COMMERCE BETWEEN STATES.

AN AGREEMENT REACHED ON THE

BILL TO REGULATE TRAFFIC.

Conference of the Senate and House Harmy utre the Cullom and Reagan Measures Sature of the Compromise-Death to Discriminating Rates and Pools.

The conferrees upon the interstate commerce measures, popularly known as the "Reagan and Culiom" bills, have reached an agreement upon the differences between the senate and the House. The report of the conference committee will be presented as soon as it can be prepared and signed, and its adoption will be asked at an early date.

The conferrees will recommend that the House agree to the commission system as it stands in the Senate bill, and that the Senate agree to a provision allowing such shippers as may elect to do so to prosecute suits for the recovery of damages in the United States courts on their own behalf, with the provision that they shall not have the right to pursue their remesty in the courts and through the ommission in the same case.

On the vexed and much-debated, question of the long and short had a compromise has seen agreed upon. The House bill absolutely prohibited a greater charge for a shorter than for a longer distance which included the shorter upon any one railroad. The provision in the Sanate bill prohibited a greater charge for a shorter than for a longer distance, under substantially similar cir-cumstances and conditions, over the same line, in the same direction and from the same original point of departure or to the same point of arrival. It also authorized the commission to make exceptions to this general rule in special cases in which it seemed proper. The substitute section agreed to by the conferees makes it unlawful for any railroat to charge more for the transportation of passengers or of like kind of property, under substantially similar cirthan for a longer distance over the same one and in the same direction, the shorter being included within the longer distance, with the provise that in special cases, upon application by the raitroads and after investigation, the commission may prescribe the extent to which such railroad shall be reeved from the operation of this section. The House bill contained an absolute pr

hibition of pooling, while the Senate bill provided for an immediate investigation by the commission of the question of legislation upon the subject. Upon this point the Senate conferress have yielded and accepted the prodeion of the House bill. The following is the provision in full:

That it shall be unlawful for any common wrrier subject to the provisions of this act t enter into any contract, agreement or combination with any other common carrier or carriers for the pooling of freights of different and competing railroads, or to divide be-tween them the aggregate or net proceeds of the earnings of such railroad, or any portion thereof, and in any case of an agreement for

there was no difference of opinion. The House bill required each railroad to publish and to advertise its rates between points upon its own line. The Senate bill made it the duty of the commission to also enforce the publication of such through rates as it may be found possible to publish. A substitute had been agreed upon by

which each railroad is required to print and keep in every depot for the instruction of the public the rates it may establish totween points upon its own line. They are also regired to fite with the commission copies of i joint lariffs of through rates to which they may be a party, and the commission is re-quired to southe the publication of such through rates as far as may be found practi-

are made, but these are the principal ones upon which differences of opinion existed. When the substitute bill has been printed the committee will go over it carefully, and may find it necessary yet to make some changes, but the members have substan-tially agreed upon their recommendations.

THE PLECTORAL COUNT RILL

The Measure Adopted by the House-It Non-Goes Back to the Senate.

The House on Thursday passed a bill which provides that letter carriers shall be employed quent as the public business may require in every incorporated city, village or borough containing a population of 50,000 within its every place containing a population of not less than 10,000 within its corporate limits, according to the last general census taken by authority of state or Luited States law, or by any postoffice which produced a gross revenue or the preceding fiscal year of not less than

The House then resumed consideration of the electoral count bill. The House amend-ments to the Senate bill were agreed to, and on motion of Mr. Cates, (Ala.) an amend ment was adopted striking out the clause directing the president of the Senste, upon the declaration of the vote, to announce the name of the persons elected. The bill was then passed as amended, without division. As passed by the House the bills directs that the electors of each state shall meet and give their votes on the second Monday in January following their appointment.

Section 2 provides that if any state shall have provided, by laws enacted prior to the day fixed for the appointment of electors for the final determination of any controversy concerning the appointment of all or any of the electors of such state, by judicial or other mothods of procedures, and such determina-tion shall have been made at least six days before the time fixed for the meeting of the electors, such determination shall be conclusive, and shall govern in the counting of the storal votes so far as the ascertainment of the electors appointed by such state is con-

Section 3 prescribes the manner in which

Section 3 prescribes the manner in which the electoral vote of each state shall be certified and communicated to the secretary of state at Washington.
Fection 4 prescribes the meeting of the Senate and House in the hall of the House on the second Wednesday in February succeeding the meeting of the electors.

After providing for the apppointment of the certifiers and the sending by them of the certifiers and the sending by them of the certifiers.

tellers and the reading by them of the certificates of the electoral votes, the bill con-

counted in the namer, and according to the rule in this set provided, the result of the same shall be delivered to the president of the Senate, who shall thereupon announce the state of the vote, which announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons, if any, elected president and vice president of the United States, and, together with a list of the voters, shall be entered on the journals of the two Upon such reading of any such cer shall call for objections, if any, state clearly and concisely and without argument the ground thereof, and shall be signed by at least one senator and one member of the House of representatives before the same shall be re-ceived. When all objections so made to any vote or paper from a state shall have been received and read the Senate shall thereupor wit draw, and such objections shall be sub-mitted to the Senate for its decision; and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall n like manner, submit such objections t in the manner, stooms such objections to the House of Representatives for its decision; and no electoral vote or votes which shall have been regularly given by electors whose appointment stall have been certified accordg to the third section of this act from any ing to the third section of this act from any state from which but one return has been received shall be rejected. If more than one return or paper purporting to be a return from a state shall have been received by the president of the Senate, those votes, and those only, shall be counted which shall have been regularly given by the electors who are shown by the given by the electors who are shown by the determination mentioned in section 2 of this set to have been appointed, if the determina-tion in said section provided for shall have been made, or by such successors or substi-tutes, in case of a vacancy in the board of electors so ascertained, as have been ap-pointed to fill such vacancy in mode provided by the laws of the state; but, in case there

