# ROBERTS' LITTLE GAME

# A New Way of Making Money in the County of Lancaster.

IS SOLICITOR SHENCK A PARTY TO IT

Circomstances That Go to Show That Hera-Roberts Bought County Illis And Hest Them Approved By Solicitor Shenck

For a Greater Sum, Whereby a Handsome Profit Was Made.

The County Solicitor Takes

a \$10 Fee to Approve a Policemen's Rill

There was a row on Barbary coast on Fr. day atternoon during which serious charges were made affecting the official integrity of County Soliettor Shenck. As is well known one of the duties of the solicitor is to approve the bills of magistrates and constables. It is also well known that there have been differences between these officials and the solicitor. and the latter refused to approve bills for the amounts presented. It has also been whispered about that there was a young man, who had his headquarters at County Soliditor Shenck's office, made a business of buying magistrates' and constables' bills at big discount, and it was also charged that some of the bills thus purchased were approved in all cases for a greater amount than the price paid for them by the broker. This young man bears the name of Horace Roberts, and he halls originally from Wash ington borough. He turned up in this city a tew years ago at the second ward polls, and he takes part in the primary elections there and assumes to be one of the ward politicans

HE DON'T WANT MUCH. He is a modest young man and has severa strings to his bow at present. He wants to be a candidate for assessor of the Second ward in the spring, for alderman the following year, is an applicant for one of the positions on the hill at Harrisburg; he is also pushing his claims for appointment as county detective. In addition to the above he still has time to deal in claims against the county.

What led to the row of Friday was

heated discussion which took place in the private room adjoining the commissioners' office. At 2 o'clock the commissioners agreed to meet Alderman Spurrter and his counsel in reference to his bills against the county in the Rote and Gerlitzki cases. At that time R. Frank Eshleman, accompanied by Alderman Spurrier, met Solicitor Shenck and the commissioners, Mr. Eshleman asked Shenck what he proposed to do about Shenck said he would allow Spurrier about \$40, which was about one-half their face value. Mr. Eshieman replied that he would not take that amount but would sue for the full amount. After some further discussion Mr. Esbleman, withthe billin his hand, pointed to Mr. Spenck and said We will not take that amount and we want it distinctly understood that these bills are not for sale," and he then walked out of the Shenck followed him and went to his office and a few infinites afterwards this man Roberts came out of Shenck's office. In a blustering, swaggering manner he said "I'll bet \$5 to \$10 that I never bought any This remark was overheard Alderman Spurrier and he piched into Roberts, calling him all the pet names he could think of and he closed the wrangle by saving that he had enough evidence to send him and Shenck to the penitentiary for bribery. One of our leading attorneys who also heard Roberts' remark corroborated what Alderman Spurrier had said as be knowing that Roberts and Shenck were in collusion as to the purchase of bills at a discount.

The news of the row spread rapidly of Barbary Coast and before evening all the lawyers were talking about it. A reporter of the Estructure New investigated the matter and this is what he learned as to Shenck's dereliction of duty: That Constable Elenoltz and others were interested in the fish cases brought by Warden Coxey, about which so much was written; that Shenck refused at first to approve the bills, that Eicholtz went to Shenck and employed him as an attorney to look after his interest in the bills and paid him a fee of \$10 for his services; that Shenck was county solicitor and as such approved the bills after he received the \$10 fee and Etchoitz was paid the bills which Shenck at first refused to ap-

his bill for dismissed cases to Shenck, who refused to approve it; that as Zellers was about taking the cars for home, he was me by Roberts, who made him an offer for his bill; Zellers declined then to sell and went home. The next morning he came again to the city and by advice of counsel sold the bill to Roberts. That bill was subse-quently approved by Shenck for a sum greater than Roberts paid for it: that county solicitor Shenck said to office Pyle who arrested the ingrams that it would be \$10 in his pocket if he stayed away from the habeas corpus case, when they were taken before the judge and intimated that there would be trouble about his getting bills approved if he appeared against them.

That Roberts called on John B. Bushons ex-policeman, six times in one day this week and offered to buy the bill he had against the county, agreeing to pay for the same \$65 less

than the face value. That Roberts has been on the lookout fo ex-Officer John Herr, who also has a bill against the county for a few hundred dollars, with a view to purchasing the same; that h has said he wanted to see Herr for that pur

That other officers on the police force ha paid Shenck money, their understanding being that it was for the approval of their

Some time ago William Weidler, an ex police officer of the city, held a bill agains the county for \$50 for fees in cases from Alderman Samsou's court. He spoke to Shenck on numerous occasions but he put him off by telling him that he could not get the commissioner's to sanction it. Weidler was employed at the Penn Iron works and Roberts visited him day after day and some times twice a day. He begged him to sell the bill and offered him \$35 for it. Weidler refused for a long time but finally fearing that he would get nothing he sold the bill to Roberts for \$38. The next day the money was drawn from the treasurer's office by Roberta. The amount he received was a few dollars less than the original bill, but con

siderably more than Weldler received for it The aldermen say that it was at Shenck's suggestion that the rule was made, by which the bills of magistrates and conitables are laid over for a month. Officers living in the country do not care to run to town several times after their bills, and some are willing to sell at a reduction. By these means Moterts is given an opportunity to work upor them.

DEALS IN WITNESSES HILLS. It has also been learned that Shenck himself has made offers to parties who were witnesses for the commonwealth to purchase their bills. In one particular case a witness on a conspiracy case had a bill against the county for \$3, and when on the road to

the treasurer's office to get it canbed, Sheeck THE LANCASTER ASSEMBLY. met him and offered him 🙉 for the bill, but

the offer was refused. This man Roberts could never have kept on at this brokerage business without Shenck's knowledge. He was at Shenk's office at all hours of the day, and Shenek secured board ng for him at Capt. Settley's Lancaster coun'y house ten days ago, and guaranteed the pay ment of his board.

