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THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 24, 1884,

The Law's Supremacy.

James Nutt, acquitted of the murder of Dukes, on the ground of insanity, has been released from custody on the testimony of the examining physicians, that he is not now insane. The result is a mockery of the law, yet it is one which appears to be endorsed by the weight of public sentiment; which, therefore, nocks the law. It is not an agreeable reflection for thoughtful citizens that law is thus contemned. Ovations attend him who was acquitted of murder upon the only possible ground that the law offered for his acquittal, that he was insane when he did the deed. His act of insanity is applauded as an act of the sanest nobility of mind. Of course it is absurd as it is false that this is the proper judgment upon the deed. The fact is that people who applaud Nutt believe that he did a good deed in killing Dukes for his offense against his family. If this is a correct judgment then it is wrong that the law can only release him from punishment for his act by the finding of a jury that it was an act of insanity.

Now, which is right, the judgment of the law or of the people ? The two cannot be made to correspond at all; and certainly the one or the other needs to be kill Dukes under the provocation he had, privilege, if not to put this duty, upon every man who has suffered as Nutt did. If private vengeance is the proper punishment of such wrong as that charged | the fair. upon Dukes the law should say so; and certainly should not denounce the avenger as a murderer. Every sensible citizen must desire to see the law declared as it should be vindicated. and not proclaimed to be nullified.

Public opinion on an isolated case not, however, the test of the goodness of a law. It does not follow that because public opinion now seems to de clare Nutt guiltless of crime, he is therefore guiltless. That public opinion may be wrong; and when we see it clearly in conflict with a law that has had the sanction of ages, the presumption is that it is wrong. We believe it to be so. The popular judgment in the Nutt case, letting loose, as it does, the private pistol to do the work of the public executioner, certainly errs; for the fundamental rule of society is that private public officer.

In this case, it is said that the public was acquitted, and that Nutt was right that such argument is not good, and that little ones. there is nothing in the law to warrant it. "Admitted," say Nutt's applauders. "and yet we applaud, because Dukes" wrongdoing is avenged."

Such unreasoning surrender to impulse upon the part of our people is the altar against a proposed ball, and the often exhibited in this country, where organizers of the latter promptly retalilynch law is a daily experience. The ated by informing their pastor that he when popular feeling is not aroused; and gambling at church fairs. In like true. Nathan D. Morey, an old and but such feeling at any time may set it manner a Presbyterian shepherd of Ber prominent citizen, has long kept a large guards. They then rushed out into the aside. We believe it to be the clear teaching of experience, as it is of comcontrolled by such popular ebullition. When it strains against the law and the law gives way, society is not safe; for its law fails it when it is most needed.

The most disturbing fact in connection with the Nutt acquittal is that so many journals of respectability have chosen to run with, instead of against, the current of feeling. It demonstrates how little reliance can be placed upon those who should be teachers and leaders, when they are thus seen to fear to put their honest judgment across the path of popular feeling; and how hopeless it will be for the law to look for support from those who should be its firmest supporters againt the ever possible assaults of popular frenzy.

· The State Conventions.

The time for the state conventions of both the political parties in Pennsylvania was fixed yesterday, and in either case it was quite early enough, no one will deny. It will require the local organizations everywhere to bestir themselves to get county conventions assembled in time to elect the delegates, and in all cases it is proper that there should be the best possible popular representation choose the delegates from this state to the national conventions.

The unusually large attendance at and interest manifested in the meeting of the Democratic state committee augur well for the organization and activity of the party throughout the state. The members met without plan or programme afternoon, Governor Pattison presiding. and every matter before them was the subject of full and free discussion and the conclusion was reached after due deliberation. The executive committee selected consists of representative Dem ocrats who will strengthen and assist the work of the chairman; the place chosen for the convention is the hospitable home of one of the best Democratic organizations in the state, and it promises every facility for the meeting.

In the appointment of a time the com mittee was divided mainly on the issue of an earlier or later convention; in any event it was seen that in many counties the delegates would have to be chosen before the time for naming county tickets; in Philadelphia, Northampton, Berks, Lehigh and Susquehanna the delegates are already selected. Two conaiderations influenced the choice of the earlier date. One of these was the desire to anticipate the Republican convention and abandon the defensive policy upon which the party in this state has acted for years ; it will be the first occasion in a long time that the Democratic state convention in Pennsylvania met before the Republican. Secondly, it was the preponderating opinion of the committee that Pennsylvania should make its own declaration on questions of federal policy, and not await the action of other states; that it should lead and not follow. This idea mainly controlled the

selection of the date.

THE Philadelphia Democrats have nominated the "old ticket" of 1881. and propose to make a light for its election. The eyes of the state are upon

MAHONE has been requested by legislative resolution to resign his seat in the Senate. How have the mighty fallen !

FRANCE will be compelled to rescrate her bellicose propensities if, as now seems probable, Great Britain is to get her fingers in the Tonquin pie.

