The New York Convention. The controlling influence of New York state in the politics of the country is again being unmistakably demonstrated. All factions in the Republican party anxiously awaited the result of yesterday's convention in Utica, feeling | truth in brief : that it would exercise a most potential influence upon the outcome at Chicago in June. The Democratic politicians of the state, wise in their generation, have postponed their convention, most likely convention, so as to take the largest advantage from the situation after that move in the presidential game.

New York has not only more votes in either national convention than any other state, but it has more weight in the electoral college; and it has the largest body of independent voters in the coun try, so that its action in the presidential year has very logically come to be regarded as of first importance in political calculations.

By this measure its Republican con vention of yesterday would seem to have given both the Blaine and Arthur canvassess their finishing strokes. The result is more disastrous to Blaine than to Arthur, because the defeat of the latter in his own state had been already discounted, while the Blaine forces, with such a sin gular combination of leadership as Platt, Cornell and Warner Miller, antici pated a complete victory; such an event would have put their candidate far in the lead Had Arthur had a clear majority of the convention for him Blaine's defeat would have been no more crush ing than it is, but Arthur's case would have been vastly improved. Each faction tried to use the Edmunds club to knock the life out of the other; but, as it happens, better management has given the anti-Blaine element whatever of advantage accrues to either; and this circumstance, with Mahone's victory in Virginia and the hostility to Blaine of Massachusetts and Connecticut, disposes of him.

It by no means follows that Mr. Edmunds will be the nominee; he is not wanted by the politicians of his party; as a president he would not suit them at all, and in the West he is weak as a candidate. But the promotion of his candidacy is vastly to the interest of the opposition to Blaine and henceforth it will be used to batter the life out of what survives of that statesman's

diversion of the license taxes from the state to the county treasuries was the subject of the Jenkins bill passed by the Democratic House of the last Legislature and favored by the governor. It was defeated in the Senate by the flagrant misrepresentations of the treasury their own control, represented that the license tax was needed by the state. It has been an idle surplus in the banks fa-

vored with the treasury loans ever since The proper mode of taxing whisky is to tax its sale, not its manufacture Then it would be taxed as a luxury and beverage, not as a product of industry. nor as an element in the mechanical and useful arts. The government does not need the revenue from it, neither does the state, but the counties and cities do need it. A license tax, adjusted accord ing to the sales, would be a wholesome resulting revenue would be applied where it is most needed and where the liquor traffic creates public expense, and the whisky tax would be equitable and popular, whereas it is now unjust and odious. The internal revenue system, with all its complications, and the present three-fold taxation of liquors should give way to a simple high license law, the proceeds to go into the local treasu

THERE is a remarkable inconsistency in the expressions of some of the Repub lican state conventions about the admin istration and their action in antagonizing Arthur's renomination. In New York. for instance, the Republican state con administration, begun under circumprudence and sagacity, commended itself to the esteem of the country, and as such | that does Mr Lincoln much credit. receives the cordial acknowledgments of the Republicans of his own state." And yet the opposition of the convention And yet the opposition of the convention "Man, thou shalt never die!" celestial voices to Arthur's nomination was only less By single fingers touched when the mild stars unmistakable than its antagonism to Of morning sang together, sound forth still Blaine's. It is bard to understand this, except upon the belief that the convention is either insincere in its declaration or its action. For if Mr. Arthur has really been this kind of a president, under the circumstances in which he came to the office, he is a better man for it than any of the others conspicuously named for the nomination. ever commending Mr. Blaine for "eminent prudence and sagacity."

A CORRESPONDENT of the Oxford Press, writing to that paper about the election of a public school superintendent | forearm. in Chester county, says:

The present incumbent, Professor has filled the office for several years, and, so far as I am informed, has performed his duty in a fair and satisfactory manner, and I have nothing to say against him; but he has had the lion's share of office, and the time has now come for him to step down and out. The next tring to be done is to look out for a good man to succeed him.

This is a sample of much of the argument invoked in a contest for this a much better view of them than we on feet the reservoir was tapped and the fluid place. The incumbent, who has dis the earth ordinarily get of the moon. No rushed out with such force as to throw the charged his duty in "a fair and satisfac tory manner" must be got rid of first; "the next thing" is to find a worthy successor. Wouldn't it be well to hold on to the satisfactory official until after the less will be opportunities offered for the In quantity this well is estim Wouldn't it be well to hold on better one is found?

WITHIN sixty days the New York Herald was industriously engaged in warning the Democrats of the House against voting millions of naval appropriation for vessels of very doubtful pattern and cruisers, of which the plan of construc tion has been severely criticised by emi nent naval experts both here and abroad Referring to the history of our expendi tures for a navy the Herald said the

"The country in these years | the years of to all the naval needs of the nation ; but its generosity was abused and the money was frittered away, with nothing to show then that less liberal appropriations became the rule?

