GENERAL STEWART'S VICTORY

THE ARABS BADLY REPULSED BY THE ENGLISH FORCES.

The British Commander's Little Force Reaches Metemneh After Much Fighting, With Comparatively Little Loss, Though He Is Himself Wounded.

On the morning of Monday, January 19, two days after the fight at Abu Klea, the Arab enemy appeared in force in front of the advancing British army, and a short, fierce battle was fought.

This occurred at a point about three miles from the Nile. The British were compelled to sustain a heavy fire for some time. Early in this engagement General Stewart received his wound, and Sir Charles Wilson thereupon assumed command. Works were hastity constructed under the leaden rain which continued to pour upon them from the enemies' rifles. The wounded men and the baggage train were left under guard behind their nuckly built earthworks, while the their quickly-built earthworks, while the test of the force advanced in the face of the lostile fire to a gravel ridge some distance in front. Here a large force of the rebeis had established themselves in a strong position. As soon as the British line came near, a force charge, led by several emirs, was made against it by the rebel formen.

The latter were driven back, but General Stewart was wounded. His wound, while not fatal, is so serious that he will be disabled for the remainder of the present campaten. General Lord Wolseley considers the deprivation of his services a national loss. He characterizes Stewart as the "ablest soldier and most dashing commander he ever knew," and recommends him to the Queen's most

The enemy fought with less determination the battle on the 19th than they had displayed at Abu Kles. Their defeat and heavy onses has dampened their arder and enthe

nothing could exceed the coolness manifested by the British troops when exposed to the fire of the rebel sharpshooters on the morn-

ing of the 19th.

The same qualities again marked them on the afternoon of the same day, when they met the wild charge of the Arab spearmen. Sir Charles speaks in especially high praise of Colonel Rosawen, who was in command

of the square on that day. The date of the latest intelligence received rom Khartoum is December 29, 1884. Gen. Sewart now holds a strongly fortified post at Gubat, not far from Meternneh. This place is on the Nile, and is just about half way between Berber and Khartoum. Opposite Guitat is a large island, on which plenty of brage for the horses and camels can be easily obtained. So strong is the position at Gubat that it is confidently asserted that it can be held by a small garrison against any force which the rebels can send to attack it. The route across the desert from Gubat to

Korti is securely held by the English. Col. Sir Redvers Buller will be in command of this route. He has left Korti to assume this Only two British officers were killed in the sarela fight; the other dead were non-com-

missioned officers and privates.
The point were the battle of the 19th occurred is in the desert, about five miles south of Meteumeh. When General Stewart reached that point he round the enemy were hovering of his little army on all sides and skirting about his little army on all sides, and skirting it often within uncomfortably short range. The rebels had evidently stationed themselves in the vicinity to await his arrival and give him battle. When they began to surround him he ordered his men to dismount and form a zareba. This was made mainly with saddles and baggage, and during its construction the rebel riflemen drew nearer and maintained a hot fire from behind am-bushes and high grass. The fire was very well directed, and was most disastrous in its effect upon the British troops. Twelve men were soon shot dead, and forty others were stricken down with ugly wounds. Among the first killed were Mr. Cameron, special correspondent of the London sdard, and Mr. Herbert, the special correspondent of the London Post. General Stewart was one of the very first to be wounded. He was shot in the thigh. When

wounded. He was shot in the thigh. When he was struck the work of making the zareba was about complete, and the army had been put in medion to form its battle array. This was a hollow square.

The square was formed in the following order: In front the naval brigade and the Grenadler Guards; on right flank, the Coldstream Guards and the Scots Guards; on the left flank, the mounted infinity, and the rear eft flank, the mounted infantry, and the rear of the Sussex Regiment and the heavy Camel Corps. As soon as completed, the square advanced under a steady ambush fire a disadvanced under a steady ambush fire a distance of two miles. At this point the enemy began to move on the square in two large echelons. These were directed against the British right front, which stood unmoved. During the rebel charge the English troops forming the assailed front delivered a terrific fire aimed right at the enemy's middle, mowing down men in such heaps that they formed actual elasticity and interfered so seriously with obstacles, and interfered so seriously with the evenness necessary to the success of the onslaught that its centre line was brought to a standstill about sixty yards from the British front line. The force of the general movement threw the unimpeded parts of the line like the ends of a broken timber around the corners of the square, and the rebels so displaced were simply cut to pieces. From this on the warfare was as disastrous to the rebels as it was irregular on their side.

When the enemy's line was broken, the Arabs seemed to break up into bands, each of which waged war on its own account. A large detachment, mostly on horseback went back to attack the zareba. This wa garrisoned by a body of English soldiers made up of little detachments left behind by each corps which had gone forward in the square. Lord Charles Beresford was in command, and sustained the attack for two hours,

when the enemy was compelled to retreat.

During the general attack upon the square only six men were killed and twenty-three wounded on the English side. Captain Noron worked the guns during the fight, and his firing did awful execution. The square reached the Nile at sunset Mon-

day evening and encamped for the night Early Tuesday morning scouting parties made a reconnoissance and destroyed some empty villages, the recent inhabitants of which watched the operations from a dis-tance and afterwards retreated to Metemneh. The British then advance villages around Metmeneh.

On Wednesday they made a reconnoissance and found Metenneh fairly well fortified. Shots were exchanged, but the rebels kept out of sight. The ground around is sandy, with depressions full of grass and bushes,

affording good cover.
The prisoners state that the enemy came from Khartoum, and that the force which attacked the British at Abu Klea was the ad-

A Rural Member's Mistake.