INDIANAPOLIS is being treated to a visitation similar to that through which our own city has passed. Seventeen prisoners in the county jail have been prostrated by smallpox. It is to be hoped that the disease did not gain its present headway through the "hush-up" policy that epabled it to become prevalent here.

HOLMAN will have the country at his back in his efforts to revise the land laws under which a few corporations and indi viduals have been grasping millions of acres of the public domain. The man who them.' devises a system whereby western lands may be made inviting to actual settlers to call officers to clear the streets. will deserve a public monument.

Those who persist in saying that the fair sex cannot keep a secret will be home at Uniontown, where James will be forced to revise their reckonings somewhat | tendered a reception. It was the intention at the information that Miss Elizabeth changed. If it was right for Nutt to Richards, of Philadelphia, kept the but the plans have been changed, and he knowledge of her age a profound mystery will go home with his mother. it is right for the law to confer this to every one for a period of nearly 100 years. Malicious sceptics might say that the secret of her age is the only one He was at once diven home, where he capable of being religiously guarded by intends remaining netly.

> A Young man was tried recently in New Haven for causing a disturbance in a theatre by calling out in a load enough tone to attract general attention that it the bakehouse of John Bookmeyer, who was a "bum show." On the ground that occupied a building in the row of eight a spectator has as much right to express in Woodhaven, L. I. disapprobation as approbation, the judge allowed him to go scot free. Under this destroying the houses in the rew. The theatrical company might by paying the price of a ticket effectually ruin its busi

THE proposition of the Berks county poor directors to build a home expressly for orphan children is scarcely to be com mended, in view of the much cheaper method suggested of paying the expenses of the maintenance of the county orphans in institutions belonging to adjacent counties. Perhaps the best, as it is de vengeance must be surrendered to the cidedly the cheapest way, would be for the poor directors to secure homes for the little waifs among the farming populaofficers failed in their duty ; that Dukes tion. More work, it is true, would be entailed on directors, but no greater benefacto remedy their failure. It is clear tion could be conferred on the homeless

MINISTERS of the gospel in giving di rections to their flock must be careful to a line of hose, fell and broke his leg. He first sweep clean before their own doors. A Catholic priest in Pottsville spoke from law is permitted to have its course only had permitted dancing at church pienics Hathorne spring bottling house. Crowds wick inveighed against some younger members of his church for dancing and, mon sense, that the public weal demands during the trial, one of the young men that the law should control, and not be preferred a charge against the pastor for card playing. The party throwing the lest he be struck by the rebound.

PERSONAL.

Rr. Rgv. P. J. Ryan, coadjutor Catholic bishop of St. Louis, has been created an archbishop. GERSTER is anxious to obtain a pug dog

with the proper twist of the tail. How would Freddie Gebhard fill the bill? BLAINE's treatment of the south and of siavery in his new book is said to be free

of state, finds time to make enthusiastic gas. public speeches concerning the merits of LEO XIII in presenting Archbishop Gib-

bons, of Baltimore, with his portrait said : 'let it be a reminder in your council of my affection for your grand country."

THURLOW WEED BARNES, a grandson of Thurlow Weed, is preparing a volume of memoirs of his grandfather. It will include heretofore unpublished letters from Clay, Webster, Lincoln, Seward and others. CHARLES A. DANA, of the New York

Sun, has been threatened with a ningging by an irate New York stock broker, C. S. Benham by name, who claims to have been aggrieved at a publication in the former's

DR. L. H. WASHINGTON says that when pneumonia attacks the steady, square drinker, one who carries regularly his pint in the appointment of those who are to to a quart of whiskey daily, the treatment comes exclusively under the domain of the undertaker, as the first case of recovery has yet to be reported.

AGRICULTURE.

the meeting of the State Board. The state board of agriculture began its annual session in Harrisburg Wednesday The entire afternoon was devoted to preliminary business and the election of vice presidents and an executive committee. | later it fell without warning, burying beneath it John Sterbird. His four compan-The new vice presidents are John McDow ell, of Washington county; G. W. Atherton, of the Pennsylvania state college, and Hon. M. C. Beebe, of Venango county. The executive committeee chosen con

sists of the governor and Secretary Edge and Messrs. C. C. Musselman, of Somerset; J. P. Barnes, of Lehigh; Dr. J. P. day the resolution introduced before the Edge, of Chester; N. F. Underwood, of boliday recess requesting Senator Mahone Wayne; Eastburn Reeder, of Bucks; G. to resign his seat in the United States G. Heister, of Dauphin, and Joel A. Herr, of Clinton. Thirty members of the board were present. No reports of committees were received owing to the term of the old committees having expired. New committees will be appointed to morrow by

the governor. Wednesday night Prof. Meehan, of Philadelphia, delivered an address on "Alaska and the Pacific coast ; its agriculture and

A Fortune Lett to the Pope. London Daily News.

The Rassegna announces that on New Year day the Pope heard from London that a lady who used to subscribe £4,000 yearly to Peter's pence had died, leaving £480,009. His holiness is sending one of his nephews, together with Monsignor Cataldi, to London to secure this legacy.