shall arise the question which of two or more of such state authorities determin-ing what electors have been appointed, as mentioned in section 2 of this set, is the lawful tribunal of such state, the votes regularly given of those electors, and those only, of such state shall be counted whose title as electors the two Houses, acting separately, shall concurrently decide is supported by the decision of such state so authorized by its laws ; and in such case of more than one re laws; and in such case of more that one re-turn or paper purporting to be a return from a state, if there shall have been no such de-termination of the question in the state aforesaid, than those votes, and those only, shall be counted which

termination of the question in the state aforesaid, than those votes, and those only, shall be counted which were cast by electors whose appointment shall have been duly certified under the scal of the state by the executive thereof in accordance with the laws of the state, unloss the two Houses, acting separately, shall concurrently decide such votes not to be the lawful votes of the legally appointed electors of such state. When the two Houses have voted they shall immediately meet again and the presiding officer shall then announce the decision of the questions committed. No votes or papers from any other state shall be acted upon until the objections previously made to the votes or papers from such state shall have been finally disposed of.

Section 5, gives the president of the Senate power to preserve order.

Section 6 limits to two boars the debate which shall be had on any question after the two Houses shall have separated.

Section 7 provides that the joint meeting shall not be dissolved until the count of electoral votes shall be completed and the result declared, and prohibits either House from taking a recess beyond the next calen.

result declared, and prohibits either House from taking a recess beyond the next calen-dar day. In case the electoral votes shall not have been completed before the lifth calendar day after the first meeting of the two Houses, to further recess shall be taken by eithe

CURIOUS CREISTMAS GIFTS

How the Recipient Must Knit Down to the Mysteries of the Wonderful Ball. As the season for g ft-making draws near, ngenuity in that direction will no doubt bring forth a host of novelties which the eager feminine mind will be quick to grasp. One called the "wonder ball" is already rolling on its way. This is of German origin, as the motive connected with it will show. for as a people, the Germans, more than any other, invest the common affairs of life with an atmosphere of sentiment.

The wonder ball is a form of gift-many gifts in one. The friends of the one who is to receive it are in amiable cahoots together, and by their united efforts it is preduced. An amount of bright wool is bought, say enough for a shoulder shawl, or even for an arguan. The gifts, which should be of small bulk, are wrapped in paper, with the giver's name, a note or any other personal remem brance affixed, and then the yarn is wound about one until it is covered, when another is added and the same process repeated. This goes on until all the gifts are included

in the package, one at a time, each interwoven with its concealing web of threads.

Now comes the charm! The receiver is requested to knit from that ball or to crochet any article they may choose to fix upon, and not by any chance to unwind the yarn only so fast as the work progresses. It is like un-doing a long Christmas stocking with presents

in it down to the very toa.

And see what a stimulus to industry!
Curiosity will grow stronger as each gift appears, and the work is pretty certain to be swift and soon completed.

Here is an example of one wonder ball. A

Here is an example of one wonder ball. A lady had a birthday, and her friends decided to give her a handsome work basket and its furniture. German kultting yarn was bought for a skirt—two colors, four hanks of blue and two of pink. This of itself would make a huge ball, but in separate packets were inclosed a thimble, a case of scissors, an elaborate assortment of needles, needle-leaves, a speol-box, spools of every number and color of thread and slik, an emery strawberry, at are measure and other

emery strawberry, a tape measure and other triffes. These were interwound until the ball was of formidable proportions. Then it was presented in the basket and the lady given to understand that she was to work herself into a knowledge of her presents or to remain in ignorance. Allow-ing for this work only such chance minutes of leisure as a busy woman can snatch from more pressing duties, it would take a month to get at the heart of that wonder ball.

AUCH IN LIFE

The William Penn Farm in Bucks County Sold Under Foreclosure.

The old William Fenn farm, overlooking the Delaware river, about five miles above Bristol, was sold Thursday afternoon by Sheriff Eastburn, of Bucks county, on a foreclosure of mortgago. The execution was issued at the instance of Ezekiel Howell, of Fallsington, who held a first mortgage of There were only a few bidders present and the property was bought by Hector C. Wat-

son, of Fallsington, for the sum of \$10,000. son, of Falisington, for the sum of \$10,000. There were a number of minor claims against the property, but only sufficient was realized to meet the first mortgage. The farm comprises 139 acres, and the present occupant, William Penn Crozer, paid, it is said, \$150 per acre, while the price obtained to day was only about one-half that sum.

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The farm is one of the historical spots of Bucks county, and has been visited by people from all parts of the country. Last October the Pennsylvania Peace society celebrated the 2024 anniversary of the landing of Penn on the grounds, and several years ago the Bucks County Historical society met under the old buttonwood tree on the river front of the farm. William Penn selected the spot about the year 1700, and built upon it the manor house, which was torn upon it the manor house, which was torn down just before the Revolution. Part of the old foundation wall, made of bricks brought from England, is still intact, and the present farm house is built upon it. A well sunk by Penn still gives an abundant supply of good water, but this and the stump of an old cherry tree are all that remains of the origi-nal homestead. Most of the original tract was disposed of during Penn's life. The property immediately around the manor house passed to Richard Penn, and from him to William Bell. It them passed to the own-ership of Robert Crozler, the grandfather of the present occupant, and remained in pos-session of the Crozers uptil it became the property of Mr. Watson.

UP AND DOWN THE STATE

Delegates from six cities met in Pittsburg and formed a National Colored League of professional base bail players. The cities represented were Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Boston, Pittsburg, Cieveland and Louisville. Louisville.

