TUESDAY FVENING, MAY 1, 1883, Doomed to Fatlure. The cause of civil service reform has any good in it, as the idea is expressed in the measure which has been projected to test its efficacy. A civil service reform commission has been created, and it has been put in charge of Mr. Dorman B. Eaton, the man who has set himself up as the especial apostle of this reform, aided by two lay figures. These commissioners, or Mr. Eaton as their essence have appointed to the chief place under them, the post of chief examiner, a man who is universally recognized by those who know him as without any qualification for the place either in his capacity, acquirements or associations. The selection of such a man indicated something lacking in Mr Eaton as the head of the commission, whose work the appointment was. It showed him to be a bad judge of men and yet he was the chief of a commission whose sole duty it was to judge men and to determine their qualifications to fill official places. In the very first essay by the commission in the discharge them to be possessed of a sound judgment of men, they have failed so lament ably and absolutely that their failure is conspicuous to every acquaintance of their nominee; and, furthermore, his deficiencies were of a kind that were self-confessed and such as would be apparent on the first inspection to anyone not afford to hold the office. who could tell a hawk from a handsaw. The appointment of Keim proved beyond question that the commissioners, or at least Mr. Eaton, who no doubt acted for his associates in making the selection, wholly fails in intuitive power to read character and determine qualifications. And it is now still further de monstrated that Mr. Eaton is incapable of judging character correctly even after laborious investigation into the works and antecedents of his subject. For Mr. Eaton writes to the New York Times a letter of a column and a half length in response to the criticism of the appointment of Keim, in which the only pertinent thing he says he fails to get in before the tail end of his long explanation, and that is the declaration that he and other literary work of Mr. Keim, and that he found nothing in them, or in the appearance and conversation of Mr. Keim in his interviews with him, nor could be discover anything in the abundant inquiries he made about him, which led him to believe that he would not be a good chief examiner. On the contrary, his writings showed large grasp of mind, great readiness in mastering details and a marked inclination to expose and reform abuses. As these are just the char acteristics Mr. Keim does not have, it ap pears plain enough that Mr. Dorman B. Eaton is not able to form a correct opinion of a man's character and capacity, even when he has gathered the evidence before him. It follows that Mr. Eaton is not adapted by nature to the duties he has assumed, and that the commission which he heads is doomed to be a failure, while he heads it. There is absolutely no hope for it. A man who can so ex

PHILADELPHIA, for the first time, is about to try the experiment of having and the appointee, Prof. MacAllister, of Milwaukee, comes to his work well recommended and giving earnest of a proper appreciation of it in his declaration that the principal duty of a superintendent is to interpret the course of study and see that it is properly applied. He especially demonstrates his comprehension of the needs, and most generally the lack, of the ordinary school system when he says: " It is in the primary department where the very best teachers are wanted; not simply so as to lay a proper foundation, but because in all large cities there is a vast proportion of pupils who never get beyond that grade. Hence what education they receive here, as it is all they the school department, M. M. Gregory was are to get, should be the very best that it is possible to give them." It is an in- and J. W. Greenland becomes deputy version of the proper order of things which puts the least qualified, the least experienced and the lowest salaried teachers in charge of the primary schools and over the largest number of scholars. tle Clarion" will stand aside and give the At the age of this class of pupils they are most susceptible to educational influences and the mental impressions made are most enduring. Why does the average school director ignore this patent

who shows well so long as he is not

brought down to work out his pretty

theories, but who is without the qualities

needed to successfully execute them.

Mr. Eaton would do a good thing for the

cause he espouses by surrendering its

practical development to some one of at

least ordinary sagacity.

No serious fault will be found with things of it. the pardon board for the commutation to imprisonment for life of the death sentence of old Israel Erb, one of the four men convicted and sentenced to county. It was a horrible crime, to be goes the way of all flesh the cow boy will the agent, A. L. Ackley, telegraphed to the superintendent at Boston, informing sure, and two men have already been take his place. evidence of accomplices and of alleged tations as there are judges in the state." fishly to save his life. The spec- aries generally. tacle of an employe of Snyder The Philadelphia Ledger suggests that

served to excite sympathy for him at home; and where justice has been so ventions. far vindicated as to have had the blood it may well be satisfied with the immurement for life of the remaining one of the clearly gone to the bad, if there was ever quartette, against whom the evidence was at least of a doubtful character.

> IF it should turn out that Senator Pendleton is responsible for Keim's appointment, as intimated, it will easily be disclosed that he secured it on very different grounds from those on which he has urged that the civil service appointments should be made. The application of these to Keim would have debarred him and that he was not subject to them proves that Pendleton, like Schurz, Curtis and other advocates of the competitive system when entrusted with its practical enforcement, have nearly always illustrated either its impracticability or their own lack of for that town on the ground that it does faith in it.

