HOME OF CONTRACTORS.



ENJOYED IN THIS REGARD.

Sketch of a Member of a Family of Railroad Contractors Who Have Done Wondrovs Work to Their Time-Recalling the Old Days of Railroad Building.

Lancaster has for more than half a century been notable for the railroad contractors who bave lived within its borders. In our quiet inland city have resided and moved some of the men who have had no superiors in the country in the building of railroads. Most of these men were of Irish origin and the causes that induced them to anchor here are interesting to note. In the building of the Fide water canal and the Old State road, Lancaster became the headquarters of the ongineers of these concerns, and the contractors were drawn to Lancaster in securing their supplies and estimates. The fine farms and theap markets had great attractions for them. and it was not strange that they resolved to permanently locate in this land flowing with milk and honey. Thus it has impended that these hardy immigrants planted a stock in

Lancaster which has been forceful in the direction of its material development.

Nor has Lancaster tost its prestige as a rall-road contractors' centre. The Malones are building the Market street bridge in Philadelphia. The Stewarts have a great contract for railroad work in Wisconsin. Keller & Bush, besides their large Pennsylvania work, have vast interests in new roads in the West. Michael Reilly and Patricius McManus, have large contracts near Potsville. The Metoverns & Fitzpatrick but recently close their work on the South Penn: J. B. & T W. Reilly are doing large work in Kontneky and the magnitude of the work of B. J Meterann on the Pittsburg & Lake Eric road is still the subject of litigation. The biographical sketch in the INTELLIGENCER gallery to-day deals with Richard J. Meterant, another of the list of contractors who have carried the name and fame of Lancaster abroad.

OF A HARDY STOCK.

Mr. McGrann is one of that hardy lrish stock that, emanating originally from the County Cavan, Ireland, carved fortune out of adversity in the land of the free. His father, John McGrann, was a man of strong individuality; and his uncle, Richard Me Grann, father of B. J. McGrann, possessed the same rugged earnestness of purpose and boldness of action that made them succeed in every undertaking they attempted. These brothers came to America when this century was not yet twenty years old. They had nothing but undannied spirits to start with, but before long they had built up reputa-tions for sterling integrity and at the same time amassed fortunes which enabled their ble auspices than had their fathers before

To enumerate all the public works with which these men were associated would fill more than the space allotted to this sketch. They were engaged on the Old State road between Lancaster and Philadelphia, Lehigh canal, Raffan and Union canals, the Welland canal, the North Pennsylvania road, the Lehigh and Susquetanna, the Chestnut street bridge, Philadelphia, and many other constructions of equal importance.

It is a curious fact that so many prominent frishmen of the state made Dutch Lancaster their home. When the great influx of Irish emigration poured into Luverne, Schuylkill and adjacent counties, these pioneer Irish-To enumerate all the public works with

and adjacent counties, these plonser insh-men drifted to Lancaster and soon by their natural faients became prominent figures in the community. The father of the subject of our sketch was of this group as was his uncle above alluded to. Patrick McEvoy was above alluded to. Patrick McEvoy was another of them, his reputation as a railroad contractor being national. His name survives in a thoughtful public charity, the Buchanan, McEvoy, Reynolds Relief Fund for purchasing cual for deserving widows. James Furcell and Michael Malone were others of the noted group, and the list includes James Malone, father of Richard A. Malone, John McGovern, father of Col. Edward McGovern, Michael Barry, John and Andrew Relliy, Bernard Flyen, William M. Wiley and the late John R. McGovern. Of these all but James Malone have been gathered to their fathers.

STARTED AS A CLERK. R. J. McGrann was born in New York city in 1837. His father, John McGraun, came to this country in 1829, being engaged with others in the construction of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad from 1840 to 1843. He re moved to Lancaster, purchased a farm which lay partly in this city, and took possession of it in 1844. His son, the subject of this sketch went to school in Lancaster until he was fitteen years old, when he was sent to Emmittaburg, Md., to complete his education, He left school in 1855, and in the following year went with his uncle Richard McGrann and some partners, who had a contract to build a part of the Northern Pennsylvania railroad—young Richard acting as storekeeper and clork until the road was completed about 1857. In 1859-69, the same parties built the Millport and Strasburg turnpike road. In 1869 Richard McGrann, John Reilly and John McGovern, of Overton, Pa., took the contract to complete the Downingtown & Waynesburg railroad and R. J. McGrann went to New Castle, Lawrence county, and under the contract name of McGrann, Reilly & Co., built the New Castle & Beaver Valley railroad. went to school in Lancaster until he was fif built the New Castle & Reaver Valley rail cond. John McGrann retired from the firm

road. John McGrann retired from the firm in 1855 and died in 1802.

After the completion of this work in 1802-3, the same parties, under the same firm name, went to Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county, and built the heaviest portion of "the Back road," from the top of the mountain down to the Wyoming valley. Previous to that time there was no way of getting into or out of Wilkesbarre Acceptable (Wilkesbarre Acceptable). of Wilkesbarre except by the inclined planes then in use. This road was built by the old

Lehigh Valley company. IN EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

After the completion of the work in the vicinity the firm was continually engaged for three and a half years by the same company in remodelling the planes and on the new line of railroad between White Haven and Mauch Chunk.

All this time John McGovern and R. J.

McGrana operated in this section of the state, while the other members of the firm were engaged in building the Chestaut street tridge, Philadolphia, about 1862-3. Later they built for the Lehigh Navigation ompany two large bridges, one across the Delaware river and the other across the sehigh, together with about ten miles of

railway, completing the work about 1867.