On the day of the assembling of the Massachusetts legislature a rural gentleman, car-rying a large black glazed cloth valise of the tyle known as "Kennebeckers," on which was strapped a bed quilt, appeared in the shoeblack's room in the state house basement. Depositing his baggage by the side of the chair, he allowed his large boots to be made presentable. Then he requested the boy to send his valise to his room. "To your committee room?" inquired the boy. "No, to my bedroom, sonny." "Why," said the youth, "members don't sleep at the state house." "Yes, they do," said the new member, "and be sure to have my quilt laid on the bed." After repeated inquiries the new member found that it was as the shoe shiner had said, that members did not lodge

Killing Her Child and Herself

Mrs. Mary S. Dooley and her son, aged five years, were found dead in bed near Winterset, Iowa, Tuesday. From letters left by her it was learned that she had given the boy opinin and taken some herself. She also gave a dose to her daughter, aged twelve, but it did not prove fainl in her case, though she is still so dazed and stupid from its effects that she cannot relate the facts. Mrs. Dooley was recently described by her husband and was despondent.

KILLED BY THE COLD.

Mortality Among Live Stock in the West-Many Persons Lost in the Storm. During the past six weeks heavy storms have prevalled throughout Eastern Oregon Washington territory, and the loss of live stock is reported very heavy. Cattle and horses perished by thousands from exposure and want of food. The loss of sheep and hogs, however, is reported much greater. In Crook however, is reported much greater. In Crook county, Oregon, the percentage of loss is very large, but in Klamath county, just south, the loss is comparatively light. The total money value to stock raisers is difficult to estimate. The latest reports from settled regions east of the Cascades are that large numbers of persons troze to death during the late cold and protracted snow-storm. A number of persons during the continuous of the storm are known to have

storm. A number of persons during the continuance of the storm are known to have wandered off and perished. Most of the bodies of such persons have been recovered since the snow disappeared. Very recent inquiries among relatives and friends disclose the fact that many persons are still missing and their whereabouts are unknown. There can be ne doubt as to the fate of the missing persons. The precise number of persons perishing will probably never be known, but it is large.

It is reported that large numbers of cattle are dying on the prairies in Western Kansas. A prominent stockman from Finney says that the reports are greatly exaggerated. He states a large number of cattle are dying, but it should be understood that the class of cattle which are dying are not rough cattle. They

it should be understood that the class of cattle which are dying are not rough cattle. They belong to what is known as the "rawhides." They are cattle which are driven to Dodge City late in the season and are the culls of those offered in the market. They were purchassed by men living along the railroad at a low price, with the distinct understanding that they were liable to die, and they were turned out in the immediate vicinity of the railroad, and this accounts for the nature of the proposed and this accounts for the nature. railroad, and this accounts for the numerous dead cattle seen by people going through on trains. The range cattle, or cattle which were on the range during the summer, are now looking fine. The loss on these will not reach two per cent. A large percentage of them made good beef Wednesday. Stock on the range is in better condition than cattle that are now being fed in Eastern Kansas.

S. S. CONANT MISSING.

Mysterious Disappearance of the Editor of "Har-per's Weekly."

Mr. Stillman S. Conant, the editor of Harser's Weekly, has been missing from New York since Friday, the 16th inst., and his friends fear that he has met with some mishap or has wandered away while suffering from some temporary mental disorder. On Friday a week ago Mr. Conant stayed at the office of Harper's Weekly until 6 o'clock, much later than usual. Nothing peculiar in his mainer of appearance was noted on that day, and he left, as was supposed, for his home in Brooklyn. He did not go to his home, however, and has not been seen by any of his intimate freinds or relatives since he left the office, although it is said that a gentleman dice, although it is said that a gentleman who was acquainted with him met him on Fulton street, on Tuesday of last week. He has not been well for some time complaining of headache, but he has kept at work, and his friends fear that his mind has been affected by overwork. His family relations were of the most pleasant character, and he was sel-dom away from home. His wife, Mrs. Relen C. Conant, is well known as a writer, post and translator, and she is a frequent can and translator, and she is a frequent con-tributor to Harper's Bazer. He has one son Thomas, who is now twenty-one years old. The missing man is about lifty dve years

of age, five feet ten inches in heigh, of fair complexion, with a brown moustache and gray eyes. He weighs about 180 pounds, and wore when he went away a dark business

suit.

Mr. Conant began his newspaper career as a reporter on the New York Times about twenty years ago, and rose to various editorial positions on that paper. For fifteen years he has held the position of editor of Harper's Weekly. He is well known to the Century club. His friends have been engaged in an earnest search for him since he disappeared, but the fact that he was missing has been kept quiet up to this time in the hope that he would return. On Wednesday last the following "personal" advertisement was in-serted in a morning paper, but brought forth

o reply :
"To S. S. C., as a friend and brother, I earnestly ask you to come home. H. and T earnestly ask you to come home. H. and T. are both sick from grief and anxiety. If you communicate with me, any trouble will easily be arranged. R. R. box, 199. P.O.".

Pinkerton's detectives have been at work on the case since Sunday the 18th inst., but the only clue that has yet been discovered is that on Wednesday last a person answering Mr. Commt's description bought a steamship ticket for Florid. a It is believed, however, that this ticket has not been used.

that this ticket has not been used. NEWS OF THE MISSING MAN.

It has been found that he stopped over several days at Philadelphia and did nothing there to attract special attention. At Rich mond. Va., he remained over three days, and when last heard of he was at Alexandria, when last heard of he was at Alexandria, Va., and would soon leave for Jacksonville. The initials H. and T. In the advertisement asking him to come home are those of his wife and only son. R. R. is an intimate friend. When that notice was published it was thought he might be in the city and see it. It was imagined that if he labored under a mental hallucination a forgiving, kind notice would have some effect trees him. otice would have some effect upon him He had no skeleton in the family and lived comfortably. His salary was sufficient to support his small family handsomely, which onsists of his wife and son, a young man 21 years old.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE. The Former Strictly Neutral in the Latter's Difficulties With China.