Woodehoppers Wreek a fraig.

Eighteen cars were completely wrecked on the Lykens Valley rallroad near Lykens on Wednesday, owing to a rail having been displaced by woodchoppers skidding logs down the mountain side. They made no effort to remedy the damage or to notify the railroad officials. Arrests are con-

James Nutt Declared to be Sane, The hearing as to James Nutt's present mental condition took place Wednesday morning before Judge Stowe, and resulted in the prisoner's release.

Doctors Wylie, Beatty, Heron and Christy were examined, and all agreed that at the present time Nutt was of sound mind and fully responsible, and thought that it would be perfectly safe to restore him to liberty.

He was then discharged, and, after re ceiving the congratulations of those pre-sent, repaired to Major Brown's office, where his mother, sister and other relatives had gathered to receive him. On the way he was tendered a perfect ovation. Hun dreds of people followed in front and Old men patted him on the back, woman crowded around him, and children pushed and shoved to get a look at the boy made famous by the great trial. His mother and sister wept bitterly as they threw their arms around him, and the joy they expressed seemed to know no bounds.

A number of the jarors who sat in judg ment on Nutt were admitted, and shook his hands warmly one remarking, "Jimmy if they do anything to you in Payette, send them down and we will see to

By this time the crowd on the outside was so large that it was found necessary

The family was then driven to Major Brown's house for dinner, and Wednesday at 4 o'clock p. m., all will return to their at first to send the young man to his uncles, near Browntown, for a few days

A special from Uniontown says Nutt was met at the depot by a crowd of three hundred persons and was wildly cheered

DRIVEN FORTH BY FIRE Twenty Four ramilles Rendered Homeles

Fire broke out late on Tuesday night it houses owned by Mr. Florentine Grostean,

The fire spread very rapidly, entirely decision a few determined enemies of a buildings were of brick, two stories high, with mansard roof. The ground floors were used as stories and were compiled by Bookmeyer as a bakery; James Marne, hardware; George Sweick, grocer; J. P. Peifer, butcher; C. Kingste, liquor dealer, and Fincke, a barber. Twenty-four families occupied the appartments over the stories. The firemen from East New York and Cyprus Hill responded to the alarm, but arrived too late to be of much service. Mr. Grosjeau's loss is about \$40-000 on the buildings on which there is an insurance of \$25,000. The total loss is about \$50,000.

The scene during the night was indesoribable. The sleeping family were turned out in the cold, having hurriedly put on whatever clothes were nearest at Woman screamed, children cried and men ran hither and thither, endeavoring to save their household effects. Shelter was given to many in neighboring houses. The only person reported injured was Adam Bush, who, while attempting to open a second story window to enter with is injured internally and will probably die

Killed by Gasotine.

Saratoga, N. Y., was startled Wednesday afternoon by the report that two men had been killed by gasoline at the summer boarding house near the depot. He has been introducing a form of gaso. line for mixture with ordinary illuminat ing gas, and had built a tank, covered with brick, in the north end of the bottling house. Morey had asked a first stone should get a safe distance off locksmith to repair the lock on the door leading to the room in which the tank was located. Rawson took the old lock off about two o'clock and returned to replace it at four, when he saw Morey and another man named Lodewick S. Green, lying on the floor and apparently dead. The unfortunate men were removed, and the efforts of the physicians, who arrived shortly after, to restore consciousness, were unavailing. Green was a veteran and was employed at the Hatherne Spring. Both men leave families. A leak from sectional bitterness or party feeling. in the tank was found, and both men were GLADSTONE, notwithstanding the cares sufforated or asphyxiated by the escaping

Wants to be a Jesse James. Richard Zeller, a ten year old German boy, who wants to be a Jesse James and a raider in the Black Hills, as he told the detectives, was arrested and sent to jail in Baltimore on Wednesday. He has only been 13 mouths in America. He successfully robbed several large stores during the past week. In one of them he obtained employment as an errand boy, and the first night in his new situation allowed himself to be locked in and later let himself out with a lot of booty. He robbed the safe in another store, but got very little money. The detectives caught him in bed at a boarding house early in the morning. Two revolvers were under his pillow and lying on a chair was a leather belt with another revolver and a bowie knife in it. He also had a dark lantern. He begged the magistrate to let nim go free and would start west immediately.

Crushed to Death.

On Wednesday a party of men employed at Haddock & Steel's coiliery, Luzerne borough, were working though a gangway when they noticed that a portion of the roof was likely to fall. They endeavored to dislodge the loose part, but it resisted removal and appeared safe. A little while ions set to work to extricate him, but when the weight was removed he was found crushed to death. He was 26 years of age and a steady man.

Mahone Arraigned to the Virginia Senate. Senate, came up as a special order. State Senator Newberry, the author of the resolution, spoke in favor of its adoption, and strongly arraigned Gen. Mahone's course since his election as Senator. Pending further discussion the Senate adjourned, and the resolution went over until Thurs-

Floping With a Child. Cato J. Jenks, aged 23, a merchant of Apex, Wake county, N. C., has described his sick wife and three children and eloped with Varina Pearson, the 13 year old daughter of his clerk. The girl is very delicate, and is small for her age. Endeavors are being made to intercept them. Their relatives assert that they

have gone to Illinois. The affair has caused a marke i sensation.

