Lancaster Intelligencer.

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Vanderbilt's Roads.

The report is that the Vanderbilt family have unloaded the main part of their holding or New York Central railroad stock, which was their inheritance from the commodore, who watered the stock up to a point which makes the corporation too unwieldy to conduct with the young and lightly equipped rival roads that are projected and in course of construction. There may be no more definite ground for this report than its innate probability, which however, makes it easily credible. The trunk lines between the East and the West are becoming numerous. There is one being built out of New York which paralells the Central and which is nearly ready for business. Then Vanderbilt has started one or two of his own through this state, which he personally expects, because of the good country they develop and the mineral wealth they tap, to be paying investments. Whether his purpose is to make his money by building the roads, in the customary way, or by operating them, which is the honest way, we do not know; but probably the temptation to capitalize the work at several times its cost will not be resisted, unless the state steps in to the help of Vanderbilt's virtue and effectually forbids the representation of unexpended money in the capital account. Mr. Vanderbilt and his friends will be very likely to consider that they can double the cost of their road and still have one better than the Pennsylvania with half its capital, and that therefore they will best consult their own interest by stocking their road at twice its cost. They are probably mistaken; they will need to be as lightly equipped as possible for the struggle they promise themselves with their great rival. But whether it be or be not their policy to keep down the stock of the road to its cost, there can be no question that this is the interest of the people, who will hold their lawmakers to a strict account if they fail to obtain this security from every railroad built in the state under its general law. In the interest of Vanderbilt's road, which, it is alleged, is likely to cost more than $120,000 a mile, the Legislature is now asked to repeal the present limitation of $120,000 put upon the shares and bonds of railroads by the general railroad law. But the Legislature will need, while considering this subject, to provide that in no case shall the stock and bonds be greater in their aggregate than the actual cost of the road; which cost must not be swelled by undue commissions for sales of bonds or by undue profits to contractors, or construction companies, or by any of the many familiar devices by which the state and bonds of railroads are swelling beyond its real cost. The state must keep down the capital account of railroads. It must supervise their expenditures. It must see that an honest dollar's value it contained in every pictured dollar of the capital. It must do this for the protection of innocent investors; but mainly for the protection of the people of the state whom the railroad is to serve. They must be served at a price which gives a fair return on the actual, and not on inflated, cost of the railroad.

THE signal success which the public schools of Strasburg borough have attained, and the satisfactory progress they are constantly making only prove what can be accomplished in any community by live and intelligent direction, liberal patronage and the employment and fair compensation of fit teachers. As the state superintendent pertinently asks, what is all our tillage of the soil and material wealth worth without tillage the of intellectual resources and the development of the royal citizenship of educated men and women? Again he impresses a valuable lesson in directing popular attention to the fact that the control of the school system is with the people in their districts. Then how important that directors everywhere should be chosen simply for their interest in the school work and their fitness to promote it! And of primal concern in any scheme of popular education is special attention to the primary schools. Improvement in them is the first sign of better direction and their condition is a fair test of the prevailing system.

THE opposition to the opening of the great bridge between New York and Brooklyn on the 24th of this month because it happens to be the anniversary of Queen Victoria's birthday, is senseless and discreditable to those who make it. It should not therefore operate to induce a change of the date. Had it been chosen simply because it was her anniversary there might have been some force in the objection; but not much even then. There are only three hundred and sixty-six dates in the longest year, on which good or bad people can be born, and almost any particular day that can be picked out is certain to hit the anniversary of some of all kinds. To change from that of the good English queen would be in all probability to fall upon a worse one.

THE *Press* gravely announces that as "the vote of 1880 sent to Congress nineteen Republicans and eight Democrats" from this state, anything is fair that does as well as that by the Democracy in a state apportionment. The *Press* knows it was not "the vote of 1880" which did that, but the gerrymander of 1873. The vote of 1880 only gave the Republicans some thirty-seven thousand plurality, which is little more than one congressional ratio, and the Democratic apportionment of fifteen Republican to thirteen Democratic districts is strictly fair upon "the vote of 1880."

IF the House at Harrisburg has any respect for itself and the law it will enforce the regulation that members absent from duty without good excuse shall forfeit their $10 *per diem* pay. That would command better attendance. And excuses should not be taken which are not founded in the necessity of the case. Let the holiday excursions be postponed until members are masters of their own time.

THE coal miners at Pittsburgh have struck and the iron workers are going to. Now for Senator Wallace's arbitration bill. We greatly fear, however, that it will not be adequate to this occasion; at least it will hardly operate in the iron strike. The fact is that a cessation of iron-making is expedient. The supply exceeds the demand. Under these circumstances it will pay the mill owners to stop work for a while. The workmen may also think that it will pay them to quit working in the summer in the expectation of making more by their labor in the fall, when the call for iron will induce the mill owners to accede to their demands. With this mutual idea of the advantage of a strike there is little chance for arbitration to avoid it.

