Lancaster Intelligencer.

MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 17, 1883.

Concerning "Clap Trap."

The *New Era* assumes that "when Mayor MacGonigle's bump of economy swells so big as to demand a rap from Select Councilman Evans, his honor would do well to pause and revise his reckónings." This assumption does no credit to the intelligence or fairness of our esteemed contemporary. If it will examine the facts and figures of the issue between the mayor and the chairman of the street committee, arising out of the vetoed proposition to transfer $1,500 more from the contingent fund to the street appropriation, it will discover that Select Councilman Evans has been favoring a most flagrant "misappropriation" and indulging in "clap trap" in defense of it.

In opposition to this resolution of councils, the mayor presented as an invincible reason against it a statement of expenditures amounting to more than twice as much as the present balance of the contingent fund, which he says are due and payable this year. Mr. Evans says that certain of them are not Let us see. The items of $900 for assessors' pay, $60 for ice, &c, are singled out by Mr. Evans as expenditures which can properly be met out of next year's appropriations. Nobody knows better than Mr. Evans that the assessors' pay for the services they are now rendering comes out of this year's receipts. It has been customary at the closing of the appeals, held always in April, for the finance committee to approve the assessors' bills for $100 each, and these bills have invariably been paid immediately when there was money in the contingent fund. If they were not paid it was because there were too many raids on the contingent fund, as there were this year. But these bills were due, and will be again next April, when the assessors conclude their work and hand over their books to the treasurer. So with the item for ice which the station house, treasurer's and mayor's offices received last summer and up to this time. And nothing is plainer than that the municipal management should provide for each year's expenses out of that year's receipts. Much of the confusion and frequent embarrassment of the fiscal affairs of our city government result from the imprudent and unbusinesslike system we have fallen into of taking the money out of the next year's receipts to meet this year's appropriations. This is particularly the case with the water rents, and if the zeal of the chairman of the street committee did not blind his judgment as chairman of the finance committee, Mr. Evans would try to reform rather than to extend this system of robbing Peter to pay Paul.

But, shifting his ground, Mr. Evans maintained also that the contingent fund would be swelled before the end of the fiscal year to meet the extraordinary drains upon it, by moneys coming in from the payment of the Welchans defalcation. Mr. Evans knows as well as the mayor that of the $2,000 received from this source, or of the balance yet to be paid in, not a dollar can be touched for contingent or any other expense except by appropriation. There was a specific sum given the contingent at the beginning of the fiscal year, and no more than that amount can be spent if there were millions in the treasury, except by appropriation; and when the chairman says to the contrary he is using "the veriest clap trap" that was ever heard from so astute a financier. Besides, the entire amount of this defalcation was appropriated two years ago, and in the year that the defalcation occurred every dollar of the city's receipts was divided among the various appropriations. If the late treasurer failed to return the city over $4,000 is it not true that our appropriations are that much short yet, unless made up from some other source?

The *New Era's* assumption of the infallibility of Mr. Evans' judgment is sadly disturbed by the fact that in 1877, when the mayor pointed out that the system of anticipating appropriations with expenditures, would result in large deficiencies, Mr. Evans sturdily denied it and pronounced those apprehensions as "clap trap." And yet in the succeeding July an ordinance had to be passed adding $30,000 to the city debt to meet these deficiences—which occurred by the very same plan as Mr. Evans now advocates, robbing the contingent fund to swell the street appropriations and then carrying over the contingent expenses of this year to be met out of next year's appropriations.

Getting Together.

Editor Watterson, in the natural desire to sail in company with his chosen chief, has trimmed his sails on the tariff question, since the election of speaker to bring his boat into line with the direction which Mr. Carlisle gave to his craft. Mr. Watterson had very boldly and conspicuously been carrying up to this time a heavy spread of free trade sails. He had been the author of the declaration in the last national Democratic platform in favor of a tariff for revenue only. When Mr. Carlisle said that he was for a tariff for revenue so arranged as to give adequate protection to home industries, Mr. Watterson evidently needed to tack to stay in company, and tack he did accordingly. That is all right, even if he believes in free trade. He makes but a proper concession to the sentiment of the political party he works with by assenting to moderate protection as a present need of the country and postponing free trade to that future time when the interests of the nation will secure it as its policy. Free trade advocates and protectionists will meet again under the old Democratic doctrines of a tariff for revenue with incidental protection, or a tariff for protection, with incidental revenue, just as each one chooses to put it. A tariff for revenue and protection is certainly the present need of the country. We cannot afford to cut the throats of our manufacturers by letting in foreign products in the largest possible quantity, as a tariff for revenue only would demand, nor can we heavily burthen the consumers with a tariff rate that will enable the home manufacturer to make an undue profit. It is all straightway sailing to determine as our policy that duties shall be laid with the joint purpose of revenue and protection; we can all get along comfortably together on that doctrine. The point of delicacy comes in the adjustment of the balance between the revenue and protection sides of the scale; to put on enough protection to keep home industries lean and comfortable and not enough to make them fat and lusty. Some very excellent Democrats are persuaded that the constitution does not authorize protection, but they have some process of reasoning which satisfies their consciences that protection may be constitutionally coupled with revenue in levying imposts. It would seem that it is constitutional to protect if it is constitutional to collect and protect; but the point is not material so long as it is conceded that the constitution sanctions protection with revenue, for we do not enjoy it alone.

