Lancaster Intelligencer.

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 3, 1884.

The Superintendency.

The canvass for county superintendent has been attended with more mud-slinging on both sides than there has been any occasion for; the conduct of it has not been as dignified as the character of the place to be filled demands. The original responsibility for the modes of warfare invoked rests largely with the friends of Mr. Geist, who have indulged in unwarrantable attacks upon Mr. Brecht, unjust reflections upon State Supt. Higbee, and untrue statements of the influences which controlled the appointment. A new turn has been given to the contest by the circulation by mail, among the school directors, of a violent and virulent circular, attacking the personal character of Mr. Geist, published and circulated anonymously, a circumstance which goes far to discredit it and certainly discounts the responsibility of those who have resorted to this mode of warfare.

The matter it contains has been communicated to the INTELLIGENCER repeatedly during the present contest for the superintendency, sometimes anonymously and sometimes upon authority; it has found no place in these columns, in substance nor by indirection, not only because we have deprecated that style of campaign, but because we preferred that Mr. Brecht should be elected upon a fair appeal to a comparison of his professional fitness with his competitor's. We have his earnest assurance and we have good reason to fully credit his word, that he has no knowledge whatever of the authorship or publication of this last card against his opponent, and that he thoroughly deprecates and entirely disapproves of any such superserviceable zeal against Mr. Geist as has inspired it.

It is needless to add that if the charges made in this publication are untrue, Mr. Geist has been vilely and villainously libelled; and he should promptly discover and bring to judgment his assailants. If he will not, or cannot do this, he must at once take himself out of the canvass.

THE Bedford *Gazette* "demands" of Mr. Hensel, chairman of the Democratic state committee, that he tell it why the Allentown convention adopted the resolution it did about Gov. Pattison's administration, and did not adopt some other resolution more to the liking of the *Gazette*. As Mr. Hensel was not a member of the committee on resolutions nor a delegate in the Allentown convention, and as Nicholas L. McGirr, one of the three editors of the Bedford *Gazette*, was both a delegate and a member of the resolutions committee, it might be reasonably suggested that the *Gazette* ought to answer the conundrum it asks.

The *Gazette*, in company with two other newspapers of the state, whose editors hold office by Governor Pattison's administration, kindly advises Mr. Hensel that if "the wishes to be in accord with his party and with the people, he had better hasten to come in out of the wet." Mr. Hensel is, no doubt, obliged to all these newspapers for their friendly interest; he has, however, pretty generally been able to take care of himself and to keep in fair "accord with his party and the people." Individually he is responsible for his political conduct to his own conscience; and as chairman of the Democratic state committee he is ready, he says, to answer to those to whom he is answerable—who are not the editors of the Bedford *Gazette*, nor the officeholders of Governor Pattison's appointment.

SOME of the Republican politicians of Pittsburg are exercised because Gov. Pattison—who has the appointing power—has made a change in the court crier out there. The law giving the governor this unusual power was no doubt passed to put the patronage under the control of the Pittsburg Republican ring; they never failed to exercise it; the man removed had been appointed because he was a Republican; and, as the appointee of Gov. Pattison is acknowledged to be "a man well qualified to fill the position," there is not likely to ensue a fatal shock to any reform sentiment except that bogus kind of the Pinchbecks and Peckniffs who think civil service reform essentially consists in keeping the Democrats out.

The governor, by the way, does not seem to resent the commendation of the Democratic state convention in the same manner as some of his superserviceable friends, with whom thrift has followed fawning. Ever since the Allentown meeting he has been busy turning out Republican officeholders and filling their places with better men from the ranks of his own party. Let him keep on in good work until every rascal has gone. Nobody whose good opinion is worth having would have found fault with him had he done it from the start.

THE contest for the Republican presidential nomination is getting so close and a few votes promise in the near future to be of such importance to Blaine or Arthur, that the side upon which Mr. Kellogg and his Louisiana delegates cast their votes may prevail by reason thereof. Whether he is bound to the fortunes of the administration because of the miscarriage of justice in his case; or if he feels resentment at being even put on trial, remains to be seen. But if the casting vote of a thief and his associates should make the nominee of the grand old party there will be a felicitous fitness about it.

ANDREW WHITE, the "literary feller," who goes to Chicago at the head of the Republican delegation from New York, is reported as saying that his party must find a presidential candidate who would enforce civil service reform. His party will not find such a nominee; it neither would nor could elect him if it had him. Genuine civil service reform would be to turn the rascals out; genuine and approved Republicanism aims to keep them in.

How would it do for the attorney general of the United States to take a hand at the crank of the Star route trials? He was counted a rather bright criminal lawyer when he lived in Philadelphia.

THE Philadelphia *Evening Telegraph* points with pride to the grand, gloomy and peculiar fact that it occasionally has had a good word to say for Hayes. No one contests the dubious honor with it.

