#### Lancaster Intelligencer.

MONDAY SVENING, DEC. 31, 1883.

Huntington's Letters. Mr. C. P. Huntington is a gentleman

of whom the country is hearing a good deal just now. He has been doing a great business for twenty years past in railroad building, but he has not before had the concentrated attention of the people as he has it to day. It would have been better if we had livery companies from carrying mes given more attention to Mr. Huntington. But he is a gentleman devoted to the single aim of money making, and disposed to do it with as little public notice as possible. He has not been an at stated routes over established post aspirant for fame. The more quietly he could roll up his cash the more agreeable to his tastes, because the more effective down or marked out over which these for his aim. Mr. Huntington has, how- messengers would travel daily or weekly ever, bad a great deal to do with our public men. He had to cultivate them, because there was money in it to him-Certain letters are now published which exhibit him in his operations in Congress | age upon drop letters in Lancaster and at a period of his career within the last decade. He was already a railroad magnate. He and three associates had obtained from the United States the lands and bonds with which they had built the Central Pacific railroad, and to avail itself of this, and the Wilkeshad leaped at once into the possession of great fortunes. Thomas A. Scott fol. the law is just and reasonable, in striking lowed a long way after them with a new Pacific failroad scheme. It was the noted Texas Pacific, which Mr. Scott engaged to build with the philanthropic intention of giving the people a competing line to the Pacific. On this ground convenience. he asked Congress for a subsidy. Mr. Huntington and his associates wanted to kill Mr. Scott's road, and they commenced the building of the Southern Pacific at about the same time. Mr. Huntington devoted himself to the work of persuading Congress not to aid Mr. Scott. His very effective argument was that the Southern Pacific company would build without aid from the gov ernment the road which Mr. Scott would only build with it. It is this period of struggle to which the letters to Colton relate, and they are full of interest as portraying the views and moves of a gigantic lobbyist in persuading legisla tion for private interest. Mr. Colton was the active partner of the Central Pacific quartette in building the South. ern Pacific; he died before the project was fully completed, and his associates. of course, undertook to swindle his widow out of his share of the profits. These interesting letters are brought out occur the bonds which hold society to in the course of the suit to show the confidential relations between Colton

Huntington certainly writes to him with great freedom and thoroughly exposes his own character in his communications. He appears to have no thought erly educated taste. He shows a sensible grages in training to sell to the povernment, morni agencies of the tay cannot mure. six million serves of and he & free! sero, which his company has received. Later will be in low lear with dictives from the government or attains; and a make he ives of others manner. he thinks the "termgozz" hould be startlet of with the sry list he people should have thus land, which should be taken from the califorat monogolists -- of

and Huntington.

сониве, жий бан соопревышен. Mr. Huntington will do as a very fair sample of the successful American doslar hunter. He attends strictly to his own business; says plainly, but in bad English, what he has to say, when it suits him to say it; ex king having been killed and hundreds of fired. The bullet passed entirely through never halts at devices that will give leverage to his schemes ; has no regard guard. Still order reigns under the new for public interests that cross his own : in truth, a thoroughly selfish, uncultivated, natural dollar smeller. Since those days Mr. Huntington has gone on flourishing. Mr. Scott did not get his subsidy, but made a coalition with Huntington and his associates and built his road to join theirs; then he sold out to Gould ; and now Gould sits lamenting the bad bargain he made. Mr. Hunt ngstate of Virgnia to sacrifice its interest in it. He sold bonds at high figures, which depreciated in the hands of the holders, through the pretended embarrassment of the road. Securing favorable terms of adjustment, Mr. Huntington has round off the old year in goodly fashion gone on with his enterprise, extending it In Leadville, on Saturday night, a fellow man of great views and enterprises, but public would breaths much easier. sadly deficient in moral sense, we fear.

THE year that closes to-day has been taken place, such as the Tivoli ex. system. cursion and Brooklyn bridge calamities, losses of life by fire, vessels sunk in mid ocean and other ills to which flesh is heir. War has also raised its grim visaged head. France has had trouble in ruary. Madagascar, and still maintains a warlike attitude towards China in the Ton' quin dispute. El Mahdi has knocked the Egyption power in the Soudan into a cocked hat by the destruction of the army of Hicks Pasha. The government of Ireland is still a thorn in the side of

Great Britian, and Russia adds her por tion to the year's horrors by the loss of life and property that attended the fierce persecution of the Jews within her realm. Altogether 1883 ranks well with 1666, which gained the name of "annus mirabilis" from the many disasters crowded into its small compass.