The French man-of-war Triomphant, which has been lying at Hong Kong, for several days, unable to proceed further because of the refusal of the British authorities to allow her to refit, departed on Wednesday. The commander's instructions were to proceed commander's instructions were to proceed to Hong Kong, retit, and then rejoin the fleet. Before her arrival, however, the Marquis Tseng, the Chinese ambassador at London, acting under instructions from Pekin, had protested so vigorously against the free use of the neutral ports of China by the invading ships of France that the British government caused special orders to be forwarded to the governors of Hong Kong and other English colonists in the far east, looking to the more colonists in the far east, looking to the more rigid enforcement of the terms of the foreign

nlistment act.

The British officials have been uncompromising in their new attitude, and the com-mander of the Tricmphant gave up the con-test. He was allowed to take on board suffi-cient coal and provisions to enable him to reach Saigon, the nearest French port, and

then drew up anchor and departed.

It is reported in London that France has decided to officially declare war against China. This decision is said to have been made in consequence of the action of Eng-land in enforcing the terms of the foreign en-listment act at Hong Kong and elsewhere.

From the Mount Joy Star. Revs. Jacob Eshleman, David Wolgemuth and Levi Wenger preached the funeral ser-mon for Mrs. Jacob Hoffman, of Milton Grove, at the Green Tree meeting-house last

Thursday afternoon. Thursday afternoon.

The family of Amos B. Musser, near Hummelstown, fately of Mount Joy township, has been sorely afflicted by the death of their two children. Barbara, a two-year-old daughter, died on Wednesday, and Uriah, aged II years, died on Friday. The funeral of both was held on Sunday afternoon at the Cross Roads meeting-house, in Fast Denesed. Roads meeting-house, in East Donegal.

John B. Longenecker, Isaac Detwiller,
Samuel Brehm and Jacob Brubaker preached
the funeral sermon. The family has the sincere sympathy of their many friends in this
neighborhood.

A Donation Visit. From the York Dispatch.

Michael Thomas, Peter Bitner, Conrad Bitner, Augustus Wise, William Greutich and Adam Haberstrow, a committee of St. Peter's Catholic Church, of Columbia, on Tuesday visited York for the purpose of presenting St. Mary's church, of this place, \$100 for a stained glass window in the new church now approaching completion. They were well entertained by their friends in York, and were the guessis of A. C. Boll, at the and were the guests of A. C. Boll, at the European house and returned home well pleased with their visit.

THE ALDERMEN'S COSTS.

THE UNPAID BILLS WHICH THEY HOLD AGAINST THE COUNTY.

An Increase in the Number and Expenses of th Cases Returned To Court-What Calls Out the Protests of Grand Juries. Pilling Up the Costs.

It is interesting to take a look at the book in the county commissioners' office and compare the fees paid out of the county treasury to aldermen, justices and constables, during the past year with those paid in former years. Thus we find that the fees paid in 1882, for cases heard and finally disposed of by the aldermen and justices amounted to \$17,101.87. In 1883 the amount was \$15,723, 33 and in 1884

During the years 1883 and 1831 the county auditors gave the aldermen's and justices' bills such an overhauling, and exposed so many alleged illegal charges, that the county commissioners, by advice of the county solicitor, refused to pay all last year's bills for "dismissed cases." This in a measure accounts for the great falling off in the pay-

ments of 1884 as compared with former years.
The aldermen and justices have not given ap their claims for fees in the dismissed cases, payment of which has been refused by by the commissioners. The exact amount of these claims cannot be ascertained, as no bills have been presented to the commissioners for payment for more than a year, but it is known that two of the aldermon / Barrand Spurgier have claims amounting to not less than \$2,000 each and that six others claim fees amounting to from \$100 to \$600 each making the total

laims by aldermen, something like \$6,000.

To this sum must be added the claims of the constables and country justices, which will probably not be less than \$6,000—say \$12,000 in all. This sum added to the \$3,637, \$12,000 in all. atrendy paid by the commissioners will make the total cost to the county in dismissed cases in 1881 about the same as it was in 1883. cases in 1884 about the same as it was in 1883, provided the commissioners decide to pay the bills, and it is said a majority of the board

the bills, and it is said a majority of the beard are in favor of doing so.

Should the present beard of commissioners refuse to pay the bills, the claimants will appeal to the court for redress—probably presenting the late Abderman Samson's bills as a test case.

Another interesting exhibit from the commissioners' books is the large increase in the amount of "court bills" for 1884 compared with those for 1883. Here are some of the figures:

During 1881 the pay of witnesses was \$ 3.535

The sheriff's fees during less were \$ 2.281 The pay of jurous during 1884 were \$13.96 Increase
Omstables court bills for 1884 were 4 5,315
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Instices court tills for 1884 were 1,340

Total increase. \$7,330 This increase of over \$7,000 is nearly all aused, it is claimed, by the aldermen and jus-

tices returning to court for trial a large num-ber of complaints—that they would have dismissed had not the county commissioners refused to pay for dismissed cases. To the "dear people" who foot the bills, it don't make much difference whether they pay thousands of dollars to the alderment for "dismissed cases," or an equal amount to witnesses, jurors and county officers. The trap seems to be set to catch the coon "a'goin" or comin'"; and the great reform necessary is to elect aldermen who will discourage litti-gation for the sake merely of making costs

DEATH FROM POISONING.

A Family Suffering from Drinking Water Heated in Lead Pipes.

A tatal case of poisoning caused by drink-ing water impregnated with oxidized lead has just come to light in Philadelphia. The victim was the 4-year old son of Philip. chrant, a German baker, of No. 322 Lombard street. The boy died of meningitis, the result of lead poisoning. Mrs. Schrant, a journeyman baker and Mary Martin, a servant employed in the family, also became ill, their symptoms showing unmistakable signs of the same malady.

It was discovered that the water pipe It was discovered that the water pipe run-ning from the street passed over the oven of the bake-house, by which means the water in one pipe became intensely heated, thus send-ing steam through the pipes. The result of heated steam coming in contact with the sulphate of lead, which is deposited in all the water pipes of the city, and is in itself harm-less because insoluble, was the formation of white lead, which is a deadly poise. white lead, which is a deadly poison.

