs. Brown's where they had paid for their rooms in advance, and since hat time they have not been seen in Laneaster or heard from.

An Evident Impostor.

upon them.

At first it was supposed they had gone their home in Washington, but inquiries therefore do not verify any of the intormation which Mooney gave about himself and his property. Mr. Hastings knows little about him except that he came to water in Venango county alone will not be of the missing will was found until a his hotel for several years and always ess than \$175,000. Not less than twelve trunk was examined, and there, pinned behaved seemly. Col. Hambright remembers him coming into the regiment late swallow tailed wedding coat, was the will and dropping out at Washington on the way home; afterwards applying to him for aid to get his back pay. No such a man is known in the government service, as printer or detective. Partially Indentified.

For some time the Home managers and Chief of Police Deichler have been working up the case quietly, with no gleam of successful unravelling of the mystery until last week. A man named Guyer from York came over to get a child from the Home and in the conversation that ensued enough came out to make it pretty certain that Mrs. Mooney is his sister Lucinda Guyer, that was, and now the wife of one Thomas Hacket or Heckert ; that they are traveling show people and not just the ones to be entrusted with the raising of a child. Inquiry in Reading discloses the residence there of of the mother and sister of the Guyers, who say that Lucinda is married to a Thomas Hacket, who is not a showman, to the best of their knowledge, but has some mysterious and roving occupation, which makes him and his wife undesirable guardians for a friendless child. Mrs. Brown corroborates the suspicion that Mooney or Hacket is a showman by the statement that while he and his wife were at her house the woman showed her a number of fancy dresses such as actresses

The relative from York has sent to the Home managers a photograph of Hacket, and when it was taken to an artist to be copied he thought he recognized it as that of a dead beat, who passed himself off | ing the 16th, the other by the dramatic as an Episcopal clorgyman named Wil-

liams. The little girl whom the couple took with them was of the name Ida Bomberger, born July 23, 1876; admitted to "the Home" Aug. 21, 1882. She has a fair complexion, rosy cheeks, short dark hair, round bright face and is very pretty.

Whatever the motives of the couple in originally procuring the child, their sud den and suspicious departure from the city, the deceptions they have practiced and their failure to explain, corroborate the idea that they mean no good to the little one. If they are vagrant show people, traveling with the peregrinating circus or side tent it can easily be imagined that they mean to make the child serviceable. If they are merely eccentric they have carried their singularity too far. In any event the Home managers propose to institute vigorous investigation and have offered \$50 reward for the arrest of the

A warrant was issued some time ago by Alderman Donnelly for Mooney's arrest and the city police are looking for him.

FRATERNITY.

Kolghts of Pythias Visitation and Banquet Last evening a delegation from Penn lodge, No. 105, Knights of Pythias, of Parkesburg, Chester county, paid a visit to Lancaster lodge, No. 68, of this city, the object being an interchange of that friendship which is the corner stone of the order and also to witness the exemplifica-Sons of Veterans, the following officers tion of the amplified degree as given by No. 68. After the session of the lodge, the visitors were escorted to Excelsior hall, where they, as well as members of our home lodge, were entertained by a sumptuous collation, prepared by Mine Host John Schoenberger, whose catering on this occasion was not only a credit to himself but a satisfaction to all who partook of it. Eighty two covers were spread, and it was necessary to supplement these by at least a dozen more to accommodate all those who sat down. The long table extended the entire length of the spacious hall and was a delight to the eye as the Sir Knights filed into the room. Of course conviviality and good feeling owned by the Pennsylvania railroad were the rule of the hour, and the visitors departed for their homes on the 12:55 from the depot. At the corner of Chest | train, expressing themselves more than nut the wagon was thrown around and it pleased with this their first fraternal struck against an iron post and threw visit to their brother Knights of old Lau-

Fair at Chestnut Level.