UP in Wilkesbarre a U. 8, commis sioner has sensibly decided that the federal statute prohibiting private de sages must be construed strictly, and that it will not apply unless the company or individual doing this kind of business carries the writings by regular trips and routes. Where there was no time fixed, no place fixed, no route definitely laid at a certain hour in the day in order to deliver or receive letters, their doings do not come within the statute. At present the government imposes two cent postother carrier delivery offices; in any considerable quantity they can be derate or less. It is not fair that the public should be deprived of the chance barre commissioner's interpretation of contrast with the decision of so many federal appointees in judicial and semi judicial places, who conceive it to be these times, when his moodiness was ag statutes in favor of the government and against common sense as well as public

THERE has been another atrocious case of illegal hanging down in Mississippi. Like the series of murders which led to this fearful execution of Judge Lynch's process, the fiendish work of the frenzied mob had ''no political significance." But it is a dark blot upon a civilized community that such violations of the law should meet with popular ap proval and be visited with no punishment-The South and West have in times past had more of this kind of occurrences than the earlier settled portions of the country, but of late years mob hangings have been disgracefully frequent in the Northern and Middle states, and they have no room to reproach Mississippi for the shameful event which has just stained its soil. Pennsylvania, Ohio. Indiana and Illinois, have recently allowed these infractions of the law to go by unpunished, and every time they order become laxer, and the sanctity of life and law is more and more endangered.

STATE SUPT. HIGBEE is a man of intelligence and of clearness in the ex pression of his ideas. What he has to that any means be may adopt to further say in his annual report on the mooted his plans can be objectionable to a prop- question of teaching trades in the public schools goes to the point of the issue and appreciation of the public voice by we especially recommend it to the concultivating newspaper advertising sideration of the granger brethren who when it can be had cheap. His insist that the "elements of agriculture" fondness for cheap instrumentalities shall be added to the curriculum. Dr. is clearly exhibited and shows him to Higbee likew se is fortided by the palpa a deliar. He has a large consenion for subsole shall not be being endurely respon-"demigrogs," but a very years to see while for the gothessness of an age which their feweres when he can. In a great the newspapers, uninvenes and other

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"ORDER reigns" in Ashantes, sixty eight out of the seventy children of the his adherents, including his entire body dynasty.

THE packing of cauned tomatoes for 1883 was by far the heaviest ever known. running up to 70,000,000,000 cans. The result is a dull market for the canners and discouragement to those who have lately entered upon this industry.

PHILADELPHIA is still keeping up its reputation as "the City of Homes." Dur ton started in from the East; bought the ing the present year 4,000 stores and Chesapeake and Ohio road, inducing the dwellings were put up, 1,500 of which number were three story residences. The increase in the number of residences is 700 over the preceding year.

SLUGGER FULLIVAN is determined to westward through Kentucky and across | pugilist smashed a chair over the head of the Mississippi, and eastward down the the frisky John, when the latter returned peninsula between the York and the the compliment by hurling a lighted kero-James rivers to Newport News, opposite sene lamp at the head of his foe. If both Norfolk, where he has laid out a great city of these amiable brutes would seek a lodge and expects, probably, to establish a sea | in some vast wilderness and there include board metropolis. Mr. Huntington is a unmolested in their playful antics, the

THE report of the superintendent of the public schools of the work done last year fraught with many calamities and phys shows an increase of 359 in the number of ical disturbances of nature. As early as schools in the state. A curious feature of January, destructive floods on the Dan | the report, that will doubtless attract the ube and Rhine, in Europe, were reported attention of woman suffragists, is the and February saw the Ohio river at its reported decrease of 451 in the number of highest point, and the cities along its male teachers, and increase of 637 in the banks flooded. The earthquake at Ischia | number of female teachers. This seems to by which 2,000 persons perished came in | indicate that men are rapidly leaving the July, and the mouth following saw the profession for more !ucrative pursuits and Java volcanic eruptions, and great losses the depleted teaching ranks are being of life and property. An earthquake in largely filled with women. As the num-Asia Minor and death dealing tornadoes ber of females who adopt teaching as a in the South and West in our own coun- profession is small compared with those try added their mites to the physical who accept it while awaiting matrimony, horrors with which the earth was visited. it is doubtful whether the great increase Apart from these disturbances of nature in the number of lady teachers will add an unusually large list of disasters have much to the efficiency of the public school

PERSONAL.

Saxe, the poet, is 60, and looks to be VICTORIA goes to Baden Baden in Feb.

BISMARCE's physicians have reduced his weight from 237 to 195, HENRY VILLARD has resigned the presi dency of the Northern Pacific.

VICTOR HUGO is writing an augry poem on the late executions of Irishmen.

GALUSHA A. GROW has a contract

furnish 500,000 tons of coal per year and is "clean out of politics."

QUAY is negotiating for the Evening News, Philadelphia, with a view of making it a straightout Stalwart organ. MARY ANDERSON won the hearts of the members of her company by an observance of the English custom of giving Christmas

presents. BARNUM has published his will, dis tributing an estate of ten millions among twenty seven heirs and some charities, and he challenges an impeachment of his sanity.