THE man in Philadelphia who tied to gether and rendered useless the telephone and telegraph wires which had been strung across the roof of his house without his consent was acquitted of the charge of malicious mischief and has sued the company for the prosecution. of a duty which preeminently requires Whether he makes anything by this motion or not, he has taught such companies the limits to their powers and ag grieved citizens the extent of their

> It took Revenue Commissioner Raum six or seven years to find out that he could

WITH Africa and Greenland in the office of the secretary of internal affairs. the temperature of that department ought to be evenly maintained.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY needs reshingling and, as a quarter million dollars are required for the repairs, the government is expected to take the matter in hand.

The Harrisburg Telegraph quotes Latin to prove that "one of its editors and proprietors," DeBenneville Randolph de Keim cau "spell and write the English language.

Another voice has been heard in commendation of the appointment of Keim. It is the voice of the Republican Lague carefully examined the consular reports of Berks county, of which Keim is presi-

> MAY DAY. But soit! a sultry morning breaks; The ground pines wash their rusty green, The maple tops their crimson that, On the soft path each track is seen Asks of the urchin to be tost.'

COLONEL J. A. EGE, of Bradford, Mc-Kean county, is favorably mentioned for the Republican nomination for state treasurer .- Record. And when and for what was Col. Ege's name not "favorably mentioned ?" It always gets there even if Col. Ege has to do it himself. It can be depended upon that Col. Ege's name will be "favorably mentioned" every time unless a plaster is put over Col. Ege's mouth.

THE Tewksbury plague is infectious. Down in East Brunswick, N. J., the lid has been taken off the poor house and it seems that while a batcher, who was recently translated to the office of the keephibit his incapacity in his first er, has been getting rich at his job, the step and so clinch the verdict sick are kept in an attic where the snow as to it, during a column and sifts through the roof, and without proper a-half explanation of it, can never covering. One man, it is stated, lay with do good work. His letter alone the flesh rotting from his bones from a would condemn him by its pointless neglected sore. Another was dying, and length. A civil service chief should be was being treated to rum and whiff's from able to speak with point and brevity and a tobacco pipe, with the death rattle in convincing force. Mr. Eaton is evidently a reformer of the impracticable school,

> An insane man assaulted his wife yesterday and nearly killed her, and then cut his own throat. It was the old story, "insane but quite harmless." One more lesson for the anti-hospital people —Phila-delphia Bulletin.

An insane woman committed suicide in an insane asylum of this city the other day. She was placed there by loving frends, at great pecuniary cost under the promise of the asylum officials that she should be carefully and tenderly cared for by them. They neglected the duty, which they were paid to do, and the result is she is dead. One more lesson for the hospital people.-Philadelphia Inquirer.

"LITTLE CLARION," as its people affectionately call Clarion county, "the star of the West," in Democratic annals, about the only surely Democratic county in its section, bore a gallant part in the late campaign and has not been left behind the door when the honors and rewards were given out. The Democratic county chairmau, M. M. Meredith was given the well deserved place of corporation clerk in Secretary Stenger's office, County Supt. A. J. Davis has just been appointed to a desk in elected transcribing clerk of the House superintendent of the internal affair's department. That they are all fit for their places proves what good stuff Clarion Democrats are made of. And now "Litother fellows a chance.

FEATURES OF THE STATE PRESS. The Hughesville Enterprise is for sale: its editor will go to Tennessee.

The Media Record heartily endorses the Wallace arbitration act and expects good The West Chester Republican wants the

government to stop the conversion of young girls to Mormonism. The Norristown Herdld foresees that death for the Kintzler murder in Snyder | when the Indian slayer and mine robber

hanged for it and the third, who was The Pittsburgh Post is glad to find the under sentence, found refuge in suicide Land Leaguers of that city in motion to to the store early in the forenoon to meet from the ignominy of the gallows. All place themselves in accord with the move- her husband and there received the news

nents of the National League. exculpatory of Erb, and the testimony The Carlisle Herald denounces the exupon which he was convicted was of sting "license laws as a disgrace to a free that dubious kind made up from the people. They are open to as many interpre-

confessions to amateur detectives. His The candidacy of Geo. R. Guss, of the counsel, Mr. Dill, has had the most Chester County Democrat, for the Demoabiding confidence in his innocence and cratic nomination of auditor general, meets has labored strenuously and unsel- with kindly mention from his contempor-

icrous" in the outcome of the Irish con-

The Reading Herald goes in for a really of three men atone for a single crime, free railroad law, which will encourage competition and busy capital to the rapid development of the state, and not limit the

capitalization of new rivals to old roads. The Harrisburg Independent detects a growing lack of confidence in the manner of making up juries which is fast impairing the credibility of the system and must in the end demoralize it altogether.

