larly at Bridgeport. It is supposed that the

mite explosion in Westchester county

The telegraph operator at Bridgeport reports

that the "shock " was very perceptible the Wheeler & Wilson works there,

Incendiariem In Maine.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 30.—A special from

larmony, Maine, says that the town is sim-

ply a camp. All the roads and bridges are picketed, and all travelers are detained until

they can give satisfactory account of them-

elves. The people are determined to shoot

at sight any one caught setting fires. It is

said that Gov. Robie will be asked to give

assistance to the weary people of the town and that a company of militia to do guard

At Skowhegan, Alfred Hurd, arrested

yesterday in Harmony, has confessed to burning Frost's and Laughlin's buildings.

Gen. Miles Submits His Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 30.—Gen. Miles' annual report was received at the war

department to-day. In it is included his re

port of the pursuit and capture of Geronimo

and his band. The circumstances connected

with the surrender of Geronimo are briefly

ditional-that it was made on the promise of

Gen. Miles that he would protect the lives of

the prisoners and take them out of the juris-

diction of the civil authorities of Arizona.

Gen. Drum has submitted the report to the

The President's Uncle Buried.

Joseph Neal, the venerable uncle of President

Cleveland, who died on Monday night last,

took place to-day. Rev. A. K. Reily, of Caroline street Methodist church, conducted

the services at Mr. Neal's late residence.

President Cleveland's absence was com-

nented upon. The interment was made at

Mount Olivet cemetery in the old family burying lot wherein President Cleveland's

LENOX, Mass., Sept. 30.—Fire which broke out at 5 a. m. to-day burned the Cliff house,

owned by Isaac J. Newton, whose loss is \$20,

000; partly insured. The house was crowded

with boarders, who were panic-stricken, and

some had narrow escapes. The guests lost

largely in clothing, money and jewelry.

The cottage of Cliff house was also burned.

Loss \$10,000. The country seat of John E.

Royal Arch Masonic Officers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 30 .- The gen-

eral grand chapter Royal Arch Masons to-day

elected the following officers for the ensuing

three years: N. D. Larner, of Washington, D

., grand high priest ; David J. Day, of Buf.

falo, N. Y., deputy general grand high

general grand king ; Geo. L. McCahan, of Bal-

Lamar Rents a House.

on N street, has revived the rumor of his

lieved, will occur before very long.

district. There was no opposition.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 30.-The rent

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 30,-The Hon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 30 .- The char-

ter of the First National bank of Atchison.

TAPPED FROM THE WIRES.

association.

Lieut. Scheutze, just home from Siberia, predicts a near war breaking out between Germany and France.

Empress Augusta will celebrate to-day the anaiversary of her 75th birthday at Baden Batten.

Baden.

It is estimated at the treasury department that the reduction of the public debt for the month of September will be nearly

month of September will be hearly \$11,000,000.

The president to-day appointed John Mc-Lean to be interpreter to the consul general to Japan; Quincy A. Brooks to be collector of customs for the Puget sound district, and Cooley Mann, to be collector of customs for the Vicksburg, Miss., district.

E. L. Kennedy was to-day appointed post-

E. I. Kennedy was to-day appointed post-master at Elk Creek, Pa.

Joseph C. Mackin has been denied a release from Joliet, Ill., penitentiary on a writ of

habeas corpus.

The well known Chicago millinery house of A. S. Gage & Co. is closed through finan-

explosion at the Ditmar powder works, Bay

Chalfan Bridge, a hamlet located a few miles from Waterloo, Ill., was the scene of

a terrible tragedy. One year ago, Edward Clark, a seventeen-year-old boy, fell in love with a schoolmate, Lena Foltz, who was then

fourteen. The girl is said to have returned the boy's affection. The parents of the young peo-ple tried to dicourage them because of their youth. Finallythe Foltzfamily adopted strin-

It was inadvertently stated on Saturday

last that the trustees of the Believue church

petitioned to be made parties to the injunction

suit between the Pennsylvania railroad and

the supervisors of Salisbury township as to the repair of the Newport road. The trustees did not so petition, but many of the members of the church and residents of the township

who have occasion to use the road want to

At the dedication of St. Joseph's Catholic

church on Sunday next, Right Rev. John

Conroy, bishop of Albany, N. Y., will offi. ciate and administer confirmation at 3 p. m

Word has been received that the Catholic Knights of York, will be present in uniform, accompanied by a band. The Knights of St. John, of this city, will wear their uniforms for the first time at the ceremonies.

During the trial of Janitor Titus, in Bel

ridere, N. J., for the murder of Tillie Smith,

Chester, N. Y., this morning.

Kansas, has been extended for 20 years,

timore, general grand scribe.

grandparents are buried.

Barnes was damagdd.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 30.—The funeral

duty would lend assistance.

president.

A Splendid Gathering of Representative Business Men.

Early Closing and a Board of Trade Considered

A General Disposition to Keep the Store Closed at the Time Agreed Upon time Merchant Hotly Attacks a Rival Firm's Position on This Question-The Movement to Form a Board of Trade Started With a Big Boom,

In response to the postal cards sent to the business men of the city, to assemble in the room on the second floor of Fuiton hall, on Wednesday evening, a large number were present. All the different branches of busi history of the city, been so representative

John C. Hager, of Hager & Brother, called the meeting to order, and stated that the objects were first to consider the early closing movement; and second, to take steps pre liminary to the organization of a board of trade. On his motion, His Honor Mayor Morton was elected president.

was not a merchant, but as a citizen he would cheerfully aid the Merchant's associa-tion in whatever tended to the best interests

of the city.