PATRIUTIC BONS OF AMERICA.

An Entertainment to He Given Upon the Ocea On Tuesday evening next, Washington Camp No. 27, P. O. S. of A. will celebrate the thirty-ninth anniversary o the founding of the order by giving an entertainment in G. A. R. hall. The entertainment will consist of reading, recitations, dialogues, songs, &c., and some fine scioption views. Prof. Fator Mohn will also be present and give sleight of hand performances. It is expected that members of camp 227, of Ephrata, and 274 of Terre Hill, will be present. A good time is

anticipated.
The Patriotic order was organized in Philadelphia in 1817, as the Junior Sons of America, and was composed entirely of young men under the age of twenty-one years. During the war of the rebellion the order fell off, there being a general enlistment of the members in the volunteer and regular army. At the close of the war the order was reorganized and placed upon a more enduring basis. Its membership is not now restricted to youth under twenty one years; but members are received up to the age of forty five years. The order is devoid of pair anahip, though none are admitted to it except native born citizens. The order is rapidly increasing in membership in all parts of the country, there being camps in every state in the Union.

Wilson's Sister Explodes His Story.

Mrs. George M. Rice, of Uxbridge, who is the oldest daughter of Jonas Wilson, and a sister of Levi Wilson, and is some 17 years older than he is, has come forward of her own accord, after reflection, to tell what she knows about "Doc" Wilson's parentage. Her story completely contradicts he story of Wilson that he is the son of Philip Moen. She was at her home in North Oxford when Levi was born, and she watched him grow up as an infant and through childhood. He was the son of her own parents without any question. He was named after her uncle, Levi Fessendon. Her father died at Quaddick, Conn., and she was with him all through his illness. Levi was also living at home. There never was any death-bed confession by her father, as stated by Levi. She knew of Levi's suddenly becoming rich, but he never explained it to her. She had received gifts from him, but only in a brotherly way. She never received any. exford when Levi was born, and she watched a brotherly way. She never received any thing for keeping any secret. She though

Levi must be out of his mind.

Downs, the husband of "Doo" Wilson's sister, says that he is posted on the Wilson Moen affair, but will say nothing about it at present. He promised to divulge what he

### FREDERICK WARDE.

He Plays "Virginius" Last Night and Present Richard HI To Night.

Frederick Warde is a great favorite with the play-going public of Lancaster, and the cold blasts of last evening did not deter good audience from being present at the opera house to see him in his strong characteriza tion of "Virginius." The lower floor wa filled, but the gallery was not. He has been seen in this play so often here that it is needless to repeat the praise that always accoun panies his presentation of this character. If support was good and the feminine portion in particular was excellent. Applause marked the progress of the piece at frequent in-tervals.

Mr. Warde will appear at the opera house

Wards will appear at the opera house sgain this evening, under his own management, when Shakespeare's "Richard III" will be played. The talented actor has been seen here before in the play and has always seen here before in the play and has always seen very successful. Sr. Warde has made a change in the first act of this play which is a great improvement over the arrangement of Celly Cibber. There is no rangement of Colly Cibber. There is no doubt that Mr. Warde is very popular with Lancaster people, as Richard is one of his best characters, there is no reason why the audience should not be large.

## SCOLDING MRS. CLEVELAND.

The St. Louis Women's Christian Temperano At their convention Friday the member of the St. Louis district Women's Christian Cemperance Union adopted the following resolution :

Whereas, The newspapers report that Mrs. Whitney, wife of the secretary of the navy, not long since gave a dinner at which were present eighteen ladies, including President Cleveland's young wife, but no gentle-

men; and,
WHEREAS, The papers report that courses
of different alcoholic drinks were served

herefore be it
Resolved, That the W. C. T. U. of Missiour express their deep mortification and regret that ladies in this high social position should themselves set this bad example to the people of this already drink-diseased country, and he it further, Resolved. That the secretary of this conven

on transmit a copy of this resolution to Mr.

From the Lancaster Inquirer. At the recent meeting of Women's Chris tian Temperance Unions at Pen Hill, this county, Mrs. Esther Bachman, of Millers ville, who is the president fof the unions in Lancaster county, spoke upon the work now in progress. She said that since the first of June seven unions have been formed in this county, making a total of twenty-seven. The work she wished the unions to pay particular attention to was the constitutional amendment and the petition against the sale of intoxicants on the Lancaster county fair grounds. It is understood that petitions are being circulated in all parts of the county asking the court to refuse such a license. The petitions are being very numerously signed and many of them are now filled out and ready for pre

sentation to court at the January sessions.

Heard on Serious Charges. Joseph A. Miller, arrested for setting fire t the barn of his uncle David Miller, was heard by Alderman Spurrier this morning. The particulars of the fire and the arrest have al ready been published. Miller was required to enter ball for trial at court for having threatened to do bodily harm to S. W. Mille and for attempting to set fire to the barn of David Miller. The crime charging the actual commission of the offense will be heard on Tuesday morning, December 21, at 10 o'clock

Friday afternoon as Christian Binkley was driving near North Queen and Lemon his horse took fright and plunging forward sudgenty broke the front axle of the buggy to which he was harnessed and threw Mr. Binkley from the vehicle, but did not serously burt him or do any other dam-

### Shoulder Dislocated Friday between 12 and 1 o'clock Samuel

Dorwart, a 17-year-old son of Louis Dorwart, while jumping at Baily's carriage factory where he works as an apprentice, felt heavily and dislocated his shoulder joint. Dr. Davis reduced the dislocation and the young man, will be ready to resume work in a short

J. D. Lee, business manager of John W. Ransome, is stopping at the Stevens house He is arranging for the appearance of the comedian here in "Across the Atlantic."