"If such a disgraceful record is to be repeated it is just as well to remain longer without a navy. The vessels under con struction are estimated to cost about \$3,500,000, and the larger number of ves sels authorized by the bill which recently passed the Senate entails a much larger expense-more than \$5,000,000. But it is \$3,500,000 will have been wisely expended. Where, then, is the wisdom of putting \$5,000,000 more at risk ?"

The House, under the lead of Mr. Randall, shows a disposition to heed these warnings of a bitter experience whereupon the Herald flies into a pas sion and assails Mr. Randall and his associates, as viciously as though it were the hired agent of John Roach and the partner of Bill Chandler. Remembering the story of Admiral Porter, as to the millions spent upon the navy for no return, the people will conclude that Mr. Randall is right in withholding lavish appropriations from the thieves who spend it one year for new ships to be sold as old iron the next. The way to get a pavy is the same as the way to other reforms-first, "toru the rascals

THE Press, the New Era, Chairman Cooper and other more or less hopeful Blaine supporters in this State will doubtless find everything to comfort them in the spectacle presented yesterday of Virginia being handed over by Mahone to Arthur, of Massachusetts turning up for Edmunds, of Blame's snubbing in Connecticut, and of the ut ter discomfiture of Warner Miller and ex Governor Cornell, in their plan to sweep the New York convention for the tattooed man. But to most practical and disinterested observers of the situation it is very plain that Mr. Blaine is now beaten.

MR CONKLING's haleyon and vociferous note of leadership was not hear! in the New York convention yesterday ; THE Philadelphia Record is right in neither was his dainty white hand to be maintaining that liquor licenses should seen. But it is a remarkable coincidence go into the local treasuries, and that a that while his enemies of the Blaine high license tax, to be regulated by the faction were taken out from beneath the different municipalities is, the best means machine, mashed to wood pulp, his foes of restricting the liquor traffic. The of the Arthur faction were likewise mangled to unrecognizable fragments under the Edmunds harrow.

> Ir was a cold day yesterday for the tattooed man."

THE proposition to put Gen. John C. ring's agents who, to keep the money in | Fremont on the retired list is one of very doubtful propriety.

THREE of the four New York delegates at large to the Republican national convention are unqualified free traders.

It is public sentiment and not Pack that has tattooed Mr. Blaine. It there was not prevailing distrust of his integrity the simple picture in a comic paper could not burt him so severely.

declined to be a candidate for delegate at large, before the New York Republican restriction; the local authorities would state convention. It's a wise Dutchman have every inducement to collect it; the who knows when to hunt his bomb

> WARNER MILLER seems to have been the Tom Bayne of the Blaine Republicans in the New York convention yesterday. He lead his faction to defeat quite as skilfully as did the Allegheny statesman at Harrisburg.

remark in his comments on America, the truth of which all intelligent foreigners r soognize, and that is the taking quality of American girls. The fascination of these Naiads is all the greater from the delightful case with which it baffles explana tion.

BLAINE's friends are fond of referring vention declared "its great respect for to him as "Garfield's choice." By the President Chester A. Arthur, whose same token they should "point with pride" to Judge Advocate General Swaim stances of peculiar sadness, delicacy and of the late "chum cabinet," an investi embarrassment, has, by its eminent gation of whose derelictions the secretary of war insists upon with a determination

> IMMORTALITY. A voice within us speaks the startling words-The song of our great immortality: Thick-clustering orbs, and this our fair do-

main, The tall, dark mountains and the deep toned

Join in this solemn, universal song

—Richard II. Dana

DESPITE a wet Spring the rainfall for April has thus far been extraordinarily light, and the recent high temperature. bright sunshine and drying winds have Indeed no one would seriously think of prepared the woods in many sections for rapid combustion. In the far northwest, Michigan, Kansas, Nebraska and Texas strangers to the bride. especially April droughts are always to be feared as likely to occasion prairie and forest burnings. But forewarnings seldom the West, which would probably detain

> THE lively account of a ride upon a comet, which we reprint to day from the New York Sun, is necessarily somewhat speculative, but its observations of the planets are in accordance with what is known about the features of their surface. Of course it must be assumed that the rider on this celestial courser is armed with a telescope, for he would not likely get twelve miles north of Wheeling, W. Va. close enough to any of the planets to have Tuesday morning. At a depth of 1,28 tinkets for such a summer excursion are the derrick. All efforts to cap the tube yet announced for sale, but in the coming and control the gas have been futile. A days of scientific development there doubt light has been applied and the glare on the attractive trip.

STATE CONVENTIONS.

