COLUMBIA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A WATCHMAN MAKES A TIMELY DISCOVERY OF A FIRE.

The School Board Takes Prompt Action Thereon—Another Slight Fire—Persevering Theatrical "Dead-Heads"—The Latest News About Town.

Regular Correspondence of INTELLIGENCER.

COLUMBIA, Pa., Jan. 27.—As Janitor Frank Cristy entered the library room of the Cherry street school building, yesterday, about four p. m., he saw a smoke coming from between the cracks in the floor. Hastily tearing up the boards, he found that an overheated pipe from a flue of the furnace had set a joist on fire. He quickly allayed the danger, and did his work so quickly and hastily that none knew of the accident.

At a special meeting of the board, last evening, in Supt. Ames' office, the repair and supply committee was instructed to have the joist referred to removed and adjacent ones covered with tin or sheet iron. The work will be done to-day. The board decided to send two of Mr. Miller's children to the soldiers' orphan home, in Mount Joy. Mr. Miller, who was killed some time ago, resided on Fifth street.

Another Slight Fire.

About 1:22 this a. m., flames were discovered issuing from the old warehouse, owned by F. S. Bletz and situated on Front street below Union, by an employe of Mr. Bletz. An alarm was sounded, but before the Shawnee company, the only one responding to he call, could be put into service, the flames were extinguished with a few buckets full of water. But little damage was sustained. The fire was of incendiary origin.

Off to Prussia.

Henry Schleeger, the Third street tobacconist, left this morning for Baltimore, and on Wednesday, at 2 p. m., will take passage in the North German Lloyd steamship, "Nuremburg," for the home of his parents, farmers in West Fehlen, a province in Prussia. He will land at Bremen, Germany, and travel by rail to the home of his childhood. His trip will last two months. Herman Zimmerman, a German, who came to this country four months ago, and who since then has been in the employ of Mr. Schleeger, accompanies him, but he will remain in the old country.

Columbia's Theatrical "Dead-Heads."

Columbia has more "dead heads" than any town of its size and population in this state, and their devices for obtaining admission into the opera house are numerous. The latest was discovered last evening. Two young men were found concealed above the "flies" over the stage, and two others snugly ensconsed beneath the gallery benches. They gained entrance through a side door which is always open, when the opera house is in use, strutted around the auditorium until nearly time for business to open, when they glided to their hiding places. They were ejected.

A Prospect of a Good Crop of Ice.

The state of the Susquehanna river is the same as was reported in last evening's INTELLIGENCER. The channel from the bridge to the dam remains open, while the ice surrounding it is firm and solid. Unless another sudden and unexpected freshet occurs, ice men will be able to secure good ice after all.

Borough Briefs.

The lockup contained seventeen tramps last night.

A match game of polo is to be played in the Lancaster rink, this evening, between the Metropolitan club, of Columbia, and a Lancaster team. The game will be a hotly contested one so far as the M. Ps. are concerned, for they will play all they know how to defeat their opponents. They will make the Grape hotel their headquarters.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Thompson, of Pottsville, who have been visiting A. J. Kauffman, esq., have returned home.

Clem Peck has announced himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for constable in the First ward. If nominated he will undoubtedly be elected.

If contractors are criterions, then but few new houses will be erected in Columbia this year. They report as having received but few contracts, and these are small dwelling houses. Surely the outlook is anything but encouraging.

A council fire of Chiequesalunga tribe, No. 39, I. O. R. M., will be kindled in their Wigwam this evening.

A fair sized audience assembled in the opera house last evening, to witness the rendition of "A Mountain Pink," by Belle Moore and company. Those in attendance were delighted with the play and players.

The schemes of Co. C., and the Columbia band to raise money, are progressing finely and meeting with that success so desired. The company intends purchasing uniforms to attend President-elect Cleveland's inauguration, even if they have to postpone payment upon their Walnut street lot.

FREDERICK WARDE AS "RICHARD III."

A Large and Delighted Audience at Fulton Opera House Last Evening.

