WHAT A LANCASTRIAN SAW IN JOUE. NEVING THEOUGH PLONIDA.

The Truth About the sterent Freeze in This Sanny Region-A Talk With a Florida "Cracker"-Places That Have Been Developed by Northern Capitalists.

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"Know'st thou the land where the lemon tree Where the gold orange glows in the deep

Where a wind ever soft from the blue Heaven

blows.

And the groves are of laurel, of myrtic and

So sings the local poet of Orange county, and as we follow him, in a half waking ethereal mood, through the Florida orange groves, we can but respond. But to kno that land we must see it : not by reading eloquent or graphic descriptions, but to feel this breeze, see the blue sky over us the this breeze, see the blue sky over us, the luxuriant foliago, the advantages of health-fulness, rich and fertile lands and beautiful scenery. To go there in such a short time, from one extreme to another, we can but say, 'tis but a repetition of the "Arabian Nights." Once more, the cold, bleak land we have left behind, seems still more cold and dreary when we wake in the night to hear the birds singing, the warm breeze blowing over us, which our Northern friends will know naught of for weeks to come. We can but say it is truly wonderful. Then while sojourning in this land of flowers for the past two weeks, I think I could give our Lancastrians a faint idea of this wonderful country, which is more interesting at this time than any other, when so much is being said and written for and sgainst this historical peninsula. The late freeze has been the cause of a great deal of comment everywhere. Some of our metropolitan dailies have tried to give the state a black eye, but after investigating the published "stories" I can say without the least hesitation, that the reports were, as a general thing, grossly exaggerated: at least so far as the damage to vegetation, but principally to orange and lemon trees, are concerned. True, the entire crop of oranges is frozen, entirely ruined, before the grower has scarcely had an opportunity to ship them. As the reader perhaps knows, oranges are taken from the tree from November till May of each year, and the freeze counting in January will account for the great loss, amounting to about one million dollars throughout the state, I am told. The reports that the orange and leison trees were rained by the freeze is ridiculous, and only rarely will they be found forzen. A stined seedling, which was planted late in the fall and not having time this breeze, see the blue sky over us, the luxuriant feliage, the advantages of healthridientous, and only rarely will they be found frozen. A stinted seedling, which was planted late in the fail and not having time to acquire its natural atrength since its transplanting, falls a victim to the unusual cold. These can be replaced at very little cost or trouble. However, the lemon trees look worse, for the breath of Northern air in almost every case has stripped them of their foliage, while the orange tree remains frosh and green, ready to burst into bloom. Says a grower, "I am sure the freeze has been a benefit, for it has cleaned the trees of insects for a time at least, and that is worth a great deal to us. The trees have never been in better order, ready to bloom, and present indications are that we will have one of the largest crops ever grown."

A TALK WITH A PLOBIDA CRACKER. I was walking through a pine forest the other morning, the weather being cool and exercise seeming really necessary for comfort. when I encountered one of those loquacious individuals, the Florida "Cracker," (a native of the state), as with a tired and lifeless air of the state), as with a tired and lifeless air he moved about gathering up the charred "light ood knots" that serve for both fuel and light in the cracker cabin the long win-ter evenings. An emaciated ox in a rickety "kyart" stands near by in the scant shade of a pine. I accosted him as he slowly ap-proached with his dilapidated cart half-full of the resinous pine knots, with: "Good morn-ing: rather cool weather for Florida, is it not?" In his characteristic Southern drawl

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he replied:

"Not cold this mornen, but hits been plumb cold." "Why mister, there haint been any sich weather for fitty yeahs. Hits been a heap wuss'n I ever seen, an' Pappy says, (Pappy is the patriarch of this region, and his numerous progeny quote him on all occasions) hit ain't been so cold since '36, when he come here from North Clina. Reg'lar wite frost on my tater vines an' them all wilty an' dead."

"Much damage done to the orange crop?"

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"Spolled for shipping then?"
"Heaps on 'em is. Some's wuss'n others.
I'm mighty feered some on em 'il beshipped
what aint fittened to be, and give Flurridy oranges a bad name."

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"Any trees killed?"

"Trees? Wal some of the little seedin's is.

The big trees haint hurt. It'll make the old groves more vallyble, this 'yer freeze will, but it makes a heap o' difference in this yeah's crop in some of the Northeon counties."

"Was there much damage done to vegetables and small fruits—beans, pears, strawberries, grapes, &c.?"

"Taters aint no 'count; gorvers (guavos) is done froze pineblank to the ground; lemmins got froze bad, but not many killed; but then other things—we'uns don't bother with 'em. Them yanks comes down an' gets rich a raisen of 'em but hits' too hard work for us. Hard work hain't healthy only in cold weather like this 'ere. I alleos feel like workin' these mornins. I've done a good day's work to-day"—looking proudly back at the half load in the cart.

"Say, mister," he adds, "that 'ere snow is a funny thing. I never seed any till that cold Friday night; some fell on a board overhome, I picked up a little piece to show the old woman, but it was done melted afore I got in the do'."

"Your ox looks thin, what do you feed him?"

"Hummer's corn. Git up there. Buck!

"Hummeck corn. Git up there, Buck! Gee now!" and the strange cavalcade moves

slowly away.