THE newsmongers who put afloat a story that Mr. Randall had a government employe driving his coach and drawing his pay from the federal treasury concocted an awkward canard. Mr. Randall is so well known to be scrupulously careful not to mix his private concerns with public affairs, as so many heedless statesmen do, that this story was not likely to be believed where he was known. But a circumstantial denial of it comes in the statement that while a night watchman at one of the departments has been for eleven years doing odd jobs for Mr. Randall during the hours when he is off duty, he receives pay from Mr. Randall for his work at current rates, and neither he nor his son holds public employment by Mr. Randall's favor. As Mr. Randall's equipage consists of a $90 horse and corresponding carriage his requisitions upon a "coachman's services" are not very exhausting.

FRANK HURD proposes to attack the tariff in detail. He will move separate bills for free salt, free sugar, free copper and other commodities, trusting to the defenseless position of each one of these interests when standing alone. Mr. Morrison's revenue reform ideas comprehend a different character of assault. He is for a general and comprehensive version, "taking one consideration with another." Meanwhile it is interesting to note that all the outgivings from Mr. Carlisle and Mr. Watterson at the present time indicate a conservative disposition and accord with the last Ohio platform, subsequently adopted in Virginia, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and accepted by Mr. Randall as fairly representing his economic views.

IT is to be hoped that the present snow fall will be a shroud for the burial of base-ball discussion until next summer.

THE "beautiful snow" poetry that has been mouldering for weeks past in the editorial pigeon hole put on its overcoat for the winter campaign to-day.

LEGAL suits have fallen off forty-five per cent in the last ten years in Philadelphia; if the same decrease of lawyers were observable there would be more occasion for rejoicing.

CARLISLE'S Christmas presents to the House members will not be distributed, it is thought, before Friday or Saturday. As the pegs far outnumber the holes, some blanks are in store for a majority of the aspiring.

SOME comment has been occasioned by the omission in the president's message of all reference to the Yellowstone park trip. Why any mention should be required after Mike Sheridan's exhaustive official report of that junketing expedition, reasonable people will fail to comprehend. Besides, a detailed report of the champagne drunk, the fish caught and the lies told would hardly present any startling interest to the country at the present time.

MY BABY'S EYES.

My baby's eyes, in melting blue,
Are beaming bright as morning dew,
And from the skylight takes a flue,
Or like the starlight clear and true.
My baby's eyes, in liquid roll,
Enhance my world from pole to pole,
And love sits smiling in that goal.
Forever speaking to my soul.
My baby's eyes, in other years,
May fill with many scalding tears;
And yet through cruel taunts and jeers
A mother's love will banish fears.
My baby's eyes, in blight or bloom,
Those glorious orbs in grief or gloom,
Shall be to me in dearth or doom
The dearest diamonds to the tomb.
—*John A. Joyce.*

WINTER with its biting cold and snow has now been fairly ushered in, and to many this fact means the beginning of a lengthened period of suffering. Those who are blessed with a sufficiency of the world's goods to enable them to go about warmly dressed, partaking of wholesome food and living in comfortable homes, should to day cast a kindly eye on their less fortunate brethren. The poor are the natural outgrowth of a society where the weakest and most shiftless are pushed to the wall and the strong-limbed and energetic achieve success. If each of the latter were to contribute his mite to the alleviation of the wants of the former, the sum of the world's happiness would be greater and want and crime would be unheard of in an existence essentially Utopian.

O'DONNELL'S execution to-day should be a warning to that class of people who, lured by the clamor of those who forget reason in their passion, place themselves above the law, virtually defying it. Bad law is better than no law, and in the case of the unfortunate man who died on the scaffold this morning, equal and exact justice seems to have been meted out. It may appear hard that a good life must pay the penalty in exchange for that of the despicable sneak, Carey, but the law very properly declines to distinguish between the value of human lives. It would be a good thing if the gallows could lay hold on the men who by their revolutionary utterances cause hot-headed fellows like O'Donnell to commit murder, under the mistaken idea that they are performing an act of the most commendable patriotism.

MRS. MCELROY, the sister of the president, will do the honors of the White House this winter. Seven kinds of wine at dinner will be the usual rule as of yore.

SOME SENSATIONS.

SHOT DEAD ON THE ROAD AT NIGHT.

A Lover Waylaid and Killed on His Way Home from a Party—Mr. Houston Saved by a Button.