Thought He Was Wiggins. The snow blockade prevented sending provisions into the Kingston, Ont., timber district, and the lumbering shanties will probably be closed to consequence. D. G. Wiggins, of the Bethlehem from company, is snowed in at the iron mines and the residents there think he is Wiggins the she attempted her life. Mills. de Somweather prophet, and refuse to shovel a brenii is said to be a near relative of path for him.

PAYING THE PENALTY.

TWO MUEDERERS HUNG IN THE WEST.

The Crime for Which George A. Wheeler Lost Bis Life-Judge Lynch at a Colorado Hanging.

George A. Wheeler, a native of Gorham, Maine, was hanged in San Francisco at 12:54 p. m., on Washington, for the murder of his sister in law, Adele J. Tillson, by strangling, on October 20, 1880 Adele Tillson was a younger sister o Wheeler's wife. He became enamered her in New York. An unlawful intimacy followed, and a child was born. His wife condoned the offense and allowed her sister to continue to reside with them, although she was fully aware that the criminal intimacy between the two was continued. They came to San Francisco in 1880, when another child was born to the sister-in-law.

Shortly afterward a young miner me Miss Tillson, proposed and was accepted. When Wheeler learned this he entered his sister-in-law's room, took her in his lap, and, pretending to toke with her seized her by the throat and chiked her to death. He then squeezed her body into an empty Saratoga trunk and went to the police station and gave himself up, assigning a the cause of his deed that he could not se her become the wife of another man. A series of trials followed, and every effor was made to save the man's life, but o three different occasions he was sentence to death.

At an early hour Weshesslay morning crowd of 5,000 persons had assembled out side the jail. The demand for entrance tickets was so great that they were held at \$10 premium.

When led from his sed Wheeler exhib ited unexpected firmness and helped th officials fix the straps on his logs, the only visible emotion being a twitching of the lips. He was attended by a Cathol priest. Although brought up a Quaker, he had signified his desire to die in the Catholic faith. When asked by the sheriff if he had anything to say, he replied : forgive the world, may the world forgiv The priest extended a gracitix, which the prisoner kissed, saying Jesus, into Thy Lands I commend m spirit." The signal was then given and the trap fell. Wheeler's neck was broken and death was instantaneous.

The desire for notoriety manifested a self in this case in the person of Mrs Strat ton, a diverced woman, who frequent visited Wheeler in his cell and who insist ed Thursday night on being married to him Wheeler expressed his wellingness, bu the sheriff took measures to prevent the ceremony.

A Desperado Hui z ton Tree.

A special dispatch to the Denver Reput lican from Socoorro, Col., says: "At o'clock Wednesday morning Joel Powler a notorious Socorro desperado; was take from the jail, and, in spite of his frant appeals for mercy and cries for dragged to a neighboring tree and hung. The crime for which he was hanged was the murder of a man named Jas. E. Cole. last November."

This was the seventh victim of Fowler who was worth \$100,000, and the citizens believed he would use his wealth to buy witnesses, as he had done in the other

CHASING ESCAPED MURCERERS Two Condemned Criminals Break Jail and are Recaptured with Bloodsned

Luke and Bill Jones, who have been in jail at Jackson Court House, Ohio, await ing their hanging, February 20, for the murder of Anderson Lackey, last month, pried open their cell door at noon on Wed nesday, while the two guards were at din where they captured the revolvers of the court of the jail, where ick Reed, the jailor, and, putting revolv ers to his head, overpowered and tiehim. The coast was now clear. They walked rapidly out of the front dor of the jail, and as they were in citizens garb. had gone several streets from the jail be

fore the alarm was given. The guards and a large body of citizens started in pursuit. The escaped murder-ers ran for the hills on the east of the town, which they rapidly climbed. Five hundred citizens, armed with guns and revolvers, gave chase and brought the murderers to bay in a ravine, where they opened fire on their pursuers. Luke Jones was so badly wounded in the melee that it is feared he will not live to be hanged both prisoners then begged for quarter and were taken back to jail.

AUQUITTED OF MURDER.

Why the Jury Set John Strinbilber at Lib.

The trial of John Steinhilber for the murder of Thomas Kearns, at Ashlaud last November, which has been going on since Tuesday, the 15th inst., ended on Wednesday, and resulted in the acquittal of the prisoner. It was proved that he had been set upon by four young men, who grappled with him, and in self defense he drew a revolver and tired, killing Kearns. The killing was the outgrowth of a series of outrages committed by a desperate band of ruffians, who for several years past have terrorized Ashland. Men who had occasion to be abroad on the street at night were garroted and robbed. A min ister of the Evangelical church was attacked by the band and beaten. Drunken individuals were tied to lamp posts and left exposed until morn. No person would venture on the street at night unarmed. Strangers coming into town made all possible haste in getting out of it. The war cry of the gang was the word "root," and at the sound of it the boldest men trembled if alone and unarmed. The 'Lynx,' for that was the name which the unholy organization bore. spared no one. The testimony of the witnesses proved that Kearns and his party had cried "root" several times before Stein hilber fired. After 20 minutes' deliberation the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty. This trial brought public sentiment to bear on the "Lynx" gang, and what seemed a second Mollie Maguire organization was broken up by the of killing Kearns.