SUSSIFICANT POLITICAL STRAWS. fil ine Forces Outgenerated in New 1 ork -- Mahone's Programme tives

Through in Virginia, The New York Republican state convention met Wednesday in Utica. N. C. Boynton, of Essex, supported by au Edmunds Arthur combination, was elected temporary chairman by a majority of 11 votes over E. L. Pitts, the Blaine candi date. Mr. Boynton was subsequently con-Robeson and Chandler | voted enough to equip and maintain a splendid navy equal dore Roosevelt, Andrew D. White, John dore Roosevelt, Andrew D. White, John I. Gilbert and Edward Packard were elected delegates at large to Chicago, and Charles Andrews and Charles A. Rapallo until after the Republican national for the expenditure. Is it any wonder were renominated for judges of the court of appeals by acclamation. The resoluious adopted approve the administration of President Arthur and the policy of protection; favor the maintenance of equal civil rights, the removal of unjust restrictions upon our shipping interests, the retirement of the trade dollar, and an adherence to the gold standard, etc. result of the convention is a substantial defeat for Blaine. The Arthur-Edmunds still a matter for doubt whether the people combined against the Blaine men, defeating them by 251 to 240. The Ohio Republican state convention

met in Cleveland, General Charles H. Grosvenor was chosen temporary chair Without effecting a permanent man. organization the convention adjourned until Thursday. The committee on resolutious last night agreed to report resolutions favoring a protective tariff and the restoration of the wool tariff of \$867. A majority of the district delegates favor

The Readjuster Republican state con vention of Virginia met in Richmond and was called to onler by Senator Mahone. Colonel Lamb. " the hero of Fort Fisher. was chosen temporary chairman. A reso lution was adopted providing for the appointment of a committee on business, three severely. to report a platform, a plan of organization or the party, a list of delegates to the Chicago Republican convention, and a list of electors. The cause providing for delegates to Chicago was strongly objected to by a minority and was carried by a large vote. The resolutions adopted declare, among other things, for a protective tariff and express a preference for Arthur for president

The "straightout" Republican conveniou of Rockingham county, Virginia, met a Harrisonburg, Resolutions were adopt ed declaring for a protective tariff, the payment of all debts, state and national, and an lorsing Blaine and Lincoln for presdent an I vice president. J. W. Cochrane olored, ex chairman of the Republican state committee, was appointed richtato

to the state convention.

The Connecticut Republican state couvention adopted resolutions endorsing the administration of President Arthur, and while not instructing the delegates, ex pressed a preference for Joseph R. Hawley. or candidate for president of the United

The Nationalist state convention of New ersey met in Treaton and elected delegates to the Nationalist convention at Indianapo'is. No pledges were exacted. The Republican convention of the Eighth congressional district of Massa husetts elected Edmunds delegates to the 'hicago convention.

The national convention of the Prohibi tion and Home Protection party, which was to have been held in Pittsburg on the 21st of May, has been postponed until July 33d.

THEFAIL OF IVY BEOHES.

Despair and Death of a Beautiful Woman wind Could Not act.

Ivy Hughes, a victim of the Langtry craze, which led her to imagine personal ington. beauty a passport to success on the stage, ied on Saturday in New York of periton itis after having for several months earned a precarious living as an artist model. She was the daughter of English parents, and born in Australia, and, though her fun eral services were attended by a large er wd, it is not known that she had any intimate friends in this country. Mr. Augustus l'itou, the manager for Mr. ohn Stetson, at the Fifth Avenue theatre. said :

"She was one of the most beautiful women I ever saw in my life; tall and perfect in form, with oval face and cheeks soft, velvety and as rosy as peaches. She WHITELAW REID, Blaine's next friend, gave me her name as fry Hughes, admitnaiden name. She told me that she had recently come from Eugland, where she had moved in the highest circles of society. She had often performed in amateur the atricals and given private readings.

"The success which Mrs. Langtry had on the stage determined her to adopt the theatrical profession, and the strong op position of her relatives had induced to come to New York. She asked me for an engagement, and I told her I would send for her as soon as we began to rehearse. I don't know what she did in the meantime, though I heard that she MATTHEW ABNOLD makes one striking obtained employment as a complete came to remark in his comments on America, the rehearsal when we sent for her about rehearsal when we sent for her about seven weeks ago, and showed a willingness to learn her part. She was a very refined ady, sprightly and intelligent, but unfortunately an entire novice in acting. She did not even understand the prompt direc tions in the play book.

"After several rehearsals we were obliged to inform her of her incompetency, and though greatly disappointed, she seemed to recognize the fact herself."

CHEATED BY A MOCK MARRIAGE.

A Poor Giel Destried by Her Supposed Husband, Miss Adams, of Elk Garden, on Tuesday visited Rev. Henry Knight, of Piedmont, W. Va., and asked him if he had married her to George Knight some months ago.

