FAVORING CHURCH UNION. CONCLUDING SERSIONS OF THE CONFER-ENDE OF REFORMED CHURCHES

Papers on the Obstacles to and the Adva of Union-Herolutions Favoring Consolidation of the Dates and the German Branches Adopted.

The conference of union between the two Reformed churches of the country held its second and final day's sessions on Wednes-day in the Second ("Datch") church, nth street, Philadelphia.

Beventh street, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Dr. B. Bausman, of Reading, presided at the morning session.

Papers on "The Obstacles to Union and Methods of Overcoming Them" were reed by the Rev. Prof. W. V. V. Mabon, D. D., of New Brunswick, N. J., and the Rev. Prof. G. W. Williard, D. D., of Time, Ohio.

Dr. Mabon considered the possible obstacles of race, language, oustoms, polity, oul-tus, church property, church boards and doctrinal standards, but none of which he trinal standards would be the more serious obstacle, but that could be overcome by opting some construction on the canons

of Dort to which all could agree.

Dr. Williard also heartly supported the idea of union, and could see no obstacles that could not be overcome. He said that the only wonder was that during the sepsration of the churches greater differences and difficulties had not arisen. The more difficulties were sought out the less they

A discussion on this subject was participated in by the Rev. Prof. J. H. A. Bomberger, the Rev. Dr. D. Ernest Klopp, the Rev. Dr. Herman Rustenik and the Rev. Dr. A. P. Van Gieson. On the motion of the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Apple, a committee was appointed to pre-pare a series of resolutions expressing the

The Rev. David D. Demarest, D. D., presided at the afternoon session. Papers were read on "The Advantages of Union" by the Rev. Conrad Clever, of Baltimore, and the Rev. Peter Moerdyke, of Grand Rapids, Mich. Mr. Ciever held that the two bodies were complementary to each other—therefore belong together. The one was more attractive in foreign missions and the other in home missions. One was stronger in metropolitan districts, and the other in the rural regions, and in many other directions there was the same complementary relation. The union would demonstrate the feasibility of Christian unity, which promises to be the great work of the present century, and he appealed to his brethren to lead in this noble work, and not wait until the time when they The Rev. David D. Demarest, D. D., preand not wait until the time wh giad to get into the great union

which is to be on any terms.

Mr. Moerdyke said: We shall find it advantageous to get into this current of Chris-tian unity. This is becoming a missionary ground more and more imperative. We shall then no longer be on the defensive in explaining the separation of these two bodies, and would be free of the necessity rectifying an historical error. In union lies the opportunity of the worthy per-petuation of the Reformed denomination of petuation of the Resormed described this country.

The Rev. Dr. Clark read latters of re-

et from the Rev. Dr. T. W. Chambers, of w York, the Rev. Dr. Cobb and the Rev. Dr. Zabrieki ("Old Colony.")

The Rev. Mr. Henry conveyed the frater-nal greetings of the Mismi classis of the Reformed church in the United States. The Rev. W. H. Phreaner, of Chicago; the Rev. J. E. Graeff, of Tamaqua; the Rev. Dr. W. J. R. Taylor, of Newark; the Rsv. Dr. David Cole, of Yonkers, N. Y. participated in the discussion which followed.

THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

The committee on resolutions, composed of the Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., the Rev. J. B. Drury, D. D., the Rev. Nicholas Gehr, D. D. the Rev. D. D. Demarest, D. D. and the Rev. David Cole, D. D, reported the following:

following:

1. This conference commends and endorses the action of the committee of the two general synods in convening ministers and laymen of the two denominations at this time for the purpose of discussing the main question in its manifold bearings

main question in its manifold bearings upon each body, and the general interests of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

2 The selection of topics of discussion covers the principal points requiring consideration. The general tenor of the papers on both sides of the issue, and the spirit of good will, of mutual confidence and fidelity. Referred decrips command fidelity. to Reformed doctrine commands our full

spproval.

