Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCT. 25, 1888.

Now or Never.

Our local cotemporary, which takes special charge of the Republican party in this county, is urgent upon the voters of its party, in double leaded invocations, to come out and vote. It asks them to appear now in view of the coming presidential election. Nothing less than a miracle, it declares, can elect Blaine, or any other Republican, next year if Pennsylvania is lost this year. This year's contest in Pennsylvania is magnified by the *Examiner* into the decisive struggle for the presidency. But we shall not expect to see our cotemporary folding its arms when the election is lost, as all the signs portend that it will be. It is not the habit of the party organ to sing the same song or draw the same deductions after the election as before. Hope eternal rises in the party editor's breast; or he pretends that it does. He sings a lively tune always, sometimes sweetly, sometimes hoarsely; but he is ever singing.

The *Examiner* is a particularly bold bird, however, to so decidedly declare to its friends that it is now or never. It tells the truth, too, this time. We recommend its party friends to march out to the polls this time, if they want to save their bacon next year. They have been whipped too often lately to make it safe for them to lose any more battles, if they expect to come up smiling and confident next year.

Ohio was a fearful damper to their hopes. There they had to beat a man who was away off in Philadelphia, being doctored for malaria, and they had a candidate who made a speech, and good ones, too, in every hamlet in the state. And they got out the vote. They had an exciting election and cannot charge their defeat to the stay-at-homes. They were beaten because they did not have the votes.

The same trouble may reasonably be expected to cause their downfall in Pennsylvania; though their forces are brought to the polls they will still be found lacking. But if they come out they will have the conviction, to solace them, of a duty performed. All the Republicans in Lancaster county who have a desire to have a conscience void of offense, when the defeat of their party is recorded after the election day, will harken to their organ's appeal and come out to vote. The organ hopes that there are sixteen thousand such out of the twenty thousand Republican voters it claims to live and breathe and have their being in this county; and it confines its hope to a 16,000 poll. It must be said that it is in no way wild and extravagant in calling for sixteen out of twenty. If we were doing it we think we should call out the whole body. If this is the crucial contest for the presidency, our opponents ought to fetch out their whole army. They cannot afford to keep a fourth of it in reserve. We, of course, expect to see the Democrats turn out to a man. We do not ask them to come out this time to show what they can do next time, but we want to see them record their verdict upon the issues of the present campaign, which we conceive to be important enough to claim their verdict.

There are hardly twenty five per cent. of the Republican voters who are physically incapacitated to attend the polls; and we understand that their organ in summoning only three-fourths of them to the election, considers that one fourth of them cannot be got out by the most touching sort of an appeal. It considers that it has that number of political sluggards in its ranks whom nothing less than a first-class political earthquake, or a Dorsey presidential fund, can fetch to the polls. Having a poignant realization, from long and sad experience of the uselessness of wasting words of invocation upon this class of its voters, it leaves them to their ploughshares and husking gloves, and contents itself with a possible seventy five per cent. It is true and evident that in doing this the organ concedes that there are twenty-five per cent. of its voters who will not listen to or believe it; for the Republican contingent that turns out only in presidential elections would come out in this one if it is persuaded that this is really the presidential contest, as the *Examiner* declares it to be. We suggest to our cotemporary that it make a thorough test of the confidence its followers entertain in its veracity and judgment by sending a marked copy of its declaration that this is the presidential field to each one of the twenty thousand, if it can find them all; and then it will certainly find out how many of them are its true and faithful followers, with confidence in its truth and faith in its judgment. We hope, indeed, that our cotemporary may not find as many as four out of twenty to use it despitefully, for so large a percentage of rebels in an army argues something wrong in men or leaders.

OUT in Utah there is a lively war between the Union Pacific and the Denver & Rio Grande railroads regarding freight charges. The latter company lowered its rates recently and the Union Pacific, for obvious reasons, has cut its prices also. Perhaps the companies will not make much out of the condition of affairs, but the merchants seem to be taking full advantage of the cheapness in charges, and are ordering goods by telegraph. It is not, however, likely that this situation will long continue, since the reduction is very great and even the monied railroad companies find it necessary to be favored with returns which are profitable to them.

THE Democratic ticket was successful in Baltimore after an animated contest. As this result was achieved, notwithstanding there were good grounds of complaint against the Democratic administration, such as are to be expected when one party long dominates municipal affairs, the result is an evidence that the general Democratic vitality is strong. It is in harmony with the Ohio teaching of the drift of political sentiment, and another sign of the coming Democratic ascendancy in the country at large.

DEMOCRATIC economy in the present house cut off 23 office holders and effected a saving in salaries of $17,700.

AMONG all intelligent and unbiased thinking people there will be doubtless a general desire to see and hear Mr. Arnold who has just arrived on our shores. His unassuming nature bespeaks for him the success which he deserves.

PERHAPS John Stewart had not heard of ex-Governor Pollock's removal when he said in his Monday evening's speech that "in twelve months there has not been a single removal from public office in Pennsylvania for political reasons."

