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Vednesday night in London. After the ptimism to which the press and the public The Vanderbilt roads and some other Ameri-can stocks showed a contrary rise, on the theory that a war between England and would increase the tariff on all Amerian grain roads. On Wednesday Parliament bers regard this as the only night in the they can have at home, but the clubs all excited over the situation. It is not believed that war will be formally opened some time, but it is thought the two countries will be gradually dragged into it by the lighting of the forces now on the

The Russian advance is now certain and this is taken to mean a defiance of Earl Granville's ultimatum. It is felt that it will be out of the question for England to withdraw an inch and there will be a unanimous sentiment in favor of supporting Sir Peter Lumsden, who is now hastily fortifying Herat. It is quite possible that there has been a collision by this time and that it will be the irrevocable signal for war.

A COLLISION IMMINENT.

A report published in the Times Wednes. A report published in the Times Wednesday morning was to the effect that Russian troops had advanced further into Afghan territory. The Russian government admits that such a movement has taken place, but asserts that it was only intended for the purpose of seeking a more suitable position in case of a war with Afghanistan. It is generally believed there that both the Afghans and Russians are hurrying forward and that a collision is imminent.

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The Viedomosti, of St. Petersburg, in an article supposed to be inspired, says that while Abdurahman, the Ameer of Afghanistan, is an independent ruler, England will have as little justification to remonstrate with Russia concerning the movements of Alekhanoff in and below Zulfikar as Russia mould have to remonstrate with England

with Russia concerning the movements of Alekhanoff in and beiow Zulfikar as Russia would have to remonstrate with England about the movements of Sir Peter Lumsden, the British commissioner on the Afghan frontier line. "Our right," declares the Viedemosti, "equals England's to occupy Afghanistan so long as the meeting between the Ameer of Afghanistan, Lord Dufferin, the viceroy of India, and Hassan Abdul at Rawil-Pinde y 'ds no practical result."

The Persian paper Schems says, at a cabinet council at Cabul, the Ameer and several generals being present, it was decided to ask the English government to treat with Russia for the restoration of Pul-i-Khatom and Penjdeb, but not to make the Russian occupation a casus belli, the places not being of strategic importance. Zulfikar Pass, however, it was decided, must be recovered, by force of arms if necessary. The Persian paper Tiblak says that several Herat notables have arrived at Sarakhs to present a petition to the Russians to annex Herak ENGLAND'S ALLEGED ERRONEOUS IMPRES

The Novoe Vremya expresses the opinion The Novoe Vremya expresses the opinion that the dispute on the Afghan question arises from an erroneous impression on the part of England as to the true position of Russia in Central Asia. England now recognizes her mistake and wishes a modus vivendi in order to avoid occupying Herat. If England should occupy Herat Russia would be compelled to interfere for the sake of her prestige, Russia will not surrender a hair's breadth of her present position nor will she abate her moderate demands. Other Russian papers have similar comments.

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The Times says: "We believe the main body of General Lumsden's troeps have occupied Robat Pass. It is hoped that General Lumsden's measures will prevent the capture of the key of India by a coup-de-main. If Russia is bent upon war, she has many vulnerable points. It she forces England to hestilities she cannot imagine the struggle would be contined to the remote regions of Central Asia."

The native press in India, with scarcely an exception, expresses loyalty toward England and confidence in the wisdom and firmness of Lord Dufferin, the British ylecroy of India. There are many expressions of anger and bitter hostility against Russia, and Brahmins and Moslems vie with each other in expressions of contempt for the new religion, which, they say, Russia would attempt to force upon India. Preparations for the transportation of troops to the frontier are actively progressing. The railroads are already well equipped for moving large bodies of troops and supplies, and horses are being collected at Bombay, Calcutta and other points for cavalry and transportation use. All that India asks of England, in the event of war being declared, is a reinforcement of about 12,000 skilled and inured soldiers.

The Right Honorable Hugh Childers, chancellor of the exchequer, stated in the House of Commons last evening that the government was uninformed of any further advance having been made by the Russians in Afghanistan and that he believed there was no foundation for the report that an advance has been made.

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Rumors of war with Russia and the ex, pectation of large deliveries of stock at the conclusion of the settlement on Thursday, together with a general disinclination to buy stocks of any sort under the present circumstances, completely demoralized the market. Except in the case of American and Canadian railway securities prices have fallen heavily on the sides. Consols for the account at one time touched 1714, closing at 175-16 for money and 177-16 for the account, showing respectively a decline of \$\frac{2}{3}\$ and \$11-16 since the closing yesterday evening. Russian securities closed \$1\frac{2}{3}\$ lower, Egyptian securities \$1\frac{1}{3}\$ lower. Chilian and Brazilian stocks receded respectively \$3\frac{1}{3}\$ and \$2\$, owing to rumors of political troubles in those countries.

