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WEDNES AY EVENING, MAR, 19, 1884

Back to the Lash.

The Massachusetts House has passed a bill providing that wife beaters shall correction of their respective counties. Massachusetts returns to her ancient predilection for corporal chastisement she has changed her views as to the proper provoking cause for such treatment of her citizens. Once upon a time it was witches and scolding women who upon councils at its next meeting of and he desired the witness to communicate were flogged, and now it is brutal men. making the appropriations for the with him at any hour on the cases under consideration. The president said: "I The change is an improvement; but it coming year. Ordinarily, the estimate is rather unexpected in a state which of the finance committe forms the basis has had such a high veneration for these appropriations to the several for the black man's skin that it departments. We have shown that this was convulsed at the thought that it was estimate this year is wholly unreliable subjected to stripes. It was the stripes and misleading. It does not comply themselves that then were horrible. with the law, and it does not meet the Flogging in itself was declared in- facts of the case. It does not properly human and unfit for the back of provide for the \$28,000 required to pay a human being. Our neighbor, Dela- for the new Worthington pump. It falls ware, which has persisted in ap- \$9,000 short of the requirements of the there might be a resort to violence, such plying the lash to certain classes of law with relation to the sinking fund. | was the impression then on my mind, My her criminals, persuaded that the state It ignores existing deficiencies. It cuts was benefitted thereby, has been the ob- off some departments too sparingly, and ject of derision in her sister states claiming to be more civilized and to have a higher conception of the divine rights, attributes and immunities of man. Delaware was torn to tatters on the theory, but had consoled herself with the substantial benefits of the practice. And now Massachusetts is first to be converted to the conviction that the theory which protects human flesh from the degrading lash is subject to proper exceptions. She advances gingerly toward the whipping post as a panacea for crime. The experiment tried upon the brutal husband, if found to work well, may be expected to have further subjects in brutal men of all kinds. It may be concluded that the Massachusetts mind may be penetrated with the conommend it to the frugal mind of the Yankee solon ; and it is a good recommendation, too. There is no particular propriety in taxing good citizens unnecessarily for the support of the bad. Imprisonment is an expen sive punishment. New York, which has been trying to pay the cost by the contract labor of her convicts, has just given up that plan, by a vote of her people, under the well developed defects of a system which places the criminals under the control of contractors for their labor, and makes them their keepers New York is looking around for a new method of cheapening the punishment of crime and may well be attracted to the Massachusetts adhesion to the Delaware plan. It is worth trying. It has merit. There is no doubt in the first place that There are a great many more to whom undoubted punishment it will undoubt edly prevent crime, which is the great object of punishment, and New York need not let any sentimental aversion to

A CORRESPONDENT points out the great injustice and disadvantage from which entirely fit applicants for governso-called civil service examinations by reason of their inability to answer ques man who has been in the world's broad field of battle-although amply qualifie i in the essentials of public service-would be most likely to fail upon them. There is much force in the suggestion, as there is much humbug in the pretensions of the system of competitive examination : to secure letter carriers and governmen clerks. Even to pick out qualifie! scholars it is doubtful if the ordinary system of examinations is at all trust worthy; but in the selection of public civil reform. We have, it is pretty generally conceded, a well organized local postoffice, but it is very certain that a class could be found in the secondary school who would pass a better examination in history, geography, arithmetic and orthography than its em ployes could. That does not prove that the school children would make better letter carriers and postal clerks; no more will the established system of competitive examinations furnish improved pub deeper than this.

WE fear that our esteemed contemporary, the New Era, has been imposed upon in the "special arrangement with the author "by which it is printing in weekly instalments a new version by C. H. Miller of his well worn story of the "Danites." Quite a number of our esteemed neighboring contemporaries in York, Harrisburg and other parts of the state seem to have the same " special arrangement," and one of them has got so far the advantage of it that in an exchange printed and delivered last Sunday morning we found the same chapter that appears " by special arrangement " in our esteemed local contemporary last earlier publication is printed on paper of a bloody hue, so as to heighten the tawny sand in the sun, or crept stealthily along in our track as the moon rose,

while "that great, gaunt, hollow eyed and silent giant pushing, plodding on after it, was the most weird, ghostly and fascinating sight that ever froze young blood." It is no wonder that with the simultaneous eruption of this 4 long, slim, black "coffin and "great, be themselves beaten in the houses of gaunt, hollow-eyed and silent giant " in different parts of the state youthful desperadoes should be captured at every railway station, bound for the West and in certain cases, the difference being that fired with the determination to wips out the Mormons or die in their tracks.

> THE important duty will devolve totally fails to provide for others. It is wrong in law, in fact and in figures. We trust councils in both branches will ventilate it. Especially should the Democratic select councilmen halt its passage through their body, and chaland account for its inconsistencies.

