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The Apportionments.

The Legislature is reported to be getting excited over the apportionment bills. There does not seem to be the least necessity for it. There are two considerations which imperatively demand the reapportionment of the state before the Legislature adjourns, and it is about as certain as anything can be that the new apportionment will be made if it takes all summer; so there is no use in trying to avoid the inevitable. The Republican heat seems to come mainly from the desire to maintain the present status of the districts. But as they cannot deny either that the existing apportionment is more unequal than anyone that is proposed, or that a new one is commanded by the constitution to be made according to the latest census, the Republican managers are absolutely without reason in their endeavor to block legislation upon the subject. If it is true, as they claim, that the Democrats propose an unjust measure, it is but what they themselves have undeniably done in the past; and they cannot with very good grace abuse their opponents for doing what they have done. They are not in condition to cast

stones.

Of course we would neither advocate nor defend an unjust apportionment made by Democrats, any more than we have approved those that have been forced upon the state by Republican partisanship. It is bad political policy for a party to be unfair. Such chickens always come home to roost. It is best It has been ostentatiously given out that for a party to act so as to secure popular the Independent senators will not do approval, and this can only be done by a conspicuous exhibition of justice when it enjoys the power of administration. At present there is some difficulty in apportioning fairly the state, owing to the apparent conflict in some of the consti tutional requirements. But this should not be a great difficulty. The rule of constitutional construction requires that the instrument shall be read so as to give effect to all its parts, if that be possible: and if not that they shall be harmonized as closely as possible. In the sentorial apportionment, it is, for instance, first necessary to make fifty districts. Then these districts have to be based upon a ratio secured by persons. dividing the population of the state by fifty, if they can be so secured. If this cannot be done, while observing other constitutional requirements, the effort must be to make as close an approximation as possible to obedience to the in tent of the fundamental law.

If legislators approach the construc read it fairly, and not with intent to coffstrue it to suit best their partisan advantage, there is not likely to be any an ordinance against loose monkeys insurmountable difficulty in coming to which attack women and children carrying case against him. an agreement.

But it will not do for Republicans statesmen to urge the uncertainty of the constitution as a reason for avoiding the apportionment which it commands to be made. Nor will it do for them to crit icise a Democratic plan to execute it without providing a better one themselves. If they can show that an apportionment supported by the Democrats is more repugnant to the constitution and more unfair in the representation it gives to the people than one which they suggest, they will have our support and that of the people for their measure. Sergeant Mason, who tried to kill Gui-But until they do this they had better keep quiet and cool.

The Vanderbilt Party.

Young Mr. William Vanderbilt has given a party which cost him a hundred thousand dollars, and which has cost the metropolitan newspapers a great deal of effort to describe and their readers a mild degree of interest to read about. Mr. Vanderbilt has done very well to give a party which he can afford to pay for. The money which he can spere he does well to spend. He might, perhaps, had the gratification of appearing as a drum. duke in velvet and gold embroidered clothes, and probably was able to wear them as well as any duke could do. All Mr. Vanderbilt's guests appeared in fancy costumes, and no doubt they had a very nice circus among themselves. One set of them pranced about in the semblance of horses in a "hobby horse quadrille," and doubtless acted the characters as completely as they dressed them. We will not yield to the obvious tempta tion of suggesting that the hobby horses were donkeys, for it would not be true be a good thing for men to unbend sometimes from their dignity and let their natural inclination to folly take possession of them. We hope Mr. Van
Turn death of Postmaster General Howa evening, and that they may enjoy as

Northing more graphic and terrible Diamond mine at Braidwood, Ill. public service he died a poor man. waiting with anxious, pallid face and besting, breaking heart for the bodies of their dead husbands and fathers to be their escape and seventy-nine were either sufficient by the foul air or drowned by the food. Day and night since then pumps, with a capacity of four thousand gallons per minute, have been at work, now gaining and again losing on the write his resignation from the Legislature counties. A heavy storm set in at San waters, until at last the bodies are and was given twenty-four hours to quit Francisco yesterday, which, it is believed; within reach and one by one there are the town.

can find anybody to pay for.

revealing themselves evidences of the struggle which the endangered men made for their lives and which only increase the agony of those who now watch and long standing. wait with tears and lamentation for the recovery of their loved and lost.

