## FAVORING FREE TEXT BOOKS.

THE READURS WIVER BY THE COMMIT. PRP. IN AN BLANGBATH MRPORT.

The Cost to the City if the New System Good Males to Carry into Effect the

The April meeting of the school board was held on Thursday evening in common council chamber, with the following members present: Mesers, Baker, Bernard, Bolemus, Brenemau, Brown, Byrne, Cochran, Darmstetter, Eberman, Erisman, Evans, Griest, Lichty, Marshall, McComsey, McCornick, McElligott, McKillips, Owens, Pontz, Raub, , Schwebel, Shindle, Shirk, Soyder, Warfel, Wickersbam, Smeych, Sayder, Warfel, Wickersham, Wohlsen and Levergood president. The minutes of the last stated meeting were

reed and approved. BILLS TO BE PAID.

Mr. Evans, of the finance committee, re ported the following bills as having been examined and found corract, and on his motion the tressurer was directed to pay the same : Charles H. Barr, supplies, \$11.77 Levi Powi, labor, \$17.26; Kate Bucklus, calary night school teacher, \$118.75 Henrietta Harkins, night school teacher \$112.50; Wm. H. Levergood, night school leacher, \$55; R. S. Gates, night school teacher, \$155.37 ; J. P. Wickersham, ex penses to Harrisburg, \$5.85; James C. Gabie, night school teacher, \$110; Slough & Son, tables, \$6 15; Drachbar Bros., brick laying, \$3.50; John H. Jordan, night school jenstor, \$16 ; Anne & Thomas, resetting fron fence, \$25 ; Jacob R. Landia, two loads o cobe, \$8; Baumgardner, Eberman & Co., lumber, \$13 16 ; Gas, Light & Fuel company, gas for male night school, \$20.88; W. C. Franciscus, bricklaying, \$2.25; Philip Lebzeiter, load of wood, \$1; INTELLIGEN-

CER, advertising, \$10.10. ESTIMATED REPRIPTS AND EXPENDITURES Mr. Evans also reported the following estimate of receipts and expenditures : To the Board of Directors of the Common Schools

of Lancaster City : Your committee of finance, as required by law, respectfully present the annual estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures of the schools for the coming year, with a tax of thirty cents to the hundred dollars valuation. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Tuition Probable amount from County Com missioners on collection of State and	75	•
county tax	2,000	
Probable balance June 1, 1887	2 (5)	•
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# BSTINATED EXPENDITURES		
Pay tuttion	33,500	0
Night tuition Principal on louns	MIN)	-
Principal on loans	3.000	
Interest on loses	2 ((4)	- 0
Books and stationery	2,100	0
Books and stationery	0.0	0
Salaries	925	Û
Ges bills	90	0
Water rent		
	2 2000	

Abatement
Errors and cause attons
Commissions for collections
Contingencies fixing the rate of tax as above stated, at thirty cents on the hundred dollars, will be sufficient to carry on the operations of the board, if economy is used in the management

for the coming year. The dupiteste of unpaid taxes for 1885, due The duplicate of unpaid taxes for 1885, due by tenants and single men, when piaced in the hands of collector amounted to \$6,249.72. The amount collected to date \$96.42, leaving unpaid according to duplicate \$5,153.30. Your committee refer the matter to the board for consideration and instructions.

We have examined the treasurer's account and find he received \$30,224.04, and paid \$29,031.47 leaving a bid area.

\$22,691 47, leaving a balance in his hands due the board of \$7,229 57, on April 2, 1887. ROBERT A. EVANS, SAMUEL K. LICHTY,

HENRY SMEYCH

Mr. Byrne, chairman of the book committee

submitted the following report.

To the President and Members of the Lancaster
School Board:

GENTLEMEN: A resolution of the board adopted at its last meeting instructed the committee on text books and course of in-struction to report at this meeting on the ad-

struction to report at this meeting on the ad-visability of supplying to the children in our schools free of cost the books which are now provided by their parents or guardians.

Your committee find that the plan of fur-nishing free books, although a new idea in this community, is not an experiment. It has been in operation in the city of New York for 50 years, and in Newark, N. J., for forty years. The system has grown old in many of the cities and towns of New England. It is attil rapidly extending throughout the of the cities and towns of New England. It is attil rapidly extending throughout the Eastern states, and is now very familiar in the states of the West. In our state the city of Philadelphia has been furnishing free books for many years, and the city of Chester has been following its example for ten years.

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Since the passage of the act of the Penusyivania leg slature, affirmed June 2d, 1885, authorizing school directors to purchase text books for free use in the public schools, a large majority of the districts in Bucks, Montgomery, Chester and Delaware counties have availed themselves of its authority and are now furnishing books and stationery, free of all cost, to the children in their schools. Other counties in the state have adopted the system, but not so largely as the achools. Other counties in the subject of free

In the investigation of the subject of free books, your committee has examined a good deal of printed matter from different sources, and besides, entered into correspondence with the school officers of various districts in Pennsylvania, and it may be said without reservation whatever that the reports from every source are strongly in favor of the aver-

that it will meet with the approbation of your citizens. The average cost on number of pupil."

