# Lancaster Intelligencer.

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The Law of Negligence.

The decison of Judge Livingston in ordering a non suit in the case of Schum's beirs against the Pennsylvania railway, will very effectually protect all the raildamages for death or injury encountered sets up a claim contravening this gnaws in crossing their tracks, if it should be a file, of course. held to be the law by the supreme court on appeal. It is not one whit too much to say that it leaves sufferers by collisions absolutely without remedy. It is, thereroad crossings, and then make it impos sible to collect them. The Legislature a few years ago limited the amount of damages recoverable for death as the result of railroad negligence, which limitation the constitution has since done away with. Judge Livingston the people, aided by the supreme court. report. He says : and were giving them damages with one or the lawmakers, but the supreme court supreme court rulings. Certainly if he construes the supreme court's judgment aright, there is good reason for the retirement of its members into a lunatic

Mr. and Mrs. Schum, driving along a country road leading from the Lancaster and Middletown turnpike, near Salunga, came very shortly to a crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad, where they met a train and were both kill-It was proved by the plain tiffs that the whistle was not sounded nor the bell rung at this crossing nor at the crossings in Salunga, a third of a mile away. It was further shown that where the accident occurred there was a curve in the railroad, and that the obstruction to the view of the railroad from the road Honorable Perry Belmout as its chairwas such that the train could not be seen fifty yards from the crossing until at a idea of such a distribution of honors. point on the road ten yards from it. It was proved that the train was running at forty miles an hour; Mr. Schum is sup- of the proprieties. posed to have been driving at about four miles an hour.

asylum.

It is obvious then that while the train ran fifty yards Mr. Schum could have gone but about five yards; and as he was killed on the track it would seem to have been proved that he must have vice ; but he no doubt would be glad to been within five yards of it when the servenext below Mr. Eaton on any comtrain was fifty yards away. The probability is that his horse was on the track head of it. when the train was this distance off, as it would take less than three seconds for a train to run fifty yards at forty miles surely squeezing the political life out of

Under this state of the proof, the negligence of the engineer in not sounding his whistle being conceded, the court already booming him for the presidency. held that Mr. Schum was also negligent It is very early in a mild winter to buckle in not seeing the train nor stopping to listen for it; and that therefore he could not recover; and the suit was dismissed.

It will be easily seen that if this is law railroads are safe from the recovery of such damages; for it will be conceded that no man is going on a track when were three seconds in which it was pes- when they get home. sible for him to see it, this decision says that it was ample time for him to get or keep out of the way, and the court can refuse to let a jury have a chance to say otherwise.

The supreme court has pronounced the doctrine that a person driving along the road is bound to look out for the lo comotive; and if he does not avoid it when he may, with reasonable care. that he cannot recover damages. The present decision is the "reduct to ad absurdum" of this doctrne.

In anticipation of their next presidential convention, the Republican politi cians are getting ready for a contention at the meeting of the national committee in Washington next Wednesday the trouble. It is not thought, however, over the time and place of its assemblage | that this announcement will cause much and over changes in the rules governing, of a panic in the matrimonial stock mar representation. The main struggle for ket. the place of the convention will be be tween the east and the west-Chicago, Cincinnati or St. Louis on one hand ; New York, Saratoga or Philadelphia on the other. It may safely be assumed that the Blaine managers will espouse the selection of some western city and those who favor Arthur will support an eastern place. In this aspect of the contest it may narrow down to Philadelphia and Chicago. Senator Frye will propose a new plan of representation intended to give the Republican states a larger influence and to reduce that of the Southern states in the national conventions. Under his plan each state shall by entitled to four dele gates, as now; each district to one instead of two, as now; to one addition al delegate for each ten thousand votes cast within its limits in 1880 for the Republican candidates for presidential electors, and to one additional delegate for a majority fraction of ten thousand votes. The net result of this would be to give Illinois, Indiana, New York, to be all that fancy painted it in the west-Ohio and Pennsylvania a large increase erncities. The authorities of Columbus, of members at the expense of Texas, Cleveland and Louisville receive numerous Georgia, Mississippi and other Southern states. Mr. Blaine and his friends have always suffered from the easy manipula. tion of the minority states by the federal administration; the Stalwarts of the new plan of computing time must have profited from it. The issue which at first cause some inconvience, but when is to be presented to the committee its manifest advantages are once apprecimeeting is very clear, and the vote upon it will be the first move in the impending and irrepressible conflict among the Republican aspirants for presidential

For partisan political effect the story is telegraphed over the country that " a prominent Texan will soon begin suit in the United State court of claims to re-

nomination.

in the next presidential campaign. It may as well have its extinguisher at the start by the citation of the constitutional provision on the subject. Article XIV. section 4, says: "But neither the United States nor any state shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the road companies from the recovery of loss or emancipation of any slave." Who