A locomotive on the Beech Creek railroad exploded Thursday afternoon at Jersey Snore station, killing Philip Knight, engineer; Allen Ramssy, fireman; James Warren, engineer on the same road, and Joseph Fields, a machinist.

Another trunk line to the West will be completed to day in Philadelphia, that of the

Another trunk line to the West will be completed to day in Philadelphia, that of the B. & O. road. The few hundred feet of track necessary to make a continuous road from New York to Chicago, by way of Philadelphia, have been laid, and by Wednesday next through trains will be running over the line.

Jack McAutiffe, light weight champion of America, offers to fight Arthur Chambers, of Philadelphia, for \$2,000 and the Holske in-

ternational challenge beit.

A. S. Brendle, of Shaefferstown, Lebanon county, offers 550 to anyone who will show conclusive evidence of the confession of a man in Kansas to killing Farmer Joseph Miller in Lebanon county ten years ago.

Redemption of Trade Dollars.

Senator Sewell has introduced a bill in the senate for the redemption of trade dollars which provides that for a period of six months United States trade dollars, if not defaced, mutilated or stamped, shall be re-ceived at their face value in payment of all dues of the United States. For the same period holders of trade dollars on presenta-tion of the same at the United States depositories may receive in exchange like amount in face value in standard sliver dollars or subsidiary coin. The trade dollars received shall not be reissued, but shall be received into standard dollars.

The state revenue commissioners announ that the state debt was reduced \$713,701

IN MARTIC TOWNSHIP THE COPLAND CASES.

THE DEFENDANTA BROUGHT INTO COURT AND BENTENCED.

A Fine of \$100, Costs of Prosecution and Au Imprisonment of Fifteen Months Imposed on Edward Copland and His Wite for Keeping a Bawdy House.

Thursday Afternoon - Upon the reassemb ling of court, the jury in the Slater Erb embezzlement case were instructed as to their duties; after a deliberation of several hours the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty, with county for costs.

The case against H. F. Wenver, charged

The case against B. F. Weaver, charged with cruelty to suimats, was argued at length by counsel. A verdict was not agreed upon when court adjourned.

Frank Boyd, who pleaded guilty to stealing cigars from the Ephrata station, was put on trial on two charges of horse stealing. A horse, buggy and harness were stolen from the premises of isaac Jacoby. Ephrata, on the night of August 5th. Later the same night a horse of Franklin. Hogenbooler, who the premises of Isaac Jacoby, Epirals, on the night of Angust 8th. Later the same night a horse of Franklin Hogentogler, who lives on the Marietta turnpike, was also stolen. According to the testimony of the commonwealth's witnesses the station at Ephrata was robbed of 6,400 cigars by Boyd and a man named Richard Hade, who is now fourther from testion. The officers in the and a man inside dictoral nade, who is now a fugitive from justice. The officers in in-vestigating the cigar robbery learned that some of cigars had been sold at Marietta, and that the parties who stole Jacoby's team drove from Ephrata to the Marietta turnpike,

across the country. It was subsequen learned that Jacoby's team was abandoned learned that Jacoby's team washandoned on the Marietta turnpike, and Hogentogler's horse was stolen and hitched to Jacoby's buggy. This horse was also abandoned after he had cast a shoe. Boyd and another man, supposed to be Hade, were seen on the road, a short distance from where the stolen team last abandoned was found, early on the morning after both horses were stolen. It was also shown that Boyd, who denied having ever been at Ephrata, was in that village on the evening of the night Jacoby's team was stolen.

was stolen.
The accused denied stealing either of the The accused defined steading either of the horses, the buggy or harness. He admitted stealing the cigars and claimed that the teams were stolen by Hade, Joe Groff and Joe Buzzard and that he met Hade by appointment on Monday morning following the horse stealing near Marietta, to help him discover of the stolen gloss Control.

dispose of the stoien cigars. On trial.

Thursday Evening.—Court met at 7:30 'clock, and the trial of Frank Boyd, for horse-stealing, was resumed, finished and In the case of commonwealth vs. William

raham, false pretense, a verdict of not guilty

was taken, the district attorney stating that the case could not be made out Martin Buzzard was put on trial for steal-ing a hog valued at \$10, from his tather-in-law, James Caffrey, on March 17. Caffrey lives on the Welsh mountain, and on that date the hog was driven away, it is alleged, by the accused. The hog, it was proved, was sold by the delendant to a man named Knox, and by him sold to Henry Leman, of Inter-The defense was that the hog belonged to Mrs. Caffrey, that she owed him money for feed furnished for the hog, and she told him to take the hog and sell it. He did so and received \$10 for the hog, which did not pay for the feed furnished. Jury out.

Friday Morning-Court met at it o'clock and the jury in the B. F. Weaver cruelty to animals case rendered a verdict of not guilty with county for costs.

In the case of Martin Buzzard, charged with stealing a hog, the jury rendered a verdict of guilty with a recommendation to mercy. He was sentenced to undergo an imprisonment of nine months.

in the two cases against Frank Boyd, indicted for horse stealing, the jury rendered a verdict of guilty and recommended the defendant te mercy. Sentence was deferred.

John Patton was put on trial to answer
three charges of larceny. According to the
testimony of the commonwealth's witnesses, Calvin Davis, who is a fugitive from justice and Pation stole a lap robe from Eliwood Lawrence, of Earl township, on January 4, El chickens from Levi Oberlin on January 7, and 16 chickens from Samuel Correli on the same night. The accused admitted to severa parties that he had beloed Davis commit

The defendant denied having stolen the articles, or having admitted to anyone that he The jury rendered a verdict of guilty did. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty on all the charges. Sentence was deterred. George W. Byerly, of Eden township, was put on trial for malicious trespass. According to the testimony of the commonwealth's witnesses John Witners farms the land of his mother, and deorge W. Byerly was in the habit of riding and driving across Withers' land, taking down the fence, and after the tence was down cattle wandered into

the field and damaged the crops.