From the Reading Herald. George P. Zieber sold the two story brick dwelling, lot 143, x95 feet, 1138 Eim street, belonging to Plank Reeser, of Lancaster county, to Gottlieb Rehm for \$1,000.

THE LIST OF THUSE WHO ATTENDED ONE MARR IN 1780

Struggle They Found Time for Social Diversions-Two Latheran Clergynen Who Protested Against It.

Eps. INTELLIGENCER-The list of sub scribers to the Lancaster Assembly of 1780, given below, has been hidden for a century and more among the papers of an old family of the borough and is now first published it possesses interest in the names still familiar in the town and county, and as showing that even in the dark days of the Revolution there were still some resi dents of the old borough who could not en-tirely forego the delights of social intercourse The letter of protest which follows present the views of certain others of the inhabitant and it was well meant and courageously ex-pressed even if it did not carry conviction to the hearts of their gayer fellow citizens.

Edward Hand, Mrs. Ewing and Mrs. Hand.
Jasper Yeates Mrs. Yeates.
Matthias Stough, Mrs. Blough and Miss Barr.
George Ross. Mrs. George Ross.
William Parr, Mrs. Parr, Miss Parr, Miss P.

arr John Witmer, Mrs. Witmer, Andrew Graff, Mrs. Graff George Graff, Mrs. Geo. Graff, Jacob Zinghar, James Ross, Mrs. James Ross Frederick Kuhn. Paul Zantzinger, Mrs. Zantzinger William Barton

dey, Mrs. John Hubbey Joseph Hubbley, Christopher Wirtz, Mrs. Wirtz and Miss Charles Hamilton, Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Hick nson. Henry Stuber, Mrs. Stuber. William Wirtz. Mrs. W. Wirtz. Frederick Hubley, Mrs. Fred k. Hubley, Jacob Graff, Mrs. Jacob Graff, Jacob Hubley. Brobert rurdy. Mrs. Purdy

Cuthbert. Sebastian Graff, Mrs. Seb. Graff,

sebastian Graff, Mrs. Mus. onner, Miss retary Conner, Miss Hart. Miss Harbiey Miss Sahina Hubley, Miss Schina Hubley, Miss Flunkett. Miss Flunkett.

WHO THRY WERE.

In the above list, the name at its head that of General Hand, who must have been then temporarily at his home in Lancaster for his military service seems to have been continuous to the close of the war at York town, and in August 1780 he was assigned to the command of one of the brigades of light nfantry then formed | he married Margare Ewing. Judge Yestes is too well-known to need further mention. Matthias Slough for many years was an ionkeeper at the south west corner of Centre Square, and his house was the one at which these very assemblies were usually held. George Ross and James Ross were the sons of the signers of the Declaration of independence, the elder Ross having died in Live 1779. William Pare having died in July, 1779. William Pari was a lawyer in Lancaster and Philadelphia. having been admitted to the bar as early as 1752. The Graffs were a prominent family in the borough, and the Sebastian, near the foot of the list, was the father probably of the others named; he built the house on N. others named : queen and Orange, known as Shoter

Frederek Kubn was a doctor and the son of Dr. Adam Simon Kuhn, one time burgess of Lancaster and a man of very considerable influence in the old town. Paul Zantzinger was also prominent as a merchant and a wealthy citizen. William Barton was and a wesithy citizen. William Barton was the oldest son of the Rev. Thos. Barton, a long time rector of St. James Episcopal church, and who married Esther, the sister of the celebrated David Rittenhouse.

The Hubleys, John, Joseph, Jacob and rederick, were the sons of Bernard and Michael Hubley, who came to Lancaster thout 1785 40. John Hubley studied law with Edward Shippen, and was admitted to the bar in 1700; he held many public offices of trust. Of the others little is known save that their names frequently appear on the early

OPPOSED TO THE ASSEMBLY.

But there were others in Lancaster who ntered an earnest protest against these, to them unseemty routes and balls; and from the same mass of papers in which the assembly list has been preserved so many years comes a letter from two men honored in the community and who express them selves as follows upon this subject of a simi iar ball two years earlier in date than that above given : -

LANCASTER, the 8th day of Feb. 1778. Sin: We are much obliged to you for the Honor you intended by inviting us to the Company of the Gentlemen within this Town, or to your Ball. But as we think it to Town, or to your pair. But as we think it to be quite contrary to the Character of Minis-ters of Christ to appear at such Places, you will excuse our not Complying with your Dosire. The Rest of our Reasons for acting in this Manner you will see in the Senti-ments inclosed. And we can assure you with a great Deal of Certainty that the mos Part of the Members of our Congregation are of the same mind with us, and you know that they compose the greatest numbers of the Inhabitants of this Town. The English the Inhabitants of this Town. The English is not our Mother Tongue, you will find therefore many Faults in consisting with the Idiom of the same; but we know you are too much of a gentleman than to exhaust your Wit about such Trifles. We mean no Insult to you, or any of the Gentlemen, it is the true Language of an undesigning & feeling Heart we speak, they are the Dictates of our Conselence. You see therefore at Literaty to Conscience. You are therefore at Liberty to let your Company see, hear or read the in-closed lines. We hope you are no Enemy to the Word of God. Open then your Bible and read with a due Attention what you find: James C, 4, v.8, 9; Chap. 5, v. 1, 5; Ecclesiast, C. 2, v. 1, 2; I Corinth. C. 10, v, 6, 7, 9, 11 Luc. 21, v, 34, 35, and be assured that this is a will be the true Word of the most High who will at his own Time more powerfully manifest it as such, to the unbelieving as well as to his Believers. We have the Honor to subscribe ourselves. Your most humble and most obedient ser-

Vante.

