mutilated.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., April 18.-The jury

n the case of Patrick Winters, tried at Mont

rose, Pa., this week for the killing of Robert

Gillens, at Great Bend, in November last,

to-day found a verdict of guilty of murder is

the second degree.
Gillens was killed in Winters' saloon and

his body laid or the railroad track, the mur-

derer expecting that it could be run over and

NEW YORK April 18.-John W. Rubright

was to-day convicted of manslaughter in th

second degree for the killing of Michael

Doogan. The prisoner had been pelted with

coal and snowballs by a crowd of boys. He

fired into the crowd, the ball striking Doogan

a bystander, killing him. The defense was

that Rubright had no intention of killing

anybody but fired to frighten the boys. Sen-

How the Colon Was Rescued by Com. Kane

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Official reports by Commander Kane and others

were received at the Navy department to-

day, describing the course pursued by the

United States steamer Galena, and by the

United States Drees at the Isthmus of

anama. The contents of the reports have

not been made known, but it is understood

that they put Commander Kane in a very

much more favorable light, showing that he

rescued the New York vessel "Colon." from

capture by the insurgents, protected her and

her crew and prevented insult to the flag.

The report is said to show that when the

went to her rescue and restored the vessel,

arms and stores to the possession of the

Convicts Escape from a State Prison,

Boston, April 18 .- Masons are cutting a

role for a ventilator through the roof at the

state prison at Charlestown. The guards

reglected the opening and at 9 o'clock this

morning John Martin, Edward Welsh, alias

"Chicken" Welsh, James Riley, alias Toney Lee and George Green, alias Thomas Graves

erawled through under the roof. They

reached the ground by means of rope, scaled the walls and separated

One went toward Everett, another toward

East Cambridge, a third ran down the Boston

and Lowell railroad track, and the fourth

down Rutherford avenue. Green was caught on Rutherford avenue and turned over to the

prison officers who were ignorant of the

prisoners' escape. The other three had not

been captured at noon. Welch was serving

LATE SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

A letter has been forwarded to President leveland, signed by the municipal officials

and members of Parliament of Cork, Ireland,

asking for the retention of Consul L. J. Piatt

Hon, S. J. Randall, who has been seriously

ill for several weeks past, is fast recovering, and yesterday received visitors in his room. He expects to be out next Monday.

South American advices to New York say

the new Chilian iron clad Esmeralda, which

was manned by a native crew, after her ar

rival from England, will have to be refitted

with new boilers. The native engineers dur-

ing a recent trial trip allowed her boilers to

be burned out, and she is now practically

dent made the following appointments to

Two Men Killed on the Radroad.

on the Reading & Pottsville railroad, while

posite direction near Landingville, the

Unable to Discover the Lynchers.

A Boarder Suffocated in IIIs Own House.

early this morning in the three story tene

ment house No.57 Pearl street, and before

the inmates could be rescued James Fitz-

patrick, who boarded with a family having

apartments in the building, was suffocated

Ten Ice Houses Struck by Lightning.

iouses were struck by lightning last evening

and burned, and a large quantity of ice de

stroyed. The buildings belonged to Garner

& Co. and were insured. Loss about \$20,000.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

The Condition of the Barometer and Ther

mometer and Indications for the Morrow.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18 .- For the

Middle Atlantic states fair weather in north-

ern portion, local showers and cloudy weath-

er and colder in the central portion; north to

east winds, becoming variable, slight rise in

For South Atlantic states, light rains slight-

ly warmer, partly cloudy weather, winds gen-erally from northeast to southeast. For Sunday—Slightly warm, fair weather is indicated for the Middle Atlantic states.

NORTHERN BANK MEETING.

subscription Committee Report the Names of

The adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Northern National bank, was held at

2 p. m., at the Northern market house,

John Stoner, presented the report of the

names, all the stock having been taken. The list, on motion, was posted in the room. The committee on organization reported the fli-ing of the necessary papers in Washington, and their suggestion of fixing the number of directors at thirteen, was adopted. Nomina-tions were at once, made, for directors, with

ions were at once made for directors, with

the proviso that each nominee be a holder of 10 shares. The following were placed in

nomination:
John Evans, John K., Stoner, Isaac L. Hess,
Ephriam Hoover, Benjamin L. Landis, J.
Fred. Sener, Henry L. Stehman, Hiram K.
Miller, John H. Landis, Daniel G. Baker,
John H. High, J. W. Byrne, Martin L.
Sheafler, Abram Rohrer, Levi Gross, John
Bassler, Emanuel P. Keller, D. G. Eshleman, George Shreiner, Benj. P. Miller, M. L.
Rohrer, Simon Hostetter, William Riddle,
Henry L. Hess, John Sigle, L. S. Hacker,
Ezra Reist, Aaron H. Summy, J. Gust Zook.
Messrs R. M. Reilly and H. M. Hoover
were appointed a committee to get 300 slips

were appointed a committee to get 300 slips printed bearing the names of the candidates. The meeting adjourned to 330 p. m., when the slips arrived, and as we go to press the

Made an Assignment.

Theo. H. Stauffer and wife, of Upper Lea

cock, made an assignment this morning for the benefit of creditors to Amos Cowen, of

subscriptions, containing 257

the stockholders-Voting for Directors.

temperature.

committee on

omination:

voting is in progress.

The less by the fire amounted to \$2,500.

NEW YORK, April 18 .- A fire broke out

morning, and received fatal injuries.

entertained that he will be lynched.

a ten years' term for robbery.

at that point,

helpiess.

Servia and Greece.

wife and one son.

Illinois, at Stuttgart, Germany.

and then took the vessel to a place of

tence will be pronounced Monday,

GEN. KUMAROFF SAID TO HAVE BEEN AWARE OF AN AGREEMENT.