THE Philadelphia Record points out that upon the presidential vote of 1880, which is amply fair to the Republicans, a decent apportionment would give the Democrats thirteen and the Republicans fifteen of the congressional districts, and make a division of the legislative districts in like proportion. The Record, which seems to think that fair minded men should unite in support of such an apportionment, will do well to observe that this is what the Democrats at Harrisburg have offered. Nevertheless the Republicans obstruct it. While they persist in so doing we are glad to see the Democrats oppose the advancement of any other bill on the calendar. Yesterday some of them plead for such advancement of the bill to allow the city of Erie to cede ground to the United States for a public building. Nicholson, the father of the Democratic apportionment bill, objected, in spite of the assurance that there was " no politics in it," and that if not advanced it could not be reached be. fore August. There should be " no politics" in an apportionment bill; there certainly is none in the proposition to pass at least some kind of a bill in the House and let it get over to the Senate, where most likely there will have to be amendment of it. We have faith that there is a measure of independency and decency there that will join with the Democrats in performing the constitutional duty of making an apportionment, and it deserves to be met in good spirit. this thing because the governor's choice of attorney general did not suit them-They hardly take so low a view of their duty as that.

A FIFTEEN story house is projected in

Boston buys a \$180,000 lot to erect a 450,000 building for a public library.

THE Pennsylvania railroad company earned more money last month than in any previous February.

THE Tennessee Legislature legalizes pool selling except to minors or drunken

THE report that the internal revcane districts were to be diminished is denied. Of course.

THE New York Republicans propose to get themselves together by means of a the First Congregational church at Quin- the rooms above that where the dancing peace conference at Saratoga in June. Both factions view the proposal with York Tim

THE town of Bellary, India, has passed eatables on the streets. Bellary will have to elect a monkey catcher.

AT a full and final meeting of the Schuylkill county bar the report of its committee was adopted favoring the bill to salary county officers, except that the dependent on the amount of fees re-

A WASHINGTON lawyer has attached \$3,500 of the "Betty and the Baby" fund for alleged services in trying to defend teau. But he is distanced by the creditor of one of the sufferers from the Ohio flood who attached for an old debt \$50 which he found out was in the hands of a relief committee for a drowned-out family who owed

THE old fashioned cleft stick clothes pin certain quarters. was never superseded in popular use by the fancy sort, with little brass springs that snap together. Millions of the old that snap together. Millions of the old sought in marriage by Comte Gaston de style, lasting as they are if taken care of, Maistre, and also by Count Bismarck, son are made and sold annually, and like the of the Iron Chancellor died suddenly a pins no one knows where they go. They few days since. She had just been behave expended it better, but that is his are made by a machine that turns out 800 | trothed to young Bismarck. affair, since it was his money. He per minute and polished in a revolving

A FLASHY young man from au Eastern college, recently arrived in Tombstone, Arizona, and tried to correct the grammar of a native who pointed admiringly to 'them "hills. He was given three minutes to look down the barrel of a seven shooter and correct his collegiate impressions. In that brief time he had such revclations of the English tongue that, at least, withheld him from setting up as an instructor in those parts.

Men may make horses of themselves for dying the horses of First Assistant Postan evening without being asses; and master General Frank Hatton were runmen are so apt to show their folly not ning away with him in a close carriage only on one day, but every day, that and from the step of it, off which he dared and that these watery orbs were covered nothing obnoxious can be predicated of not jump, he directed the driver to guide by spectacles. them for their appearance in character them into the open country and up a steep for one evening only. It is supposed to hill which in their exhausted condition lyric poet, of more than a century ago, is refiles of lace, and a diamond hilled

recalls the fact that he was once offered many more of a like character as they the chief justiceship of the United States supreme court by Grant, and it is not very supreme court by Grant, and it is not very ure, striding along, a fur cap on his head white satin fashioned like a bouquet creditable to either of them that the only and a stout stick in his hand, with which holder; another as Sinbad the Sailor, in reason he declined it was that the vacancy he continually makes passes into the air to has ever been depicted in fiction than his resignation would have made in ward off the spirits when they approach the spectacle of a score and a half of the Senate would have been filled by a stump, does not seem to hinder his going widows and more than half a hundred Democrat. But it is to be recalled to his anywhere. orphans crowding almost daily for over good fame that he was never charged with a month past around the mouth of the personal dishonesty and after long years of

THEY had quite a nice little time down at the Easter election for vestrymen of the morning. The telegraph wires were courts.

PEATURES OF THE STATE PRESS. The Lebanon Daily Times sticks to it that now is the time to treat catarrh of DISPLAY OF WEALTH AND FASHION

The Reading Herald is surprised that none of the visiting legislators were detained in the Norristown insane asylum.

The Pittsburgh Times favors the estab lishment of a milk depot "to which all milk must be taken, inspected and branded before it can be placed on sale."

The Altoona Times seconds the call of Democracy of Pennsylvania to "organize, organize, organize."

The Reading News insists that there is an undercurrent of politics in the Dukes vacate his seat right or wrong.