Mrs. Schrant resumed the drinking of the water, and is at present suffering from a com-plete paralysis of her limbs, though it is conidently expected that she will recover. She has been removed to Jefferson college hos-

suits as yet, and he obstinately declares that the doctor's theory " is a humbug," though his gums are marked with a dark line—a certain sign of poisoning by lead.

From the New York Sun. It is far from certain that every ounce of the explosives used on Saturday was not made in the heart of London under the noses of the metropolitan police. Let England show a determination to protect herself and to protect her Continental neighbors before cries out so wildly for help from this side of the Atlantic. Let her try how a sus-pension of freedom of speech, of printing, f meeting, and of subscribing money feels at home before inviting us to swallow such a bitter prescription on her behalf. Such a prescription, it is true, is the only form of action, as distinguished from the verbal expression of condolement, which would even aim to cut off the source from which the dynamiters are believed to draw pecuniary encouragement. But we may as well look facts in the tree districts a such as the condolement of the source from the condolement. look facts in the tace first as last, and ac-knowledge that an endeavor to muzzle the utterance, however foolish and malignant, of in Irish-Amerincan's implacable hatred of England, or to avert his forwarding money to be used in mad, detestable, suicidal ways against his age-long enemy, would involve legislation of a kind explicitly proscribed by our constitution, and which the American people would not brook for an hour.

Pierced by Thirty-Six Shot.

A special from Salisbury, Md., says a shooting atiray occurred on Saturday night about four miles from the Delaware line, near Whitesville. The participants were Jesse Wells and John Givens. For a year past Givens has been superintendent on the farm owned by Well's mother, who is a widow. It is charged that Givens fell in love with It is charged that Givens fell in love with her. On Saturday night Mrs. Wells visited her sister, living about three-quarters of a mile distant, and Givens went to accompany her home. When they arrived at the farm gate young Wells met them and asked Givens what he was going to do with his mother. Givens without making any answer started to run down the reed. Wells, who had a double-barrel gun in his hand, then shot both barrels at him, striking him in the back. Thirty-six shot entered and the reas will discover the strike the s Thirty-six shot entered and the man will die Wells has not yet been arrested, but will be, as his mother says that she will appear

Where His Calculations Failed Him. From the Chicago News.

"Charlie you seem downcast. What's

"Just lost a hundred." "How ?"

"I bet \$100 with Simpson that Jenkins ould say, 'It's cold, ain't it " when we met

him."
"Well what did Jenkins say?"
"Why, the infernal ass said, 'Well is this cold enough for you?" I just lost by a hair,

THE OLD LIBERTY BELL. Formally Welcomed in New Orleans by an Im

mense Crowd of Enthusiastic People.
The reception of the Liberty bell in New Orleans, which was delayed from Monday on account of the late hour at which the train from Philadelphia reached the exposition grounds, took place in the Music hall in the main building on Wednesday. The celebration was a very happy one, and was snecessful in overy respect. The weather was perfect, and, in consequence, the building was crowded with visitors, the Music hall containing from 8,000 to 10,000 persons.

On the stage were scated all the United

States and foreign commissioners, the recep-tion committee, the visiting Philadelphians and others. The ceremonies began promptly at 3 p. m., Mr. J. G. R. Pitkin, of New Oreans, being the first speaker. He paid a high

icans, being the first speaker. He paid a high tribute to the bell and predicted good results to follow from its trip South.

He said it would help largely to banish all sectional feeling, that the people of New Or-leans appreciated the compliment Philadel-phia had paid them by trusting the bell in their hands.

their hands.

Gen. J. T. Owen responded for the Philadelphis committee. He alluded to the trip of the committee South, and the evidence of material prosperity they had seen throughout their journey. The sword had been turned into a ploughshare, and the entire country was now unifed in a desire to secure material and commercial prosperity. With the feel-ings of fraternity now prevailing, with the ings of frateratty now provailing, with the cordial sentiments existing between North and South, Philadelphia understood that it could well trust this relie of revolutionary times to New Orleans. Mayor Guillotte, of New Orleans, in a short speech, then turned the bell over to Director-general Burke.

Major Burke, in reply, accepted the trust in the spirit in which it was offered. He said

he could assure the committee and Philadel-phia that the people of New Orleans would guard the bell carefully and jealously as a messenger of brotherly love. Placed in the centre of the government building, it would

centre of the government building, it would teach the principles of American liberty to all the nations of the world.

He had to thank the American people not only for lending the bell, but for a long series of courtesies; they had been the friends and supporters of the exposition from the very inauguration, and had given it every assistance in their power, and for this New Orleans could return thanks to the Centennial city. At the end of Major Burke's speech the Mexican band played various patriotic airs, including "The Star Spangled Banner," "Yankee Doodle" and afterward "Dixie"

nd the Mexican national hymn, winding up with a solo on the cornet, entitled "The cole of the Old Bell."

The crowd in the Music Hall then marched in a body to the car where the bell was plac-ed, waich was in the immediate neighbor-hood, and gave it three rousing cheers. The

meeting then broke up.
The entire Philadelphia party, including the different committees, commissioner and exhibitors were photographed along with the beil. The latter will be removed to the gov-ernment building Saturday, and located in the immediate centre of that building, care being taken that it shall be under no risk or danger. The party of Philadelphians who accompanied the belt left for home in the eyening.