This is the average information you get from a "crecker," if you ask him concerning the late freeza, and I dare say it is as near correct as any knowledge you may receive

THE HOME OF THE PLORIDA ORANGE. Orange county, which lies below the 29th meridian, is next to the most southern county in the eastern part of the state, and when you enter this tract, you are in the best county in Florida for growing the golden fruit. Every individual who has traveled in the state since the freeze will testify that the cold snap did less damage in

traveled in the state since the freeze will testily that the cold snap did less damage in this and Polk county than in any other. The groves look fresh and green and will bear an immense crop this year, if one can judge from the blooms, while it is said that the northern counties will only bear about a half crop. Orange county is also called the banner county of the state, as it has in the past five years more than doubled its population, and contains more bearing groves than any other county. Numerous lakes, varying in size from an acre in extent to the great lake Apopks, the second largest in the state, dot the landscape, and cover fully one-tenth of its surface.

In this county can be found more winter homes of Northern families of means than in any other. Orlando, the county seat, is well patronized in the winter season by Northern visitors, as is also Sanford. Oveido, where I have spent a week, is on the South Florida & Indian River railroad, and is in the midst of hundreds of bearing groves, evidently giving the place a thrifty appearance. One mile from here is fake Jessop, a large and beantiful sheet of water, navigable, and the St. John's river steamboats enter it, loading and unloading freight at different piers. A short distance from Oveido is the celebrated Lake Charm, a small body of water, around which are erected handsome residences, occupied in the winter months by the owners. Among the most prominent of these are Dr. Henry Foster, of Clifton Springs, N. Y., and proprietor of the "Clifton Springs Sanitarium," of the same place; Mr. Farwell, a prominent dry goods merchant of Chicago; Mr. Dearing, the millionairs reager man of Chicago; General O. H. Brewster, ex-stiorney

general of Louisana; Mr. Kellern, a cele-brated lawyer of Chicago, and others of almost equal prominence, WEALTHY NORTHERN GROWERS.

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These people all have orange groves about their premises, which face the lake. I may here mention, that Dr. Foster is one of the largest and most successful growers of the fruit in the state. At his Lake Charm residence he has a twenty-acre grove in full bearing, which this season yielded him five thousand boxes; while another grove of 25 scress, situated several miles from here, yielded 7,000. These 45 acres made a total of 12,000 boxes. This crop alone, if shipped at one time, would make a train of 48 cars, of 250 boxes each. The twenty acre crop was sold before the freeze, but the 25 acre crop was destroyed by the cold weather. The net profit of this entire crop of 12,000 boxes of oranges, would have amounted to \$18,000 or \$1.50 per box, which is, the reader will admit, not calculating high for fine Florida fruit. These two groves are 13 years old. Dr. Poster, as already stated, has resided here in winter for a number of years and he has, I am told, been a very useful citizen to the county. He is noted for his philanthropy and kindness to all with whom he comes in contact. On the lake front, in the same circle with the residences, he has erected a handsome chapel at his own expense, dedicating it to the community under the name of "Lake Charm Memorial Chapel," free to the teachings of any pastor. On Sunday morning I leisurely walked by the "Charm," as it is commonly called, and aroused from my reverie by the melodious echoes of a clear soprano voice, accompanying the solemn-toned church organ, I entered the house of worship and found it, to my surprise, filled with people which the warning sound of the chapel beil had drawn together. It was the day of their holy communion, the day when we clasp hands with one another, and say: "All in peace." If other strangers besides myself were there, they could not help but be impressed by the service and think they had certainly fallen into a Christian community. I found out lat

THE CULTURE OF THE ORANGE. But to get back to oranges. I have already said that this seems to be the orange-grow-ing district of the peninsuls, and it may be of interest to the reader to know a little more of interest to the reader to know a little more about the culture of the fruit, which, to the stranger, seems to grow on sand hills. How-ever this may be, considerable knowledge and judgment is required to select a good place in this sand to plant an orange grove. For instance, low pine and hummock lands are worthless for trees, while they cannot be surpassed for vegetable gardening, which is carried on to some extent by the Northern sattler with profit. Cueumbers, tomatoes, surpassed for vegetable gardening, which is carried on to some extent by the Northern settler with profit. Cucumbers, tomatoes, cabbage, &c., can be shipped, generally, in February. (Provided there is no freeze).

The most desirable lands there for a grove is naturally high pine and high hummock land. From 50 to 120 trees are set out to the acre and when set out, vary in age from 1½ to 5 years. As our farmers in Lancaster county have learned by experience how to handle and care for his tobacco, so as to bring the best returns, so has the orange-grower learned a great many things in the last five years, which are to his advantage. He has almost entirely abandoned the old method of planting seedling trees, which will only bear in about eight years. He has learned that by budding trees they will bear two years after planting and in five years very profitably. A budded tree five years old, I am told by my informant, can be looked for to bear 1,000 oranges, while old trees bear as high as from 2,000 to 3,000. There are several old trees not far from here which bear a great many more oranges. At Archer, Alachus county, there is an old tree which bore last year, 12,000 oranges, and netting its owner just \$112. Another tree is about here that bore 10,000 oranges, which netted \$100. This is no exaggeration, but a fact. Of course this county is not old enough to contain many trees of this age and bearing. A ten-acre grove will, if properly cared for, net its owner more money than any 200 acre farm in the North for a certainty.

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though they were damaged to a slight extent by the freeze, but are coming up nicely now. The Japan plum, larger than the Malaga grape, is a very desirable fruit, and ripens in April: the Surriman cherry ripens in April iso, when there is no other fruit in the mar ket. All the kernel fruit family, embracing grape fruit, several varieties of shaddock and stron, grow and flourish to perfection. Strawberries grow very large and are of ex-cellent flavor, and bring the farmer large re-turns from the Northern markets. A PICTURESQUE PLACE.