In 1869, in company with Mr. J. J. Fitzpatrick, Mr. McGrann went to Tremont, Schuylkill county, and built for the Reading Railroad company twenty-four miles of railroad in Williams valley. This work was road in Williams valley. This work was completed in 1871, after which they con-tracted for the completion of the Northeast Penn road. in 1872 the firm of McGrann & Fitzpatrick, of which R. J. McGrann was a member, built twenty-one miles, including two tunnels, of the East Broad Top railroad

in Huntingdon county. It was completed in 1874, when the same firm took a contract for the completion of the Delaware & Bound Brook road, from Jenkintown to the Delaware river, twenty-one miles in length, together with the bridge that spans the Delaware on said road.

During the years 1879, '80 and '83. Mr.

ware on said road.

During the years 1879, '80 and '82, Mr. McGrann was engaged with others in building forty miles of railroad in the Shenandeah valley. In all Mr. McGrann's contract work he was very successful, and is possessed of a handsome fortune, including much valuable real estate in this city. Mr. McGrann's mother and sisters still live on the old homestead, which lies partly in this city. HIS PARILY.

In 1867 Mr. McGrann married Miss Harriet Fell, of Wilkesbarre. He brought ber to Lancaster, and bought the property on North Prince on which he now resides. In January 1882 his estimable wife died, leaving him a tamily of seven children, the cidest being fourteen years of age and the youngest only three months old. The death of his wife placed upon him the care of his children and since the sad event he has not been ac

which he is also a long-time has not been actively engaged in his averation.

Mr. McGrann is a Catholic in religion and a Democrat in politics. He has been for years tressurer of St. Mary's orphan asylum, of which he is also a long-time momber. He never sought political preferment, but was some years ago elected as a Democratic connome years ago elected as a Democratic conncilman from the First ward, when the ward was decidedly Republican.

ADJUURNED QUARTER SESSIONS. District Attorney Eberly Issues His Trial La

for December Court. Distrit Attorney Eberly issued his trial list to-day for the adjourned quarter session courts begining December 6 and 13. The cases are assigned for trial in the following

MONDAY, December 6 -Wm Godda, Chas Monday, December 6 —Win Godda, Chas. Hohman, assault and battery; Chas. Weaver, larceny; Honey Hildebrant, sr., Henry Hildebrant, ir., assault and battery; Barbara Houck, Matthias Caffrey, fornication; Issae Reisinger, jr., Sannel Miller, Abraham S. Kauffman, assault and battery; Ephraim Shue, selling to minors; George Reidinger, assault and battery, etc.; H. R. Breneman, insurance broker without license; Edward Coolean, as all a without license; Edward Copland, et al., bawdy house: Calvin Davis, et al., felonious entry; Franklin Boyd, et al., horse stealing.

Toespay, December 7.—Rachel Getz, lar-

ceny; E. G. Reist, assault and battery; Lyman Bitzer, seduction; B. F. Weaver, crueity to animals; I-sast Lefever, adultery Stephen Maloney, fornication and bastardy Amaziah Herr, false pretense ; J. Slater Erb

embezziement.
WEDNESDAY, December 8.—Elias Camp.
WEDNESDAY, December 8.—Elias Camp. bell, false pretense: S. H. Dunlap, Martin Buzzard, larceny; Samuel Eby, embezzle-ment: Isalah Lutz, et. al., conspiracy; John

ment; Isaiah Lutz, e'. al., conspiracy; John Hain, embezzleineat.

Thursday, December 2.—John Miller, perjury; Geo. W. Birely, et. al.; Hugh S. Long, neglect of duty; George W. Birely, malicious trespass; Joseph Stark, Wim. Moore, false pretense; Henry Selverling, embezzlement; Wim. Graham, false pretense; Lawis Pelser, forgery; Horace B. Swartzwelder, Samuel Curtise, false pretense.

SATURDAY, December, H.—Samuel Brietigam, desertion; Henry Scheid, surety peace; N. J. Peck, desertion; Leah Connor, Mary Connor, surety peace; William F. Christ, desertion; Henry Hildebrandt, Jr.,

Christ, desertion; Henry Hildebrandt, jr. urety peace.

Montay, December 13 —Charles A. Reece,

Monday, December 13—Charles A. Reece, defrauding creditors: Adam Oblender, embezziement, etc.; Milier Shissier, forgery, &c.; Fred. Rahter, false pretense: Edwin Feilenbaum, selling on Sunday; Harry Paulting, fornication and bastardy.

TUESDAY, December 11.—B. F. Rowe, embezziement; Henry Nagle, malicious mischief: W. S. Hayes, horse stealing; John Dennison, sr., et. al., uniswful timber cutting; Jacob Hildebrandt, violating election law; Henry Massey, et. al., neglect of duty.

WEDNESDAY, December 15.—John G. Arrandt, Jacob R. Huber, false pretense; Webnesday, December L. John G Amand, Jacob R. Huber, false pretense Amos R. Hustetter, forgery.

Large Bequests to Ecclesiastical and Charitable Purposes The will of Miss Margaretta S. Lewis,

which was admitted to probate in Philadelphia on Friday, contained private legacies amounting to \$478,000, and bequests for gating \$301,000. The latter were as follows the Pennsylvania company for Insurance Lives and Granting Annuities the sum of 0,000 in trust, to be invested, and to distribute the income of the same to the trus-tees, rector and wardens of St. Peter's church at Third and Pine streets, for the imaintenance and support of the Memorial church of the Holy Conforter, at Nineteenth and Than streets; to the rector, vestrymen and wardens of St Peter's church, the follow-ing sums: For the Endowment trust fund, \$15,000; for a permanent fund to provide fuel for the poor, £2,000; for a permanent fund for the Dorcas and Missionary association to pro-vide sewing for the Poor Woman, £3,000; to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary society of the Protostant Episcopal church in the Unit-ed States for the use of domestic missions, states for the use of domestic missions, \$30,000, and to the same society, for foreign missions, \$10,000; to the board of missions of the diocese of Pennsylvania of the Protestant Episcopal church, or to the treasurer for the time being of said board, \$15,000, to be use i exclusively for missions in the diocese in which Philadelphia may be located: to the Bishop White Prayer Book society, in trust for the distribution of prayer books, \$5,000; Church Home for children, at Angora, \$20, 000; Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal church, \$59,000; to the same hospital for the incurable patients therein, \$15,000; to the contributors to the Pennsylvania hospital, for the sick department, \$3,000; Indigent Widows and Single Women's society, \$2,000; Female association, \$2,000. The will provides that all of the charitable legacies shall be paid before the expiration of five years.