The Harrisburg Telegraph is exercised lest there might be some injudicious legislation with a retroactive influence upon tel. egraph monopolies. If anybody thinks Mormonism is dying

mind disabused of such a misguided no The Allentown Item is convinced already that "the present Pennsylvania Legislature will go upon record as the most dis-

met under the new constitution." The Daily Register is the name of a new and neat-appearing Philadelphia publication, devoted to hotel arrivals and other news, and full of information for sojourn-

The Harrisburg Independent, whose editor is neither judge nor lawyer, deprecates "the prejudice and partiality which will creep into the acts of judges when they deal with their brother lawvers."

The York Age thinks all country officers should be salaried, and suggests that at present the state is universally cheated out of its own by a peculiar manipulation of Hobby-horse quadrille, with which the the fee system.

The Clarion Democrat thinks "it had been better for this generation had Henry Ward Beecher never been born. The next best service he could have performed would have been to suffer condign punishment on the Tilton charge. The trial, by reason of the prominence of the parties to it, was a school of evil."

PERSONAL.

A. OAKEY HALL to-day becomes editor PROF. WM. B. HALL, assisted the choir of the Episcopal church in Denison, Tex., with its Easter service.

AMOS R. LITTLE, of the dry goods commission house in Philadelphia which bears his name, has gone out of business, and with his wife will make a trip around the world.

REV. FREDERICK A. THAYER, pastor of cy, Ill., died there on Sunday. He was took place, which was furnished with small Persian princess and the youngest Miss for three years connected with the New tables. At these two and four of the Hewitt personating a lovely little Dutch Annie Bitner, of Lancaster.

Ex-Congressman Thompson, of Butler county, Pa., charged with raising a note from \$400 to \$4,000, was released yesterday, the prosecution failing to make a

REV. JAMES F. KENNEDY, D. D., of Chambersburg, though blind for a quarter | beautifully decorated. Each guest found | of a century past, continues to be as close a student as ever and is now preparing a commentary on the prophecy of Habakuk. LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRANKLIN HAR-

wood was found dead in his room in Boston yesterday morning, and a physidistrict attorney should be classed with cian certified that his death resulted from those officers whose salary should not be congestion of the brain. He was a native of Rhode Island, nearly 43 years of age, and served in the war for the Union. REVIVALIST HARRISON has closed an en-

gagement of fifteen weeks in Decatur Ill., and the converts are counted up at 1,500. He was paid \$100 per week for his service and gave such complete satisfaction that he has been hired to stay until the end of May. EARL OF STAMFORD (the Rev. Harry

Grey) married himself to the Hottentot lady who at present enjoys his undivided affections, and, as she has presented him with a son and heir, the question whether a clergyman can marry himself is naturally causing considerable controversy in MISS MARGARET DE BOGDANY, who was

credited with being the most beautiful girl in Hungary and whose hand was

MARCHESA DEL GRILLO (Adelaide Ristori) produced anything but a pleasant impression when she appeared the other day as "Maria Antoinette" at a Roman theatre on the occasion of a benefit. The house was crowded, but poor Ristori now aged 65 is a pitiable wreck. However, she is very wealthy so that she will not be obliged to appear on the stage any more. GORTSCHAEOFF was vain of his facility

for writing dispatches and conquering female affections. He fancied that his custom to ask the prince when she would return, in order to receive the invariable WHILE Postmaster General Howe was reply: "I cannot say; she is no longer under the fascinating glance of my eyes The absurdity of the answer was height tened by the fact that the prince had saucer eyes, as dull as those of a codfish.

CHAS. FENNO HOFFMAN, the popular gling; his face and form are spare; his

A snow storm prevailed at Lynchburg, Va., from Saturday evening to Monday quite a fall of rain, which improves the prospects of the crops. A later dispatch Dukes went to Uniontown yesterday to fall thus far has been in the northern would take a southward course.

VANDERBILT'S BALL.

Unparallelied Magnificence of Dress and

Sumptuousness of Entertainment-What Some of the Guests Wore. The fancy ball given in New York last night by Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt was unquestionably the most brilliant and picturesque entertainment ever given in New York. The guests on arriving found themselves in a grand hall about sixtyfive feet long, sixteen feet in height and the Wilkesbarre Union Leader upon the twenty five feet wide. Under foot was a floor of polished and luminous Echaillon stone and above them a ceiling richly panelled in oak. Over a high waiuscotting of Caen stone, richly carved, are antique Italian tapestries, beautifully worked by case, and calls upon the Democrats to hand. Out of this hall to the right rises the grand stairway, which is not only the finest piece of work of its kind in this country, but one of the finest in the world. The staircase occupies a space of thirty feet square, the whole structure being of the finest Caen stone, carved with wonderfull delicacy and vigor. It climbs by ample, easy stages to a height of fifty feet, the West Chester Republican wants his ending in a pendentive dome. Another stairway, also in Caen stone, leading from the second to the third story, is seen through a rampant arch, with an effect which recalls the unique and glorious stairway of the Chateau of Chambord. In the gymnasium, on the third floor, a most tinguished of any similar body that has beautiful apartment, fifty feet long by thirty-five wide, the members of the six organized quadrilles of the evening gradually assembled before 11 p. m. The balustrade of the grand stairway was hidden with roses and vines of smilax. Masses of rare roses were placed in the dining room and ball room, wherever opportuni ty offered. A bower of roses was built in the ball room for the musicians. The Dancing.