Yesterday I made use of an opportunity o visit Chuluoto, 7 miles distant from to visit Chuluoto, 7 miles distant from Oveida, the name signifying in the Indian tongue, "beautiful view," and it bears its name for no idle purpose, as the location of the place on Mill Lake is truly a grand one. The lake is a beautiful sheet of water and arge enough for fine sailing and the river from any part of an elevated spot is simply grand. Though Chuluoto is not fully developed, the keen foresight of Mr. A. It. Selpt, president of the Perkiomen Valley railroad of Montgomery county, Pa., is seen by his purchase of many of the best selected tracts of land at this place, which he is partly improving, and partly disposing of in smaller tracts. Mr. R. A. Mills, ta Western gentleman, is also largely interested in the in smaller tracts. Mr. R. A. Mills, ta Western gentleman, is also largely interested in the development of Chuluoto, which place, owing to its admirable location, is bound to become one of the popular resorts of the state. Mr. Seipt, I understand, is very largely interested in Florida lands, and has in his possession some 22,000 acres, which vast interest is looked after by his son who resides at this place.

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But all has an end; the bitter as well as the sweet, and in a few days we say goodbye to this land of sunshine and hie us away to our Northern home, where with minds fully determined to visit our Southern neighbors at no far date again, we say goodbye!

J. H. S.

PROFIDENCE TOWNSHIP NEWS. What Is Going on in Mount Nebo, Smithville

and Vicinity. Mr. NEBO, March 16.-Franklin Hor ner's wife, of Bethesda, died of consumption on Sunday 14, and will be interred on Wednesday 17. She has been very delicate or a long time and death has relieved her from much suffering. She was a daughter of Mr. Thomas Robinson. Mr. Horner is much afflicted, as last fall he buried one of

his children.

Mr. Harry Clark, of Mount Nebo, buried his only child, a bright and intelligent boy of six years, at that place on Sunday. The services were conducted by the Rev. Reed and were most solemn and impressive. At the conclusion of the services the Rev. Reed sang and played a hymn which the child had learned and which it requested should be sung at the funeral. His parents are deeply bereaved by their loss, as he was their only child.

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their only child.

Joseph Huber's mother, of Martieville, a lady 89 years of age, met with a fall which resulted in a broken arm. She was found lying in the middle of the room unconscious, and it is supposed she was in the act of crossing the room and, being very feeble, fell with the above result. Her recovery is doubtful because of her extreme old age.

Mr. Sam'l Huber has moved to Martieville.

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Mr. John Snyder had public sale of his effects on Saturday.

Harry Eshleman started for lows on the 1sth. Mr. Peter Drumm also started for lilinois the same dey.

Miss Annie Erb was paying a visit to some friends a Paradise the past week.

Miss Mary Acheson, of Chestnut Level, is paying a visit to her sister, Mrs. Mahlon Erb, this week.

Mr. H. M. Stokes, of Florin, is paying a visit to his parents, Mr. Jacob Stokes.

The schools of Martic began closing on the 13th, the last closing on the 25d.

The county commissioners were kept busy to-day disposing of appeals from the taxation as rated by the assessors of Manheim and Martie townships, and First ward, city.

Twenty vagrants were the occupants of the station house last night. They were discharged this morning and will probably turn up at some other station house to-night.

THE COUNTY ASSESSMENTS.

HOW THOSE OF ISSE COMPARE WITH THE RETURNS FOR 1885.

The Money at Interest in the County, Outsle of the City, Increases from \$10,489,853 to \$24,023,778, Exclusive of West Homptield-Docrease in Real Estate.

The assessors' books of the several district of the county on file in the commissioners office, with the exception of West Hempfield township, show the value of real estate and money at interest for 1886. There is a falling off in the value of real estate in many of the districts, owing to the depreciation in the value of property. In several of the districts there is an increase, as will be seen by a com-parison of the following tables. There is a large increase of the money at interest. The total amount of money at interest in the city and county last year was \$10,489,853. This year the amount returned is \$24,023,778, ex clusive of West Hempfield township.

1	Heat Estate.	terest-1885,
١	Adamstown \$ 162,661	10,50
Y	Bart 570,687	24,52
1	Brecknock 512.064	14,83
١	Cærnarvon 994,148	08,00
١	Clay 1,210,941	107,84
1	Cocalico, East 972,370	47,16
ı	Cocalico, West 1,269,760	95,00
ı	Colerain 841,727	30,95
ı	Columbia, 1st ward 1,131,460	24,67
1	2d ward . 795,325 3d ward . 679,260	43,00
ı	Concatoga 1,125,180	138.18
١	Conoy 986,647	21,99
١	Donegal, East 2,665,541	25(1,68
١	West 950,447	95,90
١	Drumore 1,415,6%	75,14
ı	Earl 2 275,519	330,14
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ı	Earl, West	335,39
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ı	Lampeter, West 1,998,170	267,300
ı	Lancister woo,330	178,18
١	Lencock 2,127,306	421,833
ı	Lancock Upper 2,138,440	370,696
I	Little Britain 857,291	65,436
ı	Manhelm bor 627,308	56,150
ı	Manheim twp. 2,655,490 Manor 4,469,5:8	488,750 908,578
ı	Marietta 606,975	40.750
I	Martic 620,778	34,729
ı	Mt. Joy bor 496,900	175,561
ı	Mt. Joy twp 1,674,549	164,797
I	Paradise 1,697,474	216,460
ı	Penn 1,731,591	204,050
ı	Pequen	233,600
ı	Providence 805,113	27,09
ı	Rapho 3,168,769 Sadabury 837,301	351,025
۱	Salisbury 2,9%,321	218,290
۱	Strasburg bor 367,075	154,973
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ı	Brecknock 549,095	116,525
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1	Clay 1,202,641	244,017