CRIME in England, Wales and Scotland, according to recent statistics, costs the annual sum of $30,000,000. This is a pretty heavy tax for the worst classes of society to impose upon the law abiding citizens.

WAR or mediation can now only settle the Franco-Chinese dispute on the Tonquin question. The publication of the Yellow Book shows that the most exhaustive negotiations looking to a peaceable settlement have taken place with no avail, and none can now predict the outcome.

COMPTROLLER of the Treasury Knox has been laughed out of court for his suggestion of British consols and French rentes as a basis of the United States national bank circulation. Better the rottenest of the state bonds as a basis, than these securities which would rise and fall with the slightest breath of a war on the continent.

THE steady stream of contributions have been wont to flow into the Republican coffers from the office holders of the party is fast drying up. Hopeful Cooper finds niggardliness where all heretofore was liberality. The department clerks are astute enough to perceive that money can no longer bolster up "the grand old party" and that its doom is irrevocably sealed.

IT is useless to attempt an embargo on Chinese immigration to this country. The almond eyed foreigners are coming into the San Francisco port in droves, each armed with the necessary trader's certificate, which under the United States treaty entitles them to land. Their appearance shows them to be laborers, while the answers given to troublesome questions by the customs inspectors indicates that they have been well coached as to what to reply concerning their occupations. All of which goes to show that "for ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, the heathen Chinese is peculiar."

THE study of the full returns from Ohio shows that Hoadly not only has a majority of 12,529 over Foraker, but he has a majority of 1,383 over his Republican, Greenback and Prohibition opponents combined. This magnificent result happened notwithstanding the fact that the Republican vote exhibits an increase of 50,000 over that of last fall. Garfield's majority in that state over Hancock was 34,227. The total vote this year was only 3,503 less than that cast in the presidential contest three years ago. Granting that all of these would have been cast for the Republicans, the Democrats would still have a plurality of more than 9,000. Put the twenty-three votes of Ohio in the Democratic column.

FEATURES OF THE STATE PRESS.

The Columbia *Courant* wants Judge Livingston to audit the county auditors.

In the opinion of the Easton *Express* now is a good time to think about some organized effort to benefit the poor.

The Philadelphia *Chronicle Herald* thinks the election of Powell and Taggart would be the most effective mandamus proceeding of all.

"Help, help! or we sink! Money! Money!" is the terse way in which the Westmoreland *Democrat* sums up the present Republican situation.

The Reading *News* grieves to notice that it is the bane of politics that no one guilty of political offenses can be punished.

After one more inning in the great national game of politics the Waynesburg *Messenger* predicts that even Iowa will be carried by the Democrats.

The Washington (Pa.) *Review and Examiner* believes that the Harrisburg ring must be taught that the people and not the bosses must rule this commonwealth.

The only reason the Republican party can have for styling itself a "grand old party," says the Carlisle *Volunteer*, is that in 1876 it committed grand larceny to get the presidency.

The Hazleton *Plain Speaker* asks: "Where would our dearly beloved Legislature have been by this time if old Andy Jackson had sat in the gubernatorial chair?"

The Pittsburg *Times* thinks that it is all wrong, of course, for Wall street loafers to make Mrs. Langtry the butt of their not very polite wit, but it was worse, a good deal, in Mrs. Langtry to furnish occasion for it.

The Election in Baltimore.

The municipal election in Baltimore for mayor and members of the city council was one of the liveliest contests that has been seen there for years. In the early part of the day it was thought that the Independent or fusion ticket would win by a good majority, but the result was the election of the Democratic candidate, F. C. Latrobe, by a good majority over J. Monroe Heiskell, Reform Democrat, and present city fire marshal. He was nominated by the reform Democrats and had the indorsement of the Republican city convention. The total vote on the mayoralty ticket was 54,754, of which Latrobe received 27,147 and Heiskell 25,607. Latrobe's majority is 3,540.

While the independents have gained some members of the city council they will not have a majority and the Democrats control both branches. Of the ten members of the second branch the Reformers elected three, the Democrats four, two were indorsed by both parties and one Independent Democrat completes the quota. For the first branch the citizens elected ten members, the Democrats seven and three were endorsed by both parties.

Explosion in a Palace.

An explosion occurred Wednesday in a room of the royal palace at Naples, in which some repairs were being made. Two workmen were seriously injured, and the room was set on fire, but the flames were promptly quenched. Great excitement prevailed for a time, and crowds of people flocked to the piazza of the palace. The cause of the explosion is not explained.

A FATHER'S CRIME.

A FAMILY HORRIBLY MURDERED.

Albert Frizer Cuts His Wife's Throat, Beats Out the Brains of His Children, and Blows His Own Head Off.