At a little after 11 p. m., to the strains of Gilmore's band, the six quadrilles, comprising in all nearly 100 ladies and gentlemen, were formed in order in the gymnas ium, and began to move in a glittering processional pageant down the grand stairway and through the hall In the ball began, the horses were the most wonderful things of the kind ever constructed in this country. The workmen were two months in finishing them. They were of life size, covered with genuine hides, had large bright eyes and flowing manes and tails, but were light enough to be easily and comfortably attached to the waists of the weaters, whose feet were concealed by richly embroidered hangings. False legs were represented on the octside of the blankets, so the deception was quite perfect. The costumes were red hunting coats, white satin vests, yellow satin knee breeches and white satin stockings. The ladies were red hunting coars and white satin skirts, elegantly embroidered. All the dresses were in the style of Louis

The favorite gallop of the night was that from " Heart and Hand," introducing the act in which the cavalry come trooping on the stage. At this point supper was aucases of champagne, besides other wines which was intended as a souvenir of the occasion. Many of the Judy guests tume. brought expensive bouquets of Jacque minot and Marshal Neil reses, and other rare flowers. The dancing was continued until an early hour in the morning, and dawn was making its appearance when the last carriage rolled away.

The Vanderbilt Dresses. Mrs. Vanderbilt's taste was seen to perfection in her costume as a Venetian princess, taken from a picture by Cabanal. The underskirt was of white and yellow brocade, shading from the deepest orange to the lightest canary, only the high lights being white. The figures of the flowers and leaves were outlined in gold, white and iridescent beads. The light blue satin high crowned black velvet bat being train was embroidered magnificently in trimmed with gilt braid and bearing a the entire length of the train was caught | and skirt were of deep crimson velvet, up at one side, forming a large puff. The | with black trimmings, lizard and snake waist was of blue satin, covered with gold embroidery. The dress was cut square in the neck, and the flowing sleeves were of transparent gold tissues. She wore a Venetian cap covered with magnificent jewels, the most noticeable of these being a superb peacook in many colored gems.

Lady Mandeville, who received the guests with Mrs. Vanderbilt, were a costume in most fortunate contrast with Mrs Croy. The petticoat was of black satin hand did duty for a corsage bouquet. embroidered in jet. The body and train were of black velvet, ornamented with heavy jet embroidery The dress had large puffed Vandyke sleeves, an immense stand up collar of Venetian lace, the sleeves being turned up with the same lace. The whole was crowned with a black Vandyke hat and drooping plumes, turned up at one side and blazing with

Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt appeared as the Duke De Guise, wearing yellow s.lk lights, yellow and black trunks, a yellow doublet and a black velvet cloak, embroidered in gold, with the Order of St. Michael suspended on a black ribbon, and with a white wig, black velvet shoes and buckles. Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt appeared as Louis XVI, in a habit de cour, and breee'es of fawn-colored brocade, trimmed with silver point d'Espagne, a waistcoat of Reseda, trimmed with real silver lace; the stockings, shoes and hat were of Reseda; he were a jabot and

accompanied by her children daintily eyes bright and keen, but wandering, his apparelled, one as a rose, in pink tulle figure erect, and his physical heaith with a satin overdress of pink leaves, a strong. He is a striking and bizarre fig. waist of green satin and a head dress of white satin breeches, a white chemisette, a flying jacket embroidered in gold, and Turkish shoes, and a third as a little courtier in a light blue satin hand embroidered coat, with waistcoat and breeches of white satin, hand embroidered in roses and daisies.

Mrs. William Astor was attired in a

which an angry flood caught and kept delphia. One party was for the rector, points along the Raleigh & Gaston rail- sage was covered with rare jewels, the Diamond mine to remove the bodies to them weary days agone. When the soft scapstone roofing of the mine had been cut through and a great lake poured in cut through a grea upon the two hundred men in the chambers of the mine, not two-thirds made

manner of Philadelphia politics each had its own poll and consequently each carried bers of the mine, not two-thirds made

manner of Philadelphia politics each had its own poll and consequently each carried bave fallen under the weight of snow. The telegraphs with no abatement of the storm. At Kittrell, a number of houses was partly covered with a small cap fastorm. Women and children cried about the train and demanded that the coffins be taken