"SOME sixty members of the Pennsylvania Legislature," who are taking a jaunt over "the Virginia battlefields of the late war," have no right to be away from their posts of duty at this period of the session, and to be absent from their seats, with no better excuse than this, while they are drawing $10 a day pay from the state. It is a shameless and impudent junket at the expense of the public, and those who occasion an adjournment of the Legislature for this sort of thing, should be made to answer for it.

GEN. CROOK has gone across the Mexican line after hostile Indians, while on the northern boundary captured Crees are sent back into Canada.

THE Des Moines, Iowa, saloons have all closed because of the raise of the license tax to $1,000. Probably the Des Moines people will survive the deprivation.

THE inventive genius of the country shows no decadence. The receipts of the patent office during the first four months of this year were $405,911, against $337,198 during the corresponding period of last year.

THE Iowa prohibitionists declare that the moral sentiment of the state being with them the Legislature should cure the technical defects of the lately adopted amendments by re-enacting them in proper form.

HERE it is again: "Alice F. White, the daughter of the wealthiest farmer in Boylston, Mass., and a young lady of refinement and education, has married a colored man who formerly worked as a farm laborer for her father after a three years' clandestine courtship." Don't believe a word of it. Ladies of "refinement," even of Massachusetts refinement, do not go that way.

A SANGUINE Georgia man is reported to predict that the telephone principle will be so applied that "a man can sit down in Atlanta, see a theatrical representation in Cincinnati, smell a bouquet in New Orleans, taste a fresh oyster in Baltimore, and shake hands with a friend in Savannah all at the same time." That he omits to state what he will take to drink and where is evidence that he is not a real Georgia man.

THERE was no new evelopment at Pittsburgh yesterday in regard to the coal miners' strike. It is suggested on behalf of the miners that the difference be settled by appeal to the process set forth in the "Voluntary Trade's Tribunal act," and that a petition be presented in court for a license for the tribunal. An official call for an inter state convention of miners to meet at Pittsburgh on the 15th instant, was issued yesterday afternoon. The second conference of the iron manufacturers and Amalgamation association committees in Pittsburgh yesterday resulted in a disagreement, the session lasting only fifteen minutes. A strike is now believed to be inevitable.

SUNFLOWER AND LILY.

Over the seas came a Sunflower rare,
And after him followed a Lily fair,
And when they had reached America's land,
They gazed about them, smiling and bland,
And seemed to say, "Now here are we
From over the moaning, foaming sea
And do you think there can aught compare
With this Lily sweet and this Sunflower rare?"

And the men all gazed at the Lily's grace
And said she is perfect in form and face;
But the women they crimped and curled their hair
And said: "The Lily is not more fair
Than the flowers that grow this side of the sea;"
And each one thought, "Only look at me!"

And the women stared at the Sunflower's hair,
And simpered, "Oh my, but he is more rare
Than the flowers that thrive in American air,
While the men in disgust threw back the head,
"What a feminine traveling show!" they said!
So it still is in doubt if the Lily be fair,
And what is the charm of the Sunflower rare!

—*Koram in New York World.*

FEATURES OF THE STATE PRESS.

The Waynesburg *Messenger* reports Greene county solid for Pattison:

The Pittsburgh *Post* is for the total repeal of the infernal revenue system.

The Erie *Observer* thinks Africa will be an ideal secretary of internal affairs.

The Bradford *Argus* wants striking laborers and inexorable employers to give the Wallace act a chance.

The Hazleton *Plain Dealer* deplores the tendency to obtrude private and social matters in the public press.

The Reading *Times* approves of Thomas J. Grimeson, of Chambersburg, as the Republican candidate for auditor general.

The Harrisburg *Independent* thinks it is "more than certain" that neither party will nominate a military man for the presidency in 1884.

The Reading *News* thinks that the old Republican machine in Berks will be utterly wrecked if Keim gets to hand out the postoffices.

The York *Age* now appears as an evening paper and as the field of local news is better gleaned by an afternoon journal its change is for the better.

Forney's *Progress*, which sets up as an authority on matters of taste, approves of ladies having visiting cards for their lap dogs, which fashion originated in Philadelphia.

The Norristown *Times* discovers that the intemperate zeal of the temperance advocates leads them to overlook the fact that others have rights and privileges which cannot be warped and twisted to meet their peculiar views.

The salutary decline of official advertising as newspaper patronage from politicians is ascribed by the Pittsburgh *Leader* to the development of the independent newspaper and the growing political conscience of the people.

The Erie *Evening Herald* vindicates Elder Weishampel from the misapprehension that he went to hear Beecher lecture, when, as he writes to it, he would not go within half a mile of the sinful audience gathered to listen to this "erratic and bad man."

The *North American* was inclined to think that what was written against Mr. DeB. Keim's appointment was partisan and captious, "but information acquired by futher inquiry leads to the belief that the selection is an exceedingly bad one, and should not be approved."