Signed) HENRY HELMUTH. ALBERT HELPHENSTONE The "sentiments enclosed" were as fol

OWS: There is no need to make a long Detail of the great Misery of our present Times. The most bloody and unnatural War rages in this Country. Both Armys have erected their Standards in our Neighborhood, and Spread Death and Ruin around them. Many Thousands have lost their Lives already. And how many waik about Sickly, wounded and lame? Who are held up as mirriours of misery before our Eyes. A most dangerous a infectious Sickness (the natural consequence of War) brings Death exceeding near to us. The Relicts of some ruined Familys begtheir Bread at our Doors. Others To any it may concern. near to us. The Relicis of some ruined Familys begtheir Bread at our Doors. Others in the Power of the Enemy, groan under their oppressions—and many die a lingering and cruel Death from Hunger and Cold in the most loathsome places of a Gaol. It is one of the Prerogatives of Mankind by which they are distinguished from irrational Beings, to have a Sense of Compassion at the Distress of their Fellow Creatures; the Statt the Knowledge of the creates concentive. Sight, the Knowledge of it, creates generally a Sort of tender Uneasiness and Trouble which render Sportfull Diversions distasteful and render Sportfull Diversions distasteful and unpleasant to the Mind. How strange then is it for men, to play away in this Time of Distress, Whole Hours and Nights in Companys, where they feast perhaps to Excess, play and dance. How to account for such Behaviour we hardly know, for it is certain Heathens would not act worse; and how much more unbecoming it is for such who call themselves Professors of the Religion of our tender and most compassionate Saviour. The Thoughtless may place us on the Wrong side of the Question in making such a warr about their innocent Diversions, as they call them. But if we err, a very venerable Body of our Legislative Power keeps us company. It is well known that Congress has resolved that such Diversions should subside during the present calamitys. And if the Precepts of Christianity, human Compassion and Feeling have no weight with you, you at least should so much Discretion as to make others think you unfriendly to the Cause of your Country, by resisting openly what your Superiors so ernunpleasant to the Mind. How strange then

easily & wisely have recommended you. Retire for a moment from your Vanity! and we hope Arguments of more Weight will be suggested within your own Breasts against this very unbecoming Behaviour. That this may be the case is the carnest wish of PHILANTEROPI. (Signed,)

LANCASTER, PA., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1886.

The Rey. Henry Helmuth, who wrote both the above letter and its en-closure, was at the time pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church in Lancaster. He was an able and a good man, one of the last of the twelve Lotheran ministers sent over from Halle before the Revolution, and in the year following the date of his letter was transferred to St. Michael's church in Philadelphia, where he afterwards became professor of the German and Oriental langusges in the University of Pennsylvan's. He died in 1825, in the eightleth year of his age. The Rev. Albert Helphenstein, or Helphenatone, as he translated it in his signature, was also a Lutheran ciergyman, we believe, though we know little about him.

D. M. N. STALFFER

THE LENSE HAS ARRIVED. And; Now the College Observatory is in Good

Working Order. On Friday evening a reporter of the IN-TELLIGENCER WAS halled by Professor Kershner and rejoiced with the news that the long delayed lenses had at last arrived and the observatory was in full working order. He promptly accepted the astronomer's polite invitation to visit the building, naming that very night, and when the moon was well up in the sky he found himself was well up in the sky be found himself tramping out to College hill in sublime definance of the cold and wind; suffering for science. Resching the observatory the visitor was ushered into a room comfortably warmed by a stove and measuring about twelve by twenty feet. The room was furnished plainly with a desk and chairs and nished plainly with a desk and chairs and shelving at one end for astronomical works. The northwest corner was filled by a square structure resembling a bank vault, but having only a narrow door in front. In the top of the door was a glass window and a lantern flashed through it showed the face of the astronomical clock. It is a Seth Thomas clock of extremely delicate adjustment, and must be kept at a uniform torqueture. For must be kept at a uniform temperature. For this purpose the brick vault was built and the double door and heavy masonry are so little affected by temperature that the ther-mometer inside registers about the same now that it did in the hottest days of midsummer.

THE CHRUNOSKAPH. To the right of the clock door there stands the chronograph; an instrument for recording the time. When the electric connection with the clock is made this machine marks the seconds with a loud tick, while at the the seconds with a loud tick, while at the same instant it causes a pen, which is tracing a line on the paper cover of a revolving cylinder, to make an indentation in that line. As time goes on the cylinder, revolving at a speed controlled by the clock, is covered from end to end with lines traced by the pen having indentations at regular intervals representing the seconds. By means of an electrical arrangement controlling the pen the astronomer can touch a key in another part of the building and make instant and accurate record of time of abservation to a small fraction of a second. fraction of a second.

To the right of the entrance a door leads into a smaller room. This foom appears have had a slice takenout of the walls a ceiling right across the centre and the opening filled up with shinters. By pulling an iron lever Doctor Kerstmer opened one of cold, blue sky. Hencath this stands the transit instrument, one of the best of the noted German makers, Oertel & Sons. Pass-ing on the party—for several gentlemen and ladies of learning had arrived followed a passage and stairway and reached the dome of the observatory.

