



LANCASTER, PA., TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1886.

KEPLER'S STORE BURNED.

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A DISASTROUS FIRE IN THE VERY HRANT OF THE CITY.

An Early Evening Fire-Staris in a Sta Extends to a Hardware Store-Chief Vonderwhith Behaves Very Hadly--Mismanaccment of the Fire Department.

One of the worst fires that has ever curred in the city broke out at 6:40 p. m. yesterday and continued for nearly four hours -one of the worst in the destruction which it caused and in the manner which it was managed by the fire department. Harry Fisher's feed store and stable, with contents, including a horse, were totally destroyed; the flames spread to and utterly wrecked the hardware stock and store of A. C. Kepler; the adjoining postoffice building, with gymnasium, Democratic committee rooms, Cline's billiard partor and the postoffice were in serious danger, and were only saved from utter destruction by fire with such a deluge of water as almost ruined their contents and rendered them untenantable for the present. The third floor of the building destroyed was used by Admiral Reynolds Post, G. A. R., and the second floor was occupied by G. Hancock & Co.'s grain exchange ; their rooms

are utterly ruined. The total loss, beside the interruption of business to the several firms affected and the inconvenience occasioned to the public by the removal of the postoflice, will amount to from \$50,000 'o \$60,000. There seems to be no room for two opinions upon the misman agement of the fire by Chief Engineer Von ersmith. During the fire Walter Samson dersmith. During the fire water sameon, fireman of engine company No. 4, fell from one of the burning buildings and besides having a leg broken was badly cut and bruised. The fire is believed to have been of

Incendiary origin. THE FIRST ALARM.

For some time before an alarm was struck signs of fire were visible ; and the odor of burning straw or hay was perceived by parsons in the vicinity ; but, the stores closing at 6 o'clock, no key to a conveniently near alarm box was found, and it was some time sefore the alarm was sounded.

At 6:51 somebody got to box 12 at Zahm's corner, and the gong brought two, and then a general alarm got all four of the city engines to the square. Upon locating the fire they took positions in the neighbor-hood. Some difficulty was experienced by the men of Co. No. 8 in getting their apparatus down. They had a sick horse, and the substituted animal wouldn't work. Accordingly they had to run the hose cart horse back and use him to bring down the engine. Finally No. 1 was planted at the Grant and Prince street plug: No. 2 at Hirsh's corner : No. 3 at Market and West King and No. 4 at Orange and Market. Their streams were at once applied to the fire from the rear of the block endangered. To nearly everybody else than city engines to the square. Upon locating applied to the fire from the rear of the block endangered. To nearly everybody else than Chief Engineer Vondersmith it was apparent that the serious impending danger was in the communication of the flames to the solid the communication of the flames to the solid masses of buildings with their inflammable contents adjoining the one in flames. The Fisher store and stable was the old barn of the Shreiner property on the east side of Market street, opposite Edgerley's carriage factory. Its inside framework was a mass of dry timber, and its contents hay, straw and a horse

It burned like tinder, of course, and all the streams applied couldn't extinguish it. The fire leaped up and quickly licked the roof of fire leaped up and quickly licked the roof of Kepler's building. Its tongues of flame disabed against the windows of the store overlooking the burning stables, and that was the time and place to fight its ad-vance had there been any sort of competent management in the direction of it. A line or two of hose run through Kepler's store and directed right against the progress of the fire would have driven it tack. The employes of the extablishment and every other quick-

that not a mail delivery was missed, and that this morning the carriers were on their routes at the usual hour. The postoffice building was not much injured by fire, but every floor was more or

The postoffice building was not much injured by fire, but every floor was more of less damaged by water. The fourth floor is occupied by the Lancas-ter gymnasium who have their large room fitted up with a very excellent apparatus. All their loose appliances were safely carried out, and those that could not be removed were not much damaged. The third floor is the Democratic commit-tee's room and it is uninjured, save that the ceiling is loosened and the floor and contents are soaked and damaged with water. The second floor is cocupied by Cline & Son as a billiard room. They have nine tables, only one of which appears to be damaged by water. The loss is not heavy. The postoffice room received more water than any other in the building, as a stream flowed into it from the stairway, up which a line of hose had been laid to play upon Kepler's building. This morning the post-mastor began removing the property from Brimmer's to the Kepler building, and al-though the quarters are a little out of sorts, the public will soon be accommodated with their mails as usual, mails to box renters being temporarily delivered by the carriers. North Queen street from Centre Square to Orange was perhaps never before so densely packed as it was last night during the fire. First a crowd, then a surging mass of men, women and children, a perfect jan, through which it was impossible to either advance or retreat. The struggles of those that wanted to get out and those that wanted to get in which it was impossible to either advance of retreat. The struggles of those that wanted to get out and those that wanted to get in were continued for hours, while at the same time sparks from the engines afforded a pyrotechnic display of no mean appearance.

BROKE HIS LEO. Walter Samson,s fireman belonging to No Walter Samson,a fireman beionging to No. 4, while at work on this roof and an adjain-ing one beionging to C. H. Herr, made the mistake of supposing that the two roofs were of the same height all the way along, where-as the root of the Kepler building does not run so far east as that of the Herr building. Not knowing this, Mr. Samson stepped over the comb of the Herr building and fell head-long to a shed roof some fifteen fest below, breaking his leg and otherwise severely in-juring himselt. He was carried to Edgerley's coach works and properly cared for. oach works and properly cared for.

