Lancaster Intelligencer.

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Which System ! The two candidates for mayor now before the people of this city are the rest most loosely, and the practical considerations of good government and how can best be secured an honest, efficient, economical and business administration of the municipality, will determine the choice of many citizens between McMullen and Rosemiller. In this view of the case a contrast of the policies of the two parties which they represent is pertinent make out a case is for the Maxim comand profitable. From 1874 to 1878, the Republicans were in control of the city government. Mayor Stauffer was its ing the two thousand candle power light executive head; the councils were in sympathy with him; for most of the time Select Councilman Evans was the the city furnishes that degree of light, head of the finance committee. Let us

see what a record they made : When Mayor Stauffer came into office the total funded debt of the city was \$482,153.96; and the sinking fund amounted to \$88,158.06, leaving the net funded debt at \$393,995.90. In 1878, when Mayor Stauffer was succeeded by Mayor fund had been only increased to \$99,-258.06; making the net funded debt \$563,253.96-an increase in four years of \$169,258.06. But in addition to this, as soon as Mayor MacGonigle entered upon his duties, he found that although scarcely one-third of the fiscal year had expired, many of the appropriations for the whole twelve months were already nearly, if not altogether, exhausted, a loose and reckless system of book keep ing and accounting prevailed, and, as he pointed out promptly in a special message to councils,

deficiency of \$30,000 existed, for which a new loan had to be created, making an actual increase of the city's indebtedness under Stauffer of \$200,000 in round figures. And what had the city to show for four years of Republican administration and an increase of city debt amount ing to \$1.75 on every \$100 valuation of real estate in the city? During the six and a half years of

Democratic administration, with Mayor MacGonigle as executive, the only loans made besides the \$29,900 required to pay off the deficiencies accruing under his predecessor were \$20,000 for the new Worthington pump and \$6,000 for a set of new boilers; while, on the other hand the sinking fund under his direction has been increased \$119,400; showing an actual de crease of the city debt by the new methods of about \$90,000, and even charging the deficiency loan to the MacGonigle administration-which was not responsi ble for it-there is a clear reduction of the city's indebtedness of over \$60,000

Barren as the Republican administration was of results to justify its enormous increase of the debt, the Democratic adminis ration, besides the show ing it makes of a decided debt reduction. is to be credited with a number permanent improvements, forcibly presented in Mayor MacGonigle's retiring letter and universally recognized by our

Many of the evils of loose and careless government which were experienced under Republican administration were due to the political concurrence of the councils and the mayor; they were in party accord and were no check upon each other. The city is so gerrymandered that the Republicans claim a majority in seven out of nine wards, and the Democrats are not given one half of their just representation in councils. Every consideration demands the election of a mayor of different politics from the majority of councils, so that he can interpose his veto and influence against the lawlessness and recklessness with which partisan majorities abuse power.

THE opinion of some of the Republican politicians in Albany is that a secret movement is on foot in New York to organize the delegation to the national convention from that state in the in terest of Arthur. There is nothing sur prising in this report. Between the various Republican aspirants for the presidency it looks now as if the opposition to Arthur would be so di vided that he will be a formidable candidate for the nomination. He gives his party a neutral, colorless sort of policy that does not provoke sharp antagonisms. In this state, for example he has been fooling for weeks with lot of appointments that a man with more decision and less political craft would have determined long ago. There are outgivings that he is using his power next delegation from Pennsylvania, and the suspicion seems to be well founded. He is feeling his way to renomination, rather than breaking it. Mr. Blaine seems to still have a greater popular hold upon his party than any other of pians. its leaders, and if he has come to the conclusion of all other sagacious pointical observers, that he can never realize his presidential aspirations, he still no doubt hopes to control the choice of the convention. Mr. Arthur realizes, from prominent men. Blaine's experience at Cincinnati in 1876 and from Grant's fate at Chicago in 1880, that it is dangerous to become such a favorite as to unite the field against burg Independent, him. His friends will no doubt cultivate friendly relations with Logan, Sherman and all the anti Blaine interests. They must have a nucleus of strength, how ever, such as they can find in the control of the New York delegation. Without that, of course, Arthur is not a formidable candidate. But if he secures it, he can readily make a deal with the Pennsylvania traders and the mercenary camp followers from the South, which will put him in the front.

VERY naturally it rasps the Examiner to be reminded that under the administration of Mayor Stauffer the sinking fund, established for the extinguishment of the city debt, was not increased by even the amount of the interest on its own bonds, while under the administra tion of Mayor MacGonigle nearly \$20,000 a year were added to the sinking fund. sitating the camping out of the soldiers, with the mercury 25° below zero. Although the Examiner pretends to not

understand what this has to do with the present issue in the mayor's election, the people understand it very well. They know that under McMullen the same prudent, thrifty and business like administration that marked Mayor Mac Gonigle's official conduct would be connominees of their respective parties. It is tinued and that under Rosenmiller there true that in municipal elections party ties | would be a return to the former recklessness and extravagance which exhausted the yearly appropriations before six months had expired, and piled up float ing indebtedness to be added to the bonded obligations of the city.