WARWICK BARKER'S newspaper can hardly decide which is the worse, Edmunds or Blaine; but, as its man Harrison has no delegates as yet, it is quite sure the grand old party is in a bad way.

IN "Ole Virginny" the characteristic dinner horn is giving way to the farm bell and ingenious versifiers are asked to re adjust the familiar couplet,

"Woe to the man, wherever he was born,
Who dared stop work before he heard the horn."

THE new Democratic county committee will meet for organization on Monday, May 12. There is also a desire in some quarters to have the date for the county convention fixed at this meeting. In any event, it will be well for all the members to "get there."

GOV. PATTISON has selected five mechanical experts to pick him out a good man for the appointment of boiler inspector in Pittsburg. This plan may not suit the politicians, but it will likely result in getting an inspector who will inspect, and that is the rare bird the governor and the people are looking for.

IT has been discovered that under the much vaunted civil service reform system, the method and manner of removals is exactly what it was, and every federal officeholder is driven into politics by the absence of any assurance that his indifference will not be punished by removal. Hence the postmasters, collectors, deputy marshals and likely the civil service commissioners themselves rally around the Arthur ticket with an enthusiasm worthy of the old flag and a reappointment.

DIGNITY OF LOWLY LABOR.

"Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary?—ST. MARK.

A lesson, Lord, those eighteen years to me
Not elsewhere I could so divinely learn
That humble tasks are best, now do I yearn
For higher sphere where I may work more free.
Blest were those patient toiling years to Thee,
Their secret kept within Thy lonely heart,
While Thou wast trained by daily skill of art
To build new world for human destiny.
Thy future was the Near: Thou from Thy manger
Time eye read meanings in the passing day,
If cross of Death cast shadows on Thy way
What sun was that so darkened in its flight?
O Nazarene, out of these toils Iare came
That which we prize most dear—a Brother's name
—*Dr. A. A. Lipscomb in Harper's Magazine.*

IN these forcible remarks about the election of a county superintendent our genial contemporary, the Lancaster *Inquirer*, may be reasonably supposed to have in view ex State Supt. Wickersham and J. W. Johnson, esq.:

When the school directors of Lancaster county assemble on Tuesday next to perform the important and responsible duty of electing a county superintendent, it is to be hoped they will not permit the interference of either ostentatious pretenders to educational superiority, or sly manipulators of political schemes, to interfere with the free and independent exercise of their judgment and suffrage.

PERSONAL.

QUEEN VICTORIA has lumbago.

CONKLING thinks the Democrats would do well to nominate Grant.

GEO. CUMMINGS, the author, is to give a "speech" at Mountain Lake Park the 17th inst.

REV. D. H. GRISSINGER, of Easton, formerly of this city, is lecturing on "Boys."

LOTTI will leave England in August. Her season in this country will begin at Washington.

RIGHT REV. AUGUSTUS M. TOHENS, Catholic bishop of Covington, Kentucky, died yesterday.

SENATOR ANTHONY'S income as owner of one half of the Providence *Journal* is put down at $35,000 a year.

WM. C. DUNTON, a prominent paper dealer, of New York, dropped dead of apoplexy in his office on Thursday evening.

JAMES BROGAN, late sexton of St. Patrick's R. C. church, Philadelphia, makes bequests to Catholic institutions amounting to $5,000.

MISS HELEN BAURY, the English actress, is a woman fully six feet tall, but with a face and figure of the most fascinating description. She will be seen here in her new play.

SETH S. HANCE a prominent citizen of Baltimore, member of the Society of Friends, and for many years a dealer in "proprietary" medicines, died yesterday at the age of 67.

COLONEL DAVID F. HOUSTON, a native of Christiana, this county, now a resident of Virginia, was elected a delegate to Chicago by the Mahone Republican state convention last week.

GENERAL MANAGER JOHN E. WOOTTEN, patentee of the dirt burning locomotive, has sold his rights, for a sum estimated between $250,000 and $300,000 to a company of railroad capitalists.

GEO. W. BAIN, the temperance orator, will make a public address in the court house to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. C. E. Houpt will preside and the Duke street Methodist choir will sing.

COL. MAPLESON takes his financial and business misfortunes with all the philosophy of an old time stoic. He says "I am going to see my property sacrificed on Monday, and then on Tuesday I will sail for home; perhaps, I may come back, perhaps not."

"CHEVALIER" (HENRY) WIKOFF, aged 70, author, traveler and diplomat, born in Philadelphia, died yesterday of paralysis, at Brighton, England. He inherited wealth, and, after being admitted to the bar, left the profession and gave himself up to the pursuit of pleasure in foreign travel. He visited at various times nearly every country in the world, and wherever he went, by his polished manners and skill in diplomacy, gathered around him the most distinguished and influential people.