An Important Communication by Gladstone to the House of Commons-The Russian Advauce Stopped-Gen. Komaroff's Departure from Penjdeh Announced.

Mr. Gladstone, in the House of Common Friday afternoon, stated that the government had received from Sir Peter Lumsden reply to their request for an independent report upon the Penjdeh incident. In this t is stated that General Komaroff was aware at as early a date as the 28th of March of the understanding agreed upon on March 17th, between Russia and England. According to the terms of this understanding England was to deter the Afghans, and the czar was to deter his troops from advancing beyond the positions they then respectively held until some subsequent agreement about the areation of the Afghan frontier could be reached between the two governments. The battle on the Kushk was fought, therefore, several days after General Komaroff had been made aware of the agreement to not advance. It will be remembered that Captain Yates, a British officer, who witnessed the battle, was assured by a Russian officer who commanded in the fight that he knew nothing of the understanding of the 17th of mothing of the understanding of the trans.

March. Sir Peter Lumsden's present report appears to warrant the inference that whatever General Komaroff knew officially about the control of St. Petersburg's agreement with London he

kept to himself.
Mr. Gladstone being asked if the government had protested against the recent occu-pation of Penjdeh by General Komaroff and his establishment of a Russian administra-tion there, answered that the government had not yet made either occurrence a subject of official communication with Russia. The government was awaiting further informa-tion, the premier said, concerning these

events.

Continuing, Mr. Gladstone said: "We asked Sir Peter Lumsden for a full and consecutive account of the events of the 30th of March (the day the battle on the Kushk was rays) fought). A telegram from him has arrived since we sent our request. This telegram is dated at Terpiri, on April 13th. It is in cipher, and is now being deciphered. We shall be unable to say anything further upon this branch of the subject until this dispatch is fully deciphered.

The fact that the Russian commander was aware of the agreement of the 17th of March before the 30th of March, and the question as to whether or not he acted upon instructions or contrary to instructions concerning that agreement, would form the subject of future communications between the government and Russia. In regard to the reported estab-ishment by the Russians of administration at Penjdeh, the government knew nothing officially, and must await fuller information." Mr. Gladstone concluded by saying: "The

ask the House to sanction a vote of credit. When this is requested we will state how much money is wanted and what it is wanted for, and then shall probably be able to cover the entire question fully." Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, under foreign

government will on Monday or Tuesday next

secretary, in answer to an interrogatory put by Sir Stafford Northeote, said that the government considered Penjdeh in Afghanistan proper, but not far from the Russian frontier. A telegram states that the Afghan chiefs

have sent a deputation to Gen. Komaroff to announce their submission. Advices received from Tirpul under date of April 10th, state that the Russians have ceased to advance. They are withdrawing to their former positions. Gen. Komaroff has left Penjdeh.

TEMPERANCE HYGIENE AGAIN. The Common Schools Have Most to Fear From

From the Centre Democrat. Some of our temperance ladies took exception to our editorial of last week on the pas

sage of the temperance hygiene bill. We would not willingly do an injustice to Mrs. Hunt, the compiler of the text book, on the subject, nor would we throw a single ob-Iv and conscientiously engaged in the temper ance cause. Our charge of a book job was based on newspaper reports and we were wrong, as the lady has refused to receive any compensation for her labors and we hasten to

make amends for our criticism. On the main question of its place in the public schools as a text book, we feel conroom: that it is unwise, injudicious and bur densome ; that the time spent on a cursory study of the effect of alcoholic liquors on the human system is that much time wasted; that a thorough study of the subject is imble that the time devoted to that study could with more profit to the pupil be place on arithmetic, grammar, orthography or some other common school study, that is of some practical use in after life; that a some practical use in after life; that a holic liquors acquired by study has never saved a single individual from inebriety; that the daily object lessons which our children see on the streets, and which paint in more vivid colors its horrors than can any text book, have little or no effect on our

youth.

We do not oppose temperance work, for from it, we appreciate the disinterestedness of those of our ladies engaged in it. It is for the control of th the perpetuity of our public schools and their efficiency as such that we speak. They are the ground work of intelligent citizenip and the bulwarks of civil and religious liberty. But when they become a burden on our people, and get beyond the idea of a common school, then there is danger to the system. There seems to be about as much danger to our common school system from its friends as from its enemies.

Murdered by Her Man-Servant. A tragedy which is likely to take a promi nent part in the long list of sensational crimes in Paris was brought to light Thursday morning. The wife of a wealthy cotton manufacturer has lived alone in a suburb of the city for over a year, while her husband was absent in Pondicherry, the capital of the French settlements in India, where he anages a cotton mill employing upward of 8,000 hands. Fabulous stories were told of this gentleman's wealth, and his wife was suped to be the custodian of a great part of his fortune. Her only companions in the house were a maid and a man-servant. That morning the girl discovered the body of her mistress lying on the floor clothed only in a night dress. The head had been completely vered from the body by a knife or batchet and there were a number of terrible stabs in various parts of the body, through some of which the intestines protruded. lieved that the woman's head was cut off after she had been stabbed, the murderer de-siring to make doubly sure that his work was fatal. There is little doubt that the manservant committed the bloody deed, as he has disappeared. The police have not yet has disappeared. The police have not obtained any clue to his whereabouts. bery was undoubtedly the motive for the

A Verdict For a Lancastrian In the United States circuit court, at Philadelphia, on Friday, the jury without leaving the box in the John Sigle insurance case rendered a verdict against the London & Fire Insurance company for 85,270—being for full amount of the policy with interest since the fire. J. L. Steinmetz with interest since the fire. J. L. Steinmet and H. M. Houser were counsel for plaintiff Sigle's insurance originally was \$28,500 in ten different companies. All the other com-panies had paid previously and the London & Provincial is now forced by law to the same