> THE simple and only satisfactory way for the advocates of the electric light to pany to demonstrate by some accurate test that these lamps are each furnish that they engaged by contract to provide. We do not believe that a single lamp in and therefore we do not favor the city paying for what it does not get.

Curio is very busy to-day and his bow and arrow are in constant requisition.

THE city of Lancaster has a valentine in waiting for David McMullen, which MacGonigle, the total funded debt had run up to \$662,512.02, and the sinking the votes are counted on Tuesday evening the teply. And I have never tried bil

> PEOPLE who are not considered very bloodthirsty, are wondering why John Coyle, the York county murderer, is not made to pay the penalty which three courts concur in believing he deserves.

WATER gets the better of whisky-for flood at Cincinnati has submerged every had a right to keep a store. He was much pleased when told he could do so. His has done it more effectually than the era-Baders.

The Ecommer Beed not trouble its the United States. mind about whom Mr. McMullen will appoint or not appoint to places within the appointment of the mayor, after he is chance.

It is currently reported on the streets give the mayor a clerk, and that this clerk | ninth birthday of his brother, David Dudnew mayor is to be moved, will make him a valuable acquisition.

A VALENTINE. Choose me your Valentine | Next, let us marry ! Love to the death will pind It welong tarry.

Promise and keep your vows. Or vow you never Love's doctrine disallows Troth-breakers ever

You have broke promise twice, Oear ! to undo me. If you prove faithiess thrice None then will woo ye.

As Mayor MacConigle's administration has paid off \$62,500 of the city debt, and therefore decreased the tax burden 55} cents on every \$100 valuation, and as W. D Stauffer's Republican administration increased the debt \$200,000 and therefore dereased the tax barden \$1.75 on every \$100 valuation, therefore every owner of property in this city who is in favor of low taxes, and every tenant in favor of low McMullen, who will continue the good work done by Mayor MacGonigle.

Judge Tourgee like a great many other people finds it far easier to practise than to preach. Recently in this city, he deliv ered a powerful lecture on the subject "Give Us a Rest" in which the folly of now aunounced that the judge has been compelled to caucel all lecture engagements by reason of his suffering from overwork and anxiety. Shakespeare was right when he declared that it was easier to tell twenty twenty to follow the instructions given.

In future, let every one have a care how On the trial it was proved that the feed used was corn refuse from a grape sugar works, and experts testified that milk made from it was not unwholesome. The in the matter with a view to control the if he is wise will seek hereafter some less the city is inundated. The people are dangerous topic for discussion.

> FEATURES OF THE STATE PRESS. The New Era knows that Quay is up to mischief, but cannot exactly fathom his

The Alleutown Critic advises people who cannot stand excitement to not get married.

The Wilkesbarre Union Leader deprecates congressional obituary puffs of

American taste for good grammar and cultivation in belle lettres, make Logan's election an impossibility, says the Harris-

The Westmoreland Democrat asserts that the Democrats of that county were the first to suggest Andrew Jackson as a presidential candidate.

The editor of the Examiner can't get over it that when he changed his political principles he made himself ineligible to membership in a Jefferson club. The York Daily takes the cake, with

this specimen of mortuary verse : Dearest Willie thou has left us Gone to dwell in yonder sky. But an angel came and whispered.

Dearest Willie do come ho By his Cousin, E. I. I.

Camping Out in the Intense Cold. At 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon fire was discovered at Fort Sully, Dak., and by 5 o'clock three companies had been burned out. The fire is still raging, and no assistance can be rendered, as the nearest water is the Missouri river, nearly a mile distant. The barricks will all be destroyed, necesPERSONAL

BRADLAUGH will be a candidate for reelection to Parltament. Anney is said to be \$200,000 behind thus ar in the operatic season.

QUEEN VICTORIA, it is said, has to pay postage on her mail matter just the same as any of her subjects. Ex-PRESIDENT GOWEN, of the Philadel

phia & Reading railroad company, is arranging for a trip to California. CLARK LANE, a wealthy resident of Mount Healthy, Ohlo, has presented a public library to the town of Elkart, Ind.

REV. H. W. BEECHER vesterday officiat ed as one of the pall bearers at the funeral of Hon. Thomas Kinsella at Brooklyn, N. DR. NEWMAN says the American people

THOMAS KINSELLA, of the Brooklyn Eagle, left an estate worth about \$250,000 including his interest of about \$100,000 in that journal. His six children are his heirs.

WILLIAM B. GILL has been appointed superintendent of the Western Union tele graph company, to till the vacancy caused y the resignation of Mr. J. E. Zeublin. Mr. Gill was at one time assistant superin tendent of this district.