The *Moravian*, in an extended complimentary review of Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer's article against prohibitory legislation, pronounces it "one of the most temperate, fair and thoughtful contributions to the current flood of literature on the temperance question."

The *Guardian* for May has a poem on "The Tory Preacher" in Rev. Dr. Dubbs' happy vein, the story of Indian Tattany, an original fable, a continuation of the "Beginnings of the Reformed church," all by the editor, and various other literary and religious miscellany, keeping up to its high standard.

The Carlisle *Volunteer* sees a faint hope for the border raid claims in a bill before the Legislature which promises that any person having claims against the commonwealth, may bring suit in the court of common pleas of Dauphin county, and if judgment be obtained the auditor general must issure his warrant for the amount payable to the plaintiff or his attorney of record. An appeal from the judgment may be taken to the supreme court.

PERSONAL.

SAM COLLIER, the veteran pugilist, is applying for a patent for a swimming machine.

JOHN WILLIAM JONES, M. D., an old physician of Southwark, died yesterday, in the 74th year of his age.

MRS. GAINES has had her judgment for a million dollars against the city of New Orleans confirmed by the local court.

REV. GEO. WILLIAMSON SMITH, D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been called to the presidency of Trinity college.

SARA BERNHARDT has lost her best advertising card. Five medical examiners of a life insurance company pronounce her in perfect health.

BEN BUTLER will contract to run the Tewksbury almshouse for $70,000 a year, notwithstanding the Massachusetts Legislature proposes to give it $90,000.

CHARLEY FOSTER is said to be the controlling power in Ohio Republican politics. This is promise of a calico campaign this year of fading colors.

ANTHONY COMSTOCK says that during the past ten years his societies have destroyed over twenty-five tons of villainous literature and over seven tons of gaming instruments.

GENERAL MCCLELLAN, who had accepted the invitation to attend the reunion of the society of the Army of the Potomac in Washington on the 17th inst., has been compelled to decline.

MISS RYE will leave England on the 31st instant for Canada with a large party of pauper children. Several English boards of guardians, consequent on the promise of efficient inspection by the Canadian government, are arranging to send children.

JOHN H. LANDIS and W. H. Brosius, of the House of Representatives, ran down from Harrisburg to the Strasburg high school commencement last night and returned to their posts of duty. In three sessions Mr. Landis has not lost ten minutes. His attendance to duty is exceptional and exemplary.

REAR ADMIRAL C. P. RODGERS, Bishop Wm. J. Kip, California; J. N. Arnold, Illinois; B. C. Whitman, Nevada; Howard Potter, New York; Asa French, Mass., and Col. G. M. Dayton, Ohio; Senators Cameron, of Wisconsin, and Harris, of Tennessee; and Representatives Steele, of Indiana; Townsend, of Ohio, and Sparks of Illinois, are the official visitors to West Point this year.

WHITELAW REID'S 38 year-old sister-in-law went on to New Haven yesterday and captured an old Brooklynite, aged 70, rich and respected. It is supposed that it is a runaway match, and that Mr. Quackenbos had good reasons to evade certain relatives who have been anxiously awaiting the final disposition of his property. The sequel, it is thought, may not be unlike that of the famous Hicks-Lord case in New York.

TALMAGE had prepared himself on Sunday to preach a sermon on "Spring" from the text, "The time of the singing of birds is come," but when he rose to deliver it in the Brooklyn tabernacle, snow was beating against the windows. He was equal to the occasion, and prefaced his sermon by saying: "As the artist draws a curtain over the studio that he may better present his picture, so the clouds of this stormy morning will help me better to work out the scene of the text."

PRESIDENT ARTHUR'S favorite companions for a whist party are Senators Pendleton, Vest and Wade Hampton. "Aleck," his valet, is a maroon-colored individual and dandified. He has the confidence of Mr. Arthur and is always ready to answer his call, day or night. The president is very careful and attentive to business. All papers that accumulate in his office must be retained and kept neatly. He is sensitive of public opinion and does not neglect to read those newspapers in which he expects his public acts will be censured. He likes to see a horse race and when there is one he is sure to go to it. He is a frequent attendant at the theatre and seldom misses church on Sunday.

BASEBALL.

Some Surprise Parties Yesterday.

Yesterday for the fourth time the Providence defeated the Philadelphia, in the city of the latter, by the score of 24 to 6. In New York the Bostons have found that the new league team of the Metropolis, and they again defeated the natives of the hub in a very close game by the score of 9 to 10. In Detroit the Chicagos hammered the club of that city for 10 runs, giving them but 1. The game in Cleveland was very close between the Cleveland and Buffalo, but the former won by the score of 3 to 2. The Athletics started well this week and succeeded in defeating the Allegheny on their own grounds, for two games. Yesterday the third game wrs played and the Athletics lost it through their own carelessness by the score of 15 to 2. In Harrisburg the Actives of Reading and the Harrisburg nine contended for the inter-state championship. To the surprise of many the Reading boys were defeated by the score of 14 to 3. For the same championship the Anthracites defeated the Quicksteps at Wilmington by 9 to 8. Other games were as follows: At Baltimore, Baltimore, 5, "nets"; at Columbus, Columbus 6, Louisville, 3; at Cincinnati, Cincinnati, 3; St. Louis, 2; at Springfield, Mass., Williams' college, 11; Bowdoin college, 9; at Princeton, Brooklyn, 12; Princton, 11.