In the centre, balanced on the top of a tall iron pivot, stands the telescope. It is so nicely balanced on two axes at right angles that it can be handled with great case and accuracy. The pulleys and ropes to use in other observatories of the country are here dispensed with, and by a new device the motion of the telescope is controlled by a set of handles close to the eye piece. On the right is attached a small scope for finding the point in the heavens to be observed, and near it is a long tube with an ingenious arrangement of a lantern and reflectors to enable the observer to read the degrees of the large mirels under the tel

ope. This equatorial is the work of Repsold, o

This equatorial is the work of Repsold, of Hamburg, unrivaled in his line; and the two great lenses were made by the American irm of Clarks, whose reputation is world wide. These two tenses are mounted on a new principle without any intervening packing, the outer one being concave and the inner convex. With the brass ring around them they cost \$1,240.

The astronomer grasped a rope hanging from the side of the dome and by vigorously hauling hand over hand he made the whole heavy iron dome revolve. Then with another rope he swing open a shutter and there was the moon. Adjusting the equatorial to bear on our satellite he made arrangements to keep this artificial eye on her by startments to keep this artificial eye on her by start-ing a clock-work at the base of the pivot. This machine turns the telescope at the same speed at which the earth revolves, but in the opposite direction, so that if thed upon a star it will continue to observe it as long as the clock runs and the star remains above the

horizon.

The section of the moon the party took and the prints and The section of the moon the party took a peep at looked very much like the prints and photographs of it that have been so widely published; and one of the pleiades looked large, but the sky was not rear and it was too cold for extended observations.

When working with the equatorial the professor uses the microneter, which is a wanderfully delicate arrangement of hair wires

across an eye-pieca. Several of the wires are movable by means of a mirometer screw and the distances between points in the sky may be thus measured.

It was getting to could for the visitors, and the wires.

the professor, multi-st in his great cost, had work on hand, so after taking note of Doctor Kershner's observations of the latitude and longitude they bade him good night. Longitude 5 hours a 1st west of Green-wich. 1971 54 north tatitude.

Notes From College Hill. The college campus presented a rively appearance last evening, the occasion of which was a brilliant reception tendered by Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart and family to the students of the theological seminary, and the families of the different professors. There were present a large proportion of the students, the professors and their families, and a number of friends who were on special invitation. The evening was spent in a social way and all heartily enjoyed the hospitality of Dr. Gerhart and his family.

The society of inquiry held its regular meeting vesterday alternoon in the seminary

meeting yesterday afternoon in the seminary reading room. The programme was as follows The religious exercises were conducted by C. A. Santee; a paper on "Missions on the Pacific Coast" was read by R. C. Schiedt sermon skeleton by Aumen; the society then debated the question; Resolved, "that the church consistory should have legal, moral and spiritual control over the Sunda The question was decided in favo of the affirmative.

Apple and terhart have gone to a to attend a series of educational neetings in the interest of the college and seminary. They will be gone until Monday

Grand Army Officers Elected. At the meeting of George H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R., on Friday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year : Commander Charles Denues ; senio year: Commander Unities Denues; senior commander, J. A. E. Reed; junior vice commander Jacob D. Landis; quartermaster, Jas. Nimlow; surgeon; S. T. Davis; chaplain, Isaac N. Sloan; officer of the day, Hiram Ne-Eiroy, officers of the guard, John B. Reilly; council of administrator; D. H. Heitshu; delegates J. P. Wickersham, A. C. Reinehl, C. H. Eangabh, L. K. Bay, Andrew Switcher. C. H. Fasnacht, J. K. Barr, Andrew Swisher, Jas. A. Nimlew; alternates, Edw. Bookmyer, Henry Flick, A. V. Hurst, H. McEiroy, P. P. Canffman ; J. A. E. Reed ; janitor.

Allen & Holton, live stock dealers of Ox-ford, have failed, with liabilities estimated at from \$10,000 to \$15,000. The assets are un-



HE USED TO BRAD BLACKSTONE TO KREP AWAKE AT NIGHTS.

Eby-How a Fire Affected His After Life, Always One of the Most Earnest Advocates of Arboriculture.

Simon P. Eby, was born at Willow Bank Mills, in Elizabeth township, this county. He is of Swiss stock and comes of a race of who have maintained themselves under a republican form of government, surrounded by monarchies for more than five hundred years and never bowed their necks to king or kaiser. His ancestors emigrated to this country about 1715 and settled in Lancaster county. They became millers and builders of mills from that time forth for five generations. Having no brothers, his father intended that he should succeed him in the same vocation of miller and farmer; and with this intention put him early to learning the business. From the time he could rid on horseback he had to do errands connected with the mill-taking grists to such of the customers as had no means of fetching them. And he was sent to the field with the workmen as soon as he could carry a rake or

During the winter months of this period of his boyhood he attended the nearest country school, helping at home in whatever work was to be done. There is always plenty of work on a farm, and where a mill is connected with it, there is more than enough. At the age of fourteen he was sent fluish his education in John Beck's academy at Lititz. When he had learned to do all the work on a farm, and could drive a was at the age of seventeen, he was promoted to the mill.

Here he was no stranger; and after serving a brief appenticeship became successively under-miller, head-miller and finally book keeper and assistant to his father in the general management of the entire establishment. This embraced at that time, besides milling and farming, the hauling of ore and pig from from Elizabeth furnace, which kept three and four teams constantly employed and added to other work the care of some thirty

Yet amid all these busy days there would come other aspirations—and what boy is there without them! Among the men that gathered in the old mill room on the long winter evenings were some of more than ordinary intelligence—mechanics who came to look after repairs needed in the mill These, like his father, sometimes attended the courts in Lancaster, either as jurors or witnesses, and came back with glowing accounts of the forensic contests of the great lawyers of that day. Mock trials and debates were held in the old mill room. Questions would be proposed, argued and decided; and in these diversions, amid the clatter of mill wheels, the school boy, fresh from Beck's

academy, took a prominent part.