The panic abated somewhat after the close of the stock market, owing to the statement made by Mr. Childers, chancellor of the exchequer, in the House of Commons, that no news of a Russian advance in Afghanistan had been received by the government and that he did not 'believe an advance had been made. The dealings continued long after the official close. Numerous orders to sell were received from Berlin and Frankfort. It is reported that financial agents of M. De Giers, the Russians minister of foreign affairs, have made overtures to the Rothschilds and the Barings to Join the German bankers Mendelssohn in financiering a new Russian loan. These proposals, it is said, were refused.

Bemonstrances to Russia Chillingly Received.
England Will Guard the Afghan Territory.
LONDON, March 12.—The Evening News
says that remonstrances from the highest
quarters have been addressed to the czar and
have met with such a chilling response that
slight hopes are now entertained that hostilities be tween England and Russia can be
averted.

The cabinet met at noon to-day. There was much excitement in London. At this hour (three o'clock) it is not known what action was taken, but it is reported they decided to address a serious representation to Russia asserting if through any Russian advance in Argbanistan conflicts with the Mery troops result, Russia must accept the consequences, as England is bound to guard

Rau Away With a Roller Skater.

the police are looking for Esther Hurd, a
tty seventeen-year-old girl, who disapued on Monday from New York. Her
er, with whom she lived, said that Esther
s completely infatuated with roller skating
also with a young man named Rupert
ward, with whom she thinks she has run

IT WAS NOT ARE BUEEARD

But a Notorious New York Burglar Who Operated Boldly in Lehigh County.

A special dispatch to the Philadelphia Press from Reading says: It is now generally believed that the man seen in Reading on Tuesday was not the outlaw, Abe Buzzard, but a notorious burglar of New York who bless the state before the country. York, who blew the safe the night before i the mansion of the rich widow App in South

York, who blew the safe the night before in the mansion of the rich widow App in South White Hall township, Lehigh county. The safe contained \$10,000 in eash, valuable notes and the like, and the burgiar played a shrewed and desperate game to effect the boldest robbary ever planned in this region. The stranger, when he appeared at the door of Mrs. App's house, wore a long brown wig, the hair of which hung to his shoulders. He was pale, tall and genteel looking and he wore a long ulster. He was shown into the parlor and when Mrs. App came into the room he said he desired to see Mr. App, that the latter was an old friend of his. When Mrs. App said her husband had been dead four years the stranger expressed surprise and said he had known Mr. App five years ago in the oil regions. "I bought a well of him for \$30,00, for which I paid down only \$10,000," said the stranger.

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He went on to tell of other business ventures in which he and Mr. App had been engaged, and concluded by saying that they had parted with the mutual promise to renew their acquaintance. The stranger wiped his eyes and the widow wept and bade the servants to prepare Mr. Lawrence, as he called himself, a bounteous supper. The story of the mutual friendship of Lawrence and the departed App was renewed after supper, and at 10 o'clock the visitor was shown to the best bed chamber.

In this room was a large iron safe, containing the valuables. The family retired, and it was about 2 a. m. when they were suddenly balf-awakened as if an earthquake had shaken the house. Thinking it the wind, they soon fell asleep again. Next morning when the stranger was called for breakfast he was gone. The safe had been blown open and the floor was scattered with valuable papers and the drawers had been ransacked. The stranger's satchel had contained fuse and powder. The robber had evidently departed in deep disgust, because, on the day previous Mrs. App had sent the \$19,000 in cash to an Allentown bank, and he had his labor for his pains. It is believed he was hired to do the job by a person in the neighborhood who know all about the family. When the burglar arrived here he was minus his longhaired wig.

KILLED POR EIGHT DOLLARS.