Prohibitionists Favor the Extra Session.

The state convention of the Prohibition Home Protection party ended Friday in the Sunday breakfast association hall, Philadelphia. The platform adopted declares that the history of the Democratic and Republican parties on the liquor question prove them to be trusted allies of the drink traffickers; that all voters be asked to cast their ballots only for candidates who publicly favor prohibition, and that Governor Pattison did his duty in calling an extra session of the Legislature to apportion the state. A woman's suffrage clause was inserted by a vote of 46 to 33.

BLAZING FORESTS.

BIG FIRES IN THE LUMBER REGIONS.

Villages Destroyed and Lives Lost by the Fiery Visitation—The Danger Not Considered Over.

For some days the woods in the vicinity of Brisbin and Houtzdale, Clearfield county, Pa., had been on fire in different places. No decided move was made towards stamping it out, and it gradually drew nearer the town of Brisbin. On Friday morning a heavy gale from the westward set in and blew the flames in the direction of Hoover, Hughes & Co.s' mill. Men were promptly put to work fighting the fire fiend, but without avail.

Shortly after 7 o'clock the hose, which has always been kept in readiness for an emergency of this kind, was playing on all parts of the mill. At 12 o'clock the whistle sounded an alarm, and the most strenuous exertions were made to save the structure, but without avail. It finally caught, and in a short time the greedy flames were doing their fearful work in the immense lumber piles.

Leaping From House to House.

Brisbin is situated between two hills, the mill being at the western end of the town, and, with a steady gale carrying the flames from house to house, it was but a short time until the space between the hills was a seething mass of flame. There is no means of estimating the loss, but it is enormous. Hoover, Hughes & Co's mill and lumber yards, their office, Hoover's stores, Simon Dinger's store, Theisgi hall and at least 200 other buildings were burned. But few people saved anything, and the scene is agonizing in the extreme. Several sick persons were taken from their homes with great difficulty.

Over 100 families are bereft of everything in the world save the clothing they wore. Mrs. Donavan, an old and respected lady, was caught by the fire and burned to death. During the progress of the fire a Hungarian was detected appropriating articles which were being taken from a building and was most severely kicked and beaten. Another party of Hungarians, who were detected drinking beer from several kegs in the burned district, were made to decamp hastily by an officer, as threats were being freely made against them.

The fire, it is said, was started on Sunday last by a party of Hungarians, who took that day to clear patches of ground by fire. Much indignation is felt against them, and it is likely they will be obliged to leave that section.

An Engineer's Experience.

Mr. T. C. Cryal, engineer at Hoover, Hughes & Co.'s mill, remained at his post until completely surrounded by fire. He was compelled twice to bury himself in the earth to save being burned to death. He finally managed to get through the flames and made his way to the top of the hill, above Brisbin, where he was found by Dr. Whittier and removed to the home of the latter. His condition is critical, and it is feared that he may be fatally injured, through inhaling smoke and flame. The citizens of Houtzdale are doing all in their power to assist the sufferers and have issued a call for assistance.

IN THE LUZERNE REGION

The Destruction of Lumber Villages.

Near Wilkesbarre, fires burning for several days past, were greatly increased in violence by high winds and serious damage was done. The lumbering village of California, on Bear creek, near the saw mills of Albert Lewis & Co., was almost entirely destroyed.

The mills were burned, together with the lumber yards and a vast quantity of valuable timber. The stables, in which were seven horses, were burned and all the animals perished. Twelve houses and buildings which stood in the vicinity of the mill were destroyed with all their contents. Only five houses are left uninjured in the village.

The loss at this point is estimated at $90,000. Along Bear creek are several other saw mills. The whole district, at latest accounts, was a sea of flames. The mills at Beaupland and Marlow run, two small villages, were in imminent danger, and it is feared that by this time they are lost. A large number of men, however, are out.

The Beaver Meadow branch of the Lehigh Valley railroad is hemmed in on both sides by blazing forests. Three trestle bridges have been destroyed, and the ties in many places have been burned out. White Haven, twenty miles away, a town of 3,000 people, was greatly alarmed. The woods on the hills close by caught fire, and the high wind carried the flames toward the town. The mills and shops were closed and the population turned out en masse to fight the fire.

Telegrams asking for assistance were sent to Wilkesbarre and steam fire engines were started down for there. The fire was finally got under control without any other damage being done than the destruction of a great deal of lumber, several out houses and some fences. The heavy smoke from the fires, which are burning all around, covers Wilkesbarre like a pall.

Powder Mills Destroyed.

The burning woods set fire to the works of the Moosic powder company, at Jermyn, and an explosion followed, resulting in the destruction of the corning and glazing mills, and killing a workman named Fred Miller. Two others had a narrow escape. The railway station at Greenville, a short distance south of Scranton, is threatened with destruction and gangs of workmen are fighting the flames. The woods on all sides of Scranton are burning and present a thrilling spectacle.