Ex-GOVERNOR HENDRICKS, of Indiana, doesn't play billiards. "When I came to settle up for the first game I ever played, 'I was told it was \$3. 'How so ? he said. SENATOR HAWLEY, having remarked

that a thorough canvass of the Southern states should be made by Republicans, especially in close congressional districts, the Charleston News invites him to "come and welcome," and Mr. Henry Watterson joins in the invitation.

STANDING BEAR, a Sioux chief from the Rosebud agency, called on Secretary Telonce : and in Ohio, too. A seventy foot ler yesterday to know whether an Indian ter during the interview. Standing Bear wears a silver medal given to his grandfather many years ago by a president of

GENERAL SIMON CAMERON in Galvestor found an old friend in the widow of Dixon H. Lewis, of Alabama, with whom he served in Congress nearly forty years ago. elected. Mr. McMullen says that he has In a call of an hour these venerable people made no promises of any kind to anybody, described scenes of Washington life and but if it amuses the Examiner it may go politics in their prime. Although Mr. on filling all the city offices a dozen times | Cameron and Mr. Dixon were political before the election. This is its last proponents, personally they were warm friends, and the venerable ex senator was highly gratified to meet the widow of his departed friend.

JUSTICE FIELD, of the supreme court of to day that, in case Mr. Rosenmiller is elected mayor, councils will be asked to house last evening in honor of the seventy is to be the "Hon. Buckie" Leibley. Justice Field's three brothers, David Dudley, Cyrus W. and Henry M. Field. out the office "Buckie's" familiarity President Arthur, Chief Justice Waite, with the old postoffice, to which place the Speaker Carlisle, Senators Edmunds, new mayor is to be moved will make him Bayard, and Gibson, Representatives Randall, Hewitt, Dorsheimer and Tucker, Secretary Frelinghuysen and Justices Harlan, Blatchford and Gray, of the su-preme court, Mrs. David Dudley Field and Mrs. Justice Field.

THE WESTERN PLOODS.

Misery and Suffering Everywhere in Their Train-A Terrible State of Affairs. The Ohio river at Cincinnati Wednesday night was 74 feet 5 inches at 12 o'clock. and is still slowly rising. The distress is beyond description, and the reports of houses undermined and lives lost, coming in from quarters where verification is imincrease the general consterna Third street the Wall street of Cincinnati, is completely under water, and the Burnet house, still one of the most most fashionable hotels, is now at the

edge of the rising flood. The local observer of the weather for the Commercial Gazette predicts heavy rains again for Thursday. A steamer has been chartered at Madison and will be oaded with 20,000 pounds of provisions and sent up the river Friday to distribute rents should vote next Tuesday for David supplies wherever needed A large steamer will also be chartered for a similar service on the lower part of the river. A trainload of provisions will be sent from Indianapolis Saturday morning to Madison, and the steamer will leave that point for the scenes of distress Saturday even

The following message has been re ceived from Governor Porter : The condi tion of Lawrenceburg is pitiable in the overwork was strongly impressed. It is extreme. More houses have been removed from their foundations than last year. Relief should have reference now not only to the flood, but to enabling poor people to replace and repair their homes.

Thirteen People Drowned in Skills. During a severe storm Monday after men what to do than to be one of the noon a party of 13 persons in three skiffs while attempting to cross from the Ken tucky shore, were drowned. It is believed that the people embarked in the frail craft they speak of milkmen and their milk. A chances of staying in the insecure habitaat their disposal rather than take the Lockport milkdeater has recovered \$1,000 tions. The boats were sunk in plain view damages from the Buffalo Telegraph on of the shore, and the number of persons in account of an article appearing in a certain each could be easily counted, but it was issue of the paper in 1871, stating that the impossible for witnesses to say who they were, or whether they were white or plaintiff had fed rotten feed to cows and colored. They were all making straight afterwards peddled the milk to families. for the nearest point on the Indiana side.

Jeffersonville Under Water. There is little suffering in Louisville but news from Jeffersonville, Ky., is of the most deplorable character. Of a population of 11,000 at the place, about one half funny paragrapher who finds a target at have been compelled to leave their homes all times for his wit in milk adulteration, and seek higher ground. Four-fifths of suffering and are begging contributions of food. The Kentucky river is falling at its head waters, but is still rising an inch an hour at Frankfort.

A Texas Tornado. A tornado in Waco, Texas, Wednesday morning, demolished several private residences and the Waco university. Buildings were blown to pieces at Bartlett and Ranger. Heavy washouts have occurred on all trains are abandoned.

Middleport, Ohio, on Monday, in a cot tage. When rescued the children were all washed away.

The Loss at steubenville the vicinity make \$50,000 additional; 170 relieved by the city. Farms Thirty Feet Under Water. The country round about Evansville,

Ind., is a vast sea. Many farms are covare now visible. Portsmouth Submerged.

Only 52 houses in Portsmouth, O., a city of 14,000 inhabitants, are out of water, and all the people are tired of care and toil. Help must quickly come.