Frederick Warde must have been well pleased last night at the warmth of his reception in Fulton opera house for a season that has been far from profitable to him up to the present period. The legitimate drama has never had a very strong hold on local theatregoers and the large and fashionable audience that smiled on Mr. Warde's impersonation of "Richard III" were drawn thither by admiration for him as an actor, and sympathy for the ill-fortune that has attended him during the present season. His company were reasonably forced to disband in Philadelphia because of financial difficulties, and they are now playing on the cooperative plan, sharing proportionately the losses and profits of their venture.

The performance last night, though liberally applauded, was not good. Mr. Warde's support was very deficient, few of the players getting above the plane of mediocrity. This is inevitable, perhaps, because of the crude manner in which the company is organized, but a bad support is a fearful weight for a good actor to carry.

Mr. Warde's impersonation of the cruel *Duke of Gloster*, is familiar to Lancastrians, having been produced here not quite a year ago. He makes a good essay at portraying this human devil, though no man with any of humanity's warmer impulses in him can so far forget self as to act this character to the life. At two points in the play, the love-making scene and the waking from his frightful dreams, the tragedian showed the delicacy and the great power of his art.

At the end of the fourth act Warde, having been called before the curtain, took occasion to refer to the unavoidable causes that prevented him from appearing here three weeks ago. He also thanked in feeling, graceful manner the audience for the generous reception accorded himself and his company. It is a rather notable fact that he was compelled to bow his thanks at the end of every act, a compliment rarely paid to any actor by a Lancaster audience.

THE INSURANCE QUESTION.

A Correspondent Who Believes in Reading All of An Insurance Policy.

EDS. INTELLIGENCER: Your editorial last evening in regard to insurance hits at a thing that should be brought to the attention of people who insure. We really believe there are a very small minority who ever read a policy. We learned long ago from experience to read them carefully, and our last experience we give your readers. We built a new store room for the drug business *especially*. A gilt representative of a large company called on us for insurance; he learned all about it; in fact, we were very particular to call his attention to the kind of business to be carried on and for which he assured us he would have to charge us a much heavier rate than ordinary. All this we agreed to but him only as the policy which we carefully read and to our surprise found it did not allow alcohol, saltpetre and a host of other articles kept by druggists to be stored on the premises. We handed him back his policy with the assurance that when we insured we insured.

DRUGGIST.

Mannerchor Rink.

The third one mile race of the series at Mannerchor rink, for a silver medal, will take place this evening. The first and second races were won by Robert Greszinger. Should he win the race to-night he will win the medal. His contestants are Frank Taylor, John Melendish, Rudolph Gotz, and Charles Will, all of whom crowded Mr. Greszinger very closely in the former contests. An exciting race may be expected to-night.

Letters Held.

A letter addressed to Fanny Donlecker, 170 Park avenue, is held at the postoffice for better direction.

A BAD PLACE.

Where Water Overflows, Ice Forms and Slush Makes Things Disagreeable.

Another sewer seems to be needed on North Queen street between Centre Square and Orange street. The waste water from several of the premises on the east side of the street freezes as it flows from the back yards, clogging and overflowing the surface gutters, forming great piles of dirty, sloppy slush and ice on the sidewalks, rendering them not only disagreeable but dangerous to walk over.

When Stuart A. Wylie built the Inquirer building twenty years ago, he was given permission by city councils to build, at his own expense, a sewer extending from the front of the Inquirer building to Orange street, where it connects with the Orange street sewer. The properties north of the Inquirer were also connected with the sewer and several years later Mr. Sprenger, at his own expense, extended the Wylie sewer southward to his brewery, now owned by the Franklin estate and occupied by Peter Loiz, and Mr. Franklin connected his adjoining properties with the same sewer, and an arrangement was made by which the Shultz property, (now Steinmetz's) was also connected.

The properties of Samuel Demuth, M. Deichler and Edward Wiley, immediately south of Steinmetz's, have no sewer connections, and it is from the last named property that most of the surface water flows and freezes and causes the nuisance complained of. John Baer's Sons, whose property adjoins Wiley's on the south, built a private sewer in the rear of their property and extended it to Christian street and along Christian to East King, where it connects with the public sewer. The Fulton bank, although obliged to get rid of their water through the same channel. The *Examiner* Building and Zahm's corner have connections with the South Queen street sewer, through a branch which crosses Centre Square.