Newcomerstown, Ohio, is now laboring under the most intense excitement over the discovery, Tuesday night, of one of the most shocking and revolting cases of murder and suicide ever occurring in that section of Ohio. News reached Newcomerstown about midnight that Albert Frizer, living about 1½ miles north of Lock 17, Fryer Creek Valley, had murdered his three children and his wife and then killed himself. From information secured on the ground it seems that Tuesday night about eight o'clock Mr. J. Neisbaum, brother-in-law of Mr. Frizer, came along the road past Frizer's house and noticed that the cow in the barnyard was rather restless. Mr. Neisbaum made investigation and found that the animal had not been milked for several days. Thinking this very strange he repaired to the house and found the doors all locked and bolted, the windows fastened and the blinds all down. He called a few neighbors and they began to inspect the premises. On peeping through a window, the curtain of which was partially drawn aside, they were horrified at beholding blood stains on the floor and also a man's foot covered with blood near the window. Lighting lanterns they raised the window and entered the house, when a horrible spectacle presented itself.

On the floor near the north window in the east room of the building lay the dead body of Albert Frizer, while in the crib, standing against the side of the room, not three feet from the father, lay the dead bodies of his two oldest children. On the other side of the room lay the mangled remains of Mrs. Frizer, with the dead body of her infant clasped in her arms. Everything in the room seemed well arranged, showing no signs of a scuffle, and the evidence seems to be that Frizer murdered his whole family while they were asleep and then killed himself. Mrs. Frizer was found with her throat cut from ear to ear and the infant in bed with her must have been beaten to death with some blunt instrument as it was covered with blood. Both the mother and the child were beneath the bed clothes and they probably died without a struggle. The two older children, both little girls, aged about three and five years respectively, were lying in the crib with their feet toward each other, and both had their heads beaten almost to a jelly with some blunt instrument. On examination of Frizer's face it was found to have been blown completely off, and an empty gun barrel which leaned against a chair near him told how he had killed himself. The gun had no stock or hammer and the wretched man must have loaded the barrel and then held one end in his mouth and the other in the flame of a lamp until it exploded, as the lamp was found shattered to pieces on the floor. The horrible deed must have been done on Sunday night, as on that night they were last seen alive.

On Sunday evening Mr. Frizer's brother-in-law, Mr. Judy, had a talk with him and on that occasion Frizer told Judy that he had been to Newcomerstown and consulted Dr. Beers, who had advised him to quit work for a while until his health got better. He had been sick for some time. It is thought that on the fatal Sunday night Frizer must have become very despondent and temporarily insane from brooding over his having to give up earning his living, as he was not in the best circumstances.

The house in which the horrible tragedy occurred is a story and a half frame structure and stands along the road to Fryer Creek Valley, a few rods from a church and a school house. It is the same house where Mrs. Frizer was born and belongs to her grandmother. The premises around the house are in splendid condition, everything having the appearance of neatness and good order. Frizer was a carpenter by occupation and was highly respected in his community. He was about thirty two years of age. Nothing has ever occurred in that section of Ohio that has caused such intense excitement and the news of the terrible crime spread like wildfire, and hundreds from all over the surrounding country visited the premises. The general opinion appears to prevail that Frizer was undoubtedly insane, as no man could have perpetrated such a deliberate and cold-bloody murder in his sane moments.

DEADLY INDIAN RAIDS.

Mexican Cavalry Decimated and a Senator's Son Killed.

The El Paso, Tex., *Times* specials from Casa Grande confirm the reports of an engagement between Indians and Mexican cavalry near that place. The Mexican authorities refuse to tell the number of wounded and killed, but from the American surgeon at that place it is learned that the hospital is full. Surgeon Torron, of Chihuahua, is there attending the wounded. The Indians have broken camp and separated into roving bands of eight and ten, and are raiding the surrounding country. It is believed most of them have gone into the state of Sonora. The natives are in great fear. A special to the *Times* shows that they are crossing the line on the Mexican Central on an old trail some distance below there. They killed Senator Pugh's son. The place named in the special is 45 miles north of Chihuahua.

A crowd of raiding Indians came to Miller's ranche near Gallego, Mex., Tuesday night and stole eight horses. There is great excitement there. The supposition is that it is a part of Juh's band at Casa Grands.

COUNT BATTHYANY'S DEATH.

Sensational Incidents of the Recent Hungarian Duel.

The romance of the Hungarian duel gives it a peculiar zest for the gossip lovers of Vienna and Pesth. Much sympathy is felt for Ilona Schosberger, who, though married both to Dr. Rosenberg and Count Batthyany, is in a singular position being neither maid, wife nor widow. General contempt is expressed for Schosberger, who is a banker, vulgar and purse proud, sacrificing love to his ignoble ambition, and also for Count Batthyany, who is now shown to be a fortune hunter of the familiar type.

The count held a small official appointment in a remote Hungarian district. While serving there he made the acquaintance of a Christian lady belonging to a wealthy family of the district to whom he was on the point of being married when he heard that Schosberger had a marriageable daughter who might suit his purpose better being wealthier. He unhesitatingly deserted his *fiancee* and hastened to Baden. This naturally angered the relatives of the lady to whom he was already affianced. The count received a challenge from a male relative of the abandoned girl, and Dr. Rosenberg demanded satisfaction for the wrong done Ilona Schosberger. The count refused to fight. Rosenberg threatened the count with the publication of his refusal in the Pesth newspapers. No notice was taken of this communication.