OUR AESTHETIC PRESIDENT. The Elaborate Dinner Entertainment to the

Diplomatic Corps. president entertained at dinner on Wednesday night the diplomatic corps, Covers were laid for torty-one guests in the state dining room, the table being extended by cross pieces to accommodate the large party. The table decorations were musually elaborate. The president before his guests began to arrive viewed the table and ordered uch alterations as he desired. The central such alterations as he desired. The central glass plateau was spanned by a house of flowers, representing the hanging gardens of Babylon. This structure was divided on each side by three spans formed of carnations. The caves of the roof were covered with smilax and tiled with roses, and the roof of carnations was shaded from white to deep crimson. The carnal done white to deep crimson. The central dome was covered with roses and a tall stalk of the un's flower waved from the tip top. of water, in which floated canoes freighted with roses and obstructed here and there by coral reefs half hidden by thowers. Overflow-ing vases of tea reses were at each end of the plateau and richer cornucepias and square cushions of carnations hald in ribbon, stripes

nade up the perfumed display on the end ections of the table. Besides these, the dinner layers made glitering pyramids, and the "four and twenty blackbirds" dishes were the prefitest con-cells of the dinner. There were four of these dishes one at each end of the table. They represented a nest of three young birds, and towering above their heads were three tall angels. The birds, although looking arti-ficial, were the only things good to eat in the whole dish, being formed of boned pigeon. The entire lower state was decorated with lowers, the upper mantel in the dining room being hidden by spring flowers, rising from bed of moss. There were hyacinths, tulips rocuses and snowdrops.

BASE BALL NEWS.

The League Troubles Settled and Everybody Now Happy. The conference committee appointed by the National Base Ball League and the American Association to adjust the difficulties between league caused by the resignation of the Cleve-land club met at the Fifth Avenue hotel, land club met at the Fifth Avenue hetel, New York, A. H. Søden, of Boston; J. E. Allen of Providence, and J. B. Day, of New York, represented the league, and President McKright, William Barnie, of Baltimore, and C. H. Byrne, of Brooklyn, the association. President McKright reported that at the meeting of the association in Pittsburg yesterday it was agreed that St. Louis should have a league club. The con-ference thereupon resolved that the Ameri-can association should be allowed to located a club in Chicago when it desired to do so. a club in Chicago when it desired to do so. It was also recommended that at the spring meeting of the two organizations a committee of three be appointed by each to act in conference in any dispute. There was a general feeling of thanksgiving that the national agreement had not been broken, and that he good feeling between the organizations is likely to continue.

Following His Old Horse to the Grave.

William Houck, of Colebrookdale township, Berks county, died Wednesday, aged 77. What is singular about the old farmer's death is that he had forefold it, although he was never sick in all his life. He had an old horse which had been owned in the family for many years and his occurricity can in the line of his love for the animal. He always said that he and the old horse would die at the same time and that if the animal should die he wanted to follow. At noon the animal should die he wanted to follow. At noon the animal was taken out of the stable to water and slipped on the ice and broke his leg. The horse was shot and just as he expired Mr. Houck, who was near by, fell over dead, probably from apoplexy. He protested against the killing of the horse, but was overruled.

Prof. Hall in Reading.

rom the Reading Times. Prof. Wm. B. Hall, of Lancaster, whose ability as a vocalist and instructor in music induced the vestry of Trinity Lutheran church to engage his services in the conduction of a musical society formed from among he young people of that congregation, is about to take charge of a similar society in the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. Radcliffe heartily favors an organization for the cultivation of the voice and advancement of musical culture in his church, and Prof. Hall has expressed himself as willing to take the movement in charge. The society at old Trinity now crowds the chapel at every Mon-day evening meeting.

Valuable Cow Dead. A valuable Durham cow, valued at onhundred dollars, belonging to Samuel W.

Potts, of Witmer's Bridge, died last night of

milk fever. The cow was one of the finest in the county. Held for Better Directions Prosecution Withdrawn. A letter addressed to Addison A. Stauffer Staulerville, Pennsylvania, is hold for better direction at the Lancaster postoffice. There is no such office as Staulerville in Pennsyl-

BLOWN UP IN A ROCK BLAST.

THE SERIOUS ACCIDENT THAT REFEL A COLUMBIA QUARRYMAN.

How Alex Billett May Lose Both His Eres. A Wonderful Little Rink Skater-The Cold Weather A Plea for Early Closing Hours.

legular Correspondence of INTELLIORNEER COLUMBIA, Jan. 29. - Alec Billett, emdoyed as blast-tender at Grubb's quarries, net with an accident yesterday, which it is thought, has destroyed the sight of both his yes. One blast had already been made but failed to unlossen as much rock as was expected or desired. Mr. Billett attempted to re-fill the blast with powder, but a spark remaining in the hole from the first blast and which he did not notice caused an explosion s the powder touched it. The force of the blast threw Mr. Billett a distance of several foot. His face, hands and arms were terribly secrebed and burned, and it is thought the injuries to his eyes will prove fatal to their He was taken home and attended by

Dr. Markel. A Beautiful Little Skater.

Miss Florence, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Gleim, of Williamsport, now the guests of Mrs. Wick Gillman, is a fine roller skater for her age, or even persons twice as old. As she glides gracefully over the smooth floor, with a confidence that is astonishing, she is admired by all.

Why Not Have Early Closing Hours. Why our merchants do not follow the example of Lancaster business men, and close their places of business at 7 p. m. we can-not understand, unless it be as one merchant nformed your correspondent; "We live: late hours to accommodate our regular tomers." But late hours does not pay. The present dullness of business, and the small margin of profit with which goods are now sold, does not pay for the gas consumed.

The Cold Weather. Last night and this morning the weather as undoubtedly the coldest of this winter. Along the river, at 6 a. m. at J. P. Staman's farm, near Columbia, the thermometer registered 6 degrees below zero. So cold was it that the channel between the dam and bridge on the other side of the river span

Ice merchants are busy and are filling heir ice houses with an excellent quality of e. We cannot remember a winter in Columwe cannot remomber a winter in Columbia when less skating on the Susquehanna was had than the present season. We have had lots of ice, but it was not fit to skate on. However, if the cold weather continues, there will be fine skating in the channel referred to above.