WELL DONE, NEW JERSEY.

the Legislature is Now Democratic Beyond th

Chairman Alien McDermott, of the Demo-cratic state committee of New Jersey, Friday night, after the completion of the recount in the Third assembly district of Camden county, sent a private and important telegram to Gov Abbett at his home in Jersey City. Mr. Mc Dermott congratulated Gov. Abbett upon the gain of a Democratic assemblyman in the Third Camden district, and upon the fact that there is now an assured clean, straight-out Democratic majority of one on joint ballot in the coming legislature, independent of the two Paterson Labor members, Carroll and Donohue, who it was feared would hold the balance of power and could have dictated the choice of a United States senator as the ressor of Sanator Sewell.

The legislature will now stand on joint ballot 41 Democrats, 38 Republicans and 2 Labor party members. The recount in the Third Camden district, which was concluded by Judge Joei Parker at 7 o'clock Friday night, resulted in the discovery of enough ballots in the boxes of Waterford, Centre and Haddon townships that had not been counter by the election difficers and credited on the tally sheets to overturn the majority of 45 that was given by the board of canvassers to Mr. Haines, the Republican candidate, and to give Mr. Turley, his Democratic opponent, a majority of 16.

Fire in Bishop Bullson's House. Fire broke out at seven o'clock Friday Fire broke out at seven o'clock Friday morning in the residence of Bishop N. S. Rulison, D. D., on Fountain Hill, South Bethlehem, which for a time, threatened the destruction of the entire mansion. The building was saved by the prompt arrival of the entire fire department. The fire started in a partition in which sliding doors ran, and is supposed to have been caused by a match being carried into the coming and imited. being carried into the opening and ignited by the working of the doors. The loss will be a trifle less than \$500.

For Quay and Boyer.

The Republican members of the Pennsy vanis legislature from the counties of Butter, Ceaver, Fayette, Lawrence, Westmoreland, Washington, Indians and Armstrong met in Pittsburg Friday afternoon and unanimously endorsed Matthew S. Quay for the United States Senate, to succeed Mitchell. The delegation also pledged its support to Henry K Boyer, of Philadelphia, for speaker of the

A GOBBLER'S PLAINT Now that the dread Thanksgiving is over, My worry about Christmas has begun, Taking one consideration with another,

HAPPY TOBACCO GROWERS. CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF THE

TAX ON BUMATRA LEAF.

An Early Effort to see Made to Stop Evasions Duty-The Old Bill to Come up on the First Day of the Next Session for Its Prompt Consideration.

Congressman Hiestand and W. U. Hense

of the committee on legislation of the Loca

Tobacco Growers' association, have received notice that immediately upon the re-assen bling of the present Congress, in the short session, on December 6, the effort will be renewed to amend the law taxing Sumatra tobacco imports so as to prevent the presen evasions of the duty laid upon it, practiced by the conning Holland importers. At present the tariff law relating to the collection of a duty upon leaf tobacco is as follows:
"Leaf tobacco, of which S5 per cent. is of the
requisite size, and of the necessary fineness
of texture to be suitable for wrappers, and of which more than one hundred leaves are r quired to weigh a pound, if not stemmed ?; cents per pound, if stemmed, \$! per pound.' This language is ambiguous, and the law is easily evaded. The collection of such duty is being attended with great incorrecnionee, and loss to the government. A bil is now pending before the House to correct the present law as above quoted without changing the rate of duty, and making it changing the rate of duty, and making it non-evasive, easy and plain to administer. The pending bill is in the words following, "Leaf Tobasco in any bale, box, package or bundle, any part of which is suitable for wrappers, if not stemmed, 75 cents per pound, if stemmed, \$1 per pound, upon the whole contents of such bale, box, package or bundle."

This bill is now pending on a motion made by Mr. Hiscock on the last day of the last session to suspend the rule and put the bill upon its passage. It will come up for consideration on the first day of the next session, roll call on this bill being first in order. The friends of the bill have been earnestly requested on behalf of the tobacco growers and dealers in domestic wrapper leaf tobacco, throughout the United States, to be present at roll call on the reassembling of the present Congress, and to give their voice and vote for Congress, and to give their voice and vote for the above correction. E. N. Phelps, president New England To

bacco Growers' association: S. L. Lord, president of the Northwestern Tobacco Growers and Dealers' association; W. C. Morse, president of Chemung Valley Tobac co Growers' association, and M. Tobin, presi dent of the New York State Tobacco Grow ers' and Dealers' association, will co-operate with the representatives of our local associa-tion in the effort to have this necessary legis