The organization was completed by the election of George F. Rathvon, of John S. Givler & Co., as secretary.

Mr. Hager offered the following resolutions, and asked that they be thoroughly

RESOLUTIONS OFFERED. Resolved, That it is the sense of this meet ing that the early closing movement of store

at 3 p. m., excepting Saturday and Monday evenings, is well taken and should be main-Resolved, That the additional hours from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening granted and se-cured by this movement for rest, study or recreation is alike desirable for employers

and employes and in accord with the spirit of Resolved, That a committee of five be ap-

pointed by the president of this meeting, au-thorized and instructed to call on any, who have reopened their places of business and invite them to again tall into line and make this movement, as it was designed to be OFPOSED TO EARLY CLOSING.

P. A. Metzger, of Metzger & Haughman opened the discussion. He said he would not join in the early closing movement. His firm could not afford to. There were certain months in the year, particularly in the fall, when his business required his store to be opened for the accommodation of his cus-tomers. He cared not if a committee com-posed of 990 business men were to call upon him. It would not induce him to change his mind. He had heard a number of others now in the room say they were opposed to the movement, and if they speak out they will say so. He had been in business in this will say so. He had been in business in this city for thirty years, and up to 10 years ago all the stores were closed promptly at 8 o'clock. The first business house to keep longer hours was Watt, Shand & Co., and their store, when they began business here, was kept open until 9 or 10 o'clock; now they have their money made and want all business houses to close at 6 o'clock. Samuel H. Zahm said he proposed to keep

his store open.

Mr. Metzger again took the floor and con

He said some busines men quote Philadelphia as a city where the early closing movement is a success. The dry goods houses that close early can be counted on the fingers of both hands. His house had trade and he did not want to drive i away. His inquiry of country people demon-strated that they wanted the stores opened

strated that they wanted the stores opened in the evening.

Samuel M. Myers, of Myers & Rathfon, was the next speaker. He agreed with Mr. Hager that there should be a full discussion of the question. Those opposed to early closing should state their objections. If the movement is not general it may as well be abandoned, as it will not be a success. He had talked to some business men who were opposed to the movement. C. A. Heinitsh asked whether druggists

were included among those who should close

Mr. Hager replied that they were not.
They had been invited to attend as business men, in reference to the second question, which would be discussed—the organization

L. B. Herr, book-seller, said the first step taken might possibly have been too far. To close the stores every month in the year but one, might not suit all business men. He

carry out.

Mr. Zahm said quite a number of business men in the room had said to him that they were opposed to early closing, and he would like some of those gentlemen now to get up

and say so.

B. Frank Breneman, of Filinn & Ereneman, said all the business men in his line were unanimous in favor of early closing. If all keep closed as much business can be done as if longer hours are observed, and there is the advantage in the saving of gas and fuel and wear and tear of employes and proprietors.

tora.

Mr. Myers said his firm were satisfied either way. He favored trying the early movement for one season. Then each business man could see for himself whether it paid him to close early. There was trouble a few months in the year to get out the work ordered, with short hours, but he believed his firm would get through all right. He believed that with the shorter hours his clerks showed a disposition to work harder during the day.

A COMPROMISE SUGGESTED. Mr. Astrich took the position that all branches of business are not equally affected by the early closing movement. He found the sentiment of the public divided. He favored doing equal and exact justice to all to giving the public as much as the clerksas all had equal rights, and he had an amend

ment to propose and that was that the stores close three evenings in the week at 6 o'clock and remain open the remaining three evenings—Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, He thought this, as a compromise measure, might bring all into the movement.

D. S. Bursk was of the opinion that the grocers in the centre of the city were more affected by the movement than any other line of business, on secount of the many persons away from the centre engaged in it. Nevertheless he favored the movement, and in the past few months he was able to spend more time with his family than he did in the twenty years before that he has been in business. His family favored early closing, but he desired to suggest that Mr. Astrich name Thuraday instead of Wednesday for the third evening. His reason was that on Wednesday evening there was service in nearly all the churches, and business men and their families and their clerks would attend church, if the stores were closed. His experience was that while it was with difficulty that his clerks got ready for market under rience was that while it was with difficulty that his clerks got ready for market under the old system, by 9 o'clock, under the new system everything was ready when the clock struck 6.

clock struck 6.

Mr. Astrich accepted the suggestion naming Thursday as the third evening.

Mr. Herr thought there should be some understanding among business men whose trade was affected at different times. During teachers' institute, Easter week, and first week of school he would be obliged to keep his store open after 6 o'clock to accommodate his patrons.

his patrons.

Mr. Hager said that weeks like the teachers' institute were exceptional and all business houses would be open that week in the even-

John Hiemenz had signed an agreement to

close his store at 6 o'clock. Some others who had also signed the agreement went back on it and as a matter of protection he had to pen. He was willing to keep his store closed if others in the same business would do so.

Mr. Eckert, of Frey & Eckert, signed the agreement to close, and he believed it paid blut to close sariy.

agreement to close, and he had been him to close early.

H. E. Siaymaker, who was the only representative of the wine trade present, said he closed his store early. Others of the same business kept open until 9 and 10 o'clock, but he did not care how long others kept the postulies. It is closed at 7 open. As to the postoffice, it is closed at 7 o'clock and the hours for closing are regulated by the business wants. The clerks in the office should get off at 7 o'clock, for they office should get off at 7 o'clock, for they work hard from early morning when they go on duty. He would be sorry to see the early closing movement fall through.

Ex-Mayor Stauffer had heard several gentlemen speak in favor of early closing, but had not heard any good reasons advanced why two evenings in the week until 8 o'clock was not sufficient for the public wants. He favored early closing, but saw present several who signed the agreement not still keet their

who signed the agreement but still kept the CLERKS MORE HEALTHY.