The report from West Chester is much stronger. It says: "We consider it a great advantage to a community in every way. The increased taxation when the system is fully established is inappreciable, while the burden of expense which is thus lifted from those unable to bear it, causes general relief and rejoicing. Calidren are not so early withdrawn, intelligence is more widely diffused and a kind of satisfied feeling prevails."

Knowing the business ability and high character of the president of the board of public education in Philadelphia, your committee were desirous of having his opinion on the subject under consideration. The following extracts are taken from a letter dated March 10, 1887: "While the city of Philadelphia finds a greater demand upon its treasury than it is able to meet as it would induce the city authorities to strike out the appropriation for books and stationery and thereby make it necessary for pupils to purchase their own. The purchase of books by the city authorities places the books under the control of the school authorities and enables the teachers to instruct pupils in the care and preservation of their books and papers, which discipline in order and nicety is one of the highest duties of school work. The cost of this class of supplies in Philadelphia, estimating the whole depertment—high schools, is about one dollar per pupil per annum."

The cost in Laucester under the present system, of books alone, is estimated at about two dollars per sannum for each pupil enrolled. This estimate is based upon statistics obtained from all the schools in the city except that of Mice Curties and each pupil enrolled. This estimate is been edopted, of the bester results obtainable under it, of the included wherever it has been adopted, of the bester results obtainable under it, of the

reduced cost to the community at large and of the equal footing upon which it places all pupils entering the public schools, your committee believe that its adoption by this board would be advisable and wiss, and therefore recommend that section 130 of the rules be so amended that the system may be put into operation at the commencement of the next school term. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BYRNE,

ROBERT M. BOLENIUS,

M. W. RAUE.

THE BOOKS IN USE.

The committee obtained from the tee in use in their respective schools, and the following is the aggregate : Spellers 1,416 first readers, 406; second readers, 443; third readers, 777; fourth readers, 1,026; fifth readers, 375; copy books, 1,796; Drawing books, No. 1, 1,690; No. 2, 269; No. 3, 241; No. 4, 219; Union arithmetics 734; written arithmetics 984; mental arithmetics 1,082; elementary geogrammars 387; physiologies 971; song collec tions 1,497; histories 692; first German reader 77 ; second German reader 99 ; third German reader 165; fourth German reader 22; fifth German reader 24; translators 111 German copy books III. Total cost of above books \$7,409.30; cost of high school books \$1,502.30, making a total of \$8,911.60; allowing books carried from one class to another, and taking 3,500 for the number of pupils en-

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS. Dr. McCormick, of the committee on furni-

ture, reported that Miss Curtis' school was in need of a movable black-board and he moved that the committee have authority to supply the same. The desired permission was given. Dr. Wickersham, of the special committee on legislation, reported the progress of the municipal bills now pending at Harrisburg. While the committee could say that Senate bill No. 90 was killed, so far as school affairs was concerned. House bill No. 16, which also affects Lancaster, takes its place to a great extent, and it has already passed the House the number of our school directors or the manner of their election, it makes some radical changes which will affect us. Among them is that feature providing for the city and that no money can be paid out by the treasurer unless the warrant is counter-signed by the city controller, an office created

by the bill.

Mr. Cochran moved that the committee appointed to look after legislation keep track of this and all other legislation affecting our school board and prevent if possible the passage of any such bill. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Byrne, under unfinished business, called up the report of the book committe and moved its adoption.

a provision for the amendment of the rules Mr. Byrne said such was not the intention intended to be conveyed. The committee desired to report in favor of free books. At the suggestion of the president the last sentence of the report, "recommending that sec-tion 130 of the rules be so amended that the system may be put in operation at the commencement of the next school term," was

committee on the table. The motion was defested by the following vote : Messra, Baker, Brown, Cochran, Evans, McCoinsey, Ringwalt and Smeych-7, voted

stricken from the report.

Messra Bernard, Bolenius, Breneman, Byrne, Darmatetter, Eberman, Erisanan, Griest, Lichty, Marshall, McComsey, McCormick, McElligott, McKulips, Owens, Ponts, Raub, Sohwebel, Shindle, Shirk, Snyder, Wickersham, Wohlsen and Levergood—24,

but withdrew that motion and moved that the report be received. The latter motion

Dr. Wickersbam, for Mr. Brosius, pre-sented the following amendments to the rules,

which are made necessary to carry out the free book system:

That section 130 be amended so as to read as follows: "All books, paper, slates, pens and ink necessary for the use of the school shall be provided by the board."

That section 131 be amended so as to read as follows: "All school books and supplies named in the foregoing section shall be kept by the city superintendent at his office, and at the beginning of each school term, and from time to time thereafter, shall be distributed by him to the several schools as their need requires, and at the end of the term shall be returned to his office."

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"All books and school supplies turnished by
the board shall be the property thereof, and
shall, when practicable, before leaving the
superintendent's office for use in the schools,
be marked or stamped with the words,
'Property of the Lancaster School Board.'" The amendments under the rules come up for action at a future meeting.

LANCASTER, PA., April 7, 1887.