While head-miller he procured law books, and read Blackstone, the better to keep him awake during the midnight hours when it was his turn to watch the mill. About this was his turn to watch the mill. About this time, too, he received advantageous offers to go into other business, but in deference to the wishes of his mother remained at home. During this period near Christmas, in 1842, came the turning point of his life unexpectedly. A fire destroyed the old mill with all its contents; the entire year's store of between nine and ten thousand bushels of grain, mostly wheat. "The barriers were burned away." And a sad burning it was, indeed. The accumulation of nearly a life time of parents swept away in a few lurid hours of that December night! The way now lay open for him to choose for himself whatlay open for him to choose for himself whatever occupation or profession suited his taste; but the path was thickly strewn with ashes. Still by courage and patient industry the good fruits of life may be wrested even out of ashes.

willing hands and open purses came to his father's assistance in his great misfortune. The mill was rebuilt. Nor did the efforts of his friends stop here. They elected him sheriff of the county; and the incomes of the office were devoted by him to the payment of old claims, which the owners of imited means could set afford to less. limited means could not afford to lose. the parents never recovered from the great blow. The family moved to the county seat, where the father's duties as sheriff required him, and the old homestead passed into the possession of others.

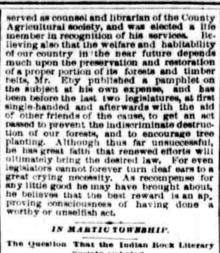
ADMITTED TO THE BAR IN 1854. In the spring of 1852, the subject of this sketch began reading law in the office of Isaac E. Hiester, and was admitted to practice in the spring of 1854. For several years he kept office with his preceptor, then moved to Widmyer's row, and in 1868, when Judge Livingston was elected district attorney, th place he had occupied in N. Eilmaker's office was offered to Mr. Eby, who accepted it. Here he has remained ever since, row over twenty-three years, during all of which period no unpleasant word has at any time period no unpleasant word has at any time interrupted the friendly relations existing between him and Mr. Ellmaker, although sometimes employed on opposite sides in the same case. A large acquaintance, close attention to business, a sound knowledge of the law, fidelity towards his clients, together with a practical experience of men and things obtained in early life, have deservedly secured for him a goodly practice among competitors at a bar inferior to none in the state, outside of the great cities of Philadelphia and Pittaburg.

In the fall of 1803 he married the youngest daughter of Henry Mengel, one of the old,

In the fall of 1883 he married the youngest daughter of Henry Mengel, one of the old, substantial citizens of Berks county. His wife has been to him helpmete in the fullest sense of the word. The only other member of his family is a son of thirteen. Mr. Eby has never sought political cal preferment or held any office of profit. In 1864 he was elected a school director without his knowledge, and served six cases. without his knowledge, and served six years when he declined re-election. While director he was part of the time chairman of the committee on night schools, and took suffi-cient interest in the less-favored pupils of that department to deliver to them a serie of lectures on American history. He was also one of the first in the board who ad also one of the first in the board who advocated the introduction of the German into some of the schools. He has served as a vestryman of St. James' Episcopal church since 1867; is one of the trustees, and the treasurer of the Bishop flowman Church Home, an institution connected with St. James' parish. Taking a lively interest in whatever tends to relieve unnecessary suffering, whether of the man or beast, he was one of the organizers of the society in the county for the prevention of crueity to animals ty for the prevention of cruelty to animals and became one of its counsel along with Mr. Brosius, both giving their services to it, in the cause of humanity free of charge.

INTERESTED IN TREE CULTURE. Believing that all other pursuits must rely for success on the prosperous condition of agriculture, which lies at the foundation of all the rest, he has for a number of years

BEGAN AS A MILLER.



Society Debated

RAWLINSVILLE, December 4 -The In-dian Rock Literary society has re-organized to meet every Friday evening at the Indian Rock school house. The following named officers have been chosen to act President, E. E. Stokes; vice president, W. B. Cully ; secretary, Clara E. Owens ; editor, I. W. McClune, and critic, Robert Anderson At their last meeting the following resolu-tion was discussed: "That the Religious In-stitution Exert More Influence than the In-stitution of Crime." I. W. McClune read a selection entitled "The Black Hole of Calcutta." A recitation was delivered by E. E. Stokes, entitled "Tell on the Alps." The at-

Stokes, entitled "Teil on the Alps." The attendance was good.

A party of young folks met at the residence of Mr. J. Eberie to surprise his daughters. An enjoyable time was had.

Mr. J. Owen, sprained his leg seriously in jumping from a tobacco scaffold to the ground. He is unable to walk.

Mr. Joseph McC. Owens and his wife have returned to their home in Lebanon country.

returned to their home in Lebanon county from a visit to his parents.

Mr. J. Lewis cut his leg with the axe while nopping wood. Mr. J. Rice white molding bullets dipped

the moid in water to cool it, and before it dried poured hot lead into it which caused an explosion, scattering the lead in all disections and severely though not seriously burning

his eye.
Robt, Lehman has returned from the West. Little Committee Work for Congress,

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—It is the opinion o a large number of congressmen who have arrived here that there will be but a limited amount of committee work performed dur-ing the session which begins next Monday. The time is so short and there is so much work already on the calendar that it would be a waste of time to consider in committe anything except of a most pressing character. Enough committee work was performed at the last session to occupy the attention of Congress for several years. Two-thirds of the committees in the House, it is said, will probably not hold more than one regular meeting during the rest of their term, while not more than a dozen will try to have any business reported by them disposed of on the loor of the House.