MIDNIGHT.—One employe in the washhouse was burned to a crisp. This is the only life lost. Several hundred cords of powder wood are burning and it is expected that the glazing mill will go. The iron magazines, which contain several thousand pounds of powder, are safe so far. No one dares to travel the road to Archibald, for fear that other explosions will occur at the mills. The last explosion at these mills was in 1872, when the works were totally destroyed, sustaining a loss of $75,000. The damage by the present disaster will reach $90,000.

WILLIAMSPORT A SUFFERER

Fire in Various Sections of the City—Fanned by a High Wind.

In Williamsport on Friday a reign of terror prevailed. A terrific gale of wind blew all day and apprehensions of fire were generally expressed. About noon a general alarm sounded and it was found that a large fire had started in South Williamsport, in the saw mill of Valentine Luppert. The mill and contents were wholly destroyed and the fire extended to a large quantity of lumber in close proximity. At one extremity of these lumber piles was the large furniture factory of Luppert & Co., and a desperate fight was necessary to prevent the flames reaching it.

The rolling mill of the Williamsport iron and nail company was also close by. This caught repeatedly, but was as often put out. Two steamers from the city were sent over and rendered valuable service. The loss on mill, machinery and lumber is estimated at $20,000. The insurance on the machinery is $4,000 in the Fire association, Germania, Orient and Lebanon, each $1,000. The lumber is still burning, and there are fears of the Luppert factory going.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock flames broke forth among the dwellings in the northern part of the city, and before steamers could get there a furious conflagration was raging, which, owing to the high winds, promised to consume a large part of the city. The buildings in this locality were all wood. The fire started on an alley, and destroyed three barns and a number of other structures. It then spread in different directions, and swept away five dwellings before it was stopped. A man named Samuel Hendricks, who was intoxicated, was burned so badly that his death is feared. His clothing was burned from his person, he also lost $200, which he had in his pocket.

During the day fire broke out in several different places in the city. Very bad fires are reported from Centre, Clearfield, Elk and other counties. The mountains along the Northern Central railway are enveloped in flames.

BURNING MOUNTAINS.

The Blue and the Pokono in Flames—Houses Swept Away.

The mountain fires are assuming a dangerous proportion and hundreds of people are out fighting them on the north side of the Blue mountains, near Wind Gap, and on the Pokono mountains. A fire broke out in the woods near Penargyl, and is still burning, though all the quarrymen are out fighting it. The woods are very dry for want of rain, and the leaves, lying thick in the low stubble, give the flames abundant material to feed on.

This fire is a quarter of a mile west of Penargyl, and is burning towards the town. There is no serious danger of the place catching, however, unless the wind increases in violence and carries the sparkes to the houses. The smoke over this section is terrible and the people can hardly breathe. They go about with handkerchiefs over their eyes and face. Such dense smoke has never been known. It comes from the Pokono mountains and from Penargyl, as well as from the fires above White Haven. Lights are scarcely visible half a square off. The Pokono mountains are on fire in many places, and the flames are raging heavily, especially on the top of the range.

The track of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western road is surrounded for a distance of four or five miles and the passengers experience the greatest inconvenience. The smoke penetrates everywhere. The engineers are half blinded and trains are run on slow time. Much valuable timber is being destroyed.

In Other Parts of the State.

Trainmen on the Philadelphia & Erie railroad report the forest fires which have been raging along the road in the vicinity of Kane and Emporium for three days, as increasing in fury. The forests are burned back for miles. At Sterling the fire got into the town, and burned William Herrick's tannery; loss, $50,000; partly insured. The saw mill of Andrew Cowell, at the same place, worth $10,000, was also burned, and it was feared that the whole town of 300 inhabitants would be destroyed.

Cook's hotel, at Emporium, worth $10,000, was burned. The fire drove two black bears into the town of Emporium. The river at Keating is full of deer. The fire has broken out at Ridgeway and St. Mary, and it is rumored that the Union pipe line is on fire. The trains are running through fire for miles. The tracks and bridges are double guarded.

In Schuylkill county the brush and timber in the vicinity of Turkey river and West Shenandoah collieries took fire. A high wind was blowing from the west and the collieries were in danger of being consumed. The fire department of Shenandoah was called out and saved these breakers by keeping them wet. The fire passed by these collieries and is being drawn by a heavy wind over the mountain toward a patch of houses.

The flames have approached so near the State Miners' hospital that the Ashland fire department has been summoned to hold itself in readiness to respond to a call for their services to protect the building. Workmen are now employed in fighting the flames in front of the building. A large number of valuable farming properties are in danger, and the best of timber tracts has been enormous.