GEORGE W. McChart, ex secretary of war, justice of the Eighth judicial circuit of the United States, has resigned in order to become general attorney for th Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe ratiroad .

COL BATHBONE'S MELANOMOLY.

How the Scene at the Shooting of Lancoln Col. James G. Barrett, who has know Col. Rathbone for years, and has been

acting as his attorney in Washington, said on Saturday morning : "I received a letter from Col. Rathbone, dated Nov. 30, the last one that I have from him. which is perfectly coherent and jutelligent -such a letter as any business man would write to another. He speaks of some changes in the furniture of his houses here, and his suggestions are clear and livered by private enterprise at half this practical. The letter gives no sign of mental unsoundness. "To what do you attribute this act?"

asked the reporter. "I don't think he ever recovered from the effect of the shock of that night t President Lincoln's box at the theatre The scene always haunted his mind. was at times subject to fits of despondency and moodiness. I think that at one of their duty to always construe doubtful gravated, perhaps by dyspepsia he com mitted this tatal act.

"There is no other cause that can be assigned that I know of," continued the " His affairs were in good condition and he had no financial trouble to contend with. He may have speculated some, but not more than a man of his means could afford. His relations with his wife and family were affectionate His wife was one of the brightest women ever met, and she was everything that : wife ought to be. Col. Rathbone was for tunate in this respect. I believe he was temporarily insane when he committed the deed. There is no other way, to my judgment, of accounting for this unexected and sad occurrence.

#### LABOR AND TRADE.

Some Failures to the West Reis Brothers & Co , wholesale dealers n foreign fruits, fancy groceries and canned goods, of Cincinnati, has made an The liabilities are esti mated at nearly \$400,000.—Isaac Reis wholes the manufacturer of eigars also o lineinnati, has made an assignment. recently filed a chattel, mortgage for \$30, 000, to secure certain creditors

In accordance with the action of th last meeting of the Western Nail association, nearly all the nail factories in the West closed on Saturday night for a period of six weeks. This throws out of employment more than 5,000 men. The exception to the shutting down was the Jefferson and Spaulding works at Steubenville, Ohio, and their continuance may compela resumption of work by other

One hundred and forty looms, employed in the manufacture of gentlemen's sultings, n the Washington mills at Lawrence, Massachusetts, are to be stopped as the wraps on hand get used up. This will throw 200 hands out of employment. Already nearly 150 hands have been dis-

The employes in the table ware glass factories in Pittsburg were notified on Satarday might of a reduction of 17 per cent. ist. There are in Pittsburg two've such factories employing ... 900 men and 500 girls. Advances many hands are employed in the

# A WURAN'S ERVENUE

A remarking at Tragedy to Millson. in Barts. Misson county, Ill., Mrs. William ggert, wife of a wealthy farmer, and noted for her beauty, shot William Ray, a well known man in the vicinity, who had astersed Mrs. Lippert's character. She arranged an interview in her own house at which several friends were present. It ay was asked if he had made the statements imputed to him. He replied very plainly in the affirmative, and a ided that he had told the truth. When Ray made his reply she hissed the one word "liar," and sud dealy raising her hand with a pistol in it, his body. Ray fell, and the woman made a motion as if to fire a second shot, but she was seized and disarmed. She is now in jail. She declares it was the only way she had of vindicating her character, which had been falsely aspersed. Ray's death is considered certain.

# Carrie Swatn Points a Pistol.

Carrie Swain, the actress, had rather : thrilling experience in Harrisburg Christ After she had gone to bed at the Lochiel hotel she heard a noise at one of her windows, which sounded like a rap. Receiving no response to the demonstration the author of it raised the window and landed in the actress' room. She suddenly seized her revolver and aimed it at the in truder, but did not shoot. Instead she screamed at the top of her voice and her maid servant and some of the hotel em ployes rushed to her room to find out the cause of the commotion. By this time the unwelcome visitor had escaped to the outside. The actress gave a full description of the person who had entered her room and the next morning the proprietor of the hotel informed Ross Reno, a young man, that he would no longer be accommodated at the house. Reno is the son of General M. A. Reno, of army notoriety. Caraie Swain declined to make any information against the young man.

Obituary Notes. John McCarthy Soully, a well know Irish Nationalist, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning. He had been suffering from heard disease, and his labors on a work entitled " Anti British Tariff; or, Protection vs. Free Trade, are thought to have greatly aggravated his trouble.

Dr. Johnson Eiliott, a prominent physician of the District of Columbia, died yesterday in Washington, of pneumonia, in the 68th year of his age.

# Death by suicide.

Gustavus Wehrlich, a prominent attor. ney and insurance man of Watertown, Wis., committed suicide on Saturday, be cause of pecuniary trouble. He was years of age, and leaves a wife and five children.

Thomas H. Wheeler, a paper stock dealer on Long Wharf, New Haven, shot himself dead on Saturday morning. He was 48 years of age, and leaves a wife and six children. It is supposed he was worried by the depression in his business.