Treasury Employes Indignant

Washington, Dec. 4.—The bureau chiefs of the treasury department are discussing the propriety of resisting the attempts of Chief Cierk Youman to interfere with the management of the affairs of their offices and the disciplining of their subordinates. Mr. Youman has instructed the watchmen at the various entrances to the treasury building to report to him the hour of arrival and deto report to him the hour of arrival and de-partures of all the employes. The officials criticise what they consider an assumption of authority by a subordinate. They claim that holding their appointments direct from the president they should not be subjected to the interference of a clerk in the discharge of their duties.

Presidential Appointments. Washington, Dec. i.—The president this afternoon made the following appointments: George L. Johnson, collector of internal revenue for the 16th district of Ohio: Thadden S. Sharretts, appraiser of merchandise, district of Baltimore; Francis B. Laurenson assistant appraiser of merchandise, district of Baltimore: Thomas S. Tice, assistant ap-praiser of merchandise for the port of New

Postmasters : Patrick H. Carney, at Wau-keshaw, Wis. ; Charles Weasaman, War-

saw, Ill.

Spanorield, lie, Dec. 4.—Dr. Geo. N. Krieder, a member of the state board of health, has discovered a case of the rare disease in human beings of "actinomy-cosis hominis," or "lumpy jaw." The patient is a young woman who works in a factory. It was supposed she was afflicted with a tumor, and several physicians have covered to be the state of and several physicians have operated on her under that impression. Dr. Krieder thinks this is the first case of the existence of the disease in the human brain ever discovered in America. Dr. Rauch, of the state board of health confirms the diagnosis.

Frost and Natural Gas. PITTSEURO, Dec. 4.—The action of the frost caused the rupture of a vaive in the main con-duct of the Chartiers natural gas company leading from Murraysville to the city, at 7: o'clock this morning. The entire supply of gas from three large wells was cut off until 12:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The Etruria's Distinguished Passengers. New York, Dec. 4.—Among the passen gers on board the Etruria which sailed for Liverpool this morning, were Elbridge T. Gerry, who accompanies his father-in-law to the south of France; Leonard Jerome, who goes to Nice for the winter; Washington E. Connor, ex-Minister Edward Pierrepont, Mrs. Nelson Waterbury, wife of the ex-dis-

attorney, and Benjamin Folsom.

The Shoemaker Threw Down His Last. CINCINNATI, Dec. 4.—Larry Brown, Front street river man, and Jack Bolin,

shoemaker, were the principals in a desperat shoemaker, were the principals in a desperace prize light which occurred at an early bour this morning. Six hard and bloody rounds were fought with two-ounce gloves. Bolin was defeated. The fight occurred in a dance hall back of Newport, and was not witnessed by more than forty persons. Jack King, of this city, acted as referree.

Announcing the Resignation of the French

PARIS, Dec. t.—In the Chamber of Depu-ties to-day M. de Freycinet, the premier, an-nounced that in view of the defeat of the government yesterday on the sub-prefectures bill the catinet had determined to resign. The Chamber thereupon adjourned. A dis-solution of the Chamber of Deputies and an appeal to the country will probably be the result of the resignation of the cabinet.

Two Murderers Get 17 1-2 Years

WESTMINISTER, Md. Dec. 4-John Burke, t., and James Kennedy, of Blattimore, who or murdered John J. Curran in that city last October and who swere conviced yesterday of murder in the second degree were this morning sentenced to seventeen years and six months imprisonment in the Maryland water newsternia. P. F. Collins & Co. Won Their Sutt.

The suit of P. F. Collins & Co., of Pitts Barnes, of New York, to recover on a contract, was concluded Friday at Pittsburg by a verdict for the plaintiffs for \$15,000, with interest from January 1, 1873, amounting in all to \$26,700.

One of the Soapine agents who are can assing the city, claims to have been robbed of \$5 at his boarding house on East Chestnut. There were a number of other occupants of the room, but who committed the theft is as yet a conundrum. Chief Smith is investi

Delinquent County Treasurers.

A majority of the county treasurers in the state have failed to make the annual returns of state taxes to the treasury department. The total amount due from delinlinquents is \$293,377.18. Lancaster county

## FOOD FOR THE FLAMES.

MANY PROPER LOSE THEIR LIVES IN BURNED BUILDINGS.

One of the Inmates of a Chicago Hotel Patally Burned-Men and Women Escape Partly Dressed - Narrow Escape of a Crowd From a Hall.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—At one o'clock this morning in affire in the Merchant's Exchange hotel, 12 South Water street, one inmate was fatally burned and a dozen others had a close call for their lives, while 20 or 30 men and women were forced to flee from the building partly dressed. The first intimation that the inmates had of danger was when the smoke forced itself into their rooms and awakened them. On the first floor there are about 20 rooms. They are simply partitioned off from them. On the first floor there are about 20 rooms. They are simply partitioned off from each other and from the hall by dressed pine divisions 8 feet high. There were windows only in the front and rear and the only stairway leading down was in the rear. It was in a large room at the head of the stairs that the fire started. The fire department were quickly on hand and in a few minutes had the fire under control. After the fire was extinguished a salesman was found near the head of the stairs. He was badly burned and will probably die. The damage will not exceed \$1,000.