Chief Vondersmith's Statement.

representative of the INTELLIGENCES Interviewed Chief Vondersmith this morn ing, and the chief gave the following state ment :

The alarm was struck at 6:51 p. m., at which time there is only one man at each of the fire houses—the others being at supper. This is a bad arrangement but it is made by the fire committee of councils, and has been condemned by the former chief and by the firemen, as it delays the several companies in certing to a fire. At almost any other n getting to a fire. At almost any other sour of the day or night they can get there sooner, as all the men are then at the engine hour of the day or night they can got there sooner, as all the men are then at the engine house. As soon as the alarm from box 12 was sounded he hastened to the scene and found Fisher's feed store all ablaze. Only two engines, (Nos. 2 and 4,) respond to an alarm from box 12. No. 2 took possession of the plug in front of Hirsh's store, corner North Queen and Centre Square. No. 4 took the plug in front of Moravian churrch on West Orange street. Although the new engine, No. 1, has not yet been accepted by the city he called it out and it took the plug corner of Prince and Grant. Truck A having reached Centre Square was left there, and the horses were unhitched and sent back to the engine house, East King near Plum, to bring down engine Three East King near Plum, to bring down engin No. 3. This was necessary because there are only two horses in fit condition for use fo only two horses in it condition for use for both truck and engine. The chief says he has repeatedly asked for more horses and has been refused them. When engine No. 3 reached the fire it was attached to a plug on West King street near Market. The chief made them street near Market. The chief made them detach their hose from this plug and attach to the plug on North Queen street opposite Kepler's. All these things required time-from twenty minutes to half an hour. A line of hose was run through Kepler's store, and it was found to be too short. No. 2 card was heatily sent for more hose, and the line was lengthened so as to be available. An-other line of hose was run up the stairway other line of hose was run up the stairway between the postoffice and Kepler's building, and thence out of the win-dow at the head of the stairway

pled a third-story room, have \$425 insurance. The Knights of the Golden Eagle and Brotherhood of the Union will also be lowers, although most of their paraphermalia, &c., were saved. Both are insured with Mr. Rife, the Knights in the Westchester company, of New York, for \$200, and the Brotherhood in the Home, of New York, for \$200.

the Home, of New York, for \$200. Cline & Son, billiard parlors, lost \$100, perhaps, one table only being injured. The rooms will re-open to-night. Mrs. Shreiner has no insurance on the old building. The damage by water and smoke to the front building, occupied by Mr. Weikel is slight. He tones about \$400 on his goods; insured for \$10,000.

The Scene To-day. Engine No. 3 and its force remained on duty on North Queen street all night and un-til a late hour this morning. The projecting front wall of the Kepler store endangered passers-by and the pavement was surrounded passers-by and the pavement was surrounded with a rope. The postofiles is being cleaned up and the business will be transferred back to it at once. Crowds surround the scene, and Market street has been a thoroughfare all day for those coming to see where the fire-broke out and the course over which the fire-men chased it.

men chased it. A Plate Glass Window Broken. This afternoon workmen are engaged

taking down the third story front wall Kepler's building which was bulged outward and almost ready to fall into the street. There was a fall of brick from the eaves that broke one of the large plate windows on the first floor. The wall is now sustained by ropts and will be taken down from the inside. A Government Inspector Here.

Mr. Abels, of the postoffice department, ar-rived in Lancaster this afternoon to look after the government property. Postmaster Siay. maker thinks the loss will be very slight, and expects to have the office in full working order by this evening. He wishes to return thanks to the gentlemen who sided him in removing the mails and property to Brim-mer's building. Moved Across the Street.

The Admiral Reynolds Post, G. A. R. and its tenants will meet until further notice ver Stauffer's hat store.

An Interview with Henry Fisher. To a reporter of the INTELLIGENCER

Henry Fisher, in whose feed-store the fire originated, says that he left the building half originated, says that he left the building half an hour before the alarm was given. When he left everything appeared to be in good condition, and he is at a loss to know how the fire originated. When he returned short-ly after the alarm the building was in flames and all his property destroyed, including a horse worth \$150 and a wagon worth \$80. Beside the flour and feed in the building he and two sets of harness worth \$50 a lot of Bestive the normalized mathematic of the bounding he had two sets of harness worth \$50, a lot of stable tools, blankets, shotgun, books and other articles. He estimates his loss at \$1,000 or \$1.500, and has an insurance of \$675 in the Phoenix of New York, of which Mr Rife is

gent. HAVING A GOOD TIME. Young Men Who Fought Them

Into a Lot of Law Sults. At an early hour this morning there was considerable fighting at the Pennsylvania railroad passenger station. Three young men named George Baker, Peter Diehl and William Keller, who had been drinking con siderably, were the cause of the disturbance Keller is a Lancaster man, but recently came from Pittsburg, where he had been living for some years. It will be remembered that he was injured badly recently by having his leg caught between two car bumpers. He is a stout-looking young man and the liquor which he drank seemed to have made him crazy this morning. He first struck Frank Parker, the ball player, who had done nothing to him, sterrible blow. Emanuel Wilhelm next came in his way and he received a smack in the eye. Word was telephoned to the station house for policemen. Officer Merringer went to the station and Wilhelm told him to arrest Keller. The officer said that he had not seen the man do anything and could not take him without warrant. When Keller saw Merringer he once began an attack upon him, assisted by his friends. Baker and Diehl were taken to the

New Methodist Church in Oxford.

The new Methodist Episcopal church at Ox ford was dedicated on Sunday in the presence

Murderous Indian Thieves.

Fatalities to Children

Returned to Court.

Sample Puns of Mus

From the Musical Herald.

MURDER IN KANSAS.

FOUR OF A FAMILY BUTCHERED IN HORAIBLE MANNER.

The Perpetrator of the Deed Uses a Knife and listchet on His Victims-A Boy of the Fam-

ily Escapes and Gives the Alarm-The Son and Brother Suspected,

OSAGE MISSION, Kan., March 9 .- One o the most horrible murders ever known in this country was perpetrated yesterday near here. Mr. Mendell, living 13 miles northwest of this town, was awakened about 3 o'clock yesterday morning. He went to the loor and he was met by Willie Sells, the son

of a neighbor, J. W. Sells. The boy cried out: "Mr. Mondell, a man is at our house with a hatchet and has hurt father and mother. I don't know how badly." Mr. Mendell went with the boy, arousing