In Centre county all the miners' houses at All Port colliery, owned by Holt, Chipman & Co., have been burned with their contents. The Lancaster mines, No. 1, are now on fire, and the Empire, Pardee and Hawas Run mines are surrounded and in great danger of being consumed.

In New York and New Jersey.

A great fire raged in the line of the Blue mountains in Warren county, New Jersey, and in the town of Washington, 25 miles from the scene. So thick a smoke filled the air that it became quite dark at five o'clock in the afternoon.

Forest fires raged in the Highlands of the Hudson, the Shawangunk mountains and the Catskill, in New York. The air was thick with smoke, and isolated farm houses were in great danger.

CURIOUS HAPPENINGS.

Combining Incident, Accident and Crime.

The Norwegian ship Alantine has been wrecked on one of the Magdalen islands. Nineteen lives were lost, the second mate being the only survivor.

A tornado struck Del Rio, Texas, on demolishing a new Episcopal church and a number of small cabins and wrecking several new buildings. Chas. Schrack was killed, and six others severely injured.

Irene Newman, colored, a servant at Mrs. Parkhurst's fashionable boarding house, on Eutaw Place, Baltimore, shot and mortally wounded Martha Gardner, another colored servant, while the latter was waiting on the breakfast table. Irene was jealous of Martha and shot her in a spirit of revenge. She expressed no regret for the shooting. The injured woman is in a dying condition. The ball from a Colt's revolver entered her neck and passed into her stomach. Both are mulattos, aged 19 years.

Workmen were sealing up a large case of lacquer, in the canning establishment of J. S. Farren & Co., in Baltimore on Friday, when it exploded, hurling four men across the room and setting fire to the building. Four girls who had just arrived preparing to go to work, were on an upper floor and did not learn of the fire until egress by the stairway had been cut off. Firemen entered through a window opening on an exterior stairway leading to the pavement from the third story, and found Belle and Annie Wagner, Marie Seebert and Maggie Halley lying senseless on the floor. They recovered when brought to the window and in their fright fought bitterly to prevent the firemen from taking them down the ladder-like stairway. They were rescued despite their struggles, and only sustained slight burns.

Death of George W. Dixon.

George W. Dixon, of Bethlehem, the donor of the memorial chapel now in course of erection in Lititz, adjoining Linden Hall seminary, died at his home on Thursday night. His daughter, Miss Mary, graduated at Linden Hall in 1878, and died the following year. Her father was so affected by her demise that he resolved to erect a memorial chapel at the school she loved so well, and donated $20,000 for that purpose. He had been in feeble health for some time past and has not been able, since the laying of the cornerstone last fall, to view the building which he hoped to live to see completed.

Four Score Years.

Adam Reider, who died at his residence near Fort Loudon, Franklin county, Pa., on last Sunday, at the age of about 80 years, was the youngest of three brothers that died within a year. The other two were George Reider and Rev. Jacob Reider, both from near Elizabethtown, this county. There are few families of whom so many live to a great age.

STRASBURG HIGH SCHOOL

ITS EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.

A Brilliant Gathering—Excellent Orations—Essays and Music—Attendance of Prominent Educators.

The eighth annual commencement of the Strasburg high school took place in Massasoit hall, Strasburg, Friday evening, and was in every respect a prominent success, creditable alike to Prof. Chas. B. Keller, the principal of the school, to the members of the graduating class and to the directors of the school district.

Long before the hour announced for the opening of the exercises, every seat in the hall was occupied, and almost every inch of standing room was taken up by friends of the school. The hall was very prettily decorated. On the front centre of the stage was erected a massive floral horseshoe eight or nine feet in height, within which the graduates stood while delivering their orations and recitations. On either side of this were arranged pyramids of blooming flowers, and hanging garlands on which were artistically arranged a great variety of stuffed birds of brilliant plumage. John M. Hagens and W. B. Miller were the committee on decorations, and their work met with deserved praise from all present.

Dr. E. E. Higbee, state superintendent, and Prof. J. P. McCaskey, principal of the boys' high school, this city, were present, and as they entered the hall, under escort of the board of directors, they were warmly applauded.