> THE electric light is getting no better rapidly. What do councils propose to do about it? If the lamp committee will cut the bills of the company down to the the city may be reduced somewhat below its present frightful estimate.

THE conservative university of Oxford has decided to grant the same examination viction that brutality generally to women as to men; thus is the act of effaces the claim of a man to be Secretary Folger in licensing Mistress Mary my letter to the attorney general, except treated as a man, and that the Miller and of Judge Pierce holding a a statement that the president had selected lash is a punishment for his misdeeds as woman to be eligible to the office of atbecoming as it is efficient and cheap, torney-at law reechood back from the The cheapness of it will especially rec | most venerable of England's seats of learning

THE Mexican treaty, which has been the subject of so much discussion in the Senate, was flually ratified yesterday by a vote of 41 to 20; the opposition to it comcompetition of Mexican staples with our own, sugar and tobacco being the chief that the advantage of free trade with Mexico and of an open market there for Stalwarts and Half-Breeds." our manufactures will vastly outweigh

county, announces himself a candidate to the attorney general, when he resigned, for county commissioner on the broad who should be indicted, the witness replied: platform of " one candidate, one term and rotation in office," On this line Jacob have been useless for me to have done so. flogging is punishment. Noone was ever proposes to fight it out, and few will dis- Because when I went to him and offered known to like to receive it; and there pute that he stands on solid ground. In suggestions, he said I must remember that are many prisoners who do like imprison- practice the system advocated has been he was largely indebted for his position to deceased, ment and to whom it is no punishment. found to work well in this county in which no Democratic commissioner has he must allow him to conduct the case. it is but a slight punishment. Being an been renominated, and the candidates The suggestions of Mr. Bliss were accordhave been chosen alternately from the two senatorial districts.

THE North American, a Stalwart Relaying the lash on human backs deter publican paper, capable of being fair, imher from trying the whipping post; patiently waits to hear Senator Logan's since "paddling" is an established bid for the presidency in the new speech custom in her prisons; and certainly if be is announced to deliver in the Fitz it is proper to flog at a prison keeper's John Porter case The North American command, it is right to provide by law recognizes, what every fair minded and that it may be done by authority of a intelligent man has long ago concluded, judge's sentence. Pennsylvania, though | that Gen. Porter's "entire innocence of we believe she does not let her prison the charge, so mistakenly laid against him keepers flog, may profitably consider has been triumphantly and conclusively whether certain classes of her criminals established," "by evidence too strong should not be flogged by judicial sen- for the most robust and vindictive incredulity to resist." Logan only holds to an opposing view because he is proof against reason and argument.

THE Trojans are not to have it all their ment positions might suffer under the own way. Hon, Daniel H. Chamberlain. formerly governor of South Carolina and an eminent practical man, has been maktions with which a school boy fresh from | ing a lecture at Yale, in which he boldly his books is apt to be familiar, while a grapples with Charles Francis Adams on the question of Greek as a college study, and takes the ground that " no bustle of business nor din of progress, no clamor of politics nor pride of science, will ever for long overbear the spirit in man to which poetry, oratory, philosophy, and literature answer; and so finally, it must result that this study now described in a few high places as a 'fetich' will be more ardently teachers or to determine the grade of pursued, more wisely taught, more intel ligently valued by all those whether in academical or practical life, who believe that the highest secular guarantee of the officials it is totally useless, and a shain strength and permanence of our civilization is the diffusion of sound and thor ough liberal education."

ONE of the mighty problems wrestled with on Monday by the Methodist conference of Baltimore was Sabbath observance. A report was presented condemning 'the carrying and distribution of the pointed to nominate a ticket for directors mails, the running of cars either by steam or horses, publishing, buying or reading secular newspapers, and all other infractions of God's holy time." An animated lic servants. The remedy for a corrupt debate was at once started by the reading and inefficient civil service must go of the report, in the course of which the presiding bishop mildly informed the conference that he rode in street cars on Sunthe report was adopted in toto. If any good is to spring from the action of conof this silly report. The religious fashions of to day are fortunately not what they were when the Mayflower grounded on

The "Boys" on Top.

the beach at Plymouth Rock.

The "boys" succeeded in organizing the Republican county committee in New York last evening, and John J. O'Brien, in spite of the caucusing which has been done for the last two weeks and the care ful plans which had been laid to defeat evening. Quite appropriately, too, the earlier publication is printed on paper deut of the committee. He received 143 committee, which consists of 273 members sensational effect of "a long, slim, while his opponent, Marvelle W. Cooper, black coffin " which "crawled along the received only 109 votes, although extraor dinary efforts had been made to get his full strength out at the meeting.

COOK'S TESTIMONY.