He Ban Against a Tree. A strange and fatal accident occurred in Reading on the streets Wednesday night. An alarm of fire was struck at 8:30 and large crowd ran in response. Harry Ganz, aged seventeen, ran against a tree in the thick fog, slipped and was instantly killed. He struck the tree with his temple. The coroner was summoned and will hold an inquest.

HACKED TO PIECES.

AN AGED COUPLE FOULLY MURDERED. Two Wealthy old People Terribly Matilated

With no Clue to the Assassin-Uni to Pieces with a Sword. Winnetka, Ill., a little village on the Chicago and Northwestern railway sixteen miles north of Chicago, was the scene of a dreadful murder on Wednesday. In a cottage a few blocks from the railway station lived James L. Wilson and his wife. Mr. Wilson was between seventy and eight; years of age, and the brother of the late John M. Wilson, of Chicago, at one time judge of the recorder's court. He was a very venerable man in his personal appear ance and a most estimable citizen. possessed of a moderate fortune. spend twelve million dollars a year on their | He and his wife lived alone in the cottage, not even keeping a servant. They had no children. Mrs. Wilson was paralytic and slergymen and eight hundred millions for had for some years been confined to her bed. On Wednesdays it was Mr. Wilson's custom to go to Chicago to attiend to

business. On those days a young woman named Miss Dwyer had been employed to go to the house and attend to the wants of Mrs. Wilson, Miss Dwyer went to the onse as usual at about half past ten o'clock on Wednesday. She found the outside blinds closed and the doors locked. Knowing how regular the couple were in their habits Miss Dwyer become alarmed and went to the shop of a butcher, Charles Shroeder, which was not

With his assistance she effected entrance to the house through a window. In the library she found Mr. Wilson lying motionless behind the stove. Thinking he had probably fainted, she called the neighbors. When they opened the blinds and let in the light it was found that Mr. Wilson was dead, His body was horribly mutilated. Deep gashes were seen in his head and all over his body. Great clots f blood were on the wall, carpet and furniture. On the floor near him lay a sword worn in the army by Mr. Wilson's son. It was usually hanging in the library and was evidently the weapon used by the murderer. The party of neighbors were led by Miss Dwyer up stairs to the room occupied by Mrs. Wilson. She lay on the bed in a pool of blood, lifer body was almost hacked to pieces. It was covered with wounds from head to foot that had evidently been inflicted by the sword.

An investigation showed that the house had been ransacked. The contents of drawers were strewn about the floors and everything valuable had evidently been taken. News of the tragely created intense excitement in the village, where Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were much respect

Crowds flocked to the scene, even from the neighboring villages of Wilmette and Glendale. As a spectator expressed it "the roads seemed black with people, going to and fro." The village authorities took possession of the house and the bodies and set at work enleavoring to find some clue to the assassin. A telephone message was sent to Chicago summoning detectives. Nothing was seen or heard by the villagers to throw any light on the mystery. It was plain that robbery was the motive, but more than that they did not know. Some said the murder must have been committed by a man Mr. Wilson had spoken of. Mr. Wilson said the man had written to him and was coming to stay with him that night. Mr. Wilson did not

say who the man was and nobody knew. Mr. Wilson was last seen alive Tuesday night at about seven o'clock. At that time he went into the butcher's shop and made a purchase. He remarked that a gentleman was visiting him. No one had

been seen going into Mr. Wilson's house. James A. Wilson, a Chicago lawyer, is a nephew of the deceased. He left for Winnetka immediately on hearing of the A friend of young Mr. Wilson said Mr. Wilson had told him that some time ago his uncle informed him that a gang of men had made an attempt to get into his house, but he got a shot gun and drove them away. Mr. Wilson said his uncle was in the habit of keeping considerable sums of money in the house

A JILTED WIDOW.

Trying to Kill Herself Bacanso of Her Lov-Mrs. Ella Behring, widow, a pretty bru nette, living in Baltimore, respectably connected, went to the place of business of George Gamble, a day or two ago, and demanded that he marry her at once. Gamble, who had been paying her some attention, tried to evale the proposition and finally refused point blank to keep the promise which the young widow claims he made. She got angry and they had a scene, witnessed by a crowd of bystand-The enraged woman then left, and going home wrote a pathetic appeal to Gamble, which was also ignored.

Tuesday night she bought an ounce of laudanum and retired to her bed chamber. She had been seen to conceal the bottle as she entered the hall way and the next morning her failure to rise at the usual hour excited suspicion. The bad room door was forced and she was found stretched out on the bed in an evening costume which she had purchased in preparation for her marriage. She had taken the lau-danum, but a physician successful after six hours work, in restoring her to con sciousness. Gamble did not appear at all remorseful, and when the widow, who is older than he is, sent another plea to him he again refused to be a party to the mar riage. Mrs. Behring says, with stern emphasis, that she will kill hersolf sure the first chance she gets. The lovelorn a large number of vice presidents and secwoman has two small children and her husband has only been dead a little over a year. Her friends are watching her closely.