The Philadelphia Chronicle Herald gives warning that the House cannot defeat the free pipe line bill without acknowledging a most dishonorable subserviency to the Standard Oil bosses.

The Carlisle Sentinel is positive that if the man in the moon or any other man partakes too freely of green cheese or any other indigestible article of diet, he will have dyspepsia and bowel troubles.

breaker he should be incarcerated in a vile dungeon, damp, unhealthy and miserable. The Pittsburgh Telegraph characterizes the "domestication of musical festivals in

in the way of humanizing tastes by the infusion of the German element." The Oil City Derrick castigates "somebody" in that town who takes particular delight in wiring to the daily papers of Pennsylvania and Ohio every idle rumor that may be floating in the air, with the

evident intention of injuring the business

showing what has been accomplished here

standing of Oil City. To the Philadelphia Bulletin, the responsive Methodist service in Baltimore. including a Psalter and a recitation of the Apostles creed, looks as if some of the Methodist are thinking that they threw away some things a century ago which they would like to pick up again.

PERSONAL.

SENATOR ANTHONY was believed to be much better last right. ATTORNEY GENERAL BREWSTER is con fined to his house by a severe cold. ALLEN R. COOK, superintendent of As-

bury Park, New Jersey, died yesterday TEWFIK PASHA, the new Turkish minster to Washington, landed in New York yesterday. He was formerly finance min-

ister of Turkey. GOVERNOR PATTISON has consented to deliver the opening address at the Central Pennsylvania musical jubilee to be held at Selinsgrove, June 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Governor Boynton, of Georgia, was married last night to Miss Harris at the residence of the bride's mother in Walton county, Ga.

COL. LEVI L. TATE, proprietor of the Lycoming Democrat, died vesterday in Wilkesbarre, at the ago of 73 years. He was a member of the state Legislature in GRAND DUKE CONSTANTINE, lord high

admiral of the Russian fleet and the smartest one of all the Romanoffs, has been restored to favor by the czar, his BUTLER's last connundrum to the Bay

state Legislature is an inquiry " whether the state ought not to have biennial instead of annual sessions of the Legisla-DR. NORVIN GREEN, president of the Western Union telegraph company, now

visiting England, was given a dinner last night by Mr. John Pender, member of Parliament, at the Ship hotel, Greenwich. MR. ALGERNON SARTORIS, General Grant's son-in-law, who has just arrived land, Clerk Forster and Messenger Bradfrom England, starts on Wednesday for ley were in the office under General Mcan extended trip to the West, going

through to California. He will not return

to England until next autumn. CETEWAYO does not find his pathway strewn with roses since his return to his kingdom. Messengers who had arrived at Maritzburg, complained that his majesty was in danger of starvation, owing to the fact that his cattle were still retained by those into whose hands they had fallen.

SHOT BY HIS PARTNER.

A Isoston Merchant Mistaken for a Thief or A. Perley Fickett, of the firm of Fickett & Beal, wholesale dealers in teas, coffees, and spices at No. 18 Broad street, Boston, was shot and almost instantly killed by his partner, Arthur H. Beal, in a state room which they occupied on board the sound steamer Bristol on the trip from New York They had been in New York on business and were returning. When they retired for the night Mr. Fickett took the lower berth in the state room and Mr. Beal the upper berth. As both had considerable money and valuables, they felt some nervousness. The room was close, and Mr. Fickett before resting desired to lower the window for ventillation. Mr. Beal objected, and it was agreed to lower the window and fasten the blinds. Mr. Beal still felt uneasy and fell slowly into a troubled sleep. He woke up several times, and the last time, shortly after midnight, he was startled by seeing that the blind was partly open, and between the opening the form of a man's head. Calling out "Perley! Perley!" he received an answer which seemed to come from the berth beneath him, and thinking a burglar was getting into the room, he quickly seized his revolver from under his pillow and fired. The form fell with a heavy thud on the floor.

Getting out of his berth and turning on the gas, Beal was horrified to find that it was his partner who was shot and that he was in the agony of death. Fickett had apparently gotten up to get a breath of air, and Mr. Beal, suddenly awakening, his nerves highly strung, mistaking the place from where the reply to his ball came, made the horrible mistake of shooting his friend. Touching the electric bell, he called a messenger, who in turn summoned officers of the boat. It was found that the bullet had entered Mr. Fickett's head through the left temple. He lived about one hour and a half. Beal immediately surrendered himself to Datec tive Lynch, who was upon the boat, and told a very straightforward story of the accident. Mr. Lynch came on to Boston in the morning, and on thorough inquiry found that both men stood well among their business associates, and the conclu sion generally reached was that the affair was just what it appeared to be, a dreadful accident and not a crime.