3. In the judgment of this conference, a closer union between these two bodies, the only ecclesiastical organizations of the Reformed church of continental origin in America, is desirable, and at this juncture of the religious issues of our land specially important, and if the object be pursued in Caristan wisdom and love, undoubtedly practicable. Besides, there is good reason for the opinion that, if judicious efforts in practicable. Healdes, there is good reason for the opinion that, if judicious efforts in behalf of a closer union be conducted by the two committees, present obstacles will gradually disappear and the end in some form just and acceptable to both branches may, without much delay, be attained.

4. It is recommended to the ministers of the two organizations to inform themselves more fully on the history of the Reformed

more fully on the history of the Reformed churches in Europe and in this country, particularly in its bearing on the purpose of the present movement, and, as occasion may arise, to promote by preaching and otherwise, among all our congregations, better knowledge in the Christian propriety and practical worth of the proposed

ceedings and papers be published for gen-eral circulation. The resolutions were unanimously

adopted.
Toe Rev. Dr. Taylor commented on the remarkable unanimity of sentiment perlutions of thanks to all concerned in making the conference a success were adopted.

The conference closed in the evening with The conference closed in the evening with a German meeting at Salem church. The Ray, Dr. Nicholas Gehr presided. Ad-dresses in German were delivered by the Rev. Dr. J. H. Oerter, of New York city, Nev. Dr. J. H. Oerter, of New York City, who spoke of the historical and doctrinal relations of the two bodies; and by the Rev. Marcue Bachman, who spoke of the advantages that would follow a union. The Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger spoke in English on the advantages to the young people which would result from the consolidation of the two churches.

A few closing remarks on the surprising unanimity of thought and feeling which had pervaded the conference were made by Rev. Dr. James I. Good, of the com-mittee of arrangements.

From the York Daily. Daniel R. Miller, of Millersville, charged with having passed a bogus check of \$263 upon Eti Wambaugh in payment for a pair of horses, had a hearing before Justice Sherwood, who after hearing the evidence held the accused in the sum of \$500 for the action of the grand jury. In default of security the prisoner was committed to jail.

W. H. Taylor, who keeps a grocery store on North George street, was committed to jail by Alderman Sherwood charged with torging a note for \$1,000, on G. W. Reider-Taylor's store and household goods were seized by the sheriff on Wednesday. He is a young man lately married and his downfall seems almost incredible to his many

A son of Rev. Garland, of New Holland, met with an accident on Wednesday. While driving his horse scared, and running to one, side the shaft of the yehi-cie was broker. This caused the borse to rin away. The boy was thrown out and budly bruised and the vehicle was a total wreck. After running a few miles the

A DOUBLE PUNERAL.

Rovs. Humma and Concest, Who Wore Killed at Reading, Burles at Reinmatt's Meeting Reuse.

The remains of Revs. Mumma and Conrad, who were killed while walking along the P. S. V. road, were removed from Reading to Deaver, this county, Wednesday morning, and taken to the inte residence of Rev. Conrad. The remains of the two men were dressed in plain white shrouds, each having a small sheef of wheat clusped in their hands and were encased in neat wainut coding. During Tuesday evening the remains by in a small parlor of the late the remains lay in a small parior of the late residence of Rev. Mumma, 125 North River street, Reading, and were viewed by a large number of persons. The coffins were standing side by side and as the steady stream of persons passed through the room many were overcome and wept freely at the sad sight. The remains retained a very life-like appearance and the only signs of the socident were slight face wounds and the white bandages which were wrapped across their forebeads. The crowd of persons began at 7 o'clock and continued until a late bour in the night. The house, yard and pavements were crowded with specta-tors and it is estimated that over 500 persons viewed the corpees. Many were sym pathising friends, but most came out of morbid curiosity. The funeral will take place from the residence of Rev. Conrad today (Thursday) at 12:30 p. m., and will proceed to Steinmets's meeting house for interment. Services will be held by Rev. Harry Lengel, a former pestor of the An-cient Church of God, and Rev. Abel Strawn, of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, of Reading.

The Rhode Island Election, The returns of Rhode Island indicate the election of Tait, Republican, for governor, by 1,000 to 1,500 majority. The Republi-cans ciaim the election of 47 senators and representatives, not counting Providence, Pawtocket or Newport, and estimate a Republican majority of 5 on joint bailot.