The defense was that many years ago Mrs.

Withers gave Byerly permission to go through her land, it being a convenience to him; that permission was never revoked, and she admitted that fact at the preliminary hearing. He denied ever having thrown down the tence and testified that cattle never got in and damaged the crops through hi

THE COPLANDS SENTENCED. Information was furnished the district at orney last night that Edward and Emma opland were about to skip and a process was seued for their arrost this morning. They were arrested by the sheriff and brought into court. They denied having any intention of skipping and their counsel plead for a post-ponement of the sentences until to-morrow. The district attorney asked that sentence be imposed at once and the court did so. Edward Copland was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 and costs for selling liquor without license, and on the charge of keeping a bawdy house Copland and his wife were each sentenced to pay a fine of \$100, the costs of prosecution and undergo an imprisonment of fifteen months in the Lancaster county

A motion was made to quash the indict ment charging Lewis Stark with false pre

tense, on the ground of insufficiency.

Ratiroad Officer Hoffman and William Wittick have filed applications for the county reward for the arrest of horse thieves, the baving arrested Frank Boyd and convicted

bian of two charges.

S. E. Baily, who was subprensed as a witness in the Coplanti case and who failed to appear, was brought into court on an attachment. His excuse was that business called him away from the city. The court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs on Mr. Baily.

Inspecting Bethapy Orphans' Home

Mrs. A. S. Leinbach, Mrs. Isaac McHos-Mrs. James T. Reber, of Reading, Mrs. Butz of Allentown, Mrs. Shirk, of this city, and Mrs. Rauch, of Lebanon, members of the advisory committee appointed by the direc-tors of Bethany orphans' home, paid a visit to the institution at Womelsdorf on Thursday. They found everything in a good and healthy condition, there being no illness among the inmates. Rev. Thomas M. Yundt and wife, superintendent and matron, are very popular among the children. The committee visits among the children. The committee the home four or fives during the year.

The Mayor & Court.

This morning there were thirteen vagrants selore the mayor. Five of them were discharged and eight were sent to the workhouse for 30 days each. There was one sollhouse for 30 days each. There was one solitary drunk, and he was a respectable young man from the lower end of the county. The mayor told him he would have to pay the costs. He said he could easily do that, but when he examined his pocket he found that the \$15 which he had in his pocket was gone. It had either been stolen or spent when the young man did not know it. young man did not know it.

A Fine Lot of Deer. Joseph Kautz and Ambrose Bitzer re-turned this morning on Fast Line from a gunning trip through Forest and Clarion counties. They started three weeks ago, and made their headquarters at Newmansville, Clarion county, where Mr. Kautz has relatives. They brought with them to this city seven fine deer, two of which are very large. They have been on exhibition all day at Mr. Bitzer's eigar store on North Queen street, and attracted a great deal of attention.

A New School House That is Being Dedicated

This Afternoon.

RAWLINSVILLE, Dec. 10.—The new school

house built in Martic township, near York Furnace station, on the site of the old Bridge Valley school house, is to be dedicated this afternoon under the name of West View. Profs. Brecht and Shault are expected to take The wedding bells pealed forth and tw Material Reductions Shown,

The wedding bells pealed forth and two more hearts were made to beat as one. Mr. F. Moss, son of Mr. P. Moss, of Buck, and Miss Francis Eshleman, daughter of Mr. D. Eshleman, Bethesda, were united in the holy bond of union, at the Mt. Nelso parsonage on the afternoon of Dec. 7.

Mrs. Addie Huber is very sick.

Miss Sue Stokes, of Smithville, is spending some time at her brother's in Florin.

Mr. Harry Eshleman, of Marthville, has

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some time at her brother's in Fiorin.

Mr. Harry Esbieman, of Martieville, has returned from the West.

Messra, J. Galen and E. E. Stokes received specimens of wannon or Indian money, from Mrs. F. A. Warner, of East Saginaw, Mich. The note inserted in the INTELLIGENCER some time ago by her was noticed and the directions stated there were followed and the result was some elegant specimens of that curious money. specimens of that curious money.

The snowstorm has made a little sleighing

and people are taking advantage of it, but it has been the means of spoiling the good at-tendance at school.

MRS. MARGAKET A. DULLER The Death of a Lady Well-Known in the East

End of the County, The death of Mrs. Diller, widow of the late Solomon Diller, of New Holland, occurred at that place on Thursday morning. She was 75 years of age and had not been in good health for some time. She was a remarkably fine old lady, and a representative of one of the most influential families of her section. She was a member of the Lutheran church She was a member of the Lutheran church and illustrated in her life the virtues of womanly character. Her family consist of James, the cashier of the New Holland National bank. Alfred N., a Philadelphia hardware merchant: Mrs. George W. Styer, of this city, and a single daughter, Annie, who

lives at home. She is the grandmother of Mrs. James B. Frey.

The funeral will take place on Sunday at 10:30 a. m. as will be seen by the death notice elsewhere inserted.