The Boston club makes its first appearance against the Philadelphians to-day.

LIVES LOST.

THE BURNING OF A STEAMER.

Reported Loss of Sixty-Lives—Obstreperous Chinamen Make Trouble—A Report of the False Prophet's Death.

The report of the burning of the steamer Grappler, plying between Pugot Sound and Alaska, has been brought to San Francisco from Nanaimo, B. C., by John McAllister. She was burned four miles off Seymour Narrows, on Sunday night. The fire was discovered by the engineer, and immediately reported to the captain.

One hundred passengers were aboard, principally Chinamen, and all were in bed. Immediate search was instigated by the captain, who discovered the fire back of the boiler connections. The engineer started the donkey and connected the hose. By this time the passengers were warned and the excitement was intense. The Chinamen behaved like maniacs and were utterly uncontrollable. They seriously impeded the actions of the officers. The captain ordered all shot who refused to obey orders. Notwithstanding this the Chinamen rushed backward and forward on the vessel until it was round necessary to knock some down and to carry them below and put others in irons.

All the time the fire was gaining and efforts for its control were unavailable. The captain ordered Pilot Frankling to head the steamer for the Vancouver shore and beach her. As soon as the sands were struck the boats were lowered, but in the excitement the Chinamen jumped pell mell into the boats and swamped them. Owing to the intense smoke those who could swim did not know in which direction to strike out, and, surrounded by a mass of struggling Chinamen, they were drowned.

The steamer was proceeding north with 100 passengers and a full cargo. It is supposed at least 50 lives were lost, including Captain J. Jaggers. Only 20 are so far known to be saved. It is feared a number of Canadians who came by the lost steamer to work in the coast canneries, perished. Steamers have gone to the scene. The Grappler was formerly an Imperial gunboat, but was sold to the merchant service.

Prevalence of Yellow Fever.

There is considerable apprehension along the lower Rio Grande in regard to yellow fever. The governor of Texas advises if a quarantine station should be necessary this season that it be established at Bagdad instead of Brownsville. He has directed the health officers at Brownsville to consult with the Mexican authorities on the subject.—Our consul general at Rio Janeiro reports that the yellow fever is regarded as epidemic there, 73 deaths from it having occurred in the city and 17 in the South Isabella hospital during the last week in March.—Advices from Lima and Callao on the 4th ult. report great alarm because of an unexpected visitation of yellow fever.

Six Persons Killed.

A dispatch from New Glascow, Nova Scotia, says that while the men were coming up from work in the Vale mine yesterday, the rope broke and the boxes ran down the slope, killing six persons, J. R. Gillis, Colin Campbell, A. Frazer, Wallace McGillevray, J. McEachern (boy) and Wm. Hannahan (boy). The injured are A. McLeod, John Nicholson (boy) and Richard Taylor, none of whom are expected to recover, and A. Irving (boy) and Malcolm Beaton, both of whom will recover.

Egyptian Rebels Slain.

In Cairo, Egypt, a telegram has been received from Colonel Hicks, reporting that on April 29th he had engagement with 5,000 rebels. The battle, which lasted half an hour, resulted in the defeat of the rebels, with 500 killed including the Lieutenant General of El Mahdi, the false prophet, and many wounded. The Egyptian loss was slight. Colonel Hicks praises the gallantry of the Egyptian troops. The victory of Colonel Hicks has cleared the province of Sennar rebels.

Accident and Crime.

By an explosion in the Refuge Oil Works, near Vicksburg, Mississippi, on Wednesday night, Minnie Kavender was killed, and Little Parks, Henry Parks, Andrew Greine, Night Watchman Donnelly were fatally injured. Hopson, the engineer, had a leg broken.

Johathan Vincent, a prominent citizen of Charlotte, near Elmira, New York, was killed yesterday in his saw mill, a block of wood thrown by a circular saw crushing in the front of his breast.

Mary Finnegan, aged 21 years, living at 1214 South street, Philadelphia, was so badly burned on Wednesday night, by the explosion of a coal oil lamp, that she died yesterday morning.

The ship Adam M. Simpson left Philadelphia Thursday morning, laden with case oil, for a port in Japan. In the afternoon Second Mate Foster was knocked overboard by a seaman and drowned. An affidavit covering the facts in the case was made by the managing owner last night, and will be sent to the vessel by a tug this morning, when the seaman, who is in irons, will be arrested and brought back.—James A. Neal, brother of the wealthy leather merchants of Boston, who was stopping on a ranch of the Kansas City Cattle company, in the Indian territory, was recently murdered during the absence of his companions. Robbery was the motive of the deed. The murderers are unknown.—Frederick B. Batchelder, of Boston, who disappeared in Montreal on April 10th is reported to have been seen near the latter city, apparently deranged. His father has started from Boston in search of him.