TRYING TO END HER LIFE.

Freil Young Lady Whom Financial Re-verses Drove to Despair.

Mile. de Sombreuil, a young lady twenty three years of age, whose name was mixed up in the lawsuit following the smash of the Union Generale, made an attempt last night to destroy herself in her apartment, Rue de Constantinople, Paris. Before the great crash, she had lived on intimate terms with M. Feder, then director of the Union Geterale, and, since his condemnation, the head of a banking house of Berlin. In the days of his opulence M. Feder had furnished a superb apartment for Mile. de Sombreuil in the Rue de Neuilly, but the crash came, and the Union Generale burst before the up holsterer's bill of 50,000 frages had been paid. The young girl was held responsible for this and other debts, and gradually, bit by bit, her little fortune dwindled away, until she was left abnost in actual want, with a baby four years old. At last, tired of the struggle of life, after repeated applications to her lover for assistance, she resolved to end her misery. She is now lying at the hospital with a bullet hole in her left side. The attempted suicide has caused great excitement. An extensive correspondence between her and Feder was found in the room where

THE STATE CONVENTIONS.

Democratic, Allentown, April 9 - Republican Harrisburg, April 15.

The meeting of the Democratic state committee in Harrisburg, yesterday, was very largely attended, nearly every county being represented and mainly by the com-mitteemen themselves. W. U. Hensel was reelected chairman unanimously, and in taking the place thanked the members, congratulated them on the full attendance and interest manifested, and said that with zealous organization of the party he was contident that it was a miscalculation to count Pennsylvania as a certainly Repubican state.

Before the meeting of the committee it was generally supposed that Harrisburg would be selected as the place for the holding of the next state convention, but this idea was soon dispelled, Ernst Nakel, of Allentown, made an earnest speech in favor of his town, which was esponded to by Casper Dull, member of the committee from Dauphin county, who favored Harrisburg. Allentown won by a vote of 32 to 27. All the Philadelphians, except Representative Crawford, voted against Harrisburg; and besides the votes its neighbors Allentown had support rom such remote districts as Greene,

A recess was had from 5 to 7 p. m , to print the ticket of nominees for executive committee.

On the first ballot the following named gentlemen were elected members of the executive committee: R. P. Allen, Ly-coming; E. A. Bigler, Clearfield; W. J. Brennan, Allegheny; General Richard Coulter, Westmoreland; W. F. Harrity, Philadelphia ; B. F. Myers, Dauphin, and I. E. Packer, Carbon. The announcement of the chair that the

ext business in order was the fixing of the date for the holding of the state convention was the signal for a lively discus-March 4 and 19, April 2, 16 and 30 and May 7 and 14 were named, and April 6 was finally chosen by a very decided najority. It was then announced that that week quarter sessions court would be in session in Lehigh and hotel accommodations might be lacking, and thereupon the vote was reconsidered. Another debate ensued between the mends of an early and a late convention. I. J. Stable, of Adams, was opposed to fixing any date, preferring that the execuve committee should decide on the time, Mr. Harrity, of Philadelphia, said if there was a reason for the Democrats to postnone their convention until the Republi cans had held theirs that reason did not exist now. The Democratic convention should be held early and the tariff planks in the platforms of 1882 and 1883 should be reaffirmed; the Democrats of Pennsylrania should not allow other states to put bem in a disadvantageous position on he tariff question. Mr. Brennan opposed an early convention, as it might place the state in an inconsistent position; the national convention might adopt a platform at variance with that of the Pennsylvania Democracy. W. Rush Gillan, of ranklin county, favored a late convenon, because the counties would not therwise have a chance to elect delegates by convention, an early one might be hurt ul to the chances of Samuel J. Randall or the presidency. T. S. Veltman, of Perry, said he was as strongly in favor o Randall as any man, but he was for an early convention in order that Penusylvania Democrats could make a timely declaration on the tariff question. Mr Kerr, of Clearfield, said the committee ad nothing to do with the tariff question.