J. J. Rice, another neighbor, on the way, Upon reaching Sells' house a most horrible sight met their eyes. In the bed in one room lay Walter, Willie's eldest brother and bed-fellow, aged 19, his throat cut and the entire top of his head chopped off, expos-ing his brain and his left eye hanging upon his cheek. Passing into another and main room where a light was burning they stumbled over the prostrate form of Mr. Sells, his head crushed and almost severed from his body. Near by lay Mrs. Sells, a lady of 43 years, her head mashed and a fear ful gash in her throat. On the bed in the southeast corner of the room lay Ida, Willie's sister, aged 14, killed in the same manner as the other three. Lying near Mr. Sells' head was a bloody butcher knife and on a chair a batchet matted with hair and blood. The boy said that he had been awakened by something, and

looking up, saw a low, heavy-set man, with dark hair cut close, standing in the door. This man stepped in and reaching over Willie, struck Walter, who lay in the back of the bed. Willie jumped out and dressed while the man was still in the room. The man rushed out of one door, while Willie out at nother, and started down the road, Willie after him. A short distance off stood a man on horseback holding another horse, upon which the man vaulted on and both made off. Willie then went on to Mendell's. After the bodies had been discovered, Rice took Willie home with him, where he slept soundly till morning. A coroner's jury was empanelled and the boy was put on the stand. He swore that he had not washed his hands since the murder, but inspection showed that while his hands and wrists were clean ther was a water mark above, while his forearm were deeply incrusted with blood which aphave spurted up his sleeves Around his finger nails too was blood. Upon removing his pants his drawers were seen to be saturated with spattered blood and his bare feet were covered with the same. His feet nitted all the bloody foot marks to be found. The boy stoutly denied being the murderer, and maintained a bold front. The inquest was postponed until this; afternoon The boy was smuggled into a buggy and driven to jail at Erle for fear of lynching, which appeared imminent. On the way to Erie he said to the police officer: "Those fellows tried to get me to say that I did it, but I thought it would be best not to admit it." There is hardly a doubt that the boy committed the crime, though no motive is known. Mr. Sells had in his pockt \$100 in gold and\$170 in bills which were not disturbed besides three watches. John Hall of Erie,

THE NEWS FROM COLUMBIA. Death of One of the Very Oldest Inhabitants

THE ORUB AT MT. JOY. LIBERTY FOR ABE BUERARD. Er-Mauager Hipple Tells What He Knows About Itch and Frozen Toes. Parson Lane Says the Terror is No Longer Terror, But a Christia From the Philadelphis Press.

Intelligender.

THE GOVERNOR'S POSITION.

"What has become of the movement for

"We have the affidavits of the persons t

whom the woman who swore the nine years

on Abe Buzzard confessed her perjury," re-plied Mr. Lane, "and when Governor Patti-

" I will tell you why. When we secured

this testimony I wrote to the governor sist-

ing its substance. 1 was the pastor of the young gentleman's grandfather, and he

knew me then. He also knew me when he

witnessed his graduation as a lad from the

Central high school. I thought, therefore when I waited in vain for an acknowledg

ment of my letter, that, perhaps, it had no been received. I was acquainted with Dr

been received. I was acquainted with Dr. Everett, the governor's private secretary, and, to make sure, I wrote of him. He re-plied that the letter had safely reached the governor. This was all the answer I ever got. I bethought myself that all the gentle-men interested in obtaining the pardon were Republicans, and all the gentlemen having the granting of pardons were Democrata. We could not much more than get started at the thing this year, and so I thought better to wait for the next administration. We shall also seek for the commutation of the

to wait for the next administration. We shall also seek for the commutation of the fifteen months imposed upon Abraham for jail-breaking, believed that his voluntary surrender after the failure of the Lancaster county authorities to catch him by all means in their power, including the ofter of \$1,000 reward, atoned for that offense." "What reason have you to suppose that he is a repentant man ?"

BUZZARD'S CHANGE OF HEART.

"From what he told me, coupled with

such ability as I have from experience in de-

termining whether a man is telling the truth or not and because he gave himself up with-

out getting any share of the reward, as be could easily have done. It was the strang-est trip I ever had when I went to see him.

When those outrages were so frequent last spring in the mountains, I, living then at Honeybrook and believing as I did that the Buzzards were responsible for them, felt at first like taking a gun and joining the horse companies myself. Then I concluded

that that was not my business exactly, and thinking it over, I wondered if civilizatio

hadn't something better than bullets to offer the Welsh mountaineers. So Friend Suppley

son's term is over we shall use them."

ommutation?" was asked.

"Why not before?"

Governor Pattison on Monday morning continued his investigation of the Mount Joy Soldiers' Orphans school, accompanied by three members of Post 58, G. A. R., Harris-Rev. J. S. Lane is pastor of the Haddington M. E. church, at Sixty-third and Ham streets. He came into town on Monday to attend the Monday meeting of Methodist ministers at Wesley hall, 1015 Arch street. burg, and three Harrisburg ladies, member of the Ladies' Loyal League. They were joined later by Attorney General Cassidy, and the taking of testimony was resumed in the parlor of the institution, Mr. John Norris ducting the exam

Manager Kreider, who has charge of the institution, said there were 286 scholars in the school. He was responsible for the edu-cational part of the institution, but he had no power to order repairs, clean towels, chil-dren's clothing, beds or bedding or better food. Mr. Wright alone has those powers, and visits the school once or twice a month, and nobody but he has the right to order any thing for the comfort of the children. alter his conviction.

THE BILL OF FARE.

One of the interesting things presented at the hearing was a bill of fare of the school from October 1 last, carefully kept by Danie Henry, aged 14 years. This record had been left in the bath room by the orphan and the male attendant, Sherbin, captured it. Henry gave testimony to this effect and Sherbin was ordered to produce the bill of fare, which he did in the meekest possible manner. The bill of fare for seven days was as follows bill of fare for seven days was as follows : January 1-Breakfast, fried bread; dinner, soup and meat; aupper, prunes. January 2 -Breakfast, beans; dinner, potatoes and corn; supper, apples. January 3-Breakfast, hominy; dinner, potatoes and turnips; sup-per, canned; apples. January 4-Breakfast, hominy; dinner, soup and meat; supper, rice. January 5-Breakfast, gravy; dinner, potatoes and cabbage; supper, dried apples. January 6-Breakfast, beans; dinner, soup and meat; supper, canned apples. January and meat; supper, caoned apples, January 7—Breakfast, corn meal; dinner, cabbage and tomatoes; supper, currants, According to Henry, in addition black and unsweetened coffee was furnished for break-

fast and tea without milk or sugar for supper. At all the meals bread and butter were furnished. Mrs. McFadden, the cook, was subjected to a long examination, in which she gave a detailed statement of the quantity cooked each day. She denied the which she gave a detailed statement of the quantity cooked each day. She denied the statement of Henry that the tea was not sweetened, stating that two pie-dishes full of sugar were used. She testified that four pounds of coffee and three-quarters of a pound of tea were used daily. Figures were presented showing that only \$360 were ex-pended in the quarter ended November.