Upon the steamer arriving at Fall River him of the accident and requesting that the relatives be told. Mrs. Flickett went come. Mr. Beal's father received

a dispatch from his son who was in custody at Fall River and immediately started for that city. Mr. Beal resides at No. 42 Russell street, Charleston, is 26 years old, married, without children. Mr. Fickett resided at No. 4 Victoria street, was 32 years old, and leaves a widow and two children-a boy 7 years old and a girl of 2. Mr. Beal is a nephew of John Stetson, the theatrical manager. Mr. Beal attended principally POLITICAL POINTS.

HILL AND TELLER AT OUTS. Pathetic State of Affairs-Secretary Africa

Appointments-The News of the Day. There are very unpleasant relations be tween Senator Hill, of Colorado, and Secretary Teller, of the interior department, growing out of removals of Hill's friends from that department, and also, as alleged by Hill, of "misrepresentations of his language and purposes by Secretary Teller." The quarrel has grown to such a size that the senator has "written a long letter to the secretary, in which he complains bitterly of the latter's behavior towards him, and attacks vigorously Mr. Teller's management-or, in Mr. Hill's opinion, mismanagement-of the department over which he presides." Referring to the lease of the Yellowstone National park he says Mr. Teller devised and dictated the terms and then allowed his assistant secretary to take all the The York Age demands a new lockup blame and public disapproval which fol-for that town on the ground that it does lowed its execution. After Congress had not follow as a man is a drunkard or a law restricted the lease of ten acres the secretary evaded both the letter and the spirit of the law, and practically gave the Rufus Hatch syndicate a monopoly of the entire park. In dealing with the questions which have arisen in connection with the this country is one of the guide-boards public domain, and particularly those growing out of the lapsed land grants, he charges Secretary Teller with acting in the interests of the great monopolies and against all the interests of the government and the people. He also asserts and attemps to show that Secretary Teller has been connected with a posed by it was unequal, and because it number of land frauds in Colorada. Sen. Hill charges the secretary with having caused to be published "unfair and inaccurate reports" of the senator's "statements and requests:" that the secretary has violated ordinary courtesy "in repeating to newspaper correspondents for publication what had been said to him in private interviews;" and he asserts that writ of certiorari. The woman was re the secretary's administration of his office has been "in the interest of monopolies, and against all the interests of the government and the people." He also asserts stayed in jail all her life." that in a number of instances "persons notoriously unfit and incapable have been given places, while experienced and able employes have, without any assigned reason, been summarily dismissed" from places in the department.

Secretary Folger had an interview with the president yesterday in regard to the appointment of a commissioner of the internal revenue, in place of Raum, resigned. It is believed in Washington that no appointment will be made at present. Deputy Commissioner Rogers will act as commissioner until the appointment is made.

Secretary Africa's Appointees. the following are the appointments of J Simpson Africa, secretary of internal affairs for the term beginning May 1, 1883: Deputy secretary, J. Wilson Greenland, Clarion; chief of the bureau of industrial statistics, Joel B. McCamant, Schuylkill draughtsman, B. Franklin Africa, Huntngdou; clerks, S. W. Buck, Bradford; John L. Butler, Warren; John M. Cooper, Blair; Robert H. Forster, Centre; Frank B. Fluck, Bedford; James B. easter; Ellis L. Mumma, Dauphin; Thomas D. Nash, McKean; A. Slemmer Pomeroy, Montgomery; Charles A. Glen, Philadelphia; messenger to bureau of industrial statistics, Edw. T. Lamont. Cumberland; night watchman, John B. Moore, Dauphin. Deputy Greenland is the secretary's brother-in-law, Draughtsman Africa is his son. Clerk Butler is well known in many parts of the state as a Geeenback Labor speaker, but he took the stump for Hancock. Clerks Glen and McCahan, retained for the present are Republicans and have under Secretary Dunkel. Deputy Green-Candless.

Finance, Trade and Labor. The comptroller of the currency has aubanks were organized.—The public debt average crop. The fruit crop "will plasters and cigar makers' strikes in years. Pittsburgh and Allegheny City. The cigar makers' strike will not amount to much, most of the employers having decided to grant the increase demanded by the men.-The cigar manufacturers of Wilkesbarre having refused the advance in wages demanded by the union, a general strike was ordered by the executive committee, to begin last night.-The stemmers in all the tobacco factories in Lynchburg, Virginia, struck yesterday for an increase of 50 to 75 cents per thousand.-The cigar manufacturers of Wheeling have all granted the advance asked by the workmen several weeks ago.