Philadelphian Charged With Hiring Two Indians to Commit Murder. On Monday Deputy Sheriff Sillingsby, of Modoc county, Cal., came to Philadelphia and arrested Jackson Loder, charged with paying two Indians, "Holder's Dick" and "Billy," to murder a farmer named Samuel Alturas. The Indians poured two loads of buckshot into Shaw and then cut off his Alturas. The Indians poured two loads of buckshot into Shaw and then cut off his head. They then stripped the corpse and buried it. Then, dressing themselves in the murdered man's clothes, they carried the head seventy-five miles to Wilsow Ranch and concealed it under a stack of corn fodder. Shaw's head was found. The Indians were suspected and when arrested "Billy" confessed. He said that Loder, who had quarreled with Shaw a few weeks before, paid them \$5 to commit the murder. A reward of \$500 was offered for Loder, who disappeared as soon as Shaw was killed. Three or four weeks ago he injudiciously wrote to afriend in Susanville, Cal., saying that he was working at the Richmond coal wharves in Philadelphia. He gave his address and said he was living under the name of John Slocum. When arrested he declared that he was innocent of the crime and had changed his name and gone East because he feared that his quarrel with Shaw would make people think that he committed the murder. He consented to return without waiting for requisition papers. Loder is a native of Philadelphia and thirty-eight years old.

STRANGE STORY OF A CORPSE. A Dead Woman Said to Have Revived and

a brief illness. The body was prepared for the grave and lay in the best room in the house. A few nights ago one of Mr. Fossett's lady friends was "watching" by the corpse, as is customary still in Maine. She tells the following story of her remarkable ex-perience:

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"I was sitting near the body and looking intently upon the features that had been so dear to me in life. I could not restrain my tears, and said in a low voice, 'Where are you now?' At the sound of my voice the apparently dead body moved, turned on its side and at last sat up. The eyes opened and in a thrilling voice the woman, who had been dead, but who lived again, spoke. Mrs. Fossett said she had been in heaven; that she had there enjoyed a happiness that was beyond her power to describe; that she had met and talked with her mother, long dead, and with other friends. For some time Mrs. Fossett talked, giving me a description of her experience in the spirit land. Gradually her voice grew fainter, and she fell back upon the bed clad as she was in her grave clothes. As the last word was spoken the spirit took its final departure and returned no more."

Some people believe that the lady saw a vision in a dream, but she is convinced it was all a reality, and that her friend returned and talked with her.

BETRAYED BY A PET DOG.

The Means by Which Mr. Helchur's Hiding Place Was Discovered.

"My husband is not in the city," said Mrs. H. T. Helchur, as she barred the entrance of two detectives to the family resientrance of two detectives to the family resi-dence 608 Hubbard street, Chicago, at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning. "We'll take a look through the house," said the officers, and after a thorough examination of the premises they were about to depart when a little pet dog belonging to the lady made a spring from herarms and ran under a lounge in the parlor with a joyous bark of recogni-tion.

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"Got out! Hist!" said a low voice that
seemed to come up from the cellar.

"Damn the dog!" was the next expression which greeted the ears of the officers
and upon reaching down and groping about
under the lounge they felt a bare loot and
soon hauled out a full-grown man. It
proved to be H. T. Helchur himself, who
had hoped to escape the impending arrest by
crowding his stalwart form into the narrow
space between the lounge and the floor. He
is wanted for selling mortgaged property and
was taken to the station house.

Central Pennsylvania M. E. Conference.

The central Pennsylvania conference of the M. E. church convenes in Huntingdon, in the opera house, on Wednesday. Bishop Cyrns D. Foss, D. D., L.L. D., of Minneapolis, has arrived and will preside. The body represents a membership of 43,000 and church property valued at \$2,000,000. The conference contributed last year for foreign missions over \$30,000; church extensions, \$3,000; freedman's aid, \$2,100, and for other local benevolences a sum aggregating over \$40,000. Three new presiding elders will be appointed for the Williamsport, Altoona and Juniata districts. Wednesday evening a mass meeting in the interest of temperance was held, and Rev. B. F. Stevens and Rev. Daniel Hartman delivered addresses.

AGAINST DISCRIMINATION.

THE BILL THAT SENATORS WALLACE AND LEE HAVE DRAFTED.

Measure on Which All the Friends of Re form in Railroad Management Can Unite. How Corporate Wrong-Doing Is to Be Given Its Needed Check.

The Senate judiciary committee has adopted an anti-discrimination bill drafted by its sub-committee (Messrs. Wallace and Lee). acceptable to the advocates of anti-discrimi-nation in Harrisburg, and will be pressed for decisive action in the legislature. The dis-cussion of the subject will be resumed on Wednesday next at 2:30 o'clock. The full text of the bill is as follows:

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SECTION I. All railroads and canals shall be public highways, and all railroad and canal companies shall be common carriers. Any association or corporation organized for the purpose shall have the right to construct and operate a railroad between any points within this state, and to connect at the state line with railroads of other states. Every railroad company shall have the right with its road to intersect, connect with or cross any other railroad, and shall receive and trans port each other's passengers, tomage and cars, loaded or empty, without delay or discrimination. erimination.