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Eden	497,296	
Elizabeth	664,968	
Elizabethtown .	365,973	
Ephrata	2,427,965	
Fulton.	933,771	
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Lampeter East	2,372,885	
Lampeter West.		
Lancaster		
Leacock		
Leacock, Upper	2,227,440	
Little Britain	804,885	
Manheim Borous	rh 645,587	
Manheim towns		
Manor	4,440,638	
Marietta		
Martie	634,740	
Mt. Joy borough	492,179	
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Providence		
Rapho		
Sadsbury	858,700	
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SALSBURY'S TROUBADOURS

The Opera House Packed to See Old Favorite
in a New Play.

Saisbury's Troubadours do not seem to have lost their popularity with Lancaster people. Last night they drew one of the largest sudiences seen at the opera house this season. The building was full in every part, and down stairs people were glad to secure standing room. A special train came up on the Quarryville railroad bringing beween 75 and 100 people, every one of when went to the opera house. The Troubadours were brought here by George W. Goodhard and "Bert" Rinehart, who worked the show up well, and were deserving of the big audi-

ence.

The piece presented by the Troubadours was "Tom, Dick and Harry." It is their latest and last night was but the fourth time they have appeared in it. Very difficult it would be for any one to describe the piece. It has no plot, but the story deals with a deafold man who is rich and has a theatre; he is pursued from place to place by a buildt girl. old man who is rich and has a theatre; ho is pursued from place to place by a ballet girl, who wants to marry him, and a daughter who does not want him to marry snybody. The old man falls in with a party of actors and stage-struck people and becomes impressed with Harriet Tedaway, one of their number; he agrees to give them the use of his theatre and takes them all to his residence in the and takes them at to his residence in the country where they rehearse Shakespeare's works in a large tent. It is somewhat difficult to tell how the play really does wind up, but during the rehearsals and in fact the whole piece, the audience is kept in an uproar. The fun is constant, new jokes and stories are told and all kinds of fresh business introduced. The song are good and wall reduced. told and all kinds of fresh business introduced. The songs are good and well rendered. Nate Salsbury appeared in at least a
haif dozen characters and maintained
his reputation as one of the best
actors in his line in the country.
His imitations were wonderful and
his songs, especially that of "Lovely
Women," were repeatedly encored. Nellie
McHenry, the dashing soubrette of the company, was as handsome and sprightly as
ever. She appeared in four or five characters, and her reception was of the warmest
kind. She looked charming in her tobogganing suit when she sang a clever song on
the subject of sliding. John Webster successfully acted the part of Dick Tedaway,
and W. S. Daboll was very successful as the
tough detective. The other ladies and gentiemen were first-class, and one of the funnest acts of the eyening was the male ballet
at the end of the play, which was led by
Salsbury.

The company left late last night for Canton.

Salsbury.

The company left late last night for Canton, Ohio, where they appear to night. They came from Paterson, N. J., to Lancaster, which is the only Pennsylvania town in which they

Last night Frank McClain, East Orang street, was the owner of twenty chickenstine fat pullets and cockerels of last spring' ine fat pullets and cockerels of last spring's brood. This morning when he went to the coop he found nineteen of them lying in a pile dead—with their necks mangled and torn and all the blood, apparently sucked from their bodies. It is supposed that a dog or some other chicken-killing animal got into the coop and killed the chickens. One hen that was hatching in a box, escaped the fate of her companions, the entrance to the box being too small to admit the blood-sucker, whatever kind of animal it may have been.

A joint committee of St. Bernard's and St. Michael's societies met last evening and rented the opera house for the sessions of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union, which will be held in this city in September.

TO REORGANIZE THE READING. The Plan Officially Aunounced by the Rece

truction Trustees.

The reconstruction trustees of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad have agreed upon a plan of reorganization by a vote of six to one, the latter being E. C. Knight. Follow-ing is an abstract of the official document:

The plan provides for creating a new fifty year general mortgage at four per cent. fo \$100,000,000. This is to be used as follows:

after January 1, 1887, the right being reserved in the meantime to pay off the general mortgage bonds, principal and interest in cash. The trustees are given power if the principal and interest of any of the securities deposited shall be tendered prior to January 1, 1887, "to transfer the same on receiving payment therefor, and distribute the proceeds, less expenses incurred hereunder, to the parties entitled thereto."

To accomplish this the important and

To accomplish this the junior bond and stockholders are to have the privilege until August 1 to form a syndicate to make this payment, and be given in return all the securities that would otherwise go to the general mortgage bondholders. After August I and until January 1 the company is to have the right to make any feasible negotiation by

the right to make any feasible negotiation by selling these securities upon more advantageous terms and paying off the general mortgage with the proceeds. If neither of these options is exercised then the plan goes into effect January 1, by giving the general mortgage holders the new securities.