To the Board of School Directors .

Gentlemen—Your city superintendent submits the following report of the public schools for the month of March:
The whole number of pupils in attendance was 250 in the high schools, 357 in the grammar, 663 in the secondary, 833 in the intermediate, 45 in the ungraded and 1,356 in the primary, making a total of 3.454. The average daily attendance was 245 in the high schools, 316 in the grammar, 531 in the secondary, 766 in the intermediate, 35 in the ungraded and 1,127 in the primary, making a total of 2,950.
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The average percentage of attendance was s7. The number of pupils never absent was 1,013. The number of teachers who attended 1,013. The number of teachers who attended the teachers' meetings was 60. The number of visits made by the city superintendent was 138, those made by the directors were 93, as follows: J. W. Byrne 30, Wm. McComsey 13, T. F. McElligott and Hon. J. P. Wickersham. each 10, Wm. Wohlsen, 8, W. W. Griest 5, Dr. J. Levergood and Dr. R. M. Bolenius, each 4, Hon. J. B. Warfel and S. J. Owens, each 3, J. I. Hartman 2, and Dr. D. R. McCormick 1

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I desire to call the attention of the board to the governor's proclamation, herewith submitted, designating April 22d as Arfor Day, and calling upon "school directors, teachers and scholars" to "unite in making it a day for the adornment of the grounds surrounding the school houses throughout the common wealth." Both moral and utilitarian considerations seem to demand that the day be observed by our schools, and I shall be glad to carry out any instructions as to the observance of the day which the board may see fit to give. Judging from the number of pupils who presented themselves for examination in physiology with a view to promotion into the high schools, there will be room enough to receive all prepared to enter next September.

Our secondary and grammar schools merit greater attention than they receive, especially as regards the pupils who do not pass from them to the higher grades. A long step in this direction was taken when the single-room system was adopted. The next step will probably be to elevate them above the sphere of mere preparatory schools for the grade above them into independent schools doing a work of their own. To bring this about, the reputation of schools and teachers must be based not so much on the number of pupils promoted, or what is worse yet, on the high averages obtained, as on the spirit of mental improvement displayed by the pupils, and the habits of industry and conscientious discharge of duty acquired while thera Buch a course while greatly adding to the usefulness of these schools as factors in society, will also most effectually do away with with whatever of cramming or crowding may still exist there, notwithstanding all the efforts hitherto made to eliminate it.

WATCHING THEIR INTERESTS

THE ENIGHTS OF LABOR CONTENTION HOLD IT HARMIOSUME.

franc Marter Workman Powderty Speak Uses the Objects of the Meeting-The Elforts to Secure Legislation That Has Moon Domanded for Workingmen.

Master Workman Terence V. Powderly for a convention of Knights of Labor from various parts of the state, the first meeting took place Thursday at the Knights of Labor hall, Harrisburg. At 3 o'clock Master Work man Powderly took up the gavet and called the convention to order. A permanen organization was effected by electing Gen recretary.

The convention remained with closed door

until an hour previous to adjournment at which time the doors were opened and the proceedings made public. The remaining sessions will be open to all who may come. A sessions will be open to all who may come. A special committee was appointed to invite the members of the legislature and Governor Beaver to attend. Previous to adjournment in the evening Representatives Hotherself, of Philadelphia, chairman of the House committee on labor, came into the convention and upon invitation gave the status of the various bills in which the meeting is interested. Mr. Hothersall offered his services to the convention by way of aiding it in procuring any information it might desire. Committees consisting of five members each were appointed to consider bills bearing on the following industries: Bituminous coal, anthracte coal, iron, oil, lumber

bearing on the following industries: Bituminous coal, anthracte coal, iron, oil, lumber and agriculture and siste. A committee to consider general labor bills was also appointed and consists of seven members. These committees are all in meeting and will systematize the convention's work, reporting all bills and making such recommendations in regard to them as may seem proper.

All the leading industries of the state are represented, and all are more or less clamorous for the passage of certain measures which have been introduced for the benefit of those whose livelihood depends respectively upon them. The leaders, however, are advising that the convention recommend in an especial manuer only a few, say six, of the bills, and that all efforts be concentrated upon their final passage. It is then intended to select a committee to remain there during the re-mainder of the session of the legislature to look after these measures.

POWDERLY'S SPEECH. At the meeting in the evening in the hall of the House of Representatives, Mr. Caffrey introduced Grand Master Workman Powderly, who made a stirring speech upon the duties in hand :

It is with a feeling of pride that I address a meeting gathered in the House of Representatives of my state on the question of labor, not only as it relates to workingmen, but in a broader sense—as it relates to all. I fet it my duty, therefore, to speak in regard to the convention here. I called it to bring our organization together through its repre-sentatives, to meet with chosen repre-sentatives of the people regardless of party; to conter with them on measures to benefit our state. We are charged with being lobbyour state. We are charged with being hopy-lets, a labor lobby (Mr. Powderly here referred to an editorial in a Philadelphia paper which makes that charge); lobbyists were here before us and will be here when we are came here to say to the representatives of the dates ask the working people to vote for them. They say, do so and so and we will render an equivalent. Having made this promise we certainly have a right to come and see if that promise has been fulfilled. We are charged with being Anarchists and favoring measures that tend to anarchy. As chief of our organization 1 can say that nothing of anarchy finds an abiding place in our midst, but monopoints want to make people believe the contrary. No matter what errors we have committed in the past, we have always aimed at doing right. We have pursued a tine of policy and found out things the are right and wrong, but we always kept clear of one thing that brings odium on our country—anarchy. [In his afternoon speech Mr. Powderly rejoiced over the defeat of the