Notes About Town.

Mr. Edward Staman yesterday removed to Sixth and Locust streets. Officer Dyssinger arrested Joseph Carpenter for committing a nuisance at the opera house. He was released upon payment of the \$5 reward.

The tents and their appurtenances, owned by the Grove estate, has been purchased by the Columbia rod and gun club. Mr. Metzger, on Locust street, is re-bind-ing and repairing the old books in the school

James James, the colored coachman of J. James James, the colored coachman of J. Fendrich, died suddenly and unexpectedly last night. His illness was not of twelve hours duration. His life was ended, it is thought, by heart disease.

The annual reception of the congregation of the Fourth street Presbyterian church, will be held to-morrow evening, at the parsonage, by the pastor, Rev. Geo. W. Ely.

The Supplee steam engine company ves-

The Supplee steam engine company yes-terday elected the following board of direc-tors: C. S. Kauffman, John B. Bachman, Andrew Garber, J. A. Meyers, J. H. Mifflin, John Q. Denny and J. W. Yocum. The board romains the same as last year, except-ing that Mr. Yocum fills the vacancy of Mr.

vans who has resigned. One of John B. Bachman's cottages on North Third street, was sold by C. (ian, esq., at private sale to Jacob Minnich, or \$1,800. Owing to the failure of the members of

company C. to sell all the tickets in their 100 bond scheme, it will not be chanced off in Saturday evening, ashad been amounced. Jacob Metzgar, of Clineville, near Columia, is not expected to recover from a severe

In honor of her guests the Misses Youngs, f Johnstown, Pa., Miss Edith Wike gave a lelightful evening party last evening. About fifteen couples were present and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. The west yard tool house has been removed om near the new transfer freight warehouse a point above the dispatcher's office.

THE "NORMAL" ANNIVERSARY.

An Attractive Programme For the Millersville Entertainment Friday Evening. The twenty-eighth anniversary of the Normal Literary society, at the state normal school, Millersville, on next Friday evening

gives promise of a fine entertainment. The regular officers of the society for the official term, beginning January 24, 1885, are: President, J. B. Wolfgang; vice president, . Dennis McDevitt; secretary, Miss Emma Feiser: tinancial secretary, A. Frank Gibsoney; treasurer, John Phillips; editor, J. Lincoln Hertz; critic. Miss Elizabeth A. Barnhart; librarian, D. H. Widder; auniersary committee, J. Willis Westlake, A. B. Hambright, A. S. Foreman, Elizabeth W. Clark, Agnes McKinlay.

On the occasion of the anniversary Win Wilhelm, esq., of Pottsville, will be president, and Miss Mary Smith, of Marietta, secretary. Taylor's orchestra will furnish

secretary. Taylor's orchestra will furnish
the instrumental music.

The following programme of literary and
musical exercises has been arranged for the
occasion: 'Overture—"Diamond Arrow,''
Hermann: president's address—William
Wilhelm, esq., Pottsville; medley on plantation songs, Brahme; essay—"Crazy Patchwork," Miss Mary Smith, Marietta; cornet
solo—"Roses and Lillies," Rollinson; normal
organica, "Our Westons and Our Work." solo—"Roses and Lilies," Rollinson; normal pration—"Our Weapons and Our Work," Mr. F. P. Eberman, Strasburg; vocal solo— "Parla" Arditi, Miss Bechtoid; readings— "King Volunar and Elsie," J. G. Whittler; "The Three Lovers," Will Carleton, Miss Adeline B. Avery, Philadelphia; gavotte— "Rose of Erin," Moses; honorary address— "Some Poets' Wives," W. U. Hensel, esq., Lancaster; capitola waltzes, Auerbach; senti-ments, by the members; blizzard galop, Rollinson. Adjournment.

A Mutiny on a Canadian Bark

LONDON, Jan. 29-The crew of the Canadia bark Wellington mutinied off Cornwall, and killed the captain and severely wounded the mate. Three of the mutineers were wounded in the fight. The mutineers were all ar-The mutineers had painted out the trame

of the ship. The captain's dead body was found on board. The ringleaders have been placed in irons. Will Not Attend the Vice Regal Leve-

LONDON, Jan. 28.—It is reported that Lord Mayor O'Connor, of Dublin, who is a strong Nationalist, has decided to absent himself from the coming vice regal levee at Dublin eastle, and already announced by Earl

Governor Pattison, on behalf of the Demo

cratic ladies of Harrisburg, on Wednesday night presenten a beautiful banner to the Central Democratic club in Shakespeare hall. Harrisburg. He referred to the election of Cleveland as a guarantee of better government. Subsequently he led the grand march. The ball, which is intended to pay a portion of the club's trip to Washington on the 4th of March, was attended by many members of

The false pretense case brought by A. B. McCool, of Pottsville, against J. A. Meck, before Alderman Barr, was settled this morning. The prosecution was withdrawn

PRICE TWO CENTS.

THE ASHMEAD APPOINTMENT.

tee of the Norristown hospital, having been

reconsidered in the state Senate on Wednes

lay, Senator Sutton recited the facts of Mr.

Ashmead's experience in the board of trus

toes, how he found the accounts loosely kept

how he discovered that bills had been twice

paid and that supplies had been bought at ex

travagant prices, and how, when he sought to have these evils rectified, he was set

upon by ex-President Hartranft and other old

trustees as an intermeddling crank, who

should be kept out of their company "The trouble with Mr. Ashmead," said Sena-

duty as a trustee. He made inquiries and found out things and he

sought to have them reformed, to give the

asylum a skilful, economical and honest management. His connection with the Re-

form club, about which such a great ado has been made, has nothing to do with his re-jection; but even there he became unpopular,

because he wanted to do right by breaking up drinking, gambling and debauchery into which some of the younger members had

Mr. Hughes asked if it was true that a

manager of the Retorm club Mr. Ashmead had exacted commissions from contractors, and had recently, as charged, made attempts

to take similar tributes from men who supply

to take similar tributes from men who supply the asylum with goods.