Franklin Evans was Saturday night assassinated in the highway near Holmesville, in Robison county, N. C. The murdered man was on his way home from a party given by some of his friends in the neighborhood. He was waylaid on the road by a negro, it is believed, armed with a double-barreled shotgun, who fired a load of buckshot into Evans' body and left him dead. The murdered man and Burton Campbell, another young man living in the village of Holmesville, have been on bad terms for some weeks, growing out of a love affair. Both men were devoted in their attention to a pretty young woman in the county. Evans had boasted of an attention of presenting the object of his affections with a handsome Christmas gift. This reached the ears of his rival and probably increased his dislike for Evans.

Evans left his home in high spirits for the place at which the party was held. He spent the evening in dancing and otherwise enjoying himself. His body was found on the roadside by some of his belated fellow revelers on their way home. It is strongly believed that the negro suspected of his murder was hired by an enemy of Evans to assassinate him, and to accomplish his object the murderer concealed himself in the highway and fired from ambush. The scene of the tragedy was near the old home of the famous Lowry, whose acts of outlawry ten or twelve years ago made them the terror of that portion of the state. The murderer of Evans will be investigated by the authorities at once.

SAVED BY A BUTTON.

Mr. Houston Telling How he Escaped Death From Captain Fortier's Pistol.

J. D. Houston, now in the Parish prison New Orleans, makes the following statement: "As chairman of the executive campaign committee of the McEnery faction of the Democratic party, it was my duty on the day of the recent election to receive all complaints and visit the various polling places throughout the city. In the performance of my duty I rode alone in a cab to the 7th ward poll. During my stay a disturbance occurred followed by pistol shots. Moving from the spot where the disturbance was going on and while walking across Morales street I suddenly found myself confronted by Captain Fortier and within a short distance of him. He held a pistol in his hand and instantly, without provocation or warning, fired point blank at me, the ball striking my breast fully and squarely, and leaving me under the impression that it had entered my body. Believing myself wounded, I made an examination as soon as possible and found that the ball from Fortier's pistol had struck a button on my vest, crushing it, cutting through one thickness of my vest, lodging in the other and causing a severe contusion of my chest. Learning later in the day that an order had been issued for my arrest I at once surrendered myself."

LOSS AT SEA.

Memorial Exercises For Some Who Will Never Come Back.

Memorial services for the lost fisherman were held yesterday at the Universalist church in Gloucester, Massachusetts. As far as known these fishermen leave 29 widows and 85 children, but the number is thought to be much larger. Two more vessels overdue, if proven to be lost, will swell the number of vessels lost to twelve, with probably 159 men. The number of lives lost during the year will not fall much short of 200.

The steam barge D. M. Wilson, of Cleveland, narrowly escaped being lost while on the way from Arthur's Landing to Duluth, on December 1st. A terrific gale and snow storm set in, driving the barge towards the shore, but the squall abated suddenly, and when the blinding snow ceased the crew of the barge found themselves within a few yards of the rocks—over 1,000 feet high—of Thunder cape.

POLITICAL POINTS.

The Massachusetts and Virginia Democrats.

The Democratic state committee of Massachusetts has arranged for a political demonstration on the occasion of the annual dinner in Boston on January 8th. It is said that Benjamin F. Butler will preside and that invitations will be sent to Samuel J. Tilden, Gen. W. S. Hancock, Abram S. Hewitt, John Kelly, Governor Cleveland, S. S. Cox, Speaker Carlisle, Governor Pattison, Governor Bradley, ex-Speaker Randall, General Roseccans, Senators Beck, Bayard and Pendleton, Ex-Senator Thurman and other leaders of the party.

Senator Riddleberger was in Richmond on Friday night and attended a caucus of the Readjuster members of the Virginia Legislature. It is supposed that he gave them advice as to the policy they should pursue in regard to certain matters likely to come before the body of which they form the minority. A resolution requesting Mahone to resign the United States senatorship is expected to come up for action this week, and some of the Democrats favor the inclusion of Riddleberger in the resolution.

Violent Deeds.

It is reported from Santa Fe, New Mexico, that the Navajo Indians have left their reservation and are stealing cattle.

At New London, Connecticut, the testimony and arguments in the Wequetequock assault case have concluded. Justice Lord adjourned the court until Tuesday morning, when a decision will be rendered.

A shanty occupied by an old man named Carmichael, in Houston, Texas, was burned on Saturday night, and the charred body of Carmichael was found in the ruins. It was supposed that he was murdered and the house set on fire. Amelia Redmon, his housekeeper, was arrested, and the police are looking for a male acquaintance of hers. Carmichael was formerly a wealthy slave owner in Alabama. Latterly he has been known as a Republican politician.—Daniel Rotherberger was mortally stabbed by Jacob Finkbone, in a drunken quarrel in Reading, Pa., yesterday morning. Finkbone is in jail.—Charles L. Perry, aged about 40 years, was found wounded in his bed, in Boston. Edward Henderson, a dissipated teamster, who lived in the same house, and who had been scuffling wieh Perry, was arrested on suspicion.