SEC. 2. All individuals, associations and

SEC. 2. All individuals, associations and corporations shall have equal right to have persons and property transported over railroads and canals, and no undue or unreasonable discrimination shall be made in charges for or in facilities for transportation of freight or passengers within the state or coming from or going to any other state. Persons and property transported over any railroad shall be delivered at any station at charges not exceeding the charges for transportation of persons and property of the same class in the same direction to any more distant station; but excursion and commutation tickets may but excursion and commutation tickets may

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SEC. 3. No discrimination in charges or facilities for transportation shall be made between transportation companies and individuals, or in favor of either, by abatement, drawback or otherwise; and no railroad or canal community or any lesses.

drawback or otherwise; and no railroad or canal company, or any lessee, manager or employe thereof, shall make any preferences in furnishing cars or motive power.

SEC. 4. Each railroad company shall adopt, and at each depot where freights are received or delivered shall keep posted up for public inspection in at least two places, schedules which shall plainly state:

First. The different kinds and classes of freight to be carried therefrom.

Second. The different places to which such freight shall be carried.

Third. The condition under which allowances or advantages in any form may be

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Fourth. The charges by freight rates or tolls or otherwise for the furnishing of cars or motive power, or for the moving, carrying, expediting, receiving, delivering, forwarding, transferring, loading, unloading, storing or hauling of property, or for other services rendered in the transportation of property within this state or coming from or going to any other state or foreign country; and the bills for such service shall show what part of the charges is for moving or carryand the bills for such service shall show what part of the charges is for moving or carrying, and what part is for the other facilities or services enumerated as aforesaid. Such schedules may be changed from time to time as hereinafter provided, but no such schedules shall be changed in any particular except by the substitution of another schedule containing the specifications above required, which substituted schedule shall plainly state the time when it shall go into effect; and copies of which, prepared as aforesaid, shall be posted, as above provided, at least two days before the same shall go into effect; and the same shall remain in force until another schedule shall as aforesaid be substituted. The said schedules shall avoid undue and unreasonable discriminations, and it shall be unlawful for a railroad company to charge or receive more or less company to charge or receive more or less com-pensation for services rendered than shall be specified on said schedules; provided, that

nothing contained in this act shall be construed to require the railroad company aforesaid to post its charges for receiving or delivering freight or other services incidental to terminal facilities in any other depot than that to which said charges may apply.

Fifth. It shall be the duty of each railroad company to file or caused to be filed with the secretary of internal affairs a copy of each schedule posted as required in this section, and this shall be done within fifteen days after posting as aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of the said secretary of internal affairs to file and preserve the same as a part of the records of his office.

SEC. 5. Any railroad company making any overcharge for services rendered as enumerated in this act shall for each overcharged be liable to pay to the party thus overcharged a sum equal to three times the entire charge thus made, and for each violation of any other provision of this act be liable to the party injured for damages trobe the amount of the injury suffered. In actions brought as aforesaid damages sustained in the period of a year or part of a year may be declared upon or complained of generally, and as one separate cause of action, and so, whether such damage be sustained in one year or different years; and such separate causes of action may duty, liability or penalty imposed by law.

SEC. 6. Any director or officer of any corporation or company acting or engaged in any of those matters and things enumerated in this act, or any receiver or trustee, lessee or person acting or engaged as aforesaid, or any agent or employe of any such corporation or company, receiver, trustee, lessee or person acting or engaged as a foresaid, or any agent or employe of any such corporation or company, receiver, trustee, lessee or person or faiter or thing in this act prohibited, forbidden or declared unlawful, or who shall willfully only or each and overy offense.

SEC. 7. Any of the actions for damages and any of the indictments authorized for mischemanors, the jury shall in all

California trop Reports.

The San Francisco Call publishes crop reports from all the agricultural counties in California. The acreage of grain planted is equal to last year. In the Sacramento Valley grain is in good condition, and showers within a fortnight will make an abundant harvest. The same may be said of the bay and coast counties. The grain in the San Joaquin Valley is suffering from a lack of moisture. In some localities the crop is likely to prove a partial failure, even if rain abould fall within a few days. In the extreme southern counties the prospects are good, and the usual March showers will insure a full crop.

"OLD INDIAN HANNAR!"