JO. HUWARD ARRESTED.

For Offering Advice to a New York Hridge

Joseph Howard, ir, the newspaper cor respondent, had an experience Tuesday afternoon in the Tombs police court, New York, as a prisoner. He was standing near the roadway entrance to the Brooklyn bridge with a note book between his fingers, on which he was jotting down items that seemed to interest him thereabouts, when a double team loaded the International railway near Mineola with scenery approached the entrance, and the Texas Pacific near Sherman, and One of the horses balked and the bridge gateman began striking it. Then it Floating by in Their Tomb.

woman and four children floated past into a team closely following behind. backed, and the projecting scenery ran The gateman continued to strike the unwilling animal. Howard called his atten dead and the mother was insane. From tion to the prodding that the horses in the Ashton Landing every house has been team behind were getting from the scenery. The gateman turned on Howard with an oath, shoved him across the gate-The losses by the flood at Steubenville, way and up the steps leading to the pas saggregate \$100,000, while the losses in senger entrance. Howard became very angry and used his language freely. families in the lower wards have been Pending this disturbance, which lasted only a moment, there was a blockade of teams on Chatham street, and the broad sidewalk was packed with people, most of whom fell in line and followed Howard, ered with 30 feet of water. Only the tops in charge of three officers, to the police of the houses across the river, in Kentucky station, where the sergeant ordered him to the Tombs police court. Justice Power at once dismissed the case. He Would Not Wait.

J. P. Beale, a commercial traveler, of Montreal, jumped from the Montreal fast express train on Tuesday, at Whiteby, Out., and was so severely injured that he soon died. The train does not stop there, and he took the risk rather than go on to

the next station. Called to His Door and Murdered. Tony Peace, an old negro, living near Rocky Comfort, Little River county Ark., was called to his door on Saturday night and murdered by five masked men. The citizens are trying to discover who the A SOCIAL SUANDAL.

The Conduct of Lord varmoyle Toward Min Miss Fortescue's action against Lord larmoyle is rapidly assuming the dimenons of a public scandal in London. Earl 'airns' enemies hope to make it a means of driving him from politics, and feel certain of weakening his position as a candidate for the leadership of the Tories, recalling the overthrow of Lord Chancellor Westbury, due to the follies of his son. There have been ugly rumors of conspir-The World says that the conduct of Lord and Lady Cairas has been base, treacherous and unchristian. "They deceived the gill into thinking herself necepted, fooled her with false hopes, and then, when the rupture came, Lord Cairns suggested £2,000," His lawyer induced

im to consent to £5,000. Society is waiting anxiously for the trial Lord and Lady Cairns will enter the witness box, and Lord Garmoyle's letters to his "blue eyed darling" will be read. Public opinion regards him with contempt, he has gone abroad, and his name as been withdrawn from the book of the dub. A theatrical manager who knows him well says :

" His parents made a great mistake in not marrying him to a reputable girl like Miss Fortescue. He will now fall a victim to some nymph of easy morality, who will whisk him off to a registry office and

marry him out of hand. Miss Fortescue is not making capital out of the incident, and the report that she will star in America is unfounded. the contrary she writes a pretty, modest letter saying that she regards the affair with the utmost pain. Mr. W. S. Gibert, the dramatist, who has kindly befriended her, says she will return to the Savoy theatre at her own salary. John Mote, partner of the firm of Bolton & Mote. of Gray's lun, who has the reputation of being one of the shrewdest lawyers in London, says "Our client and her mother have just

The sait is actually begun, and, although Lord Garmeyle has not been per sonally served, his solicitors to day tender. ed an appearance. Policy, of course, prohibits my exposing the letters. are in yonder box, and show that the only question left is the amount of damages. The promise and breach are uncontested. so are the parents' ratification and their assent to the wedding prepar ations. There is no such pretense as that Lord Garmoyle made the breach promise because of aspersions de on Miss Fortescuo's character. made Lord Cains' letters admit her reputation to be unblemished. The breach was made to day by the persuacions of his mother, who claims to be suffering from heart disease, and says that the marriage would kill her. Lord Garmoyle's farewell letter "That filial love was the reason for the rupture of the organient. "Are the love letters up to the average

f similar letters? "None could be more ender or respectful.' "What damage is claimed?"

housand pounds. Is Lord Garmoyle good for that sum? pon coming of age, two years ago, he gived, by relative's will, \$70,000."

'Has there not been an attempt to commise?" "Yes, on his part. reat object is not alone an indenity for the loss of title, fortune, social prestige and for the insult, but a vindication of Miss Fortescue's character."

"May not the defendants allow a simple assessment of damage by a sheriff's jury?" "Undoubtedly, but they have etained Sir Henry James, attorney genera!, and we have retained Mr. Charles Russell for a regular trial, to occur about next autumn.