Rogues and Their Doings.

The police have raided five gambling houses in Chicago and arrested 80 persons, keepers and visitors.

Alfred Dighy Howard, junior member of the firm of Kirchoffer & Brandon, solicitors of Winnipeg, absconded about a week ago with $15,000 in cash, received from a Port Hope firm to make judgments on some Manitoba lands. Howard and his wife were found in a hotel in Denver, and nearly all the stolen money was discovered in Mrs. Howard's "bustle."

R. P. Verboran, arrested in Baltimore a few days ago for using the mails for fraudulent purposes, was on Saturday committed by U. S. Commissioner Rogers to await the action of the grand jury.

In Easton Mrs. Goodwin was convicted of swindling girls by charging them fees for teaching them dress cutting and leaving as soon as she had collected the money. She had previously been convicted of swindling a hotel keeper.

Speculation in margins is said to have assumed such proportions in Indiana as greatly to interfere with legitimate business. A banker of Indianapolis, whose opinion is backed by several other business men, estimates that $1,000,000 has been lost in that city since spring by dealings in Chicago options. In the smaller towns of Indiana many failures have occurred among the tradesmen in consequence of such gambling operations.

A Meeting of Laboring Men.

A mass meeting of laboring men was held yesterday in Irving hall, New York, to receive the the delegation of French and American flags, and decorated with communistic mottoes. Victor Drury presided, and welcomed the delegates, Messrs. Saint Martin, blacksmith, Bolin, painter, and Robinier, tinsmith, members of the delegation, addressed the meeting in French, Justus Schwab and Herr John Most spoke in German, Mr. Petroll in Italian, and Mr. Bandisch in Bohemian. Herr Most's speech was incendiary in character, and was repeatedly interrupted by cries of "Vive la Commune" and "Vive la Dynamite." Resolutions were adopted, "pledging the assistance of the American working men in any struggle that may arise between labor and capital."—At a meeting of the Central Labor Union in New York last night, a resolution was adopted recommending all workingmen to "Boycott" the *Tribune* in consequence of its refusal to grant the demands of the striking compositors and advising newsdealers "not to handle" it. It was also resolved to "Boycott" the manufactures of several firms because non-union workmen were employed in their factories.

Japan's Government Departments.

At Washington the Japanese legation has received telegraphic advices announcing that several important changes have been made in the government departments. Oki, minister of justice, becomes minister of education; Tukaka, minister of education, has been placed at the head of the council of state; Yamagata, chief of the council of state, has been appointed minister of the interior, and Yamada, minister of the interior, has been placed at the head of the ministry of justice. These transfers are not regarded as likely to entail any radical change in the government policy, but would seem to indicate that the Japanese government is resolved to persevere in the plan of treaty revision outlined in a recent dispatch from that country.

Factories Closed.

Many of the manufacturers along the Housatonic and Naugatuck Valleys in Connecticut are complaining of the scarcity of water, which compels the stoppage of their mills. In all parts of Connecticut mills were running a quarter of a century ago on streams which have now nearly disappeared, and large streams which then gave abundance of power are now available only a few months in the year.

Snow fell to a depth of 15 inches in portions of Ontario on Friday night, and trains were blocked. The same night a fall of 58 degrees occurred in the temperature at Vergennes, Vermont, and all the factories were compelled on Saturday to shut down because of anchor ice.

The New Bridge Across the Mississippi.

The incorporators of the Chain of Rocks Bridge company, whose purpose is to build a bridge across the Mississippi river at Chain of Rocks, Mo., three miles above the present bridge have elected directors at St. Louis as follows: William Glasgow, Jr., James P. Card, John L. Ferguson, Amos F. Hoffer, Thomas Howard, E. Wells and John Edwards. The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Thomas Howard; vice president, William Glasgow, Jr.; secretary, A. F. Hoffer; treasurer, John L. Ferguson. Two million dollars of stock has been subscribed.

Horse and Wagon Fall Three Hundred Feet.

At Shenandoah, a horse and wagon belonging to George F. Laitzel, at whose place the fire originated a month ago, fell three hundred feet down one of the man holes surrounding Shenandoah on Saturday. The driver escaped by jumping. The vehicle was broken to pieces, but the horse was only slightly injured. An effort was made to hoist the animal out of the pit, but failed, and it had to driven along the gangway to the bottom of the Kehley run slope. After remaining in the mine all night it was taken out, strange to say, apparently in good condition.

A Wonderful Underskirt.

An inspectress of the New York custom-house observed something abnormal in the appearance of one of the women cabin passengers on the steamship Queen which arrived Wednesday, and an inspection of her underskirt disclosed in mysterious pockets ten and a-half yards of fine black velvet, twenty-one yards of black silk and five handsome ostrich feathers, all of which were confiscated as smuggled.