A vote being had between April 9 and May 14, the former won by 41 to 14. Before the committee adjourned Chair man Hensel admonished all the members to see that no person be placed on the Democratic electoral ticket who was not fully qualified and that proper care be ner, and found themselves in the corridor, taken in making up and forwarding election

returns to the prothonotary's office. The Republican Convention to Meet at risburg on April 16. The Republican state executive committee met yesterday at the St. Cloud hotel, Philadelphia, and fixed a date for holding the state convention. The place selected was Harrisburg and the date agreed upon was April 16. Upon this the members of the committee were practically unani mous, although a few at first favored a somewhat earlier date. A resolution was passed that a committee of five be ap pointed, of which the chairman and secretary of the committee shall be members, to consider the expediency of fixing a uniform day for holding primary elections throughout the state as far as practicable

proposed change in the basis of representation was discussed, but no conclusion Judge Pettis offered a resolution that the state convention elect delegates-atlarge and the representatives of each congressional district select candidates for presidential electors and that the several county committees be requested to provide for the election of the district delegates to the national convention. A series of resoutions commending Chairman Cooper for his industry, party feality and wise direction, especially in the last election, were

with existing rules. The question of the

passed with great enthusiasm. Dropped Dead in a Theatre.

Mrs. Marion Clifford, while ascending the stairs of the family circle of the Academy of Music, in Philadelphia, Wednesday evening, was taken suddenly ill, and fied in a short time.

A New Comet

On Tuesday night a comet was visible at Buchos Ayres, Argentine Confederation, in the east at an angle of 45 degrees. It has a very brilliant nucleus, but the tail was hardly visible. Nine Men Drowned on a Raft.

A raft was on Wednesday drawn into whirlpool on the Upper Cumberland river

were drowned. Assault and Battery. John Augustine and his sister Mrs. Andreas Eberly, had a hearing before Alderman Fordney this morning, to answer complants of assault and battery on An-

near Carthage, Tennesse, and nine men

dreas Eberly. It was shown that Eberly, who is an old pensioner, had a difficulty with his wife last Sunday a week about some money matters, and took her by the neck, whereupon her brother, Augustine, beat Eberly over the head with a poker inflicting serious wounds. thought his wife also beat him, but as be

was knocked senseless he could not swear

to it. Augustine was committed for trial

at court, and Mrs. Eberly was discharg-

The committee of arrangements are to-day issuing invitations to the grand ball to be given by Canassatega tribe, No. 203, I. O. R. M., on Monday evening, February 11. No efforts are being spared to make it one of the finest affairs of the season. The great chiefs of the great council of Pennsylvania, and other disinguished guests will be present. The City cornet band will play the merch for the grand promenade, and Taylor's full

Services at Almshouse and Prison Mrs. Lizzie Sharpe of Philadelphia, a regularly ordained minister of the Methodist church will preach in the chapel of the almshouse at 1.30, and at the prison at 3

orchestra will furnish the dancing music.

instant. Abatement to se Allowed. Yesterday the county commissioners de cided to allow an abatement of three per

cent, on all county tax paid on or before

QUARTER SESSIONS.

THE STRASBURG HOMICIDE CASE.

Arraignment of Miliard F. Hildebrand-The Forenoon Exhausted, and the Jury Not Completes-Objections to the Jurors. Wednesday Afternoon.—Henry Gillen, alias, Jacob Wallace plead guilty to steal-

ing a horse from Daniel Neim of this city. The accused is a colored boy and he hired a horse from Mr. Neim which he attempted to sell at Leman Place. Sentenced to three years and six months imprisonment.

Levi Ebersole plead guilty to the charge of adultery and was sentenced to nine months and ten days imprisonment. Alfred Tumer, colored, plead guilty to assault and battery and was sentenced to

pay a fine of \$5 and costs. The jury in the case of T. W. Pryor, c' rged with larceny rendered a verdiet of not guilty. Lyman Bitzer convicted of fornication

and bastardy was sentenced as usual. Com'th vs. William Richardson, of this city, carrying concealed weapons. The evidence showed that while Henry Heiter, who is employed at the saloon of John A. Snyder, North Queen street, was standing at the door one evening recently, defendant came along and, drawing a pistol, pointed it at him, almost frightening him

to death The defense was that Richardson was very drunk on this day; if he had a pistol some one must have placed it in his pocket, as he knew nothing of it. The jury rendered a verdict of not

guilty, with county for casts. In the case of Michael A. McGlinn, a verdict of not guilty was taken, with the county for costs; the same disposition was made of a case of false pretence

against Horace B. Johns. In an old case against Dr. Eugene De Leon, charged with conspiracy to debauch Ida Breneman, a verdict of not guilty was taken, as the defendant has never been caught, although search has been made for him.

Tee grand jury returned the following True Bills -Wm. A. Hoar, assault and

battery.

Ignored - David Markowitz, peddling without licence, with county for costs; Martin Breiter and Folb Pike, peddling without licence with M. B. Hess for costs.

The strasburg Homicide. Thursday Morning .- The case of Millard '. Hildebrand, of Strasburg, charged with the murder of Henry Eshleman, was called first in court this morning and the selection of a jury was proceeded with. The prisoner, represented by his counsel, H. M. North, M. Brosius and P. D.Baker, ergs,, appeared in court and to his arraignment answered in a firm and clear voice " Not guilty." The commonwealth was represented by ex District Attorney Davis, S. H. Reynolds, B. Frank Eshleman and W. U. Hensel, esqs. The entire panel of 41 jarors was called and exhausted by 11 a. m., at which hour nine jurors had been secured and an adjournment was had to 3 p. m., to give the sheriff time to summon a special venire of thirty six, ordered by the court.