DECORATION DAY.

The Final Arrangements Made.

The committee of George H. Thomas Post G. A. R., having in charge the arrangements for Decoration Day ceremonies, met last evening in the second story of Nimlow's Centre Square cigar store.

The decoration sermon will be preached on the Sunday previous to Decoration Day, by order of U. S. Commander Vandervoot, of Omaha, Nebraska.

It was decided to order 500 flags, size 18x24.

M. N. Stark was appointed marshal, and he will have power to appoint three aids. Each society taking part in the parade will also appoint one aid, and all will ride at the head of the line.

The parade will move at 9 a. m., when the signal will be given by the chief engineer of the fire department, who will give twelve strokes on the Empire bell.

The route of the parade will be as follows: Form on North Duke street, right resting on East King; move to the monument in Centre Square, thence to South Queen to Woodward Hill cemetery, where the decoration services will be held. From that cemetery to Andrew street, to Prince, to German, to Strawberry, to Poplar, to St. Joseph's cemetery, St. Joseph street, to Strawberry, to Mulberry, to Shreiner's cemetery, to Chestnut street, to Duke, to Lemon, to Lancaster cemetery, to Shippen street, to East King, to Centre Square and dismiss.

Market Policemen.

Peter Lutz, an old-time member of the city police force, was recently appointed policeman of the Farmers' Northern market company, and already good results have followed the appointment. The streets are no longer blockaded by market wagons, the avenues are kept open to persons having business there and the gang of idle boys who formerly infested the market house, and sometimes robbed the tills are no longer seen about the premises.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

The Hartman Will Case Not Concluded

BEFORE JUDGE LIVINGSTON.

In the case of Dr. Abraham Trichler vs. the U. B. Mutual Aid society, a rule to strike off the non suit was granted.

Joseph Stark vs. Joseph Houser; appeal from the judgment of Alderman Wiley given in favor of the plaintiff for $12. The evidence for the plaintiff showed that he is the owner of some farm land in the northeastern part of the city; in 1879 both he and defendant raised small patches of tobacco on this ground; when ripe the tobacco was cut off and hung up in the barn of Stark, until fit for stripping; at that time both lots were taken down and stripped; the plaintiff alleged that defendant took down a considerable quantity of his tobacco, which he stripped and sold; he afterwards made a demand for it, but received no satisfaction; suit to recover the price was then brought. The defense denied having taken down or stripped any but their own tobacco. The jury found in favor of the plaintiff for $2.50.

In a case of replevin, for a lot of tobacco, between the same parties, the defense asked to amend their plea. The plaintiffs plead surprise and the case was continued.

Samuel Bruckhard vs. Benjamin Brenneman, action on a breach of contract. The plaintiff, who resides at Silver Springs, alleges that he sold 32 squares of slate to defendant in the spring of 1878; he refused afterwards to take the slate and plaintiff was compelled to sell them at a loss; he now sues to recover the difference. The defense admitted having had a talk with the agent of Bruckhard in regard to the slate, but told him he intended to use shingles for the job for which the slate are alleged to have been purchased; he never purchased the slate nor had any idea of doing so. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the defendant.

In the case of Mary A. Williams, for the use of Christopher Williams, vs. Michael Wise, judgment was entered in favor of the plaintiff for $100, with stay of execution for three months.

In the case of James H. Swain vs. Mary A. Swain, subpœna for divorce, a verdict was rendered in favor of the plaintiff. The plaintiff offered in evidence the record of conviction of the defendant of adultery, and no defense was made.

The jurors were discharged this afternoon.

BEFORE JUDGE PATTERSON.

In the Hartman will case Benjamin F. Davis spoke for the defendent yesterday afternoon and he was followed by W. R. Wilson on the same side. This morning Mr. Wilson concluded and D. G. Eshelman followed, for the plaintiff, making the closing speech. This afternoon the jury was charged by the court and retired.

SUPREME COURT.

The Lancaster County Cases Taken Up.

On next Monday week will begin the session of the supreme court in Philadelphia, at which the Lancaster county cases are to be heard. Counsel who are concerned are busy getting ready for the hearings. Following is a list of the cases taken up:

Laborius Schutte, plaintiff in error, vs. George M. Steinman & Co., defendant in error.

William Lee vs. Milton Reynolds.

George H. Hartman vs. the First national bank of Lancaster.

Michael Zahm vs. the First national bank of Lancaster.

Watsontown planing mill company vs. James B. Henderson and wife.

Sidwell T. Wilson and Medham M. Wilson, executor vs. Joseph Vanleer and wife.

B. S. Muhlenberg et al. executive vs. Catharine Druckenmiller.

Philip Bernard vs. Henry Weiss.