Rev. Mr. Knight claimed to know nothing whatever about the marriage, George Kuight and Miss Adams came to Piedmont several months ago, and went to the county bridge, connecting Piedmont with Westernport, to be mar ried. It has long been the custom for runaway couples to have the mar riage ceremony performed on this bridge, thereby making it unnecessary to procure a license. The bridge being between Maryland and West Virginia. neither state has any jurisdiction there. Miss Adams is a very young girl, and never questioned the legality of the pro-

ceedings, when a minister, purporting to

be Rev. Henry Kuight, made them man

and wife in the presence of several male witnesses, and friends of the groom and They lived together as man and wife for several weeks at the place, when the groom claimed to have urgent business in him a few days. Not until a month had passed without any tidings from her supposed husband did a vague presentiment of foul play dawn on her mind. She has as yet been unable to obtain any clue to

the persons who perpetrated the outrage. A GREAT WELL OF GAS.

Natural Light and Fuel from the Biggest Well in the World. The greatest well of natural gas known to the world was struck at Wellsboro, heavy tools high in the air and demolish In quantity this well is estimated to be minster Abbey, a brother of Henry E. Abbey, the theatrical manager.

a balf greater than the famous McGreiger well. Nearly \$1,000,000 have been spout in this vicinity in boring for gas, but Wellsburg alone has been successful, having now three wells in operation, lighting and heating the town, melting iron and glass, and entirely sup-reeding all other fuel. The last well will be piped to Wheeling and supply the numerous mills,

furnaces and glass houses. Olergymen Quarre big in Convention When the time came for calling the Perritorial convention in Huron, Dakota, to order there was a wild scene of confusion. E. W. Caldwell, from South Dakota, and Major Edwards, from North Dokota. each attempted to capture the temporary organization. J. O. Scoby was monimated y North Dakota and J. H. King by South Dakota. Both were declared elected, both took the chair and both chairmen immediately called on the tespective elergymen for prayer, but the elergyman from South Dakota started first and was allowed to hold the thor. A call of the ounties was then resorted to to seith the temporary chaimanship contest and resulted in favor of South Dakota and J H. King. Committees were then appoint

d and the convention took a recess A Fable for Charles Emery Smith. A Hen who had with Infinite Care, rear ed and instructed a callow Brood of Ducklings viewed with A'arm and Appre hension their enthusiastic Bult in the Direction of the Horse Pond. back !" she eackled, angrily, "and scratch for a Diet of Worms. I didn't bring you up to have you sail out of my Reach in this Fashion," "You forget that we are Uninstructed Delegates," was the reply of the Ducklings, as they vanished in the Distance. Morat-Politics is the Worst Honesty.

A Train Diseased. Two coaches of a passenger train on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fo raticoad can into a ditch near Kenney's, Texas, on Tuesday night. Twenty persons were injured

First of the Sesson.

The returns of the election in Louisiana received yesterday, indicate a majority of nearly 20,000 for the Democratic state ticket.

Bis sum of Happiness Complete. mercial Bulletin. A farmer is contented with his lot when he has the grass cut on it, for then he wants no mower.

PERSONAL.

ARCHUISOP GIBBONS, of Baltimore, wil be the next cardinal, according to London

MARCUS L. WARD, CA-governor of New ersey, is daugerously ill at his residence

WILLIAM WALTER PHELI'S has undertaken the defense of Blaine from charges of jobbery; William has a big contract of his hands. Mit Invino, sails for England a week

from today. The receipts during his American engagement have been over MARY ANDERSON will stay abroad untiext year. While she stars through Eng. lish towns her Long Branch cottage is to

be rented. Mrs. Dunys, General W. T. Sherman's daughter, owns a plantation at Pass Christian, Miss., upon which grow and loom and varieties of roses.

HENRY M. PHILLIPS has resigned president of the board of directors of the Philadelphia academy of music. George Pepper was elected to fill the vacancy. Jons J. KNox has presented to Secretary Folger his resignation as comptroller the currency, to take effect on May

GEORGE RECKWOOD, a New York pla out of twenty cases the left sade of the face gives the most characteristic likeness, while in the same degree the right side is most symmetrical.

OWEN JONES, who died in New York on Friday, began life there a moneyless lad from Auglesea, Wales. He made a little money, bought land, became a regular dealer in real estate and accumulated a ortune estimated at about \$2,000,000

Ex Gov. Downey, of California, has given \$500 to furnish a new school house n the town of Downey, that state, and at as suggestion an inscription will be placed on its portals reading "Order is Heaven's first law. Be good children and true to

your country.' Nileson found in Chicago a poor woman who had been her playmate in childhood, Another Swede, John Ingmansun, now living in Syramore, Ill , used to take the little Christine with him on his cart, to play and sing for the people among whom

he traveled. Windins says that the recent heavy storms on the Atlantic and the earthquake in England are varifications of his March predictions. The professor adds : "The forces which caused the disastrous storm last month will, I believe, again unite on Saturday evening next, and earthquakes will probably occur on Friday and Mon day, while there is a serious probability that the earthquake in England return with increased violence about the 20th of May."