Mr. Shand, of Watt & Shand, had studied and had come to the conclusion that lonhours were not conducive to the health of the hours were not conducive to the health of the clerks. Since the early closing movement he has observed a marked difference in his clerks. They look better and attend better to their business. He had not noticed any difference in their business. When the early closing movement, as to the summer months was first inaugurated, there was as much objection to it by some as there is to the present movement. He came in contact with a great many people, and tound but one lady who many people, and found but one lady who was opposed to the movement, and after he explained the matter to her she too was con-vinced. His experience was that many of

time. He asked the business men present to consider the bundreds of clerks employed in their stores. With long hours they have no hance for improvement. School will no give them that polish necessary to put then a position to better themselves in life ey must sequire it by reading, and if time is not given them they will never acquire it.

Mr. Metzger again reiterated what he had
said about Watt A Shand breaking the 8 o'clock rule as to closing, and Mr. Shanc said he heard this evening for the first time that there had ever been an agreement to close the store at a o'clock. Had his firm been advised of such a role, when they be-gan business, they would have joined the

the evening shoppers were those who could just as well attend to the same in the day

In C. F. Rengier's opinion the business men should take time to consider the early closing movement. Let there be a meeting a week hence, and every one present after novement heartily. considering the matter can then decide what he will do.

Mr. Rosenstein did not care what other sen in his line of business intended to do. men in his line of business intended to do.
He proposed to close his place every evening the year round at 6 o'clock. It does not
follow that because one or two dry goods
men open their stores that the movement
shall fail through.

Walter A. Heinitsh was in sympathy with

the movement, but there were a few months in the year when it would be unfair to ask him to close his store. He would close at o'clock as far as practicable, but could no bind himself to say that he would for 11 months of the year close at 6 o'clock. Willis Musser wanted to know whether movement. He was told that all kinds of

business were included. He said there wer

certain menths during which his firm was obliged to be open in the evening.

The matter was further discussed by Messra. Bursk and Zahm, and the amendment offered by Mr. Astrich was defeated, there being only a few votes in favor of it. The resolutions, as introduced by Mr. Hager, were agreed to only Messra. Shaub. Zahm, were agreed to only Messra. Shaub. Zahm. were agreed to, only Messra. Shaub, Zahm Metzger, Heinitsh, Snyder and a few others

voting against them.

The chair announced the following as the committee of five in accordance with the resolutions: Isaac Diller, J. B. Martin, Chas. Stamm, Herbert W. Hartman and Herman

A BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.

The Preliminary Steps Taken For Its Organiza The second object of the meeting to con sider the necessity of a board of trade in this city was next taken up. Captain George M. Franklin said be would offer the following countions as his views on the subject. Recolved, In the opinion of many of our citizens the time has come when it is necessary and desirable to organize a board of trade for Lancaster city, whose object shall be to promote its welfare and advance its material interests.

Resolved, That an organization to be effective and command its proper position and influence should include its varied interests—local government manufacturing, mercantile, press, banking, legal, railroad and insurance.

nsurance.

Resulved, We believe an organization, as proposed, as a medium through which new en-terprises and needed reforms may be prompt-ly and properly brought to the notice of our citizens will prove more effectual and decisive than is possible through individual

effort.

Resolved, That a committee of seven representing our varied interests be appointed by the president of this meeting and authorized to consult and report to an adjourned meeting to be held Thursday evening, October 7, form a constitution and bylaws as well as the names of officers, president the president of the preside dent, vice president, secretary and treasurer for their consideration.

B. Frank Breneman in seconding the resc-lutions said there was a board of trade in Lancaster some years ago, and it did much to further the interests of Lancaster city. The Quarryville railroad, the Stevens house, the city railway were among the results of the efforts of the old board of trade. There is city railway were among the results of the efforts of the old board of trade. There is in Lancaster city and county plenty of capital seeking investment, and with a proper effort the people can be induced to invest their money in enterprises which will benefit this city. It would pay Lancaster city to build short lines of railroads to New Holland, Littiz, Safe Harbor and other points, and he cited the Quarryville branch of the Reading railroad as an illustration, that short lines would pay. There is no place so healthy as Lancaster, no place with better facilities, and to advance Lancaster's interests a board of trade is necessary. The builders of the city are doing their part. They have put up blocks of houses, but they must stop building unless people are secured to occupy these houses. Williamsport, Harrisburg and other cities have boards of trade and they are constantly parading their attractions all over the Union. He concluded by hoping that the board of trade would be established at once and that it would aid by its efforts to industries of the city.

Governor R. J. Houston also favored the establishment of a board of trade. The old one did a great good. Lancaster needs short railroads to New Holland, to Safe Harbor and other points, and they will not be built for twenty years unless citizens start the move-

railroads to New Holland, to Safe Harbor and other points, and they will not be built for twenty years unless citizens start the movement. If a stranger comes to this city to engage in manufacturing there is no one to take him by the hand. To his own knowledge a plant with a capital of from \$600,000 to \$700,000, employing hundreds of hands was lost to the city, because the owner of four acres of land needed for the plant refused to sell. If there had for the plant refused to sell. If there had then been a board of trade, influence would have been brought on the owner that would have induced him to part with his land. In his opinion there should be an additional ommittee, one of councils with the mayor as chairman, to act in connection with the board of trade committee. A silk mill was located in one of our neighboring cities through the efforts of its board of trade. A similar enterprise could be started here, on the same terms and terms which could pay for the investment.