LANCASTER, PA., THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1885.

The Bomantic History of a Female of the Forests of Chester County.

From the West Chester Record.

Years ago in a small house in a woods on a farm in Newlin township, Chester county, at that time the property of Joseph Barnard, lived a very old woman known as "Old Indian Hannah." She lived there solitary and alone, in the little house, but was frequently visited by members of Mr. Barnard's family, surrounding country. Strange were the many stories that she related to her visitors of the days of her childhood, when visitors of the days of her childhood, when the brave young warriors of the forest paddlad their birch canoes over the waters of the classic Brandywine, or shot the speeding deer as they dashed over the tops of the rocky cliff from a point where the poor Indian maiden took her fatal leap from "Deborah's Rock" down to death, rather than forsake the lover of her own choosing and wed another young chief, selected from the tribe by her kind but unwise father. In summers "Old Hannah" cultivated her little garden, gathered berries and herbs, and in winter she passed the dreary days in making splint brooms, at which latter occupation she was an expert worker. The place where she lived was known and called "the big woods," near where to-day is located Northbrook station, on the Wilmington & Northern railroad. Near this point on the north side of the Brandywine the Indians had a town or village, and old Hannah was the last of her race in Chester county. When she died she was buried near where she had lived her last days, and in later years, relic hunters in search of Indian curiesties, came across buried near where she had lived her last days, and in later years, relic hunters in search of Indian curiosities, came across what was supposed to be the remains of poor old Hanna. Some of the bones had turned to dust, but much of the skeleton— the skull, the arms, legs and other bones, still remained in a good state of preservation, as did also a number of beads and other Indian still remained in a good state of preservation, as did also a number of beads and other Indian relies found in the same gave with Hannah. On Tuesday, the Philosophical society, of West Chester, changed their headquarters from their rooms on Gay street, to William Reed's Sons' building on Church street, over W. S. Hill's jewelry store, and among the personal effects of the society, was Old Indian Hannah's skeleton, all that remains of the once beautiful maid of the forest, they having been placed in the hands of the society by the parties who uncarthed them from the little mound in "big woods." They were in a next, wooden, carefully lined and padded box, and as the bearer of the same passed along Church street, conveying these from one room to the other, he very kindly brought them into our office to afford us a view of what still remains of "Old Indian Hannah."

Fight at New Orleans That Lacted One Min nte and Ten Speands. In a fight with four-cource gloves at New man's park, between George Rooke, of New York, and County Orleans, Wednesday morning, York, and George Fryer, of England, the former was knocked out in the first round, which lasted one minute and ten seconds. former was knocked out in the first round, which lasted one minute and ten seconds. The round was begun by forced fighting on the part of Fryer, who was very active as compared with his opponent. Rooke advanced stiffly and notwithstanding Fryer's agility and science succeeded in landing a blow squarely on the latter's mouth. Fryer, however, by a quick backward movement of his head escaped the full fire of the blow and, advancing on Rooke, get in several half-arm hits. The latter avoided these attacks by quickly steeping aside, but was driven towards his corner and pressed against the ropes by Fryer, who gave him one straight from the shoulder, which landed on Rooke's right arm, paralyzing the muscles to such an extent that he dropped his guard in a dazed manner. Fryer then landed a side blow on Rooke's jaw, knocking him down. Rooke had just strength enough left to pick himself up. He was "groggy" and advanced on Fryer, who struck him under the jaw, felling him like a log. Rooke was picked up nearly senseless and carried to his corner, by his second and the fight was decided in favor of Fryer, who was loudly cheered.

What Says the Woodcock Now? The New York Tribune is authority for the information that one James G. Blaine and one Stephen B. Elkins "lost \$60,000 by their investments in the Hocking val-ley."

How strange—how strange it all seems!

From beyond the lowering, fateful days of November 4; out from the golden mists of the autumn-time; out from the flare of the campaign torch and the blare of the kazoo and the fluttering of banners; out from the yawp of the stump orator and the yowl of the party organ and the pandemonium of the patriots—out from it all comes, as beautiful as a vision and as distinct as an auction bell, the memory of a flat denial by one James G. Blaine and one Stephen E. Elkins that they owned, or ever owned, a doltar's interest in the Hocking valley; and withal still rings in our ears the clarion indorsement of this statement sounded by one Tribune, of New York.

Counterfeit Cents in Circulation.