Mrs. Chauncey M. Depaw appeared as "Undine," her costume, one of the most | were then placed in bearses and afterwards elegant of the evening, was of pale sea given burial. green satin, dancing length and covered with white tulle drapery, on which were many tiny silver moons, caught up with many tiny silver moons, caught up with clusters of water lilies and long grasses public sale at the Merrimac house for Geo. O. Marshall, James A. Miller, John I. Her bodice of green velvet was trimmed Grossman, 14 head of Illinois horses, at Hartman, Isaac Diller and William F. with fine old round point lace, and around an average price of \$212.20.

the front was a jardiniere of pond lilies and long grasses. Her hair, which was powdered with silver dust, was coiled under a cap of white tulle, spangled with silver stars and ornamented by a diamond pin and a cluster of long grasses. She wore a diamond lizard and turtle, a dia-

mond star necklace and bracelets and pins all to represent "dew drops." Mrs. Frederick Neilson was appropriately attired in royal robes and rere and costly jewels as the "Queen of Sheba." Miss Turnure wore a heavy white satin robe, embroidered in gold, with a long flowing train, long flowing sleeves lined with cloth of gold, a low cut corsage covcered with ancient coins, a head dress consisting of golden peacock with outspread wings, from which flowed a long gold veil over the train, fastened with golden chains, bugles, anklets and jewelry. The costume was that of an Egyptian

Mrs. Kountze represented "Music." Her costume consisted of a black velvet bodice cut square and low. The skirt was of red satin reaching to the ankles; across the bodice and skirt were bars of black velvet, and on these were musical notes worked in gold, making a very effective design. The jaunty cap was of red satin. The cap and dress bore a num ber of golden bells and bangles. Swung by a ribbon across her shoulders was a Spanish mandolin. Mr. Kountze's costume consisted of a "Don Carlos" cavalier dress of the sixteenth century, with a plumed hat and boots of the period. The Tolede blade which hung at his side, sustained by a jeweled belt and scabbard, was over three hundred years old.

Picturesque Dresses. Mme. Christine Nilsson represented Marie Stuart. She wore black velvet, elaborately embroidered in jet, and with a head dress of black velvet and jet. Miss Amy Townsend, as the Fairy Queen in Iolanthe, wore a short skirt of creamy white cashmere, embroidered in gold under a long train of the same, looped high in front. The low cut waist formed a glittering, golden armor, across the front of which hung three ropes of diamonds. From the shoulders sprang wings of gold-spangled tulle. She wore a diamond necklace, a star of diamonds in the hair and carried a gold wand. Mrs. Henry Clems, as Fire, wore a dress embroidered with flames of tinsel. Miss Terry was Autumn, with wheat and corn in ornaments and jeweled scythe. Miss Work was a most picturesque Joan of Arc, her helmet, cutlass and gauntlets being of solid silver mail, the bodice, leggings and shoes being of steel cloth. Mrs. Seward Webb, W. H. Vanderbilt's daughter, represented a hornet; the imitation, in yellow and brown, and gauze wings, was excellent. Mrs. Twombly, another daughter of W. H., was magnificently appareled, her visible costume being most precious stones, rubies, turquoise, opals, diamonds and pearls. Mrs. John Jacob Astor was there with her \$250,000 worth of dia-

There was no more picturesque object present than the Hon. Abram S. Hewit, who personated King Lear before that unfortunate monarch had divided his kingdom and lost his reason. Mr. Hewitt nonneed, and most of the guests left the is not a large man but he looked every dancing hall. The supper was served in the rooms above that where the dancing took place, which was furnished with small took place, which was furnished with small took place, which was furnished with small took place. guests sat. All the arrangements were maiden. Mrs. Paran Stevens represented under the charge of Delmonico, who Queen Elizabeth and her dress was copied is visiting her son, Mr. Thomas Lundy, supplied twenty waiters. The extent of the from the picture of the queen in the Tower on Locust street. preparations may be judged by the fact of London. The dress was of royal purthat Delmonico furnished seventy five ple silk velvet. The stomacher was lace cases of champagne, besides other wines and liquors. The flowers were displayed with gold lace and studded with precious Mr. John chiefly in the supper room, which was stones. The long train was fringed with ermine. Costly lace pearls in profusion at the table a bouquet of unique design, and diamonds well disposed completed this gorgeous and very expensive cos

The costume of the Comet consisted of black and cream-colored satin richly em- to heart. broidered by hand with gold stars and with a diamond star. A necklace of dia monds was also worn.

The "Daughter of the Forest" work ferns and butterflies in her hair and neck lace of jewelled lizards. The dress was of green velvet, trimmed with natural ferns twelve inches deep, ivy, wild roses, and shells. The gloves and shoes were green and the bouquets of ferns.

A notable dress was one of a witch, the gold and lined with Roman red. Almost | small stuffed owl on the front. The waist formed. The sleeves ware only to the elbow, and around the neck was a black cat whose head lay lovingly on the fair witch's right shoulder.