FEATURES OF THE BLATE PRESS. The Courant insinuates that a good many Columbia shad are caught at Port and sale set aside. Deposit.

The Moracian wants more vigorous measures against the Mormons-the Utah Mormons. The editor of the Examiner makes the

frank admission that he does not know everything. The New Era has also turned in against

Blaine; as it expresses a wish to see him and Tilden pitted against each other. The Clearfield Republican hopes to see the internal revenue system abolished, or greatly modified, before the present House

adjourns. The Press sums up the New York convention : "Blaine lacked only six of having a clear majority of the convention." A miss is as good as a mile.

A GIANT HALISUT

Packed in Ice and Sent to Washington to be Done to Plaster.

Commissioner Eugene G. Blackford vesterday superintended the packing of probably the largest halibut that ever was It weighed 426 pounds, and the commissioner was having it packed in ice at Fulton market to send to Prof. Baird in Washington.

"There is no telling its age," said Mr. Blackford. "It is certainly over 100 years old. A ten-year halibut is not as large as its head. The halibut is not a fighting fish. When caught it surrenders without making a great fuss about it. This speci men was caught off the New Foundland coast a week ago. The fishermen who caught it must have thought they were dragging up the bottom of the ocean. It is too big to put in alcohol, and would not be very ornamental if stuffed. To eat, I should classify it among the

aged and juiceless. I am sending it to Prof. Baird, who will make a cast of it.' Mary's Latest Matrimonial Suitor.

Several witnesses were examined, and the cago News. ury rendered a verdict that death resulted The latest rumor from across the water from an affection of the heart. s to the effect that Miss Mary Anderson, the accomplished Kentucky actress, has rejected the matrimonial offer of West-

APRIL COURT.

THE WEER OF QUARTER SESSIONS. Larva t r Stan Convected of Conting Acother - tree tills Against the

Jall Brenkers. Wednesday Afternoon -- Com'th Andrew Jacksov, fornication and bastardy, The presecutrix was Miriam Brown, of Little Britsin township, whose child was en in last March, having been begotten in June, 1883 Considerable evidence was heard in the case which was on trial for a cuple of hours. The defendant dented ing guilty of this offense. The jury thought he was, and so found

Com'th David N. Murr, assault. It was shown that defendant upon a recent occasion met C. C. Lapp in Eaby's mill, Salisbury township. The two had some words and Murr rubbed his fist under Lapp's nose. The court stated that the commonwealth had failed to make out their case.

A license was granted to John W Redly to keep a restaurant on the grounds of the Agricultural park association The tavern license of John Harnish, Diumore, was transferred to Elizabeth Harnish, his widow. Thursday Morning.—Com'th vs. Albert

Gardner, felonious assault and battery, cappeared from the testimony of the commonwealth's witnesses that on the night of December 1st last, Geo Craw ford, Chas Everhart and Frederick Mil ler, were walking along Middle street; when in front of a saloou Gardner came Miller of insuiting out and accused Miller denied it and Gardner him. began an attack on Miller with knife, cutting him in the hand. Miller cried that he was cut, and ran away ; Gardner then ran at Crawford and stabbed him several times in the neck; he was badly injured, and was confined to the liouse for several weeks. Dr. Shirk and Bolemins testified to the extent of Craw-

Gardner was called to the stand as a witness on his own behalf. He testified that on this night be came out of Wylie's saloon and walked down Middle street toward Duke; he met Crawford and his companions, with whom he had never been equainted; Miller accused him (witness) of having been in a house of bad repute called him a liar, and hot words followed Miller and Crawford then began an attack on witness, who in self defense drew a knile and began cutting.

onl's muries.

A number of witnesses testified that previous to this occurrence Gardner had a good reputation for peace. The jury rendered a verbert of guilty of simple assault and battery.

Com'th vs. Samuel Keeler, embezzlement. The evidence of the commonwealth showed that in 1882 Keeler was the cousignee in this city of the Central manufacuring company of thirteen reapers, tifteen mowers and several other agricultural implements to the value of \$2,071.54 that Keeler, who was agent for the company, disposed of a considerable number of these implements and appropriated \$537.40 to his own use, refusing to pay it over; afterwards he admitted that he had received the money and used it.