While the private sewers above mentioned are perhaps sufficient to drain the buildings now connected with them, they are too small to admit of other connections being made; and the only feasible means of abating the nuisance of ice-clogged gutters, to which the public is subjected every time a cold wave washes us, is to have built a sewer of sufficient capacity to drain all the buildings on North Queen street from Centre Square to Orange street.

We have said nothing about the buildings on the west side of North Queen street, because several of them in this block are well sewered, and from most of the others the drainage is to the rear of the lots instead of into the street gutters.

Building Association Officers Elected.

At the annual meeting of the American Mechanics Building and Loan association on Monday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—B. Bickenderfer.
Vice Presidents—D. G. Baker, E. E. Snyder.
Secretary—John B. Rehm.
Treasurer—John D. Skiles.
Directors—Wm. F. Humble, B. F. Eshbach, Geo. W. Cormeny, Geo. A. Marshall, Dr. O. Roland, H. W. Hartman, C. M. Weidel, J. Gust Zook, Geo. H. Leman.
Auditors—Dr. O. Roland, W. A. Hildy, C. M. Weidel.

Deputy Coroners.

In addition to the deputy coroners heretofore announced, Coroner Houseman has appointed the following:

E. H. Burkholder, West Earl.
George S. Fry, East Cocalico.
Both the above deputies are justices of the peace.

Arrested for Slander.

Amanda Weaver, against whom an action for slander was entered yesterday by Elizabeth Foster, was arrested on a capias this morning, at Mount Joy, by Sheriff Tomlinson, and entered bail in the sum of $5,000 for her appearance at the next term of the common pleas court.

A Lecture on "Italy" To-Night.

A fine lecture on "Italy" will be delivered in college chapel to night at 7:30 o'clock, by Rev. Dr. T. G. Apple. The above lecture will be delivered under the auspices of the college Y. M. C. A. and all are cordially invited.

Amusements.

The Merchant of Venice.—The second Shakespearean play in Lancaster in one week is a rare occurrence, Warde's "Richard III" being followed on Friday evening by the Stafford Foster company, in "The Merchant of Venice." The Indianapolis *Sentinel* says of Mr. Stafford in this play: "His *Shylock* is in every sense a clever performance. There is a dash of originality and boldness about the rendition which makes it all the more refreshing and creditable. Mr. Stafford, with his sympathetic, forcible and original style, wins his way easily to the hearts of his audience." Miss Evalyn Foster is said to make an excellent *Portia*.

DEATHS.

GOMPF.—In this city, January 26, 1885, Christiana E. Gompf, daughter of the late John Wise, in aged 42 years, 1 month and 4 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 618 South Queen street, on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment at Zion cemetery. 1:26-2td

ALWEIN.—In this city, Jan. 25, 1885, Mabel, daughter of John A. and Ada Alwein, aged 10 years, 5 months and 25 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her parents, No. 127 South Duke street, Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment at Woodward Hill cemetery. 2td

DIETRICH.—In this city, Jan. 27, 1885, of cardiac fever, Florence Emory, son of Joseph K. and Annie B. Dietrich, aged 1 year, 8 months and 1 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his parents' residence, No. 240 North Lime street, on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Woodward Hill cemetery. 2td

BUTZ.—In this city, on the 26th inst. Margaretta Butz, in the 56th year of her age.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 644 East Orange street, on Tuesday afternoon (Washington's birthday) at 3 o'clock.

[Pittsburg and Philadelphia papers please copy.]

MARKETS.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26.—Flour dull and unchanged. Superfine at 2 50@2 75; Extra at 2 75@3 12½; Pennsylvania family at 3 25@3 75; Minnesota clears, at 3 40@3 60; do straights, at 3 65@3 90; Winter patents, at 3 90@4 25; do straights, at 3 65@3 90; Winter patents, at 3 90@4 50; do straights, at 3 65@3 90; Winter patents, at 3 90@4 50; spring do, at 3 25@3 50.