The income mortgage and convertible adjustment scrip holders will pay ten per cent. cash assessment and receive for each \$1,000 bond and overdue coupons \$100 preferred stock (for the assessment) and \$1,000 income stock, with such additional income stock as equals the matured coupons at the time of equals the matured coupons at the time or reorganization. The first series of consoli reorganization. The first series of consoli-dated five per cents pay ten per cent, assess-ment and for each \$1,000 bond and overdue coupons receive \$100 preferred stock (for the assessment) and \$1,000 consolidated stock, assessment) and \$1,000 consolidated stock, with additional stock to equal the matured coupons. The second series fives pay fifteen per cent. assessment and for each \$1,000 bond and overdue coupons get \$150 preferred stock (for the assessment), \$250 consolidated stock and \$750 common stock, with such additional consolidated and common stocks in that proportion as will equal the matured coupons. The convertible sevens and debentures of the railroad and coal and iron company pay fifteen per cent. assessment and the holder for each \$1,000 bond and coupons gets \$150 preferred stock (for the assessment) and \$1,000 common stock, with additional stock to cover the coupons.

All unsecured claims, when proven,

All unsecured claims, when proven, whether funded or floating, get the same recognition as the detenture bonds. The present Reading preferred and common stock pays \$10 per share assessment, receiving \$10 perferred stock for the assessment, and \$50 common stock per share. The deferred income bonds pay 2½ per cent. assessment and for each \$1,000 bond receive \$25 preferred stock and \$200 common stock. Of the different classes of new stocks created the preferred stock is to be given dividends up to five per cent. non-cumulative. The income and consolidated stocks are next to be entitled to dividends up to the consolidated stocks are next to be entitled to consolidated stocks are next to be entitled to dividends up to five per cent, non-cumulative. If in any year the net earnings are not sufficient to pay this, then "the net earnings applicable to dividends of the properties on which the said income bonds and first and second series fives respectively have liens prior to the general mortgage, as may be hereafter ascertained, shall be appropriated, as far as may be necessary, towards the payment of dividends respectively on the said two classes of income and consolidated stock."

stock."
For the protection of the creditors assenting to the plan the common stock of the new company shall be vested in J. Lowber Weish, J. Pierpont Morgan, Henry Lewis, George P. Baer and Robert H. Sayre as trustees, to be held and voted upon for five years, marketable certificates being issued for this stock. Brown Bros. & Co., have consented to act as depositaries for all the stock and securities other than the general mortrage bonds. The securities and assessments are to be deposited with a trust general mortrage bonds. The securities and assessments are to be deposited with a trust company in Philadelphia, to be selected by the reconstruction trustees, who also make a contract with John Lowber Welsh, J. Pierpont Morgan and John C. Bullitt, representing the syndicate, who subscribe \$15,000,000; that the syndicate shall be substituted in the place of any creditor or stockholder neglecting or refusing to pay the assessments prescribed by the plan, they agreeing to pay the assessments, for which they shall receive the securities to which the defaulting creditors or stockholders are entitled.

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Drexel & Co. shall issue negotiable four percent. certificates to the general mortgage holders pending reorganization, the interest payable semi-annually in advance for not exceeding three years from January 1, 1885. In case of failure of the plan the deposited bonds with coupons are to be returned to the bearer of the certificate upon its surrender and the repayment of the interest paid thereon by Drexel & Co. The syndicate are to advance necessary expenses and disbursements pending reorganization, which, with the general mortgage interest advances, will be refunded. The syndicate are to be paid interest on these advances at the rate of six per cent, por annum and a commission of five per cent, upon their £15,000,000 subscribed capital. Messrs. Samuel Dickson, John Lowber Welsh, Henry A. Dupont, Thomas Cochran and Henry F. West are made the executive committee to take charge of foreclosure proceedings and the purchase of the property and to supervise reorganization. The board of reconstruction trustees are to be the sole judge whether enough signatures of creditors have been obtained to the plan to warrant them in carrying out, and shall have power to abandon it whenever they deem proper. They may also limit the time of acceptance of the plan or extend such time at their discretion, and are also vested with the usual of the plan or extend such time at their dis-cretion, and are also vested with the usual necessary powers in such cases.

The Old Shiffler's Reunion The members of the old Shiffler fire con pany, No. 7, held a meeting at Wall's South-ern Exchange hotel, South Queen street, last evening, and there was a large attendance

evening, and there was a large attendance. It was decided to commemorate the fifty-second anniversary of Shiffler's death and the twenty fourth of the organization of the company, on the evening of May 6th, by holding a reunion and banquet. A committee on preliminary arrangements was appointed consisting of P. S. Goodman, J. W. Anderson, Jeff Wills, George Kauffman and Charles Forrest. The committee will report at a meeting of the company to be held at Wail's hotel, on the evening of March 31st.

The funeral of Maxwell Hogarth, brothe of Joseph Hogarth, of this city, was held at p. m. to-day, from his late residence, No. 2513 East Norris street, Philadelphia. The deceased was employed ten years ago in the beiler works of John Best & Son, of this city, and has many friends here who will learn of his death with regret. THE STATUS OF THE STRIKES. POLICEMEN AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS

The Thirteenth Day of the Strike on th Gould System of Roads Shows a Cheerless Prospect of Recomption of Work-Labor

AID IN RUNNING TRAINS.

St. Louis, Mo., March 17 .- The thirteent day of the Gould system strike opened with little hope of a speedy resumption of freight traffic. Suburban passenger traffic has been partially reestablished with the aid of police men and deputy sheriffs, whose presence on the trains prevents the Knights of Labor from influencing the engineers to leave their trains and the efforts will, it is expected, be made to-day to run out all the suburban trains on their schedule time.

Vice President Hoxie's reply to Martin Irons, chairman of the Knights of Labor executive committee, inclines many to the belief that the company will attempt no settle ment with the strikers as a body, but that it will wait until the number of new men employed on the lines shall be sufficient to carry on its business. Should this prove to be true it is understood by the Knights of Labor here that the order which called those out who are now striking will be followed by one which will cause every member of the order employed upon the Gould roads and their Southwestern connections to cease work.