BREWSTER'S OBLIGATION TO BLISS

The Ex-Special Counsel of the Governmen Continues Some Interesting Revela-

tions - Buss' Importance. In the Star Route investigation, Wm. A. Cook, of counsel for the government in the present prosecutions, testified that, shortly after his appointment, he had an interview with President Garfield. The latter said that the cases involved many who had been his special friends, and while he expected the counsel to act under the attorney general, he wanted it understood that he was the head of the people, want a most thorough and impartial in vestigation of the facts, and wherever it conducts you I want you to go, irrespective of persons." On the conversation at the interview on

Wednesday night before the president was

assassinated, Mr. Cook said: "I said to the president that he should be careful of his movements. A bitterness had arisen between the 'Stalwarts' and 'Half Breeds,' and there were connected with the cases men of extreme views. I said at the time suggestion for a moment touched the president, but he responded there was no danger. The bitterness of feeling was so strong that I would not have been surprised had it carried itself against the postmaster general and the attorney general. I don't think I used, at that interview, the language actually placed on my lips by Mr. James, but stated, in subpassage through their body, and chal starce, what I have given you. The idea of their capacity for the particular duties lenge its author to explain its demerits. I had was that the feeling of bitterness attached to the places they seek. The was so strong that it might operate on the minds of some of those involved to such an extent as to lead to violence-that it might assume the form of desperation." In answer to the question if any efforts had been made to learn if Guiteau had any accomplice, the witness said : " I went to the office of the district attorney and sug deserved limits the deficiency for lighting gested strongly that line of investigation. went further and sent a letter to the attorney general and said I would proffer my assistance in the prosecution of Guiteau without compensation. The line of iuvestigation that would have led to the proof that Guiteau had associates was dropped. I never received an answer from others to prosecute the cases. The infersuce I drew originally was that the shoot ing of the president was not the result of the individual action of Guiteau, and I nave never become fully satisfied that that inference was incorrect. I could not con-ceive it possible that he had been around Washington for a considerable time with out forming acquaintances. He could not have been here as a hermit, and he must have had associates. I think so still. In ing mainly from those, like the Louisiana addition, the act was so bold and daring, representatives, who fear the effect of and at the same time so cowardly, that it seemed he would not have attempted it without accomplices. And this was in harmony with what I had suggested to the considera ious It is believed, however, president in connection with the bitterness of feeling and the differences between the

In the further course of Mr. Cook's examination he claimed that both the weak ness of the case and the method of trial resulted in the acquital of Dorsey and Jacon F. Kluon, of Highspire, Dauphin Brady. Being asked if he recommended "I made no recommendation to Mr. Brews ter, because I was satisfied that it would the president. The attorney general said ingly carried out and my suggestions were of no consequence.

THE PENNSYLVANIA. Stockholders of a Great Corporation to

At the annual meeting of the stockhold ers of the Pennsylvania railroad company held yesterday morning in Musical fund Philadelphia, the attendance was very large and all the seats were filled.

During the proceedings Mr. W. E. Lockwood desired to ask if the Adams Express company has its transportation carried by the Pennsylvania railroad company at less or at about the same as pig

In reply, President Roberts stated that the freight of the Adams Express company is not carried over the lines at less nor al about the charge of pig iron.

Mr. Lockwood next wanted to know what amount is received from the Pull man Palace car company, and he also referred to solicitations made in London for proxies for Pennsylvania railroad shares.

President Robert said he did not suppose that any of the shareholders believed that the president or directors were going around asking for votes for their retention in office. The management of the com pany is desirous of get ing as large a vote as possible, and this is done through an agency in London. London shareholders are requested to send on their proxies, and these are used as they direct.

Mr. Lockwood understood that seventyfive per cent. of the tonnage of the Penn sylvania railroad company was eastward and only twenty five per cent. westward, He wished to know how much of this was lead weight, and also whether any coal transporters had their coal carried for one per cent. per ton per mile while

others are charged three cents per mile. President Roberts replied that one man is never charged more than another under ke considerations.

Mr. Parker said that, in his opinion, the ompany never stood in as good a financial condition for the past thirty years. It ought to be known in England, where three fifths of the stock is owned, that the company has adopted a fixed policy. The usual committee of seven

COAL MINERS.

Considering Their Rights and Interests The semi annual convention of the rail road and river coal miners of the Pittsburg district, met yesterday in Pittsburg, 34 delegates, representing 15,000 miners eing present. The question of enforcing ference that he rode in street cars on Sun-day "when necessary." Nevertheless merchantable coal was referred to the state convention, to be held in August. The question of making a half holiday on ferences of this kind, they should promptly finally laid on the table, as it was deemed blot from their proceedings the adoption inadvisable to make the demand at present. A tribunal, consisting of a representative of each pool and railroad section, was appointed, with power to settle any dispute that may arise, and to the president in building up the organization. In the afternoon session the question of securing the friendly cooperation of the miners of the Kanawha listrict, and having them demand a higher rate of wages, was referred to the national executive board after a lengthy discussion. The third pool miners, who were taken to task for resuming at a reduction, stated it was a matter of necessity, as they were starved out. Many delegates favored ordering the men to strike again, but votes, 6 more than a majority of the entire | pending further action the convention ad fourned.