A GHANTLY DISCOVERY Father Finds His Son Lying Across His Bed With His Throst Cut. John Mason, aged twenty-eight, cut his throat early Friday morning at the residence of his parents, No. 1411 Locust street, Philadelphia. Mr. Mason returned from abroad only a year ago, and has since been residing at his father's house. On Thanksgiving day he was with some friends in the upper part of the city and returned in the evening apparently in cheerful spirits, retiring to his apparently in cheerful spirits, retiring to his room about eleven p. m. At breakfast he was missing, but it was thought that he had oversiepthimself and would be down directly. At nine o'clock, however, a servant informed the family that she had knocked at the door of Mr. John's room and could get no answer, and the elder Mr. Mason immediately hurried up stairs and entering the room saw his son lying on the bed with his head almost severed from his body, which was quite cold, showing that he had been dead some hours. The razor with which the deed had been committed lay on the floor near a bureau, where it had been thrown after the fatal gash was inflicted. The furniture was bespattered with blood and furniture was bespattered with blood and a ghastly stream extended over the bed and carpet. The young man must have stood before the mirror, cut his throat with a fearful exertion of force and fallen back upon

In his right hand was still grasped the end of a sheet which had been raised to the gap-ing wound, as if at the last moment the deceased had made an effort to stanch the blood. The family are totally at a loss to ac-count for the fatal deed. The young man was rather reserved, and rarely went into company: but he was amiable and kind, and was about the last person whom his friends would have suspected to end his life in this manner. An inquest will be held.

A Quier Examination,

From the San Francisco Chronicle There is a family uptown in which the young daughter and the father are hand-in glove. He does not teach her slang : he does not use it himself. He is literary and learned little girl with the highest views on literature and art. The two hold long discussions of very serious subjects, and the mother sits by and listens. The child is very young, bu she has noticed that her mother does not in terfere with these discussions. deed have tilled her mind as to her mother education. The other day she came up and asked her mother some very obstruse ques

"I can't tell you, dear. You must ask your papa."
"On, I know papa knows all about; it, but I only wanted to see if you knew anything."

Verdicts in the Common Pleas. The jury in the suit of the Keystone Port able Driller company vs. S. M. Epler found in favor plaintiff for \$157.98.

In the suit of Benjamin Fritz, the jury rendered a verdict in layor of the defendant. Berjamin L. Brubaker, of East Hempfield township, was appointed guardian of the minor children of Martin H. Bear, of the same township.

THOUBS IN A BLIZZARD. The Story of a Terrible Ride of Army Officer

Through the Blistering Cold.
DISMARCK, D. T., Nov. 27.-A party of rmy officers arrived from Fort Yates nigh before last, and gave a description of the most thrilling and trying ride in the history of this section. They were 72 hours in the blizzard coming from Fort Lincoln, a distance of 60 miles, or over an hour to the mile. The vehicle was an ambulance, and was drawn by four mules. During Monday night, when the blizzard was at its height they were compelled to shovel and plunge their way through snow drifts from six to ten feet deep, and the continual use of whip and goading sticks, was necessary to keep the exhausted animals walking. The officer say at times the blizzard actually hid the mules from view, but for the animals' in stinct they would have been frozen to death Once they passed an Indian camp, but the savages refused them shelter, as their expe rience taught them that this would be fatal to them. The ambulance top was blown

away. It was a fight for life and a terrible

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Mrs. Lucy Parsons, wife of the condemned anarchist, returned from her lecturing tour in the East last night. She said she was pleased with the result of her trip. The people had heard the Anarchists' side of the story and much prejudice had been removed. Regarding the financial results she did not know much, as the money on being collected at the various places had been forwarded to this city by the persons having charge of the various meet-

GRAND FORKS, Dak., Nov. 27.—Reports are received here daily of persons who suffered during the late severe storms in this vicinity. Several were reported missing from near Emerado, this county, and have not been found. It is feared that they

A WILD ANIMAL IN MARTIC. What a Bold Party Found Who Went to Hunt

RAWLINSVILLE, Pa, Nov. 27 .- This neighborbood is again disturbed by the appear ance of the wild animal that inhabits the Martic hills. It was seen a short time since on the road leading from Rawlinsville to the Union, and shot at by a person living along the road. Several times dogs of the neigh borhood have chased it, but have invariably given up the chase after being badly used up by the animal. The darkeys who live in the eighborhood hold it in deadly fear and are ever on the look-out for it. That there is a wild animal of some sort ranging on the hills of Martic and Providence there is no doubt. It was quite recently seen on the Blue Bell hills and this fact caused alarm among our over on the look out for it. That the It was quite recently seen on the Blue Bell hills and this fact caused alarm among our Beggar Row friends. On Saturday night last, about the time the landlord of a Providence township hotel was closing his house, a young man who had possibly been imbiting too freely rushed pell-mell into the hotel and breathlessly told the landlord that the Dorsone wild animal ran him from the Blue Bell to this hotel. After much persuasion the landlord and another party, together with the scared/chap, started back towards the Bell. They had not gone far before they heard and saw something coming from the bushes, "There it is! There it is!" said the man who was chased. The parties, armed to the teeth awaiting its coming, prepared to give it a warm reception, when with an extra whine and grunt it came in view; an old sow, with one solitary pig running by her side.

Rabbits Scarce.

Gunners are complaining of the unusual carcity of rabbits this fall. This is owing to the fact that last winter, well on towards the holidays, several parties from Lancaster came into this neighborhood with "ferrets. came into this neighborhood with "ferrets,"
and putting them in the ground-hog holes
and other places where the rabbits seek for
refuge chased them out, to be caught and
killed by the parties waiting to receive them.
This open violation of the law and wholesale
extermination of game should not be allowed,
and if the same parties come in the ueighborhood again they will be waithed and tobood again they will be watched and to

Mr. O. F. Groff has just returned from a trip to Baltimore, bringing with him a large

improved the appearance of their hall yard by planting ornamental trees and shrubby planting ornamental trees and shrub-bery.

Our temperance apostles who predicted such an immense Temperance vote proved themselves as knowing as our Rawlinsville

veather prophets.