The Annals of Urime. The board of pardons, at a meeting in Harrisburg last night, decided to recommend the commutation of Israel Erb, the last of the Kintzler murderers, to imprisonment for life.-J. Blankinship and J. Henderson were shot dead by three Inlians near Whitesboro, Texas, on Sunday. -While an officer named Bradshaw was taking two negroes convicted of misde meanor to jail at Gladewater, Texas, on Saturday, an attempt at a rescue was made which led to a riot, in which Bradshaw and three colored men were killed -It is reported that in Hyde county, North Carolina, on Sunday a colored man was nanged by his wife and a man with whom she was intimate. The murderers are in

The caboose of a freight train on the Connecticut river railroad was run into by passenger train at Springfield, Mass. vesterday. Mrs. Henry Wilder, a passenger in the caboose, was killed, and Henry Mulligan, fireman on the passenger engine, was badly injured by jumping off before the collision took place.-A construction train on the Texas and Pacific steor near Fort Worth, on Sunday. Three at the time he is alleged to have done so. men were killed and three badly injured. — On trial. A tornado, near Minden, Louisville, on Saturday evening, demolishing a number of barns and dwellings, and injured many persons, one of whom has since died .-The Columbus ice manufactory, three cht were burned yesterday. Loss, \$20,000 Fatal Mine Explosion.

An explosion of gas took place at the Keystone colliery, about one mile from Ashland, yesterday morning, killing August Welcher, Patrick Krogan and explosion was caused by the sliding of a pillar, which pushed a large body of gas in contact with the lamps of the miners. The force of the explosion was terrific. The bodies of the unfortunate men were county hounding the old man distance lends a great deal of enchantment Mr. Fickett, who was a quick, driving, sion. The officials at the mine kept the per head,

explosion quiet until the bodies had been recovered in order to prevent any needless excitement. The interior of the mine was conciderably damaged. One of the injured men will probably recover. Had the men extinguished their lamps when the pillars ran they would have been able to escape

At Chicago on Monday the Western

in safety.

Union telegraph company filed a bill in the United States court to enjoin the city authorities from severing the wires and removing the poles of the company, under an ordinance which goes into effect to day and thus avert action similar to that taken against the Mutal Union telegraph company two months ago. A similar bill was filed in the county court by the Chicago telephone company, which obtained a temporary injunction.

The alderman of Brooklyn on Monday passed resolutions demanding a public celebration of the opening of the great bridge between that city and New York. Alderman Meninger "insinuated that May 24th had been set as the opening day because the president of the bridge trustees was formerly a subject of the empress of India."

Baseball yesterday: At Pittsburgh-Allegheny, 11; Authracite, 1. At New York—Metropolitan, 6; New York, 7. At Richmond, Va.—Richmonds, 24; Defiance, of Philadelphia, 11. A telegram has been received in St

ing his safe arrival at Fort Apache. The Law and its Administration Justice May, in Steubenville, Ohio, yesterday decided that the Scott liquor law was unconstitutional, because the tax im-

Louis from Professor Bandolier, announce

impaired existing contracts. A decision by U. S. Commissioner Re gan, in Milwaukee, released Kate Kane, the woman lawyer, on habeas corrus, be cause Judge Mallory's commitment of her for contempt was verbal, was revoked yesterday by Judge Hamilton of the circuit court, who reviewed the case on a manded to jail, Judge Hamilton deciding that the case was not bailable. She said "she would never pay the fine, if she

Suicide in a Passenger Car. Henry Handorf, for twelve years a resident of Fort Plain, N. Y., shot and instantly killed himself in a closet of the Utica accommodation. The suicide was not discovered until the train had gone ten the month of April, just closed. Two miles, when the door was burst open and the man found in a pool of blood. Handerf each pupil: was a respected citizen, and it is believed that he was driven to self-destruction by sickness or domestic troubles. The body is in charge of the Knights of Pythias.

A BURGLAR CAUGHT BY A WOMAN.