A letter from the doctor to Count Batthyany, casting a slur on the latter's personal courage, was published in the *Pesti Naplo*. Meanwhile the marraige took place. The young couple left for Italy. The count's friends communicated with him informing him of what had occurred at Pesth. On Saturday last he returded to fight the duel. The first shots fired on either side had no decisive result. The seconds attempted in vain to effect a reconciliation. Count Batthyany, although wounded in the shoulder, refused to listen to them. His adversary likewise wished the duel to proceed. After the third shot the count fell. A bullet had pierced his left temple. Death was instantaneous. Count Stephen Batthyany was the eldest son of Count Sigismund Batthyany, who has lived a retired life in reduced circumstances. The family are greatly respected in Hungary.

The Calendar of Crime.

Near Clinton Falls, Iowa, on Tuesday night, a man called at the house of James Crawford, an old man who lives alone with his wife, and asked for some supper. While Mrs. Crawford was preparing it, the man knocked her down with a club, and at the same time a companion of his knocked Crawford senseless. The ruffians then left after stealing $15. It is feared that the old people will not survive.—Joel H. Childress was fatally stabbed by J. B. Marshall in a quarrel at Red House, Charlotte county, Virginia, a few nights ago. A pocket knife was the weapon used. Both were prominent citizens.—James Ryan, a gas fitter, who was savagely beaten in a beer saloon in New York on the 9th inst., died yesterday morning of his injuries. William Roggan and Edw. Bucholz, who beat him, are in custody.—Mrs. Mary J. Young died yesterday morning in Brooklyn, N. Y., from the effects of a pistol wound inflicted by her husband the day before. She said the shot was fired intentionally, and her mother, who was present, corroborated the statement. Her husband said the shooting was accidental.

WILLIAM PENN'S COTTAGE.

Preservation of an Ancient Relic of Early Days in the Park Commission.

Philadelphia Times.

The venerable William Penn house, a perfect picture of the old time cottage, despite the partial rejuvenation necessitated by its removal from Letitia street to West Fairmount park, was formally presented to the park commissioners yesterday. Alexander P. Colesberry, who called the meeting to order, presented a letter from John Welsh, upon whom the duty of accepting the building for the commissioners was to have devolved, regretting his inability to be present. Henry M. Phillips who had been called upon to preside, was also unable to officiate. Mr. Colesberry then nominated W. B. Smith, president of select council, for chairman. On taking the chair Mr. Smith eulogized the public spirit of the men whose liberality prompted them to save the Penn cottage from destruction. Edward C. Knight was then introduced and in a brief speech formally presented the building to the commissioners. Samuel L. Smedly, chief engineer and surveyor of the city and a member of the park commission, received the building. A letter from John G. Whittier, the poet, in answer to a request for a poem commemorative of the occasion, was read by Nathanial E. Janney. Mr. Whittier wrote:

"All honor to H. T. Coates and others for the preservation of the home of William Penn, which will henceforth be one of the chief points of interest in Philadelphia's Fairmount. It is not in my power to comply with the request of thy letter, but I thank thee for calling my attention to the interesting occasion of the presentation of the house to the park commissioners."

In behalf of the Society of Friends of which, it was said, William Penn was a worthy representative, Samuel V. Levick addressed the meeting, commending the removal and preservation of the building, the destruction of which, he said, would have destroyed the last external relic of the days of Pennsylvania's founder. James J. Levick followed with an appeal for the perpetuation of the names of the women of the Penn family, whom he characterized as noble representatives of their race. An interesting feature of his address was the reading of an original manuscript letter, written shortly after the departure of Letitia Penn for England. John T. Lucas, president of the Society of the Sons of St. George, also spoke.

The William Penn cottage occupies a site overlooking the Schuylkill, on the high bank west of Lansdowne entrance to the West park, near the Zoological garden.

The building, now that it has been fully completed, is an object of great curiosity. The lower floors, in order to prevent dampness and thus hasten decay in the building, are of cement. A stone slab over the open fire place on the ground floor contains the following inscription:

This House, built by William Penn, A. D. 1682,
Is believed to have been the first brick house
in the city of Philadelphia.
He resided in it during a part of his first
visit. It was the first State House
in the Province
And originally stood on the "Governor's Lot,"
Fronting on what is now Letitia street.
It was removed here June A. D. 1883.

Among those who were present were Henry T. Coates, William B. Smith, John F. Lucas, Samuel L. Smedly, William Dixey, Edward C. Knight, Dr. William H. Smith, who represented the Pennsylvania Historical society; Thomas Cochran Townsend Ward, J. B. Reinboth, Samuel V. Levick, James J. Levick and Elijah Pugh.