SOME CURIOUS ACCOUNTS.

Manager Kreider was recalled with the By the vouchers it was seen that books. clothing was purchased at Mercer, Pa., and Cleveland, O. In the ledger, on page 99, appeared the account of James L. Paul, debited with \$5,000 and credited with \$5,000, mak-ing his account balance; other of Mr. Paul's accounts were read ranging from 1882 to 1880, showing payments to him of over \$8,000. Over two of the larger amounts were written the word "loan," which Kreider admitted he had written since the books were or-dered to be produced by the governor. He didn't know why he had written the word "loan" over these large amounts, ex-cept that the same word was written over other sums and he wanted to make them uniform. During witness' connection with the institution since September 1, 1885, Mr. the Weish mountaineers. So Friend Supplee and I went up to Abe's mother's house. We assured them then that we were simply a Quaker and a Methodist missionary, but it wasn't until I sang and prayed with them that they believed we were not detectives. We went from house to house and finally fixed the day for the meeting at the Handboards, which started the mission there that the Presbyterians seem now to take all the credit for. It was a strange meeting, and for a long time it was a question whether the services or a dog fight under the meet-ing-house would succeed in fixing the sten-tion of the congregation. The services con-quered finally, and at that meeting we made arrangements for a conference with Abe at the institution since September 1, 1885, Mr. Paul has received \$3,750, as appears by the ledger. George W. Wright's account was then taken up, and it was found that he bad received \$1,149.85, \$3,490.91, \$518.61, \$4,649.32, \$2,000, \$2,558.86, \$3,427.38, \$2,000 and other sums as payment for his interest in the school, etc. It also appears that Mr. Wright paid George Pearson, John 1. Gordon and James L. Paul \$1,000 in the spring of 1885, Other entries were found of payments of large sums to Gordon, Pearson, Wright and Paul. The account of John L Gordon was then

The account of John I. Gordon was then shown. Mr. Gordon lives in Mercer, and is one of the syndicate. The tell-tale books showed that Mr. Gordon had a great deal of

PRICE TWO CENTS.

THE KING OF THE CARNIVALS.

MRRRY-MAKINGS IN NEW ORLEANS USHER IN LANT.

nnual Parade of His Majesty Rez, Eing of the Merry Maskers-A Great Day on the Streets of New Orleans-Brilli Pageant Witnessed by Thoumada

NEW ORLEANS March & -To-day Hm Ma-jesty Rex gave his annual parade for the benefit of his subjects. The enthusiasm of his reception yesterday when he ianded at the levee, and the ovation he received on his preliminary parade had 'grown until the streets along the route of the pro-cession was densely packed with peoples. These parades are usually viewed by 25,000 to 50,000 visitors and probably one-half of the population of the city. To-day the crowds along the line of march showed no diminu-tion in numbers. tion in numbers.

The events depicted by the blazing pageant were the most glorious and notable incidents of Roman grandeur; of the Christian ers, of Peace, Martyrdom, the Reformation and the course of history in early centuries. It was a spiendid display.

Wife of Hon, Benjamin Harris Brewster Dead PHILADELPHIA, Murch 9. -- Mrs. Benjamin Harris Brewster, wile of ex-Attorney Gen-eral Brewster, died at the residence of her husband, in this city, this morning, after a brief illness. Mrs Brewster was the daughter of the late

Robert J. Walker, who was at one time sec-retary of the United States treasury. She was a lady of high culture and refinement and very popular in society circles, both in this city and Washington.

CABLE FLASHES FROM FOREIGN LANDS A bishop has been appointed to the long vacant see Ermeland in the Prussian govern-ment of Konigsburg. This is accepted as another evidence that amicable relations have been established between the vatican

and Germany. Mr. Gladstone has almost entirely recover-ed from his cold and has resumed his duties in Downing street, London.

How in gates, London. Hon. Edmund Arthur Marcus Sandys, of London, brother of Baron Sandys, has been declared a bankrupt. One of the causes of his embarrassment is the cost of the racing stable which he has maintained in the United

States. Elaborate preparations have been made in Sr. Petersburg for the celebration of the car of Russia's 41st birthday to-morrow. A large armed body of Arnauts attacked a party of navvies working on a Turkush rail-way near Vranga, Albania, yesterday. A desperate fight ensued in which several engineers and thirty workmen were killed. Mme. Louisa Hart was given a hearing in London this morning on the charge of pro-curing young girls for immoral purposes and committed for trial at court.

TELEGRAPHIC TAPS.

Masked men boarded a freight train nes

Little Rock, Ark., disabled the engine and side-tracked it. The freight is perishable goods, and was to go to Texas. The Pacific Mail company, it is reported in San Francisco, entered the railroad war yes-terday, by cutting first class tickets to New York from \$150 to \$75.

A U. S. marshal has arrested four men near Portland, Ore, for complicity in Chinese outrages. Nineteen are now behind bars for the same offense.

Ex-Senator Jerome B. Chaffee died this

morning of acute meningitis, at Purdy's sta-tion, Westchester county, N. Y. The president has recognized W. R. Hoare as consul of her Brittannic majesty at New York.

There is no change from yesterday in the strike on the Texas railroads. Freight traffic on the T. & B. and the Gould lines is sus-pended. The rioters at Big Springs, Texas, are to be arrested. In Washington, D. C., Judge Merrick has dismissed the application granted by the equity court restraining the W. U. telegraph company from erecting its poles in that city. An appeal to the U. S. supreme court is taken. The Senate chamber is draped this morn-ing out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Miller; and the galleries are crowd-ed to hear the debate on the executive re-fusal to send his private papers to the Senate. Edmunds opened it. The employees of Helweg's shop, in Indian-spolis, having saked for the adoption of the eight-hour system, were informed that their day would be lengthened from ten to twelve hours and they quit work. There is no change from vesterday in the ours and they quit work.