# The Orange Blot

The funerals of the Orangemen killed in the riot at Harbor Grace, Newfound-land, took place on Saturday afternoon, without disturbance, "the efforts of the Orange chiefs having brought about a quieter feeling in the community Twelve hundred Orangemen, in full regalia, carrying flags and banners, attended the funeral of Jones at Carbonear. Six. teen arrests have been made for participa-

# THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

DR. BIGBEE'S INTELLIGENT VIEWS.

No Place for Industrial Training-The Charge That They are tiodless - interesting and rightfloant Figures.

The report of State Superintendent of chools Highee, just unde public, says that in Pennsylvania there are 2.29 school districts; 19.542 schools; 7.89 graded schools; 15,721 school directors 05 superintendents; 8,600 male teachers and 13,414 female teachers. The average salary of male teachers per month is \$57 female teachers, \$30.05. The average at endance of pupils during the year was 957,680; cost of taition, \$2,193,001 71 cost of buildings, tuition, fuel and cotingencies, \$9,206,336 65; estimated valu of school property, \$30,199,636; school tax levied for all purposes, \$5,476,547,57 estimated value of state and incorporated educational just tutions, \$8.847,380.70 The increase since last year is as follows In schools, 359; male teachers, female teachers, 637; pay of female teachers, \$176 per month number of pupils, 12,335; cost of tution. \$329, 073 83 , value of school property, \$1,858

Superintendent Highes takes decided saue with the criticism that the traming in the schools is not such as to keep i view the various trades and that wide range of intellectual pursuits, which char acterize our modern civilization, and tha the schools are intellectual drones.

He says: "There may be a need of pa ytechnic schools throughout the land, am bould take measures to maintain them to secure a ready supply of skilled laborers. This we are not disposed to question, and no doubt such schools, wherever organized will be filled from the ranks of our common schools. But our commo school themselves, filled with young children of our commonwealth cannot be turned into such industrischools without a revolution, which would destroy in turn the whole meaning of che mentary training and defeat the very end desired to be reached.

"In this connection, however, it is no more than just to say that our teachers should be earnest in quickening the intel ectual visions of their children. Another orm of more serious entreisms meets us in the charge that our common schools are a failure, because crime is out the increase. destitute of moral force and directness, so | Picard. purely mental, and so heedless of the ethical side of our human nature as to demoralize our social life, and morease instead of decreasing the sum of human wickedness.

" It might as well be said that general family life, and the legal means adopted to repress crime, and the various religious methods, are a failure as to charge the common schools with responsibility for the increase in wickedness. The common schools must take their das share of the burden, but not all of it. They have my ight to be, nor are they, posed against be religious sentiment of the citizenship of the state. They ought not to be, no are they, irreverent toward the worship paid to God in the thousand temples that adorn our land.

While specific confession of faith cannot be bought, yet that morality which rests upon a Divine revelation; that dis ipline of the soul which comes from iod's Word, and from prayer and praise, nght not to be, nor is it excluded from Neither infidelity, nor blasbhemy, nor drunkenness, nor lust, are regarded as proper qualifications for our teachers. Indeed, if our superintendents were so far to forget or violate the law as to give certificates to candidates possess ng such qualifications of character our directors would at once refuse to keep

hem at work in the school rooms ' better ethical results should be reached than are found at present. This delin quency he ascribes to the constant changng of teachers. "Year by year they come and go, and gain only a transien acquaintance as they hurry by. They are too much like hirelings by the year ..... They vanish from view so quickly as to leave no clustering reminiscence for maturing childhood to gather and profit by the delight thereof. Their life and thought and high purpose have had no time to enter into the vision of the child. soul, and fill it with high hopes and aspirations. They seem almost as pedagogic

tramps, not teachers. "Every effort should, therefore, be made to give a longer and more continuous ten are of office to the teachers of our common schools, and to secure, for this end, teach ers whose inward cuiture of character is such as to give to their presence and personal influence a power more far reaching han all mere attainments can ever be Perhaps were the salaries of our teachers sufficiently increased and a larger tenure f professional services guaranteed, we might secure permanent teachers for our ommon schools, as our high schools and colleges do, and thus accomplish, in the way of moral culture, at least tenfold more than at present."