Mr. George Grossmith, the popular omedian of the Savoy theatre, said in his dressingroom:

I know Miss Fortescue inti scribe the rupture with Lord Garmoyle to the influence of the Duke of Richmond a friend of Lord Cairns and one of the con servative leaders. He wrote to Lord Cairns saying that no actress could ever be received at court, which is certainly not a fact. Lady Martin is received at court, the wife of the queen's most intimate friends, who was Helen Faucit, the actress. The queen gave a distinct intimation that Miss Fortescue should be presented at the first drawing room after the wedding. Miss Fortescue went to Lord Cairns' place in Scotland, the house was full of nobles and notables, who made much of her. Lady Cairns has made some effort to console

she has given her a Bible.' THE DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN An Enthusiante Meeting of the Ward Com-

Miss Fortescue for the loss of her son-

mittees The Democratic campaign committees of the several wards of the city met at the party headquarters on the third floor of Kepler's postoffice building at 8 o'clock last evening, and when the meeting was called to order there were about two hundred of the working Democrats of the city present, representing nearly every block of the nine wards. The utmost harmony and good feeling prevailed and great interest was manifested in the pending campaign. Reports from all parts of the city were exchanged by the representatives of the organization, and much valuable informaon elicited. Petitions for watchers were prepared and arrangements for their appointment completed. Preparations were concluded and officers selected for a town meeting of the Democracy in Mannerchor hall next Saturday evening, which will be presided over by Col. Edw. McGovern and retaries representing the different wards. Addresses will be made by D. McMullen. esq., Democratic candidate for mayor, S. H. Reynolds, Geo. Nauman, H. Schmidt, Steinmetz, B. F. Davis, Jno. A. Coyle and others. There will be speaking in English and Gorman.

Arrangements were also made for meeting to morrow night of the Democracy of the Eighth ward at Lucas Fritz's,

when there will also be speaking in Ger man and English. Col. McGovern and Geo. W. Zecher, both being present, were called for, and briefly addressed the meeting. They reterred to the friendly contest for the nomination for the mayoralty and said that it was the duty of all Democrats, as it was their own pleasure, to lend a hearty support to Mr. McMullen. The candidate himself was then introduced to the committees and made a brief speech of thanks for the interest shown in the campaign by the organization. J. L. Steinmetz, esq., addressed the meeting, urging active work in the interest of good city government. The committees then adjourned, to meet in Mannerchor hall on Saturday evening.

List of Watchers Appointed. The following watchers have been ap pointed by the court to serve at the coming municipal election on Tuesday First Ward-John Schaum, Dem.

Second Ward-Jas. R. Donnelly, Dem.; H. S. Shenk, Rep. Third Ward-G. Edw. Hegner, Dam. A. J. Leibley, Rep. Fourth Ward—Christ, McGinniss, Dem

Fifth Ward-Jacob F. Kautz, Dem.; C. Westhaeffer, Rep. Sixth Ward-John McCulley, Dem.; Ira D. Kendig, Rep. Seventh Ward-P. H. Leonard, Dem. os. E. Dorwart, Rep. Eighth Ward-Alex St. Clair, Dem.; H.

Ninth Ward-Goo. McGinnis, Dem.; H. A. Schroyer, Rep. P. R. E. Pay Car.

R. Breneman, Rep.

This afternoon the pay car of the Pennsylvania railroad company passed west through this city, and the employes were paid off for the mouth.

THE MARKED DECLINE

OF LAW BUSINESS AT THE LOCAL BAR Fallingeff in the Number of Suits Entered

and Executions Issued-A Lawyer's View of the Sligation. I: has been an open secret for some time past that the business at the Lancaster part is steadily decreasing. Vague rumors have been floating around that fewer suits are being entered and that a marked fall greatly to its appointments since the organization of the paid fire department. the true inwardness of the situation, a scribe attached to the INTELLIGENCER office quest of information sauntered along Barbary coast and dropped into the office of a prominent lawyer, who had a tired, hungry look on his face, suggestive of extreme disgust. The lawyer's face lit up with a "here's a client smile, that quickly turned to a frown on beholding only his old reportorial friend. The frown deepened as the knight of the pen quired : " How's business?"

Business "' he repeated interrogatively, well there's just so little that it hardly deserves the name. The fact of the matter is I can't understand how in the present | the situation of affairs half of the 95 lawyers at the bar make ends meet. Are you aware of the fact that up to the present time John," the engine horses, and they, too, only 13 suits have been entered during the in an instant spring forward on either side month of February?

The scribe looked his incredulity and harnessed in a twinkling and away they

his informant proceeded.

Contrast With Former Days. Yes, sir, there's no disguising the fact that law business is not what it was in the days when Buchanan, Frazer, Stevens and Hiester adorned the local bar hard as he finds it now to gather a practice, but once fairly established, his path solid rock of business on which the prominent legal lights of that time depended is crumbling.

Here the lawyer stopped to take breath verge of going out when the reporter venthis change in the color of the legal dream.