He was stationed for three years at Honey brook, on the southern slope of the Weist mountain, and he told his reverend brethren at the meeting about the mission at the Handboards and that he believed in the sincerity of Abe Buzzard's conversion. Late in the afternoon he sat in his par sonage parlor and said that he based his opinion on conversations with the outlaw when he and Price Supplee induced him to surrender last spring and that, furthermore, he had seen him in the Eastern penitentiary within four weeks and had seen nothing t

of the establishment and even witted person saw this; but Vondersmith was worse than deaf to advice. He told peo-ple who gave it to go to hell and to mind their own business, he could attend to his. He did iL

KEPLER'S STORE BURNED.

The building at its west end was soon in flames and the upper floors were gutted from end to end, a distance of 254 feet, and the lower floors flooded by water.

The flames from the burning feed store firs The names from the burning load store into set first to the rear of the fourth floor, where is located the lin shop, entering through the windows on the south side of the building and creeping on in an easterly direction until they reached North Queen street, entirely destroying the third and fourth stories.

The first, second, third and fourth floors back were all occupied by Mr. Kepler-the second and third floors containing an imsecond and third floors containing an im-mense stock of stoves, ranges, roofing mate-rial, forks, rakes, and many other agricultur-al implements, and a part of the fourth floor as a tin and sheet iron shop, and the other part as a store-room for various kinds of hardware. The cellar was stocked to its utmost ca-pacity with wooden ware, paints, oils, var-nishes, glass, iron, nails, cement and other articles.

histors, glass, iron, nails, cement and other articles. When the fire had fairly taken hold of Kepler's back building and was creeping to the front, great excitement provalled, as it was supposed that there was gunpowder stored in the cellar and the crowd outside did not know how much. There was a small quantity of powder, but this was speedily removed to a place of safety.

DRIVEN THROUGH A FLUE.

The fire was a most stubborn one ; the long building acting as a kind of a flue through which the flames were driven by a slight west wind, slowly but surely from the west to the east end. The firemen, when they got their line of hose laid, worked vigi-lantly but at great disadvantage, as the smoke and flames drove back those of them that had now got into the front part of the building and rendered their services of little good. Section after section of the roof fell in, and the flames reached North Queen street and burst through the roof and third foor front windows. Three streams of water were constantly played upon it, but the front roof fell in and the large signboard and battlements tell back ward and partly into the burning building. This gave the firemen a better chance to reach the flames, but their work was a rather dangerous one, as the fall-ing in of the roof had builged out the third story of the tront wall and it was momen-tarily expected to fall outward into the street. The fire was a most stubborn one ; the long

The hook and ladder truck, which up to this time had a ladder and line of hose raised to the roof of the building, was compelled to move back into the middle of the street, and there play upon the fire from the top of their ladder.

CONTROLLED AFTER THREE HOURS.

CONTROLLED AFTER THREE HOURS. By 10 o'clock the fire was completely under control, but Kepler's fine building, one of the largest in the city, was a mass of ruins, and what remains standing of it will have to be torn down and rebuilt. This morning it presents a most forlorn appear-ance...the roof and upper floors being en-tirely burnt out, and the front wall likely at any moment to topple over. The goods in the building are greatly damaged and many thousands of dollar's worth destroyed, but the approximate amount has not yet been ascertained.

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ADMIRAL BRYNOLDS POST G. A. R.

As soon as Kepler's building was fairly on fire the members of Admiral Reynolds post, G. A. R. commenced the removal of their furniture, regalia, de., from their room in the third floor front. They succeeded in getting the greater part of their effects asfely out, but their carpets and some other articles were somewhat damaged in being removed.

THE POSTOFFICE IN DANGER.

Great excitement prevailed in and about the postoffice, located on the lower floor of Mr. Kepler's four story building adjoining his store, and as the flames approached every exertion was made to remove the mails and other postoffice property to a place of safety. This was accomplished, the property aud mails being carried to Fred Frimmer's new building on North Queen street. It is creditable to the postmaster and his assistants

(third floor) where a good stream was thrown upon roofs of the adjoining building. Another stream was thrown from the third floor of the postofice building. The chief said it was impossible to do effective work with this line of hose in preventing the ad-vance of the flames toward the front of the building, because there was a partition sepa-rating the lodge room from the part of the building occupied by Mr. Slaymaker, and after the partition was cut through, the fire-men were driven from the starway by snoke and flame. Engine No. 3 having been re-moved from West King street to North Queen, had two lines of hose constantly play-ing on the fire-one from the pavement and the other from the top of the ladder of truck A. Engine No. 4, in front of the Moravian church, had a line of hose extending to Ed-gerley's carriage house in rear of the postofice building, and from the roof of this building a stream was thrown into the burning build-ing. third floor) where a

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stream was thrown into the burning build-ing. The chief says he had seven streams on the fire and he thought he had them on the right place. He knows he is blamed for his management of the fire, but he tried to do his duty. The delay in getting to the fire was not his fault, but was the necessary re-sult of having only one man at each engine house during breakfast, dinner and supper time. He says when the truck reached Centre Square, there was not a ladderman present—they were all at supper, and all live a considerable distance from the fire. The chief says also in explanation of delay, that the frost had raised the pavement around the plug at the corner of Prince and Grant streats on much that the hose of engine No. 1 could not be attached to it until the frozen brick and earth had been cut away. There was aloss of twenty minutes caused by this accident. When the engine got to work two good streams were thrown from a line run-ning into the Shreiner property, occupied by Mr. Weikel.

Damage to Edgerley's Building.