Following are the names of the jurors called this morning, an abstract of their answers to the questions asked them concerning their scruples about capital pun ishment, their opinions, if any, of the case, and whether or not they had any feeling regarding the prisoner : H. R. Breneman, first stood aside, re-

called and aworn B. G. Getz, had formed and expressed an pinion that would influence him; chalenged for cause.

J. Fred Suter, had formed and expressed an opinion : challenged for cause. Henry C. Young, stood aside, recalled and challenged peremptorily by commonwealth.

Jos. Lobar, had conscientious scruples against capital punishment; challenged \$270; total \$567. A very nicely balances for cause. Geo. W. Zscher, challenged peremptorily by defense.

Levi S. Graybill, had conscientious eruples; challenged for cause. James l'ennington, challenged peremporily by defense. Peter Nagle, had conscientious scruples

hallenged for cause. John H. Bair, had formed an opinion challenged for cause. Henry S. Rutter, sworn. Fred Stamm, had formed a bias against

risoner; challenged for cause. Henry Boice, had expressed an opinion hallenged for cause. Abram B. Huber, had conscientious cruples against capital punishment

challenged for cause.

Abram Hess, had conscientious scrules ; challenged for cause.

A. J. Musser, had conscientious scruples; challenged for cause. Pierson M. Eberly, stood aside, recalled and sworn. Daniel Trewitz, jr., sworn.

Nathaniel Sturgis, had expressed au pinion : challenged for cause. F. A. Bennett and Michael Fisher were isposed of likewise. Robert L. Eicholtz, enallenged perempt-

torily by the defense. Daniel Kline, sr., sworn. S. H. Dunlap, challenged peremptorily by defense Geo. W. Mehaffey had formed an opin-

on ; challenged for cause. Jacob K. Hostetter, sworn. Christian H. Shenk, had formed an opinion; challenged for cause.

J. W. Robinson, stood aside; recalled and challenged peremptorily by defense. James Wood had conscientious scruples

against capital punishment; challenged for cause. Martin R. Forney had conscientious eruples; challenged for cause.

Wm. Simon, stood aside; recalled and sworn. J. B. Samson, challenged peremptorily by the commonwealth. David H. Culp, challenged peremptorily

by defense. Menno H. Brubaker had formed an opinion; challenged for cause. George S. Wise, challenged perempto ily by defense. John Shaub, had formed an opinion challenged for cause.

B. A. Donovan, sworn. Elias E. Reist, had conscientious seruples; challenged for cause.

Daniel Lintner, stood aside, recalled and hallenged peremptorily by defense. J. P. Hollinger, sworn. Aaron Dissinger, challenged peremp-

torily by defense.

When court adjourned, of the 41 men called two had been challenged peremptorily by the commonwealth, nine by the defense, nine had conscientious scruples against capital punishment, twelve had formed or expressed an opinion and nine had been passed and sworn in the follow-

ing order

Henry S. Rutter, dealer, Leacock. Daniel Trewitz, jr., coachsmith, city. Daniel Kline, sr., farmer, Manor. Jac. K. Hostetter, farmer, Manheim twp. B. A. Donovan, wheelwright, Manheim. J. P. Hollinger, paper hanger, city. H. R. Breneman, insurance agent, city. M. Eberly, legislator, East Cocalico. Wm. Simon, carpenter, city.

urand Jury Returns The grand jury returned the following

True Bills-Walter McCaslin, fornication and bastardy; James Erisman and Wm Wolf, selling unwholesome meat and false pretense; John Finefrock, lar ceny; Alice W. Poff, adultery; Adam M. Gehman, violating liquor law; Eusebius o'clock, next Sabbath afternoon, the 27th

Kauffman, embezzlement.

Samuel Fleming, of this city. Sentenced to six months imprisonment, Henry Smith, who plead guilty in November to stealing a bag of feed from John M. Hershey, of Salisbury township,

and was held to be used and witness, was sentenced to three months imprisonment from this date. Sentences Imposed.

Franklin Springer plead guilty to stealing a turkey from Thomas Scott, of Mari etta, and was sentenced to two months. John Williams plead guilty to stealing a box of shoes belonging to Michael S. Har

nish, and was sentenced to three months.

John Bodenhauer plead guilty to steal-

ing an overcoat from Andrew Harner, of Manheim, sentenced to four months. Charles Benson plead guilty to entering the house of Jacob Bair, of Brownstown, with intent to commit a felony. Sen teneed to seven months

LANCASTER COUNTY REPUBLICANS.