Following is the programme:

Music—March—"Light and Happy," Lichnan—Shelley's Orchestra.
Prayer—Rev. D. McKee.
Music—Overture—"Le Diable no," Herman—Orchestra.
Salutatory—"To-Day," Chas. H. Miller.
Oration—"Rocks Ahead," Martha E. Nichols.
History of the Class," Anna B. Baum.
Oration—"The Panorama of Life," Cora B. Spindler.
Music—Quadrilles—"Petite Polka"—Keller.
Oration—"The Night of the West," Harry L. Carpenter.
Oration—"Blunders," Sallie S. Book.
Oration—"Fade Leaves," Cora S. Ingram.
Recitation—"Black Ronald," Mary K. Andrews.
Music—Medley Overture—"Plantation Songs"—Orchestra.
Prophecy—"The Aged Seer," Walter C. Beam.
Oration—"The Three W's," Laura C. Eshleman.
Recitation—"How Ruby Played," H. Bernadette Funk.
Presentation of Mementoes—Edith A. Mooney.
Music—Recreation—"Pas de Fleurs," Maczek—Orchestra.
Address—Hon. S. E. Higbee.
Presentation of Diplomas.
Music—Concert Galop—"Confusion," Faust—Orchestra.
Valedictory—"Looking Towards the Sunset," Josie Mae Hu.
Music—Finale—"Our Boys and Girls," Lumbye—Orchestra.
Benediction.

All the graduates acquitted themselves handsomely. There was a naturalness in their manner not often witnessed in inexperienced speakers when brought for the first time before a large audience. The salutatorian and valedictorian were especially happy, both in the matter and manner of their remarks, and showed that they were well entitled to the honors awarded them. The "History of the Class," by Anna B. Baum, was an entertaining sketch and the "Prophecy," by Walter C. Beam, which followed, wherein the seer affected to unveil the future and foretell what will be the life and fortunes of his class mates, was very amusing and well delivered. "The presentation of mementoes," by Edith A. Mooney and "How Ruby Played," by H. B. Faulk, were also humorous features of the programme. Dr. Higbee's address was entertaining and instructive, and indeed every part of the programme merits high commendation.

After the valedictory had been given, a member of the Alumni association stepped forward and in a graceful speech in behalf of the association presented Prof. Keller with a costly double cased gold watch, as a mark of their appreciation of the work done by him during the ten years he has had charge of the school. Prof. Keller was taken entirely by surprise and was so greatly affected that he could do little more than to express his thanks in a few words.

To prevent in some degree the overcrowding of the hall an admission fee was charged the receipts from tickets, after paying expenses to be devoted to the purchase of books for the school library.

With last evening's entertainment Prof. Keller retires from the charge of the Strasburg schools which he has faithfully administered for ten years. He leaves these congenial duties, for which he is so well fitted, to go into business. In his retirement he takes with him the gratitude of his pupils, and the commendations of the entire educational community, appreciative of his laborious and successful efforts. During the decade that he has been principal of the Strasburg schools they have been marked by a steady improvement and the board of directors will be lucky to find a fit successor to him.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

An immense rock, which had become detached from the main body of Chiques rock and which endangers the safety of trains on the Pennsylvania railroad, which it overhangs, will be removed to morrow morning by a large force of workmen of the railroad company. They will leave at 7 o'clock for the scene of operations.

The Columbia fishermen who went to Washington borough yesterday to destroy the old fish basket walls that stretch across the river there, met with but little opposition from the Washington fishermen. A section of wall extending three quarters of a mile from the York county shore was pierced in upwards of two hundred places. Time alone will show whether this work will be the means of bringing the shad to Columbia.

Market poorly attended this morning.—Repairing of country roads has begun.—Gen. Welsh Post, G. A. R., meets next Tuesday; to-night Penn'a. Castle, A. O. K. of M. C; stockholders of Keely stove works annual meeting on May 12.—Columbia fire company will hold its annual Fourth of July picnic in Heise's woods.—"Queen's Lace Handkerchief" on Tuesday evening next.—Keely stove moulders on Turkey Hill break camp to-day.—Examinations at primary schools will be resumed Monday.—The chief burgess has given two weeks' notice to remove boxes and barrels from public thoroughfares.—Services at all Columbia churches to morrow, except second street Lutheran, where pastor is absent; pastor of United Brethren church has secured a substitute in his absence.

A House Burned in Pequea.

The dwelling house of Amos Landis, in Pequea township, near the Conestoga line, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The building was of stone and brick, and nothing was left but the walls. The fire was discovered at noon when the family were at dinner. It started in the second floor, and in a short time the building was consumed. Nothing was saved but a small lot of furniture. Neighboring buildings were only saved by hard work. How the fire started is unknown, but it is likely that a spark from the stove may have made its way into the ceiling or partition.

Led Astray and Robbed.

In Reading a woman of easy virtue named Bauman has been held to answer at the August term of criminal court on the charge of the larceny of four $10 gold pieces from Benton A Breneman, of Lancaster county. The allegations are that the man was enticed into a South 6th street place, and then robbed of the money.

COURT BUSINESS.

A Batch of License Cases.

Court met at 10 o'clock this morning to consider the tavern and restaurant licenses passed over a week ago. All those petitioners who showed that the leases held by them were bona fide were granted license.

The following were passed over until next Saturday, the applicants not now living in the places:

Jacob L. Erb, West Earl; E. S. Diehm, Elizabeth; Jacob G. Wenger, Ephrata; Jacob Morgan, Manheim; F. D Bard, Manheim; Stoner Breneman, Manor; Barbara Spiehman, city; Samuel G. Woler, Ephrata.