After the testimony of the commonwealth was in the counsel for defense asked for a verlict of not guilty, because the charge of embezzlement as consigned and factor were in the one indictment. contrary to law, and also because the evi lence showed that Keeler was an agent of the company and not a consignee as in icted. The court instructed the jury that he indictment was defective and a verliet of not guilty, with county for costs,

Com'th vs. George Bolster, malicious mischief. It was alleged by the prosecu-tion that on the 15th of December last the enow balls through them and then at empted to strike her. On trial. The grand jury returned the following

True Hills-Lewis Reidenbach, assault and battery; Joseph Sensenig, W. C. Brown, Wesley Miller and Benj. Freesnan, formcation and bastardy; leckler, attempt to procure an abortion ernication and bastardy and seduction eorge Brunmer, Paul Quigley, John Frankford, John Wertz, Morris Andrew Ehman, Abe Buzzard, Ike Buzzard, George Watkins, Alex. Leman, Jas. lifford, Michael Lentz, John Lippincott, loseph Groff, Wm. Clark, Edward Beck, breaking jail; Frank Jones, false pretense Lewis Bier, larcopy; Jacob Aul, assault.

Ignored.—George Griffith and Calvin named Eve Nilason, wife of a mechanic, Denlinger, forsication and bastardly David Fulmer, false pretense; George W Yeager, larceny as bailee, with county for costs; J. H. Mall, fraud with J. H. Tay

lor, the prosecutor, for costs, Upon hearing the report of the grand ury as to the numerous fail breakers adge Livingston suggested that it would be well for the jury to inquire at the prison whether there are any persons yet emaining in jail, and whether any effort being made to capture those who are

Wm. Cresswell and George Bunting plead guilty to the charge of selling li quor without license, and sentence was postponed until Saturday. Carrent Business.

In the estate of Sarah Meredith, dea'd, late of Maytown, the rule to show cause why order of sale, granted March 22, 1884. should not be revoked, was made absolute

LAMP COMMITTEE'S REPORT. Showleg the Deductions Made in the Electric

Light Bill.

The bill of the Maxim electric light com pany for \$1,400 for lighting the city for the month ending April 14 was considered by the lamp committee at its meeting yes terday. J. M. Chilles, clerk of the committee, reported that after a careful examination of the morning reports of the police he found that during the month the aggregate number of hours the lamps did not burn (calculating eleven hours per night for each of the 120 lamps was 6,024 hours, which would equal 548 lamps for the month, or nearly 18 each night. As each light costs nearly 38; cents per n ht, the proper deduction to be made from the company's bill would be \$210.43. This is the largest deduction yet made, and is owing in great measure to the entire stopping of the electric works after the great snow

A Church's Centennial The Reformed church in Chambersburg was established 100 years ago, last Suuday. The Valley Spirit make the present an occasion for hunting a commendatory review of the pastoral experience of Rev. W. C. Cremer, its minister, who has been there since 1876. He was born in Elizabethtown and is a son in law of the late

storm. In making his calculation, the

clerk counted as one lamp out every two

committee have approved the Maxim com-

pany's bill, after making the deduction

lamps that were burning poorly.

above stated.

A Child Found Dead in Bed. Yesterday Deputy Coroner H. C. Gib. registered mail. ble held an inquest on the body of a fivemonths old child of Henry Eaby, of Manheim, that was found dead in its bed

Jacob Gruel, of this city.

Spring Sociable. The first spring sociable of the Lausas hall on Monday evening, April 28th.

OR BRUCE'S TELAL.

An Effor: Made to Exclude the living Declar Encladelphia Press.

Is the old Philadelphia court house, Judge Finister upon the beach, Dr. Do rival B. Bruce was put on trial for criminal malpractice Wednesday afternoop, The commonwealth alleged that on Decem ber 28, 1883, Hattie School, a young woman residing in Lancaster, lets her home and went to the house of Dr. Frances Bruce, No 1416 Brown street, the wife of the defendant, and remained there until January 5 last, when she returned to Laneaster, and on the 16th of the same month died; that while at the house of Mrs. Bruce she was treated by the defendant eriminally, and that her death was the result of his actions.

The commonwealth relies mainly upon

a dying declaration, claimed to have been made by the deceased, and when they were laying grounds for its latroduction, A. S L Sheilds, esq., e-unsel for the defendant, objected, arguing that dying declarations were only admissible in homicide cases, and that an act of Assem bly of Pennsylvania had specially defined the offense with which the defendant was charged, and made it of a lower grade than homicide. The dying declaration in such a case could not be admitted, not withstanding the fact that at common authorities in Pennsylvania, he said, on the subject, but he quoted from decisions in other states, and from standard works his position. Without determining the his

NEIGHBORDOOD REWS

Events Near and Across the County Lines. A committee of the opponents of music the United Presbyterian Church decided. yesterday, in Pittaburg, to ask the tien eral Assembly "to declare the use of in strumental music unlawful, on the ground that the question was not properly sub-

mitted to the presbyteries."
Sallie Cox, of Wilmington, 17 years of age, has just died of consumption, which resulted from swallowing a breastpin about four years ago. The pin found lodgment in the young lady's chest, from whence it was removed recently by a surgreat operation, but it had so affected the lungs that they rapidly wasted away.