The farmers are through husking corn and ousy stripping tobacco and pronounce it a fine crop.

We noticed in the New Err of last Satur-

day that the fire that destroyed the barn of David Miller, together with crops and live stock, was started from a fire in a tobacco shed attached to the barn. This is a mistake shed of any kind being near the barn and the fire being clearly incendiary, as reported in The INTELLIGENCER.
The INTELLIGENCER has not lost any of its

vigor under its new managers, but still con-tinues to be Lancaster's most entertaining and sprightliest daily.

AN RISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Movement Inaugurated For the Organization of a County Association, F. R. Diffenderiffer, of the New Era, A. F. Hostetter, Reva. Dr. J. H. Dubbs and J. Max Hark, S. H. Zahin, E. K. Martin and W. U Hensel, esqs., met at the office of the last named, No. 45 North Duke street, on Friday afternoon, and talked over some practical method of organizing the long contemplated historical society of Lancaster city county. Rev. Dr. Dubts was called to the chair and Mr. Hostetter was secretary of the meeting. It was determined to make an energetic effort to establish a permanent energetic effort to establish a permanent society of earnest workers to promote the study of our local history in all its phases and to discover and preserve matter of value and interest in this aspect. The names of more than a score of others than those present were suggested as persons interested in such a movement, and it was determined to issue a call for a meeting at Mr. Hensel's office at 2 p. m. on Tuesday, Dec. it, of all persons inp. m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11, of all persons in-terested in such an association, when it is ex-

Sleeping Car Wagner's Son From the Philadelphia Pre-

Drifting into the office of the New York Central Sleeping Car company at the Grand Central depot I heard the conductors there discussing the late Norman Wagner, who died about six weeks ago from the effects of extended dissipation. His father was the in entor of what was known as the Wagner sleeping car. He amassed \$1.000,000 or \$5, 000,000 as the reward of his inventive and executive abilities, and served a term or two in the state Senate. He was killed in one of his own cars in the Spuyten Duyvil accident on the New York Central. The son had been made superintendent of the car service under his father, and although having no education developed remarkable ability for controlling men and directing the car ser-vice. He was "hall-fellow-well-met" with all the men in the service and could carry in his head the entire car system, being able to tell just where any car in the service was at any given time. He was a hard drinker. Occasionally he would come into the office and discharge two or three men just for the purpose of showing his authority. The next day he would wink at them and tell them to go back. The fortune which he inherited from his father has been left to a child four or five years of age,

"THE CLIO."

The Eighth Season of a Notable Organizatio

The initial meeting for the season of 1886-8 of the Cliosophic seciety was held at the resi-dence of Rev. Dr. Theo. Appel, 533 West James street, on Friday evening. The meet-ing was a very full one, about fifty members being present, besides a number of guests. The old officers were re-elected, and the executive committee continued. Three subjects for the winter were presented in short papers. by their respective supporters, viz.: "Russia," "Germany" and "A Comparison of Ancien and Modern Civilizations." After a brief dis-cussion a vote was taken to ascertain the preference of the members, and it resulted it 10 for the first named theme, 16 for the second, and 17 for the third. On a second ballot the comparison of the ancient and modern civilizations was adopted by a vote of 24 to 22. The different points of comparison will furnish topics for about a dozen papers, and as many evenings of discussion; among, the essayists for the winter being Revs. L. M. Hardy, Drs. Apple, Kiefter, Stahr, Titzel, Prof. G. M. Mull, and Willis B. Musser. The next meeting of the Chosophic will be held on Friday, December 10, at the residence of Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart on the college campus.

The cold snap drove eleven unfortunates t the station house for lodging last night. Alderman Fordney discharged them this more

James Judewer, a stranger, was committed to-day for 24 hours, for drunkenness and dis-orderly conduct by Alderman A. F. Don-Jacob Mohow was arrested on Friday by officer Roerich on a warrant issued by Al-derman McGlinn. He is charged with beat-ing his wife, His case will be disposed of

Dalrympie Signs With Pittsburg Dairymple, the left fielder of the Chicago club, was released yesterday, and signed at once with the Pittsburg Association team. "Dai" first sprang into prominence as fielder and batter while guarding left field heider and batter while guarding left field for Milwaukee in 1878. That year he led the League in batting. Of late he has fallen off in his playing, and he was not allowed to take part in more than the games the past season. When the Chleago and St. Louis played for the world's championship, and Dairympie had several bad errors at critical times. He was at once blamed for losing times. He was at once blamed for losing the championship, and his fellow players made it very unpleasant for him.

FROM THE FIFTH FLOOR.

THE TERRIBLE PALL OF THREE PITTS BURG HOD-CARRIBES.

Beverly Harris to His Descent Falls Against Rapidly Revolving Dynamo Fly-Wheel, Receiving Fatal Injuries. The Two Others Will Probably Recover.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 26,-At noon to-day, James White, Foreman Beverly Harris and Ed; Porter, hod-carriers, employed on the new building of the Allegheny electric light company, on Virgin alley, had ascended the fifth place in the holsting elevator, when they lost control of the cage, which together with the men fell to the ground. Harris fell against a rapidly revolving dynamo fly Barton were badly bruised, but will recover. Harris is 40 years of age and married. The same building was, a few weeks ago, the scene of a somewhat similar accident by which several men were badly injured.

SPEECH OF ROUMANIA'S KING.