Two hundred men have returned t work in the Scott Haven mines and have signed an agreement to work for three

renounce the association. This make 6,300 miners working under contract. The strike among the coal miners of the Hocking Valley, Ohio, became general esterday.

FEATURES OF THE STATE PRESS. The Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph do precates the growing tendency in that city

to erect lofty buildings. The Times will enter upon its tenth year to-morrow, and the anniversary number

Philadelphia. The Wilkesbarre Union Leader declares that the Republican party could not oppose monopolies without being guilty of child murder.

The practice of thrusting "story papers" into one's very home, of tucking a luridly illustrated lot of rubbish under one's front door, excites the severest condemnation of the Scranton Republican.

The Chambersburg Repository declares that the newspaper copyright bill will help to put an end to those piratical newspapers which live by stealing the news of their honest and enterprising neighbors. The Repository's life is threat. ened.

"CIVIL SERVICE REFORM."

The Competitive Examination System

or the INTELLIGENCES. The system of examining applicants for covernment offices in various branches of knowledge is not calculated to select the fitter men for them. It is not a fair test worthier man is likely as not to fall be hind. For example, take some questions, asked in a recent examination of two applicants. See how one fell behind in some branches and the other in other departments. Note the difference in their grades and in what branches of knowledge each excelled, and who will deny that the rejected and unsuccessful applicant made really the better showing in the things of most accomplishment to a public official

Successful, Rejected Iteroay-"When was Gen Washington inaugurated President?" "What year. nonth, date and day the constitution United States go into etfeet?" What is a sea?" Is alt Lake a sea?" What lake supplies all Persta with its salt." Where and what is the source of the Mississippi." ARITHMET C-"What, to 1 S. money, is the value a German 'mark?'
"What the value of Russian 'rouble?" a man and a half earn \$1.5 in a day and a-haif, what

WASHINGTON LANCASTER, PA., March 11. PERSONAL.

Spungeon has been left a fortune. MINNIE HAUK is winning glory and shekels singing through Texas. NAT GOODWIN, the comedian, is a flicted,

ike Job of old, with multitudinous boils, Assistant Soliciton Robinson, it is understood, will be appointed solicitor of the treasury, to succeed Kenneth Paynor,

reappointed to the pastorate of Grace church, Wilmington, Del. MAYOR ELECT W. B. SMITH, of Phila delphia, aspires to defeat McManes for

delegate at large to the Republican national convention.

WILLIAM LOVETT LUDLOW, the only son Judge James R. Ludlow, of Philadelphia, died on Monday, of Bright's disease of the kidneys, aged 21 years. NATHANIEL BYRON PAGE, actor and

playwright, known on the stage as Teddy Byron, died in New York yesterday pneumonia at the age of 23 years. COMMANDER WILLIAM HOFF will likely be ordered to command the Alert, which will be brought to this

country from England for the Greely relief CELIA GARIBALDI, the youngest daughter of the general, was recently married at Turin to Prof. Graziald

diamond bracelet. REV. BENJAMIN L. AGNEW, D. D., not pastor of the East Liberty Presbyterian church, Pittsburg, has received a unanimous call to the Bethlehem Presbyterian the house with the revolver. He then bechurch, Philadelphia.

HELEN KING SPANGLER, wife of E. T. Spangler and author of "A Physician's Wife" and other well known novels, was found dead in her bath room at Conshocton, Ohio, yesterday, from apoplexy.
FREDERICK O. PRINCE and Miss Abby

Boston, at noon yesterday. The groom is the long time secretary of Democratic national committees and conventions. OR. ROBERT BARTHOLOW, of Phila

delphia, professor of the chair of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, in Jefferson medical college, Philadelphia, has been invited to address the Berks county medical society in May on the subject of typho malarial fever. SOLOMON SHAPIRA, well known in con

nection with the recent attempt to sell in England a forged manuscript of the book of Pentateuch, has committed suicide by shooting, at a Rotterdam hotel. Letters were found proving that he was suffering from mental aberration.

BISMARCK grows irritable over the Lasker incident, every fresh phase of the dispute quickening his irritation. He is nuch emaciated, having lost over forty pounds in weight in a short time. This is regarded as a bad sign. The prince's diet has been completely changed. His condition is the cause of much anxiety.

GRAIN IN PLAMES. Conflagration Which Threatenes to Barn Up East St. Louis.

Probably the most destructive fire ever know in East St. Louis occurred last night. The fire first caught in a small barber shop, enveloped a whole row of frame buildings and spread to the Transer company's stables. Elevator A was

destroyed. The fire spread to the freight office of the Chicago & Alton road, and to the cars in the extensive yards of the company. The freight office was totally destroyed and a large number of empty and laden cars were burned.