Anarchists' candidates in Chicago.]
Is is not more honorable to come here like men and confer with our representatives as to what ought to be done, and go away and say we have rather sided than retarded work? I was proud to meet the delegation that came here to-day. It was larger than I expected. I saw in that delegation a sign of hope—not a man was under the influence of liquor. I spoke to many and all told me that they neither tasted nor touched or handled liquor. Of all our officers, not one touches, tastes or handles that which degrades the soul and damns the body.

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storm of applause. He then introduced Mr.
Charles H. Litchman, of Massachusetts, general secretary of the Kuights of Labor, and
afterwards Mr. Beaumont, of Washington,
also spoke. His remarks were directed
against corporations and against the laws
creating them. He claimed the same privilege of combination for the workingman.

John L. Butter, of Harrisburg, was then
called upon. He pleaded for the passage of
the bill before the House to prevent the employment of children under fifteen years of
age in factories.

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Mr. Powderly then adjourned the meeting with the remark that he hoped all would give the ideas suggested by the speeches the thought which they deserved.

Kuights Confident of Success.

ia Knights of Labor convention met this morning. It was expected that reports of committees, appointed to discuss the legislative bills in the interest of labor, would be made, but the importance of some of their deliberations was of such consequence as to render it impossible to finish their work, this atternoon suble to finish their work this afternoon Mr. Powderly and other prominent offcers left for Philadelphia at a late hour last night, business of importance requiring their presence. Mr. Pow-derly expressed himself as greatly pleased with the reception accorded the members of the executive board during their stay in Harrisburg. They freely conferred with bills now pending, and felt certain the laboring classes would receive just treatment at their hands. The board mot again; this after-noon at 2 o'clock and heard the reports of

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., April 8.-The coller of William Morris' saw mill near Harriaville, exploded yesterday, killing J. Scott, F. Lindsay, G. Williamson and an unknown man and injuring three others.

Washington, April 8.—The president-to-day appointed Wm. R. Brown to be post-

Under Secretary for Ireland.

LONDON, April 8.—Col. E. R. King-Harmann, Conservative M. P. for the isle of Thanet, Kent, has been appointed under secretary for Ireland.

While crossing Centre Square Thursday Israel P. Mayer found a pocket-book which contained \$80 in money and checks and notes to the value of \$600. It was the property of a man from Safe Harbor to whom it was re-

Henry Doman and "Whitey" Stapleford, were heard before Alderman Deen last evening on the charge of being drunk and disorderly, and each were sent to jail for 10 days.

John Brown and Andrew McCurdey, two colored men, were arrested last night while riding on a freight train of the Pennsylvania railroad at Mariette. Alderman McConomy gave them each 20 days in prison.

"RUDDTOURS" LAST BYENING. EcCaulre Large Company Appears Before Good-jused Audience in Fulton

LANCASTER, PA., FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1887.

Good-Based Audience in Fulton Opera House, Lest evening McCauli's opera compan; speared in Fulton opera bouse in Gilbert & Sullivan's "Ruddygore," which had not been seen here before. The company, with a few changes, was the same that has been playing at the Broad street theatre, Philadelphia, for some time past. The audience was of good size, but the house was by no means as full as it was expected to be. This was no doubt owing to the feet that this talkely. no doubt owing to the fact that this is Holy week. Quite a large number of seats had been secured, but beyond these few were sold. The gallery did not contain over fifty

last work of the well known Englishmen and there are many differences of opinion the papers day after day and it is familiar to all lovers of amusements. While the opers may not become as popular as some others written by Gilbert and Bullivan, it certainly contains a great deal of good music, which appeals to the popular tests. The first set is much the better of the two, and the ending is decidedly queer.

The company of last night is an excellent one and, with musicians, contains almost fifty people. It is headed by Digby Bell, the pop-ular actor, who in the character Robin Oakapple, the hero of the opera, is given an op-portunity to display his wonderful talent His singing was very effective and the fun he created was almost unceasing. H. Mac-donough had the part of Richard Dauntless, the sailor, and his tenor voice was heard to advantage. His hornpipe in the first act was as Rose Maybud was charming and she sang well. Mrs. Laura Joyce Bell, who in former has been seen here but little of late, was very tine as Dame Hannah. The music is adapted to her voice and her acting is capital. Miss Bessie Fairbairn, who last year vas a star in one of Bennett & Moulton's panies, was warmly received when she ap She sang and acted very well. The other members of the company did their work well. A number of the solos, duets and trios were repeatedly encored and the audience

seemed greatly pleased with the singing as well as the acting. The opera was put on in the best of style, as the company carries its own scenery. The scene in the picture gallery of Ruddygore better. The costumes of the ladies were very handsome, while the soldiers' uniforms sented one of each English regiment.