Postmaster Slavmaker was written to

Postmaster Siaymaker was written to some months ago about the establishment of a silk mill here. The want of a board of trade lost

the mili to the city.

After some further remarks by C. F. Rengier and others, the resolutions were unanimously adopted. The mayor appointed the following as the committee on the organization of a board of trade: S. S. Spencer, Geo. M. Franklin, B. J. McGrann, J. R. Foster, H. C. Harner, John A. Hiestand and H. E.

C. Harner,
Slaymaker,
The committee appointed to confer with
city councils is R. J. Houston, George M.
Franklin, Henry Baumgardner and B. Frank

Breneman.
The meeting then adjourned to meet in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Thursday evening, October 7, at 7:30 o'clock.

WIGGINS WAS NOWHERE.

BITHER WAS HIS EASTHQUAKE, ARE PROPLE REJUICED.

Evidence That the Ottawa Man Was Away Of In His Predictions of a Big Storm-He Goes Out of Town to Escape the Crowd That Had Gathered.

owa, Ontario, on Wednesday night. He lett his office early in the afternoon and, with his wife, drove out into the country to get out of the way of the crowd that had gathered about him. Before going he stated that h wished he was as sure of Heaven as he was that this storm would come this afternoon. He now denies stating that there would be heavy earthquakes. He did make the state ment and supplied it to the press in his own hand-writing. He said that his storm was not due at Halifax until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and would then take a southern course down the Atlantic, rushing by Sandy Hook with the torce of a hurricane, ap on its wild career to the Gulf of Mexico.

this rubbish and will order him for the future to attend to his office duties, copying letters, etc. in the finance department, and let the stars and planets alone, or get. Did the general public only know the estimation in which this prognosticator of dire events is held in Ottawa they would be less credu

is neid in Ottawa they would be less credu-lous in accepting or attaching any importance to his cranky theories and predictions.

In Charleston, S. C., up to 7 o'clock in the evening, there has been no recurrence of earthquake shocks, and the city quieted down. Wiggins' predictions have proved to be utterly wide of the mark. The commun-ity feels greatly relieved that there have ity feels greatly relieved that there have been no shocks, and it is expected that with in another week, if there be no more shocks, the city will have resumed its normal condi-tion. The work of rebuilding and repairing has been going on all day without interruption, and there is no growing feeling of confidence in the city.

At Galveston the weather has been rainy and disagreeable for several days, but Wed

nesday broke clear and continues plea The thermometer at noon registered 72 de-lrees, and the barometer 30, 13, At New Orleans the weather was delight At New Orients the weather was delight fully clear and pleasant. There is no seismi-atmospheric or other disturbance or phenom-ena such as Prof. Wiggins predicted.

Burns, of the Newark Club, Blacklisted, and Trott and Greenwood to Meet the Same Fate. The release of Phenomenal Smith to Detroi has brought to light a number of schemes About a week ago Manager Hackett, of the Newark club, learned that Manager Barnie of the Baltimore club, had secretly made : deal with Smith, Burns, Trott and Green wood by which they were to play in Balti more next season. He also secured positive evidence that several of the men had received money from Baltimore. Late Tuesday night a representative of the Detroits went to New-ark and purchased the release of Smith. The latter joined the Detroit club yesterday and pitches against the New Yorks to-day. About a week ago he took \$500 advance money from Manager Mutrie, of New York, but returned it after making terms with Balti more. Burns is said to have been the instigato. of the deal, and he was blacklisted yesterday. Trott and Greenwood, who are now on a trip through New England with the club, will be dealt with in a similar manner when

they return Yesterday for the fourth time the Chicago club was defeated in Philadelphia, where the score was 8 to 5 against them. But four hits were made off Clarkson, but the champion lost through poor fielding. The other League games were: At Washington: St. Louis 2. Washington 2: (seven inning were played when a kick was made by St. Louis and Umpire Pearce awarded the game to Wash ington by 9 to 0); at New York: New York 4. Kansas City 1; at Boston: Detroit 6, Bos

The Association games vesterday were At Pittsburg: Athletics 6, Pittsburg 3; at St. Louis: Baltimore 11, St. Louis 7; at Cin-cinnati: Brooklyn 10, Cincinnati 9; at Louis viile: Mets 7, Louisviile 0
The Wilkesbarre defeated Scranton by 14

been signed by Allegheny.
Yesterday the Louisville club had but three hits off Shafler, of the Mets, and Peter Browning made all of them.

ABSOLUTELY FALSE.

The Philadelphia Postoffice Employes Not Alsent to Do Political Work.

Referring to the statement that Philadel phia postoflice employes were absent and attending political conventions, etc., and that the postmaster himself was conferring upon or issuing orders to influence the action of the Democratic conventions, Postmaster Har

rity said:

"Such statements are absolutely false and are maliciously made. No employes have been absent from the office for political purposes, either to day or yesterday. None have been permitted, nor have any asked to be permitted, to absent themselves for any such permitted, to absent themselves for any such

permitted, to absent themselves for any such purpose.

"The allegations concerning myself are equally devoid of a semblance of truth. I have my own views as to what would be the proper course for the party conventions to take, but I have not in any way attempted to obtrude them upon others or to direct or control the actions of any of the conventions, all statements to the contrary notwithstanding."
"One of the advantages of the situation." "One of the advantages of the situation," continued the postmaster, "is that the in-spectors who constitute the commission now visiting the office, and who are in and about the building most of the time and at all hour of the day, are afforded an excellent oppor-tunity of detecting and realizing the utter recklessness with which these newspaper misrepresentations are made and their malig

nant faisity.