The people of East St. Louis were panie stricken; believing that their city and the big bridge were doomed, they sent an appeal to St. Louis for help. A high wind was blowing at the time and that added to the excitement and placed the surround ing property in immediate danger. Oa the runs over the rough roads of East St. Louis several St. Louis ffremen have been injured and one member was killed in

journey over then. Elevator A contained 300,000 bushels. No 2 mixed corn, 50,000 bushels of oats, and several thousand bushels of wheat, the cereals burning like so much shavings, and the whole making a huge bontire which signed an agreement to work for three lighted the river up for miles, and brought thousands of people to the bridge and river fronts. Total loss \$1,000,000.

RELIGIOUS NEWS.

OPENING OF THE M. E. CONFERENCE. Auniversary of the misterical Society-A Pierce Dispute of the Theologians-Bilef Church Notes.

Preliminary to the assembling of the M. E. conference in Philadelphia last evening the historical society met in St. George's church. The room was decorated in a beautiful and unique manner.

will be the largest paper ever issued in H. W. Warren, D. D.; the Rev. William swindells, the Rev. U. E. Adamson and Professor James Strong, LL. D., of the Drew theological seminary. Bishop Warren and wife and Professor Strong were made life members of the society. The following managers were then elected for the present year :

Clerical members—George W. Mac-laughlin, W. M. Ridgway, Michael D. Kurtz, John S. J. McConnell and Thomas A. Fernley, Lay members-Thomas M Greenbank, James Ashbrook, Thomas W Price, John D. Patterson, Philip Rudolph and James Longacre.

One of the most interesting features of watch, which belonged to George Whitefield, having been presented to him, as the inscription shows, by "Salina, Duchess of Huntingdon." Whitefield valued the watch highly, and at his death left it by will to James Habersham, in 1770. Since then the relie has been a family heirloom It is now the property of Mrs. Coleman, of Cornwall, Lebanon county, who loaned it to the Rev. W. M. Ridgway for this occasion. The watch is solid gold and very heavy. It is enclosed in one of the old fashioned, egg shaped cases, which is elaborately engraved, and shows upon its face four medalions, containing miniature portraits of four of the reformers engraved upon the gold surface. The meeting closed with the doxology and the benediction, invoked by Bishop Warren.

THEOLOGIANS IN BAD TEMPER. Two Episcopalian Teachers Fall Out About

Kenyon college and the Theologian seminary of Ohio, located at Kenyon, are in a state of tumult. General Ben Piatt Runkle was admitted to the deaconate in the Episcopal church, on January 14 by Bishop Knickerbacher, of Indiana. also held a position in the college. Re-cently printed circulars have been sent broadcast through the state entitled "Ex pressions of Indignation Over the Ordina-tion of General Runkle." Following this come printed letters from clergymen, editors, bishops and others, making serious charges against General Runkle Dr. Bates is one of the head masters at the college; so is Dr. Jaeger. Five years ago Dr. Bates refused to attach his name to General Runkle's testimonial and even opposed his ordination, so when he preached his ordination sermon he was severely criticised, and it was even intimated that there was some sinister motive for his unlooked for action. On Monday Dr. Jaeger met Dr. Bates in front of the postoffice and publicly denounced him in unmeasured terms. Immediately after the deplorable scene

Dr. Jaeger sent in his resignation as one of the faculty of the theological seminary. He thinks that the trustees should refus to accept his resignation, but should depose Dr. Bates.

BELIGIOUS MATTERS.

Items of Interest to sew and Carbolic Rev. Father Murphy, at Dover, New Hampshire, has, by order of his bishop, directed the members of the Emmet association to disband under penalty of excommunication.

Bishop Wigger, of the Roman Catholic diocese of Newark, New Jersey, yesterday efused to allow the funeral REV. J. R. BOYLE, formerly of Duke Hayden and his wife, who died in Pater street M. E. church, this city, has been son on Friday last, to take place from the church because the Haydens had disobey ed an order of the bishop, issued about three years ago, forbidding the sale of

liquor on Sunday.
The supreme lodge of the Hebrew order of Kasher Shel Barzel is holding its quinquennial session, in Cleveland, Ohio. esterday endowed the home for aged and ntirm Israelites, located in Philadelphia, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Sir Moses Monteflore, and as a tribute to his worth. The value of the endowment is not less than \$75,000.