The company went from here to Harrisburg where they appear this evening. "Falka" will be played here by Mr. Mc Caull's other company on Wednesday night.

Ida Shubert Found Living With a Respectate Family in Steellon. Officer Reilly, who accompanied Mrs. Mary Shubert to Rahway, N. J., yesterday, to ascertain whether the girl murdered there on the 25th ult., was Ida Hagan, Mrs. Shubert's daughter, returned to Lancaster at 1:35 this morning. He says that after learning Mrs. Shubert returned to Philadelphia, and at once sent Mrs. Shubert home to Laucaster. The officer then visited the "dive" of Harry Roop, on Arch street, and a ranch kept by had been told Ida would probably be found. He did not find her, but received information that a girl answering her description had been at Roop's, but had gone to Wilmington to take part in a six day's walking match at Carroll's casino, Officer Reilly went to Wilmington, and making known his business to Chief of Police Dough erty that officer and Police Sergeant McVey showed him kind attention and but had returned to Philadelphia " to see : last night (Thursday) midnight, and that she would be entered in a walking match to take place at the Casino next week. Eighteen girls he said were entered for this Officer Reilly says that since the "dives" have been broken up in Philadelphia, many

of their proprietors and patrons have fled to Wilmington and other cities, where they hope to escape the rough treatment that has been laid upon them by the new city govern-ment of Philadelphia.

To day Mayor Morton received a letter which the following is a copy :

Council Chamber, April 7, 1887.

His Honor the Mayor of Lancaster City:

DEAR SIR—I notice an article in the Harriaburg Independent of this date stating that one Mrs. Mary Shubert, residing on Duke street near Low, claims the murdered girl at Rahway to be her daughter. This I am glad to say is not the fact, as Ida Hagan, Mrs. Shubert's daughter, is in our town, living with a respectable family, but she intends stopping here only long enough to accumulate the wherewithal to take her further. I await your pleasure in this matter or the await your pleasure in this matter or the command of Mrs. Shubert.

Yours most respectfully,
Jos. A. DUBNBAUGH,
P. O. box 233. Chief of Police.

Barber Fiath Released. BROOKLYN, April 8.-Jacob Flath, the barber who was arrested yesterday on suspicion of having some knowledge of the Rah way tragedy, was discharged from custody to day. Detectives stated that he was slightly demented and had been haunted with the

the murdered girl is still unknown. The inquest, which was to be held this morning, was again postponed for one week. County Coroner Tyrell, after the adjournment, held a consultation with Prosecuting Attorney Wilson and Chief of Police Tooker, after which Coroner Tyrell notified Sam Tice, one of the coroner's jury, that he would be excused from further attendance as a juror. This announcement created no little excitement among the spectators present and is the cause of much comment about the city for the reason that Tice is living with Bill Keech's brother George's wife as her hus-band. The citizens believe that the police,

A Change at the King Street Theatre. William A. Halbach has disposed of his in terest in the West King street theatre and no longer has any connection with it. Frank District will manage it for the present. On Saturday evening, the Goldens, who are still in this city, and several home artists will give a performance for the benefit of Mr. Halbach and George Cummings. and George Cummings. Next week the Rightmore & Hart, dramat

combination will be the attraction at this

Corner-Stone Laying at Brickerville. From the Litt'z Record. The corner-stone for the new Lutherar church at Brickerville will be laid next Sun-day afternoon. Reva. Lewars, Fensier and Assy will take part in the exercises.

Stephen G. Musser, sued by his brother, H. Lincoln Musser, for stander, gave bond in the sum of \$1,000 to the sheriff for his ap-

AN OCTOGENARIAN'S SAD FATE DEUNNED IN THE SU-QUERARNA BE ACCIDENTALLY PALLING THEREIN.

River at Marietta-A Theory as to How He Lost His Life-A Lad Drowned in the Swatara at Middletown.

MARIETTA, April 8.-Late on Thursday afternoon as Joseph Clinton was crossing th Susquehanna river, he discovered the body of a man lodged against some bushes in the Thuma's grocery store. It was taken to shore and was identified as the body of Ellas Bohnestiel, a man, about eighty years of age. Deputy Coroner Thuma was not fied and he empannelled as his jury Frank Thompson, George Lindsey, Christian Han-zel, W. H. Deckard, F. E. Krause and Jacob Songmaster. A number of witnesses were examined but no light was thrown as to how the deceased got into the river. He was a vine dresser by occupation and the supposition is that he was gathering willows with which to tie vines when he fell in the river and was drowned. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental drowning Deceased leaves a family : one of his daugh

A Boy Drowned at Middletown. HARRISBURG, April 8.-About 6 p. 1 last evening a number of small boys under 12 years were standing on the aqueduc bridge which crosses the Swatara creek at Middletown. A canal boat came along and passed the bridge. The boys were told to get out the way of the tow line, which was dragging on the side bench of the bridge n ducked their heads and escape but Chas. E. Eyier, aged 10 years, was caught away. He was rescued in five minutes bu

A Wife Plays Ophelia. Portstown, Pa., April 8.—Some time last night, Elia, wife of Daniel M. Engle, of Pottagrove township, arose and dressing scantily, walked to Manatawny creek near by, and dropping her chawl on the bank umped into the water and was drowned The body was found floating in the stream this morning. Mrs. Engle was recently dis-

GRORGE WELSH'S SUDDEN DEATH.

charged from an insane asylum.