Lincolo, Arthur and Elaine Mentioned as At the meeting of the Republican state committee, yesterday, a Press reporter ob tained some views upon the feeling in the espective localities regarding the presilential nomination. He prints these from Lancaster county :

Amos H. Mylin, president pro tem, of

the state Senate : Lancaster has been a strong Blaine county, but the feeling is growing that Arthur has done himself and the party credit in a trying situation. Blaine's popularity, however, if not with the local leaders, is with the voters. But Blaine and Arthur each belong to a faction, and I think the nominee, while not having the weakness of a dark horse, which usually means a man without a cause or a constituency, will be some one brought prominently forward by events in the present Congress. Sam Matt Fridy : The young men in

my county are all enthusiastic over Lincoln. So far as the selection of national delegates by the congressional method is concerned, it must be remembered that Laneaster county composes a congressional district in which the Crawford county system of selecting candidate prevails. It will, therefore, be necessary to arrange a new plan for the selection of delegates to the national convention, in order to con form to the national rules.

J. W. Yocum: The disposition in Lan caster county is to give public opinion full sway. It is thought best not to press an expression of sentiment in favor of one man or another. If that were done Blaine would, of course, lead. Arthur has many friends in the county, as have also Ed munds, Sherman and Lincoln. Owing to this diversity of opinion, which I consider a good sign, an uninstructed delegation will certainly be sent to the state conven-

THE POLLTRY SHOW

Closing Scenes Last Evening-The Lucky Numbers That Drew the Prices. The exhibition of the Laneaster poultry

association closed has: evening. According to announcement, a committee of three consisting of John Best, George Hunter, and Charles Christ, were appointed judges to superintend the drawing of the prizes offered to visitors who attended the show during the last two evenings. A little girl drew the numbers from the wheel. The first number drawn was 231, which entitled the holder to a breeding pen of Brown Leghorn fowls.

The second number drawn was 156, entitling the holder to a pair of Fantail pigeons. The third number, 43 won the pair of Yellow Turbits, and the fourth, 7, the pair of Antwerps.

The exact amount of receipts and expenditures has not yet been announced, but is pretty n orly as follows. Receipts from entries, v :13; from sale of tickets, \$314; profits on catalogue, \$40; total, \$567. Paid on premiums, \$297; other ex penditures, including old debts, about

"Fun on the Bristol." There was a fair sixed audience in Fulton opera house last evening as spectators of a very indifferent performance given by 'Rice's Great Travestie company, ''perhaps about the worst of the half dozen troupes that travel under the estensible direction of Mr. Rice. They presented "Fun on the Bristol," but not half so satisfactorily as it has been given here before. Mr. Mark Sullivan afforded a good deal of amuse ment as Widow O'Brion, and did some elever eccentric dancing and singing. Mr. George A. Schiller as the captain was rather amusing, but there was nothing deserving of particular mention on the part of the others of the company, except Bobby Newcomb, whose elegant dancing was highly appreciated, and whose singing of his song " Pretty as a Butterfly," was deservedly encored, as it was a little musical gem charming in tune and sentiment.

The New Post G. A. R. The new post of the Grand Army of the

Republic met in American Mehanics hall, Inquirer building. Five new members were initiated, and there were seven prop ositions for membership received, John E. Long made a speech of some length, in which he favored naming the post after Admiral Wm. Reynolds, a brave naval officer, a native of this city, and brother of Gens. John F. and James L. Reynolds. On motion the name was

adopted by an unanimous vote. A resolution was also passed that the proceedings be engrossed and a copy of them sent to Admiral Reynolds' widow.

U. R. K. of P. Ball

The first grand annual ball of Lancaster division No. 6 of the uniform rank Knights of Pythias will be given in Mannerchor hall on Thursday evening, Feb. 21, and is expected to be an elegant affair. The invitations have already been issued. Mr. W. P. Heleiue will be master of ceremonies, his assistants being Messrs. John A. Gable and A. W. Nolt, together with long list of managers. The committee of arrangements are Wm. A. Schoenberger, John A. Gable, A. Hammond, W. P. Heleine and A. W. Nolt.

Police Cases.

Benj. Davis, an old offender, was com mitted to jail by Alderman Samson for 30 days for drunken and disorderly conduct. Patrick Roy, Benjamin Wendler, Leonard Wiley, Stuart Wiley, Hugh Costello and Jacob Gerlach, boys aged about 15 years, were arrested this morning on warrants issued by Alderman Samson, charging them with disturbing the West Chestnut street public schools. stiled in Harrisburg.

John W. Morrison, a brakeman on the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania railroad, was killed yesterday morning about 4 o'clock in the yards of the company in Harrisburg. He was a young married man and a resident of Harrisburg. He was engaged in coupling his train which was destined to Philadelphia. and was caught between the bumpers of the cars and crushed to death.

A Pleasant Sociable. Stauffer's orchestra, a new organization,

gave their first sociable at Excelsior hall last evening. About sixty couples were present and everything passed off very pleasantly-the music being very good and the waltzing and dancing graceful and exhilerating. Habeas Corpus.

Last evening Walter B. Tangert, who was committed to jail an Monday for 20 days by Alderman McConomy, was taken before Judge Patterson and discharged on Joseph Derwart, of Norristown, plead a writ of habeas corpus. The grounds of guilty to larceny of a lot of clothing from | the application was sickness.