TELLIGENCER steadily advocated the policy of the government exchanging fore, justifiable to pronounce it an absurd this coin, of its own levice and manu document of the times. decision. Certainly the law does not facture, dollar for dollar, for the Bland give damages for loss of life or limb in dollar of which millions upon millions collisions with railroad trains at rail are stored in the treasury vaults. The draws a free pass to oblivious. forcible argument in favor of the proposition was that as the government would get 420 grains of silver for 412; it would baths and to vital interests. be the gainer, while, as the public would get a coin worth 100 cents in ordinary barter for one worth only about 87, those the county to the bow wows. having trade dollars on hand would be would now have us believe that both glad of the chance to turn them in. Now constitution makers and law makers the secretary of the treasury, himself, coughs, consumption, bronchitis, rheumawere playing a game of thimble rig, or comes along, with the same proposition tism and neuralgia. now you see it! and now you don't, with and gives it official endorsement in his

Let authority be given by the cost to band while slipping them away with the the treasury department to barter for other. Maybe it is not Judge Livingston trade dollars, at their nominal value. standard dollars at their nominal value, and melting the trade dollars to recoin graphic frankness, declares that the editor only that is responsible for this game of them into standard silver dollars, count gammon. Judge Livingston bases his ing the trade dollars got in this way as a decision on what he understands to be part of the silver bullion which the act of and comed monthly. Should the train dollars have been so abraded in use as to have lest a considerable part of their the Legislature in session but it does not original weight, which is not much to be apprehended a deduction might be made from the price, and fractional payments made in subsidiary and minor silver coin.

Congress should not delay adopting it, savage people. and will not, probably, except for the consideration that the coin is largely in the hands of speculators and not of the people generally.

It is very easy to believe that if the Honorable William Exton has been asked to take a place on the House committee of foreign affairs with the man that he indignantly resented the It is not easy to believe that Speaker

Carlisle contemplates such an inversion Mr. Exton is an ex-member of the United States Senate and in that body

served as chairman of the committee on foreign relations. Mr. Belmout is a young man of good parts and has done some good public ser-

mitte, adorned with Mr. Eaton at the NEWSPAPER notoriety is slowly but

James G. Blaine. MR. WM. R. MORRISON's friends are living.

In the general dearth of news that follows political contests, the sea serpent Donaldson. stories that are now coming in will meet with grateful appreciation.

Some of the members of the ex Legislature sang the long metre doxology before he sees a railroad train bearing down on they left Harrisburg yesterday. They him at forty miles an hour. If there | will hear the echo from their constituents

> Nor the least surprising thing about it | the Names of those who Took it Ail is the alacrity with which some of the members of the legislature who opposed the appropriation bill availed themselves that it gave them.

A GREAT load will be taken off the publie mind by the announcement that the war worn placeman, Edward McPherson is still willing and anxious to be a martyr in the public cause by the acceptance of official position in Washington.

A New York justice announces as the result of a long magisterial experience that in more than one thousand cases of abandonment, the mother-in-law caused all

LORD LORNE has been telling his Eng lish brethren what an Utopia Canada is and he assures them that Canadians are proud of their allegiance to their mother country. Perhaps the late vicercy would have come nearer the truth if he had said that Canadians find most cause for thank. fulness in the "let alone policy," which the mother country has seen fit to adopt in their regard.

It would be interesting at the present juncture to learn John Stewart's opinion of Blaine's distribution policy. When the Franklin county senator spoke in this city during the campaign, he unqualifiedly indorsed the Wharton Barker scheme, and on that platform nominated Blaine for the presidency. The latter has kicked the Barker plan full of holes in his recent letter, and an anxious public would like to be informed as to the Protean Stewart's status was not entitled to any pay while not at in the present condition of affairs.

THE new time standard has not proved petitions to reinstate the old solar time, while in Cincinnati and Chicago, where the old time standard is still used, there seems no likelihood of the immediate adoption of the new system. The novelty ated, its general adoption cannot be long postponed.

The last fire in Constantinople destroyed 600 houses, a Greek church and four synagogues. A snow storm prevailing at the time added greatly to the suffering of the

homeless people.

A fire in the legislative palace at Brus sels has destroyed the Senate chamber. The offices of the ministers of foreign cover from the Federal government the affairs and public instruction have been value of slaves emancipated during the greatly damaged. The military have been Several persons have been injured

FEATURES OF THE STATE PRESS. The Lucaster Examiner wants more iscussion of the American hog.

The Press wages war on the swinging signs on the streets of Philadelphia. The Lewisburg Journal will issue a daily during the holidays.

The Reading Herald wants an improved American detective system. "No free trade for Pounsylvania, shricks the affrighted West Chester Repub-

W. M. Dorr's Labanon Independent DURING the time that the trade keeps up its war on the alleged mismandollar discussion was prevailing the In- agement of county affairs in that bathwick. Forney's Progress thinks Blaine's surplus distribution letter the ablest political

> The Pittsburg Times is confident that with his \$10 a day the average legislator

The Pattsburg Past think the state Senate has been false to the constitution, to its The Indiana Democras is not willing to

believe that Carlisle's election will settle The Lebanon Dully Times states as an actual fact that wintry blasts bring colds,

The Philadelphia Econing Telegraph declares that Blaine cannot win on the platform of free homes supported by taxed

WHITE The Nor E of with observing autobfound anywhere, full of the milk of human kindness.