Missionary Anniversary Notwithstanding the inclement weather last Sunday, the Missionary society of the Reformed congregation at Heller's church held its second anniversary. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. W. Gerhard. After the opening service a missionary exercise by Miss Emma Bushong, assisted by a number of young girls, was rendered and then the president, Horace G. Bushong, read the annual report, from which it appeared that the society had contributed during the year the sum of \$25—which was voted to several missionary congregations. At a recent election the following officers were elected: President, Horses G. Bushong; vice president, David II. Kendig, secretary, Miss Katle Baker, and treasurer, Abraham

Cincinnati Church People Aroused. It has just transpired in Cincinnati that Archbishop Elder, since the Battimore council, has drawn the lines on Roman Catholic vocalists and musicians by forbidding them to employ their talents in Protestant churches. This order just promulgated is evoking a spirit of rebellemanning numerous Catholic vocalists.

The Presbyterian clergy intend to apply

the lash of discipline to the many church members who gave and and comfort to the American Opera company and the ballet dur-ing its recent Thanksgiving week season. The Methodist clergy also gave out word that at their meeting next week they will strongly condemn the employment of the ballet at the opera and will recommend that church members who attend with exhibitions be disciplined.

It is very common among theoretical writ-

fertilizing value of the sowage of large cities, and to lament the frightful losses sustained | House at 12:30 adjourned until to-morrow. drainage. It is not too inuch to say, however, that such calculation have no substantial basis—in the light of past experience in at-tempts to utilize sewage. "Its practical application to our soils," as bir J. B. Lawes marks in a recent letter to the London Agri

marks in a recent letter to the London Agri-cultural Gazette, "having been abandoned by all those competent to deal with it, except the enthusiast." Sir John concludes "It appears to me that more senticient has found utterance in regard to the London sewage than it deserves. Take the peat bogs in Ireland, for instance. Peat, when driest, is an excellent fuel, but the cost of drying and transport research is from enterlost into and transport prevent it from entering into competition with coal. If it were not for the coal in Great Britain, I reland would be the more wealthy country of the two. But no one dwells upon the great value of the Irish bogs, though we are continually being told of the immense value of the London sewage. In both cases, it is the cost of labor and transit that prevents these substances from enter ing into competition with other substances of the same character, which are more chearly brought upon our farms."

Exceptions in the Henderson Estate. M. Brosius, esq., representing some of the reditors of Amos Henderson, deceased, has iled the following exceptions to the auditor's

of the balance in the hands of the administra-tor for distribution was the property of the firm of Reed & Henderson, and dist not be The payment of the virilities of Reed 3

The order of the court directing the suditor to appropriate a portion of the fund for distribution to the payment in full of the creations of Reed & Henderson was error. Henderson in full.

The Feetive Tramp.

There are over a half hundred tramps to the workhouse at present, and they are kept the workhouse at present, and they are kept steadily at work cracking stones in order to earn their keeping. They have also been very useful this week in shoveling snow. The men are all chiged to wear striped pantaioons, such as are in use at the prison, and in a short time they will also have coats of the same material. The hams sleep in the little house inside the wall. They lay upon straw on the floor and must huddle closely together in order to make room for ath.

At a meeting of Christiana Lodge, No. 413 F. A. M., held on Thursday, the following officers were elected: W. M., Milton Heldlebaugh; S. W., Rankin M. Coulter; J. W., Aaron Martin; treasurer, Nathaniel Gilles ple; secretary, Cyrus Lingerfield; trustees, John D. Harrar, Samuel Slokom, Philip S. Bush, Bordley S. Patterson, Edwin Garrett, They were installed by P. D. G. M. Bro. A. J. Kaufiman, after which a banquet was held at the hotel of J. Hopa Hershberger.

A Soldter Burted. From the Lititz Record.

William Sheaffer, formerly a resident of Lititz, years ago having lived at Akron, died at the residence of his son-in-law, Henry Moyer, at Owl Hill, on Tuesday last, aged 62. He was a soldier during the late re-bellion and also served his allotted time in the Prussian army. The Stevens Post G. A. R., of Littz, attended the funeral in a body, which took place at Millport on Thursday

Fell on an Lry Pavement. This morning as George King, carpenter was walking on West Walnut street, near Wacker's brewery, he slipped and fell heavily, striking his head upon the frozen pavement. He was picked up in an uncon-scious condition, badly bruised and contused, and was taken to his home, No. 416 Mulberry street. He regained consciousness and will soon be all right again, providing the blow on his head does not cause a congestion of the brain, Dr. H. Eberman attended him.

The New Steel on Bank.

The Steelton National bank, of Steelton. Pa., has been anthorized to begin business, with a capital of \$75,000.

OFFICIAL CROP REPORTS.

DECEMBER RETURNS IN THE DE PARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Value of the Freduct of Wheat, Corn. Oats, Bar ley, Buckwheat, Potatoes, Cotton, etc., Compared With Last Year's Prices .. Some

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10 .- The follow ing crop report was issued to-day by the department of agriculture :

The December returns of average farm prices, by counties, show material reduction as compared with values of the crops of 1885 in wheat, rye and barley. Corn has made an advance nearly equivalent to the percentage to the reduction in quantity, and oats in sympathy with corn rather than with the small grains used for human food averages a slightly higher value than last year. The farm value of corn was 33 cents per bushet in December of last year. It is now 37cents-one cent higher than the crop of 1884. The average for the previous five years was 14.7, and for the ten years prior to 1880, it was 426 cents. prices in the surplus states are : Ohio, 5; Indiana, 32; Illinois, 32; Iowa, 30; Missouri 31; Kansas 27, and Nebraska 20. This is an increase over last year of one cent in Nebraska, three in Kansas, Illinois Indiana and Ohio, and six in Iowa and Missouri. The average is 56 in New York, 49 in Pennsylvania and 45 in Virginia, two cents lower in each than last year. Prices in the cotton states south and west of North Carolina are higher than last year ; South Carolina 60, Georgia 60, Alabama 58, Mississippi 50, Louislana 55, Arkansas 69, Texas 60, an increase of eleven cents, due to