The Jury at Fault in Finding He Died of Contriot Attorney Weaver, Doctors M. L. Davis and John J. Stewart, made a post mortem who was found dead in Schoenberger' park on Wednesday morning. The second post mortem was made at the request of the family, who had every reason to believe that chief reason for that belief was a wound on the back of the head, which had not been no ticed by the coroner's physician when he

examined the body. Coroner Honaman, John A. Coyle, esq. counsel for the family, and District Attorney Weaver, and a few others were present at the post mortem at the house of deceased, which was begun at 5 o'clock on Thursday evening. Over an hour was consumed in the operation. The result reached was that George Welsh's death did not result from violence but the cenclusion of the physicians is tha death did not result from congestion of the cian and so found by the jury.

The examination was made by Dr. Davis with Dr. Stewart as his assistant. They found on the back of the head two scalp wounds, each about one-half inch in length, but these wounds did not penetrate to the skull and consequently could not have caused his death. They found no congestion of the brain beyond that which would be produced by alcoh which, with exposure, in their judgment, caused death. The wounds were such as might have been produced by Welsh falling on a couple of small stones.

Dr. Davis says the family were justified in femanding that such an examination should of death, and forever settle the doubts which might exist as to the cause of death. The wounds on the back of the head were sus-picious circumstances, and their full extent could only be ascertained by a thorough pest mortem examination. That has been made and the family are now satisfied.

It is due to Coroner Honsman to state that he is in no ways to blame for the necessity of the second post mortem examination. At the inquest his directions to the physician were explicit. He instructed Dr. Compton to make a thorough examination of the body for marks of violence and when the physician reported that there were none except a received through a fall, he did all that was

The second post mortem cost the county an additional \$20, which could have been saved had the first examination been a thorough one. If the lesson learned by the after developments of this inquest are heeded the county may be saved such additional expenses in the future.

noon at 2 o'clock from his residence, No. 551 Green street. The circumstances sur rounding his death had the effect of attracting a very large crowd. The interment was made at St. Mary's cemetery.

CHICAGO, April 8 —The twice delayed wedding of Nicholas Moore, the sexagenarian and Annie Doyle, the sixteen-year-old girl who has been for eight years his victim, took place in the Armory police court this morn the child's whimstcal refusal to respond to the necessary interrogatories of Justice Meech, the parties talked the matter over and agreed on an amicable settlement by aunt and guardian of the girl had been ob-tained when the license was secured. The ceremony was decorously and idecently per-formed, though it was with difficulty that the assistants could be drilled by the justice into treating the matter with due respect.

Ciothespin Factory Burned.

Ludington, Mich., April 8.—The Bowling ciothespin factory, belonging to Aldrich & Brayman, at Cusier, Mich., burned last night. Loss \$20,000; insurance \$9,000. This was the largest clothespin factory in the world, its average daily output being 150,000 pins. The mill will probably be rebuilt.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Willie Russell, the 14 year-old step-son of Mr. Frank Wheston, was fatally shot this morning by Harry Adams, another boy, who was shownot know the weapon was loaded.

Sr. Louis, April 8.—The Globe Democrat prints the following this morning: Word was received in St. Louis last night to the ect that Mr. James G. Blaine was seriously ill at Fort Gibson, Indian territory, and that physicians had been telegraphed for.

Washington, D. C., April & Fir Sectors Pennsylvania: Slightly warmer fair weather, variable winds, generally shifting to southerly.

THE BASTOR POSTITAL IN MARROLD Effect of the Juter-State Commerce LAW Upon

Freight Traffic—Accident to a Little Boy.
MANKIM, April 8.—The banks of the
borough are closed to-day and the postoffice
opens only between the hours of 7 and 9:30 a.
m: 12:30 and 2:30 p. m., and 6 and 7 p. m.
Hervices will be held in the Reformed,
Littleson and Enjagonal churches. At the Services will be held in the Reformed, Lutheran and Episcopal churches. At the Reformed church the rite of confirmation will be administered in the evening. On Sunday all the churches of the borough will observe the Easter festival, the above named celebrating the holy communion. Children's the Episcopal church at 9:30 a. m.; in the Reformed at 6 p. m., and in the Evangelical at 7 p. m. The floral decorations in the us churches will be profuse.