The treasury department has received from the assistant treasurer at New York specimens of counterfeit one-cent pieces, which are believed to have obtained extensive circulation in New York and vicinity. The counterfeit is made solely of copper, whereas the genuine coin is alloyed with nickel. As nickel is more valuable than copper it will readily be seen that the manufacture of a good counterfeit consisting entirely of the baser metal would prove a lucrative business if successfully conducted for any greateenth of time. It is estimated that a profit of seventy-five cents would be made on every hundred of the spurious pieces put into circulalation. The matter is being investigated by officers of the secret service.

Items From Upper Leacock.

Leacock, March II.—The Mechanicsburg entertainment is to be held on Friday evening, March 20, in Rohrer's warehouse. A fine programme has been prepared consisting of recitations, dialogues and tableaux. Prof. Shaub is to make the closing address. The exercises will be interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. Knight's orchestra, of Lancaster, will furnish the instrumental music.

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Hon. John H. Landis will address the Bareville lycoum at its next regular meeting on Friday evening, March 13.

The Oregon public school will close with an entertainment on Tuesday evening, March 17.

Suicide of a Young Wife.

The young and handsome wife of Willis Henderson, a wealthy farmer, living near West Shelby, Orleans county, N. Y., was alone in the house Wednesday morning, when her husband, who was at the barn, a short distance from the house, thought he heard the report of a firearm at the house and hastened thither as rapidly as possible. On entering a borrible sight met his gaze. His wife lay dead on the kitchen floor, the blood and brains cozing from a ghastly bullet-hole in her temple, and by her side lay a revolver with one chamber discharged. The deceased was only twenty-three years old, highly estemed by a large circle of friends and, although she has been quite metancholy for a few days past, no cause is known for her suicide.

The plaintiff in the Sharon divorce suit has

TWO PISTOL SHOTS

THAT WHIEZED BY THE HEAD OF A CUNDUCTOR.

The Condition of the River-What a Sponge Cake Contained—Religious News-Town Notes.

made upon the life of conductor Steel, of Harrisburg, last night, as his train was pas-sing the "cut" at the entrance of the east yard, at Columbia. Mr. Steel was on the engine when two shots were fired at him by an the open fire door of the engine near which the conductor was standing. Some time ago Mr.Steel put off his train a tramp, who vowed revenge for the act. It is supposed the tramp fired the shots, but this is only a mere suppo-

The gradual but continued thaw is having its effects upon the Susquehanna river, which began rising last evening and continues. It is not rapid enough, however, to cause a general break-up for sometime yet, but it will aid to hasten the time. The ice has loosened itself from both shores along which it is thin and rotten, but in the centre of the river it remains solid, although rotting fast. The current beneath the ice is strong and is plowing towards the centre of the river.

The Coming Vigilant Fair. If extensive preparations has anything to do with making a success of a thing, the the Vigilant Fire company, will be a decided success. In the ball, which is to be beautifully decorated by Samuel Filbert, there will be found three fancy tables, a refreshment table, fruit, candy and cake table, a large fountain, a gypsy camp, postoffice, a curiosity shop, and a Rebecca bending over a lemonade well. The company will ask permission of council to have three special policemen appointed, and if this is agreed to, then the best of order will prevail. The fair will be held from the 10th to the 20th of April inclusive.

After filling her engagements in Lancaster and York, Miss Lillie Hinton, with her excelnt company, will be disbanded. Immedi-

After enting of a sponge cake which their mother, Mrs. William T. Conner, had baked last Tuesday, her children become deathly sick and induled in frequent vomiting yesterday, the lady discovered that instead of using baking powder, she had dised carbonate of zinc to make up the cake.

Religious News. There will be a grand family gathering and love feast in the lecture room of the M. E. church this evening. The services are to be conducted by the paster, Rev. R. W. Humphriss, and will consist of testimonies

on the 31st inst. confirmation exercises will be held in St. Paul's P. E. church, and which will be probably, conducted by Bishop A. M. DeWolf Howe. He will be present at any rate.

H. M. North, esq., and H. F. Bruner have ad their private residences connected to the Columbia telephone exchange. surprise party last evening. It proved to be a pleasant and enjoyable affair. Public sale is being held to-day at the farm of Justin Gray, near Columbia, all the stock, farm utensils, household effects etc., are be-

ing disposed of as Mr. Gray will retire to private life.

The Columbia rod and gun club yesterday in their usual hospitable manner entertained Prothonotary Krans, of Middleburg, Snyder A practice game of polo was played at the rink last evening. The Mets have not yet

disbanded.