the disastrous drought. The average December price of wheat is 69 cents, a reduction of 8 cents from the average value of the last crop and 414 cents above the price of 1884. The average in New York is 54 cents, 12 cents lower than last year; Pennsylvania, 83, 13 cents lower. The reduction is still greater in several Western states. The average of Ohio is 74 cents, Michigan 73, Indiana 70, Illinois 69, Wisconsin 68, Minnesota 61, Iowa 60, Missouri 63, Kansas 58, Nebranka 47, Dakota 52. There is little decline in the Southern states, in some of which prices are higher than last year. The average

in California is 73 cents. The average value of oats is 20.9 cents, against 28.5 last December. Rye averages 3. 1, against 57.9 last year. Barley 53 cents, last year 56 3. Buckwheat 54.4, a reduction of 1.5 cents per bushel. Potatoes 46 cents, one cent higher than in December of last year. The value of hay averages nearly eight dollars per ton.

THE HOUSE ADJOURNS. Out of Respect to Representative Dowdney-The

Chaplain's Feeling [Prayer. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10 .- (House) The chaptain in his prayer to-day referred to the death of Representative Dowdney, of New York, which occurred in that city this morning of apoplexy. He said: "Again this House has been stricken by the hand of death ; another seat is made vacant. Console and comfort the wife and children thus rendered desolate, widowed and orphaned. Be Thou the stay and cheer of them in this sud-

ien and awful bereavement." Immediately after the reading of the ournal, Mr. Campbell, of New York, announced with sorrow and regret the death of his late colleague, and offered resolutions expressive of the regret with which announcement of the death had been received by the House, and providing for a joint committee of the Senate and House to attend the funeral. The resolutions were ers on agriculture to calculate the enormous | unanimously adopted, and as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the

The House committee on public building nd grounds to-day agreed to urgently rec ommend the passage of the bills for the reconstruction of the government building at Charleston, S. C., damaged by earthquakes, and the construction of a custom house at Eastpart, Me., to cost \$100,000.

TELEGRAPHIC TAPS. Robert Gravor, colored, was hanged in St

Louis this morning for the murder of Berry Evans. John E. Owens, the actor, was buried in Baltimore to-day with impressive services. One wing of the St. Francis college and nomastery at Loretta, Fa., was destroyed by ire yesterday. Loss, \$20,000; fully insured. John Dillon and Thomas Kelly were fatelly

njured at the new squeduct works in Nev York this morning.
The Partido, Mexico's Liberal adminstra tion organ has a very friendly editorial on the

The Humane society life hoat at Southport, England, while going to the relief of a dis-tressed vessel this morning was capsized and 13 of the crew drowned. The pilot beat Charlotte Webb, arrived in

New York this morning with Capt. E. W. Weed and the officers and crew of 12 men of the bark Cermona, which was abandoned n a sinking condition The comptroller of the currency has author-ted the following named banks to begin usiness: The Commercial National bank of Shreveport, La, with a capital of \$100,000 the Steetton National bank of Steetton, Pa with a capital of \$75,000; the First Nationa bank of Phillipsburg, Ka., with a capital of

Hints to Eheumatics From the Cassell's Family Gazette

If I were now to guess at the life-historie of those matronly ladies who lean as grace fully as they can on their silken umbrellas I should say that their trouble, if not here ditary, arose from dietary errors and want of sufficient exercise. They have been busy sufficient exercise. They have been busy people perhaps—busy, at some kind of business which took up all their time; they did not require exercise, they thought, being always on the move, one way or another—with only the walk to and from church on Sunday to count for relaxation of mind. They forgot or they did not know, that moving around at the duties of business is not exercise in its proper sense; that exercise must be pleasurable to be of avail; that mind and body must both have a change. Probably the digestion began to fail before a twinge of rheumatism took place; they had little appetite for breakfast, except for that cup of tea and toast. They often felt weary before the day was half over—fired. I emphasize the word "tired" because this feeling is universal at the outset of chronic rheumatism. Sometimes their backs ached in so weary a way that even appetite was interfered. tiam. Sometimes their backs ached in so weary a way that even appetite was interfered with, and depression of spirits caused them to take very gloomy views of life indeed. Cordials would be suggested. Ah! these cordials, what a deal of misery they have to account for! Giving but temporary relief, requiring to be taken oftener, and still more often, as the taking of them becomes a babit, injuring the direction, producing habit, injuring the digestion, producing irritability of temper and restless nights, they never fall to increase the troubles they are meant to quell, and shorten life itself.

Charged With Desertion Mrs. Annie Horn made complaint against her husband, William Horn, charging him with having deserted her and refusing to maintain her. Alderman Fordney held the husband to ball to answer the charge at

court. Property Withdrawn. The dwelling house No. 122 South Duke street, offered at public sale by Auctioneer Haines on Thursday evening, was withdrawn at \$2,900.

The Soap House

Next week some of the officers of the police force will visit a number of farmers in the county to solict provisions, &c., for the

One Kind of Reading.