Suffocation of a Clergyman.

Rev. George Morris, a Presbyterian minister, aged seventy five years, residing at 136 Mulberry street, Baltimore, Md., was discovered in his bed, at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning, almost inanimate from the effect of gas, which he had blown out on retiring. Physicians were called and remedies applied, but death ensued at noon.

FEATURES OF THE STATE PRESS.

The Carlisle *Sentinel* is two years old and is a sprightly and vigorous infant.

The Reading *Times* wants the national foundry located at Berks' county seat.

The *Labor World* estimates that there are over 700,000 men in the country out of employment.

Lacking either depth or solidity, the Wilkesbarre *Union Leader* says the Republican article should be called civil surface reform.

PERSONAL.

DON CAMERON'S health is improving and his family are happy abroad.

HENRY WARD BEECHER declares that his powers are failing and his end is not far off.

CONKLING is now said to be making money at the rate of $100,000 a year in his profession.

IRVING'S houses in Boston last week paid him $18,845. Mary Anderson during the same time got $10,000 from the Londoners.

BISHOP WARREN, of the Methodist church, is to be married on the 27th inst., to Mrs. Iliff, of Denver, Col. The lady is the widow of the richest cattle king in Colorado, and her wealth is variously estimated from $4,000,000 to $6,000,000.

DUDLEY C. HASKELL, a Representative in Congress from Kansas, died yesterday morning in Washington, in the 41st year of his age. He was an active and popular Republican and a prominent member of the ways and means committee of the last Congress.

RABBI SONNENSCHEIM, of St. Louis, suggests that the feast of Hanucca, which falls some time about December 25, shall always be celebrated on that day, in order that Christmas may be a general festival alike to Jew and Gentile. His proposition meets with disfavor at the hands of other rabbis.

NELLIE LINCOLN ROSSITER, of Philadelphia, though only 16 years of age, is at the head of the silk culturists of the country. Her book upon silk culture is standard authority for those who are engaged in the new and profitable business of raising cocoons, and her products have taken premiums at all the expositions. The success she has achieved is remarkable, and she is not only doing good by encouraging the introduction of an industry that furnishes profitable employment for the unoccupied time of her sex, but is getting rich.

AN OLD HUNTER.

BRISBIN SKILES AND HIS FOXES.

The Champion Fox Catcher of Lancaster and Chester Counties—His Many Trophies of the Chase.

Philadelphia Record.

Brisbin Skiles, a snowy haired, boniface, is the champion fox catcher of Lancaster and Chester counties. He is the "mine host" of a public house in the thinly populated hamlet of Nine Points, which is situated several miles "over the hills" south of Christiana station, on the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad. The sports of the two counties named are now greatly exercised whether Skiles this season will be able to beat his previous record of twenty Reynards caught. There have been any number of wagers made, and at the present time the odds are decidedly in favor of the old man. He has already eighteen live foxes chained fast upon his premises, and is confident that he will be able to crown his declining years with a score that will put any competitor who may follow in his footsteps to the blush. The only rival whom Skiles has any reason to fear is Frank Clayton, who lives near Marshalltown, in Chester county. But for thirty years Skiles has been the champion, and he proposes to remain such until either death or old age removes him from the active list.

Champion Skiles has been living at his present residence for only two years. He moved there from Mount Vernon, eight miles north from Christiana, two years ago. Since he was 14 years old he has been a famous hunter of Reynard, and says he can't tell how many foxes he has captured since he began the business. His son said: "Pop sat down t'other day and tried to figure up how many foxes he had snatched since he was a boy. I believe he got up to 500, and then gave the calculation up in disgust."

The reporter was shown yesterday this season's catch. In the garret of the tavern there were chained seven splendid specimens of the common fox, and in the cellar were eleven others. Two of the collection were extraordinarily large specimens. Skiles keeps an immense pack of hounds, to the great annoyance of the clergy in his section of the country.

During the season Skiles is out on the hunt at least two days in each week. He scours the country o'er with horse and hounds, but generally sticks to the roads. Since he has moved into Bart township foxes have begun to multiply and are now quite plentiful. Once in a very great while a Philadelphia party visits him and organizes a hunt. These visits champion Skiles esteems a great honor, and an old fashioned country dinner always rewards the huntsmen.

Champion Skiles never slaughters a fox. Some years ago, one of his hounds killed one, and the old gentleman grieved over it for months. His great sport is to run them to their holes and take them alive. The hounds are called off, a muzzle placed upon his foxship and the prize carried home in triumph, which is kept chained until about the 1st of March, when the whole catch is released. One of the old sport's great desires is to recapture a fox. Every fellow that is set at liberty is branded and is known thereafter as old Skiles' catch. The sportsmen of Lancaster and Chester counties for fifteen years have been running to hole Skiles' foxes. It is not often however, that Skiles himself gathers in one of his previous catches. The other day, however, he dug out a plump fellow he had had chained in his cellar seven years ago.