Iwo houng Girls Prop Swift Flying Ducks

A solitary sportsman, reaming over the A varado marshes on Sunday last in puruit of the ducks, which were few and far between, bethought himself of an artesian well in the distance where he might slake his thirst. When he reached the desired pot he saw two girls seated on the marrin, dressed in a peculiar and striking costume. They were tunies extending to the knees, long rubber boots, hunting coats and caps, and were provided with an expellent brace of breech loading shot guns. Besides them lay a pair of teal, widgeon and rail, ample testimony to their skill in the use of their weapons. The hunter raised his hat, and, presuming on the fraternity of sport, inquired if the ladies had good luck. They pointed triumphantly to their birds, and then glanced sympathetically at their interrogator's flaceid game bag. Both were unusually pretty girls, their cheeks brown from exposure, showing that it was not their first excursion, and the hands with which they dabbled the cool water upon their heated faces were white and dimpled. They confessed that the oddity of their costume made them shun the male bunter, though the sportsman confessed that he had never believed that rubber boots could look so cunning, Just then a bunch of teal came down

the wind with lightning speed, and both girls squatted on the marsh in a moment. Along swept the birds, bang went both guns, and three birds fell to the ground. They picked them up, and, with a gener osity altogether unknown to the male sportsman, offered him a brace of the birds, as he had the courtesy to allow them to do the shooting.

They explained how they came to be hunters. One was extremely delicate and after graduating at a well known semina ry in Alameda county was recommended outdoor exercise by the doctors as the only escape from consumption Tired of ob jectless strolling, the girl, under the kindly tutorship of her uncle, learned to shoot converted a companion to the sport, and both are now passionately attached to hunting. They visit the best duck passes in Alameda county, where snipe are to be found, the good quail covers, and seldom sioners, but more recently was a clerk in return without generous bags.

# Dog Fights on Sunday.

There were two dog fights at well known resorts near Coney Island, New York, Sunday morning, one of which was attended by two hundred and

sporting men and the other by about fifty similar characters. At the last mentioned fight a Williamsburg official acted as referen

#### "TWO ORPHANS,"

Kate Claxton in Her Popular Play. With the character of Louise, in the frams of "Two Orphans," Kate Claston as become so identified that neither ber clination nor the public seems to permit her to assume a role in a different play and entry success. Popular appreciation og ago emphatically endorsed ber preminent ability in her touching and natur portrayal of the suffering blind girl. me and assidnous practice have perfect d her in her delineation of the part until all the characteristics of the blind, their acute sensibilities, the strange sympathetic affinity of the body to objects and transactions to proximity, and their astonshing comprehension without explanation, are presented in a most truthful aspect. This endorsement, however, does not apply to Miss Claxton's performance on Saturday evening in Fulton opera house, where a large audience assembled to greet her. She was not then seen at her best Partly from her prolonged engagement in New York, and but very recently termi rated, and partly from an unjustifiable adifference, her acting was not embellish ed with all the pleasing touches, pictur esque shadings and animation that usually characterize her work. But there was sufficient excellence, nevertheless, for those who had not yet seen her characterization I Louise to comprehend the hold she has on the popular mind, while at the same time these to whom the play is familiar

Her support was generally satisfactory Miss Henrietta Vader, an artiste of ability and well known, was very natural as Mather Frechard, her acting being a nice and intelligent picturing of the ill natured one, as Mariane, was quite acceptable, as was also Miss Elepor Moretti, as Henriette. has an attractive stage presence, and his of business. impersonation of Jucques Freehard was narked by some satisfactory acting and chard and the Marquis, showed himself possess no mean abilities, especially in first named character. Mr. R. J Dustan was the favorite of the evening The training given in them is said to be so from his ecceptric and amusing acting as

#### BASEBALL.

Now Players Engaged by the Ironsides-Other Notes of the Came.

The Ironsides baseball club have secured ne players for next season. Henry and Lawrence, the new battery with whom hey have been negotiating for some time, terms offered. These young men reside in oringfield, Ill , and played the latter part last season with the Quicksteps, of Wilmington, making excellent records. The other players are as follows: Williams and Madden, of Westfield, Mass., pitcher and catcher; Oldfield, of this year's Ironsides catcher and general player; McTamany, late of the Ross and Hartville, centre fielder ; Nick Bradley, of the Trenton, right Heider ; Ed Green, of the Easton, short stop, and John Green second baseman. The club will engage another man who will be put at first base. Madden, of the Westfield battery, is an excellent third baseman or short stop. The club so far is composed of strong men and they will be able to compete with any of the teams.

Manager Diffenderfer will represent the ew Lancaster club at the meeting of the nter-state association on Wednesday. The Ironsides will be represented at the ceting of the Union League in Philadelphia on Thursday, into which they are

applicants for membership. Life of vesterday states hat Pollard will play in the Lancaster The managers of the nine state that they have not engaged him.

The Altoona papers claim that Manlove will play there next season, but the new Lancaster nine have his name to a con tract and he has taken their advance

It remains to be seen whether there will be any inter state association after Wednesday's meeting, as several of the best clubs which were expected to go in do not want to do so now. Reading and Wil mington will go into the Union League and Trenton is undecided.