Rye flour at 4 25@4 50.

Wheat—The market ruled quiet and steady. No. 2 Western Red, at 81@81½c; No. 3 do at 77½@78c; No. 4 do at 75c; No. 1 Pa. Red, at 81½c; No. 2 Delaware, do 80c.

Corn dull, but steady; steamer at 46½@46¾c; No. 2 yellow, 48½@49c; do mixed, 46½@47c; No. 3 do, 46½@46¾c.

Oats steady, under scarcity; No. 1 White, 42c; No. 2 do at 41½c; No. 3 do at 40½c; rejected, 39½@39¾c; No. 2 mixed, 37c.

Rye firm at 60c.

Seeds—Clover steady at 4½@5c; Timothy firm at 1 90@2 00; Flaxseed firm at $1 09.

Whiskey firm and steady at 1 05@1 07.

Provisions in quiet demand; mess pork at 13 50@14; beef hams, 21@22 50; city mess beef, $8 50@9.

Bacon, 9@9½c; Smoked shoulders, 6½@6¾c; sides, 8@8½c; smoked hams, 10½@11½c; pickled do, 9@10c.

Lard quiet; city refined, at 8½@8½c; loose butchers, 6½@6¾c; prime steam, 6 75.

Butter firm, with a good inquiry for high grades; Creamery extras, 30@32c; E. C. and N. Y. do, 28@29c; Delaware, do, 28@29c; do good to choice, 26@27c.

Rolls at 19@20c; packing butter, 12@16c.

Eggs dull; extras, 29½@29½c.

Cheese steady, but quiet; New York Full Creams, 13@13½c; Ohio Flats, choice, 11½@12c; do fair to prime, 9@11c; Penn's part skims, 6@7c; do full do, 8@10c.

Petroleum dull; Refined, 7½c.

Whisky dull at $1 20.

Western Grain Markets.

CHICAGO.—Flour market quiet and unchanged; choice to fancy white winters, $4 25@4 75; Michigan Winters, $3 50@4 25; Minnesota bakers', $3 25@3 75.

Rye flour, $3 00@3 25.

Buckwheat, $4 75@4 85.

Wheat—The market was unsettled, but trading was on a fairly active scale on speculative account. Prices were weaker, due mainly to weaker cablegrams to the report that India Wheat was offering freely. The closing figures, as compared with those current forty-eight hours ago, show a decline of ½c. When the price for May would strike 83½c there was an active demand from shorts and speculators, sales ranged: July, 79¾@80c, closed at 79¾c; Feb., 79¾@79¾c, closed at 79¾@79¾c; March, 79¾@80c, closed at 80c; May, 80¾@80¾c, closed at 80¾@80¾c; No. 2 spring at 79c; No. 3 spring at 77½@78c; No. 2 Red at 81@81½c; No. 3 Red, 78@78c.

Corn—The market ruled quiet, with a very narrow range, but prices were weaker, in sympathy with Wheat, and closed ½c lower for May than those current forty-eight hours ago. There were very few orders; sample lot sold to the extent of the offerings; cash, at 37½@37¾c; January, 37½@37¾c, closed at 37½c; February, 37½@37¾c, closed at 37¼c; March, 37¾@37¾c, closed at 37¾@37¾c; May, 41@41¼c, closed at 41¼c.

Oats—The trading in sample lots was fairly active and the offerings met with rather ready sale at 31½@32c for No. 2 white; 30½@30¾c for No. 2 mixed. The speculative grade was extremely dull and the feeling was weaker; sales at 31½@31¾c for May delivery, closing at 31½@31¾c; other futures nominal at 27½@28c for January and February, 28c for March and 28½c for April.

Rye quiet; No. 2 sold at 62½c.

Barley nominally at 52c for No. 2.

Flaxseed—No. 1, 1 04 bid.