And how few persons who can devote but an hour or half an hour a day to reading and study, take due thought as to how they can make the most of their little leisure. They resd in a desultory way whatever comes to hand, and think that if they had more time for books they would soon become much better informed. But the half hour a day, if used in the wisest manner, would make

months and years glide by. An incident occurs to me that well illus rates this. A pretty maiden hair fern, grow trates this. A pretty maiden hair fern, growing in a flower-pot, was given to a young girl, hopelessly ill with spinal disease. It proved a thing of beauty and of inexhaustible interest, as the delicate, graceful fronds came up, one by one, and slowly uncuried. There was a little pot beside the fern and under its spreading fronds, in which grew an aloe. By-and-by the sick girl noticed in the little pot some tiny ferns, scarce an inch high, quite unlike the maiden-hair. Whence came they? Her interest was aroused. She came they? Her interest was aroused. She was no botanist, but she wanted to learn something about ferns. She could use her eyes for reading but five minutes at a time, ind not more than twice a day. A book on ferns came to her, and another and another Friends, knowing her interest in ferns, brought them to her fresh and green from the woods, or sent her fresh specimens of rare varieties gathered in distant lands. Some times a visitor would read to her from one of her precious books, but only for four or five minutes, "I can not remember more at a time," she would say, "and you have read enough for me to think about for a long

It is now some years since the maiden hair fern was given to her, and she has be come an authority as to the species and culcome an authority as to the species and cul-ture of the terns, and is an enthusiast in re-gard to them. It is true that she has become educated in one direction only, and is not particularly well informed in other respects. But is it not a great gain that she should talk about her ferns and their wonderful method of reproduction, awakening her listeners' in-terest and teaching them many things worth remembering rather than to dwell chiefly on remembering rather than to dwell chiefly on her pains and privations? It is many years since she was able to step out of doors, but when you are with her you do not think of her as an invalid, so interested and interest-

The growth of cryptogamous plants would not be a matter of absorbing interest to all persons, but the habit of reading thought-fully and carefully what we read, and of retaining it in memory, is a great factor of

Unreliable Clocks. About the most unreliable time-piece in

this city at present is the court house clock. The hands have been standing at 11:30 since last Sunday, and there is scarcely a minute n the day that some one is not misled. In the evening the clock is illuminated the same as though it was keeping the best of time. Persons who go home early in the evening and have occasion to pass the court evening and have occasion to pass the court house, think they are out late, and those who don't care when they get home think they are keeping good hours when they refer to the court house dial. The person or persons having charge of the clock need to be looking after it or the county commissioners may be compelled to hire an assistant for him as they have for Solicitor Shenck.

The clock in Tomilinson's building in Centra Source is also doing nobly. It has gained

tre Square is also doing nobly. It has gained 10 minutes on the court house clock and its hands point at 11:40, where they will likely remain for the next year.

A Runaway and Smashup. Between one and two o'clock this afternoon as a one horse wagon belonging to Snavely & Bro , tanners, was being loaded with hides in rear of the Pennsylvania freight depot, the horse attached to the wagon took fright, caused by the wagon seat being thrown against him. He ran at full speed across the railroad, where the rear axie of the wagon was broken. With the front running-gears

where he was captured unhurt. Opposite the Moravian cemetery he ran sgainst Levi Hoover's milk wagon, but did not seriously

hanging to him the horse ran through to Prince street, and down Prince to West King.

Post 405 G. A. R. evening, was unusually interesting and largely attended. A large number of visitors were present from the different posts of this and adjoining counties.

Three recruits were mustered in, and large amount of Grand Army business was The newly-elected officers of the post will be installed Thursday evening, January 6.
It has been decided to present the name of Comrade D. M. Moore to the state conven-

tion at Harrisburg as a candidate for representative to the national encampment to be

held at St. Louis next summer.

Married in Philadelphia In Philadelphia, on Thursday evening Miss Clara Brinton Haines, daughter of Granville B. Haines, was married to Mr John Blair MacAfee. Many well-known Lancaster people were present, among them Miss H. Brinton, Mrs. W. P. Brinton, Mr. E. P. Brinton, and Miss Grubb. The bride is a niece of W. P. Brinton, esq. of this city. The wedding ceremony was performed in the Church of the Epiphany and the party them diourned to the Colonnade hotel, where a re ception was held until ten o'clock, the floral decorations of corridors and private parlor

The professors and students of the theological seminary attended the funeral of Ma Mauch this morning, in a body, bearing with them a nine floral tribute in the shape of a cross. The death of Mr. Mauch came sud denly upon his many friends on College Hill. A large number were present at the funeral. The services were conducted by Rev. Houpt, of Grace Lutheran church, and Rev. Dr. Gerhart, of the seminary. The ser-

being most elaborate and beautiful.

vices were very impressive. Funeral of Charles Himmelsbach. The funeral of Charles Himmelsbach took place this morning from his residence on Church street, and was attended by St. Peter's Catholic society. The remains were taken to St. Anthony's Catholic church, where Father Kaul celebrated a requiem mass. The interment was made at St. Anthony's Catholic church,

A Little Gire's Pinger Cut Off From the Manheim Sentinel. Thursday morning Alice, a four-year-old daughter of Henry B. Miller, this borough, in closing a door at the house of her father, had the index finger of her right hand caught between the door and frame, completely

severing that member just back of the nail. A Coasting Accident

Thursday evening as a number of boys were coasting in the western part of the city one of them named George Young, aged about 12 years, a ward of Mrs. Harriet Tomlinson, No. 32 North Mary street, was run over by one of the sieds and broke hi arm at the wrist. Dr. A. J. Herr set th

Serious Railroad Collision. A collison between freight trains occurre Thursday evening near Annville, on the Lebanon Valley railroad by which a man

supposed to be a tramp lost his life. The boiler of the locomotive exploded and set fire to cars loaded with petroleum and hay. The road was blocked up several hours. To Go to Millersville. Arrangements have been made with the Miliersville street railway company to run car to and from Millersville this evening for the convenience of those wishing to attend the Sunday school district convention, in ses-sion at Zion's Reformed church, Millersville A car will leave at 6 p. m. and return afte

adjournment A Position For James F. Downey.

James F. Downey, esq., formerly of this city, has been appointed a timber agent by Secretary Lamar; and has been telegraphed to come to Washington from this city, where he has been visiting relatives, and be instructed in his duties before going West to

CAUSED BY THE FOG.