The Hazleton Physics Species Allames th governor for using his influence to hold acquit the salary grabbers.

To Dr Gibbon's (Friends) Journal the Souday slaughter illustrates the foolish-This is so obviously the simple and ness, not to say wickedness, of European reasonable solution of this question that intervention in the affairs of remote and

> PERSUNAL Ose AR WILDE is about to be macried Tennison's income is about \$20,000 a

MISS LOUISA DE LA RAMEE ("Oquda") writes a letter denying that she has become a Roman Catholic.

Many Anderson likes England, its ways and people and delights in the at mospheric effect of London fogs.

JAMES RUSSEL LOWELL reminds a gush ing London interviewer of an American udian summer ; be smokes eigarettes and SENATE CLERK COURRAN and Librarian Delaney will do no work during recess, because their pay and allowances have

WM. Y. BUTTES, " the cow-box poet. was pever on the plains, is a clerk in the department of state at Washington, and, is now asserted, his name is Aftee.

PROF. SMITH, of Yale college, says of the Blaine distribution solieme . bad political economy, bad politics and bad faw under the constitution." James, of the University of Pennsylvania. endorses it.

SENATOR MICTIECL says he profess Mr Wharton Barker's plan for the distribution of the surplus revenue among the states to Mr. Blaine's proposition. This announcement reveals the important fact that he of the weak spinal column is sti-

HESEY Inviso, the distinguished English actor, was entertained at a breakfast yesterday by the Clover club, Philadel phia. A striking and affecting event the occasion was the presentation to him of Edwin Forcest's watch by Thomas GENERAL TOOMBS is rich, having re-

ceived for years a handsome income from his law practice. When he was young he bought large tracts of land in Texas, and it is said that he has cleared \$100,000 on portions thereof that he has sold, while he still owns enough to turn him two or three times as much more.

# THE LEGISLATIVE PAY.

In Harrisburg when Cashier Livsey finished his heavy work last evening. was found that the following legislators had taken all of their pay, including the of the chance to take nearly everything \$110 for the eleven days recess in June and mileage both ways. Abbett, Barnes Beer, Bennett, Bigler, Brennan, Isaac B Brown, Brosius, Burchileld, Dank Butter more, Carberry, Clayton, Coburn, Collins, Coolbaugh, E. L. Davis, L. H. Davis, Deegan, Deveney, Donohue, Ealer, Eberly, Ellsworth, Emery, Euston, Evans, Fortner, Fry. Fulmer, Furth, Gahan, Galla-gher, Harrar, A. W. Hayes, Hothersall, Hives, Higgins, Himmelreich, Hoover, Hughes, Hunter, Lafferty, Lantz, La Touche, Mawhinney, Meyer, Miller, Mo lineaux, Elis Morrison, McCabe, McClaran oseph McDonaid, McMillan, McWilliams, Neeley, Nelson, O'Neil, Ormsby, Parkiill, Parkinson, Roberston, Reilly, Robrer Romig, Saybolt, Schlicher, Swartz, Shafer, Short, Slocum, Joseph Smith, Suader, Sneeringer, E. G. Snyder, J. M. Snyder, E. H. Snyder, Sterrett, Sweeney, W. E. Thompson, Town end, Trant, Vanderslice, Vankirk, Vaughn, Waltz, Wonsidler and Yerkes-eighty nine all told. Fifty members returned a portion of heir pay. Of these the following banded

back \$110 for the eleven days recess in June : Greer, Amerman, Boyer, Bream, Brooks, Chadwick, Dearden, Dack, Duggas, Eckels, Engleman, Geyer, John Graham, George W. Hall, Hanson, Hassett, Hasson, Horne, Jenkins, Linderman, Lorab, B. B. Mitchell, John W. Morrison, Myton, McCormick, Nesbit, Nicholson, Potts, Powell, Roche, Scidel, Sponagle, Stubbs, A. R. Thompson, Voegtly, Upton II. White and Speaker Faunce. A few Representatives stretched their conscionces so far as to pay back \$100, which falls \$10 short of representing the eleven days They were Gardner, Lowery S. N. Mitchell and W. S. Morgan. Those who over the recess and mileage were : Adams \$173; Bierer, \$198.60; Crawford, \$1870 (his and a library of 10,000 volumes. total salary); Donly,\$179,50; Gilmore \$208. 50; Hogue, \$300: Landis(who thought he his post), \$820; Parcels, \$120; Weihe, \$310; Sponsler, \$331.10. There are sixty-two members and thirteen Senators yet to be paid, besides some of the employes of both Houses. The total amount covered into the treasury thus far by sentors and members is \$17,281,70.

A Sea Serpent. Captain W. L. Green, keeper of the lite saving station at Long Branch, N. J., reports to the general superintendent of the service, under date of Nov. 24, that five of his crew, who were fishing in the ocean a few days before, saw a hideous sea serpent a short distance from their boats.