The Story a Buxom Irishwoman Told in : In Philadelphia John Smith pleaded guilty, in the quarter sessions court, to having entered the dwelling of George Francis in the night time with intent to steal. Smith is about 6 feet in height, robust, and of apparently great muscular development. Testimony was taken to enable the court to determine what degree of punishment should be imposed. The chief witness was Francis' wife, a buxom, middle aged Irish woman. Francis is a German. " In the middle of the night. she said, "I was awakened by a great noise. My little gur'l was still sitting up and tremblin' and starin' hard at some-John A. McCahan, of the present force, thin' in the dark. I followed the course temporarily; messenger, Michael Bradley, of her eyes, and, heaven betune us an' evil, what do you think I saw ?" "What ?" asked Assistant District Attorney Kinsey. with evident interest. "That big man in dock, just creeping under my bed. Did I holler? Oh no. I quietly took hold o' the blanket, never sayin' a word, and my husband still sucorin', and I waited, scarcely breathin', till the men got near enough to me, when I whipped the blanket over his head and hed him there as nice as you please. Ah, ha, my bye, says I, I have you now in a net. Wid that he set up sich a squirmin and strugglin', and I thought he would escape me. He's a good 6 feet, as you can see, and broad accordin', and he was like a whale in a herring net. But I held him thorized the Los Angeles national bank of in the blanket with his head to the floor, till Los Angeles, California, with a capital of \$100,000; the Ennis national bank of Ennis the schramin' of my childer, jumped out Texas, capital \$100,000; and the First of bed to help me. I gave my husband national bank of Decatur, Texas, capital the blanket then and snatchin' up my \$50,000. During April 29 new national youngest baby, 8 months old, I ran to the windy and cried for help. The man and statement for April is expected to show a me husband had it together. The man reduction of only \$3,500,000. The small- managed to get his head out o' the ness of the reduction is accounted for by blanket and bolted for the dure, and my the fact that pension payments to the husband after him. The thief slipped on amount of about \$10,000,000 were made the second or third step and tumbled all during the month.—The latest reports the way to the bottom. I saw an officer of the condition of the wheat crop on the street. I called out to him and he California indicate a more than came in and arrested the thief." Mrs. Francis' story was corroborated by her be the greatest ever known in the state."- husband and a police officer. Smith was To day is the date set for the coal miners, sent to the Eastern penitentiary for two

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

A Suit For \$500-The Hartman Will Case. BEFORE JUDGE LIVINGSTON. The first case attached was that of Josephine Schilling vs. Henry Pimper. to have been made. The defense admitted that Pimper had received the money, but claimed that it was a gift from the plaintiff, she insisting on endowing the defendant's wife (plaintiff's daughter) with it; the defendant took the money from wife at her request and invested it in bonds in her name. The jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$565, the amount claimed with interest.

Catharine Herr vs. Henry Eshelman; a eplevin case, to recover a sorrel mare with fully the business their father relinfoal, valued at \$75, which the plaintive alleged was unjustly seized by the sheriff. The defense contended that they came into the possession of the horse by trade with Rudolph Herr, the righful owner, and it had been decided by a board of arbitrators, who were neighbors of the plaintiff, that he was entitled to her, prior to the sale to defendant. On trial.

REFORE JUDGE PATTERSON. In the Hartman will case evidence is favor of the defense was heard yesterday until about the middle of the afternoon when this side rested. The plaintiff then asked the court to take the case from the jury, and enter judgment in favor of them; they claimed that the defense had not shown sufficient incapacity on the part of the deceased or that he was untit to dispose of his property, or that undue influence had been exercised over him. The court denied the motion and concluded to let the case go to the jury. The defenso then began to call witnesses to show that the deceased was not so mentally affected railroad was thrown from the track by a as to incapacitate him from making a will

Railroad Contracts Awarded. The contracts for the grading and masonry of the Philadelphia, Norristown and Phoenixville railroad, and the Philaother buildings and a number of kegs of delphia, Pottstown and Reading railroad, lager beer, in Columbia, South Car. have been awarded. The work on the line olina, all the property of the C. C. Haber- to Phonixville will be begun at an early tween the city line above Manayunk and Phonixville will be done by John T. Dyer, T. F. Kerns, David Ryan, John Grant, which will be the most commodious and Keller & Reilly, Denithorne & March and William J. Nead & Cc. Between Potts-Andrew Jones, and seriously wounding Charles Tyler and Cooney Walters. The F. C. O'Reilly and J. D. Gonder & Bro., will do the work.

> Sale of Horses. Ohio horses, at an average price of \$228.70 office for the mail. He, however, suc-per head, was returned to court. He furnished bail in the sum of \$300 and was discharged,

O. U. A. M. AMERICAN MECHANICS.

ustaliation of Offices Public Meeting the Court House-The State Coun-

cil in Secret Se The state council of the Order of United American Mechanics are now holding their annual session in the hall of Conestoga council No. 8 in the Inquirer building, this city. There are representatives present from all parts of the state, the number being from 100 to 125. The ses sious of the council are secret. One important part of the proceedings is the installation of the state officers, recently elected by the votes of the past officers of the subordinate councils. This evening the members of the state council will be escorted to the court house by the bers of the order in this city and the band, and an address will be delivered by ex State Counciller Wm, A. Pyfer. The meeting will be open for the public gen-

To-day's Proceedings.