ENDING THEIR LIVES

A Congressman's Brother Kills Himself. The little village of Greenville, on the ine of the Delaware, Laukawanna and Western railroad, about six miles from Scranton, has been startled by the suicide of Andrew J. Weaver, aged 43 years, a brother of Congressman Weaver, of Indi-King Humbert sent the bride a handsome ana. His daughter called him at 7 o'clock in the morning; he evinced a morose and quarrelsome disposition at the breakfast table, ate but little, and finally threatened to shoot his daughter whom he drove from gan breaking the furniture, and was even tually quieted by his son, who was called in to pacify him. Weaver then lay on a lounge for half an hour, after which he went to an adjoining room. A few minutes later the family was startled by a pis tol shot, and on going to see what had Norman were married in Trinity church, happened found him lying dead on the floor. The ball entered his temple and passed out through the right cheek. His family say that he has shown signs of in-

sanity on several recent occasions. A widow's Suicide.

Tuesday morning Mrs. Clara Halfpenny, of West Pitiston, followed the example of her husband, who died by his own hand about three years ago, and committed snicide by swallowing a large dose of rat poison. Her husband had been for years the proprietor of the Luzerne house at West Pittston. Just before his death the temperance organization had succeeded in notel, and this so weighed on his mind that he became melancholy and ended his own life. Since then his widow has had charge of the hotel, but business became very dull and she took to drinking. particular reason can be assigned for her suicide, and it is supposed she took the poison in a fit of drunken despondency. She was 50 years of age and leaves three

PRECOCIOUS CHILDREN.

The Effect of Too Much Literary Trash. Fannie Cook, aged 17 years, and Lillie Burgerwald, aged 19 years, were arrested yesterday at the Broad street station, Philadelphia, having run away from their homes in Baltimore. They were sent back to that city.

Herman Fleishman and Maurice Car

panter, both about 18 years of age, who had run away from home to go West and fight Indians, were captured yesterday at Devon, on the Pennsylvania railroad. They were committed to the House of Refuge with the consent of their parents.

A telegraph messenger boy giving the name of James Riley was found by the police in the streets of New York yesterday morning "a raving maniac." He kept continually crying out "I am Butts, the Boy Detective." His friends could not be found, and he was taken to the hospital. The sergeon at the hospital says "his brain was turned by reading dime at his sale and exchange stables, this city, novels.

THREE MENSHOT.

By a Desperate Young Lover. Peter Christman, a farmer living about eight miles from Gold Mine, Pa., ascertained that his daughter, Mary, aged 19, had been driving out of the village about noon, Tuesday, with a young man named

Ezekial Henry, who had recently been notified by Christman to discontinue his attentions to his daughter. Christman with two friends, Henry Swoope and Israel Moyer, procured a team and started in pursuit and overtook the couple about ten miles away. Some words passed between Christman and Henry and the former drew a revolver, but before he could use it Henry drew a pistol and fired, striking Christman in the leg. Moyer and Swoope attempted to interfere when Henry again fired and wounded them both. Henry then drove away, leaving the young lady with the three wounded men. She soon secured help and conveyed her father to his home. Henry was subsequently arrested. It is not believed that any of

A Series of Tragle Events. Mr. Houseman, a well known gentleman

his victims are fatally injured.

70 years of age, was run over by a train at toneboro, Pa, and killed, A prarie fire near Kinsley, Missouri, lestroyed a number of ranches and

dwellings, and burned a woman to death. The floods in the lower Mississippi are still increasing, and the prospect is that the occasion was the exhibition of a gold the innudation of last year will be renowed.

Harry Turner, 12 years of age, being angered at a reproof from his mother, snatched up a revolver and shot himself through the heart in St. Paul. The greatest blizzard of the ceason is raging in the Northwest. Travel and

business are suspended throughout Minne. sota and Dakota, the people keeping in doors. Snowdrifts 20 feet deep are reported near St. Vincent. Woodstock station, a village 75 miles

south of Deadville, Col., was overwhelmed by an avalanche on Monday night. Seventeen persons were buried, two of whomwomen-have been got out severely injured.

Drowned in a Switt Current. Mr. Upchurch endeavored to cross Red Island creek, Miss., which was deep and swift. He had his wife and four children with him. Almost as soon as he had reached the edge of the water the current shifted his horse's head down the creek. The wagon bed at the same time was removed from the frame of the wagon, and was turned over, throwing into the turbulent water the whole family. The hus band seved three of the children and his wife, and dived into the raging waters twice for the fourth child, which went under the water and was lost The horse and wagon were hurled down the current 200 yards almost in an instant. The current was so swift that it tore the shoes off the lady's feet.

Three Women Dying of Hunger. In Montreal the police found three women dying of starvation in a house on Antoine street. Their names are C. M, Fitt and E. A. Jones, sisters, who are over 50 years of age, and a daughter of the latter, named Alice. They came a few months ago from Toronto and tried to get work at dressmaking but failed, and, their means being exhausted and too proud to beg, they resigned themselves to die by hunger. When found in their beds they were so emaciated and wasted that they had to be taken to a hospital and cared for. The two elder women were so weak and low that they could not speak.