According to the story told by the crew, "the serpent was fully ninety or a hundred feet long and thirty feet wide, and we did not see his entire length." They also say that "there were two blowholes, about f feet long and 2 feet wide, about 20 feet from the end of his nose. The body was black, the head short, and near the nose was two stubby horns," Captain Green adds that the serpent was also seen from the station, making its appearance on the surface at intervals of ten minutes. He late war." This idea is one of the points ordered out to assist in saving property. "this is the truth."

#### TRADE NOTES.

MANUFACTURES, COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE.

Iron and Steel-Boots and Shoes-Butter and Eggs-Crop Reports-Prospertty

and Insurency The Dover silk company, of Paterson, New Jersey, is reported to have suspended with liabilities amounting to \$102,000 and

assets amounting to \$70,000 The Trenton from company of Trenton, New Jersey, temporardy closed its rolling mill on Wednesday night, but expects to resume next Monday with lower water. The habilities of though D. Emery, imber dealer of Chebea, Massachusetts, who failed recently, are reported at \$200. 000, and, it is said, his assets will exceed that amount by \$25,000

The Bessemer coke works at Mount Pleasant, Pa., were sold at anotion yester day, with 173 acres of coal land, 170 ovens, dwellings, etc., for \$166,000. McClure & Co , of Pittsburg, were the purchasers The insolvency case of Win Praister Son, of Lincoln, Marne, was heard on Wednesday, and a third dividend of 15 per cent. was declared, making a total a 10 per cent, for the reditors. The firm owed about \$125 000

The board of arbitraries of the boot acshoe trade of Cincinnati asserday closed a session which had lasted nearly two months. The board adopted the present schedule of wages, which is to remain in force till June 20th, 1881, Buth parties made concessions before the agreement was reached. Six firms hard declined to enter this agreement

The Baltimore San painshed interviews with leading cotton mill owners of Maryand, which shows that there is "an over is one or the most docale of greatures to be production of goods and an overstock of market, and that the ale of the year has been unsatisfactory." The statements are uniform to that of of Dairymen's Deluga

The National butter, cheese and egg association glosed its session in Cinema fast night. A report was read showing that the total value or buster, cheese, mags and poultry marketed in the United States in 1883, amounts to more than \$600,000, 8000. The value of the milk and cream sold and not manufactured into butter and cheese during the same period is over \$100,000,000. The following efficers were elected a John McDonald, of New York, president; A. J. W. Pletce, of Milwaukee senior vice prasident. John A. Wille vice president for New York. Jacob Wi bert, for Pennsylvania . James Hewes, for Maryland , J. B. Patterson, for Olio ; A. W. Pexter, for Illinose, J. W. Johnson, for Iowa; W. S. Faste, for Virginia; W. S. Feote, for Virginia; W. T. Ransdall, for Nebraska; J. B. Woester, for Call formia, and Captain Turner, for Texas.

Protecting the Volests. The business men of New York city are at length determined to see if something cannot be done to arrest the dangers which threaten the water supply of the rivers in the northern part of the state through the destruction of the greats which protect their sources At a meeting of the chamber commerce the matter came up for discus-sion, and it was shown by Mr. Macris K. Jessup that many of the small streams out the year, are now dry during sev eral months and that the effects of the diminution of water upon the Hudson is already so great that navigation above Troy is rendered almost impossible in dry seasons. The Legislature, accordingly, is asked to put a stop to the destruction of the woods, especially in the Adirondack region. A committee of seven is also appointed, to invite the congeration of other as-ociations and individuals through out the state, the better to secure the object in view.

#### Crops in Ohio.

The December crop report of the state beard of agriculture of Olmo, based on r turns from about 700 townships, shows the umber of wheat acres sown to be \$2,626, 79; being 97 per cent, or that sown for 882. The condition of the crop as compared with that of last fall, is 102 per The rye acreage, as compared with that of last fall, is S<sup>q</sup> per cent, and the condition of the crop 90 per cent. The barley acceage, as compared with that of Last fall is 87 per cent , and the condition of the crop 99 per cent.

# NEWS NOTES.

Interesting Paragraphs Condensed. Judge Osborne, at Elkhart, Indiana sterday instructed the grand jury to dict all dealers found selling the Poli

furette and other papers of that class. The New York chamber of commerce esterday adopted a memorial to the Leglature of New York asking that body take steps to prevent the threatened lestruction of the Adirondack wilder

The second volume of the Tenth Census eport is ready for distribution. It treats I statistics of manufactures, with special eports on iron, steel, glass and textile nanufactures, chemical preducts, the facory system, &c.

John C. New has called a meeting of the Republican and Democratic congressional elegations from Indiana to be held in the treasury building to morrow, to take measures to secure the meeting of both he Republican and Demogratic national onventions in Indianapolis.