Notice From Superintendent of Water Works As will be seen by an advertisement printed in another column the superintentent of the water works will be at the mayor's office between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock on Monday and Tuesday afternoons to make corrections in the water duplicate. Parties who have sold properties will save trouble and annoyance by calling at the mayor's office and having the proper transfers made. mayor's office between the hours of 1 and 3

CLEVELAND TO COLORED MEN. The President Gives Them His Conception of

Democratic Principles.
The delegates to the African Methodist Zion conference called on President Cleve

land on Friday and congratulated him or his election. The president responded substantially as follows: "I am glad to know that this goodly number represents such a large portion of my fellow citizens belonging to a particular race. As religious teacher your mission is a most important one, and one which cannot be ignored, and should not be under-estimated by the chief magistrate of the nation, nor by any other person holding official place. In the church and in the Sunday school are taught religion, good morals, honesty and a proper regard for the established authority, all of which are exescapinance authority, all of which are ex-ceedingly necessary to good citizenship. You have seen fit to refer to the Democratic party, to which I belong. My conception of Democratic principles embraces equal rights and privileges to all who are citizens of the United States, and I am glad to know that in the endeavor to enforce such a principle I shall have your confidence and support. I am pleased to greet you all and take you by the hand."

In an interview with a number of colored Virginians who petitioned him in regard to appointments in that state, the president said:

said:

"I am glad to learn that you are determined to claim only the rights and privileges of citizens by a proper performance of your duties as such citizens. It has been said that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. I desire to remind you of this, and to say that the vigilance to which I refer is lassed upon that intelligence and thought. based upon that intelligence and thought-ful consideration which induces you to see and apprehend the things that pertain to your interest as citizens, and to gain a knowl-edge of these things in your own way, and without being blindly led or cunningly de-cieved, and when this is finally accomplished cieved, and when this is finally accomplished the day will come, which I, for one, will be glad to see, when something better than race or color will divide the political actions of those who are citizens of the United states."

A STUDENT'S FUNERAL.

the Obsequies Over the Remains of the Lat-John Kerchner.

from the Allentown Item. The remains of Mr. John Kercher, jr., were laid to rest Thursday in the Solomon's church cemetery, Macungie. The attendance was large, the church being crowded to utmost. The esteem in which deceased was held was fully attended by the presence of his principal teacher, Dr. T. G. Apple, president of Franklin and Marshall college of Lancaster, and the following 18 students of the same college, of which four were a special committee of the Go-thean literary society, of which deceased also was a member: Laren Notl, New Columbia, Pa.; C. B. Schneder, Bowmansville, Pa.; G. W. Wagner, Myerstown, Pa.; F. W. Bushong, Bird-in-Hand, Pa.; C. L. Frantz, Lancaster, Pa.; W. G. Haupt, Hagerstown, Md.; G. E. Ifil, Butler, Pa.; D. S. Kurtz, Lancaster, Pa.; J. C. Leiter, Frederick City, Md.; D. Levan, Jakonwald, Pa.; F. W. Mish, Frederick City, Md.; S. W. Mitman, Lower Saucon, Pa.; L. A. shall college of Lancaster, and the follow-ing 1s students of the same college, of waid, Pa.; F. W. Mish, Frederick City, Md.; S. W. Mitman, Lower Saucon, Pa.; L. A. Salade, Tamaqua, Pa.; C. S. Schaeffer, Kutztown, Pa.; J. L. Roush, Spring Mills, Pa.; H. Miller, Reading, Pa.; W. R. Kieffer, Chambersburg, Pa., L. Koontz, Fredrick City, Md. The distance from Lancaster to Macangle is 6834 miles. They brought along a beautiful floral tribute, representing a creation of the Christian symbols "I. H. S.". The members of the Reference and Latheran Sunday schools, of which deceased was: former teacher, assembled at the house of Dr. Chas, Meyer and joined the funeral pro-cession when it reached that place. Rev. Alfred Dubbs and Rev. M. Rath, were also present out of respect for the deceased as well as his relatives. Rev. Thos. Reber officiated, and after an impressive sermon, introduced Dr. T. G. Apple, who also made short, appro-priate remarks suitable to the sad occasion. There is much sympathy felt for the relatives of the deceased, and particularly for his grandfather, John Kerchner, who is over 81 years and in feeble health. In comparatively a few years, besides his aged wife who died very suddenly, he had a loss of fou children, all of which were, so to say, in the

Further Arbor Day Observances. "Arbor Day" was observed to some ex tent in East Earl township, by the farmers although not as much as could have been de sired. Many farmers planted large orchards, while others decorated their yards and lawns with ornamental trees. Very few trees of any kind were planted along the sides of the public roads. The day was appropriately bserved by John H. La Rue's select school, at Cedar Grove school house. Mr. Samuel H. Mussleman, one of East Earl's most ener getic school directors, presented six fine ash saplings to Mr. La Rue and his pupils, with the understanding that they were to plant the trees on the school grounds. At noon each class planted a tree and gave it a name The trees planted bear the names of Pattison, Higbee, Brecht, La Rue, Mussleman and Blaine. Recitations, select readings and speeches suitable to the oscasion were de-livered by the different scholars. Arbor Day was observed in the Mt. Joy high school with an alarm. high school with an elaborate programme Each class in the school named a tree and

Arbor Day was appropriately celebrated in Landisville. At a public meeting held in the graded school house, committees were appointed to collect money and buy trees for the school grounds. Patrons, pupils and others less directly interested, subscribed freely for the purchase of trees. Some contributing trees instead of money. About 40 trees native to the soil were planted and arranged with a view to giving shade, shelter and ornament to the school and grounds.

Mr. Beecher on the Drama From the Spirit of the Times.