Horrible Discovery. While the baggage master at the Union depot, Chattanooga, was arranging his trunks, he came across a soap box addressed to R. F. Wallace, Clinton, Tenn., from which a horrible stench arose. On removn the top he was horrifled to discover the decomposing remains of a white man, whose head was shockingly mutilated. The remains were packed in lime, and appear to have been jammed into the box. It is not known how it came on the premises, and it is thought that it will earl to the discovery of a terrible murder.

The population in Ireland is now very nearly the same as it was in the year of he Union, 5,100,000, the great increase up Queen and Hazel, out for to 1841, when it reached 8,199,000, having hours; Duke and been entirely lost. But whereas in 1832. per cent., and its electors, who were 11.32 per cent. of the whole in 1832, are now

The Latest Ghost Story. Texas reports the following as a ghost story, the locality being Turnersville: "Just at the moment of the dissolution of a Mrs. Reneau, six coffins were seen to come and hover over the house and then glide gently upward to the sound of sweet and melodious music." Several reliable persons claim to have witnessed the spec-

tacle. NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Events Near and Across the County Lines The debt of Lebanon county is \$63,950 ounty tax \$59.189 21. Harrisburg is trying hard to get new

market houses ; so is Lebanon ; A number of young men in Harrisburg are forming a tally ho coach club. The annual encampment of the National Guard will be held at Gettysburg from the 2d to the 9th of Angust.

The receipts for internal revenue at the York county office for the week ending Satu rday, March 8, were \$7,760.12. There will be a two days shooting

match at the Kurtz house, Reading, on March 28 and 29 for \$500, Long Island The Reading coal and iron company has closed a contract to furnish the Manhattan

elevated railroad company with 200,000 tons of anthracite coal per year. The Reading councils have adopted resolution requiring the Consumers' gas company to pay to the city of Reading \$25,000, for the use of its streets to lay gas

pipes. Lung fever prevails to a considerable extent among the horses of Reading. Liverymen attribute it to to the present preventing the granting of a licence to this state of the weather as the animals be come wet when overheated and catch

> Jacob Huyett, a wealthy farmer, aged 82 years, was found dead in his carriage, a mile from Wernersville, Berks county. The horse stood perfectly still and foot steps in the snow lead to the impression that Mr. Huyett left the carriage and pro-When he cceded to the edge of the road. was about to reenter the carriage he was stricken dead. Robert Mennis, aged about fifty, an em

ploye at a quarry at the Half Way house, below Steelton, was seriously hurt yester day afternoon by a stone falling from the top of an embankment into the quarry, a distance of twenty five or thirty feet, and striking him on the head, cutting a deep gash several inches in length over the temple above the left eye and making scalp wound on the back of the head Fifty commercial travelers met at the Lochiel house in Harrisburg yesterday and

organized "The Commercial Travlers Association of Pennsylvania." The ob ject of this association is to aid and protect the members by securing to them rates from railroad companies and notels, to provide indemnity to its members in case of accident or accidental death, and to benefit its members mutually and socially.

Samuel Hess & Son, auctioneers, sold at public sale on Monday, for Daniel Logan,

18 head of Ohio horses, at an average price of \$222 per head. At the same time and place were sold a head of mules for J. W. Johnson, esq., at an average price of \$391.25 per pair.

Resumed work.

The Penn iron company resumed work in the puddle mill yesterday and its bar mill starts up to-night.

A VERDICT REACHED.

HE LONG INSURANCE CASE ENDED.

The Jury Bring in a Verdiet on \$2,516.95 tor the Plaintiffs-Based on the Award of the Adjusters.

The celebrated suit of Gottschalk & Lederman against the North British and Mercantile insurance company, that has been on trial in the court of common pleas since Feb. 20, came to an end this morning. When the court bell rang at 9 a. m., announcing that a verdict was at hand, squads of two and three might have been seen hurrying to the court house to hear the result. The court room was crowded with a curious throng, drawn thither by the general interest that has been felt since the start in the outcome of this now famous case.

A hush of mience came over the crowd when deputy prothonotary Kreider ro ceived the verdict from the judge, and reading it to the jury asked them if they so agreed, receiving an affirmative to sponse. The verdict awards the plaintiffs \$2,304 55 and interest from Aug. 29, 1882, \$212.40, making the total award \$2,516. 95. This is about one half of the amount claimed against the insurance company. Five other suits yet remaing to be tried against the Lancashire, City of London, London Assurance, Williamsburg and Phonix, of Hartford, respectively, the total amount claimed from all the com-panies being about \$25,000. It is thought hat the result of this trial virtually set les the suits against the other companies, and an effort will be made to compromise

them without further legal intervention. The costs of the suit which fall upon the defense by the jury's verdict will reach a high figure. The witness fees and other legal costs will probably aggregate \$2,000, without counting the \$1.50 per day said to have been allowed to the counsel for the defense during the 16 days of the trial.