This morning's session was called to order by Acting S. C., M. Z. Senderling, and was opened by prayer and the readng of Scriptures by James McNally. John S. M'c'tle, of Harrisburg, was elected state councilor in place of W. S. Miller, resigned, in Conshohocken for shoving bad money and A. B. Laybold was elected examiner

in place of Mr. Mickle. The following officers were then reported duly installed : State Councilor, M. Z. Senderling, of Philadelphia; State Vice Councilor, P. A. Fritchman, of Freemansburg; State Council Secretary, Walter Graham of Philadelphia; State Treasurer, John Krider, of Philadelphia; State Councilor Examiner, Nelson Enders, Dauphin county; State Councilor Ind., Wm. Baker, of Philadelphia; State Coungilor Pro., Wm. Hoffman, of Doylestown. The attendance is greatly increased over the Pennslvania company had prepared to ast year. About thirty new representations. At last accounts 400 feet had been last year. About thirty new representatives were admitted this morning, with others to come. The number of represen tatives will be over 125 members, with a large number of visiting ex-councilors. The state council adjourned at 12 o'clock to meet at 2 o'clock.

Grade of Pupils.

The following report of class-standing shows the relative grade of pupils in at-tendance at the boys' high school during hours' home study per day expected from PIRST CLASS.

	FIRST CLASS.
	A K Albright
	SECOND CLASS.
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John F. Long, druggist, after having been fifty-five years at No. 12 North succeeded by his sons, Charles E. Long and John C. Long, who will continue the business under the firm name of John F. Long's Sons. John F. Long is the oldest merchant in Lancaster (not in years, but Queen street, and remained there con-His tinuously to the present time. sons, who succeed him in business, were born on the premises and have passed the greater portion of their lives there. Both of them have been engaged in the drug business in their father's store ever since they left school-Charles having been a partner of his father for several years past. Both of them are well versed in their profession and calculated to carry on successquishes. Mr. Long in his retirement carries with him the best wishes of hosts of friends.

REUNION.

122d Regt. Pennsylvania Volunteers The members of the 122d regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers will hold a reunion in this city on the 17th of the present month. The committee of arrangements met last night and outlined a progamme for the occasion. The regiment will rendezvous in G. A. R. hall. Centre Square, and members from a distance will be assigned quarters at the hotels. The old chaplain of the regiment, Rev. Elvin Kirk, will be present and participate in the proceedings. Addresses will be delivered by S. Davis Duffield, esq., of Philadelphia, and Allen Lovell, of Huntingdon, both of whom are eloquent and effective speakers. Dr. John S. Smith, dentist, of this city, will deliver an historical sketch of the company and the scenes through which it passed during the war. Music will be nate, as some months since he broke the furnished by the Citizens' band. In the same arm by an unlucky fall. Dr. Davis evening a banquet will be given in Mennerchor hall. From the number of invitations extended and accepted it is expected that the attendance will be very large and the proceedings interesting.

BART NOTES.

From Georgetown and Vicinity. The usual quiet reigns in staid old

The school board are about erecting a new school house in Mar's Hill district, well built in the township.

Letter and parcel surprises are the rage for birthdays and the village harness maker, not to be outdone, managed one to enter upon his duties as resident physical for Mrs. Chamberlain, his wife, on the cian and surgeon at Blockley hospital. 27th inst., which was a credit to himself and a great surprise to his wife, who was Samuel Hess & Son, auctioneers, sold at so unsuspicious of what was coming that public sale yesterday, for Daniel Logan, at it was worrying Mr. C.'s brain for some his sale and exchange stables, 17 head of days to know how to get her to the post enter bail in a largeny case for which he ceeded and made the surprise a success.

NINGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Events New and Across the County Lines. A parochial school, to cost \$12,000, is to be erected in the rear of the cathedral at Harrisburg.

Reuben Haines, a leather dresser of West Chester, committed suicide on Mon-day by cutting his throat.

Four furnaces of the Lebauon iron company will be put in operation to-day. James Size, an employe of the Bethle hem iron company, was squeezed to death on Monday by being caught between the

platform of a hoist and a beam. An unknown man was found dead on the Reading railroad near Pottstown on Sunday with legs and arms cut off and his head terribly crushed. Wm. M. Singerly, editor of the Philadel-

phia Record, runs a dairy of sixty-five cows at his Montgomery county farm and sends one thousand pounds of milk daily to the Centre Square creamery. A movement is being made for the erection of a monument to the sidiers of

the Revolutionary war buried at Valley

Forge. An organization has been effected under the name of the "Valley Forge Monumental Association," and it is resolved to apply for a charter.