One good man is worth a dozen essays on manhood; one good picture, a whole course of lectures on art, and one good mimic representation of honest human passions can do and does do much to advance humanity. I can say this honestly-I have been a reader of Shakespeare all my life, but I never read him until I heard him. Shakespeare in literature is what a marble statue is in an old cathedral, but the man who can touch these who makes us truly acquainted with Shakes who makes us truly acquainted with Shakes-peare. The histrionic art is but an im-itation in one sense, but it has the bower of bringing before men as no letters can a conception of the literature of any age. The highest literature is dramatized, and to see such a drama is to fill a man for the rest of his life. I shall read Ophelia and see Miss-Terry as long as I live. The tlowers are sweet and white by the brook where she lost her life, but the passion flower that hung on the bough of Beatrice was far more won-drous and beautiful in its fragrance than the on the bough of Beatrice was far more won-drous and beautiful in its fragrance than the flower that grew at the death-side. I can hardly say what I would like to say of the obligation I feel to Mr. Irving for his inimitable acting.

Improving the Port Deposit Railroad. Superintendent Wilson Brown, of the Frederick division, Pennsylvania railroad, s taking active measures to put the Columbia & Port Deposit railroad in good condihia & Port Deposit railroad in good condi-tion. The section gangs of each sub-division have been doubled and new steel rails are being substituted for the old worn iron and new ties are being put in. Ultimately the entire road will be stone ballasted. This improvement is rendered necessary by the heavy and increasing treight business of the road.

Excessive Fees for Pensions

In the United States court at Cincinnati, on Friday, John F. McKinney, of Piqua, O., a nember of the Forty-second Congress and long chairman of the Ohio state Democratic central committee, was convicted of having received excessive fees for collecting pen-sions, it being proven that he received \$130 for obtaining a pension of \$1,700.

From the Reading Herald.

J. Howard Sheetz bagged a number of English snipe in Lancaster county on STATE TREASURER.

WHO WILL BE THE REPUBLICAN CAN-DIDATE FOR THE OFFICE?

The Names That Are Mentioned-A Theory Connection With the Use of a Lancastrian's Name-Why Magee is Interested in McDevitt's Candidacy.

larrisburg Dispatch to Philadelphia Times. The contest for state treasurer, the only office to be filled next fall in Pennsylvania, is already generally discussed in close political circles, and it will soon break ont in the party organs and among the disputing leaders The names most prominently mentioned are those of James A. McDevitt, of Lancaster Henry C. Greenawalt, of Franklin, and W. J. Hulings, of Venango. Hulings is rather: favorite of the Independents, and would rally that element in considerable force, but he is not acceptable to the men who confi dently expect to control the state con vention. He is a representative from Venango, and is fully indoctrinated with the independent political ideas of the Northwest, although he tries to keep within Northwest, although he tries to keep within the party lines wherever it is possible. Greenawalt is the present cashier of the treasury, the position from which State Treasurer Livsey was promoted to the head of the treasury, and he is admittedly honest and capable. He is a Franklin county man, and supported Senator Stewart for governor without taking a conspicious part in the contest. If he shall loom up stronger than Hulings there may be a concentration of the more independent elements of the party upon him; but he is not regarded as within range of a nomination by the old-time leaders.

Magee is not only a very sagacious but he

Magee is not only a very sagacious but he is also a very bold leader, and he is considering the question of making a bold hid to hold the disaffected Trish Catholic yotes of last year, by nominating McDevitt for state treasurer. McDevitt is a Catholic, and his nomination would not only test the theory of winning a large Catholic vote permanently into the Republican ranks, but it would also assure the control of the treasury to Magee and his immediate friends. McDevitt lived in Allegheny in 1880, was one of the dele-gates to the Republican national convention from the Pittsburg district, and he followed Magee under the flag of Grant and came out of the fight as one of the memorable "300." He has since moved to Lancaster, but his political affiliations are unchanged, and it is quite likely that Magee will make McDovitt his candidate and demand the nomination

his candidate and demand the nomination for him to crystallize the disaffected Irish Catholies into the Republican party.

The question of the Republicans thus boldly bidding for the supposed disaffected Catholic vote has been gravely considered not only by the Magee leaders in this state, but there have been conferences on the subject between them and leaders in other states as to the wisdom of a general Republican as to the wisdom of a general Republican policy to make the Blaine Catholics solid with the party. Magee and others have conferred with New York leaders, and it probable that the result will be a determined effort to nominate Carr, secretary of state in New York, for governor, who is a Catholic, and McDevitt for treasurer in Pennsylvania. They believe that by putting Catholies at the head of the Republican tickets in New York and Pennsylvania this year they can not only hold the Catholic defection of last year, but largely increase it and thus permanently divide the Catholic vote. The policy is not accepted by all the leaders as wise, and some freely express the belief that it would disgust both Catholics and Protestants and thus lose both ways by the operation: but Magee is in earnest. He has convinced himself that it would be good policy to nominate a Catholic, and he is perhaps all the more willing as McDevitt has the double merit in his eyes of being a well known Catholic and also a devoted follower of Magee. The contest has not yet fairly developed the opposing lines, but it now looks as if it would be Magee with McDevitt against the field.

Barn, Tobacco Shed, &c., Burned This Morning Suspicion on a Tramp.

Another big fire occurred in Manhein waship this morning between 4 and 1 o'clock when the barn of Jacob Henney was burned. The building was situated about four miles from this city, between the Fruitville and Lititz turnpikes. In the barn were a large lot of hav, straw, farming implements, Ac. Three calves were roasted in the flames s it was impossible to take them out in time. A tobacco shed stood near the barn, and the flames soon spread to it. The building, with the entire crop of last year's tobacco, consisting of nine acres, was soon reduced to ashes. The large hog pen was also burned, and the only buildings left standing on the premises re the house and one wagon shed.