A VILLAINOUS TRICK.

Outrages Committed by a Miscreant In Quarryville.

A scoundrel of the deepest dye committed the meanest kind of an outrage in Quarryville, on Saturday night, it is thought about midnight, but it was not discovered until Sunday morning. G. J. Hildebrand, proprietor of the "Hildebrand House," is also running a livery in connection with it which he lately stocked with new wagons and harness. When the man who had charge of the livery went out yesterday morning he noticed that the back curtain of a top buggy was cut and looking closely he found not only that buggy, but all the wagons that were in, consisting of a fine phaeton, family carriage and two buggies, were entirely cut to pieces. The sides were slit to ribbons, the roof had large pieces cut out and the cushions were all cut to pieces; the dash boards were cut—in fact not a top on any wagon was left worth anything. Not satisfied with this the perpetrator of the outrage had gone to the harness room, where he cut into small pieces all the harness in it. Three fine all wool horse blankets, one set of single harness, and a new buffalo robe were stolen. Fortunately two teams were out, and these are all that escaped injury. A top buggy belonging to Hebe Wiler, the baker, which was with the other wagons, was also badly cut.

It is believed that the perpetrator of the outrage was a young German who has been employed by Mr. Hildebrand in his stables for a few weeks, and who was discharged on Saturday night, and went off in a terrible rage. He came to Quarryville a stranger, but had letters of recommendation from several parties in Reading. Upon being told on Saturday night that he did not suit for the job he tried to strike Mr. H. with a chair, but several people present interfering he went away, and since that he has not been seen or heard of, though several parties have started out to find him.

He is about 25 years old, 5 feet 6 inches high and will weigh 160 pounds, of dark complexion, with no beard and speaks poor English. Mr. Hildebrand offers $25 for his apprehension. The loss in the matter, the proprietor says, will be fully $400.

There are indications that the scoundrel made towards the Susquehanna river. A man answering his description and having in his possession horse blankets and harness yesterday broke open the door of the Indian Rock school house below Rawlinsville, lodged there and went on toward McCall's Ferry.

Indian Rock school house is on the state road, seven miles west of Quarryville. Maris McClune, passing by there on Sunday afternoon saw that the door was broken open and upon investigation discovered the man inside, wrapped up in horse blankets and with a hot fire in the school house stove. McClune ordered him out and the fellow started toward McCall's Ferry.

ARGUMENT COURT.

A Number of Cases Disposed Of.

This morning the last week of the argument court for 1883 began, with both judges on the bench.

When the common pleas list, which is first to be heard, was called, it was found that 23 out of the 27 cases down are ready for argument.

The following cases were disposed of:

Widmyer & Ricksecker vs. Groff & Copland. Rule to show cause why appeal should not be stricken off; rule made absolute.

David Stoltzfus and wife's assigned estate. Citation dismissed.

Mrs. H. Miller & Son, vs. George Strobert, rule to open judgment. This case was marked settled.

Accounts.

The accounts of 71 administrators, executors and guardians were presented and confirmed *nisi*.

Lights Out.

The police report that four of the electric lights did not burn Saturday night, and five did not burn Sunday night.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Events Near and Across the County Lines.

The citizens of Chester county have determined to find homes in private families for pauper children instead of committing them to the almshouse.

The trial of James Jack in Norristown, on the charge of having murdered his wife on the night of July 4th, resulted on Saturday evening in a verdict of not guilty.

The thirty-first annual session of the Dauphin county teachers institute began in Harrisburg to-day, the opening meeting taking place in the hall of the House of Representatives.

The Pennsylvania steel company's office, at Harrisburg, has been thronged for the past ten days by applicants desiring to go to Cuba to engage as mechanics, laborers, trackmen, &c., but the number wanted has been engaged.

Frederick J. Miller, aged eight years and three months, a bright son of F. K. Miller, of Harrisburg, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, died on Saturday night from that much dreaded affliction, hyrophobia. He was bitten about a month ago by a small terrier.

The annual meeting of the Botanical section of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, was held last week. The reports stated that the herbarium is believed to contain representatives of nearly three-fourths of the whole flora of the earth, which at the present time is computed to be about 100,000 species.

Governor Pattison has not yet publicly announced his action in the case of the murderer McGinnis, of Philadelphia, the question of whose insanity was left to a board of five medical experts. It is stated that the majority report of the board which classed McGinnis as insane will be acted on and the murderer committed to an asylum for life in place of being hanged on January 3, 1884.

Peter Heller cut his throat with a razor, in the presence of his wife, at his residence in Reading, Sunday night, and, rushing out of the house, fell upon the pavement, where he died in a few moments. He had been sick for a long time with disease contracted in the army, and of late was subject to fits and melancholy. He was fifty years of age and leaves several grown up children.