Rife & Kauffman vs. Henrietta Bucher and her husband for use of Henrietta Bucher.

Amos Slaymaker, executor vs. Farmers' national bank of Lancaster.

The First M. E. church of Columbia vs. the old Columbia Public Ground company.

Winfield S. Kennedy vs. Nathaniel Burt.

The case of Lorenzo Nolde, et al., claiming to be the legally elected trustees of the "Seventh Day Baptists," of Ephrata, vs. T. Konigmacher, et al., who resist their claim.

A Stubborn Jerseyman.

A democratic Dutchman, from New Jersey, named Christian Hintzer, got a little too much whisky aboard this forenoon, and insisted on eating peanuts and oranges and throwing the hulls on the floor of the P. R. R. passenger depot. When remonstrated with by Officer Kautz he told him to go somewhere, and said that in Jersey he could eat oranges when and where he pleased, and he intended to do so here. Officer Burns was called in, put the nippers on him and took him to the lockup, and thence to Alderman McConomy's, where he refused for a time to pay the costs, declaring that in the state of New Jersey such an outrage as fining a man for eating oranges and swearing a little would not be tolerated. He would rather go to jail than be cheated in that way. A sight of the nippers, however, brought him to terms, and he paid up and was discharged.

Ice Wagon Horses Run Away.

This morning the horses attached to one of Elliott's ice wagons, while standing in front of John A. Snyder's saloon on North Queen street, frightened and started down street at a furious rate. Where the old Black Horse hotel is being torn down stands a huge pile of stones, and against it one of the horses struck. He was knocked down and badly cut, but quickly regained his feet, and the team ran down to Centre Square and into South Queen street, down which they dashed at high speed, narrowly escaping collision with a number of teams, lime boxes, &c. At German street they were stopped by Zach Weaver and returned to Centre Square. The wagon, which had a large quantity of ice in it yet, was not damaged and the only injury done was to the one horse.

LITTLE LOCALS.

Here and There and Everywhere.

This afternoon at 1½ o'clock the street committee started out to look at the proposed new work.

Benjamin Eshleman and wife of Manor township have made an assignment of their estate to M. Wissler.

The F. & M. college baseball club will visit Carlisle in about two weeks to try conclusions with the Dickinson college club.

A black bass weighing 6½ pounds was caught in a seine near York Furnace, day before yesterday, by some fishermen who were fishing for shad. This is the heaviest bass, we believe, yet taken in the Susquehanna.

Assaulting His Foreman With a Shovel.

At Pottstown, on Wednesday, one of the negroes in the employ of Bush & Keller, contractors, made an assault upon the foreman of the gang with a shovel and struck him a blow on the back of the head that may prove fatal. Addison Samuel, the foreman, also colored, who had charge of the gang, had some difficulty with the fellow who assaulted him and discharged him, and while he was looking over the time book the laborer struck him from behind and escaped. Samuel was picked up unconscious and bleeding from the ears and nose. A physician was immediately summoned. The doctor says that the blow will either prove fatal or else he will be imbecile all his life. No arrests have as yet been made.

STRASBURG'S GALA.

THE HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

Eight Graduates in the Class—A Crowded House and Attractive Programme—Flowers, Music, Literature and Oratory.

It is a great day for Strasburg when the time for the annual commencement of the high school comes around. And deservedly so. When the school authorities of the town some thirteen years ago built a new $12,000 school house, established a central graded school with three departments, and a three years' course in each, and from time to time put themselves abreast with the most advanced educational ideas, there were some misgivings on the part of the more conservative element of the community as to the result of the experiment. During the nine years that Prof. Chas. B. Keller has been principal of the school and under his practical and progressive administration, the wisdom of their policy has been amply vindicated and the schools have advanced to the very front rank of the state. Year by year the commencements have come to more fully illustrate the character and success of the year's work and have evoked a corresponding interest in the community, and are a landmark of educational development for the surrounding country.

Last night's entertainment was the most popular and successful ever held in the history of these events. At an early hour of the evening the streets showed unwonted activity and the presence in the town of many persons from the surrounding townships and further distant points of the country. By 7 p. m. Massasoit hall was filled, and at the time for the opening of the exercises, when the directors, graduates and official visitors, filed in it was with difficulty that they could make their way through the dense pack to the stage. The decorations of the hall were very elaborate and tasteful and greatly heightened the effect of the recent repainting and thorough refitting of this comfortable audience room. Across the front of the stage were hung wreaths of evergreens, vines of smilax covered the chandeliers, an arch was erected on the stage decorated with nosegays, the footlights were crowded with baskets, bouquets and rich floral devices, and at either side of the stage were huge pyramids of gay blooming potted plants, from the top of which towered stately calla lilies and among them were grouped birds of brilliant plumage and familiar species.

The Literary and Musical Programme.