The situation so far as the East St. Louis switchmen are concerned, remains un changed. The men are at work as usual this morning and it is understood that their grievnces will be remedled without resort to a

The Missouri Pacific this forenoon succeeded in getting the Kirkwood accommoda tion out, the firemen declining to go out and the train then proceeding with an amateur in that position. The strikers claim that the engineers have become allies of the com pany and have been whipped into that post tion through fear that they will be told that if they refuse to run, there are 22 non-Brotherhood engineers in reserve under orders and these men will be put upon the engines. No freight has been moved and the prospects of a resumption seems distant. The attitude of the firemen remains uncompromisingly the same, complete harmony of action between themselves and the striker being the invariable rule.

Fixing the Price of Coke. PITTSBURG, Pa., March 17 .- The coke prolucers and the syndicate held a meeting in this city to-day, at which the agreement for the coming year was duly acknowledged. The arrangement made to-day differs materially from that of last year, and in accordance with demands from the producers, who were nelined to pick, the price of coke was, by unanimous consent, fixed at \$1.35 per ton. It is also understood that the price will shortly be advanced from that figure. Other changes were also made in favor of the producers. Ninety-five per cent of the ovenare in operation, and prospects are considered

Arbitrators in Conference. PITTSBURG, March 17 .- Rev. Father Hickey, and Rev. E. R. Doneboo, the arbitrators who will endeavor to settle the wage juestion at W. P. Rend's mines, began their first conference at the Monongahela house this afternoon. Colonel Rend and President Costello, of the Miners association, were also present. It is thought that several days will e occupied in taking testimony.

DISCHARGING THE WORKMEN.

Employers Sending Away Those Who Retuse to Sign an Objectionable Agreement. PRINGFIELD, O., March 17 .- Still more discharges are reported to-day of men who refused to sign the Whiteley's iron-clad provision to keep them out of all workingmen's organizations. The shops are un-doubtedly filling up largely with outsiders, and the supposition is that the Knights will have to secure work elsewhere and resort to the boycott as their last means of redress. Many have gone to work in other shops and other cities, but a large number remain here out of work. They declare they will never sign the iron-clad contract. Many boys and girls have been put to work in the East street shops. The firm presented a workman, named A. J. Shannon, a gift of \$100 for sticking to his work continually foundry. The Springfield Typographical union has passed resolutions commending

refusing to sign the iron-clad. Will Move to Avoid a Boycott, TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 17 .- F. J. Biel cigar manufacturer, who was compelled by the Knights of Labor boycott to discharge his non-union workmen, announces that he will move to Louisville to engage in the same ruined by the boycott.

Strikers Refuse to Move. Fr. WORTH, Texas, March 17 .- Thirty special deputies, among whom were some engineers, were sworn in yesterday by U. S. Marshall Cahill. Sheriff Maddock and Mayo Smith were called on to aid in moving blockade of freight coming over the Trans continental lines. A train of twenty cars which had come in from Denton was moved to the Texas & Pacific road and went West The strikers, although requested and spoker to plainly by the sheriff, refused to move.

PUZZLING THE DETECTIVES.

The Illinois Express Car Robbers Fludin Capture-Arrested on Suspicion. WEDRON, Ills., March 17.-A man answe ing the description of Mike Humphreys who is believed to have been one of the men who robbed the Rock Island Express car is said to have been seen in the woods about Johnson some time during Sunday. He is described as having light hair about three inches long and a moustache. Large locks were gone from the back of the head and

Charged With the Express Robbery. SHELBYVILLE, Ills., March 17.—Jas. Bes-hears was yesterday arrested by detectives at Oconce, a point on the Illinois Central forty miles south of Decatur, charged with th Joliet express robbery and murder, and was taken to Joliet for examination. Beshears, who lives at Oconeo, recently returned from the North, and a bandaged face and a red head led to his arrest.

A Ten-pollar Bill With Blood on It. PEORIA, Ill., March 17 .- Early this morning a man bought a ticket at the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific depot and pased a ten-dollar bill with blood on it. He is shadowed on the train as possibly being implicated the express robbery.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 17. Murray received yesterday a telegram from Secretary Lamar, asking for his resignation. Gov. Murray promptly replied, saying his resignation would be handed the president by R. N. Baskin, a delegate chosen by the non-Mormons to go to Washington to represent their interest. Mr. Baskin will leave

Fighting for Canada's Championship MONTREAL, March 17 .- Harry Gilmore champion Canadian light weight, and James Hurst, of Montreal, fought six rounds to a draw last night for \$500 and the championship of Canada. A match for a light to a finish has been arranged. A MINISTER'S CONFESSION.

Telling Why He Thought It Prudent to Appear Under an Assumed Name.