The managers of the World's Industrial and cotton centennial exposition at New Orleans have adopted a design proposed by G. M. Jorgensen, architect, of Meridian, Mississippi, for the main building of the Exposition. The structure is to be 15,000 feet long and 900 feet wide, with 1,000,398 square feet of floor space, including a music hall in the centre large enough to seat 12,000 people. Ten plans were offered and three premiums awarded.

The "Ohio Divorce Reform League was organized yesterday in Columbus, Ohio, by a conference of ministers of the various Protestant churches of the state. Bishop Bedell, of Cleveland, was chosen president, and Rev. S. W. Dike, score-

Tolman Wheeler, of Cincinnati, deeded to the Protestant Episcopal church a valuable tract of land in the western part of that city, and advanced \$200,000 towards handed back money for time not served the erection of a church preparatory over the recess and mileage were: Adams school The structure will include a chapet

# STURIES FROM THE SEA

Terrors of the Java Earthquakes The bark Bessie Baker from Manila, 25, via Batavia, reports that on August 27, Babie Island bearing north by west, distant five miles, at daylight noticed a heavy bank rising from the westward, which continued to rise until it became obscured, the barometer suddenly falling to 29:40, and again suddenly rising, at one jump, to 30:70. Had everything and had no sooner let go the port anchor when heavy showers of sand and ashes began falling. This was about noon time. Then it became darker than the darkest night, the wind blowing a perfect hurricane and the sea perfectly smooth. heavy rumbling like thunder was heard continually, the sky was lighted by flashes f lightning, and a strong smell of sulphur pervaded the air, traking it difficult to breathe. Altogether it formed one of the wildest and most awful experiences imaginable. The tide was setting strongly to the westward throughout the gale at the rate of fourteen knots. The sky became clearer at three p. m. though ashes continued to fall. On the 29th while passing through the Straits of Sunda, we saw a large number of dead bodies, and the

and ashes, the sea for six hundred miles being a field of lava.

> NEWS IN BRIEF. Devastation by Storm and Flames

A heavy rain storm at Dallas, Tex., on Wednesday night, partially flooded the city, causing damage estimated at \$5,000. A disastrous wind and show storm began on Wednesday at noon in Colorado, which broke down telegraph and telephone wires nd blockaded all the railroads.
The ravages of the cranberry "fire

ight" and the berry worm in Massachu setts, are estimated to have caused a loss f about \$15,000 during the year. There were severe shocks of earthquake at Rovenden Sprit gs, Arkansas, on Wed-

nesday. They lasted 40 seconds, were accompanied by a loud noise, broke crock ery and glassware and loosened large rocks in a railroad ent.

Three more of the missing fishing ves els of Gloucester, Mass, have been given

up as lost. In the Courts.

Carolina, resulted yesterday in Judge Bond directing a verdict of not guilty. In Boston, yesterday, Billings, Clapp & Co., wholesale druggists, were convicted of selling tineture of opium containing a less quantity of morphine than that prescribed by the pharmacopeia. They were

the supreme court. A tibel has been filed in the U. S. dis-Sueyard and other parties against the the place of leader. last. The Cydonia is valued at \$100,000

them " a proper amount of salvage." Accident and Crime. Richard Wiley, an ex-legislator, well

in Fairmount park by cutting his throat. ile was about 65 years of age. Frank Bunting, an attendant at the Norristown insane asylum, fell through

the bridge over Stony Creek and was Au alarm of fire in the opera house at Bethlehem, during the play, caused a panic which was subdued without serious

consequences and the fire was extinmished. A band of Apaches attacked and badly wounded B. C. Scott and T. Bennett, near Fronteras, Sonora, but were finally driven

of by the two men. There was a dynamite scare in Toronto. caused by a prank of some mischievious ways. They placed a fog signal on a street callway track; the signal was violently exploded by a passing car, and three or our passengers had a shaking up. young rascals escaped.

#### Mr. Caritate's moderate Views.

Y Times, Rep It is sheer nousense to talk of Mr. Carslo as a free trader. It is as silly and about as houest as it was to present him as a rabid Southerner because he lives in town just south of Cincinnati. He is not even an advocate of tariff for revenue only. idging by his niterances and his votes -and they are many and consistent-he simply believes in the gradual return to a rational and normal rate of taxation on imports ; he believes that taxes levied twenty years ago in the stress of war, largely to offset internal taxes which have continued. Is this revolutionary?.....

been long since abolished, should not be The Republicans who are commencing an larmist campaign for 1884 are making forly of themselves. They are crying "Wolf!" too early and they have cried it much too often The country is not going get seared and stay scared for a year. it is not the American way. The business men, who like the Pittsburg iron men, are rying out in terror will quiet down before the winter is over. If they don't, the people will laugh them into silence. The American nation is not so used up, worn out, dull, and lazy that it cannot stand a moderate dose of change in a vicious tax system. Even the protected interests be the better for it in the long run, and they will not suffer ruin in four They are really much stronger than they make out, and will show that they are.