There was one costume of pale blue silk, with long train and low corsage, trimmed to the very end of the train with pearls, there seeming to be thousands of 1st: Smith & Ginder, \$2.90 per ton; the jewels strewed over the silk. One lady | Stewart & Son, \$2.83; Baumgardner & represented a pack of cards and in addition Vanderbilt's. Her dress was copied from to the fifty-two that showed on different a picture by Vandyke of a Princess De portions of the costume a strong cuchre

A WIFE'S DESPERATION.

Crazed With Jealousy She Kills Her Two Children and Commits Suicide. Jealousy of her husband unquestionably caused Mrs. Thomas Parks, of Herkimer, N. Y., to murder her two children and herself. The children died in a few hours. Yesterday morning a bottle of laudanum and one of chloroform were found under her pillow. Her husband, who is a merchant, was with the deceased early in the evening, and, after having a few words with her he went out, ostensibly to fix the fire in his store. He was not found to be informed of the tragedy until eleven o'clock p. m., about three hours after the affair, although the whole town had been aroused and a crowd surrounded the house before nine p. m. He refused to tell where he had been.

It is understood and generally believed that Parks was spending a portion of his time with other women and that this was known to his wife, who, finding herself unable to prevent it, deliberately planned the double murder and suicide. She sent the servant to a neighbor to say she wanted to see her, and then, lying in bed with her children, aged respectively two months and five years, she shot each in the head and then shot herself. The infant died about midnight and the other about four a. m. The husband was formerly employed in a gun and pistol manufactory at Ilion and once lived in Troy. His wife was an estimable woman and was held in high esteem by her acquaintances. Parks intimates that there will be another death in the family, but he is under police espionage.

Twenry-six Bodies Recovered from the Mines. At Braidwood, Ill., up to noon yester-Venetian dress of dark colored velvet and day twenty-six bodies were taken from satin, the velvet being embroidered in the shaft. The bodies generally are in a their dead husbands and fathers to be brought up out of the depths of death in P. E. church of the Evangelists in Philafrom the cars and the lids removed, which in many cases was done. The remains

Sale of Horses.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

UK REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Events Along the Susquehanna-Items Interest In and Around the Borough Ficked up by the Intelliconcer's Reporter.

A west bound Pennsylvania railroad reight train, which was standing on the north track of the road in the east yards Instead of these cars being switched off to another track, a short distance above the crossing of these two roads, they were result, causing the wrecking of four P. R. R. cars. Just at this time the Harrisburg ecommodation was approaching and it was only stopped a short distance from the wreck. Had the latter occurred a couple of seconds later a terrible railroad disaster would have resulted. A large force of workmen succeeded in opening the south track in less than half an hour, admitting of the passage of the passenger train, but the north track was not cleared of the debris obstructing it until some time later.

No person was hurt in the collision. On April 5th an excursion to Philadelphia will be run over the Reading and Columbia railroad. Tickets from this place, good for three days, \$2.39. The train will leave the station here at 5:40 Several men narrowly escaped being

struck by a 500 pound heater in the Pennsylvania round house yesterday, which fell from its position. Engine No. 880 of the above road, which has been "shopped" for repairs some time past, made its trial trip to-

Popular Amusements. One of the great successes of the New York dramatic season, "Young Mrs. Winthrop," will be produced here tomorrow evening by the Madison Square theatre company, under the management of Gen. Wesh Post No. 118, G. A. R. fariettians will be returned to that place in a special car after the performance.

"Nobody's Claim" drew a fair seized audience to the opera house last night. The exciting and amusing play was very well rendered.

" East Lynn," by a first class company, with Miss Ada Gray in the principal role, will be presented to a Columbia audience

Improvements. It is probable that work on the new leading & Columbia railroad will be shortly resumed. Captain De Brand, of Morainville, Pa., an official of the company, and Mr. Focht, of Birdsboro, Pa., the contractor for erecting it, were in town yesterday, making observations of the ground to be occupied by the new structure.

The extensive improvements in Bruner's very probable that the canal boating operations in connection with the yards will open in a week or ten days. Personal.

Superintendent Young, of the foundry of the stove works, arrived here last

Mrs. Leah Lundy, of Soude

Mr. P. B. Vache is about again. He made his first appearance on the streets Mr. John Filbert, of Philadelphia, is the

guest of Mrs. Mellinger, on Locust street. Borough Budget. The absence of all of the commissioned officers of Company C. last evening prevented any drill being held. The boys did not seem to take the holiday very much

A fine pair of earrier pigeons with gold threads running through the received from Belgium yesterday by Mr. hair, which was worn loose and flowing J. Ruth. He is now the owner of 125 of these birds.

Bennett's store is being improved by new wall paper. The usual "flittings" have commenced. The Secret Societies.