Reuben Pleam, West Earl, was refused a license, the owner of the hotel, who had the license last year, still lives in the house, and the application of the petitioner was considered an attempt to evade the affidavit required.

Michael Helfrich's application for a restaurant license was continued for a week to give the brother of petitioner, who kept the place last year, chance to file an affidavit that the restaurant was kept according to law.

The court next considered the following applications for new stands:

George H. Miller, 24 ward, city, hotel, counsel argued that he had all the accommodations requisite for a first class hotel.

Frederick Waltz, who keeps a restaurant near P. R. R. depot, desired a hotel license to accommodate travellers on the Pennsylvania railroad.

Frank A. Ricker wanted a hotel license to accommodate the farmers attending the Western market.

Henry Fisher, city desired a license for the Reading depot hotel. Last year his father kept it, but could not take the acquired affidavit.

William Roelm, city, desired a hotel license for his place at the extreme end of North Queen street. Continued to ascertain whether there is stabling connected with the place.

John Wharvel, of Mt. Joy, was granted a license to keep a tavern in the house occupied last year by Richard T. Plummer, whose license was revoked for violating the law.

Franz Heilig, West Hempfield, desired a license for the place kept last year by Jacob Graybill, who also lost his license last year for violation the law.

Samuel Ammon, Gap, petitioned for a tavern license, and there was a remonstrance filed against the granting. The court refused the license, it being shown that the petitioner was not a suitable person to keep a hotel.

Harlan R. Sweigart, Gap, also petitioned for a license to keep a hotel, but after a short argument the application was laid over for further argument.

The application of Henry Wertz, to keep a hotel at Washington borough, was argued. The house was licensed for 50 years, but two years ago the lease was allowed to lapse.

Current Business.

In the estate of Charles Edwards, deceased, the court made a decree directing the executors to pay $1,000 per year for the support and maintainance of the grand children of decedent.

Reasons for new trial were filed in the suit of A. J. Dunlap vs David H. Potts.

Philip Boull who served a term in prison for costs, was discharged under the insolvent law.

Adjourned to 2:30 o'clock.

BASE BALL.

The Ironsides' Batting Picnic.

The Ironsides played their second game with the Somers club of Philadelphia yesterday before a good sized audience. The home team presented the strongest nine that they have had this season and the result was very satisfactory. Jacob Goodman of last year's Trentons played his first game with the club yesterday and did terrific work at the bat. From the start the home team had everything their own way. They pounded all of the visitors' pitchers without any difficulty and every one seemed able to hit hard. The ball constantly kept dropping in all corners of the field and the visitors were almost exhausted in their efforts to return it to the pitcher, for that was all they could do. The batting was the only interesting feature of the game, as the fielding of the Philadelphians was very poor, while the Ironsides seemed to be careless, on account of the picnic they were enjoying. The audience seemed pleased with the game as it was something unusual for them to see a home team do such slugging. The score follows:

IRONSIDES.	B.	R.	P. O.	A.	E.
Hamilton, lb	4	4	10	0	0
McCamany, c f	5	2	2	0	0
Oldfield, 2b	4	2	3	3	1
Donald, s s	5	3	2	1	2
Bradley, 3b	5	5	1	2	2
Parsons, r f	4	3	3	0	1
Goodman, 1 f	5	5	0	0	0
Derby, c	3	7	5	2	0
Williams, p	4	5	4	8	1
Total	39	35	27	18	9
SOMERS					
Clark, s s	4	2	2	0	1
Leary, 3b	3	1	2	1	2
Speakman, lb	4	1	11	1	1
Cleveland, 1 f	4	2	3	1	2
Farmer, 2b & c	3	1	6	4	3
Greer, c & 2b	4	2	1	2	5
Shaffner, p & r f	3	2	0	3	0
Chamberlin, c f & p	4	3	1	1	1
Bradbard, c f	3	1	1	2	5
Total	36	15	27	14	20

INNINGS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Ironsides	6	12	3	2	0	2	1	8	10—39
Somers	3	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	x—9

SUMMARY

Base hits—Ironsides 35, Somers 15. Two base hits. Oldfield, Bradley, Goodman 4, Derby, Clark 2, Greer. Three base hits—Shaffner. Earned runs—Ironsides 12, Somers, 2. Errors—Ironsides 9, Somers 29.

Umpire—Ed. Green.

Time of game—1h., 15m.

Lancasters Defeated in Chester.

The Lancasters visited Chester yesterday and were defeated by the local team by a score of 7 to 6, after an interesting contest. Hofford and Wetzell, and Lutton and Grant formed the respective batteries for the clubs. Following is the summary:

INNINGS.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Chester	0	2	0	2	1	0	2	0	0—7
Lancaster	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0—6

SUMMARY.