Mr. Cass. A. Kline returned from Reading yesterday afternoon where he had been in attendance upon the annual session of the Grand Castle of the Knights of the Golden

H. M. Harman, a medical student of Drs. J. M. and J. Francis Duniap, graduated from the Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, last Tuesday. The many friends of the young M. D. extend congratulation and best

The new pastors, Rev. G. W. Lightner, of the United Brethren, and Rev. J. P. Miller, of the Evangelical churches, upon their arrival were given cordial receptions by their come in the form of liberal donations. We welcome the new pastors and wish them abundant success in their labors,
Two car-loads of cattle were shipped from

this place to Philadelphia yesterday morning the one by B. Hope, and the other by I.. Farmer. Under the new rates in force since

enactment of the inter-state commerce law, the cost of this shipment was \$10 higher than that under the old rates. It is thought building operations will be quite extensive during the coming season,

and surpass even those of last summer. Already work has commenced on several buildcigar factory from his lot to the building line

of Ferdinand street. Mr. Ephraim Bear has commenced the excavation of the cellar for a two-story build-The beautiful residence of Mr. Carson

Obetz has just been completed and it is a valuable and attractive addition to Stiegel Charley, a seven-year-old son of Samuel Plasterer, of this borough, while playing along the banks of Chiques creek, fell frac-

turing his left fore-arm. Mr. John Fulmer has improved his saddier shop by placing a show window in the front, in which he displays a fine lot of

the town ball on Monday evening G. W. Traser of this borough. His exhibit is very good, his instrument and views of the best, and a large audience should great him on Monday evening. Those who attend will be pleased and instructed.

On Wednesday evening Rev. J. A. Wirt, of Newville, Pa., who lee A there last year, will deliver a temperal a ture in the Lutheran church, or Tu a temperal a ture in the Lutheran church, or Tu a ture in the Lutheran church will be held in St. Paul's Reformed vention will be held in St. Paul's Reformed men will speak on various subjects pertain of a series of conventions held in various poroughs of this county during the winter.

All Ready Now For Operations For the Ensu-

ing Year. The water committee met for organization g. Mayor Morto

Charles B. Lehman was elected clerk in place of Henry D. Shultz, who declined reection. Bids for plumbing and making connections with water pipes on Duke street from Walnut street north were opened and read as follows: John L. Arnold's bid for making each connection was \$1.25; John P. Schaum & Son \$1,49; Kteffer & Herr, \$1.40; Flinn & Bren-\$2.50 ; B. R. Buckius, \$1.75. The contract was awarded to John L. Arnold, the lowest bid-

elected engineer at the city water works, and William Heleine, assistant engineer.

Simon C. Long, supervisor of Philadelphia division of the P. R. R., presented a communication from the company, requesting city councils to extend the 8 inch water main, on Lime street from its present terminus to the Plessure Road, thence northeastwardly to the city limit to furnish a supply of water for ten years for the locomotives on the cut-off of the railroad. In considerapay to the city an annual water rent of \$500, and also to advance to the city the entire cost be made by the company for water rents.

The following communication from J. J.

R. Cross, of New York, hydraulic engineer, was read : Hon. William A. Morton, Mayor of Lancaster

DEAR SIR: As I am informed by Mr. Stautler that there is a misunderstanding regarding the memorandum left by you at my office some weeks ago, it seems proper for me to say that I understood that you would write me concerning the making of certain examinations relating to the water supply of your city, and I therefore waited for such a communication.

of your city, and I therefore waited for such a communication.

Since, however, it appears that the committee expected me to write first, I take this occasion to say that my terms for visiting Lancaster, spending two days with your committee in examination of the ground, the projects proposed and the needs of the town, and then making a preliminary report on the same, would be \$100 and my expenses.

If you should then decide on construction of works, I would prepare full plans and specifications for \$1,000 for my own services, the city to pay in addition the cost of the surveys, examinations and incidental traveling expenses. The necessary surveys could no doubt be made by local engineers, under my general directions.

Very Truly,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. J. R. Croka.

The above proposition will be considered at a joint meeting of the water committee and the special committee appointed by councils on Wednesday last, under Mr. Riddle's resolution.

by electing John Baumgardner chairman and DuBols Rohrer clerk. The committee audited the books of ex Treasurer C F. Myers and adjourned.

On the 16th of March the contract was awarded for the taking down of the prison tower to Thomas C. Wiley, at \$000, he being the lowest bidder. Mr. Wiley falled to file the lowest bidder. Mr. Wiley failed to file his bond for the faithful performance of contract, and the commissioners decided to award the contract to the next lowest bidder, J. H. Kurtz, at \$956.28. He has also declined to take the contract, and the next bidder on the list is John Stauffer, at \$1,137.50, and if he does not take it John Gill & Co. will come next at \$1,300, will get it. The matter will be finally determined on Monday.