He Selects as His Successor to the Throi Prince Ferdinand. BUCHAREST, Nov. 27 .- The speech of King harles was read from the throne in the Chamber of Deputies to day. After referring to international effairs his majesty touched on the Bulgarian question and said he was hopeful that peace would be maintained. He then announced that he had selected Prince Ferdinand as his beir. This is in accordance with the constitution of Roumania. succession to the throne of Roumania in the event of King Charles remaining childless was settled by article 83 of the constitution upon his elder brother, Prince Leopold of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringer, who renounced his rights in favor of his son, Prince Ferdinand, the act having been registered by the Senate in October, 1880.

The Cession of Port Hamilton LONDON, Nov. 27 .- The Morning Post says that the government is negotiating the cession of Port Hamilton to China with the object of multiplying the pretexts upon which Russia assumes to occupy Port Lazaveff. and of securing effectual protection of Britisl interests in the Island.

Caused a Sensation DUBLIN, Nov. 27.-An Armagh newspape publishes a report of an interview, alleged to have taken place between a Nationalis leader and a member of the royal land com mission, in which the latter is said to have observed : " Now is the time for the tenan farmers to fight it out." The statement ha caused a tremendous sensation.

Elevated to the Peerage. BERLIN, Nov. 27,-Herr Douglass, Conser vative member of the Reichstag, has been elevated to the Prussian peerage.

The Manchester Handicap LONDON, Nov. 27 .- The race for the Man chester handicap at the November meeting was run to day and won by Stormhead.

SENSATIONAL TRAGEDY.

Iwo Gambiers Fight, Resulting in the Deat of One of Them. BRENHAM, Texas, Nov. 27 .- A sensational tragedy occurred here yesterday afternoon between two gambiers, John A. Traytor and Henry Hancock, resulting in the death of Traytor. Both men are proprietors of gam-bling houses, and Traytor, the newest comer, had tried every way to pick a quarrel with Hancock, who kept a peaceable, quiet resort For the past three days Traytor had been going about the streets heavily armed, mak ing threats against the life of Hancock. Yesterday afternoon, Traytor in company with another desperate character, was seen swaggering across the street in front of Hanck's place, when the latter raised a window and coolly emptied the centents of both barrels of a shotgun into Traytor, who fell dead. O the person of the dead man were found two huge revolvers. He had killed three men his last victim being William Allen, a sport ing man whom he murdered last December. out managed to procure an acquittal be fore a jury. Hancock was arrested imme distely and admitted to \$1,000 bail. He received the congratulations of nearly every

of such a desperate character. Her Dusky Harrisburg Lover. HARRISBURG, Nov. 7.—George M Sneed, weil waiter at the Arlington hotel, Wash ington, D. C., was to have been married to Miss Lulu Francis, one of Washington' most fashionable colored belies on Wednes day last, Sneed had made extensive preparations toward housekeeping. John

business man in town for ridding the city

F. Cragwell, a barber, of this city, has also been in love with Miss Francis, having met her frequently during the latter's visits here. Cragwell having been informed confidentially of the state of things in Washington, hurriedly paid a visit to that city. Arriving there Mr. Francis intimated that if Cragwell could steal his daughter it was O. K. He did so. and Dr. Sutherland tied the knot on Wednesday. The couple are now in Harrisburg. where they will go to house-keeping.

Rushed From Optum to Chioral. BOSTON, Nov. 27.—About three days ago, Mrs. Kate McShane Jenkins came here from Baltimore, where she was well known in so cial circles, hired apartments at 11 Highland avenue, and [placing her three children in school, settled down for the winter. On Monday last she was found in her room unconscious and died soon after. It has just transpired that Medical Examiner Draper found that death was caused by an overdos of chloral bydrate, which Mrs. Jenkins was using in order to break up an opium habit which enslaved her. The remains were taken to Baltimore on Wednesday by the lady's father, Henry McShane, a wealthy brass founder.

Fatal Work With a Pocket Kuife ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Nov. 27 .- Near Hackberry street, yesterday, Charles Spencer and Charles Cohn, partners in the stock rais ing business, were going to town in a wagon when a dispute began over a settlement of accounts and they fought two hours. Spencer threw a whisky bottle at Cohn, striking him in the face, knocking him down and cutting a frightful gash. Cohn, mad with anger rushed upon his partner with a pocket knife and stabbed him in several places and cut his throat. Cohn took the dead body to town and gave himself up to the officers.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27 .- Fire originated on the top floor of the four-story building 46 and 48 Michigan avenue at 4:30 this morning. The

fire department were promptly at the scene, and in a short time what at first threatene to become a serious conflagration, dued. The loss will not exceed \$10,000, divided between B. O. Vanboklen, repres Anderson's preserved fruits, and Hamlin Wizard Oil company, which firms occupied surance,

A sale And a Fire.
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 27.—The city waterworks were sold to-day to Samuel R. Bullock & Ca., of New York, for \$500,000, they

taking up all outstanding bonds. The Fayette county jail at Sommerville, Tenn., forty miles from here, burned this morning. The prisoners, 19 in number will be transferred to the Memphis jail and

cared for until other arrangements are made.

THE MORAVIANS TO CREBBRATE.

The One Hundred and Forty-first Anniversary of the Establishment of Their Church. The one hundred and forty-first anniversary of the Moravian church, of this city, will be observed to-morrow and a special programme of exercises has been prepared. A sermon appropriate to the occasion will be preached by Rev. J. Max Hark and the music will be a feature of the programme. In the afternoon there will be a love feast and in the evening

County Church Dedications. From the New Holland Clarion.

The new church erected by the Lutheran and Reformed congregations during the pas summer in the village of Bowmansville will be dedicated on Sunday. Quite a large number of ministers of both denominations will be present and take part in the services of the occasion.

of the occasion.

Bangor church, Churchtown, will (D. V.)
be consecrated on Tuesday, November 30,
divine service commencing at 10:30 a. m,
The bishop of the diocese, together with several of the clergy will be present and participate in the services.