PERSONAL.

MR. GLADSTONE gets up at four o'clock in the morning.

MR. BEECHER made $21,000 by his lecturing tour in the west and south.

JOAQUIN MILLER, threatens to build himself a log cabin in Washington.

GENERAL NEAL DOW says that the Prohibitionists of Maine have made up their minds to break with the Republican party.

HON. WILLIAM D. KELLY retured from his European tour to Philadelphia on Wednesday, a more ardent protectionist than ever.

MR. OSCANYAN says that Mme. Pompadour got her fashionable ideas from the Turkish ladies, and that the bangs worn at the present day were also pirated from the same source.

MRS. FRANCES HODGSON BURNETT has at last settled a question that vexed the heads and worried the hearts of fond and foolish parents. She says that the first word a baby utters is "wagoo."

GEORGE W. CABLE, the novelist, thus writes to a friend his impressions of New York: "What a town! What an electric bath! What a tumbling, bellowing surf of tremendous energies and vast enterprise! What majesty of endeavor and of achievement."

HON GEORGE HOADLY, governor-elect of Ohio, is in many respects a phenomenal man. He writes short-hand, can telegraph, speaks and writes five or six languages, and is a master of the classics. As a lawyer, he stands in the front rank of his profession.

LORD LORNE, it is announced, shortly after his return to England from Canada will be called up to the House of Lords by one of his father's minor titles. It is also said that in addition to this honor, the queen intends to create her son in law a knight of the garter, and he will be invested by her majesty at the Balmoral directly after he arrives in England.

MADAME MOKJESKA, says: "I mean to retire from the stage after two years more, while I am in full possession of all my powers. To me there is something inexpressibly sad in the last years of actors and actresses who linger on the stage. Last year I met Janauschek—sick, pale, feeble. She had lost nearly all her large fortune trying to sustain her great reputation before a public that cared no longer for her when her powers began to wane. Why do you not retire?' I asked. 'Alas,' she said, 'my love for the stage kept me, until now I am forced to play in order to insure a living.' I have no mawkish sentiment about it—I love the stage because it has been good to me, but it is an exacting mistress, and I shall forswear allegiance to it while I am in a position to do so gracefully and creditably.'"

COURT.

BUSINESS OF QUARTER SESSIONS.

A Case Concerning a Public Road in Conestoga Township—Trial of Jacob Gangway for Manslaughter.

Wednesday Afternoon—Com'th vs. Daniel R. Shenk and Daniel Eckman. The defendants are supervisors of Conestoga township and were charged with neglect of duty in failing to keep in proper repair the road that leads from Slackwater to Conestoga Centre, and also that part of the Lancaster and Safe Harbor road, between Slackwater and Safe Harbor. John A. Shober was the principal witness for the commonwealth, but there were a number of others who testified to the frequent bad condition of these roads during the past year.

The defense was that the accused discharged the duties as faithfully as was possible and the roads complained of were in as good condition during the past year as they could be put, in consequence of the inclement weather during the past summer. After considerable evidence for commonwealth had been heard they abandoned the case, as it was evident, from the testimony that the defendant had done all in their power to keep the roads up. A verdict of not guilty was taken with county for costs.

The Gangaway Manslaughter Case.

The next case attached was that of the Commonwealth vs. Jacob Ganaway. The defendant, who is a boy 14 years of age, was charged with manslaughter. The circumstances in this case are as follows: On the 16th of May last, a train on the Reading and Columbia railroad was wrecked near Ephrata, and George M. Haine, master mechanic of the railroad, who was riding on the engine was killed. The commonwealth allege that the wreck was caused by this boy who placed an obstruction on the track in the shape of a wooden plank.

The following named jury was secured to try the case: Lewis Brown, farmer, Fulton; Henry Boyer, laborer, West Hempfield; Henry Brenner, miller, Manor; Charles Gross, farmer, Manor; David Kline, farmer, West Hempfield; J. B. Martin, merchant, city; B. F. Smith, miller, Providence; W. J. Shiffer, painter, city; M. B. Weidler, innkeeper, Upper Leacock; J. B. Stehman, farmer, Conestoga; Henry Hamilton, farmer, Raphe; Abraham Beck, laborer, West Lampeter.

The first witness called was Alexander McConnell, of Columbia, who on the day of the wreck was engineer of the train which was damaged. He testified that his train left Ephrata on that day at 3 03 p. m., about five minutes late, the train had 45 cars; they were running at the rate of 12 or 15 miles an hour when they struck the plank which caused the wreck about a mile south of Ephrata. Right near the place where the plank was there was an overhead bridge; the plank reached across both rails of the track and witness thought it had laid there loose; there were other timbers lying near the track. On the engine, besides witness, were Frank Ackerman, conductor, John Barnes, fireman and George M. Haine, master mechanic. When the engine struck the plank it left the track; the conductor and fireman jumped from the engine, but Haine remained on with witness; the engine ran about 20 yards and then rolled over on its side turning around. Haine fell under and was fastened by the engine; the cab of the engine fell off and witness went with it, on the opposite side from Haine; thirteen of the other cars on the train were badly wrecked. Witness saw Haine under the engine, and he was dead before he left.