"The actual fact is that the presence of about fifteen substitute clerks, just appointed, who had assembled in pursuance of notice to be sworn in and to receive instruc tions, has been distorted into a political con-ference of postoffice employes. You may say most emphatically that this office has been for some time, and still is, grossiy villi-fied and misrepresented in all these matters, and a little time will establish the truth of what I say."

On Tuesday Jacob Griel, jr., who resides Pine and walnut streets, discovered a strange

looking bird on the roof of his house. He was told by some parties, who had seen i atight there, that it was a wild duck. Mr Grief stationed two young men with guns be low while he ascended to the roof to stir up the bird. Just as he got to the roof the bird flew away, and he found that instead of it be ing a duck it was a beautiful specimen of a pheasant. The bird flow in an opposite di rection from where the gunners were standing and managed to escape. Where the bird came from is a mystery, as they are scare even in the wilds of the country.

Eight thousand miners of the Lehigh re-gion are to strike to-morrow.

Ten thousand people participated in the reunion of the Sons of America at Mt. Gretna on Wednesday. on Wednesday.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Pershing, of Pittsburg, has been exonerated from the charges of lying

and dishonesty.

Candidate Black will this week visit
Mechanicsburg, Carlisie, Newville, Shippensburg, Chambersburg, Connelisburg, Huntingdon, Tyrone, Bellefonte and Clearfield. The trustees of the Patriotic Order Sons America meet to-day at Valley Forge and ray off in full the \$3,000 mortgage of the Valley Forge Memorial association. The association will then become the owner of General Washington's headquarters.

There are thousands of wild ducks on the Susquehanna river at Columbia. As one of the gunners remarked, "the dam was blue with them." More than five hundred were shot. Two men alone shot one hundred and three ducks.

AN IMPORTANT CARR.

The Right of Employers to Open Business Letters Addressed to Their Employes, From the Baltimore Sun.

Mr. Posner, of Posner Brothers, 138 Lexngton street, was before United States Com missioner Rogers, the other day, on the charge of opening a letter addressed to a former employe in his store. The charge was made under section 3,802 of the revised statutes, which provides that "any person who shall take any letter, postal card or packet although it does not contain any article of value or evidence thereof, out of a postoffior branch postoffice, or from a letter or mail carrier, or which has been in any postoffice, branch postoffice, or in the custody of any letter or mail-carrier, before it has been delivered to the person to whom it was directed, with a design to obstruct the correspondence or to pry into the business or secrets of another, or shall secrets, embezzie or destroy the same, shall for every such offense be punished by a fine of not more or less than 5000, or by imprisonment at hard labor for not more than one year, or by both."

Jennie Fricker, No. 426 East Eager street, testified that on Monday she went to Mr. Posner and asked him about a letter addressed to her niece, Elia Fricker. Mr. Posner threw his head back and asked her how she knew he had such a letter. She told him she had received a postal eard from St. Michael's, Md., saying a letter had been sent or branch postoffice, or from a letter or mail

she had received a postal card from St. Michael's, Md., saying a letter had been sent to Posners'. There was 50 cents in the letter. Mr. Posner then said it was on file, and of-fered to give it to her; but she refused to re-ceive it except as he had received it, with

the money.

Ella Fricker, a little girl, niece of the pre vious witness, testified that she worked for Mr. Posner from April to September 6 last. On Saturday afternoon she went to Mr. Posner and asked if there wis a letter at the store for her. He said "No." She said the bookkeeper told her there was one, but it was not directed exactly to her. The lady wanted a hat. Mr. Posner then said yes, was a fitty-cent hat, which had been sent, and it was all right.

Mr. Posner testified in his own behalf that

on last Tuesday the bookkeeper received the letter in question. On the upper left-hand corner of the envelope was written the word "order." The envelope had been destroyed. It is the practice for all letters addressed to to some practice for all letters addressed to employes to be separated from those of the firm, and sent to the shipping office, where they are distributed at twelve o'clock, when the employes go to lunch. If an employe to whom a letter is addressed is absent, and the letter bears the word "order" on the outside, or anything to indicate that it relate to the business of the firm, it is opened, so that the business may be promptly trans that the business may be promptly transacted. This letter was sent down in the regular way and returned to the office with the information that no person by that name was there. It was learned from the timekeeper that Miss Fricker had left. Mr. Posner opened the letter and sent it to the lot department, where the order was filled, with a hat that cost 75 cents and the change inclosed in the package. The little girl came to him on Saturday, and was told the letter came addressed to her, with an order, which had been filled, and it was all right. When Mrs. Fricker called he showed her the letter, and treated her as a lady. It occurs every and treated her as a lady. It occurs every day that letters are received addressed to employes with business of the firm, and they have been opened where they bear the word

"order."
Mr. Rogers.—"Have you announced that when the word 'order' is written on a letter addressed to one of your employes you or your bookkeeper will open it?"
Mr. Posner.—"No, sir. We have given instructions to our customers to write direct to the firm, but they do not always do it?"

Mr. Rogers .- "That has nothing to do with it. The letter comes to you through the mails and you have nothing to do with it but give it to the person to whom it is ad-Mr. Pennington .- "Was the letter all busi-

ness?"
Mr. Posner.—"Yes, sir. It was a graphic description of a hat." Mr. Rogers.—"I suppose it would take a woman at least two pages to describe a hat nine teet high, with 17 or 18 ostrich feathers. that would obstruct the view of everybody behind it in a church or theatre. But the does not give you the right to open it."