The building in the rear of the postflice, occupied by Capt. Edgerley as a show room for carriages, also the one on the opposite side of Market street, owned by opposite side of Market street, owned by Capt. Edgerley, suffered a few hundred dollars damage. It is insured for \$2,000 in the Continental, Shenk & Bausman, agents. Some of the stock in the show room was bilistered by the beat, and the loss of Capt. Edgerley will be about \$200, but it is insured in the Western Insurance company, also represented by Shenk & Bausman. Thu Losses.

ford was dedicated on Sunday in the presence of a large assemblage of people. Before the sermon a subscription was started for the purpose of lifting the debt against the build-ing, which resulted in \$2,030 being subscribed, sufficient to nearly pay the debt. The struct-ure is of brick 93x57 feet and cost \$10,800. Rev. M. Jacobus, pastor of the First Presby-terian church of Oxford; Rev. Mr. McNamee, of the Baroist church and Kay A. H. Crosby. The Losses. The one-story brick building with trame attachment, in which the fire originated, was built on the rear of Mrs. M. Shreiner's; prop-erty, on Market street. This building had formerly been occupied by Harry Diller as an iron and steel store. After Mr. Diller's death it was leased by his administrator to Drachbar & Bartel, and by them sub-leased last fall to Henry Fisher, as a flour and feed store. The building was 32 by 60 feet, the of the Baptist church, and Rev. A. H. Crosby, of the United Presbyterian church, of the same borough, each delivered short addresses. Presiding elder Rev. Wm. Swindelis officiated. Marderous indian Thieves. News was received in Tombstone, Arizona, on Sunday night, of a recent attack by Apaches on a party of travellers near Noco-sala, Sonora. Two of the travellers were killed. The indians then went to William Brown's mine and killed Brown and James Moser. They then stole eighty horses from settlers near San Pedro and went towards the mountains. These Indians are believed to belong to Geronimo's hand. tast fail to heary Fisher, as a hour and lead store. The building was 32 by 60 feet, the frame attachment being two-stories high. The loss on building is not estimated, nor has the insurance been ascertained up to this writing. Besides his horse and wagon Fisher's loss is light; his insurance is with Jere Rife.

Fisher's loss is light; his insurance is with Jere Rife. The wrecked Kepler building was 32 feet front, built of brick, the front portion for a depth of 100 feet or more being three stories. His insurance is as follows: On stock \$25,000, on store \$9,000; on postoffice building \$10,000. This is divided like this: With Bausman & Burns, on stock in hard-ware store: British America, \$2,500; New York Bowery, \$2,500; City of London, \$2,500; Union, \$2,500; Northwestern, \$2,00; Wash-ington, \$2,500; on postoffice building, Ætns, \$5,000.

pond. At Windsor, Vermont, on Sunday after-noon, Richard Merchant took home a revol-ver, which he wished his father to buy. While the father was examining it the weapon went off and a builet entered the need of his 4-year-old daughter, causing her death within two hours.

ington, \$2,509; on postoffice building, Ætns, \$5,000. Rife & Kauffman have \$5,000, on the stock in the Hartford ; H. R. Breneman has \$2,500 on the stock in the Sun ; \$2,500 in the Insur-ance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, and \$2,500 on the postoffice building in the Phoenix of England. John H. Mettler has \$2,500 on the postoffice building in the German American company. Shenk & Bausman have \$4,000 on the hard-ware store in the Fire Association and H. S. Gara \$6,000 in the North America. On the fixtures in the postoffice Bausman & Burns have \$2,000 in the Phoenix. The Admiral Reynolds post had their fur-insured with Bausman & Burns in the Mer-chants, of Newark, for \$500.

Wm. B. Wittauer, of Elizabethiown, was heard by Alderman Fordney this morning on a charge of violating the liquor law by seli-ing beer on Sunday and to minors. Dr. A. M. Kolbaugh appeared as the prosecutor. The alderman returned the case to court.

A good composer for a slumber song,-Go(u)nod. For a drinking song,-Meyer-beer. For a wedding march,-Benedict. For a knock-turn,-Sullivan (J. L.).

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has been appointed guardian of the boy.

Keller insisted upon whipping Merringer, and the officer did not seem anxious to hur tegular Correspondence of the INTELLIGENCER and the officer did not seem anxious to hurt hum, although he was then determined to lock him up. The prisoner was thrown upon the floor of the station several times and whenever he was able to regain his feet he would strike at the officer. Merringer was badly cut about the face by him, but after a struggle he received assistance from Officer Ritchey. The two then put thenippers upon Keller, but he refused to walk and was hauled to the station house on a wheel-barrow. Upon being placed in a cell he broke out all the windows, and struck Officer Boas in the face, after calling him to the hole COLUMBIA, March 9.-Mrs. Catharine Sanders, widow of the late Hugh Sanders, died on Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Uriah Findlay, on Perry street, between Second and Third She was one of the oldest residents of Col umbla, being aged 92 years, eight months Boas in the face, after calling him to the hol in the cell door on pretense that he wanted t

In the cell door on pretense that he wanted to talk to him. The result of last night's fun is that the young men have got themselves in a peck of trouble. All three are held by Alderman A. F. Donnelly tor drunken and disorderly conduct, and Keller is charged with assault and battery and surety of the peace by Officer Merringer. Baker is also charged with as-sault and battery before the same alderman. Belore Alderman Deen Emanuel Wilhelm has brought suit against Keller charging him with assault and battery. All the men gave bail this morning. Handsome Lithographs. During the last few years the win dow lithograph has become very popular with show people. Is is wonderful what an amount of money is spent for "window work," some of which is very handsome. At present there is some of the finest lithographs in the windows that

She was one of the oldest residents of Col' umbla, being aged 92 years, eight months and four days. She was conscious up to within a few hours of her death, which was due principally to old age. Two children, ten grandchildren and twenty-six great grandchildren are her descendants. She has been living in Columbia for the past twenty years, but was formerly a realdent of Lan-caster city. During her entire life she was an earnest Christian. The funeral will take place on Thursday afterhoon at two o'clock. Mrs. Sanders was, for many years, a pen-sioner, her husband having been a soldier in the war of 1812. Thursday evening, in the Presbyterian church, Revs. Morrow, of Philadelphia, and Moran, of this town, will make an earnest plea for the revival of the Bible society-Isaac Auwerter, of the agricultural works, lacerated his right index finger in the machinery-Squire Evans gave Sylvester G. Snyder, of New street, Lancaster, 10 days for lurking around T. H. Purple's residence-Squire Frank fined Edw. Cann and John Baker the costs and exacted bonds for a year's good behavior from them for raising a row at Amos Lewis'-Singing, addresses, reports and an oration made up a brilliant celebration of the Cookman chapel's tenth anniversary last night-Council meets to night-Presbyterian candy sociable in the iecture room on Friday evening-Turks, bear and monkey in town yesterday-Joseph Hail back from Kansas City-Supt. D. F. Schure looking after repairs to the Tide Water canal. has ever been seen here. Dan Sully uses a least fitteen kinds of lithographs to adver tise his "Corner Grocery," and Ezra Ken dall has added several and very handsome ones to his stock since his last appearance here some weeks ago. Salisbury's Trouba-dours have two beautiful large "lithos" of charming Nellie McHenry, and that of Edwin Thorne (of the Black Fiag) is one of the handsomest ever seen in Lancaster. Water canal.