## MANY PEOPLE BURNED

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NEW YORK, April 8.—The fire white curred in the tenement house Non. By Resex street last night had the of Easex street last night had the computing all the tenement resident of East Bide in a fever of centiment. I police this morning had their hands by keeping away about 10,000 people, who sieged the burned tenement and delighest treets. Although there is but one for reported so far from the fire it most how many of the burned will recommit their injuries. At the scene of the fire morning the police had thoroughly larged the building and secretained that there is no dead bodies in the ruins. As recommend Nearly all the victims will be main

marked for life. They are principally was and children. One of the victims, a girl, wide. The following is the list of the victims, a girl, with the following is the list of the victims, and is seen ann, 40 years old, mother of the girl is very badly burned about the head; her dispersion of the girls were badly burned about the head; her dispersion of the girls were badly burned about the head; her dispersion of the girls were below the seed of the girls were the girls wer hands, head, chest; Sarab Schumans, saction daughter, 13 years old, badly burned about back of head and both legs, will probroty dis Rachel Schumann, of the same family, it years old, burned about face and badly dis agured; Let Krakoff, 53 years blog, agured; Let Krakoff, 53 years blower arms, skin burned off her hands and lower arms, and are badly scorohed; Line Her face and head are badly accrebed; Lee Zimmerman, 28 years old, burned about her head and arms but not series ly; Isaac Zimmerman, her two-y old child, burned about face and arms will probably die; Jacob Korako, 18 years old, scorened about need and horribly barned down the legs, condition serious; Des Korako, his 10 year-old sister, slightly scorehed about face; Rebecca Welm, aged in years, badly burned about head and face. will probably die. She lies all wrapped at in a cot beside her 17-week old child Deler who escaped without injury; Ida Weiss who escaped without my old, suffers from another daughter, it years old, suffers from burns around arms and legs; Morrie Rosse, burns around alms than and hands; Hannah burns around arms and legs; Morris Rossiberg, burned about head and hands; Hannah Kopinski, 40 years old, head and arms severely burned; Adolph Kopinski, her 3 year-old son, burned about head and arms, acriously; another son burned about face and arms; another female child unknown lies in the hospital. She is so badly burned that M is impossible to identify her, and but little hope is entertained of her recovery; Harris Clark slightly, burned; Harry Sunbar, slightly, burned, and Michael Sunbar, burned slightly,

DISASTER TO THE SUSAN.

HALIFAX, A prif 3 4850 particulars of the destruction of the Newfounding and to the Susan, Capt Ryan, from St. John to does, have been received here. The occurred at noon on Saturday last w. vessel was attempting to clear Ten Head, Newfoundland, and the bark wentdow. so quickly that but for the timely arrival or another vessel, the barkentine Muriel, Cast. Joy, not a soul could have been saved. She was beating close by, and in ten minutes was on the spot and quickly recued the three survivors. The Susan was attempting to weather an iceberg off Cape Broyle when the accident happened The fall tre of the vessel to weather the the vessel berg is attributed to the fallure of the salis to work. The halyards were frozen in spanker could be lowered so as to let the ship's head fall clear in time and she struck

Susan had a crew of seven all told. The drowned are: Michael Ryan, captain, of St. Johns; John Gaul, mate of St. Johns; Thomas Millard, ste ward, of Ireland; John Anniory, seaman, of England, and Press. CHICAGO, April 8.—Michael C. MoDonald appeared in the criminal court this meralias surety on the bonds of ex-Commissions Vanpelt and Ed. McDonald for \$15,000 and vanpest and Ed. McDonald for \$15,000 and \$6,000 respectively. There are ten additional indictments against Vanpelt for conspirate and one for bribery. Ed. McDonald has an new indictments against him. Alphonas 7. Walker also gave bond to-day for \$1,000 on one indictment for conspiracy, and Christical Conspiracy indictment.

The indicted county boodle gang is to be arraigned before Judge Tuley on Monday to plead. The date for trial is also to be fixed. The efforts made by the prosecution to push the cases to an early trial second to have thrown the boodlers into a feverish state of the prosecution of the property of the p excitement. They beld numerous consulta-tions with lawyers yesterday. Many of the boodlers were crabbed, and booked se if

WABASH, Ind., April 8.—Natural gas was struck at seven o'clock last evening at Josephoro, Grant county, at a depth of nine hundred feet. The flow is very strong, the gas pressure being fully 300 pounds, and constantly increasing. The surrounding country is brilliantly lighted by the escaping gas, and the people of Jonesboro are wild with another the drill in the well in this city to down one hundred feet, and the prosp

Very Rapid Work.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. April 8.—M. J. Dunn, of Detroit, beat Burt Harrington, of this city, in a match for \$100 a side, at Powers' opera house last evening. Dunn turned 100 horse shoes in one hour and thirty three and constant minutes. one-half minutes. Harrington had twelve shoes but half done. Dunn goes to Cin-cinnati to-day to meet William Cain for

ST. PETERBURG, April 8.—The interior department is informed that an immense fountain of petroleum recently burst from the earth near the town of Baku in the province of that name and its flow has estimated without signs of subsiding, resulting in the formation of a great take of pure petroleum.

Killed by Her Chinese Cock.
St. John, Calum County, Cal., April
A Chinese cock in the service of Mrs. Ju
Dillon shot and killed that ledy put
He also wounded another
murderer eccaped, but a posse in in
put
of him. Much excitement provide.

Ross, April 2.—It is stated upon authority that Mgr. Galimbell, who properties a successful mission to Ge in the interest of the Velicon, will be a to the cardinalate and appointed particular and