Mr. Posner.—"It is frequently done and

no comptaint made. Mr. Rogers—"But that is just what is the matter here. Somebody has complained. I have had seamen before me who had had have had seamen before me who had had their heads knocked half off with belaying pins and did not complain. You might go out and knock Smith down in the street and Smith might have a friend who was a friend of yours, and agree to say nothing about it. But the next fellow you tried it on might think it was uncomfortable, and make comthink it was uncomitorable, and make com-plaint, and you would be punished. The law is the same. The point in this case is that there is an absence of any intent to interrupt the correspondence or to pry into the business or secrets of another. Mr. Posner is adopting or secrets of another. Mr. Posner is adopting a construction on a single word, and assuming not only to himself to open a letter addressed to another, but to direct a subordinate to do it. I will dismiss the case, with the distinct admonition that he has adopted a most extraordinary rule, that letters addressed to employes with the word 'order' on them will be opened. The rule should be changed, or a distinct understanding and agreement should be had with the employes before it is enforced." Mr. H. C. Kennard appeared as counsel for Mr. Posner, and Assistant United States District Attorney A. Stirling Pennington for the government.

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Inquiry among leading commercial house
in Baltimore elicits the information that let ters addressed to salesmen or other employes and received in their absence are opened where the external appearance of the envelope indicates that the contents relate to the business of the firm. In the case of traveling salesmen orders are generally left "private" or "personal," or bearing the postmark of near relatives. Where the envelope has printed upon it the card of a customer of the firm, it is opened without hesitation. In some cases, where the business character of the letter is not discovered, and it is laid by as a private communication, the firm will receive a letter from the customer complaining of ters addressed to salesmen or other employe a letter from the customer complaining the delay in filling his order. For this reason most wholesale firms impress it upon their customers to direct all business letters to the firm name, with a reference to the particular person who may be desired to make a selection. Drop letters to salesmen in whole sale houses, whose trade is out of town, are never opened. Great care and nice discrimination are used to avoid mistakes.

Gave Prompt Ald to Charleston

Among all the churches in this city wh have responded to the call for aid for the sufferers in Charleston, none have probably given more spontaneously and liberally in proportion to the wealth of the congregation than Christ Evangelical Lutheran, on West King street. The pastor having read the appeal and simply announced that he would forward contributions from the members, was enabled to send \$18.35 on last Monday to the treasurer of the relief committee. This is the same congregation now so busily engaged in same congregation now so busily engaged in getting up a mammoth bazaar in the rink on West King street, to be opened next Satur-day, and to continue for one week.

Wednesday evening as a passenger train on the Columbia & Port Deposit railroad was running near Bald Friar station a little boy running near Baid Friar station a little boy was seen standing on the track signaling the engineer to stop the train. This was done and the boy pointed out to the trainmen a broken fish-plate, which allowed the tracks to spread and made it dangerous for the train to pass at high speed. The timely signal of the little fellow probably saved a serious accident. The train passed slowly over the broken piece of road and men were sent to repair it. No collection was taken for the little hero.

A Break of a Water Main The large Y that connects the two stea

pumps at the water works with the main leading to the city reservoir became displaced by the continual thumping it has been sub-jected to by the action of the pumps, and gave way at an early hour Wednesday morning, causing a bad leak and a consequent stoppage of the steam pumps. Superintendent Hal-back put his men to work and by midnight had the break repaired, and all is now work-ing well. There was a loss of about four feet of water in the reservoir. leading to the city reservoir became displaced

LAYING THE CORNER-STONE

OF THE NEW ST. PAUL'S P. E. UNURON IN COLUMBIA.

Imposing Ceremonies at Which Histors How and Rullson Officiated-What Was Placed In the Stone-The Musical Services Strengthened From Lancaster.

Special Correspondence of INTRILIGENCES,

COLUMBIA, Pa., Sept. 30.—The corner-stone of the new St. Paul's P. E. church, to laid, on Wednesday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock with imposing ceremonies and in the presof a large crowd of people. The choir of St. James church, Lancaster, under the leader ship of Prof. Carl Matz, rendered the different chants and hymns in an excellent manner. In the following order a procession narched from the old church to the new building : The six vestrymen, the choir of St. James and the distinguished clergy present. As the procession neared the building, the choir sang the processional hymn. The order for laying the foundation stone according to the forms of the Episcopalian church, was conducted by Right church, was conducted by Right Rev. Bishop Howe, assisted by Rev. Rulison, assistant bishop. H. M. North, esq., read a concise history of the St. Paul's church in Columbia, from its origin to the present time. The parish was organized in 1849, when a rector was called and the church on Second street built, which has been occupied ever since. At the beginning of the present year the people of the parish thought the church too small and on February 22, a meeting was held, when it was unanimously resolved to erect a new church. Six thousand dollars was immewas unanimously resolved to erect a new church. Six thousand dollars was immediately subscribed. The lot was generously donated by Mr. H. H. Houston, of Philadelphia. The corner-stone was then placed in position and Bishop Howe tapped it three times with a hammer, saying, "In the latth of Jesus Christ, we place this foundation stone in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost, amen." A box was God the Holy Ghost, amen." A box was placed in the stone containing the following: Prayer book, hymnal, list of church officers communicants and societies, pieces of money, Indian arrowheads, local newspapers, Lancaster Daily Intelligences, New Era and caster DALLY INTELLIGENCER, New Era and Examiner, diocesan convention journal, Bible and list of the clergy present. Addresses were made by Bishops Howe and Rulison. The offertory was taken up amounting to \$135 and laid upon the stone. The services concluded by prayer by the bishop and the chanting of the recessional hymn by the choir.

hymn by the choir. Missionary Meeting. A missionary meeting was held in St Paul's church last evening at seven o'clock, when a large congregation was present The music rendered for the occasion was very fine. Addresses were made by Rev. Alber Bunn, who gave an interesting account of the missions in China; Rev. L. F. Baker, of Harrisburg, and Right Rev. N. S. Rulison.