Lamar on Lowell Secretary Lamar considers Mr. Lowell as the best writer of pure English now living. He said also that during the address of Mr. Lowell it was a constant subject of wonder to him to see how quickly the highly intelligent audience responded to Mr. Lowintelligent audience responded to Mr. Low-ell's most subtle points. Mr. Lowell appeared to me to be constantly seeking through the most nimble and adroit wit to hide behind the framework of classical phrases his mean-ing. But however nimble was this wit, or however subtle his mode of expression, his audience kept up with him and caught the exact shade of expression at the very in-stant of its delivery, following his classical phraseology with the same rapidity of thought and the same delicate comprehen-sion of the orator. There was no point made sion of the crator. There was no point made by him that was not instantly felt and fol-lowed by a burst of applause."

LOUISA LITTA IN " CHISPA." A Poor Play Poorly Given By an Inferior

Company. Friday evening Louisa Litta appeared in the opera house in the comedy drama of "Chispa" to a small audience. The piece was written by Clay M., Green and Siason Thompson, authors of "M'liss," to which it is far inferior. It is very sensational and there are plenty of blood-thirsty ruflians. Pistols, knives and other dangerous looking weapons were very plenty during the presentation of the play. Miss Litta appeared as Chispa This lady has been compared to AnniePixley, but for what reason it would be difficult to tell, as she is possessed of very little talent as an actress. The company is not strong and about the best part of the performance was the excellent banjo playing by E. C. Dobson. Miss Litta also played the same instrumen

n a very creditable manner. Surprised at Twenty-One.

On Friday William Leonard, who makes his home with his sister, Mrs. W. R. Jamison, at No. 422 Lancaster avenue, was twenty-one years of age. In the evening he was down street when a messenger was sent for him telling him to come home at once as his brother from New York had arrived and only intended to remain from one train to another. He went home and was surprised to find his home filled with his friends who had come to see him. Miller's orchestra was present and furnished the music. There were dancing, speech-making, singing, &c. A were dancing, speech-making, singing, &c. A big supper wound up the festivities.

Chief Justice Mercur's Reserved Decisio Col. Emlen Franklin, Zuriel Swope, and Walter W. Franklin, attorneys for Joseph J. Waiter W. Franklin, attorneys for Joseph J. Dosch, met Chief Justice Mercur of the supreme court at the office of B. F. Eshleman at 10 o'clock this morning, in reference to allowing a special allocatur for a review of the rulings of the court on the points submitted as to Dosch's sanity when he attempted the life of Judge Livingston. The chief justice took the papers and reserved his decision. It was stated on Friday that the writ had been allowed by the papers to the court of the been allowed, but such was not the case, the meeting to-day.

Wedding in Manheim A quiet wedding occurred in Manheir orough on Thanksgiving day. The marriag of Mr. Charles Bickel, of Philadelphia, to Mis Annie V. Arndt took place at a quarter before eight in the morning in the presence of the family. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Warren J. Johnson, pastor of St Paul's Reformed church. The bride is the estimable daughter of Mr. Henry Arndt, the well known merchant of the borough. The newly married couple left for New York and other Eastern cities, and after a trip will return to Philadel

Friday evening a terrible rallroad accident occurred in the Reading company's yard in Harrisburg. Mrs. Fred A. Cleckner and her little son were picking coal on the track They became separated and the boy was run over and cut to pieces by a draft of coal cars which were being shifted. His mother tried to save him and she was also run over, having one of her legs cut off at the hip. She was taken to the hospital and will not likely recover. cover.

Benjamin Kuhns, a native of this county, who now lives at Dayton, Ohio, has just ompleted one of the finest buildings in the West. It is patterned after the Times build-ing in Philadelphia and cost, inclusive of the ground, \$100,000. It will be used entirely for

A Family's Narrow Escape. CHICAGO, Nov. 27 .- The family of R. Smith, living at 63 Sibley street, had a narrow escape from suffocation this morning. About 2 o'clock fire originated in the basement causing an explosion. This alarmed Mrs. Smith who aroused her husband. Mr. Smith groped his way through the hall and down stairs, but nearly overcome with the deadly gas and smoke he could not open the door The flames made such headway that he feared for his family and he rushed back to his bedroom and succeeded in getting his wife and two babes out through the front door. fire was extinguished with but a loss of \$500.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 27.—The differences be-tween De Hayen & Co., stove manufacturers, and their moulders culminated this morning in a strike of forty men, causing a shut down in all departments throwing 150 men out of work. The strikers demand more pay, shorter hours of labor, and a regular schedule of prices for piece-work. strikers will be supported by the Interna-tional Iron Moulders' Union.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 27 .- A special to the Evening Post from Williamsburg, Ky., says: "There is no truth in the reported murder of the Poe family in Knox county. Your correspondent has made an investigation, and he finds that no arrests have been ma and that the story sent out yesterday is wholly sensational and untrue."

Austin Corbin a Voting Trusted PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27.—The directors of the Philadelphia & Reading company have elected Austin Corbin, one of the voting trustees of the company under the reorganization plan in place of Henry Lewis,

Shoe Dealers Assign CINCINNATI, Nov. 27 .- J. & P. Sachs, 8 lealers at 69 West Pearl street, assigned to M. J. Back for the benefit of their creditors this morning. The assets are put at \$100,000 Liabilities \$200,000.

Makes Quite a Difference.

From the Lancaster Inquirer. Mrs. Diller and Joseph Stautter, of East Earl, were not married, but buried at Weaverland the other week.

WAIFS FROM WASHINGTON.

THE PRESIDENT APPOINTS A NUMBER OF NEW POSTMASTERS.