Mr. Sutton replied that he had no idea there was a shadow of truth in any such charges. They had never been definitely made in the Reform club. They were merely rumors, growing out of the bad blood there. They were not unnatural rumors in a club room from which two members were

They were not unnatural rumors in a clubroom from which two members were expelled for lighting a duel within its walls.

Mr. Adams wanted all the particulars about
the duel, but Mr. Sutton could not give them.
He knew, however, that it was bloodless and
Altorney General Brewster got the young
men out of their scrape. Continuing, Mr.
Sutton complained that he was discourteously
treated when the senator refused to postpone

the Ashmead case until his return, and he condemned the active lobbying said to have been done by ex-Governor Hartranft. Senator Cooper said the senator was re-lieved of the charge of unfairness by the

notice of the governor that until Ashmead was disposed of they wouldn't get any more nominations. "As to Governor Hartranft," he said, "if he has sought to influence the

Senate to reject this man Ashmead, I honor

him for it."

The discussion was kept up for some time
by Sutton, Cooper, Grady, Henninger and
Adams, and Senator Wallace gave the substance of a letter from H. B. Tatham, saying
that Mr. Ashmead's connection with the Re-

form club was entirely honorable. In the

surse of the talk it was shown that Governor

Hartranft had not actually lobbled among the senators, but had laid all the facts before the governor. The vote on confirmation resulted

in 10 for it and 31 against. Senator Wallace retrained from voting. Senator Hughes voted for Ashmead. The others who did so were Hess, Humes, Kennedy, McAteer, Nel-

son, Ross, of Greene; Selheimer, Sutton and Vandegritt. The governor maintains that though Ashmead was rejected by the Senate he is still a trustee of the asylum, and will

remain so until his successor is nominated and confirmed. Should be attempt to serve there will no doubt be a scene in the board.

"AGIN IT."

A Bill of Local Interest Negatived by a Harris

A special telegram from Harrisburg to-day,

charge the bill empowering the judges of

Eastern penitentiary, who were sentenced be-

fore the passage of the act authorizing them to sentence convicts to the penitentiary for

the higher grades of crime, to-day reported

The purpose of this bill, it will be remom-

bered, was to get rid of some long term

prisoners who now help to crowd the jail,

ut for whose transfer there is no law, the

legislation of ISS3 not having application to

them. The bill was projected by the prison

management, we believe, and its failure will

no doubt be used as "another argument for a

MORE PRISON LEGISLATION

The special further says: The bill to con-

true the act fixing the salary of the prison

keeper in counties containing over one hun-

dred thousand population, at \$1,200, so as to

allow that official an allowance for fuel and

food for himself and family, has been affirmatively reported.

the Lancaster county jail to appoint his assis

A Murderer Found Dead in His Cell

1.a Crosse, Wis., Jan. 29.—Joseph Marco, held for the murder of Mrs. Joseph

Enos, seven years ago, was found dead in

his cell in Caledonia, Houston county, Minn.

yesterday. Marco was convicted and sen-

enced for life for the murder of Mr. Enos

who, with his wife was horribly butchered

and their house burned to conceal the crime,

Gov. Hubbard purdoned Marco on the

ground that he had but a few weeks to live,

owing to consumption. Indignant citizens

had Marco re-arrested for the murder of

Mrs. Enos. Then Marco's health suddenly

commenced failing again. It has been dis-

Very Nearly Victims of Coal Gas

READING, Jan. 29,—Prof. John F. Petree, principal of the high school at Womelsdorf,

and his wife, were found this morning in

their bed-room overcome with gas escaping

from the stove. They were both insensible

and resuscitated only with the greatest diffi-

that they will recover, though if not for the

timely discovery they would have been dead

Blame It Ou Abe Buzzard

LOCK HAVEN, Pa., Jan. 29.-The stores of

Jacob Stuber, and Swenk & Co., were entered

by burglars last night. Stuber's safe was

with checks, notes and private papers

Swenk & Co. lost nearly \$500 worth of goods,

A Verdict of Murder in the First Degree.

ase of James Kane, who has been on trial

for several days for shooting and killing his

brother, Andrew, returned a verdict this

morning of guilty of murder in the first

Arrrested for Murdering His Two Children.

OREGON, Ill., Jan. 29.—Peter Symmens,

living near Adeline, has been arrested for

the murder of his two infant children. He

The Reading Poisoning Mystery Deepening

READING, Pa., Jan. 29.—The invstery sur

ounding the poisoning of the Krall family

is deepening. The coroner is holding an in-quest to-day. The latest report is that an-

other of the children is dead, making three

deaths in the family, and the lives of two

A Reading Miss Slave Her Babe.

READING, Pa., Jan. 20.-Ellen Hofer, who is nmarried, gave birth to a child last night

killed it and threw the body into an out-

house. She is being guarded until able to

Accepted the Bishopric of London. LONDON, Jan. 29.—The bishop of Exeter ha

accepted the bishopric of London made va-cant by the death of the Right Rev. Jackson.

The bishop of Carlisle denies that he was re-

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

pig pen, where they were devoured.

more in imminent danger.

be removed to jail.

quested to fill the vacancy.

covered he was eating soap.

in an hour.

The bill empowering the prison keeper of

the measure negatively."

Lancaster county to transfer prisoners to the

"The House committee, having in

burg House Committe

or Sutton, "is only this—he wanted to do his

THE \$10,000 APPROPRIATION Another Discussion In the State Senate Over The Norristown Hospital. The confirmation of Mr. Ashmead as a trus

WILL NOT RELP OUT THE STATE AT NEW ORLEANS.

The House Refuses Assent to the Bill and Criticizes Commissioner Thomas Besides.