# NEIGHBORGOOD NEWS

Events Near and Across the County Lines. There are in Berks county 668 government pensioners, or more than in any of the surrounding counties. The experiment of soft carbons in the electric light apparatus of Reading has proved a failure, and the hard carbons

will be replaced. Auditor General Lemon on Tuesday received \$100 conscience money, in an envelope postmarked Chester, Delaware

William L. Hartranft, aged twenty, of Reading attempted to commit suicide; he preferred death rather than life with woman he recently married.

The sufferers of the late fire at Shenandoah received in cash \$30,000, and goods and estables to the value of at least \$10, The goods and other things bave all 000. been distributed.

Rich veins of semi anthracite coal have been discovered near Herndon, above Shamokio. The ground has been leased and operations will be commenced as soon as practicable to develop the veins.

In consequence of the "shut down" of the Pottstown iron company's nail factory The the nail plate mill was stopped. Hope bar mill probably closes in a few days. This will throw, altogether, 600

men out of work. Last evening while engaged in coupling cars in the yards of the railroad company in Harrisburg Gilbert Tuiax's overcoat caught and he was thrown to the track. His left leg was struck by one of the the price, with interest from September, wheels and though not passed over was

badly crushed and broken. Thomas Foster, a prominent citizen of Lebanon, died on Wednesday at the ripe old age of 84 years. The deceased Scotch Irish extraction, and for the last 20 been charged to them : Wissler was called years had retired from an active business and he testified that Moyer paid him for life. During the earlier period of his life the machine; at the time the plaintiffs he was manager of the Cornwall estate of were indebted to him (Wissler) for com-

A meeting of school directors of Berks county will be held on the 5th of January next, in Reading, for the purpose of de ciding upon a uniform system of text books for the public schools of Berks county. Each school district in the county will have a representative present. County Superintendent Keck will preside

Secretary Teller is considering the feas ibility of employing some of the advanced pupils at the Carlisle Indian school as sub teachers in the Indian schools at Chi loces, in the Indian territory, Genoa, Ne braska and Lawrence, Kausas. The superintendent of the Carliele school favors the proposition, and has furnished a list of pupils whom he deems competent to act as sub-teachers.

# Base Ball News.

Yesterday the manager of the Ironsides club and several of the directors were in Philadelphia looking for players. They secured four as follows: Ed. Green, short stop, late of the Eastons, John Green, second base man, who was in the Anthracite and Quicksteps this year; Nick Bradley, right fielder, late of the Trentons, and David Oldfield, catcher, who played the greater part of this year with the Ironsides.

# Mayor's Court.

This morning the mayor had two cases. One was a drunk who was begging on the streets, last night. He got five days in prison and a vagrant was discharged.

#### 48TH CONGRESS.

WHO WILL BE THE LEADER?

Question the Democrate is the House are Discussing - What Governor eject Robinson Thinks.

Washington Dispatch to New York Sun, Great pressure is brought to bear on the speaker by members who desire special committees, but aside from his purpose to appoint Mr. Morrison chairman of the ways and means committee nothing definite is known of his plans. It has been said that he is somewhat embarrassed by the fact that Mr. Blackburn's friends are orging him for the chairmanship of the appropri-ations committee Mr. Carlisle, it is believed, favors the appointment of Mr. Randall, and, aside from M. Blackburn's friends, every member of the House believes Mr. Carlisle would make a very serious mistake if he should put anybody else than Mr. Randall at the head of that committee. The ex speaker, of course, has not mentioned the subject of commit The trial of Election Supervisor Horsey, in the U. S. court at Columbia, South tees either to Mr. Carlisle or to anybody

Democratic side is a matter of some discussion. There are several men ambitious to assume that task. Mr. Hatch, of Mis souri, has made some movement in that direction. He is regarded as an able and honest man, but it is believed he has not fixed a nominal sum, and will appeal to sufficiently won the confidence of his party as to his special fitness for the task. Mr. Morrison as chairman of ways and means triot court at Baltimore, by the owners of and the next friend of Mr. Carlisle's on the steamers River Queen and Martha's the floor, it is thought, does not aspire to British steamer Cydonia, for salvage in than Mr. Morr son that his abilities do not getting the steamer afloat after she had lie in that direction. He once said: "My grounded off Nantucket on the 7th of May greatest obstacle in public life, on the floor of the House, I have found to be the and the libellants ask the court to allow fact that I do not think quickly on my Mr. Randolph Tucker's abilities and his nearness to Mr. Carlisle make him prominent, but Mr. Tucker is not known in Kensington, committed suicide and does not pretend to be a parliamentarian. The intricacries and mysteries of the science of parliamentary law are mastered by minds differently constituted Mr. Springer is always at the from his. front, and if the Springer on the floor was the same Springer one meets in the study or committee room he would easily com mand the house. But Mr. Springer seems not always to be master of himself on the door, and the man who hesitates or mistakes can never be accepted as leader. Some members turn their eyes to Mr Hewitt, but Mr. Hewitt has no desire and will make no effort to obtain the leadership. All of these men, and all others who aspire to lead the majority will sooner or later make way for the great and natural leader of that side of the House,