The ladies of Chestnut Level Presbyterian church will hold a fair at that place for the benefit of the church on the afterto it in the shape of a tower.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

From our Begular Correspondent. To morrow, Ash Wednesday, the folawing services will be held at St. Paul's M. E. church: Holy Communion at 9 a. m., morning service and sermon at 10:30 a m., evening service and short lecture at

Mr. C. Eckman has purchased from Mr. Richard Gore, for the sum of \$1,200, a frame dwelling house located on Cherry avenue.

The hands of the town clock were out of humor last night. On the different dials different time was indicated. Attention ! The Republican primary meeting will be held to night in the different wards of the borough for the purpose of nominating borough ticket.

Mr. John Swartze's butcher team ran off on 5th street yesterday morning, about 10 o'clock. The driver was slightly injured in the breast by a kick from the animal. The wagon was very much broken by striking against a post.

Mr. John Kauffman's delivery wagon broke down on the Lancaster pike, yestercould procure the little girl. The woman day, as he was driving to Mountville. Himself and a friend were obliged to walk

Personal Mention

A large and pleasant evening party was held at the residence of Mrs Geo. Mifflin on 24 street last evening. It was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Miss Mary Russell, of Russellsville, Pa. s visiting friends on 5th street. Mr. Harry Leaman, a former resident of this place, but now of Columbus, O., returned home for a short visit to his parents

yesterday. Mr. H. S. Graybill resigned the First licutenantship of Co. C. last night. It Monday evening at the regular monthly business meeting.

Femunine Fighis. 'Squire Frank held Gwinnie Haddock under bail to keep the peace with Susan Cruzen last evening. The two girls had a war of words and a slight skirmish in front of Mt. Zion A. M. E church after the services on Sunday evening. Miss derided, have at least enabled it to pay Haddock entered suit yesterday before Squire Young against Miss Cruzen, but failed to make out a case. The latter then made a counter suit with the above result. Naughty girls.

A Japanese Tea Party. On Thursday and Friday evenings, Feb. 8th and 9th, the ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a "Japanese tea party" in Odd Fellows' hall. The lady attend ants will all wear Japanese costumes, and the hall will be decorated in the Japanese style. The sum of 25 cents will entitle a person to a cup of tea and a sandwich, and the cup and saucer from which the tea will be served.

The Ice on the River.

The ice gorge above the bridge here ha een broken, and a 'channel opened between the eighth span of the bridge from this side and the iron span, a distance of four spans. Through this the ice is forcing its way The people of Port De posit anticipate trouble, especially if the floods from the Juniata river are heavy, as was the case in 1875. The jam at Port is yet unbroken and no ice is passing out the generic name of Indians. They have into the bay. Furniture and other goods permanent villages and houses; the latter are being taken to the upper part of build- great structures, built of cedar planks, 50 ings, and the officers of the Port Deposit railroad are prepared to take the cars and freight now at that place to Canal station,

a couple of miles distant. Reliet for the Sufferers. There will be a meeting to-night of those persons having charge of the movement which has been going on in this place for the relief of those suffering by the great floods in Germany. It will then be ascertained what amount has been collected. A similar movement and for the same purpose has been made by St. Paul's German Lutheran church, on Locust street, and a church at Chestnut Hill, at which the paster of St. Paul's, Rev. A. Darmstetter, often preaches. Together the congregation of these churches have raised the neat sum of \$129. Not long since the above churches sent \$32 to Wittenberg, Germany, for the relief of suffer-

White Rock Lycoun.

ors by a great bail storm.

At the meeting of this society on last Tuesday there was a sparseness of members. G. W. Collins presided. The re-Mary Brown, Sanders Collins, John Whiteside, L. R. Patterson and others, wellwritten biographical sketches of William Wadsworth were read by Miss Mazie ively. "The Cotter's Saturday night was delivered in good style by Albert King, after which preliminary arrangements were made by the society for the holding of two entertainments, one to be company, not yet fixed. The "White Rock Herald" was read by Miss Annie Barnett. "Resolved, that wealth does not add to happiness," was then discussed, affirmatively by Albert King and D. F. Magee; negatively, by Sanders Cellins cussion decision was given in favor of the some good music by the orchestra, supplimented by the singing of the Paxson ing, will be discussed the relative merits government.