It is certain that the fire was of incendiary origin, and it is believed to have been started by a tramp. The man called at the house about 4 o'clock this morning and asked for something to eat. He was told that it was most too early for them to get breakfast. left in a bad humor and walked towards the barn. Shortly afterwards the barn was found to be on fire. Mr. Henney was in this city attending the market, having left home at a very early hour and he knew nothing of the fire until informed by some of his neighbors

who came in. He left at once for home number of cattle that were burned. It is also said that the tobacco-shed did not catch rom the burning building but was ire by the incendiary after he had operated at the barn.

The buildings and contents were insured in the Penn township company, but the loss will not be covered.

Another Barn Burned. CEDAR LANE, April 17 .- A small barr situated on the Welsh mountain, about one mile and a half northwest of Springville, in Salisbury township, and owned by David Baxter, was burned to the ground, with all and part of last year's tobacco crop, at an early hour Thursday morning. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin. The loss on the building and contents is estimated at \$1,000, which is partially covered by

Flames in York County. Cyrus H. Colyin, of this city, is the owner of a farm in Lower Chanceford township, on which there is a tract of woodland consisting

of ten or twelve acres. Friday a party of tramps, who were encamped, set fire to the

woods, and a great deal of time timber was Items from Marietta. MARIETTA, April 17 .- The river at this oint has never been in better condition for rafting and from reports of raftsmen it appears to be the same to the head-waters. Notwithstanding this, fewer ratts have passed

here this spring than ever before. In other years, if the river was in a fur condition, be-tween 75 and 100 rafts would come in every

nearly two weeks and only about twenty-five The great financier, Jay Cooke, is at present the guest of Col. James Duffy, at this place. On Tuesday morning sparks from a loco-motive set tire to the roof of Mrs. Nathaniel Baker's house in the eastern end of town. Very little damage was done, as it was ex-tinguished by the use of a few buckets of

This year the river has been open

Found to be an Escaped Prisoner. George Watson, the colored man who gave Justice Evans, of Columbia, the startling information that the Linville robbery wascommitted by colored men of which he was one, which story was untrue, will remain an in nate of the county prison for the next year. mate of the county prison for the next year. It appears that George was serving a term of imprisonment several years ago for larceny when the jail wall gave way and was one of the convicts who escaped. He was arrested several times since his escape and served short terms for minor oftenses, but was not recognized by the jail officials as one of the colored escaped prisoners. Justice Evans, however, in looking after Watson's record assertained that he had about a year to serve, and he so informed the prison officials. Watson has been formished a convict's suit which he now wears. A POOR RAFTING SEASON.

ne of its Causes—An Accident to a Raft. Masonic Installation — Progress of the Vigilant Fair.

Regular Correspondence of INTRILIGENCER. COLUMBIA, April 18.—Pilot Warren Brown met with an aecident, while taking a raft through the shute yesterday. At the mid-dle and largest of three breakers, an oar became unshipped, and the raft becoming unmanageable was dashed against the shute A current swung the rear end around and against Goat Rock, causing the raft to stem and break in three parts. They were caught

without the loss of a timber. The present season will be the dullest known for years. The only lumber that ha any demand in the market is pine, and from reports but few pine rafts are in the timber regions up north. Hemlock and such rafts to the number of 800 are in readiness to deseend the river, but there is no demand for them. However, they may be sent as far outh as Marietta, to give space for next winter's cutting. Very few rafts will pass Columbia, not over fifty at the greatest. There is no use sending them south, as they cannot be used. Even now nearly a hundred rafts lie in the C. & C. canal, below Port Deposit, a waiting buyers.

P. E. C. John A. Slade last evening installed the following officers for Cyren Comnandery, K. of T. :

E. C.-Robert McAnall. E. C.—Robert McZahan.
Gen.—Henry Sholl.*
Capt. Gen.—Simon B. Cameron.
Treasurer—Dr. W. G. Taylor.
Recorder—R. E. S., A. J. Kauffman.
E. C. McAnall made the following apointments : Prelate—W. B. Brown

Senior Warden—Jno. Westerman. Junior Warden—James Perrottet. Warden-H. F. Zergey. Standard Bearer-Harry Noite, Sword Bearer -- A. C. Keims.

Organist—T. J. Clepper. Capts. of Guards—J. C. Pence, H. Graeff and Washington Righter. Sentinel-Robt. Conklin.

The Vigilant Fair. The Vigilant fair will not close until Mon day evening, when the result of chancing and voting will be made known. Auction will also be held. No admisssion will be charged. Last night the receipts amounted to nearly \$100. The Ironville band was present. Quite a number of articles were chanced off, amongst which were a silver cake casket drawn by James Schroeder; rocking chair drawn by John Hickey; elegant pin cushion by Miss Annie Filbert. A coincidence is connected with the latter article. It was made, donated and drawn by Miss Filbert. The fair will be open this afternoon.

Town Notes.
Rev. Dr. McDongall, of York, and Rev. Geo. W. Ely, paster of the Columbia Presbyterian church, will exchange pulpits to-mor

It was reported in Columbia last evening that P. R. R. Officer Wash Pyle had been run over by a train of cars at Collins and killed. The report was untrue. Regular services will be held in Columbia

hurches to-morrow. Market this morning was a large one. Pronee brought fair prices. Rev. J. F. Meixell, paster of the Bethel Church of God, was the recipient of, a dona-tion party and supper last evening. About 5s members of his congregation were present, most of whom indulged in the supper. Orpheus Young, a resident of Kansas formerly a citizen of Columbia, was bitten in

the right hand by a rat six weeks ago, and blood poisoning resulting. Mr. Young has been confined to his house ever since.

While a car of coal was being unloaded at the Susquehanna rolling mill yesterday, a dog of the Scotch terrier breed, made his appearance from amidst the coal remaining in

the car. It is supposed he was in the car when it was loaded and was literally buried alive. He was in nowise injured.

ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS.

Wednesday-A Freight Wreck. The Elizabethtown National bank will be gin business on next Wednesday the 22nd, at a. m. The carpenters have been busily engaged for the past month in fixing up the room. It is nearly completed: when finished it will be handsome. The safe has arrived

and is already in the vault. our merchants have already received near-ly all of their spring goods. Yet business is at a standstill, owing to hard times and little

On Friday morning as the Differville local freight was going on the sidling in this place, to pass mail train No. I, one of the box cars loaded with bran jumped the track and was thrown across the track on its side, it was badly telescoped. The wreck train ar rived shortly, and in two hours had the track cleared; the mail train was delayed two

On Friday morning Mrs. Joshua Hemperly, an aged lady of this place, died at her resi-dence. The deceased received a stroke of paralysis about one week ago. She leaves a husband and two daughters. On Thursday, Mr. J. Ambrose Ulrich, of

West Donegal township, was married to Miss Lou Lynch, of this place, by the Rev. Father Foin. Many persons were present from abread. The groom and bride left on the noon train for the West. The cornet band of this place were out ser-

cuading last evening; they marched to the residence of Dr. J. Augstadt, proprietor of the Washington house, where they played choice selections and were well entertained

A BATCH OF LOCAL BRIEFS. Mail train due here at 9:35 was an hour lat

this morning, on account of a slight wreck near Thorndale.

The New Holland Clarion reports that John Frankford, the one-eyed horse thief, and another man slept in Mr. Geo. B. Bair's barn, at Summittville on Thursday night,

Jacob B. Long, broker, sold ten shares Lancaster and Williamstown turnpike at \$10 per share, and five shares Fulton National bank stock at \$175 per share. Garabel Norgararian, a missionary who is preparing to return with the gospel to his na-tive land, Asia Minor, Turkey, will deliver tive land, Asia Minor, Turkey, will delive an address to-morrow afternoon at 3½ o'clock

at Grace Lutheran church.

John Benson, the Lebanon defaulter, is making strong efforts among his friends to raise the money to pay the amounts due Misses Caroline, Amanda and Elizabeth

Light, but thus far has not accomplished anything.

Henry Schweers, the man who attempted Henry Schweers, the han who harmonic suicide on Thursday by shooting himself in the mouth, is doing very well at the county hospital and will undoubtedly recover.

Next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, there will be presented in Trinity Lutheran chapet,

by the Junior Missionary society, using the best manufacture of oxy-hydrogen light, a series of one hundred views in sunny Italy B. F. Groff's private residence No. 141
South Duke street, S. R. Graybill's grocery
store, corner of Duke and Vine streets, and J.
Gust Zook's residence, 842 Marietta avenue,
have been connected with the telephone.

This morning four mules hitched to a heavy vagon frightened at the cars at the Pennsylvania passenger depot and started on a run down street. The driver was with them but they got entirely beyond his control. At the Franklin house the heavy wagon struck a light vehicle, owned by John Bassler, breaking a shaft from the latter and tearing the harness badly. This seemed to check the freightened mules somewhat and they were caught near the postoffice before doing

rom the New York Times.
Wife—I notice a statement to the effect that the seal is a very gentle and harmless animai.
Husband—Yes, when alive. But when he becomes a three-hundred-dollar sacque he

often causes a great deal of trouble. Waived a Hearing. H. F. Rohrer, late a supervisor of West Lampeter township, charged with embezzle-ment waived a hearing this afternoon at the office of Alderman Barr and was committed in default of \$300 bail for trial at the April term of court.

A NUMBER OF OPINIONS

DELIVERED BY THE COURT FOR CASES AT THE MARCH TERM.

istice Frank and Constable Struck Awarded New Trial-Details of the Speidel-Evans Difficulty-Licenses Transferred and Guardians Appointed.

Court met at 10 o'clock this morning, being the day appointed for the delivery of ppinions of cases argued at the March term. A large number of opinions however, were read and filed at the last session of the court to give attorneys an opportunity of prepartheir cases for the supreme court. The following were delivered by Judge Patterson

In the suit of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the use of Mary Peterman et. al., vs. Elizabeth Shute and Casper Weaver, the rule to show cause why Barbara White and Henry White should not give bail was made In the suit of Issue Rinebart vs. the city of

Lancaster, the rule to strike off non-suit was made absolute. This was an action to recover\$500 reward for the arrest of Jerry Dungan, convicted of arson, and on the trial plaintiff was non-suited.

In the estate of Daniel Kline the auditor's report was confirmed, after certain corrections

vere made.
In the case of commonwealth vs. George william Kiehl, the court made an order reducing the weekly allowance to be paid to his wife and child to \$2 per week from date, but that the allowance due from the date of the original order, at \$4 per week, must be

paid.

In the estate of James Eabling, deceased, the auditor's report was confirmed after certain corrections directed by the court are In the estate of Lewis Schaeffer, deceased, the auditor's report was recommitted for cor-

rection.
In the suit of Samuel Keneagy, et. al. vs. Benjamin B. Herr, administrator of the estate of Susanna H. Witmer, case stated, the court entered judgment for the defendant.
In the estate of Annie M. Reddington, de ceased, the auditor's report was absolutely confirmed.

Commonwealth vs. John P. Frank Fred Struck, conspiracy to defraud the county of Lancaster, rule for new trial, rule made absolute. The court said they never thought that the conspiracy was supported by proof.

Judge Livingston delivered the following opinion: In the suit of Hargis and Knowles

vs. Samuel Pence, jr., the rule to open judg-ment and let the defendant into a defense was made absolute. The Speidel-Evans Difficulty.