The stage was occupied by the members of the graduating class, alumni, Principal Keller, State Superintendent Higbee, and County Superintendent Shaub, the directors, Revs. Haupt, of this city, Wheeler, of Millersville, Stringer and Heany, of Strasburg, and some other visitors and patrons. After a march, "Our American Heroes," by the Strasburg orchestra, conducted by Prof. Keffer, prayer by Rev. Haupt, and an overture by the orchestra, the salutatory was delivered by Geo. W. Brua, who found in his theme "Daybreak" a fitting illustration of the dawn of practical life to the student and impressed it upon his audience in a happy manner; Anna Hersh read the class history, a humorous production reciting the experience of school life; Lilian B. Rakestraw, a member of last year's class, read a pathetic poem, "The Fisherman's Wife," in a clear strong voice and with vivid expression; John C. Mylin, in a well written and plainly pronounced address, extolled "Grit" as an element of success in life; the orchestra played with good effect "The Mountain Echo;" Morris Bachman, a young man of fine presence and manly manner, delivered an oration on "The Safeguard," in which he eulogized liberty as the protecting and vital element of our institutions; Mary Andrews had an oration on the little word "If," showing the controlling importance of the slight contingencies of life.

Milton C. Cooper then made the class prophecy, indulging in speculations as to the future of his classmates, assigning to Morris Bachman fame and eminence as a statesman, to Geo. W. Brua, the rank of philosopher and mathematician, to John C. Mylin, success as a "Jack of all trades," to Emma Pheneger the laurels of a poetess, to Anna Hersh the rewards of philanthropist, to Mary Andrews the victories of a great prima donna, and to H. Bernarda Foulk high rank as a teacher.

Bertie Foulk, another of last year's class, set the audience in roars of laughter with a humorous recitation, "Jimmy Butler and the Owl;" the orchestra played "A Day at Coney Island" and H. Bernarda Foulk, coming forward with a basket of gifts, made the speech of presentation of fit testimonials to her class mates, presenting Miss Pheneger with confectionery, Miss Andrews with a birch rod, Miss Hersh with a trumpet to sound her own modest worth, Mr. Bachman a fashionable tie and Mr. Brua a doll. They were loudly applauded as their appropriateness was recognized by the friends of the donees.

Annie Pheneger, of the class of '83, entertained the audience by reciting "Aunt Hannah Tripe in Court," after which Prof. Keller presented the members of the class with their diplomas in a short and impressive address, full of warm friendship, healthful sentiment and good advice; the orchestra played a silver medley of popular airs and Emma Pheneger spoke the valedictory on "Behind the Scenes," closing with tender words of parting to all connected with the school.

Dr. Higbee's Remarks.

Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee, state superintendent, was then introduced, and spoke briefly but eloquently and eulogistic of the great material wealth and natural beauty of Lancaster county, and of its first importance as a factor in the educational development of the state. But what was the tillage of the soil without intellectual culture, what the wealth of field or storehouse without the royal citizenship of educated men and women! He made a clear exposition of the school system of Pennsylvania, which contemplates the local self-management of the schools, throwing upon the directors and the community which elects and supports or fails to support the directors, the responsibility for the condition and the work of the great army of nearly a million boys and girls in the common schools of Pennsylvania. The support and wise direction of these are of vast political interest as conserving the diverse nationalties and foreign interests constantly pouring in upon us to influence our citzenship, the children of which could be moulded by our common schools to the genius of American institutions. They are of great literary interest, because without a literature there is no great national development and without an educated common people there is no literary development; the glories of Greece and Rome and England were in their Homers and Pindars, Virgils and Horaces, Chaucers and Shakespeares; and the South was pointed to in illustration of the argument that even ripe scholarship and learning in individuals availed nothing to literary development without a great substratum of common education and popular culture; where there are none to read there will be none to write, and if the Southern Longfellows and Whittiers and Bancrofts have not yet arisen, it is because of the prevailing popular ignorance there. The common school interests are of great religious and moral concern; and they are the foundation of all higher education which must supply the teachers and preachers, the lawyers and doctors, and the fountains of intellectual and spiritual growth. In conclusion he urged upon the class to consider well the passive and reflective duties of life as well as its practical problems, and to win moral as well as material victories. Dr. H. was loudly applauded and warmly congratulated upon the earnest and practical spirit of his address.

An Entire Success.

The music of the orchestra added much to the spirit and enjoyment of the exercises; and the efforts of the graduates and other performers were rewarded with profuse floral gifts and other tokens of appreciation.

The lengthy programme was finished without a balk or trip. The exercises were instructive as well as entertaining. Good taste marked their plan and good order characterized the execution of it. To patrons, directors, teachers, and especially to the principal, Prof. Keller, the obligations of the community are due for a successful term, the fruition of which, as seen in last night's exercises, is a credit to the educational system of the whole county.

THE MÆNNERCHOR.

Laying the Corner Stone of their New Hall—Interesting Excercises.