Mr. Randali. Governor elect Robinson said : "The perfect organization of the House for the Democrats would have been Randall in the chair and Carlisle on the floor. There would have been no snaga, no false moves, no blunders then. Carlisle as a parliamentarian is without a peer on that side, excepting Randall. I should have regarded such an organization as dangerous enough to the minority. As it is, Randall ought to be accepted by his party as its leader. He is a man of prudence, wisdom, caution and courage. He is far seeing, and has been tested as few men are tested. I never knew him to fail at a critical moment. The time will certainly come, in my opinion, when his party will turn to him for guidance and for counsel, and he will be made

he leader because he is the leader. Mr. Randall's course is the subject of much comment, though why there should be any discussion about it is strange. Said he : " I shall exert all the power I have, with all the zeal I possess, to make the record of the first session of this Congress one that the Democratic party can go to the country on, with confidence that it will be accepted as satisfactory. I have no personal ends to serve and no \$105 per acre. recollections to hamper me, and I am con scious of no motive but zeal for the country, whose best interests I feel sure are to be subserved by the party now in the

majority. There is no doubt among Mr. Randall's friends, who were so greatly disappointed by his defeat by Mr. Carlisle, that if the issue which they made prominent through his canvass is made the policy of this Congress the Democratic party will win at the next election. There is a growing teeling, too, notwithstanding assertions to the contrary, it will be found before the session ends that Mr. Randall in his canvass had mapped out the policy. This conviction is very rapidly healing the sores that disappointment in the late canvass made, and if the committees that Mr. Carlisle appounces fulfil the tenor of his speech on taking the chair there is a firm belief that the country will see a harmonious and earnest body of Demograts in the lower House.

# Court of Common Pleas.

BEFORE JUDGE LIVINGSTON. Joseph M. Shenk and Reuben Kurtz trading as Shenk & Kurtz, vs. John M. Moyer. This was an action to recover the price of a reaper purchased by the defendant. The evidence for the plaintiffs showed that in the year 1877 they were dealing in reapers at Lincoln, and Aaron Wissler was their agent. Their understanding with him was that he was to receive \$20 for every machine that he would sell and set up in running order, but in every case they were to receive the purchase money. In the spring of the year the defendant talked to Mr. Shenk about the purchase of a machine; in June he came to the place of business of the firm with an order from Wissler for a reaper; the order was addressed to the firm and stated that the reaper should be charged to Wissler; the machine was given to Moyer, to whom it was charged by Mr. Shenk; the plaintiffs never received the pay for the machine and this suit was brought to recover \$155,

The defense admit that they received the reaper, but claim to have paid Wissler, from whom it was purchased and paid in full for it, and they did not know it had mission on four reapers; he retained \$80 of this money and made a tender of the balance to the plaintiffs; they refused to accept it and brought a suit against him for embezzlement.

In the case of Henry K. Keller vs Hautenstein & Co., the plaintiff amended the caption of the case, whereupon the defense plead surprise and the case was continued. After the plea of surprise had been entered the parties to the suit com promised and the case was marked "set-

BEFORE JUDGE PATTERSON. In the case of Brus vs. Beiler, the counsel closed their speeches at noon to-day. This afternoon the jury was charged and they then went out to make up a ver

dict. Buit for Damages. Yesterday afternoon Joseph Stark, of this city, brought a suit for \$5,000 damages against Wm. Klinehaus, for the alleged eduction of his wife. A capias was issued

for the defendant and he was arrested by

Deputy Sheriff Strine. He gave bail in

the sum of \$5,000 and was discharged.

A Gray Fox.

Yesterday afternoon George Sellers who is employed by Cyrus H. Colvin at the City hotel livery, captured a beautiful gray fox in the yard of Harberger's foundry. Foxes of this kind are very scarce and where this one came from is a

#### "CONFUSION,"

A Play With a Proper Title. The companies which John Stetson puts on the road are generally composed of

people of scarcely ever less and often of

more than ordinary ability, though he

drills few of them in his Fifth Avenue

theatre, in New York, or in his Globe, in

Boston. The attractions which he pre-

sents for public patronage and entertain-

ment are such as emphatically require first class talent to interpret them. To this may be attributed balf of the success of the absurd comedy, most appropriately entitled "Confusion," which was given in Fulton opera house last evening to a fair sized, but select audience. It is the most incongruous, unsubstantial and nonsensical piece imaginable. Being a succession of ludicrous and improbable incidents jumbled together without any pretension to plot, other than what fate may have in her endeavors to straighten the complications resulting from the existence of a pug dog and a baby, the latter not personated by flesh and blood, the comedy is in danger of descending to dead rot, without The leadership of the House on the a company adequate in ability. It was this fact that was a source of anxiety to the author, Mr. Joseph Derrick, a rising English dramatist, and to the manager, when they offered it before the footlights in the Vaudeville in London last season, and were compelled to place in the cast people of unquestionable efficiency. Mr. Stetson's troupe is of this order, and consequently makes this eccentric melange of absurdity and humor a success. The chief male character is Christopher Blizzard, a delightfully improbable middle aged gentleman, impersonated by Mr. Henry E. Dixey, whose name is familiar to theatre goers, and who is remembered for inimitable interpretation of Buntherne in "Patience." Mr. Dixey seems to have seized the very idea of the author, and is Blizzard without a flaw. Then there was another entertaining character, James, the servant, which Mr. Alf. Fisher makes a great deal out of. Miss Florence Gerald, as Rose, Miss Notta Guion, as Vio let and Miss Vernoua Jarbeau, as Maria,