Heavy Loos to Milwaukes Journalists.

Heavy Loss to Milwaukee Journalists.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 4. - While the German MILWAUKEE, Dec. 4.—While the German journalists were holding their annual featival last night at the west side Turner hall the drapery of an oriental village erected in the main hall took fire from a gas jet. The hall was crowded, but all escaped without injury. The fire destroyed a valuable collection of oriental extunes, coats of arms, pottery, etc., which had been loaned to the newspaper men by Mesars, Lohr & Heine, who had just returned from Palestine. They were to be used as models for a panorama. were to be used as models for a panorsma and were very valuable. A large number of oil paintings and a portion of the receipts of the festival amounting to about \$700, were also consumed. The loss is \$5,000; no insur

A Chicago Opera House Damaged. Chicago, Dec. 4—A serious and probably tatal fire occurred about nine o'clock this morning at the Halstead street opera house, on Halstead and Harrison streets. The theatre in which an Indian show is given thrice daily was completely gutted and one of the performers suffocated. The stores on the ground floor were also badly damaged. The damage to the building and theatrical proper-ties was about \$7,000. The fire originated about the stage. Preparations were being made for the first performance of the day.

The Child Left is tharge of the House.

Logansport, Ind., Dec. 4.—The house of Mrs. Amelia Shubeck, on the west side, was destroyed by fire last night and her little 4-year-old child perished in the flames. The mother left the house and child in charge of the eddest son and went away during which the eldest son and went away during which time the little one's clothes caught fire. 860,000 Goes Up in Smoke.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The Blue Island Milling company's establishment, at Blue Island, was burned last night. The loss is estimated A New York Biaze.

New YORK, Dec. 4.—Fire this morning completely gutted four three-story brick buildings, Nos. 152, 154, 156 and 158 Sixth avenue. Loss \$15,000. A Ma'den Fatally Burned.

Youngsrown, O., Dec. 4.—Miss Susan McCurdy, while dressing last night, was en-weloped in thames by a spark striking her clothing, causing injuries that will prove

PLYMOUTH, Mass, Dec. 4.—A large barn belonging to I. N. Stoddard and occupied by Geo. Bagnell & Son, teamsters, was burned at a. m., to-day. Six horses perished.
 Several buildings near by caught fire. Loss,

Bird Cage Man Burned Out. NEW YORK, Dec. Dec. 4.—A fire to day in a building in Pearl street, occupied by Lin-derman & Co., manufacturers of bird cages, caused a loss of \$15,000; fully insured in twenty-five different companies.

Jim Cummings Captured. Parsons, Kan., Dec. 4.—Jim Cummings the man who shot and fatally wounder Policeman Keyser Thursday night, was cap; tured at Altamont yesterday. He was seen Policeman Keyser Thursday night, was cargitured at Altamont yesterday. He was reen entering the town early yesterday morning. The marshal of Altamont was notified who, together with several men, effected his capture a short distance from town. The authorities were notified and went there as soon as possible after him but the sacrift having had notice, got there and took Cummings to Oswego before the Parsons' authorities arrived. When captured he had two pistols on his person and a large sum of pistois on his person and a large sum of

Town Flooded by the Canal Bank Breaking DELPHOS, O., Dec. 4.—At an early hour yesterday morning the canal overflowed and yesterday morning the canal overflowed and broke through the lee and its banks here, caused by some one leaving the wickets at the lock open. The north part of the town was badly flooded in a short time, so that dwellings had water on the first floors and families had to move out or up-stairs. Mrs. Kindly on waking up, saw water seven inches deep on her bedroom floor. Frankenburg's lee pond was overflowed, stopping a force of men from cutting ice. A force of men are put to work at once by the canal men were put to work at once by the canal

Mangled by the Cars.

BOSTON, Dec. 4 .- Milton Copeland, one of the leading citizens of Campelio and presi-dent of the C. W. Copeland Manufacturing company, while attempting to board a'mov-ing train on the Old Colony railroad this morning at the Campello station, fell beneath the cars and was badly mangled.

An Embezzier Captured.

BRAZIL, Ind., Dec. 24.— Charles C. Blair, the absconding clerk of the American express company, at Westfield, Ind., was captured here Thursday, and taken to Michigan City last evening. His shortage is considerable.

\$102,000 for Snow. BARNSTABLE, Mass., Dec 4.—The jury in the case of Snow vs. Alley have returned a verdict of \$102,000 in favor of Snow.

FORT WORTH, Dec. 4 .- The cattle blockade in Texas grows worse and worse. There are 1,000 carloads of beef cattle between Fort Worth and Toyah waiting shipment with no cars to move them. At Colorado City there are 600 carloads, at Midland 500 and at other points fully 300 carioads. The Texas & Pacific cars are tied up to a great extent in the north where roads about St. Louis & Chicago are using them daily. This blockade erious blow to stockmen who have

they are losing their weight daily by this tie A Michigan University Student Drowned, ANN ARBOR, Dec. 4.-While skating on the Huron river yesterday afternoon a student named Frederick Freeman broke

their beeves in fine order for shipment, but

through the lee and was drowned. WEATHER INDIVATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—For Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware : Fair weather, westerly winds, nearly stationary temperature.

Small Dividends in Herzog and Henderson's Estates, The auditor's report in the assigned estate of Joseph Herzog was filed this morning. Creditor's will get one-half of one per cent. of the amount of their claims.

The auditors' report in the Henderson setate was also filed this morning. The creditors of this estate will get between 25 and 25 per cent of their claims.

William Johnson is the who stole a cost ' on Friday. He McConomy this in default of ball