Who the New Men are Who Will Look After Uncle Sam's Mail Bage—The Surgeon Gon-

eral's Report-Other Federal Capital

Notes The Bell Telephone Dispute.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.-The president to-day appointed the following named post-masters : Geo. Paul, Iowa City, Iowa : John M. Startzman, Savanna, Ill.; George C. Thompson, Midland, Mich.; Chas. W. Gant, Irwin, Pa.; Geo. E. Blake, Fayetteville, Tenn.; Robertson I. Coons, Albany, Texas; Charles E. Rose, Patchogue, N. Y.; Eucha-riste Burle, Lake Linden, Mich.; Fred. B. Smith, Columbia, Dak.; Asa M. Dickey, Bradford, Vt.; Chas. H. Finley, Modesto, Cal.; M. R. Cooper, St. Augustine, Fla.; Fred. M. Mead, Marengo, Ill.; Henry J. Dane, Lesneur, Minn.; Benj. Kowalski, Brownsville, Tex.; Caroline A. Youngblood, hester S. C.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27-The president today appointed Thomas F. Ashby, of River-ton, Neb., to be register of the land office at Bloomington, Neb., vice, Simon W. Switzer, resigned.

The postmaster general appointed to-day among others J. W. Bradeer, of Ramson, Pa., fourth-class postmaster.

Advocating Punishment,
WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The annual report of the acting judge advocate general of the army recommends that authority be conferred upon officers to order summary punishment in certain cases without count martial. The Surgeon General's Report.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The annual re-port of the surgeon general of the army shows that the death rate, the percentage of sickness, and the number of cases requiring hospital treatment in the army has been smaller during the past year than during any previous year in the history of the medical department of the army.

THE RELL TELEPHONE SUIT. Ex-Senator McDonald Makes a Remarkable

Statement Regarding It. WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 .- Ex-Sensior Joseph E. McDonald, of Indiana, is one of the counsel for the detense of the Bell telepho patent in the suit brought by the governnent to break down the patent. In a conversation with a reporter he made the inter-esting declaration that however the proceedings might be expedited, and whatever the courts might do, a final judgment by the supreme court on the matter could not be reached in less than seven years from the present, while the patent will expire in six years, and no judgment, whether for or against the patent, could be made retractive. So that even if Bell's patent is entirely involved, the clumsing of the legal machinery and consequently the law's delay, makes the government and the people of this country absolutely powerless to prevent the Bell company from continuing to pocket the profits of the monopoly, and absolutely powerless to recover a penny of that profit, should judgment against the Beil patent be ultimately obtained and the profits shown to have been ill-gotten.

THE STORY OF JUDGE MANDING. Confirmatory Evidence That He Was on a Big

Drunk in Mexico. CHICAGO, III., Nov. 27 .- A Times special from the City of Mexico says: The papers here print a dispatch from Washington mying nothing is known there beyond what has appeared in the papers regarding Minister Manning's alleged escapade. It is certain, however, that he sent the cablegram regard-Around the hotel where Manning lives it is openly asserted that he was yesterday (Thursday) unable to sign official docu-ments and was in no condition to venture out of the hotel to attend the annual Thanksgiving ball and that Secretary Morgan rep-resented the government in answering calls, etc. It is admitted by the Louisans mem-bers of the American colony that they knew of the minister's failing before he reached

the City of Mexico. Judge Manning's prestige among the diplomats residing here is greatly injured by the

accounts of his conduct. Still Living From Severe Stabs. CHICAGO, Nov. 27 .- Mrs. Jansen, the voman who was so horribly cut by her husband yesterday morning, at 231 Oak street, was slightly better this morning, though her covery is still a matter of doubt. The physicians say that to-day the crisis will come and until then they cannot positively say whether she will get 'well or not. Her hus-band has been removed to a cell in the insane department of the county jail. He was very violent and had to be put in a strait jacket. Some persons say they never saw him set crazy before, and for that reason

are of the opinion that be is feigning in-

Jarrett May Be Prosecuted tive from Mount Vernon is in this city. He says there is still great indignation in the 18th congressional (Morrison's) district over the defeat of Mr. Morrison in the late of tion, the friends of the gentleman referred to being of the opinion that John Jarrett, expresident of the Amalgamated association, used corrupt means to secure a victory for Mr. Baker. He says a movement is on toot to prosecute Jarrett, though Mr. Morrison has not been consulted in the matter.

Arrived With a Murderer INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 27 .- James Hardwie, of Cherokee county, Alabama, passed through the city last night en route home from Southwest City, Mo., where he arrested Calvin McFee for a murder committed 20 years ago McFee and Joseph Hardwie had a quarrel about some land and the latter was killed and McFee fied. James Hardwie, a brother of the murdered man, began a search for the slayer of his brother and has protracted it until now finally locating him in Missouri.

NATCHEZ, Miss., Nov. 27.—A report has reached here of the lynching of three incendiaries in Franklin county, for burning Har-ris Colcate's cotton gin houses. There was is coleate's cotton gin houses. There was lot of cotton stored in the gin house, and the negrous had stolen several bales of it and fired the building to conceal the theft. They were arrested and while being taken to jall were "lost in the woods."

NEWARK, O., Nov. 27 .- Officer The NEWARK, O., Nov. 27.—Officer Roach was shot and probably fatally in jured by Wm. Gorman, ex-policeman, at half-past by Wm. Gorman, was intoxicated twelve this morning. Gorman was intoxiand Officers Roach and Brooke attempted to arrest him, when he pulled his revolver and shot Officer Reach in the right breast

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Henry M. Stanley, the Atrican explorer, arrived here from Bremen to-day. Herr Liebknecht, the Socialist, sailed for

Liverpool to-day. WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 28.—For Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, generally feir weather, slightly warmer, variable winds,