Total base hits, Chester, 7; Lancaster, 11. Errors, Chester, 7; Lancaster, 8. Wild pitches, Lutton, 1; Wetzell, 1.

Games Yesterday.

Philadelphia: Philadelphia 3, Detroit 0; Baltimore: Baltimore 8, Metropolitans 3; Cincinnati: Cincinnati 4, Columbus 3; Pittsburg: Athletic 11, Allegheny 2; Washington: Brooklyn 7, Washington 5; Louisville: Louisville 7, Toledo 4; Trenton: Trenton 12, Active 10; Altoona: St. Louis 16, Altoona 3; Wilmington: Wilmington 11, Monumental 1; Newark: Domestics 10, Allentown 13; Chicago: Chicago Union 5, Cincinnati Union 8; Providence: Providence 5, Cleveland 2; Boston: Boston 11, Buffalo 10; New York: Chicago 6, New York 13; Boston: Boston Unions 7, Keystone 3; St. Louis: St. Louis 8, Indianapolis 4; Harrisburg: Virginia 14, Harrisburg 10.

If True Pity 'Tis 'Tis True.

Marietta Register.

The allegation of a correspondent to the Lancaster *Examiner* from this place, that a school director of this county said he would have to support Geist for the county superintendency because he was spending Geist's money, is founded upon good authority, and it is not false.

Timely Warning to Staying Parties.

New Holland Clarion.

Mountain wanderers in quest of wild flowers should be careful not to pluck the daisy—Abe Buzzard. Daisies are not popular in the Lancaster county prison, but they dote on canary birds.

A FOWL MURDERER.

CAUGHT LAST NIGHT AND KILLED

The Strange Beast That Has Been Murdering Chickens by the Wholesale—Is He a Dog?

The mystery that has long surrounded the wholesale killing of chickens and other fowl in the eastern and northern ends of the city, and the suburban residences beyond the city limits, has at last been cleared up. Messrs A. C. Kepler and B. J. McGrann have been setting traps for the midnight marauder and this morning at 4 o'clock the former was awakened by the howling of an animal that had stepped into the trap and was vainly striving to extricate himself. Proceeding at once to the trap Mr. Kepler found a savage dog caught by the forelegs, whose glaring eyeballs and impotent struggles made a weird picture in the waning moonlight. Mr. Kepler soon dispatched him with a club and hatchet, and brought the dead body of the animal to town this morning, where it was viewed by hundreds of the curious.

An Animal That Thirsted for Blood.

The dog, if dog it be, was in many respects a most remarkable animal. Though not very large, he weighed when dead 29 pounds and was muscular to an extent rarely seen in canines. In appearance he much resembled a wolf, his square head, sharp fangs, sliken ears and lean, hungry looking body making the similarity striking. He was very fleet of foot and seemed at intervals to be seized with an unaccountable passion for blood spilling. While trotting leisurely along the street, without any provocation he would seize an unoffending dog by the throat, never relaxing his hold until greeted by the sight of the crimson fluid.

But the strangest characteristic of this strange dog was the cold blooded manner in which he hunted down all manner of fowls and weaker animals than himself in the dead of night. Mr. Daniel Nein, at whose livery stable in the rear of North Queen street the dog made his home, states that during the day the animal was quiet and apparently sluggish, his principal recreation being the killing of rats about the stable, for which occupation he had some fondness. Many a time and often has he accompanied Mr. Nein home to his meals at noon, and passed through a yard of chickens without any apparent concern. Under the same circumstances at midnight he would doubtless have killed them all.

A Wild Midnight Incursion.

Mr. Nein often observed that the dog promptly scurried away each evening about 8 o'clock at the closing of the stable unaccompanied, returning at break of day to lie around in a sluggish manner until the shades of evening began to fall, when he would again depart in the same mysterious manner. His nightly incursions embraced a wide circuit, principally confined to the eastern and northern sections of the city and suburbs. About two weeks ago, Mr. A. C. Kepler had a half dozen chickens killed and his pet deer was missing. He searched vainly about his park for traces of the missing pet; but his quest was rewarded with nothing more than bloody footprints against the side of the fence, and in one place where the top of the paling was slightly broken some deer's hair was found, with hair corresponding to that of the dog that was killed near by. The chase that took place in the park with the deer fleeing from the bloodthirsty dog must have been sternly exciting. The point where the hair was found was the place where both animals doubtless passed over the fence only to renew the chase on a larger course. The deer was very fleet and must have finally eluded his pursuer, for he was found the following day wandering weak and footsore on the banks of the Conestoga, near Rauck's mill. The night of terror and the exposure incident to it were too much for the poor animal and he died that same evening.

The Dog's Antecedents