Causes of the Decline. "Causes? Well first and foremost would put the increasing distaste for liti- old house torn down and a new one creetgation. Time was when a few plucky ed at an early day. The new beds ordered clients might almost be depended on for an by city councils to be provided for them income, and a suit would go up and down the courts for months and sometimes years, until the patience of one of the parties was exhausted, which plucky exhibition on the part of their clients rolled ducats into the pockets of the counsel. But now the era of compromise has set in. Scores upon scores of suits that are good as old wheat are settled at a large discount because of the dislike of those having valid claims to becoming a plaintiff in an action at law." Recourse to the eighr seemed to give

the speaker new vigor as he proceeded "Then, too, the country 'squires are rapidly breaking down the fences that used to separate them from their lawyer brethren. In times gone by they were wont to bring in their business to the city to their favorite attorneys, whereas they and Hugh Jones, for borough treasurer. low attend to it in large part themselves. The big percentage of the scrivening of the county is done by these men, as anyone who goes to the prothonotary's or recorder's office about April 1st, can easily ascer tain. The latter usurpation however, gives the lawyer little worry, as the faulty scrivening of incompetent 'squires often proves a bonanza to him in the serious

egal complications that result." Do you attribute any of the decrease of business, to which you alluce, to au undue increase in the number of practitioners?" inquired the reporter.
"No," was the answer. "Lineaster

inty is one-sixth as large in population s Philadelphia, and yet the latter has more than twelve times the number of lawyers. The bed-rock reason for the decline, as I take it, is the growing distaste for litiga-

"Give me a few instances of what you mean.

Where the Difference is Most Noticeable. Well, take as a starter the prothono office. It is true that the entering ocket for the year 1883 shows a total of ,033 suits entered, an increase of 308 over the record of the previous year. But notwithstanding this marcase there is a decrease in the number of executions of more than five per cent, as compared with the previous year, showing conclusively that the large percentage of these suits came to naught.

'How about the sheriff's office?' "There the decline is more noticeable than perhaps anywhere else. Compare the 561 executions issued during the first nine months of Sheriff Breneman's term in 1876 with the 448 during the first nine months of Strine's term in 1879. And then compare these with the 187 executions for the same period under the present sheriff in 1882. Of course, the amount paid the sheriff directly by the county in the ordinary conduct of his office has varied little, by reason of the fact that the number and length of terms remain the same, and the fees for attendance at court and the transfer of prisoners to and from jail are unchanged. These revenues, howail are unchanged. ever, are inconsiderable, in comparison with the execution fees. Concerning these latter no definite figures can be given, but as they are governed by the number of executions, the fact is patent that the office is not worth by a great deal what it was a half dozen years ago."

"Is the same condition of affairs noticeable in the other offices? "Not to the same extent. In the district attorney's office it is a curious fact, that though criminal business might not be supposed to vary much, the widest lifference in fees paid by the county is noticeable in comparing administrations. The total fees for 1882, under District Attorney Davis, were \$2,492, while under ohnson's term, in 1877, they ran up to \$3,939. Multiplication of indictments, which had their palmiest days under the latter's term, probably explains in part this difference, but nevertheless it must be

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admitted that the general decline alluded

The cigar stump had resisted all efforts o keep it alive when the reporter, with the magnificence that is a part of the profestion, tendered a fresh weed which, when kindled anew the legal train of thought. "In the register's and recorder's offices,

slight increase of business is kept up, which is traceable simply to the swelling of the county population. In fact, the whole outlook is pretty gloomy. My impression is that the salary bill will prove a perfect godsend to the county officials, who have peen for some little time past uncertain about their revenues. It is true that they are compelled to earn their compensation, but the decreased cost of winning the nomination will probably balance the decreased profit of the offices.'

The Remedy.

"Under existing circumstances, what remedy would you propose?" asked the

reporter.
"More business divided among fewer lawyers," was the rather sententious answer. And with these words the expounder of Blackstone, pleading an engage ment retired, leaving the reporter to the conclusion that the fate of the pencil pusher is, after all, not the unhappiest one under the sun.

Notary Appointed.

to the next meeting of the state Senate.

OUR FIRE LADDIES

The Old American—An Efficient Organiza-

Fire company No. 3, (the old American) continues to occupy the old house on Church street near East King, which is soon to be demolished by the opening of The hose cart, with the harness hanging in front of it, occupies a place in the front of the hall, and the cart horse "White John," a highly trained animal, has a stall near by. The electric apparatus which sounds the alarm of a fire, turns up the gas, opens "John's" stall door, and in an instant he is in front of the cart and ready to be harnessed. The hanging harness falls upon him and is adjusted in a second. His driver, Albert E. Barnes, from his seat on the cart pulls a cord, the front doors of the engine house ily open and away goes the hose cart to the fire But it is hardly out of the house until the steam engine is after it; for the electric alarm which opens "John's" stall door also opens the stall doors of "Frank" and "Little

nace, instantly igniting the fuel therein, and by the time the engine runs a square Then a young lawyer found it just as or two it has acquired a good head of steam and is ready to go into service.