The remains of Mrs. Sophia Crow were interred yesterday from her late residence with her son-in-law, Isaac Snyder, in Mt.

with her son-in-law, Isaac Snyder, in Mt. Bethel cemetery.

A successful trial was given yesterday to P. R. R. engine No. 21, which has been overhauled in the company's shops in Columoia. The Southern trip of Mr. and Mrs. John Fendrich is at end, they having returned to Columbia last evening. They brought with them a young crocodile.

Employes at the Reading & Columbia coal wharves are busy making preparations for this season's coal shipments, which they claim will be unusually heavy.

Columbia tobacco packers this morning received their first invoice of tobacco. They expect a brisk season.

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A new blacksmith shop is being built on Cherry street, above Fifth, by Christ. Eckert, directly opposite his old one.

Meetings this evening: Trustees of the Old Columbia Public Ground company at J. C. Pfahler's; school board in council, and Osceola tribe, No. 11, L. O. R. M., in the Herald building.

The Ironville band will give a concert in the rink this evening. It will be worth hearing, as the band has been making rapid improvement of late. The concert will be conducted by Prof. Eshleman, leader and director of the band.

MME BALLERICH'S SLAYER.

For the last three days Paris has been full of the trial of the five murderers of Mme Balterich. The court of assizes has been crowded. The authorities, fearing a repeti-tion of the disorders which disgraced the

crowded. The authorities, fearing a repetition of the disorders which disgraced the trial of Mune Clovis-Hugues, had barricades erected outside the court and refused to admit any persons without tickets.

Four of the assassins are beardless, effeminate youths, of deplorable antecedents. Their faces bear the stigma of the lowest depravity. Although scarcely over twenty years of age they look tike broken down old mon. The fifth assassin, Gamahut, is the only member of the band having average physical proportions. He was educated at a Trappist monastery, but was thrice ejected for committing heinous offenses, and subsequently obtained a precarious livelihood at village fairs. He has a flabby, debauched appearance, and the humble, hypocritical expression of an unfrocked priest. When Gamahut appeared in court the Judge exclaimed: "Was it you who cut Mme. Ballerich's throat "Gamahut—(with a plaintive, obsequious whine)—"Yea, sir."

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Gamahut then proceeded in low tones to relate how he and five companions murdered the old lady in her apartment. Gamahut smeared his hands with rosin so that a hunting knife could not slip through his grasp during the deadly work. The jury entered the court room at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and returned a verdict of guilty. Gamahut was sentenced to death on the guillotine. The others were sentenced to the galleys.

Hydrophobia From a Cat's Bite.

A daughter of David M. Taylor, of Muncy Valley, Sullivan county, Pa., about 17 years old, is seriously ill with what is declared to be hydrophobia. She was bitten by a cat'some two months ago but nothing serious thought of it at the time, and it was almost forgotten until a few days ago, when she was taken sick. A physician was called, and, after a thorough investigation, be discovered symptoms of hydrophobia. Her death is hourly expected.

UP AND DOWN THE STATE.

Haif a block of wooden buildings, partly occupied as stores, in Honesdale, was burned on Wednesday. Loss \$20,000.

The brass moulders at the Reading hardware works expect to resume work to-day. They have been out the past several days. The Norristown council wrestled three hours with the question of taxing skating rinks. An ordinance was finally passed taxing rinks and similar entertainments \$300 per annum.

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Big Ned Monoghan, well known in Schuyl-kill county, and one time chief of police, high constable and tax collector of Shenandoah, who died in a Philadelphia hospital on Sunday, was buried at Shenandoah on Wednesday. "Ned" at one time was a leader of the Mollics.

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The Luzerne county commissioners say that Judge Rice's recent decision, in the case of the recorder, did not touch the real point at issue. They will carry the case to the supreme court, and endeavor to get from that tribunal a decision as to the proper method of fixing the population of the county.

At Mount Carmel, Wednesday evening, Edward Helwig and Jacob Zimmerman were injured, the former fatally, by an explosion of powder carelessly left exposed in a blacksmith shop in which Helwig was employed. Zimmerman was having a mule shod, and a spark from the anvil ignited the powder.

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John Fox, in the employ of Mahlon Edwards, East Whiteland, Chester county, found a large number of Norway rats under the floor of Mr. Edwards' corn-crib. He tore up the boards and with a piece of plank killed nearly if not quite all in the crib. On counting them Mr. Fox found he had 32, which filled a large basket.

Jos. Beltz, for many years section boss for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad company at Mahanoy Plane, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon. He stepped out of the way of a south-bound train when another one going north struck him, killing him instantly. He was forty years of age and leaves a wife and four children.