B. C. Kready, attorney for Abraham Speidel, presented a petition to the court sett ing forth that he is a legatee under the will of Lorenty Speidel, that Lorentz Speidel died on May 26, 1882, that your petitioner and Henry D. Speidel were the executors named in the will, that from the account filed it appears there is a balance for distribution of \$3,452.76; that the said Henry L. Speidel has refused to allow your petitioners to handle the funds of the estate and represented that they were deposited at and represented that they were deposited at the Fulton National bank, that he afterwards claimed that he had given \$3,339.95 to his counsel, Robert J. Evans, upon the repre-sentations of Evans that he would pay back at an hour's notice, that he had a farm in the ower part of the county and \$6,000 or \$8,000 in bonds, that your petitioner has reason to believe that Henry E. Speidel and Robert J. Evans have wasted the moneys of the estate in grain speculations. The petitioner prays that an attachment be issued against Henry E. Speidel and his attorney, Robert J. Evans. The court granted a rule to show cause why an attachment should not be issued against Henry E. Speidel, but did not consider that

The attachment was made returnable Miscellaneous and Current Business. Wm. F. Lebastian, of Marietta, and Daniel Hunter, city, were granted soldier's licenses to hawk, peddle and vend goods in the

a rule should now be issued as to the attor

county of Lancaster. A not pros was entered in the suit of con monwealth vs. Christian Brackbill, assault and battery. This was a suit brought by a father against his son, and the jury rendered a verdict of guilty. A new trial was applied for and granted. Since then the parties have arranged their difficulties and the above discountered to the property of the control of the property of the position of the case was made, upon the ment of costs, with the consent of the district

attorney.
In the matter of the executions issued by A. W. Russell and the Lancaster County National bank vs. Dodge & Son, a rule was granted to show cause why the fi. fa. should not be set aside, the levy to remain a lien. A rule was granted to show cause why the tavern license of Aaron Eitnier, of Lincoln, Ephrata township, should not be revoked because he solu liquor to B. H. Longnecker after receiving notice from his wife not to

Alice Bank, Lititz, was divorced from her ausband, William Rank, on the ground of desertion.

Licenses Transfeared. The tavern license of Daniel Miller, Elizabethtown, was transferred to J. E. The tavern license of Christain Hunch

serger, Park house, was transferred to Harry Myers.

The tayern license of Jacob S. Witmer, Mountville, West Hempfield township, was transferred to Michael Burns.

The tavern license of Amanda Becker, Brunnerville, Warwick township, was trans-terred to H. R. Ensminger.

Guardians Appointed. H. Z. Rhoads, city, was appointed guardian of the minor grandchild of Justina Mason, deceased, late of Salisbury township. Dorius Buckwalter, of East Lampeter township, was appointed guardian of the minor children of Mary Buckwalter, late of West Lampeter township.
Emanuel W. Erb, Martie, was appointed

guardian of the minor children of Clark, late of the same township.

John B. Stroh, of Manheim borough, was appointed guardian of the minor children of Martha Young, late of the same borough. Leonard Hamilton, city, was appointed guardian of the minor children of Alexander M. Hamilton, of Virginia. Adjourned to Monday morning at 10

A Good Low-Priced Company. Last evening the Emma Davenpor dramatic company began a four nights en-

gagement in the opera house. The audience was of fair size and Boucicault's "Led Astray" was the bill. The leading characters, those of Armand Chandocc and Mathilde, were taken by Misses Emma Hendricks and Emma Davenport respectively. They are two very capable actresses and their support is good. The whole company is much better than some other low-priced parties that have scooped down upon the town this winter. This afternoon at the matinee a double bill with "Naval Engagements" and "Rough Diamond" is being given, and this evening "The Hidden Hand" will be played. was of fair size and Boucicault's "Led Astray

Charged with the Theft of Harness John Hellinger, living on West Orange street, was arrested on Friday evening by Officer Roadman, on a charge of larceny pre-ferred by William Rote before Alderman Deen. Rote alleges that Hellinger went to his stable in the rear of Locust street on Frihis state in the rear of Locust street on Fri-day morning and carried away a set of har-ness. Hellinger claims that he bought and paid for the barness. He was unable to furnish bail and was committed for a hearing on Monday awayer. on Monday evening.

Suit Against a Clown.

Manager Yecker, of Fulton opera house, this city, issued against the goods of Alfred Misco, the clown, who has been playing "Humpty Dumpty" in Reading all week to immense houses. Misco booked his show to immense houses. Miaco booked his show to open here on March 3d, but failed to put in open here on March 33, our latter part an appearance. Mr. Yecker claims \$50 damages and the hearing in the case was set for this morning at 10 o'clock before Alderman Brownwell, of Reading.

At the Station House. One drunk and six vagrants were the occupants of the station house last night. The drunk was committed and the lodgers dis-

PRICE TWO CENTS. Guilty of Murder in the Second Degree.

NOT PRELLER'S BODY. THE LATEST PHASE OF THE ST. LOUIS TRUNK MYSTERY.

Belief that There is a Huge Conspiracy by Means of Which Preller Was to Escape from a Shortage in His Accounts. The Body Never Positively Identified.

mystery is, if anything, increasing in den-sity. Some lof the detectives and many of the newspaper men who have followed the case formulate the theory that it is a huge conspiracy, and that the body in the morgue s not Preller's, but a corpse fixed up for the ecasion. It has never been positively idendified. In fact it cannot be, because so badly decomposed. The coroner, after the first exunination, said the body had been dead at least two weeks and this would corroborate the belief that it was brought from Boston.