On cross examination the witness stated that Mr. Haine resided in Columbia and got on their train at Stevens station on that day; the engine, which was wrecked had been out of the shop but a few months.

Thursday Morning—Com'th vs. Jacob Gangway, manslaughter. Frank Ackerman, conductor of the train that was wrecked was called, and corroborated the engineer in regard to the accident. At the point where the accident occurred there is a deep cut and when about half way in it witness saw the plank, which was about 16 feet long. He informed the engineer who quickly reversed, but it was too late before it struck the plank. Mr. Haine fell under the engine. Witness did not discover him at once, but when found he was alive and conscious; could not be taken out until two 30 ton "jacks" were put at work; he died in the wreck where was for more than an hour; there were seven persons on the train when the accident occurred; the engineer was slightly scalded and witness was somewhat jarred, but besides, they and Mr. Haine no more were injured. The place where the plank was is right near the overhead bridge on the Lancaster and Ephrata road. The name of the wrecked engine was "Lancaster," and the train No. 7.

J. C. Barnes, fireman of the wrecked engine, corroborated the engineer and conductor.

Edward Shultz and E. E. McCall, brakeman, and Emanuel Wills, flagman, who were not on the engine but on other parts of the train told their stories of the wreck from which nothing new was elicited.

Henry Witaker, residing a mile from Adamstown testified that on the 16th of May he was working at Lime Rock station on the Reading & Columbia railroad, eight miles from Ephrata. Jacob Ganzaway was working with them and he left between 12 and 1 o'clock. On cross examination the witness said the boy left his work because he (witness) kicked him.

Henry Wolf, residing at Akron, about six miles from Lime Rock, testified that a boy about the size of the accused passed witness' place on the day of the wreck; he was going toward Ephrata on the road from Lititz; this was about the time the passenger train No. 10 going north is due at Akron at 2:26; the boy was carrying a pair of boots with irons on them over his shoulder; he told witness his name, but he could not remember it; he said he was from Lime Rock; the boy spoke in German, and said he lived with Mr. Frankhauser when at home and was going to Stone Hill; witness thought the accused was the boy he saw on that day; the road that the boy was on crosses the railroad about a mile from Akron, where the wreck occurred; witness went to the wreck two hours after it occurred.

Aaron Hummer lives a quarter of a mile from witness, on the way to the place of the wreck. [Accused presented to the witness.] Would not swear positively that this was the boy, but believed him to be.

Samuel Wolf, who was present when the boy spoke to the witness, was called and corroborated him.

Abraham Bruner, a lumber dealer of Columbia, testified that a hemlock plank the size of the one described in this case would weigh 160 pounds if green; if thoroughly seasoned it would weigh about 100. This would be the weight of the plank if it was 10 inches in width; if 12 inches it would weigh 192 pounds green and 120 seasoned. [There was some difference of opinion in regard to the width of the plank.]

Susanna Hummer, wife of Aaron Hummer, who resides about a quarter of a mile from Samuel Wolf, testified that on the day of the week, the accused, or a boy who looked like him, came to her house between 2 and 3 o'clock, and her child gave him something to eat.

Joseph Hiester, of Reading, who is a police officer of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad company, testified that he went along with Officer Thomas Boone when the boy was arrested; he was found on the road between Adamstown, and the house of Clark (his stepfather); witness asked the boy if he saw anything of the wreck, he said he did; that he was on the bridge when it happened; witness asked him if he had a pair of boots on that day, he said he was carrying a pair on his shoulder, which had irons on.

On cross examination the witness said he was chief of the police of the Reading railroad company and has charge of the other officers; he has been in that position since 1875 and in the employ of the company since 1868.

Thomas Boone, another railroad police officer, was called and he told the story of the arrest of the boy at his home in Brecknock township, as has been related by the newspapers. Witness took the boy to Reading and afterwards brought him to the jail at Lancaster; when near the jail in this city the boy admitted that he placed the plank on the track which caused the accident. The officer asked him how he did it and he said that he caught one end and placed it on the track and slid it across; he then ran up and got on the overhead bridge; he saw the engine strike the plank; it made a great dust or smoke and he got frightened and ran down the road; he said he was home before sunset.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

Effie Ellsler in the New Play "Courage."