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The stocknotders of the Keystone rink, at Reading, have been compelled to discharge three out of their four instructors in consequence of the falling off of receipts during the Lenten season. The rink was opened October 23, last, and since that time between \$12,000 and \$14,000 have been received and expended by the establishment.

Two judges of the supreme court—Clark and Gordon—have been before the judiciary committees of the legislature to state their disapproval of the bill to divide the supreme

committees of the legislature to state their disapproval of the bill to divide the supreme court. They stated that they favor an intermediate court rather than a division, and they believe that were the court established at Harrisburg permanently, instead of moving about from Philadelphia and Pittsburg, it would need no relief.

Mine Inspector Williams' report for the middle anthracite coal district for reports the average number of days worked during the year reports 203.47, against 223.69 in 1883; persons employed, 23,999, against 20,997 in 1888; number of tons of coal mined, 7,881, persons employed, 23,999, against 20,997 in 1888; number of tons of coal mined, 7,881, persons were killed and 186 seriously injured, while in 1884 the fatal accidents numbered of and the serious 161.

The Pennsylvania scadency of the fine arts issued a circular in 1882 inviting American artists to engage in a perposed companion in historical painties for the fair of asso, Want T. Trego was one of the competitors. The jury awarded him a silver medal, the third in the list of prizes. His declined to receive it, claiming that he was entitled for all first prize of \$3,000, because the award of the information. Mr. Trego has brought suit to receive the amount.

Pool-Selling Not Unlawful.

Some time since Gamble & James, prowere indicted and convicted of a violation of the laws against gambling. An appeal was taken to the court of appeals, and the decis-ion of that court was handed down on Wednesday. The decision reverses the judgment of the court below, and declares that the keeping of pool-rooms and the sel-ling of pools is not a violation of law. There were several other cases on the docket, the trials of which were suspended until the ap-peal was decided. Now the indictments will be quashed, and all the pool-rooms will be opened in time for the Lexington and Louisvere indicted and convicted of a violation of

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"Ingomar" at the Opera House.

"Ingomar" drew a crowded house last evenine in Fulton opera house. The audience were pleased with its presentation, manifesting these appreciation by frequent and prolonged applicates. Miss Hinton, as Partania, was the life of the play, and the characters of Polistor, Ingonar and Myron were well taken, while the balance of the cast gave good support.

From the Reading Times.

Harry Pyle, the famous baseball pitcher, was arrested yesterday on oath of his wife, Mrs. Annie E. Pyle, on the charge of desertion. Mrs. Pyle has been visiting in Lancaster. Pyle entered bail for court before Alderman Holl. He is now living in this city. The warrant was issued by Alderman Denhard.

War Declared by San Salvador.

A telegram from La Libertad, San Salvador, dated Wednesday, says: "War has been formally declared." The trouble arises from the action of President Barrios, of Guatemala, who issued a decree on the shi instant proclaiming the "Union of Central America as one Republic," and assuming the supreme military command.

There was a rather bad freight wrock about 11 o'clock, Wednesday night, at Devon station, on the Pennsylvania railroad, west of Philadelphia. Four cars were thrown from the track and wrecked, and three of the tracks were torn up for some distance. No one was hurt, but the road was blocked and passenger trains delayed for four or six hours. The accident was caused by a broken axic.

They Ascertained Their Strength.

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—It was learned to-day that the receivers of the Philadelphia & Reading rallroad company, with a view to ascertaining the strength of the movement of the general mortgage bondholders who are looking to a foreclosure, summoned H. W. Bartol, the leader of this movement, yester day, to appear before them. To their surprise Mr. Bartol testified under oath that the movement represented over \$2,500,000 of movement represented over \$2,500,000 of securities. As it only takes \$25,000 to give the parties desiring to foreclose a standing in the court, the receivers were very much astonished.

The Chinese Loss Heavy.

Paris, March 12—The loss of the Chinese in the defense of its position around Kelung, which was captured by the French, was about 1,200.

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was devoted to considering the general police to be pursued in the matter of eppointments. One of the topics considered was the situation of affairs in Oktoboma.

It was comparatively quiet at the White House to-day, and there was a marked falling off in the number of callers.

In the Hazen cour martial to-day the judg advocate read the admission of the fact promised by the accessed yesterday.

A fire to-day in St. Dominick's Catholic church, one of the fract churches in Washington, destroyed the centre interior of the structure.

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