Diamissed Cases.

Some of the aldermen, justices and constables appear to have recovered from the scare given them last summer by the county auditors, and their bills for dismissed cases are becoming as large or larger than ever. Following are the bills presented by the city alderman and Columbia justices and paid by the commissioners for the month of December: LANCASTER CITY.

First-H. R. McConomy...... \$ 62.50

Second-F. A. Diffenderffer..... 14.25 Taird-J. K. Barr..... 194.85 Fourth-A. K. Spurrier...... 100.75 kranz, were handed in Monday evening Fifth-Michael McGlian...... 8.45 with the exception of one collector who Sixth—Joseph Samson............ 114.25 Ninth-Henry A. Miley.....nothing fifteen cents have been acknowledged here-COLUMBIA. Wards. First-Geo. Young, jr., 227.80 Second-W. Hayes Grier 46.20 Third-John P. Franke...... 106.60 Mayor MacGonigle's fees for dismissed

Rirthday Surprise Yesterday Thomas McGinnis, the well party which was given him by his family.

the city treasury, were \$67.45.

excellent time.

Watchman Rewarded.

the Pennsylvania railroad at the Prince cere thanks. street crossing, who several weeks ago came so near losing his life in saving that of a lady who was on the track in front of noons and evenings of February 21, 22 a rapidly moving train, was called into the and 23. The church has been thoroughly office of the superintendent to day and the county commissioners. The assessors Alderman Samson sent two dranks to repaired and an expensive addition added presented with \$50, as a reward for his of Elizabethtown, Adamstown and Wash-I fidelity and bravery.

HOME MISSIONS.

IN THE ICE FIELDS OF ALASKA The Heathen of the United States-Our Possessions in the Northwest-Some

interesting Facts and Figures.

The Presbyteriau church auditorium

was more than two thirds filled last evening in response to the general invitation to he public to come and hear an address by Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson on "Alaska, by way of introduction to the council on home missions now holding in the Presbyterian church, this city. After the congregation had sung "God Save Our Native Land" and listened to a short avocation, the lecture began. A map of Alaska and the surrounding seas and countries was hung between the pillars and above the pulpit, to which the lecturer frequently pointed in illustration of his remarks. In introducing the subject Jackson observed properly came within the scope of home missions, because Alaska is part of the United States, though almost as unknown to us as Africa and the subject of much misrepresentation, 580,107 square miles of area gives little idea of its size, but it is of as great ex tent as all of the country east of the Mississippi and above the Carolinas, Alabama and Mississippi. From its eastern border to the western extremity of the Aleutian islands is as far as from Lancaster to California, and from north to south it covers as many parallels as from here to Florida. San Francisco is really the central city, east and west, of our national domain. Alaska abounds in natural features of wonderful interest. Its Mt. St. Elias rises 19,000 feet above the sea : volcances dot its islands; boiling springs are the cook stoves of its people; its will be presented to the company next glaciers are rivers of ice, some of them seven miles wide and a thousand feet deep; its archipelagoes number islands by the tens of thousands; its great river is 70 miles across at its mouth, 20 miles wide 1,000 miles up the stream, and in high water is navigable for 3,000 miles. Resources of Alaska.

Its material resources, which have been our government 4 per cent, on the invest ment during the fifteen years we have held it. Three million dollars have been col lected from the seal skin trade alone carried on on two little islands, which supply all the markets of the world. It abounds in all the valuable furs of commerce, with food fish, cod and salmou, with timber belts of inexhaustible extent and mestimable value. Coal crops out everywhere; there are mountains of iron ore and rich deposits of the precious metals. The climate is rigid in the north, but on the southern coast the winters are as mild as in Lancaster. For forty-five years the average temperature at Sitka in the winter has been that of Kentucky; often the ice houses cannot be tilled, and the boys complain of a lack of sledding.