To day a meeting of Putnam circle No. 113, B. U. (H. F.) C. A. will be held. To-morrow evening an election of officers will be held by Orion lodge No. 876, Odd Fellows.

Susquehanna lodge No. 80, Odd Felof the lodge last evening.

PROPOSALS OPENED.

Blus Made and Contracts Awarded. mayor's office last evening, and awards made to the lowest bidders.

For as much hard pea coal as may be required at city water works up to October Jeffries, \$2.79. For American lead, (not over two tons)

Wm. A. Kieffer, 1,000 pounds at 5 cents per pound. For one and a half gross of 1 inch ferrules-Ezra Landis, jr., 78 cents each ; J. H. Huber, \$1; M. G. Swan, 733 cents; W. P. Cummings, 791 couts; D. H Kulp, \$224,40 for 11 gross; I. S. Cassin & Co., 80 cents each; E. H. Diller, 80

cents. Special castings-M. G. Swan, 2 45-100 cents per pound; W. P. Cummings, 2.3-500; D. H. Kulp, $2\frac{\pi}{5}$; R. D. Wood & Ce., 31; Millard & Co., 3 cents per pound. Five hydrant cases-M. G. Swan, \$6.25 each; W. P. Cummings, \$6.60; H. D. Kulp, 87 : J. Cassin & Co., \$7. Fire hydrants-J. Huber \$20 each ; J.

Cassin & Co., \$20. Pipe-R. D. Wood & Co., \$41 per ton A. Moilert & Co., 4 inch, \$37.90 6 inch \$36.40; 8 inch, \$35.90; 10 inch \$35.40; 12-inch, \$35.15; 20 inch, \$34.65, 24 inch,

834 65. Street stop valves-I. S. Cassin & Co. 4-inch, \$12.75; 6-inch, \$19; 8 inch, \$27.75; 10 inch, \$39.75; 12 inch, \$50; 20-inch, \$148. E. H. Diller, 4-inch, \$14; 6-inch, \$19; 8-inch, \$33; 10 inch, \$45; 12-inch, \$55 ; 20 inch, \$160. J. H. Huber, 4-inch, \$18; 6 inch, \$20. Mellert & Co., 4 inch, \$13.20; 6-inch, \$18.92; 8 iuch, \$29.70; 10 inch, \$42.46 : 12 inch, \$52.80 : 20 inch.

Head light oil-Bartle & Snyder, 15 cents per gallon; Marshall & Rengier, 17 Cylinder oil-Bartle & Sayder, 62 cents

per gallon; Marshall & Rengier, 65 cents; Alex McKillips, 50 cents. Hauling-E. Stone, 55 cents per ton. The Awards. Fire hydrants to J. E. Huber. Stop valves-Six inch to Mellert & Co.,

and 4, 8, 10, 12 and 20 inch to I. S. Cas sim. Special castings, ferrules and plug cases to M. G. Swan. Cylinder oil to Alex. McKillips. Headlight oil to Bartle & Snyder.

Coal to Baumgardner & Jeffries. Hanling to Em'l Stone.

EASTER ELECTIONS.

cted in the P. E. Chur The following vestrymen for St. James' P. E. church were re-elected yesterday : Dr. John L. Atlee. Newton Lightner. William A. Atlee, George Calder, S H Reynolds, F. Shroder, B. F. Eshleman, Simon P. Eby, J. P. McCaskey, Dr. Wm. Blackwood, George M. Franklin and William A. Morton.

The following were elected in St. John's: Humble.

AUTOMATIC CAR BRAKE.

A Valuable Kailroad Invention On the 20th of March, 1888, a patent was issued to Mr. C. V. Rote, of this city, and his assignors, for an ingenious and valuable invention that is destined proba bly to have an important bearing on the railroad interests of the world. It is an automatic car brake, and is designed for

use on either freight or passenger trains. It is entirely unlike any brake now in use here, was run into by a "draft" of cars and appears to be admirably adapted which were descending the Reading & to the purposes for which it is Columbia railroad yesterday at 6:15 p. m. designed. The invention comprises two distinct machanisims, both of which are perfectly automatic in their action. First, there is a brake-setting or actuating allowed to pass on. A collision was the mechanism, in combination with the draw bar and the car frame or body, for applying the brake. And secondly, an automatic mechanism, in combination with an axle and its truck, for automatically setting and releasing the brake-actuating

> The brake actuating mechanism is set or operated automatically by the compresion of the draw bar, whenever the speed of the engine is cheeked or reduced to any usual way; as by the shutting off of steam, the setting of the engine brakes, or by reversing the engine, or all com bined

> If a train be divided or broken in two by the breaking of a coupling, as oftentimes happens, the breaks on that portion of the train which has broken away and is detached from the engine may be at once set by simply setting a single hand brake on the forward car, or any of the forward cars.