# Senator Cameron in the West

General Simon Cameron, accompanied by Colonel James Duffy, of Marietta, and Major John H. Hiestand, of Lancaster, arrived at St. Louis, Friday evening, in an official car of the Pennsylvania railroad. General Cameron is on his way to Mexico. but will stop for three weeks at the Hot Springs. He was met at General Sherman's residence by a reporter to whom he talked freely on present political topies. The election of Carlisle, as speaker, he magines, has sealed the doom of the Dem-During the afternoon he was cornets. driven to the residence of Mrs. Pocock, an old friend, at 3,103 Bell avenue. The general and his party left over the Iron Mountain railroad.

# Assault and Battery.

On Saturday the wife of James Sellers, one armed man, made complaint against him for assault and battery. James was n the alderman's office at the time and so was Officer Pyle, who had on citizens' clothes. After the warrant was made out he officer proceeded to arrest his man. lames showed fight and began striking The Southern Mutual's Election of Officers and kicking the officer; he was finally thrown upon the floor, and while down he bit the officer in the leg. After breaking the door he was overpowered and locked up for a hearing.

Coal Office Robbed. The coal office of Kauffman & Keller, on the Harrisburg turnpike, in the northwestern part of the city, was broken into by thieves yesterday, and a small sum of money stolen from the money drawer in the desk. The thieves effected an entrauce by forcing open the back shutter of the office. The office desk was then broken pen, and a small amount in cents and nickels carried off.

#### Trotting Maten On Saturday next a trotting match of

horses to sleighs will take place at Mo-Grann's park, provided the snow lasts, for \$100 a side, between Daniel Logan's horse and another which Cyrus H. Colvin will enter. The match was made and the money posted on Saturday afternoon at the end of East King street, where both horses were seen in several lively brushes. Parade in Commbia,

#### To morrow morning a firemen's parade will take place in Columbia, companies from York, Harrisburg and Marietta will participate, and a big time is expected. The Pennsylvania railroad will issue holi-

day excursion tickets to that town and the

Many Laucastrians will go up.

bank stock at \$148 per share.

cound trip can be made for 45 cents.

Clerk Appointed. Owing to the increased business a new clerkship has been made in the revenue office in this city. I. N. S. Wills, of Springville, Mt. Joy township, has been appointed to fill the position. Mr. Wills was formerly clerk to the county commis-

Harrisburg, at the state department. Sale of Bank Stock Jacob B. Long, broker, sold to day at private sale 10 shares of Fulton national OBITUARY.

TWO WELL BROWN CITIZENS DEAD. Beatis of C. A. Bitner and A. S ereneman -The Lives of Two Prominent Towns

men-tiose of a Busy Career.

Mr. Charles Augustus Bitner, one of and member of a well known family, died at his residence in this city on Sunday morning at 2 o'clock, of Bright's disease of the kidneys, from which he was for a long time a sufferer. Mr. Bitner was born in Lancaster on the 14th of January, 1832. He was a son of the late Abraham and Elizabeth Bitner, and was noted for his active business from early youth. At the age of 16 he was a freight conductor, for the late Robert Moderwell. At 17 he asso ciated himself with his brother John R. Bitner, in the freight and for warding busi ness between this city and Philadelphia, and continued it for many years, building up an extensive and lucrative business and extending it to other roads and states. In 1874 the partnership was dis solved and for five years Mr. Bitner was engaged as a dealer to leaf tobacco. In 1879 he opened an office and freight house on the Reading railroad, and soon after wards took into partnership his son Charles, who has for some time past con- cultural report of Pennsylvania for 1881, ducted the freight and forwarding business. on the Reading & Columbia railroad. Mr. Bitner was a stockholder in the first cotton mills of this city ; of the Lancaster many facturing company; of the Millersville horse railroad; of the Stevens house com pany; of the Lancaster bolt works, and of the Lancaster watch company, for which discerned with displeasure the palpable he donated three acres of land upon which to erect the factory. He was chairman of the building committee of the Farmers' Northern market, and was a member of both select and common council for seven years. In the building of the railroad to and specimens in a number of branches o. Quarryville he was a leading spirit and and abandoned old woman. Miss Margaret | was a director of the company. In all his business enterprises he was distinguished for energy and boldness, and he conduct Mr. C. A. Stevenson, a rather good actor, ed large operations in widely varying lines

He married Rebecca Ibach. Their children are Emma, wife of J. Gust Zook, touches of passion. Mr. Donald Charles, Rebecca and Daisy, all of whom lobertson, in the dual role of Pierre are living—one daughter, Mary Margaret, being dead. Mr. Bitner's funeral will take place on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Informent at Lancaster cemetery.