Sanday School Convention. The American Sunday school convention commenced their second annual meeting in the armory at 11:15 this morning. The pro-gramme as published in the INTELLIGENCER of Wednesday night, was carried out.

Election of Officers. The following officers were elected las evening at a meeting of Orion lodge, No. 876 of Odd Fellows: Noble grand, William E. Madden; vice grand, Jas. A. Allison; assistant secretary, N. W. Guiles; trustee, F. P. D. Miller; representative to grand lodge, F. P. D. Miller. Town Notes.

N. D. Haldeman resigns his position to day, at Messrs. T. W. and B. F. Haldeman's dry good store. For the past sixteen years Mr. Haldeman has been employed by this irm as book-keeper, but will embark in business for himself at Seventh and Locus

Katie M. Heim, a three-year-old daughter of George Heim, living at Front and Union streets, died last night. Funeral on Satur-day afternoon at two o'clock from her late

Work is progressing rapidly at the new United Brethren church on North Fifth United Brethren church on North Fifth street. The workmen are up to the second Rev. C. D. Rishel has been returned as pas

tor of the Church of God.

A collection has been taken up in the St.
John's Lutheran church in aid of the Charles-

The duck season has commenced, and the sportsmen of town can be seen on the river early every morning, and they generally return with several ducks. Ciuverius, the murderer of Lillian Madi-son, will be hanged December 20. A gross pool for east bound business is said to have been formed by the Central Traffic association. The Jewish population of the town are ob-serving the first day of the Jewish New Year, which began last night.

Restored to Life by Nitro-Giycerine. The Chicago Evening Journal published posed death of Mrs. Fraser, daughter of T. H. stevens, who with his family came from New Stevens, who with his family came from New York to live three years ago. The physician, Dr. Mark H. Lockerstien, tried with success a hypodernic injection of a one per cent, solution of alcohol and nitro-glycerine. The patient, though her pulse had ceased and her body had become stiff, revived and recovered. "How do you account for the effect of the injection?" the physician was asked.

injection?" the physician was asked.
"I promoted action on the arterial tension. By causing the vessels to dilate it enabled the blood to flow, and when it begins to flow anywhere it would not be long till it is flowing through the heart. It simply set the machinery going again. I am just now waiting for one or two cases to carry my experiments further. I want a case of collapse from an overdose of chloroform. In my onlinion there is no use of any one-dying from opinion there is no use of any one dying from an overdose of chloroform now or from shock while undergoing surgical operations."

Deeds of Assignment. Charles B. Fisher, of Ephrata, assigned his roperty to-day for benefit of creditors

Lewis Livingcod, of Womelsdorf.

Haydn H. Tshudy and wife, of Lititz, to-day made an assignment to Dr. P. J. Roe-buck for the benefit of creditors. His assignment will be a surprise to many, for Mr. Tshudy was generally believed to be in good circumstances. His liabilities are about \$15,000 and his property is not worth that figure. His assignment was hastened by an execution issued against him on Wednesday

youth. Finallythe Foltzfamily adopted stringent measures and Clark was warned to keep away from the house. He still managed to see the girl, but it appears she lately informed him that she would not marry him without her parents' consent. Wednesday the dead bodies of the lad and his sweetheart were found near the bridge. He had shot her through the head and then sent a bullet into his own brain. One story is that she consented to death, and that a note was left to that effect. for \$1,729.

Tobetha J. Hastings and Emmerson P. Hastings, of Colerain township, this afternoon assigned their property for the benefit of creditors, to Abner Davis, of Upper Ox-

A New Gan Club.

A new gun club was organized in this city Wednesday evening. It is composed of ten well known young men of the city and will be known as the "Cline saub." The officers of it are as follows: Presiden: William Gerst-ley; secretary, Joshua A. Ubler; treasurer, William Killinger. The club will have their first shoot within the next two weeks and by that time it will include a number of new

This morning the mayor had four cus

omers. One woman, who had been drunk, paid her costs, and a man, who was similarly charged, was discharged because he had a job of work to go to. Two boys, who had been arrested for insulting girls who attend the night school at Prince and Chestnut streets, were severely reprimanded and then discharged. Chiefs Chosen.

Wednesday evening the following chiefs of Metamora tribe No. 2 Improved Order of Red Men, elected the following chiefs: Prohet, William A. Hambright; sachem, George Kauffman; senior sagamore, John W. Wisegarver; junior sagamore, Charles L. Ehler; trustee (for 18 months) W. D. Stauffer.

Off to Visit Priends Miss Carrie Baker and Miss Eva Tucker, of this city, lett on an early train this morning for an eight weeks' visit to friends and rela-tives in Warren county, Pa.

It Was Either Dynamite or Earthquake. A STRANGE DIVORCE CASE NYACK, N. Y., Sept. 30.—About 10 o'clock this morning a slight trembling of the earth caused great excitement among the people of this vicinity. They feared the Wiggins

VHY MILLIONAIRE RAWSON'S WIFE WANTS A SEPARATION. earthquake was upon them. The colored people were particularly affected. They rushed from their houses and for a time refused to be pacified. The trembling was also felt in Eastern Connecticut, and particu

ent That Is Said to Have Som Caused by Two Servants-Both Had Been Married Twice Before, the Last Time

PRICE TWO CENTS.