BLIND TOM AT THE HALL.

An Exhibition Last Evening of His Musics

A large audience in Fulton opera hous ast evening listened to the wonderful performance of Blind Tom. Besides playing on the piano the best compositions of on the piano the best compositions of the leading authors of the world, he created much merriment by his peculiar spelling of difficult words by hearing them sounded either on the instrument or by a person speaking from the audience ; then his imita-tion of an ante-bellum speech of Stephen A. Douglas heard by Tom at Lynchburg, Va., when ten years of age, was one of the best features of the entertainment. Upon invita-tion a young man mounted the stage and played a march which Tom remembered and played a march which Tom remembered and played a share for note. He described the battle of Manassas cleverly on the plano, and also showed skill in imitating music from various instruments on it. The auditors were manifestly well pleased with all of his were manifestly well pleased with all of his

A Breast Plate of Diamonds. In private conversations since Miss Cleve and's last lunch party much has been said of the size and number of the diamonds worn set in a shield-shaped ornament as a brooch set in a shield-shaped ornament as a brooch by Senator Stanford's wife. It looked like a breast-plate on her dress of black slik and crape. The ornament measures about four inches across its widest part. The central diamond is of enormous size and is set around with many others which are unusu-ally large. This was the only ornament she wore. This was Mrs. Sanford's first appear-ance this season in society. Two little daughters of Frederick Reed, of Dartmouth, Massachussetts, were drowned on Sunday by breaking through the ice on a

List of Unclaimed Letters

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the ostoffice, Lancaster, for the week ending March 8, 1886 :

March 8, 1886 : Ladies' List. --Mrs. H. D. Booth (2), Mamie Faleck, Miss Lizzie Letevre, Gulia Witmer. Gents' List. --John J. Boyd, Joseph Brick-ner, Calvin Craig, Elmer Eastburn, R. H. Gibbons, John Gonnelly, F. H. James, John H. Johnson, Heinrich Lichte, A. D. Mc-Gorald, J. P. Sommers, W. H. Walborn, C. L. Witson, W. H. Wilson.

Fire Damp Explosion. A series of explosions occurred Monday in the Uniondale mine at Dunton, near Con-nelisville, Ps., by which two men were killed and twoive injured. Four of the in-jured are not expected to recover.

ne" at the syndicate's dinner-table, and that he must have found farming a soldiers' orphans school vasily more profitable than running a country newspaper. The grocery account showed that for the year 1885 a little over \$2,000 was expended for groceries, which did not correspond with Mr. Kreider's state-ment that the grocery bill ran \$1,800 per

quarter. J. B. HIPPLE ON THE STAND.

The next witness examined was J. B. Hipple, principal of the school from August, 1883, to March, 1884. He said his powers were very limited and his hands were literally Of this he complained bitterly, as he knew blame would come on the institution and an attempt would be made to make him and an attempt would be made to make him the scapecost. He produced and read a number of letters, among them one from Professor Higbee, in December, 1883, congrat-ulating him on the condition of the school. Hipple read a letter he wrote to Wright in which he complained of troubles in the school and abuses that existed. The doctors said there was no itch at the school, when, in fact there was no itch at the school.

school and abuses that existed. The doctors said there was no itch at the school, when, in fact, there were thirty cases. On Feb-ruary 1, 1854, Wright wrote to Hipple that the boys' feet were frozen during Hipple's principalship, and chiding him for complain-ing of the other officers of the school. Hipple then wrote to Wright complaining of the latter's treatment of him, and in-forming him that a boy named Rhoads was in the filthy sick room with frozen feet, from which the blood cozed. Witness said the frozen feet were due to insufficient shoes, and there was no place for the boys to go to keep warm. There were twenty-five boys with frozen feet, and they were in the institution at the time Wright visited it, but he did not see them. Hipple received a let-ter from Wright dated January 30, 1884, in which Wright cautioned him to fix things up to meet charges when the Grand Army met. Wright was much afraid that frozen feet, itch, rotten toe-nails and the record of deaths would create trouble if the Grand Army got wind of it.

The witness said he once received the fol-lowing from Wright, dated McAllisterville, Juniata county, Pa., Dec. 5, 1883 :

Professor J. B. Hipple :

Juniata county, P.a., Dec. 5, 1883 : Professor J. B. Hipple: Sin: You are keeping up your record for miserable luck and mismanagement of Mt. Joy, so that it is impossible to live longer under it. Lack of care and no forethought has turned the best school into a disorgan-ized, diseased, filthy mob in less than three months, deaths and absentees con-stituting the greater portion of your rolls. I have no idea what will be expected on occasion of the governor's visit, but would suggest you put out a smallpox flag. You have worked the diphtheria matter quite long enough, I think. You had better see if you have groceries, etc., on hand to feed visitors and employes ; you will not need for children by that time, the way you are going. Order from Martindale & John-ston whalever may be needed. Have you received new suits? If not, write to Brown-ings and try to get them in. You must change Mt Joy or I must. There is no sense in the way you have been doing, and much is within your control. The record is by far the worst in the state at any time. Truly, GEORDE W. WRIGHT. fresh celery tops and cabbage leaves lying outside a kitchen door near by he made his way to them, and was about making a meal way to them, and was about making a meal of them when, hearing a small boy approach, he concealed himself under the steps; but the boy saw him, and taking him by the stumpy tail, held him up at arm's length, and said "I have you at last, you infernal cold weather prophet; its you that's been freezing up everything for the past three months, and now I'll thaw you out," and so saying the young ground-log was taken into the kitchen and laid beside the kitchen stove. By this time he was still as a poker, and ap-parently as dead as a door nail, and all curled up in a little heap. The warm room had an effect on him as awakening as the oratory and music of a Salvationist has on a unre-generate sinner. He first kicked out with one leg, then with the other, bilinked with both eyes, yawned, turned over on his belly, staggered to his feet, humped his back and said in broken English, "Where am I." Said the small boy. "You are a prisoner in a dungeon cell, and I am Lord High Exe-cutioner ; your days are numbered ; down on your knees and pray your last prayer." "Why, heaven blees you, Billy," said the ground-hog, "you don't know me ; I'm 'Woody' the same little fellow that crawled out of his hole the day before Christmas and was quietly led back by the ear, as reported in the INTELLIOENCER. You wouldn't hurt me, would you?" "I'll let you off this time," said the small boy, "on one condition." "Name it," said Woody. of them when, hearing a small boy approach

HERE'S A CHANCE FOR HIESTAND.