A Big Batch of Measures in Both Branches of the Legislature.

pecial Dispatch to the INTELLIGENCER. HARRISHURO, Pa., Jan. 29.—Five thousand people petitioned the House this morning in favor of scientific temperance instruction in the public schools.

Bills were favorably reported as follows; Authorizing the purchase of school books out of district school funds; to prevent discrimination by railroads; to punish defaulting tax collectors; making eight hours a day's labor; to prohibit public sparring; imposing a penality of \$25 for treating to intoxicating drinks.

Faunce introduced a bill appropriating bout \$18,000 to pay the officials and e of the legislature for fifty-six days' service at the regular session of ISS, after the ex-piration of the one hundred days, the pay for which the governor vetoed. The bill does not include officials who are paid by the

Bills were introduced prohibiting the employment of school teachers under eighteen cars old, and empowering the Mutual Fire insurance companies to insure agains

After a long debate, in which Acting Comnissioner Thomas was severely criticised the New Orleans appropriation bill was defeated—yeas 67, navs 111.

The bill toprevent the creation of irredeemable ground rents was passed second reading. The bill permitting judges to try cases outside their own courts was finally passed.

In the Senate the whipping post bill, egatived in committee, was placed on the calendar by a two-thirds vote, after much discussion. This puts it in the position of a

bill reported affirmatively.

Cooper made a report from the joint committee to inquire into the feasibility of industrial schools for indigent children. In bill to create district schools in conjunction with the soldiers' orphans schools for the education and in-dustrial training of these children, expenses to the county shall ; not exceed \$75 and to the state not \$40 per pupil. An appropriation of \$20,000 is made nachinery and supplies necessary for the in-

instrial department. Mylin introduced a bill requiring the treasurer of the institutions, asking for state aid, to file a monthly statement with the auditor.

THE NATIONAL LEGISLATORS.

inquiring Into the Disaster to the Tallapooss.

Work in the Senate. WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 .- [House.]-Clay Ky.) introduced the concurrent resolution objected to yesterday, relating to the assem bling of the two Houses to count the electoral

votes, and it was agreed to,
Wise (Virginia) from the committee on naval affairs reported back a resolution calling on the secretary of the navy for information as to the orders under which the Tallapoosa was cruising at the time she was sunk; adopted. Willis (Kentucky) moved that the House go into committee of the whole to consider the river and harbor appropria-

tion bill. Agreed to-yeas 150, navs 102, No Business of General Interest in the Senate WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 - [Sonate, 1-Pendicton presided over the Senate to-day, and without transacting any business of general uterest, the Senate went into execut

THE FIRE RECORD.

A Washington Newspapers Office Badly Dam aged-Valuable Horses Burned. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.-A fire on curred in the office of the Evening Star carly his morning and did considerable damage in the press and composing rooms. The loss to the building and material is roughly estima-

ted at \$10,000, outside of the damage to valua ble presses, the extent of which is not known PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 29 .- Fire broke out early this morning in the livery stable of Charles E. Smith, Nos. 716 and 718 Marshall street. The structure was completely destroyed, and thirty-nine horses were burned

to death. floor of the building. As the fire approached they struggled fiercely, and their cries rang out above the roar of the flames. A few o the horses broke their fastenings, and rushed headlong in the flames. The rest, exhausteby their struggles, lay down in their stalls and were slowly roasted to death. None of the mimals were rescued. There were several valuable trotters in the stables, and their owners, attracted by the light of the fire, hurried to the scene and endeavored to save them. Their efforts were futile , however, for the fire raged so fiercety hat the men re-fused to enter the building. While the fire was burning a prominent merchant, who owns a valuable bay mare, drove up in a cab and excitedly shouted that he would give 98500 to the man who saved it." No one stirred. Mr. Kenworthy, a member of the firm of Amer & Co., moroeco manufacturers, had a blooded mare within the building which culty. The physician expressed the belief be endeavored to save. It is valued at \$2,000. Jones Raleigh lost a valuable bay horse. Phineas Fries, the jeweler, lost a span of horses valued at \$2,500. Levi Mayer, a retired merchant, lost a team worth \$3,000; it was insured for \$2,500. Dr. Hatfield lost three valuable horses. Dr. Philip Leidy, ost two horses. The value of the horses blown up and \$300 in money taken, together was about \$19,000. The amount of insurance is unknown. The building was owned by Mrs. Barbara Walsh, northeast corner of Eleventh and Parrish streets, and it was worth about \$20,000. It was entirely do-PHILADELPHIA, Jan 29 .- The jury in the

A number buildings adjoining were also damaged. The total loss is about \$35,000. Big Blaze in Ryon, Wis.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—A dispatch early this morning from Ryon, Wix., says that about midnight last night a fire broke out in the block in which the National bank is situated. The local volunteer fire department was anable to control the flames and when a dispatch was sent the loss had reached \$20,000 The flames were still burning fiercely and help had been asked from the neighboring

NEWSTRAITSVILLE, Ohio Jan. 29 .- The

mine at Plummer Hill was fired this morning. There is no hope of extinguishing the fire. The mine is valued at \$200,000, The additional guards brought here yesierday is supposed to be the cause of the incendiarism.

THE WAR IN THE SOUDAS.

How a Correspondent Was Killed—The Scene
After Stewart Was Wounded.
LONDON, Jan. 29.—J. A. Cameron, the
Standard correspondent, was shot while he
was kneeling behind a camel. He was buried
on the field by his comrades. After General
Stewart was wounded he was carried to the
field hospital by a party of officers and mea,
who were moved to tears by the sight of his
sufferings and the firttinde with which he sufferings and the fertitude with which be

THE ARABS COMPELLING WOMEN TO FIGHT LONDON, Jan 39.—Intelligence from the castern isoudan says, Osman Digns, so a from giving up the fight, is arming the women and compelling them to do military

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—For the Middle Atlantic states, fair, warmer weather,

winds generally shifting to southerly, rising