> This brake-setting mechanism operates with a force proportionate to the momentum or weight of the train, obviating the sliding of wheels and avoiding the consequent loss from flat wheels.

> The mechanism whereby the brake is made to automatically set and release itself as occasion may require, consists of four similar knuckle-jointed self-locking levers attached to the axle, and rotary with it, which, when the car is at rest, or moving very slowly in either direction, act on a semi-annularly armed lever, raising out of position a gravity stop or pin, and releasing the brake actuating mechanism, rendering the latter inopera-

When, however, the car is at speed, hese jointed levers are thrown out of ac tion by the centrifugal force generated by the rapid revolution of the axle, and do not act upon the semi-annular lever. whereupon the gravity stop falls of its own weight, locking the brake, setting mechanism in operative position, when the car is being drawn, but on the contrary locking it in inoperative position when the car is being backed or moved by a pushing engine. This latter is one of the most in genious features of the invention.

This automatic mechanism, in connection with the axle, may be so arranged as to act to release the brake setting mechcoal yards have been completed. It is anism whenever the speed of the car or train is reduced to a rate of two miles an hour, at which speed the train is under the control of the engineer without the aid of brakes.

Thus it will be seen that after a car has been moving at speed, and is being "slowed up" by the application of the brakes, as soon as the movement is reduced to the regulated speed the gravity stop will be withdrawn, no matter how great the press ure exerted on the draw bar in slowing car is yet moving, releasing or relieving the back-setting mechanism and adapting the movement of the car or train to be instantly reversed without the necessity of first "taking up slack" or drawing out

the draw bars to relieve the brakes. This new brake has many advantages : It may be applied to any car, new or old, without any change in the usual construction, without interfering with the ordinary brakes if it is deemed advisable to use them. It is simple in construction. durable, and the brake on each car is entirely independent of those on any other car or of the engine, thus avoiding the violent bumping so common on freight trams supplied with the ordinary brake Being independent and automatic cars equipped with it may be given any position in the train and interchanged at

pleasure with cars not so equipped. Mr. Rote, the inventor, is a mechanical genius, who has devoted much time and study to the perfection of his brake, which appears in its present form to be faultless. It has received the highest encomiums from experts in the patent office lows, held its regular meeting in the hall and will no doubt soon attract the attention of railroad magnates, in all parts of the country. Mr. Rote has assigned a portion of his interest in the invention to John W Holman and Robert M. Agnew. of this city, and to one or two capitalists The following bids were opened at the in the West. It is expected that very soon a large manufactory for the production of the brakes will be erected in this city if sufficient encouragement is offered the owners of the patents.

INCENDIARY FIRE.

Two of Elliott's Ice Houses Destroyed. Last evening about S o'clock two ice ioures belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth El liott, and situated on the banks of the Conestoga near Reigart's landing, were set on the and destroyed. The buildings, one of which was of stone and the other frame, stood very close together, and the incendiary appears to have applied the torch to the frame building on the side adjoining the stone one. The fire spread rapidly, and in a short time the frame building was consumed and nothing remained of the stone one except the wall. There was no ice in either of the buildings, but there was considerable lumber and a number of tools and some machinery belonging to Finley Etliott, the ice merchant. The frame building, which was 102 feet long, 30 feet wide and 28 feet high, was insured for \$600, and the stone building, which was 32x66 feet, for \$400, in the City of London fire insurance company, of which Bausman & Burns are the ocal agents. The alarm was struck from box 62, at the corner of Christian and Green streets, the marest box to the fire but, nevertheless, several squares distant from it. Company No. 3 responded promp.ly, but the fire had made such headway that the buildings could not be saved. The bridge which spans the creek near by was in danger, but escaped injury. The entire loss on the two buildings and contents is estimated at from \$1,500 to \$1,800, on which as above stated there is an insurance of \$1,000. The casualty will not affect Mr. Elliott's business, as he has two other well-filled ice houses further down the creek. The fire was discovered by Mr.

the building was all affame. Stables Burnod. In Myerstawa, Lebanon county, yesterday a destructive fire broke out in the stable of ilarison De Hart, on Railroad street, and although great efforts were made to reve it the flames spread with great rap inty, soon enveloping the whole building. The fire communicated to the stable of Lorenzo Blecker, which also was destroyed. Both stables contained only hay, straw, harness, etc., no live stock being in either of the buildings.

Shaub, who lives a short distance from

the burnt building. When he first saw

the fire it made no more light than would be made by a lantern, and he supposed

some men were there engaged in fishing,

but when he looked a few moments later

l'olice Cases. Alderman Sparrier sent John Dunn and Charles Murphy to jail for ten days each for drunken and disorderly conduct.

Horses Shipped. Fiss & Doerr shipped this morning, to

New York, 16 head of driving and draught