The corner stone of the new Mænnerchor hall, being erected on the site of Franke's old brewery, Water street, below Walnut, was laid yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Not less than a thousand persons were on the ground to witness the ceremonies. The Mænnerchor society assembled at their old hall, rear of Knapp's brewery, East King street, and under the marshalship of Philip Dinkleberg, proceded by a band of music, and with flags flying, marched to the new hall. On reaching the grounds they formed in open order in front of the hall, where a piece of music was played by the band, and the Mænnerchor sang in full chorus "Schoener Rhein." President Henry Gerhart then took his place beside the corner stone which is placed in an angle of a projection near the main entrance, and after seeing that it was properly leveled and squared, made a brief address in which he gave a historical sketch of the society from its organization in 1858 to the present time. He then placed in a copper box, presented for the purpose by John L. Arnold, the following articles and the box was placed in the corner stone:

The names of the original members of the Mænnerchor—Charles Altvater, Henry Gerhart, Henry Fringledy, Victor Gasser, Philip Dinkelberg, Frank Leuthy, Charles Satler, C. Peitzel, L. Lepper, Peter Lotz, Louis Heidegger, Jacob Fisher, Anton Heupel. The names of the nine honorary members as follows: C. F. Rees, Lawrence Knapp, Henry Gerhart, Philip Dinkelberg, W. H. Keffer, Gustavus Elias, F. Heupel. The musical directors—Frank Leuthy, C. L. Steinmiller, F. W. Haas, Charles Matz. The names of the present board of directors of Association hall; of the architect, Jacob Noehdurft; of the contractor, Fred. Hoefel, and of the 410 passive members. Copies of the INTELLIGENCER and the other city newspapers were also placed in the corner stone, together with a receipted bill for a ton of coal presented by M. V. B. Coho, and to be the first coal used in the new hall.

The Mennerchor then sung "Ecce Quamoro," and the "Chapel," in fine voice, after which Mr. C. F. Rees, of Millersville, orator of the day, was introduced and made a stirring address in German, which was received with great applause.

Music by the band terminated the interesting ceremonies, but hundreds remained for some time longer on the grounds to inspect the progress of the new building, or to test the quality of the beer in the adjoining hotel.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

The Borough Budget Concisely Given.

House cleaning in full blast.—Town dull to day.—Burgess Sneath home from Bellefonte.—Bachman & Forry, who have the lumber contract for the new R. & C. depot have drawn seven hemlock rafts from the river.—A young man attending a party on Front street last night fell from the sill af a second story window to the pavement and suffered painful bruises.—A team from the country ran off on Fourth street yesterday and shattered a wheel against a wagon hitching post. Wm. Wise, of Lancaster, in town. Miss Lizzie Arndt, of Manheim, and Mrs. C. H. Rise, of Pottsville, are guests of Miss Hallie Sourbeer. "Tim" Holsinger was before 'Squire Frank for keeping money entrusted to him, but he settled it by making restitution. Shad are abundant and sell at from 50 cents to $1.25 per pair. Boating is becoming popular and the demand for good new boats far exceeds the supply. The St. John's Lutheral sociable at Mr. Jerome L. Boyer's residence last evening was largely attended and very enjoyable; the prosperity of the church is largely due to this feature of its work, in which it is exceptional; similar organizations would wake up some of the other churches here.

MARIETTA WHEEL CLUB.

A Ride on Bicycles to Lancaster.

Messrs. Samuel Gramm, Victor M. Haldeman and George Rudisill, of the Marietta Wheel club, took a ride on bicycles from Marietta to Lancaster this morning. They left the former place at 10 o'clock, and after a pleasant ride over excellent roads reached Lancaster at 11:45 and stopped at Rahter's Grape hotel. The Marietta club numbers sixteen members, including two tricyclists, and is one of the very best organized clubs in the state. They have an elegant uniform, consisting of black cheviot naval cadet jacket, black breeches, stockings and cap with the initials "M. W. C." on the front. Nearly all of them have fine nickel plated bicycles and on parade they compare favorably with the best clubs in the larger cities. The delegation who came to Lancaster to-day were in fatigue dress—white flannel shirt, blue breeches and stockings. They are experienced and graceful riders, and make frequent excursions to other cities—Mr. Gramm last summer having taken a ride to Baltimore and Washington. They started on their return to Marietta at 2:30 this afternoon.

Telephone Extension.

Yesterday the telephone lines between Lancaster and Harrisburg and Lancaster and York were completed, and these places are now in direct communication with each other. By Monday or Tuesday next the line will be finished down the Cumberland Valley, giving us direct communication with Shiremanstown, Mechanicsburg, Carlisle and points further down the road. The line connecting this city with Manheim, Lititz, Ephrata and places beyond, is rapidly progressing and will soon be completed.

Accident to an Aged Lady.

Last evening Mrs. Sarah Altick, mother of Daniel and Joseph Altick, who lives with the latter, in Prince street, started to pay a visit to her grandson, William B. Altick, on the same street. She reached the door, where she was standing when attacked by something like vertigo. She fell down three steps to the pavement and was badly bruised, but had no