Sr. Louis, April 18,-The Southern hotel

To support the conspiracy theory, it is intimated that Preller may have been short short in his accounts, and being a sensitive religious man, laid the matter before Maxwell, and a scheme may have been formulated. Dispatches from Boston show that Maxwell was looking for a corpse there. His trail is strewn with clews which seem purposely left, and even the trunk containing the body has his initials on it. Preller disappeared the day before Maxwell did, and no effort has been made to trace him. Colon was boarded by insurgents the Galena

The police hold to the theory that Maxwell was a crank and thus account for his lack of caution. There has been a theory advanced that it may be an attempt to swindle a life insurance company. In fact nearly every one has a theory of his own. The mutilation of the corpse is unaccounted for; also its being stripped of clothing. A San Francisco dispatch says a Captain Robinson, of Boston, is on the steamer with Maxwell. Who is he? One of Maxwell's trunks is held at Port Huron for customs duty. It has been ordered to be opened. The inquest in the case opens to-day, but no new developments are ex-

pected. THE INQUEST ON THE BODY.

At 10:30 this morning, the coroner's jury and witnesses viewed the body of Preller at the morgue. Thence they proceeded to the coroner's office and commenced the inquest. Cashier Hunt, of the Southern hotel, testified regarding the arrival of Maxwell and identified the photograph of Prelier. He said he was not brought into contact with either of the men very often during their stay.

A. S. Aloe, optician, testified to a call made by Prelier and Maxwell together two weeks go last Thursday. One of them, Maxwell, tried to dispose of a magic lantern, stere The next Monday Maxwell called alone

and purched some goods. He had a roll of bills. He tendered a \$100 bill in payment James Johnson, a salesman of Aloc, recognized the photographs of both Preller and

tiated for the sale of the magic lantern, stereoptican, &c. This testimony establishes Maxwell's apparent impounious condition preceding the murder, as well as his being found next day. At this hour (2 p. m.) the inquest is proceedng, but there is no propect of reaching a

Maxwell. Maxwell was the man who nego-

MORE PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18,-The presi-PASSING AN EXCELLENT MIGHT. The General Improvement in Grant's Condition Still Remains Unbroken.

verdiet to-day.

To be ministers, resident and consuls gen-NEW YORK, April 18.-General Grant fell erai, Wm. D. Bloxham, of Florida, to Bolivia; into a quiet sleep immediately after 10 o'clock Bayliss W. Hanna, of Indiana, to Persia; and slept well until 2 a. m., when he awoke Walker Fearn, of Louisiana, to Roumania, nd took nourishment. He soon tell asleep again. He awoke at 5 o'clock and nourish To be consuls of the United States: James ment was again given him. He then slept Murray, of New York, at St. Johns, New Brunswick; Boyd Winchester, of Kentucky, lightly until 6 o'clock when he awoke fully. He took his coffee and dressed and is now at Nice, France; Charles P. Kimball, o moving generally about the room. His pulse

and temperature are normal. J. M. Douglas, M. D. READING, Pa., April 18.—An Italian named General Grant's condition to-day is very Jiovanti Derosiani, aged 40 years, a laborer good. He passed an excellent night. At 'clock in the morning he was sitting at the stepping out of the way of a coal train, was library window. One of three reporters struck by an express train coming in an opstanding on the opposite side of the street happening to look in the direction saw the gen eral. He called the attention of his compan About the same time Joseph Coope, aged ions to the fact. They looked up and bowed 70, a coal picker, tost his life in the same to the old hero, who acknowledged the commanner near Phomixville. Coope leaves: pliment by giving them a pleasant smile and a military salute. The general's face looked very thin. Harrison, the nurse, raised the window of the general's sleeping room and PIERRE Dakota, April 18.—The grand jury by pantomime endeavored to show that the reported vesterday that they were unable to general was feeling very well. He held up detect the lynchers of J. H. Bell, the murhis two fingers and made motions as if dri derer. Bennett was indicted for concealing ving a horse, which meant that the general Bell's crime, and as the full penalty of the

would go riding at 2 o'clock this afternoon. law is only five years imprisonment, fears are Senator Chaffee said of General Grant this morning: "He is doing well and is steadily gaining in strength. His throat is now healing and the disease is now held in check by the doctors, who are very hopeful of the ultimale recovery of the patient. There are similar cases on record where a complete cure has been effected, and the outlook is exceedingly hopeful."

Dr. Douglas concluded that the general could not drive this afternoon. He said the air was too chilly; but if improvement continued he hoped to get him out soon.

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA.

They Propose to Put their Fingers in the Russo-

Afghan War. LONDON, April 18.—A dispatch from Contantinople says that the Porte has been officially notified through the representatives of Germany and Austria in that city, that their respective countries will consider the Berlin treaty annulled, if the Turkish government allows either English or Russian war ships, in the event of a war between those countrie to pass through the Bosphorous. The dispatch has caused a decided sensation and the action of the powers named is generally viewed as decidedly unfriendly to England. Much agitation has been caused in offical circles by this news, and both countries are soundly denounced for their intermeddling.

Appointed Auditor of the U. S. Treasur Dallas, Texas, April 18.—J. Q. Che-nowith, ex-member of the legislature, was yesterday notified from Washington, of his appointment as auditor of the U. S. treasury. Mr. Chenowith lives at Bonham. His appointment is regarded as a move by Senator Maxey and Congressman Culbertson to get him out of the way as a possible candidate for either of their places two years hence. The appointment surprised Mr. Chenowith. He leaves for Washington on Monday.

A Fatal Hotel Fire.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 18.-A fire broke out early yesterday morning in Terminus hotel which burned like tinder. The guests escaped in their night clothes. The flames communicated to the adjoining row and seven buildings were destroyed. Two bodies were found in the ruins and are supposed to be those of guests of the hotel. unidentified. Loss on building, \$30,000.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Adelina Patti was seen behind the scenes after the opera last night and said that the reports that she had had a

quarrel with Col. Mapleson were false. see'y Manning Denies a Rumored Appointment

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18. - Secretary Manning contradicts the report that J. O. Chenowith, of Texas, has been appointed to

one of the treasury auditorships.