SHELBYVILLE, Ill., March 17.—The life and history of Rev. Dr. Carleton, concerning and history of Rev. Dr. Carleton, concerning which there has been so much mystery, was given to the public last evening in this city. The house was packed with the expectant multitude. September 12, 1893, he was ordained as pastor of the First Baptist church, at New London, Conn. He afterward preached at Providence, R. L., Winchendon, Mass., Philastelphia, Reading, Mass., Seneca Falls and Auburn, N. Y. While pastor of the New London Congregational church, a dissension that had been brewing for a year terminated in an open rupture. He espoused the cause of one side and continued his labor, which aroused the bitter enmity of the opposition who de and continued his labor, which aroused the bitter enmity of the opposition who determined to depose him. It has ever since followed him up with letters prejudicial to his character, which in nearly every case poisoned the minds of his congregation and resulted in his withdrawal. Driven to describe the statement of the statement peration by this relentless persecution, he resolved to bury all traces of his former identity and upon leaving Candor, N. Y., in 1883, he changed his name, taking that of his wife's family and landed in Burton, O., as

Rev. Edward Carleton. Last August he came to this city. His real name a said is J. Edward Bell. On closing his ballment with streaming eyes and dramatic airs he confessed that in appearing here under an assumed name he placed himself in a false light. He begged his hearers' forgiveness and hoped it would be given as freely as God

Boston, March 17.—Charles Francis Adams, jr., last night addressed a large and enthusiastic audience of Harvard students upon the chances of success for college mer in railroading. He thought that that business offered opportunities which compared favorably with those afforded by the liberal

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To Determine Whether the County is Liable For Dismissed Gases. Counsel for the county of Lancaster and ex-Commissioners Summy, Hildebrand and

Myers have agreed upon a case stated. It will be remembered that the county auditors surcharged the county commissioners several thousand dollars for money paid to aldermen and constables for dismissed cases, which it is alleged was illegally paid. The commissioners appealed from the surcharge and an issue was obtained to determine the matter. The case was put on the trial list in the common pleas court some time ago, but it was not reached. Several conferences were held between S. H. Renyolds and J. Hay Brown, representing the commissioners and J. W. Johnson and County Solieltor Shenck, and the result is a case stated to determine whether the county is liable for dismissed cases similar to which the commissioners surcharged. A number of cases disposed of by Aldermen McConomy, Barr and Spurrier are used as the sample cases. is alleged was illegally paid. The commi

KILLED BY THE CARS. Resident of Marietta Struck By the

Harrisburg Account Tuesday evening John Lark, an old nan who resided in the western part of Marietta, was instantly killed by the cars of the Pennsylvania railroad. He attempted to cross the railroad track near his esidence when he was struck by Harrisburg accommodation east, which reaches Marietta about six o'clock. He was thrown sixty feet and besides having his skull fractured and several ribs broken he was badly cut up. The body was taken to the residence of deceased, where a coroner's inquest was held, the jury rendering a verdict of accidental death. Deceased was 70 years of age and a bastet maker by treat years of age and a basket-maker by trade. He leaves a wife but no children.

The court heard argument on the last case on the common pleas list on Tuesday after-noon. This morning argument was heard on cases on the orphans' court list. The first case argued was on the rule to show cause case argued was on the rule to show cause why exceptions to the account of the executors of A. E. Roberts should not be stricken off. The exceptions were filed by representatives of the Home for Friendless Children, with a view of bringing up the question of the bequest of \$50,000 to found an orphan's home, by the late Thaddeus Stevens, a deed for two acres of land having been tendered to Mr. Roberts for two acres of land, that being of the provisions, to get the bequest. David Craig, of Conestoga Centre, was granted a soldier's license to peddle in the county of Lancaster.

Ball of the Colored Folks Esto Perpetua Lodge No. 2024, of Colored Esto Perpetua Lodge No. 2624, of Colored Odd Fellows, of this city, was a year old yesterday, and in the evening a ball was held in Robert's hall. There was a large attendance, including representatives of lodges in Reading. Harrisburg, Marietta and Columbia. The order was first-class and all enjoyed themselves. Edwin Clark was master of ceremonies and Charlie Lee assistant. The committee consisted of Albert E. Wilson, chairman; Will O. Smith, secretary; Jere Jones, treasurer; Henry Nelson and Daniel Stewart.

A Young Woman Burned to Death Miss Lizze Brown, the daughter of a wealthy farmer in Union township, Lebanon county, met her death in a horrible manner. She was standing with her back to a wood She was standing with her back to a wood stove, when a spark flew out and ignited her dress. In alarm she ran out into the yard, where the fire was fanfed into a flame, after which she rushed into the house again and ran up stairs, where she was found. Portions of her limbs were literally roasted. She died in great agony.

The funeral of Patrick McLaughlin tool place this morning from the residence of Mr Westman, son-in-law of the deceased, in Dillerville. Requiem mass was held at St. Mary's church, this city, and the body was interred in St. Mary's cemetery. The funeral was largely attended and the pall bearers were Frank McClain, John Rose, William Hickey and John Rose.

St. Patrick's Day. The celebration of St. Patrick's day, ush ered in with splendid weather, is confined in this city to wearing bits of green ribbon and sprigs of evergreen in the button holes of the coats of many pedestrians. Much interest is manifested in the court house meeting to night, which will be largely attended.

Lewis Paulick, residing at No. 217 North Lime street, while walking along East Chest nut street, near the Pennsylvania passenger station this forenoon, was taken with some thing like a stroke and fell heavily to the pavement. He was removed to his home in

J. H. Sole, the young Boston man who is charged with embezziement by Charles G. Strickler, was arrested last night in Mahanoy City by officers of that place. Officer Bushong left this afternoon to bring the prisoner to Lancaster.

A Free Lecture. Rev. J. C. Bowman, of Hanover, will de-liver a free lecture in college chapel this evening, on "Systematic Work in the Con-gregation," The lecture will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Committed for a Hearing Robert Reilly, a tramp, arrested for drunken and disorderly conduct, was this morning committed to jail for a hearing by Alderman Deen.

Made an Assignment.

Philip Lederer and wife, 8th ward, city, made an assignment to-day for the benefit of creditors, to A. F. Shenck.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

THE RETALIATORY MEASURES OF THE RETRERLAND GOVERNMENT.