CHICAGO, Sept. 30.—The wife Rawson, the millionaire banker of this city, filed a bill in the superior court yesterday, filed a bill in the superior court yesterday, filed a bill in the superior court yesterday, filed a bill in the superior court yesterday. asking for separate maintenance. There been trouble between the couple for so time and on June 23d Rawson left his home and took up his residence at the Grand Pa of Rawson caused the estrangement be-tween the husband and wife. The latter remained in possession of the house undia-turbed until Sept. I, when, the petition says, a force of armed men came to the house and limited her to the use of 2 or 3 rooms. Mrs. Hawson then endeavored to bring about a reconciliation with her husband, but was unsuccessful and finally the former coachr took possession of all the rooms except the ladies bedroom. Then she communic with her lawyer who advised the present proceedings. It was necessary for her to go down town to sign the papers and when she returned she was refused admission by the persons in charge, who said they were obey-ing orders. It was with great difficulty that she managed to get her children and take them to a hotel. The couple were married last March after a brief courtship. Both had been married twice before.

MASSACHUSETTN DEMOCRATS.

The State Convention Held To-day-Synopsis

WORCESTER, Mass., Sept. 30.—The Demoeratic state convention was called to order this morning in the Mechanic's ball at 11:30 by General Collins. James S. Grennell, of Greenfield, will nominate John F. Andrews, of Boston, for governor, and it is anticipated he will go through with a rush. The platform of the Democratic state con-

vention, to be held here to-day, will contain a strong endorsement of President Cleveland, applauding his adherence to the anteelection promises and pledges made to the people in 1884 in regard to civil service reform. It will demand a judicious reform of the tariff and reaffirms the financial policy of the Democratic platform of 1884 in regard to honest money. It insists upon a defense of the rights of American fishermen ; welcomes the new era of organized labor, and speaks of the partial triumph of the abolition of the poli tax, secured by act of the last legislature. It commends the Democratic members of the legislature for securing the passage of the various acts in the interests of labor during the last legislature; opposes contract labor in prisons and the importation of foreign labor to compete with domestic labor; insists upon the right of the people of Boston to govern themselves and appoint Boston to govern themselves, their own police, etc.; sends a kindly greeting their own police, etc.; sends a kindly greeting o Parnell and deplores the death men as McClellan, Hendricks, Hancock,

John F. Andrews was nominated for gov-AFTER MANY DAYS.

A Chicago Policeman Drops Dead—A Relie of the Haymarket Explosion. CHICAGO, Sept. 30 .- Policeman Bei ing by Secretary Lamar of a fine residence dropped dead at his post Tuesday night while pulling the patrol box at Contro avenue and Adams street. He is evidently marriage. He takes possession of the house on October 1st, and the marriage, it is bea victim of the Haymarket massacre. the night of the riot he was perfectly healthy, but when the bomb exploded he was knocked down and some one dealt him a tremendsamuel J. Randall was renominated to-day for Congress by the Democrats of the Third that night and ever since has spat blood. The day before he died he said he had always severe pain in his side since he

kicked, and he thought the spitting of blood was due to the injuries then received.

MARBLEHEAD, Mass., Sept. 30.-Wind very light and yacht race between Mayflower and Galatea declared off. This decides it. There will be no race between the two yachts. The Mayflower goes into winter quarters at

Beyerly, Mass. LYNN, Mass., Sept. 30.—A United Press reporter talked with Capt. Stone, of the May-stower, on his way to Marbiehead this morning. He thought the reason for rever the decision to race was that Lieut. Henn is afraid to risk another encounter and is simply playing a game of biuff. Yesterday was the last day of the season for yachting but Le did

Jackson, Mich., Sept. 30.—Will Sargent, of this city, was until recently what is called a "base ball crank." He attended every game played in the county, and frequently visited Detroit to see the League contents. His interest in the game grew until it became a mania, and yesterday he was taken to the Kalamazoo asylum as insane. Since his re-moval he has apparently forgotten base ball, and now worries over the belief that he has three wives-one in Kalamazoo, one in the

Severe Storm in the Northwest. WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 30 .- 10 A. Huron moving rapidly eastward with sudden and great barometerical changes which will cause high southwest winds in its eastern quadrants and northwest winds, with decidedly lower temperature in its western quadrants. A cold wave is moving southerly n its rear overspreading Minnesota and East Dakota and will probably be felt in Wiscon-sin, Illinois. Iowa, Nebraska and Northern Kansas and Mississippi to-night.

FARMINGTON, Mo., Sept. 30.—A young woman, Annie Veath, daughter of a respected German, Peter Veath, was murdered 16 miles from here last Tuesday. While her parents were absent in the field, a tramp went to the house, killed her and threw the body in a well where it was found by the family, Great excitement prevails and searching par-

Employes Who Must Bay Lots.

Hammond, Ind., Sept. 30.—A large manufacturing firm in Hammond require their employes to buy a lot in the sub-division owned by the firm, relieving all the old employees. owned by the first, as fast as an opportunity offers. No new employe is given work unless he planks down for a lot. Employed now owning lots in other parts of the town

A Dozen Buildings Burned,
Manitowoc, Wia, Sept. 30.—A fire bruke
out here at one o'clock this morning and
spread until a dozen buildings had been destroyed. The loss and insurance are not yet

of this city, has entered Billy D. in the 2:45 class, purse, \$250; and S. E. Baily enters Johnnie H. in the 2:33 class, purse, \$250. Ten horses will contest the first race and there are three in the second.

The English Vessels Released.

HAVRE, Sept. 30.—The two English fishing smacks which were seized in this post for violation of the laws governing that class of vessels, have been released.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sopt. 20.—For Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, alightly warmer the cather, winds shriting to south workerly.