Theatre goers who frequented the Chestnut street theatre in Philadelphia a couple of years ago when under the management of Mr. Gemmill, and who will recall a melodramatic piece entitled "Cuba" which ran rather well because of its scenic effects and a few startling situations supplemented by good acting, could have seen its reproduction in Fulton opera house last evening to a small audience. The fact that "Courage" is "Cuba" rewritten is palpable at once to those who have seen the latter. In this metamorphosis there is a good deal of improvement; still the extreme defects of "Courage" are, as in "Cuba," weakness of plot and barrenness of interesting details. Indeed, but for the stage settings, which are exceedingly attractive, and fine scenes in the third and fourth acts, there would be nothing to raise the piece to the level of the most ordinary plays with which the public is being inflicted. The central figure of the company producing "Courage" is Miss Effie Ellsler, who assumes the character of *Blanche Grey*. There is nothing difficult about the interpretation of the role, but Miss Ellsler does some pretty acting in it, with abundance of grace and a good deal of naturalness; at one or two points she rises, with the brief opportunity the part offers, to a very favorable point of excellence. There is an artistic role given to Mr. Frank Weston, as *Ingatio Ortiz*, a Spaniard, which the gentleman renders very acceptably, while Mr. H. A. Weaver, as *Howard Temple*, has the good fortune to be able to give a more satisfactory impersonation of the part in its most exacting points than where the requirements are less marked. Mr. Geo. W. Howard, as *George Dennison*, a newspaper correspondent, fills a role that seems to have been created especially for him, as it has no connection whatever with what plot there is in the play. And Mr. Howard gives it for all it is worth, but those who recognized him last evening as the same deliciously funny Howard of the old Walnut street theatre stock company, in Philadelphia, certainly wished he had something more to do. We know Mr. Howard too well to not have desired the same thing; but still the happy motions and the hearty voice that helped him so well to throw bright gleams of fun into gloomy surroundings of tragedies or make most enjoyable mirth in melodrama and comedy on the boards of the Walnut are all there yet. Most of the other people of the company were acceptable in their parts.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Events Near and Across the County Lines.

Dr. Cattell's resignation as president of Lafayette college went into effect Wednesday and he quietly withdrew from active work. Rev. Dr. Knox, of Bristol, Pa., began his term Wednesday.

In the case of P. M. Norris, of Philadelphia, killed in the collision between two trains at Hunter's Point, September 11, the coroner's jury yesterday censured the railroad company for the inadequacy of the safeguards employed.

Wm. Young, president of the Commercial national bank of Reading, on Friday confessed judgment to that institution in the sum of $72,357 12. He says he became involved in stock speculations. It is the intention of the Youngs to wind up the bank by letting it go into liquidation.

Ripley Bird, aged seventy years, went to the outskirts of his Dyberry farm near Honesdale yesterday, taking with him an axe for the purpose of repairing a fence. Not returning to his dinner, search was made and he was found dead by a small bush with a gash across his forehead. A verdict of death by apoplexy was rendered.

The butchers of Reading have held a meeting to take action against the shipment of large consignments of Chicago meat to Reading. The intention is to organize a permanent association, to include not only the butchers of that city, but all in Berks county, also the drovers and dealers in live cattle for slaughtering, with the view of securing steers, sheep and hogs at the very lowest figure possible, and not to handle Chicago meat.

ROBBERY AT MARIETTA.

The Thief Secures Three Hundred Dollars.

A bold robbery was committed last night about 9 o'clock at the residence of A. N. Cassell, Marietta. His house was quietly entered by a thief, who went upstairs to the sleeping apartment of Miss Annie Raymond and Miss Penar, of Philadelphia, and broke open their trunk and stole therefrom a bank certificate and gold coin amounting to nearly $300. The family had not retired and the thief was seen by them to leave the house. He is described as being a short, heavy set man, with a smooth, full face, and shabbily dressed. The money appears to have been all that he was after, as he disturbed nothing else in the room. The ladies who were robbed were visiting Mr. Cassell's family.

Lincoln Locals.

Lincoln and Joseph Buch, of the village of Lincoln, Ephrata township, have returned from an extended visit to and through Nebraska.

Michael Keller and wife, of Lincoln, have started on a tour to Nebraska, and will be gone some time, it being Mr. Keller's intention to buy land there if he finds any there that pleases him.

Rev. Sweitzer, Reformed pastor of the Swamp church, confirmed on Sunday last thirty-four; and Rev. E. S. Brownmiller, pastor of the Lutheran congregation that worships in the same church confirmed a class of thirty-nine a short time before.

Getting our Name Up, Anyhow.

Philadelphia Progress.

Lancaster should not be too despondent. Its leaky jail is not without its benefit to the city. May communities spend vast sums of money in doing this, and the other to have themselves talked of in outside newspapers, and here Lancaster is advertised the country over every month merely by the French leave-taking of a few chaps who weary of prison life.

Police Cases.

The mayor heard five complaints this morning. One drunken and disorderly was committed for 20 days, and four tramps were discharged.

Alderman Fordney committed John Roney for 5 days for being drunk and disorderly.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

Events Along the Susquehanna—Items of Interest in and Around the Borough Picked up by the Intelligencer Reporter.