The Inhabitants and Their Civilization, In the North there are 18,000 Esquimaux, who have never had any missionary work extended to them. On the Aleutian islands and in the West are 8,000 or 9,000 Leuths, a partially civilized people, and to the Southward the class who come under feet square, and accommodating 15 or 20 tamilies, often including three generations of one relationship. These people are industrious and frugal and private fortunes of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 are not uncommon among them. Believing in the influence of spirits, trusting to the unfailing beneficence of the good, and fearing the malignancy of the evil, their religion degenerates to fetish worship. The medicine nen, marked from childhood, consecrated by ghoulish rites, perform horrid incantaious and priestly sacrifices. Degradation is the lot of woman, and parrietde, infanti cide, polygamy and atrocious slavery are features of their social economy.

Our National Jurisdiction,

With the transfer of this land and these people to our federal jurisdiction, there have been furnished to them no court, laws nor governor. Life and property are not under the regulations elsewhere relating to murder, robbery and the laws of descent. Russia taught its subjects here to read and write, but at the accession its teachers, priests and scholars were withdrawn. Russia gave Alaska a church : the United States has not. It was left to ferred questions were answered by Miss four Indian boys, trained in English mission schools in 1876, to give the first impetus to mission work in Alaska. They obtained a job of wood chopping and their novel refusal to work on the Sabbath at-Fairlamb and Miss Mary Brown respect- tracted, first, curious attention, then a prayer meeting and congregation. Presbyterian enterprise planted a mission work, which at one time was left entirely for ten-months in the hands of Mrs. McFarlane. Alone with 1,500 Indians and a few dissoheld by the minstrel corps. Friday even lute white traders living with aboriginal wives, she acted as judge, preacher, teacher, physician, lawyer and undertaker for that strange community. She first enforced law and administered government. A school and church were established at Sitka. They did great work. Boys and girls attended with eagerness and Allison Baker, and after a warm dis- and the old people wanted to come; scholars learned readily and showed aptinegative. The exercises were varied by tude for education. The school enlarged and a capacious edifice was crowded. Many interesting incidents were related Brothers. At next meeting, Friday even- by the lecturer to show the character of the natives, their heroism, carnestness of the American and English forms of and capacity for improvement. The school building burned down, but it has been replaced and \$1,000 are needed to refurnish it. The lecturer closed with an earnest appeal in behalf of the mission work in Alaska, and after a collection, announcements and benediction the andience was dismissed.

Dr. Jackson talks in an easy, conversational style. His lecture contained much new and interesting matter and the entire discourse held his audience in fixed atten-

The Liederkranz Relief Fund. The final reports of the collectors of contributions for the German sufferers. who had been appointed by the Leiderresides in the country and missed the tofore in the daily papers. Since then the following contributions have been received:

From Millersville, through the efforts of Messrs. C. F. and O. Rees, \$30.50 From Mechanicsburg: Val. Andes, \$10; cases for December, all of which go into C. Weidler, \$2; cash, \$2; David Berler, \$1; C. Erchelberg, 50 cents; cash, 50 cents; Geo. Bohnert, 25 cents; total, \$16.25.

In the city : Lizzie Eager (a school girl) known blacksmith of 52 North Prince 25 cents; Bob. Stapleford, 25 cents; Ed. street, was 50 years of age, and the event Rine, 25 cents ; 25 cash cents ; E H. Flinn was celebrated last evening by a surprise 25 cents; Sam Rutter, 25 cents; C. M. party which was given him by his family. Mattern, \$5; A. B. Shafer, \$1; J. H. Low-About 50 relatives and friends were pre-ell and M. L. Herr, each 50 cents; J. B. sent. During the evening Mr. McGinnis' Snyder, G. L. Kable, J. J. Bartley and children presented him with a beautiful Jacob Bertz, each 25 cents. Total, ivory handled silk umbrella, the presenta-tion speech being made by M. J. Weaver. A fine supper was served and all had an the collector of book No. 3, and a check for the whole amount will be forwarded to Consul Meyers, in Philadelphia. To all who have so liberally responded to this Samuel Armstrong, the watchman on call, the Liederbranz returns it most sin-

> Appeals Being Heara. This is the first day for the hearing of appeals from the taxation of assessors, by ington boroughs sat to-day.