> were satisfactory.
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> There was a first piece given, entitled.
>
> "The Old Master," which was a dense commediatta, happily brief.

were most excellent in their parts, which

is to be expected, since their names alone

are a guarantee of capable and intelligent

artistes. All the others of the company

#### REAL ESTATE MARKET.

Sales of Property in the Upper End. The property of Henry Buch, deceased, in Rothsville, was sold to Har lett Mc-

allister for \$3.950. Also 4 acres of land to John Mumma for \$1,001. Benjamin, Eichelberger sold at private sale, a small tract of land with a one story log house, in Rapho township, to Geo. B

Eichelberger, for \$200. J. H. Obetz sold to Thomas Smith, tinner, of Mastersonville, his two story store and dwelling on South Charlotte street, Manheim, for \$2,900. Mr. S., will take possession of this property next

D. W. Erb sold his two story brick dwelling and lot of ground, corner South Prussian and Ferdinand streets, Manheim,

to J. H. Obetz, for \$4,000. John Balmer sold his farm, containing about thirty-five acres, located within a half mile of Milton Grove, to John E. Brubaker, of Rapho township, for \$5,800. Editor Westafer, of the Elizabethtown

Chronicle, bought the Roeting property Abraham Young sold, at privae sale his farm of 34; acres in Mt. Joy township, to his son in-law, Jacob M. Stauffer.

John Casel sold to Henry Shue a tract of woodland containing four acres and some perches, situated in Rapho township, for The mill of John M. Keener in Elizabeth

township, which was sold a short time ago by the sheriff to J. W. Johnson, bas been bought by S. M. Epier, of Elizabethtown. Aaron Dissinger sold his property on

South Market street, Elizabethtown, to Adam Hamilton, for \$1,150. Mr. II. will erect a new house. Daniel Brubaker sold a lot with a one and a half story dwelling house, in Mount Joy township, to John Enterline for \$1,-500. Mr. E. will erect a blacksmith shop

# and resume his trade.

" SHAMS. "

An Interesting Lecture by Kev. Mann, of Harrisburg. The size of the audience assembled in the Duke street M. E., church last evening to hear a lecture on "Shams" by, Rev. J. B. Mann, of Harrisburg, was not nearly so large as it should have been, since the lecture was most entertaining and instructive, and was greatly enjoyed by those present. The speaker began his lecture by defining the word "sham" and speaking of its wide diffusion, and then proceeded to describe several varieties of the genus sham -the social, political, and religious shams, and these were admirably portrayed in a series of illustrative carricatures, which were remarkably faithful word pictures. The points of the lecture were embellished by appropriate and interesting anecdotes full of humor as well as instruction. The counterpart of the sham was then spoken of-the true, honest, genuine man, and the lecturer made an eloquent plea for reality and truthfulness in all of life's relations. Regard for the welfare of individuals and society should incite us to cast from us this glaring insincerity of manner and heart and prompt us to endeavor to be honorable, earnest and truthful. In every relation of life this terrible tendency to shams is too apparent and every true minded man and woman should seek to eliminate them effectually. There must be an honest purpose actuating every one of us, and every essay we make in life must be supported by something substantial and good. We are reminded, said the lecturer, of what an eminent critic has said of Thackeray, that " he could not have painted Vanity Fair ' if Eden had not been shining before his inner eye."

# HEALTH EATTERS.

No New Cases of Epidemic. The members of the board of health met at Dr Brown's office at 9 o'clock this morning, but owing to the absence of the health commissioner, the meeting was adjourned until to morrow at the same

hour, notice being served on the commis sioner to be present.

The red flag has been put up on the Water street front of the Western hotel, but the house has not been quaranteened. Only one of the landlord's children is now affected and the entire family has been

vaccinated. No new cases of the disease have been reported to the board of health, and it is believed there are not more than twelve cases in the city, of which at least one

half are convalescent or convalescing. There is no truth whatever in a sensational report of new cases.

The Presbyterians of the mission chapel,

# South Queen street, last evening unani-mously voted to extend a call as pastor to Rev. Thomas Tompson, of McAllisterville,

Juniata county, and as he will probably accept, there is every prospect of having the work well under way by Jan. 1st. J. B. Long broker sold to day at private

sale 6 shares Eastern market at \$50; 10 shares Columbia national bank at \$146; 5 shares Williamstown turnpike at \$105,25.