How the Conclusion was Reached. The jury was charged briefly but clearly y Judge Patterson, all questions of fact eing left to their determination; they retired about 5 p. m. yesterday and agreed apon their verdict, sealed it and separated rithin an hour after the case was given to them. Mr. Geo. K. Reed was made foreman of the jury. There is no good reason to believe that, as has been reported, any of the jury held out for a verdict for defense or that any favored an award for the full amount claimed. It had been shown in the evidence that the adjusters agreed upon by the plaintiffs and the insurance company had found, after the fire, that the original value of the stock, so far as they could discover traces of it, was \$14,872 17, and that what remained of it was worth \$3,810 34, showing a loss of \$11,061.83. This amount with interest formed the basis of the jury's award, and the amount of the verdict was the propor tionate share of defendant's interest in the entire insurance.

The plaintiffs seemed to be gratified with the result of the trial; the defe dants are disappointed; the public generally appear to be satisfied. The theory of incendiarism was not supported by the verdict nor was the defendant's estimate of their total stock, but their exaggeration of its value does not seem to have been consider ed fraudulent by the jury, as the judge chaged that wilful fraud and deliberate misrepresentation by the insured would be good cause to find for the defense.

THE STREET LAMPS

Tae Electric Lights Still Keeping up Their Bad Reputation. Following are the lamps that did not do

satisfactory duty Tuesday night : Electric Lamps-Christian and Grant, Lime and Ora ge, from 7 o'clock; East King and Ann, Orange and Ann, out for two hours ; East King and Square, Orange and Duke, Orange and night; South Queen and Square, three hours ; South Queen and Hager, South Queen and Andrew, three Walnut, all night; Lime and Lemon, on the passing of the reform bill, Ireland nut and Duke, out for two hours; Duke had 32.32 per cent. of the population of the United Kingdom, it has now but 14.81 all night; Locust and Freiberg, North and Strawberry, out for three hours; Dorwart and Manor, High and Filbert, Poplar and Filbert, Vine and Strawberry poor until 12 o'clock; Walnut and Mulberry, James and Mary from 7 o'clock; Walnut and Mary from 9 o'clock. Total, 25, and no report from the First and Third

wards. Gasoline Lamps-Christian and Low, Woodward and Christian, Rockland south of Green, Lime between Low and Locust from 11 o'clock ; Lafayette between Fil bert and Strawberry faom 7 o'clock. Total, 5-no report from First and Third wards.

LOWER END LOUALS.

Condensed From the Oxford Press. Edwin Chambers of Chester county will remove to the Whitson farm, Bart town ship. E. E. Kidd, now on Sam'l, W. Wilson's

farm, Drumore township, will remove to Andrew J. Miller's farm at Mount Vernon, Chester county. C. C. Cauffmao, undertaker at Wakefield attended six funerals in one week ending on Monday last. Since the 14th of December he has attended twenty four funerals. The measles prevails in that neighborhood and

several persons have died from taking cold resulting in pucumonia.

J. Baily Brown, who drives the stage from Lyle, to Oxford, one day last week accidentally fell overboard from the vehicle near Lyle, and alighted too close to the hind feet of one of the borser. He was kicked and received bruises and scratches enough on his head from the animal to

keep him in doors for some days.

A Victim of Hydrophobia. Six weeks ago William Hamer, a resident of Highspire, six miles below Harrisburg, picked up a little Skye terrier, ad wandered on his premises. The which h dog bit him on the thumb of the right hand and he at once had the wound cauterized. Last Saturday evening after Hamer returned home from his work he felt very bad, and continued to grow worse during Sunday. On Monday after-noon about 2 o'clock he was thrown into spasms, which continued until it required six men to hold him. Yesterday afternoon he was still alive, but his death was hourly expected. The dog was killed some reeks ago by being run over by the cars.

The Bierele Club Elects Officers. At a special meeting of the Lancaster Bicycle club, held last evening, C. B.

Longenecker, president, H. S. Hartwell, captain, and W. B. Youngman, secretary and treasurer, who are leaving the city, handed in their resignations and the foiowing were elected in their places : President, Dr. E. P. Day; captain, W. F. Gorrecht; secretary and treasurer, Chas. E. Haberbush.

Driving Accident

This morning as Mr. John Sales was

driving on West Orange street, he came

in collision with a heavy two horse busi-ness wagon at the corner of Prince and Orange. The shock was so severe that Mr. Sales was thrown from his buggy. His horse was thrown down but escaped injury. Neither the buggy nor the wagon was much damaged. Honorably Discharged.

B. Matthieu, the Greek, who was ar-rested in Reading and brought to Lancas ter. Tuesday, to answer for the larceny of coat alleged to have been stolen from G. W. Hollis, had a hearing before Alderman Fordney, and was discharged, it being shown that he had an int . t in the coat,