The company use Jasselyn's patent swinging bit in their bridles, and Huide's way was clear The same cannot be said swinging bit in their bridles, and Huide's at the present day for the reason that the patent hinged horse collars. They have also placed a new foot brake and gong to their horse cart, which carries 500 feet of cotton rubber lined hose; have made an attachment between their gas burners and and puff away at a cigar that was on the their clock and the hammer of their alarm gong, so that the gas is lit and the clock tured to inquire the causes responsible for stopped the justant an alarm is sounded Other improvements are contemplated and would have been ere this perfected, had it not been that the boys expect to have their

go after the cart. The moment the engine

begins to move its hind wheels pass upon

a spring gas lighter, which throws a heavy

flame of gas right under the engine for

have not yet been received. The active members of the company are as follows : Foreman-John Rudy.

Engineer-Isaac Kinnear Engine Driver-July T. Foust. Cart Driver-Albert E. Bacnes. Hosemen-Wm. W. Price, John Fink,

Seb. Wise and John Szartz.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS Events Near and Acres the County Lines The yield of iron at the Colebrook furnace last week was 702 tons.

The Bethlehem icon company has 1,500 men employed in its from ore mines in Cuba. The Easton Republicans have nominated Thomas H. Deshler for chief burgess

Chambersburg Democrats have named B. F. Gilmore for burgess and Samuel Monate for borough auditor. All the principal switches in the yard of the Reading company in Reading, are to

be replaced by patent safety switches. Mrs. Mary A. Walker, an aged lady residing in Harrisburg fell down the of her residence about noon on Wednesday and broke her neck, dving instantly.

Twelve large freight lecomotives, by the Baldwi locomotive works for the Andino rallron , Argentine Republic were shipped yester ay.

The village of Centreport, situated in

the Northern portion of Becks county has been incorporated into a borough by the Berks county court. Its population is A charter has been granted at Harris burg to the Meadville and Lineville railway

of Crawford county. Capital, \$200,000. The line is an old one, twenty one miles in length, and was recently bought at sheriff's At the "Assembly" in Reading last evening, over 500 pro minent citizens partici pated in the festivities, and a number of

guests were present from New York, Philadelphia, Allentows, Lebanon and Norristown. John Hagan, who recently saved the lives of nine boys who broke through the ice in the Schuylkill, at Philadelphia, is

recovering from the sickness which fol-lowed, and the subscription started for nim has reached \$876.36. At the state department at Harrisburg a charter has been issued to the Tidioute Light and Heat company, of Warren county, with a capital of \$10,000. The Moshannon coal company of Philadelphia

was rechartered, with a capital of \$100,-The attendance at the Philadelphia Lutheran conference at Phonixville Wednesday was very large An able paper was read by Dr. Duerr, of Philadelphia on the intermediate state, and Rev. J. F. Williams, of Philadelphia, preached the

sermon. Thomas Avery, of Bethany, Wayne county, discovered, buried in the snow, a hen which had been missing for ten days The hen had packed the snow down and made a room the size of a bushel basket. Beyond the loss of flesh, incident to the long fast, the hen was unharmed.

Carter Peck, a traveling music teacher from Schuylkill county, aged 50 years, has been arrested at Reading upon the charge of seducing Miss Allena Altz, of Mount Ætna, Berks county, who is 29 years of age. The young lady was a pupil of Peck who has a wife and several children.

As the passenger train for Wilmington Del., was leaving the shed at the Philadel phia and Reading railroad depot in Reading, it collided with another passenger train which was backing in on the same track, throwing both trains from the track, wrecking the engine and blocking traffic for several hours. No one was hurt, but some narrow escapes were made. The loss is about \$15,000.

Court of Common Pleas.

BEFORE JUDGE LIVINGSTON. In the case of A. E. Behm vs. Peter B.

Longnecker the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$300. In the case of Susan Grube, of Neffsville vs. Eavid K. Grube, an issue to try by jury the right to certain property seized upon and taken into execution as the property of Edward Grube, a verdict was taken in favor of the plaintiff, who agreed

to pay costs. A rule was granted for plaintiff in the case of J. S. Grimes et al vs. the U. mutual aid society to show cause why G. W. Walton should not be allowed to inter-

BEFORE JUDGE PATTERSON. In the case of John Hildebrand vs.

Benjamin H. Eckman, the jury found in favor of the defendant, after being out fifteen minutes. A Republican Relic.

For the INTRILIGENCER. The water committee of this city last fall sold at auction the Geyelin pump, which was put into the water works by a Republican administration, for \$533. The cost to the city of the pump and its connections and the almost constant repairs it received was not less than \$50,000.

Voters irrespective of party, ifyou want to prevent any more such costly blunders the above you must vote for David Joshua L. Lyte has been appointed a McMullen for mayor and for the Demo-notary public, to date from February 10 cratic nominees for councils on next Tucs-