#### Death of A. N. Breneman

A. N. Breneman, a well known and highly respected citizen, died at his residence, No. 34 West King street, this afternoon about half past one o'clock, aged 79 years. Mr. Brenemau was a son of Dr. Abram Breneman; was born in Laucaster in 1805, in the house now occupied by Jacob Rotharmel, corner of South Queen and German streets. When thirteen years ave telegraphed that they will accept the of age he was apprenticed at the shoemaking business, to John F. Voigt, whos store was where A. Hirsh's milliners store now stands. At the end of his apprenticeship he went to Philadelphia, where he remained a few years perfeeting his knowledge of the finer branches of his trade. Returning to Lancaster, he commenced business in 1827 in the northeast angle of Centre Square where Bair & Shenk's banking house now stands. About 1830 he was married to Marie, daughter of Xavier de Welden Three sons and three daughters were born to them, o whom only A. N. Breneman, jr., Mrs. H R. Breneman, and Mrs. Aug. Rhoads survive. The eldest son, Dr. E.lw. de W. Breneman, who was a surgeon on Gen Grant's staff, died about fifteen years ago, and the second son Lucen de W. Breneman about two years ago. From 1827 to 1859 Mr. Breneman kept a shoe store in Centre Squar . He then removed his store to Nos 34 and

> Breneman, jr., who has since that time conducted it. For many years Mr. Breneman's residence was on the northeast corner of East King and Shippen streets where he had beautiful grounds which for some years were used as an ice cream garden. Nearly a quarter of a century ago he removed to his late residence, 34 and and useful life was engaged in several im | heard by Alderman Spurrier on Thursday portant enterprises, outside his trade. He took an active part in having the Cones toga water introduced into the city; he built a large number of dwelling houses, and was one of the owners of the East Chestnut street track, which was laid out into building lots by him self and the late Jesse Laudis. He was for some time in partnership with ex-Mayor Kieffer in the West Chestnut street foundry; was the first lot owner, and erected the first monument in Lancaster cemetery, and was active in other public and private works, and works of benevolence and charity. In all his relations through life he was upright and conscien tions. In religious and political question he was very liberal, declining to connect himself with any party or sect, but having great toleration for the views and even prejudices of others. For some years past he has been in declining health, but was not confined to his bed for more than a week or two. His death was the result of old age and a breaking up of the physical forces. His mind remained unimpaired to the last.

The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock; interment at Laucaster cemetery.

# INSURANCE OO. MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Southern Mutual fire insurance company of Laucas ter county, was held in the Mechanic's hall Quarryville, on Saturday Dec. 29, and there was present the largest attendance for several years. The board of directors elected for the ensuing year is as follows Dr. H. E. Raub, G. W. Heusel of Quarry ville, Frank Clark of Strusburg, S. W. Swisher, Kirkwood, and B. S. Patterson. White Rock; and the board of appraisers: Geo. Aument, R. C. Edwards, H. S. Long, James Collins, W. S. Hasting, C. M.

The new board subsequently met and organized as follows : President S. W. Swisher; Secretary Dr. H. E. Raub Treasurer Geo W. Hensel. The report for the year past show the

company to be on a good financial basis, and the losses comparatively light.

Sult for Damages This morning B. F. Davis, esq., counse for Ambrose Ganse, brought a civil suit for \$2,000 damages in the prothonotary' office against Michael Shaller, who on Fri day night arrested Ganse and placed him in prison on the charge of attempting to fire a building, when in truth no attempt of the kind had been made. A capias was issued for the arrest of Shaller.

Shaller was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Strine, and he gave bail this afternoon in the sum of \$2,000.

# Extensive preparations are being made

for the poultry show of the Lancaster county society, which will begin on Jannary 17 and continue for a week. It will be held in the fine large room on the third floor of the new post office and the list of entries is rapidly filling.

Broke Her Arm, This morning Mrs. Rosa Tomlinson, residing on East Chestnut street, went to the house of Frederick Woehrle, on North Queen street to do some work. While in

the yard she fell on the ice and broke her

arm. Dr. Musser attended her.

THE LINE EAN SOUTHTY.

Annual Meeting-Election of Officers-ite-The Liungan society met on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 29, at 2 o'clock, the president, J. P. Wickersham, in the chair. The donations to the museum consisted of two fine large specimens of native cop-Lancaster's most enterprising citizens per, from Michigan, presented by Wm. D. Stauffer; a cocoon of the Attacas Luna, or American siik worm, by J. M. Westhaeffer a cocoon of an unknown moth and specimens of twig infested with Leconium Per sica, as also the transformed insect of the same, sent to the curators by parties unknown; glass ronfing tiles, which are becon, by popular as a rooting material, sent

> barn tiled with them. The donation to the library consisted of is volumes of 2nd Geological survey of Pennsylvania; Fu: mer for December, 1883, 3 newspaper of perent dates contain ing scientific articles, 6 pirculars, etc. ; 2 cuvelopes of scraps of coal interest Canadian entomologist; V. coeedings of the Anthropological society of Washington; Photograph of R. H. Naueroft's library building in San Franciso 5, Cal ; report of Agricultural department U.S. for 1881 and '82 from department; Agri-E G. Snyder, per S. M. Sener. Bi Coutennial souvenir, of Philadelphia, and a copy of the Ledger for August 23, 1861, by M. Sener.