James Holden and his wife, who were captured with a gang of counterfeiters in New York recently, were last fall arrested

in that place and sentenced to three months imprisonment. The following officers were then reported Montgomery county papers complain elected for the ensuing year, and were that the expense of boarding all the tramps who ride on the Reading railroad coal trains is paid by that county owing

to the superior vigilance of the police at Bridgeport over that of the police in Chester county. The Philadelphia and Reading railroad company, in its efforts to keep the Pennsylvania railroad out of Reading, yester day set a number of men at work laying tracks along the front of that city where

laid of the 2,000 which the Reading com pany intends to lay to head off its rival. Ex-Bishop Jacob Erb, of the United Brethren church, died at his residence in Shiremarstown, Cumberland county, on the 29th instant, in the 80th year of his age. For sixty years he was active in sustaining the church of his choice was elected bishop for three terms, was missionary in New York state and in Canada and filled many mportant stations in the church.

A Story of Buchanan.

Lucy H. Hooper writes from Paris to the Evening Telegraph: "I heard lately a ourious and perfectly authentic anecdote respecting President Buchanan. It is not generally known, I believe, that the White House came near having at one time an English and a titled mistress in the person of that gentleman's wife. While Mr. Buchanan was minister to the court of St. James he made the acquaint-ance of a widowed lady of very high rank. A sincere and fervent attach ment sprang up between the pair, and only the opposition of the lady's aristocratic relatives prevented their union. So their mutual attachment resulted in nothing more than a profound and life long friendship. A constant correspondence was maintained between them till the day of Mr. Buchanan's death. The lady long survived her American friend, her death having taken place only a few years ago. She was always noted for her kindly feeling towards Americans and for her predilection for American society. In a room apart she kept a number of souvenirs of her friend, including a fine portrait, and also some of his gifts to her, which were mainly of a literary and national character, such as works by American authors, the photographs and autographs of Ameri

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can celebrities, etc.'

As will be seen by the following note addressed to the editors of the INTELLI-GENCER, Mr. I. S. Geist, principal of the Marietta high school, who was prominently mentioned as a caudidate for the county superintendency of the public schools, declines to be a candidate :

MARIETTA, Pa., May 1, 1883.

MESSRS. EDITORS: I have noticed my name mentioned among the candidates to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Prof. Shaub, which I had hoped would be filled without a contest. As that is not the case, I respectfully decline being a candidate. Yours,

Personal Actions vs. Freeholders.

It is held by quite a number of the members of the bar that the law of 1725, forbidding the arrest of freeholders of a cer-Queen street, retires from business, and is tain class on capias, which was invoked by council for Edw. Yohn to abate the writ issued at the instance of Heury S. Wolfe, is virtually repealed by the following later act of 1836 : " It shall be the duty of the prothonatory of any court having jurisdicthe length of his business experience.) tion, of the action on the application of He began the drug business in 1828 in the the plaintiff in any personal action his house next door to his present place of agent or attorney instead of the writ of business, and after remaining there summons, &c., to issue a writ of capias which was to recover a loan of \$500 alleged two years removed to No. 12 North ad respondendum." It is not unlikely the matter will be again brought to the notice of the court for the reconsideration of its action.

> A Beautiful Testimonial. There is now on exhibition in the window of John Sides' hat store a testimonial to the late Lewis Fatman, of the firm of Fatman & Co., tobacco packers. The testimonial consists of exquisitely engrossed resolutions of condolence passed at a meeting of the employes of the firm. The penmanship is by T. A. McCool, of Phila-delphia, and is pronounced by all who examined it a most perfect specimen of the art. It is very handsomely framed in

> Sergeant Samuel H. Welchans, of this city, has received from S. Davis Duffield. of Philadelphia, a postal card stating that he has " a treasury warrant for Robert M. Beard, of Co. H, 122d Pa. Vols., for extra duty money, and shall be obliged to you for any information you may have of him or his representatives." Do any of our readers know of Mr. Beard's whereabouts?

Arm Broken. Eugene Coho, son of Frank P. Coho, 513 West Chestnut street, while playing with some other boys stumbled over one of the city grade stones that stood above the side walk, and in falling, broke his arm. Master Coho has been peculiarly unfortuset the broken limb and the little fellow is getting along very well.

Held for Tripl. Thomas W. Larkin, who was arrested on Thursday last for picking the pocket of Samuel Curtis, at the Exchange hotel, had a hearing before Alderman Spurrier last evening, and in default of \$1,000 bail was committed to the county jail to an swer at court.

Entered Upon his Duties, Dr. James Mitchell, M. D., son of Rev. Dr. James Y. Mitchell, of this city, left Lancaster this morning for Philadelphia,

This afternoon Samuel Bailey (colored).