TOBACCO IN THE HOUSE.

entative Walt, of Connecticut, Wants Information of the Increased Duty on Petroloum Called Out by Increasing the Duty on Imported Tobacco.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—[House]
—Mr. Caswell, of Wisconsin, from the judiciary committee, reported back resolutions calling on the secretary of the treasury for a statement of the secount between the United States and the states and territories of direct taxes levied and apportioned by the act of isal: adopted.

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Mr. Wait, of Connecticut, from foreign affairs, reported back resolutions calling on the secretary of state for copies of recent cortangement. respondence between the state department and the United States minister at The Hague, in reference to taxation of petroleum in Hol-land and the Dutch colonies, and the export therefrom of leaf tobacco to this country;

adopted.

A report accompanying the resolution states that the correspondence called for, relates to the proposed retaliatory measure, on the part of the government of the Netherlands, by way of increased duty on petroleum imported into that country from the United States because of the duty imposed by the United States on leaf Johnson. by the United States on leaf tobacco. Passed the Sepate.

WASHINGTON, March 17 .- In the Senate to-day the electoral count bill was read a third time and then passed without a divi-

Washington Jottings.

Washington, D. C., March 17.—The resignation of Passed Assistant Surgeon John A.
Benson, of the marine hospital service, has been accepted by the secretary of the treasury, to take effect April 6th, 1886.

The quarantine steamer "John M. Woodwork" is to be repaired for service, so as to be ready for the opening of the secretary.

be ready for the opening of the season.

The surgeon general of the marine hospital service has recommended the appointment of Dr. Porter, of Key West, Florids, as United

States quarantine officer for that port, under section 5, of the national quarantine act of April 20, 1878. By that act any municipal quarantine officer can hold an appointment, and be clothed with the power of a government officer for quarantine purposes. Such appointments do not carry with them any

A board of surgeons has been appointed by the secretary of the treasury to examine ap-plicants for appointment as assistant surgeon in the marine hospital service. The board consists of Surgeons Ballhacke, Fessenden and Purviance, and will meet on the 5th

IMPORTANT SILVER DELIVERANCE signor Henri Cernuschi, the Italian Economist,

Speaks His Mind.

LONDON, March 17.—The controversy between the Mono metallists and Bi-metallists has received an important contribution to has received an important contribution to-day in the shape of an elaborate letter from Signor Henri Cernuschi, the Italian economist and champion of silver. The letter is published in the Times and is a categorical reply to the communi-cation by Eari Greyin in favor of the single standard which was published in the same paper last week. Signor Carin the same paper last week. Signor Cer-nuschi contends that gold is not scarce and that the monetary crisis is due not to the scarcity of gold, but to the disappearance of ailver. Nothing but bi metallism, he argues, can restore the equilibrium. He admits that America are ready to resume or increase their coinage of sliver and are only waiting

The letter is sure to attract widespread atauthor and the vigor of his arguments.

PITTSBURGS FIRST CREMATION.

Human Body Incinerated in a Furnace Heated by Natural Gas. PITTSBURG, March 17.—The first incineration of a human body took place in this city to-day in Undertaker Samson's new crems-tory, on Sixth avenue. The remains were tory, on Sixia avenue. The remains we those of Milton Fisher, who died at Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday last. There was no ceremony attending the cremation. The body, accompanied by friends, arrived from Columbus at 6:30 o'clock this morning, and at 7:15 a. m. was placed fin the retort. is the only crematory in the world heated by natural gas. At 8:30 a. m. so intense was the heat, and so complete the incineration that the gas was shut off and the furnace per-mitted to gradually cool. At 10:30 a. m. the tray containing the ashes was removed from the retort and the ashes given to the friends, who will return to Columbus this afternoon.

An American Girl Marries a Marquis.

PARIS, March 17.—The civil contract of marriage between Miss Christmas, an American young lady, and the Marquis D' Hanlan, was signed last Monday. Prince Victor Napoleon and many other prominent Bonapartists attended the contract party. United States Minister McLane acted as witness for the bride. The bridegroom's witnesses were the Duke of Padua and Viscount Suarez D'Hanlan, one of the attaches count Suarez D'Hanlan, one of the attaches of the French embassy at Berlin. The marriage is the result of a love match. Contrary to the general rule the noble bridegroom is the possessor of a large fortune, while the

American bride is dowerless. A United States Club in Paris,
Paris, March 17.—A new club of which
the membership is to be strictly limited to citizens of the United States is to be opened on the 1st of next month. Its name is the American club, and its first president is Mr. Spencer. Its rooms for the present will com-prise the upper part of the building on the ground floor of which is the cafe Bignou.

Five Now Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—Fourthclass postmasters were appointed to-day as
follows for Pennsylvania: J. B. Weicht,
Brown's Mills; Miss A. E. Blake, Hopewell; H. A. Wilson, Leidy; Christiau
Schneider, Locustdale; D. P. Davis, West

Hanian to Row Ross.

Montreal, March 17.—Hanian has secepted an offer to row William Ross a three-mile race on the Richelieu river, St. Johns, Qua., 20 miles from Montreal, for \$3,000.

The race will probably take place on Dominion Dev.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 17.—Lours Miller, aged 19, committed suicide last en-ing by hanging herself. Disappointed in is given as the cause.

Delivered of a Daughter,
London, March 17.—Princes La
Marguerita, duchess of Communght, has been delivered of a daughter.

WHATHER PROBABILITIES.

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