Hughey Fox, of Baltimore, entered the house of Oliver Hoover, in Bachman valley, Carroll county, Md., near Hanover, and stole Mr. Hoover's pants from the bed post in which he was sleeping, from which he extracted $56 and a gold watch. He was tracked through the snow to a barn at Hanover, and when Constable Kuhn attempted to arrest him he drew a revolver, when the constable shot him twice in self defense, the balls taking effect in the neck. He was taken to the York county jail to await a Maryland requisition.

Two more paupers died at the county almshouse Reading yesterday, and according to the new law relating to the disposition of dead bodies of paupers they will be sent to some medical college for dissection. This new order of things has caused terrible excitement among the poor inmates. It has been rumored that body snatching has been carried on for some time at county burial grounds. Recently lights have been seen at night in the graveyards. The fact that the dead paupers have been buried in so small a space for years indicates that something is wrong.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENTS.

Two Vehicles Wrecked on Sunday.

Yesterday morning David Kean's hired man at Quarryville, hitched up a fine young horse in a top buggy to go to his home near New Providence. Near the brick kiln in Quarryville, the horse frightened at some object and started to run. The young man was not able to hold him, and just opposite Fritz's butcher shop a front axle broke, throwing out the occupant and cutting him quite badly. The horse ran on smashing the wagon into a thousand pieces, and was finally caught at Krider's railroad hotel. The animal is terribly cut up, and it is feared he will never recover.

John Sides, proprietor of Penn'a R. R. restaurant in this city, owns a blooded mare, which he has at New Providence, with Edward Reese. Yesterday forenoon Reese and Mr. Eckman hitched her up to a top buggy. Mr. Reese had got in and Mr. Eckman was just getting in, when she suddenly turned around, throwing them both out. She then started and ran for about a mile, and when caught had badly wrecked the wagon. Neither of the men was hurt, nor was the mare.

List of Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the postoffice for the week ending Monday, December 17, 1883:

Ladies' List.—Mrs. Lydia Brown, Miss Jennie Buckham, Lydia Clinch, Miss Mary Copenhoffer, Miss Lydia Brisman, Miss Blanch Graham, Sarah Haldeman, Miss Horton, Miss Emma K. Landis, Miss Kate Murphy, Miss Julia Peters, Miss Nanie Quinn, Lizzie Rathgaber, Lizzie F. Rutter, Ada Stokes, Miss Lizzie Wenger.

Gents' List.—Francis Aukham, Albert Barshinger, E. Deming Clarke, William Crawford, Irvin Craig, George Draber, Theodore Eizy, Charles Elder, R. P. Farren, Rev. Dr. Fisher, George Fry, Isaac Groff, (2), Cocelius Grocurose, Alex. Gray, Martin Henry, A. L. James, Jeremiah Kafroth, Adam L. Kendig, Ludwig Kiontz (2 for.), Wm. G. Kent, Wm. A. Kelly, John S. Landis, District Att. McSwope, Amos Neff (2), D. H. Geiser, Pequea Iron Co., Frank B. Rossman, Master Harry Reed, Conrad Riedel, Harry Royner, C. W. Robbins, Dr. Rodgers, Jacob Schmidt, G. T. Smith, John Spraker, George Wisner.

Saturday Night Fights.

On Saturday night a fight occured in Metzroth's hotel at Mulberry and Walnut streets, in which Jacob K. Bertz was badly whipped by John Lutz and James Gormley. Metzroth, the proprietor says that the two men attacked Bertz.

A fight also occurred on Saturday night, at the Fairmont hotel, East King street, between Edward Bender and a young man named Tamany. It appears that the young men have had a grudge against each other for some time and when the fight began it was allowed to proceed without interruption and Tamany was whipped.

No suits were brought by any of the parties to these fights.

Sleighing.

There was a light fall of snow last night and this morning, not enough to make sleighing, but enough to tempt a few inconsiderate persons to put bells on their horses and hitch them to runners. It was rather rough riding over the Belgian blocks and macadamized streets, and though the dudes attracted a good deal of attention they did not inspire much envy in the breasts of less ambitious people who preferred to ride on wheeled vehicles or walk.

To Answer at Court.

Albert Gardner who on the night of December 1, during a quarrel on Middle street cut the throat of George Crawford, and came near severing his jugular vein, had a hearing before Alderman Samson, Saturday evening and entered bail in the sum of $500 to answer at court for felonious assault and battery.

Annual Dinner of the Constitutional Convention.

The annual dinner of the Constitutional convention will be given at the Logan House, Altoona, on Thursday, evening December 27. Ample preparations have been made for the entertainment of the association, and it is expected a full attendance will be on hand.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Columbia needs a police force which shall be appointed by council.

A link, bangle bracelet was lost on Saturday by Miss Mollie Herr, residing on Second street.

The dancing party proposed to have been held on the evening of the 28th inst., will not come off.

William Preston, the Keely stove works engineer, had one of his fingers injured by having it caught by a machine at the works.