Sarah Bollman, of Lyonsport, quarrelled with her brother about chopping some wood, and to a moment of anger, she said she wished he was dead, whereupon he walked away, and he had taken only a few steps when she herself dropped dead, The woman's face turned blue after being removed to the house.

The trains on the new railroad from Harrisburg to Gettysburg, via Carlisle and the South Mountain, have started to run; This line is largely patronized, the road bed being well ballasted and the cars handsomely built and furnished. George Notl, aged 71, was gathering

coal at Dauphin on the railroad track. When the Si28 o'clock passenger train whistled, the old man crawled under a freight train on the adjoining track. As soon as the passenger train had passed, the freight pulled out, passing over and crushing the old man almost in two.

THE LIGHTS OLONDON A Good Spectacular Metodrama at the Opera

A good sized audience was present last evening in the opera house to witness the first presentation in this cit of George H. Sams' spectagular molbdrama, the "Lights O' London." The company The company playing the piece is a large one and is conspicuously strong for a travelling dramatic combination. The excellent scenic defendant broke the windows of Elizabeth display was a marked feature of the evening's entertainment, the views Armytage Arms and Regent Park by moonlight being notably fine.

While the play contains many opportunities for the exhibition of histrionic excellence, it cannot be said to have a very secure foundation for its plot. The inspir ing cause of the drama is the extreme want into which the hero and heroine o the tale are thrown by the disinheritane of the former by his father. In the more pathetic situations one cannot help thind ing that the hero might, if he were no insafferably lazy, provide his starving wit with at least the necessaries of life be sure, this is looking at the play from a very tleshly standpoint, but the motive power of every play must be at least reasonable. The characters of the piece wer as a rule well supported, Julian Mitchell as Seth Preene, being conspicuously good although now and then developing tendency to rant. The play is well worth going to see, both for the quality of the acting exhibited and the scenic effects. It will be produced again this evening.

A MIDNIGHT MARAUDER.

The Unicken Murgerer Still at His treadly Work. The chicken murderer whose depredations have been already alluded to, seems to have extended his basis of operations. The east end of the only was the place of his last visitation, and now he is making the rounds of the suburban residences. Oa Monday night Mr. A. C. Kepler had six chickens killed and a pet deer in his park got out; it was captured near Ranck's mill along the Omestoga by two boys, who brought it back, but it died on Tues day night. Last night Mr. Kepler had six more chickens killed, which induced him to make a careful examination of the

premises. He found a small hole in the bottom of the fence, large enough to admit of the passage of a dog, and in the cracks of the board a number of black hairs, apparently dog hair. Mr. Kepler concluded that his chickens and those of his neighbors had been killed by some vicious dog; also that the dog had frightened the deer and driven it out of the park. The people owning chickens in that section of city and vicinity should set traps for this midnight marauder.

Beath of Peter Reed.

Harrisburg Independent. This well know citizen of Dauphin county died at his residence in Upper Susquebanna township last Friday night. He was born in Lancaster county, his father having moved to Rockville Peter was a boy. The elder Reed was a millwright in which business the son engaged and followed it for years. He was a man of sterling qualities and had hosts of friends. He was known as the most expert fisherman of his period, to whom anglers from a distance visiting Rockville always went for instructions and guidance.

Brafts for Tobacco Rebates Received. A.J. Kauffman, egq, collector of internal revenue received to-day 254 drafts in of claims for rebate, payment lowed under the provisions of the act of March 3, 1883, of taxes paid on tobacco, snuff, cigars, &c., They amount in the aggrigate to \$24,363, 68 and vary in amounts from \$10.05 to \$2,597.40. Claimants residing in the city receive their drafts at the collector's office. Those outside the city receive them by

Strasburg High School Commencement. The commencement of the Strasburg igh school will take place on Friday evening, May 2d, at 8 p. m. Following are the names of the graduating class : Anna B. Baum, Walter C. Beam, Laura Eshelman, Josie Martin, Edith A. Mooney, Sallie Book, Harry L. Carpenter, Cora S. ter Liederkranz, will be at Liederkranz Ingram, Chas H. Miller, Martha Nichols,

GOOD BALL PLAYING.