Couldn't Senator Sommy Have it Done With State Appropriation? from the Marletta Times.

If Congressman Hiestand wants to do some thing which will redound to his credit, and for which he will receive the thanks of his constituents, he should take the earliest op portunity to introduce a bill in Congress making an appropriation for a survey of the Susquehanna from tidewater to Harrisburg, with a view of making it navigable for steam vessels. This would give an ontiet to the ocean for the trade in the rich valley this noocean for the trade in the rich valley this no-ble river drains, and would greatly enhance the value of the land on either side of it, and enable farmers and business men to get cheap freights for produce and merchandise. This improvement would doubtless cost millions of dollars, but the return to the tax-payers would be great. Congress appropri-ates millions of dollars annually for improve-ments which benefits few people beside the contractors but this would be of use to a large section of the country, and would be money well invested.

Pequea valley apparently set out to follow and capture Abe and the reward. We de-clared the meeting off and separated. I took the train for Beartown and Friend Supplee ircled round the mountain and met me there.

A PENITENT OUTLAW.

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WOODY WIDE AWAKE.

He is Gathered in by the Small Boy Bat Given His Liberty on Promising a Snow Storm,

Friends can show.

"Abe was at the appointed place, and we had a long talk. He told us that nine years of his sentence had been unjustly imposed, and that he was willing to serve the other four if that could be taken off. We questioned him as to his complicity in the recent tioned him as to his complicity in the recent outrages, and he satisfied us that he was not guilty of them. He said that he couldn't let his family suffer, by which we supposed he meant that somebody's hen-roost had suffered to support them, and he prom-ised to abstain from thieving if we could let them have clothes and provisions, which we did. Friend Supplee and I counseled over what had best be done when we had satisfied ourselves that what he said about the nine years was true. We knew there

satisfied ourselves that what he said about the nine years was true. We knew there was no justice for him in Lancaster county, and we thought at first of sending him West. Finally we concluded it was better for him to get legally clear of his sentence before starting in life again. He toki me that he had had a change of heart, and I believed him when he gave himself up, as we finally advised him to do." Mr. Lane he a business-like looking man. FOR WEDNESDAY .- A low barometer will probably develope in the extreme Northwest Wednesday night, and that which is now on the Gulf coast will move eastward into the Gulf stream, followed by colder fair weather throughout the Atlantic states.

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advised him to do." Mr. Lane is a business-like looking man, with a strong, square jaw and an iron-gray beard of church militant cut. He is sp-parently the last person in the world to grow sentimental over a penitent thief. Price Sup-plee, his fellow-pioneer in the Welsh moun-tain mission, whose work was described at length in the Frees last fall, is as clear-headed, Mesars Garott, O'Neill, Biddle and Peteron, of the state board ot charities who visited Lancaster lately, wrote a letter to Commissioner Samuel M. Myers, in which Commissioner Samuel M. Myers, in which they " are constrained to express the convic-tion that it is quite time the jail was either completely remodeled and enlarged to more than double its present capacity, or, still bet-ter, torn down and entirely rebuilt." In view of the deficiencies of the structure and its crowded condition they "feel no hesita-tion in advising what would seem to us far better—the removal of the jail and the erec-tion of a new one beyond the creek. This location, with sewer drainage facilities very superior to those where the present building stands, will be on less valuable ground, and not much further from the court house than the present one." A juvenile ground-hog took advantage of the fine spring weather, Sunday, to crawl out of his hole in Quarryville and take a sly look at the outside world. Seeing some nice the present one."

Notes from Rohrerstowa. The Rohrerstown Harmony Lilterary society held its iast meeting on Friday even-ing for this season and adjourned until October 15. The society was treated to seven speeches from ex-Members of the Legislature E. S. Hoover, Manheim township, who re-ceived a vote of thanks from the society for his able address. He was accompanied by A. Haverstick. After the regular order of exercises the society domaied to the Harmony graded school, of Rohrerstown, \$10 to be invested for their library--which is the only library in the schools of East Hempfield township.

library in the school house, Rohrerstown, A grand entertainment will be held in the Harmony graded school house, Rohrerstown, on Saturday evening, March 20. The exer-cises will consist of vocal and instrumental music, dramas, farces, dialogues, recitations and tableaux. Proceeds will be used to pur-chase books for the school library ; teacher J. H. Shenck.

A Woman Injured. Mrs. Thomas, of Mechanicaburg, had her nose injured by being struck with a horse's foot this atternoon. The accident was caused by the horse scaring at a hand of musicians, rearing and striking Mrs. Thomas as she stepped in front of him. The woman's wounds were dressed at Locher's drag store.

A Bad Fall

Appende Board. The dissatisfied real and Peques, Conoy and West Done appeared before Lie county of

Samuel Hess sold at public sale -day, for Daniel Logan, aventeen Causda horses, at an average price per hase.

WRATHER PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.-- For the Middle Atlantic states, colder, westerly winds and fair weather.

Notes from Rohrerstown.

H. Shenck.

Mrs. Regins Doerr, No. 315, West street, fell from a step ladder on Month breaking several ribs and statistics of

"I'll let you off this time," said the small boy, "on one condition." "Name it," said Woody. That you will give us a nice little anow storm, Monday morning: just enough to make good sledding down the hill back of the barn. None of your below zero weather, remember." "I'll do it," said Woody, as he scampered off to hishole. The ground-hog is always as good as his word. This morning's snow storm attests it.

A Ground-Hog That was Too Previous. From the West Chester News.

The ground-hog came out of his hole on Friday, and it is supposed from subsequent events that he was a trifle early, and he had not gone far before he was caught in a trap set by William Hoskins on his property in West Bradford.