A pleasant social gathering assembled at the residence of Mr. Thomas P. Lundy, on North Locust street, last evening, the occasion being the celebration of the anniversary of his wife's birthday. The party was an entire surprise to the lady herself, and was none the less thoroughly enjoyed by her. The pleased faces of the guests, attested their own pleasure at the success of their surprise. About fifty guests partook of the elegant refreshments which had been repared for the occasion. The evening was one of unalloyed pleasure to all present.

Before the 'Squires.

Samuel Smith, colored, was held in bonds by 'Squire Frank for assault and battery and surety of the peace, the plaintiff being his wife, Annie Smith. The first case will be returned to court. A second quarrel ensued between the two on their return home from the justice's office, and the husband then sued his wife at 'Squire Patton's for assault and being disorderly. The latter case was dismissed, but on the first charge Annie was placed under $200 bail to appear at court.

'Squires Young and Patton each had a drunk and disorderly case before them last evening. Both were discharged on payment of costs.

James Trout, Elmer Youngers and Wm. Hickey, three small boys, were before 'Squire Patton, last evening charged, by Ernest Witters, a bill poster, with defacing posted bills. Hickey was discharged for want of evidence against him, but the others were sentenced to pay a fine and the costs of suit.

A Joke Played on a Councilman.

Councilman George Tills was victimized yesterday with a pair of devil divers, or fisher ducks, which his joking friends sent him, telling him they were canvas backs. He had one of them roasted for his dinner to-day, and now he declares that he won't accept ducks as a present again. The kind sent him are totally unfit for eating, and his friends knowing this, now have the joke on the popular young councilman.

Social and Personal.

On Saturday, Nov. 9, Wolfe's Columbia orchestra will hold a public ball at Mountville.

Mrs. Henry Kauffman and son, residing near Herr's mills, and Mrs. George Hamaker, are all seriously ill of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Nicholas Gilman and daughter, Minnie, have returned from a trip to Hagerstown, Md.

Mr. A. M. Rambo of the *Courant*, is home from a trip to Fall River and Boston, Mass.

Lieutenant B. C. Welsh, of the U. S. A., left for Fort Snelling, Dakota territory, after a brief visit to his old home here.

Borough Budget.

John Broom and Joseph Fisher bagged together 71 wild ducks yesterday and the day previous.

Slight accidents to freight cars in the east and west yards of the P. R. R., at an early hour, this morning, caused some detention of freight trains.

The "Gutter Snipes" will hold a banquet on November 8th, about thirty will be present.

Mr. Benjamin D. Beitel has purchased the billiard hall fixtures and good will of Mr. A. D. Reese, and will carry on the business at the old place as usual.

A 2½ per cent reduction in the wages of the Susquehanna rolling mill company's employes will go into effect on next Monday a week.

A special train took Superintendent J. B. Hutchinson, of the Frederick railroad, over the Port Deposit railroad this morning. He is inspecting the road, preliminary to the approaching general inspection.

Business is booming at Bruner's coal yards. Nine canal boats had their cargoes transferred to cars yesterday and seven were treated in a like manner to-day. Thirty two boats were reserved and had their contents transferred last week.

Mr. William Morrison, a Wrightsville painter, will begin repainting the interior and exterior of the Wrightsville depot of the Frederick railroad on Monday a week. After completing that work he will repaint the company's stations at Frederick and Littlestown, Md.

Mr. Paxton Ottey, who is regarded by the Democrats as a strong candidate for council, if nominated in February on their ticket, stated to the INTELLIGENCER reporter this morning, that he would decline the nomination if tendered, as he does not desire to become mixed up in politics. He is generally believed to be the strongest man the First ward could turn out for the candidacy.

The Ubiquitous Jailbirds.

Harrisburg Telegraph.

On Monday evening at about 7 o'clock as Messrs. George St. John and John Mull, employes of the telephone company, were returning from Shaefferstown in a buggy, when within a few miles of Lebanon at a woods, they noticed a team ahead of them, in which were two men, attempting to blockade the road. One of the men in the wagon got down into the road and brandishing a heavy club, attempted to stop the horse of the telephone men, but a sharp cut over the animal's back sent it ahead on the run and by rare good fortune carried the buggy past the wagon which had been placed so as to make the road impassable, as the highwaymen supposed. They are described as poorly dressed and desperate looking and are no doubt some of the Lancaster escaped prisoners.

A New Baggage Rule.

From and after November the 1st a rule (at present in effect upon all the principal rail lines in the West and South), limiting the weight of single piece of baggage, will be adopted upon the Pennsylvania railroad. On and after the first proximo agents of that line will decline to receive for transportation any piece of baggage exceeding 250 pounds in weight. The rule requiring a charge for weight of all baggage in excess of 150 pounds for each passenger will remain in effect as heretofore.

Winter Evening Lecture Course.

The Library association of the Presbyterian mission open a course of winter evening lectures on to-morrow night in their chapel when Dr. J. Y. Mitchell will be the speaker. His subject will be a story of what he saw during his vacation this summer in the Northwestern states and he will no doubt make it very interesting. The lectures are free and all are invited.

Police Officer Resigned.

Samuel