A small audience attended the opera house on Saturday evening to see and hear the Strohl family. The entertainment was a decidedly poor affair.

The Susquehanna river has an inch of ice on it; the ground has been whitened by a snow fall and the sleds are already the companions of the young folks.

Sixty badges, seventy one belts and fifty caps have been ordered from New York by the Columbia fire company, to be used on New Year's in the grand firemen's parade here.

The Pennsylvania railroad company will sell excursion tickets at two thirds of the regular fare on December 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30 and 31, and on January 1, inclusive. The round trip tickets to Philadelphia will be $3 19.

The following bodies meet to night: Susquehanna lodge of Odd Fellows; Conestoga lodge of Knights of Pythias; Riverside lodge No. 27, Ladies Home communion; and company C at seven o'clock.

Milton Mishler's house on Manor street, was slightly damaged by fire on Saturday, the result of an accident. It was extinguished before much damage was done. No general alarm of fire was sounded.

With much presence of mind, Officer Wittick, on Saturday, held to the ground a horse which had fallen on Third street, until the occupants, a man and a woman, had safely alighted. The harness of the animal was partly taken off and it allowed to rise. By this action of the officer no person was injured and the harness and wagon were saved from injury.

Personal.

Mr. George Deamer and Mr. Tyson, of Spring City, are visiting Mr. Evan Yeager.

The superintendent of the nickel mines, at White Hall, Lancaster county, Mr. David F. Mowery, on Second street.

Mr. John S. Nichols, supervisor of the Frederick railroad, returned to this place on Saturday from a week's trip to Elkton, Md.

Police Cases.

Two drunks were sent to jail by Squire Patton this morning.

No proof was produced against the men arrested on Saturday by Officer Wittick on suspicion of having stolen underwear from Lockard's furnishing goods store recently, and they were discharged.

Religious Notes.

An official meeting will be held at the Methodist church this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

A congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church will be held at the church this evening at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of electing elders.

No prayer meeting will be held at the Bethel church of God on Wednesday evening, but instead, the Sunday school will practice for its Christmas entertainment.

St. John's Lutheran Sunday school will hold its Christmas celebration on Christmas night. A antatta will be rendered. A very interesting programme has been prepared consisting of songs, recitations, tableaux, &c. A small price of admission will be charged.

THE SMALLPOX.

Meeting of the Board of Health—Two Deaths Since Saturday.

This morning a meeting of the board of health was held at the office of Dr. C. H. Brown, all the members of the board being present except Dr. Levergood.

It was reported that the red flag denoting smallpox, had been twice torn down from Beoh's Western hotel, where three deaths from smallpox have occurred, and where, it is said the proprietor himself now lies sick with the disease.

On motion it was resolved that a reward of $5 be paid by the board to any person that will give evidence that will lead to the conviction of the person who tore down these flags, and a standing reward of $5 for the conviction of anyone who tears down a smallpox flag anywhere within the city limits.

As some difference of opinion appeared to prevail relative to the length of time that the flags should be kept up, it was resolved that the flags should remain for twelve days after the death or convalescence of smallpox patients.

Two deaths from smallpox have been reported since Saturday—Isaac Kauffman, jr., aged two years, and Phoenie Dickel, aged six years. There was a report this morning that John Pfisterer, of the Columbia Garden hotel, had died of the same disease, but the report is untrue, though he is said to be seriously ill. The entire number of deaths during the past week has been five, and the entire number of cases under treatment to-day is stated by the health commissioner to be eleven.

There is some talk of prosecuting a physician who failed to report a case of smallpox attended by him, and also to prosecute a resident of East Walnut street who refused to permit a red flag to be placed on his premises, though there is a case of smallpox in his family.

The new smallpox hospital has been finished, but it is not yet quite ready for the reception of patients.

Baseball.

The new Union League club, of Baltimore has secured the following players: Samuel Landis, John Rittenhouse and Elmer Roussez, pitchers; Joseph Kappell, John Hanna and John Briel, catchers; Erek, Spence and Bob Ferguson, (captain), on the bases, Stanley, short; Driscoll and Allen, right and left fielders. There are now clubs in this league in Boston, Hartford, Reading, Washington, Baltimore and Richmond, and the Baltimore *Sun* of to-day says that Lancaster, Harrisburg and Brooklyn will also be admitted.

It is said that the new Lancaster club has secured Manlove, catcher, and Highland, a second baseman.

Dave Oldfield, the well known ball player, who has been engaged by the Ironsides, was in town yesterday.

OBITUARY.

Death of an Aged Lady.

Mrs. Annie Wasson died at her residence near the Gap, yesterday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock. She was an old resident of Salisbury township, and was 82 years of age. Her husband has been dead for some years, and she leaves a family of grown sons and daughters. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2 o'clock and the interment will be made in the old Asbury burying grounds.

Mayor's Court.

His honor the mayor had a dozen customers to attend to this morning, who had been gathered in by the police