A COLLISION THAT OCCURRED OF THE BART RIVER, NEW YORK.

the Ferry Boat Sag Harbor and a Tug Boo Which fowed a Scow Counted, Causing Much Damage to the Bost and Pertiting Passangers' Lives.

NEW YORK, Dec 10,-The heavy fog that settled over New York this morni many narrow escapes are reported. A ision occurred on the East river between the ferryboat Sag Harbor and was impos-with a seew in tow. It was impos-with a seew in tow. It was imposferryboat Sag Harbor and a tug book see more than a length ahead. The ferry boat crashed into the tug, hitting her on the port side, knocking a hole in her that extended almost down her water line. A papic immediately en on the ferry boat which was crowded. The passengers bustled each other and many have been pushed had it not been for the safety rail-ing that extended along the front of the boat. In the meantime the ferry boat had backed water and the tug proceed on her way up the river. The Sag Hallor was not much damaged and after considerable

difficulty reached her slip. The big grain elevator Somerset, while being towed from the North river weat ashore under Castle William on Governor's Island. She is in a dangerous position and will have to stay there until high water.

Switchmen on the Missouri Pacific Strike. night the Missouri Pacific switchmen at this place struck and walked out of the yards in a body. The grievance was too much work for the pay. The men called upon Mr. Goldmar, division superintendent, yesterday morning, and asked an increase of wages to the same amount as given by the other roads of the system, and gave him until 9 p. m. to decide. As no reply was given at the time specified they quit. All is orderly and quiet. Some of the conductors have been asked to do the work, but none have done so yet. The yard is full of cars that need switching. If men are not soon employed the gain will be immense.

Heavy Damages Wanted for Libel. WATERLOO, Ia., Dec. 10.—The Life Indemnity and Investment company, of this city, yesterday began action for libet against the Dubuque Daily Telegraph, laying the damages at \$50,000. The company has been run on the assessment and has accumulated a surplus of \$100,000, but has recently changed to the mutual premium plan. The to the mutual premium plan. The paper published a charge that the surplus had been obtained in part by fraudulent ass and that fraud was practiced by the transfer of the funds to a new organization.

Family of Counterfeiters Arrested CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 10.—Wednesday night beputy Sheriff Depuyster and a large pose-made a raid on a cabin near Fort Jefferson, Ky., occupied by a family lately moved in from Alton, Ill., and captured an outfit for making counterfeit nickels and a large amount of freshly made coin. The family occupied one room, and was composed of Charles Tolten, Thomas Tolten and wife, who is but 12 years old, Thomas Thompson, Mr. Rickets and an old woman named Thompson. All drew revolvers, but the officers had the drop on them. They taken to Paducah yesterday for safe-keeping,

A Defaulter Squaring Itis Account WARASH, Ind., Dec. 10 .- John M. Hoffman, of Hartford City, treasurer of Black. toot county, who was a few days since reported \$10,000 short in his accounts, has suc ceeded in turning over funds enough during the past twenty-four hours to reduce the amount to \$1,400. showed there was \$31,000 in cash on han when in reality there was a little over \$21,000. Subsequently several certificates of deposit, checks, etc., were found bringing the age down to the amount stated, and it may

be wiped out entirely. Attempted to Bure an Ohio City.
FINDLAY, O. Dec. 10.—An organized attempt was made Wednesday night to burn this city. There were seven fires in rapid succession in various parts of the city, but fortunately all were easily quenched and a general conflagration prevented. William Smith, Jacob Twining and George Ramsey have been arrested for incendiarism. Great

excitement prevails.

Attica, Ohio, on Fire. THEFIN, O., Dec. 10.-11 A. M.-Allica, a own in the eastern part of this county, is burning and threatened with total de tion. A special train with steamer and men

bas just left here for the scene. Twelve stores have already been consumed and the fire is still raging. The loss thus far 14 \$200,000.

OMAHA, Dec. 10.—Gil. A. James, of Con Neb., Wednesday night shot and milled Hayes, a blacksmith, of Callaway. James is a disreputable character, while Hayes was an industrious and popular mechanic, James was sneaked out of town by the sheriff and taken to Broken Bow before daylight or he would have been lynched by an infuria crowd which had gathered for that purpose.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 10.—Considerable excitement has been created here among cattle men by the discovery of several well defined cases of pleuro-pneumonia in a herd of Jersey cattle brought to this city by State Sensior Huston. An autopsy of dead cattle revealed probable cases of pleuro-pneumonia and the authorities were notified. Jersey Cattle Carries Pleuro Pasuu authorities were notified.

Providing Quarters for 75,000 Soldiers, ODESSA, Dec. 10 -Government contrac have begun the work of converting the large granaries, which are numerous in this into barracks for the accommodation of 75,-000 troops. The work is being pushed rap-idly under the supervision of military off-

Striking For Higher Wages.
OMABA, Dec. 10-Yesterday the thresh the helpers and engine men in the coal yards of the Buriington Missouri railroad to cease work if their wages were not incre was put into effect. A force of men was ordered from Lincoln to take the places of the

A Stage Robber's Life Extended. BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 10 .- Acting Governor Webb yesterday, at the solicitation of A spite to Thomas Harding, one of the Giendals stage robbers, for thirty days from the 21st inst.

Reducing Rent 25 Per Cent. LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Duke of Man

ter announces that he has decided to make permanent reduction of 25 per cent. In a rents of the tenants on his Irish estates. WEATHER INDICATIONA

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10. -Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jerrey Delaware : Fair weather, vinds, slightly warmer.

To Meet This Evening. The class for the study of vocal under Prof. Hall, will meet for its first this evening in Trinity chapel.