> in by L. S. Reist, who states that a Mr. Rupp, a fa. our of Earl township, has a

The report of the treasurer was then read and approved, and from it it appeared that the amount realized during the year from dues, etc., was \$43.26, and that the expenditures were \$45.70. The curators' report was then read and approved, and it shows that during the year there , vere 1,275 articles presented to the society. and that these consists of books, seria is natural science, such as mineralogy, entomology, orinthology, &c. Some of the books were purchased by the society, and in one or two cases articles were purchased for the museum.

Prof. Stahr added a new plant to the county list, and S. M. Sener a new insect. Nine scientific articles were read before the members, and of these, four were pub lished entire in the Examiner or Furmer. The society then elected the following

flioers to serve the ensuing year : President-Hon. J. P. Wickersham. V. Presidents-C. A. Heinitsh, Rev. Or. J. H. Dubbs,

Rec. Sec. -S. M. Sener. Cor. Sec. -Miss Lefevre.

the museum.

Librarian -- Mrs. Zell. Curators-Prof. J. S. Stahr, Dr. S. S. lathyon, S. M. Sener and C. A. Heinitsb. The society then adjourned to meet on Saturday, January 25, 1884, at 2 p. m., in

#### THE BUARD OF BEALTH.

mailpox Report-Suits Entered Against Physiciaus and Clergym en Dr. Westhaeffer, health com missioner, eports that only one new case of small pox has developed during the past week There is only one other case under treat ment, and five cases convalescent.

The board of health, through its presi dent, H. R. Fuiton, esq., has entered suit against the following named persons for violation of the provisions of the law establishing the board of health :

For failing to report births and deaths -Drs. Henry Carpenter, H. E. Muhlenberg, J. Aug. Ehler, D. R. McCormick, Wil liam Blackwood, and S. H. Metzger.

For failing to report a smallpox case-Dr. George A. King; and for obstructing the health commissioner in placing a flag on his (the defendant's) house, Mr. Jacob Ziegler.

For failing to make quarterly reports of marriages as required by a state law - Rev. Dr. McCallagh, of St. Mary's; Rev. C. 36 West King street, where he remained in business until 1869, when he retired, N. Spaulding of St. John's Free Episcopal

Paul's M. E. church. The penalty for refusing to make the reports above enumerated ess than \$25 nor more than \$100. Johnson, esq., has been retained by the board of health to assist in the prosecution of the defendants, who will probably appeal the cases to court to test 36 West King street. Mr. Breneman was the rights and powers of the board of an active business man, and during his long health in the premises. The cases will be

#### afternoon at 2 o'clock. NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Events Near and Across the County Lines Pottsville anticipates an early Lehigh Valley railroad connection.

The roof of A. C. Patscke's rope factory in Lebanon, was crushed in by snow oss, \$4,000. The roof of a building at Lauer's park

brewery, at Reading, was crustled in by the heavy weight of snow upon it, entail ug a loss of about \$100. Jane Schlenke, six years of age, was attacked and terribly mangled by a vicious dog in Greenwich, Berks county

Her injuries are pronounced mortal. J. V. Walker, proprietor of the Washington house, York, has received a young porker, weighing one thousand pounds, from Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county. Frank E. Freezer, brakeman, and Jas. Rehman, watchman, employed by the Pennsylvania railroad, were run over

and killed at Harrisburg on Saturday night. A national bank with a capital of \$500, 000 has been established at Malvern, Chester county. This is the fourth na-tional bank that has been chartered in the

county during the year, During 1883 two hundred houses were put up by building associations and one hundred by private individuals in Reading. The yearly reports will show that the city debt has been reduced \$6,000 during the past year and the water debt decreased

Stiver Anniversary Reception On Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Reynolds marked with a recep tion of their friends the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding, their daugh ter at the same time making her formal entrance into society, her young friends remaining until midnight to enjoy the dance after the hours of the general reception, which were from six to nine, had passed. The large mansion was well filled with the guests, who were received and entertained in the excellent style for which the house is noted. The collation was spread by Augustine. The presents of solid silverware were very handsome. Miss

Reynolds was assisted in her reception by

Miss Pauline Rengier and Miss Mary Bell

Hager, of this city, and Miss Jackson, of Bellefonte. The Northern market,

The debris of the wreck caused by the fall of the Northern market a week ago is being rapidly removed. The footwalks on both North Queen and Walnut streets are now clear, and so much of the interior of the market place has been cleared as to make it possible to hold market in a number of stalls to-morrow morning, though there is some objection to doing so, as it is feared the market people may interfere with the workmen. It is astonishing to see how little damage has been done to many of the market stalls. While the entire building is as complete a wreck as it is possible to conceive of, many of the stalls escaped all injury, and it is only the butcher stalls at the west end of the building that are very seriously dam-

The mayor this morning sent one drunk to jail for 10 days, and seven persons, who applied for lodging were discharg-