BOYH LOUAL TEAMS VI TORIOUS

The Actives Downed by the transider and the Lancasters Nearly "Shot that" the marrisburgs. Yesterday afternoon the Ironsides met the Actives, of Reading, for the third time and defeated them easily by the score of 9 to 5. The result was a great surprise after the overwhelming defeat of the home team at the hands of the visitors on Tues-The Ironsides changed their team

from the day before, having Williams and Derby as the battery. The former was hit for but eight singles. Meenan, a new man, played at first instead of Hamilton, who was suffering from a sore ankle. The Actives also changed their battery, put ting Schappert in the box The delivery of this man puzzled the Ironsides when they visited Reading on Monday, but yesterday they sized him up, pounding him all over the field and securing six carned runs in the seventh inning. The home club played an excellent game in the field and, although the Actives hit hard, their work was not effective. The game was called at 3 o'clock, and

in the first inning the visitors secured three runs, most on errors of the Iron sides. To this number they added two law, before the passage of this act, the batting, and they failed to score again offense with which this defendant is during the game. The home club secured one run in the first inning, thanks to the visitors' errors, and they drew blanks to the seventh inning, when the slugging upon the rules of evidence in support of his position. Without determining the tielders were kept busy question, the court adjourned for the day. chasing the balls to all parts of the field. The Ironsides at once realized that they had "found their bats" and they seemed determined not to lose them for a time. The work was kept up until Bradley, Derby and Ed. Green had each secured two baggers, while nearly all of the others got a single. The Active boys looked on with astonishment, at the work, which was exact ly the kind they had been employed at on fuessday, and they were not accustomed to see others do it, especially off the pitching of "Schap." After securing seven runs in this inning the Ironsides were retired They secured one more in the ninth, leaving the score at the end stand 9 to 5. score follows :

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Earned runs-frontides, 6. Two base htts-berby, Bradiey and Ed. Green, Umptre-Oldfield Lancaster Defeats Harrisburg.

EUMMART.

The Lancaster club played an excellent game at McGraun's park yesterday after noon, in the presence of a fair audience with the Harrisburgs, whom they nearly succeeded in "Chicagoing." The home team found no difficulty in knocking Slade, the pitcher, all over the field in the first four innings. Daily then came in to pitch, doing more effective work, but two runs being scored off him during the balance of the game. Wetzell pitched in good form, the visitors making no hits of equence until the last inning when Weidel made a base hit and scored on Smith's two bagger. The latter scored passed ball by Hofford let Bradley to third and he scored on Receius' base hit. These were the only runs made by the visi-

In the beginning of the waventh inning with two men out for the Harrisburgs and a man at second, a line hit was made towards right fiel !, which the umpire de cided a foul. The Harrisburg captain declared it was fair and ordered his men from the field. The spectators expressed their disapproval of the visitors' action by prolonged hisses. The information that they would forfest their guaranty brought them to terms, and the game proceeded to

its conclusion. The fielding of the home nine was superb Waitt, Smith and Hyland all distinguishing themselves. Hofford, Hyland and Parker led at the bat, the latter in the ending of the fourth inning making a magnificent drive for three bases in left center. Below is given the official socre of

SATURBURA. Wei fell, s.s..... Smith, lb...... Bradley, ib...... Peake, Ib Total. 37 11 13 27 10 INNINGS.

WUMMARY. Rarned runs, Harrisburg I, Lancaster Struck ont, Harrisburg S. Lancaster 3. Base by being hit, Harrisburg 2, Lancaster 1. Umpire, John E. Maione teames Elsewhere

Philadelphia: Philadelphia 10, Athletic 1; Baltimore: Buffalo 9, Baltimore 5; New York: Providence 7, Metropolitan 2; Philadelphia: Hartville 8, Bristol 7; Brooklyn: Boston 15, Brooklyn 4; Washington, D. C: National Union 3, Boston Union 4: Richmond, Va., stopped by darkness: Cleveland 6, Virginia 3; omerset Park, Philadelphia : Somerset 11, Quickstep 9. Notes of the Game.

Yesterday was a cold day for Reading and Harrisburg. Thomas McKee, of Harrisburg, will probably captain the York team. To-morrow the Lancasters play the Athletics and the Ironsides go to Harris-

The York club has signed Elmer Roussey pitcher, and Robert Childs catcher; the former played with the "Our Boys" of Baltimore. The services of Scharf have been dispensed with.

The Ironsides are playing a game with the Harrisburg club to day. The battery for the home team is Pyle and Oldfield. The strangers will put in Weidel and Munyan, their best battery.

The Harrisburg club has signed four

new players within the past two days. Bradley, of last year's Mantuas, a good third baseman and change catcher, played his first game with that club yesterday. Charles J. Parsons, of the Reading Actives, has been given his release and has been engaged by the Ironsides of this city. He is a left handed pitcher and a good

general player. He arrived in Lancaster to-day and is playing in this afternoon's game in right field. Telephone Connection. Geo. Baer, hotel keep r, Brownstown, Lancaster county, has been connected with

the telephone exchange.