Mess Pork in good demand and prices ruled 10@15c higher; Cash, $12 25@12 35; Feb. at $12 30@12 35; closing at $12 25@12 28; March, at $12 27½@12 35, closing at $12 32½@12 35; May, at $12 45@12 50, closing at $12 50@12 52½.

Lard in fair demand; prices 2½@5c higher; cash, $6 85; Feb. at $6 85; March at $6 92½@6 95; May at $7 05@7 12½.

Boxed Meats—Fair request; market firm; dry salted shoulders, $4 50@4 90; short rib sides, $6 25@6 25; short clear sides, $6 60@6 65.

Whiskey steady at $1 13.

Sugars firm and a shade higher; standard A, 6½@6¾c; cut loaf, 7½@7¾c; granulated, 7½@7¾c.

Butter ruled firm; creameries, 26@35c; dairies 25@27c.

Eggs firm at 29c.

Receipts—Flour, 13,000 barrels; Wheat, 25,000 bushels; Corn, 75,000 bushels; Oats, 90,000 bushels; Rye, 6,000 bushels; Barley, 8,000 bushels.

Shipments—Flour, 10,000 barrels; Wheat, 2,000 bushels; Corn, 35,000 bushels; Oats, 19,000 bushels; Rye, 1,000 bushels; Barley, 7,000 bushels.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter, egg, cheese, poultry and fruit interests will hold their regular meetings.

Freights—Wheat, by lake, 2½c; Corn, 2½c; Rail, Wheat, 4c; Corn, 3½c.

Canal freights unchanged.

Live Stock Prices.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 7,000 head; shipments, 2,000 head; market very dull and values steady; quality poor; exports, $4 00@5 25; good to choice, 1,350 and 1,450 pounds, $4 60@5 75; 1,200 to 1,350 pounds, $4 00@5 25; common to medium, $3 00@4 50; stockers, $2 25@3 50; feeders, $3 25@4 50; corn-fed Texans, $3 50@4 75; range steers, $3 25@4 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 22,000 head; shipments, 5,000; market strong and active and 5c higher; rough packing, $3 90@4 10; packing and shipping, $4 10@4 30; light, $4 00@4 25; skips, $3 00@3 90.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,000 head; shipments, 500 head; market steady; natives, $3 00@4 50; Western, $3 00@4 25; Texans, $3 00@3 50; lambs, $4 00@5 50.

The Drovers' Journal reports Liverpool cables unchanged; American Cattle lower. Exports, 2,200 cattle, 10,000 sheep.

EAST LIBERTY, Jan. 26.—Cattle market was very dull and lower; no cattle on sale. Receipts for week, 2,850 head; shipments, 2,850 head.

Hogs were dull and steady; Philadelphias, $4 30@4 40; Yorkers, $4 20@4 30; common, $4 10@4 20; Grassers, $4 00@4 10; Cattle Supply Co., $4 30@4 40; Eastern, $4 30@4 40.

Sheep were slow at unchanged prices; 10 car loads on sale; receipts, 2,200 head.

Live Stock Market.

Reported by Strickler & Frantz, Lancaster, Pa.

The receipts of the week—Beeves, 2,100; Sheep, 1,600; Hogs, 2,400; Cows, 100; Calves, 100.

Best cattle were in fair demand at a decline of ½c per pound.

We quote as follows:

Extra, 5½@5¾c; good, 5@5½c; medium, 4½@5c; fair, 4@4½c; common, 3½@4c; fat bulls, 3@3½c; fat cows, 3@3½c.

Hogs were in fair demand; prices 25@50c higher; fresh, 5@5½c per pound; dressed, 6½@6¾c.

Sheep were in fair demand; prices 25@50c higher; fresh, 4@4½c per pound; dressed, 6½@6¾c.

Calves, 5@5½c per pound.

Cows, $25@45 each.

Milch cows were in fair demand and good sales were reported at prices ranging from $30@45 each.

Fat cattle were purchased at the following yards:

Reading Railroad Yards—Jacob Frank, 6 cattle; Jacob Mayer, 10 cattle; Jacob Mayer, 10 cattle; Jacob Mayer, 10