At Newport the election was very close and exciting. On the state ticket the only candidate to receive a majority in that city was Howard Smith, Democratic candidate for governor, who is a Newport man, and who received a majority of 14. Of the legislative ticket only one candidate was elected, D. E. Young, Democrat, for second representative, who received 56 majority. representatives, not counting Providence, elected, D. E. Young, Democrat, for second representative, who received 56 majority. Others on that ticket lack an election by from 37 to 74 votes, the Democrats in each case receiving the largest vote. The total vote was the largest ever cast there, over 2700 Lapham was about 55 behind his ticket, and Rogers about 30 behind. The Prohibition vote in the city is 90. The sufferage amendment received a majority there of 548, although this is one of the places which it affected adversely.

PROVIDENCE. R. 1. April 5.—The full

PROVIDENCE, R. 1, April 5 .- The full layed until almost daybreak. Completed figures on the state ticket are: For governor, Royal C. Taft, Republican. 20,706; John W. Davis, Democrat, 17,544; Geo. W. ould, Prohibition, 1,336; scattering, 4 Talt's majority 1,984.

A rather curious scoident occurred verterday to the one story brick house, at No. 318 West Walnut street, which is occupied by Jacob Kauts, tobacco packer, and owned by his brother John. The stone foundation wall on the easiern side of the house suddenly gave way, carrying with it a large portion of the brick wall of the same side. The stones and brick all tumbled into the cellar. Mrs. Kautz was alone in into the cellar when the break cocurred. It made a great noise and she was terribly frightened for a time, as she had no idea what was the matter. It was very fortu nate that she was not in the cellar when the wall gave away, or she might have been crushed beneath the stones and bricks. What caused the wall to give away is not

known exactly, but it may have been affected by damp weather. Good Play and Good Company. "Bescon Lights" was given for the first time in this city last evening at Fulton opera house. The sudience to witness it was f fair size, and every one must have been delighted with the playand players. "Beacon Lights" is an interesting drama throughout. The sornes are laid in the wild West, and the working of the plot moves along naturally, and there is an absence of improbable feats usually in plays portraying the actors last evening were not confined strictly to the supposed Western style; both were an improvement on what we are customed to bear. Miss Emma Hinckly as Myra, Miss Gracie Emmett, Col. Cal-houn's vivacious niece, George Learock, as Chas. Headley and J. H. Cossar as the Colonel, were the principals in the cast.

Miss Emmett's song was well rendered. From the Manheim Monitor. By summing up the whole trade of cigarmaking, dealing in leaf tobacco, manufacturing cigars, boxes and jobbing in cigars, we find that there are over 30 firms engaged in these businesses. Employment is given to about 350 persons at the cigar making trade and the few other kindred connections embraced herewith. These people thus employed receive over \$50,000 in wages in a year and manufacture the almost incredulous number of 20,000,000

cigars in the same time, Schiller Society Officers. Schiller Death Fund association elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year : Prosident, Anthony Iske ; vic president, John Krees; secretary, Joseph Bentz : tressurer, Frank Ursprung : trustees, E. F. Rudy, Lewis Schmid and Philip

The society is in a flourishing condition, n membership as well as financially. During the ten years of its existence it has paid out in this city over \$10,500, and the oldest member did not pay more than an average of \$4 46 per year.

Prosecution Withdrawn. George Fulmer has withdrawn the suit he entered against his son Lightner for robbing him of a large sum of money. When he entered the suit he believed that he had evidence sufficient to fasten the crime on him. Last evening Mr. Fulmer called at the office of Alderman Pinkerton, told him he did not have sufficient evidence to warrant him in pressing the case and he would withdraw it. A discharge was sent

Trampled on a Natl. Two weeks ago a valuable borse of Willam Staneberry trampled on a nail. It was removed at once and nothing serious was apprehended. On Wednesday the oree was seized with lock jaw and is now in a critical condition.

to the jaller and the young man was re-

Strasburg's Pos master. Mary F. Caruthers has been sprointed

Joseph Lodge, of Downingtown, was thrown from a carriage by a broken wheel on Tuesday and killed.

Still In a Critical Coodition. David Spangler, the tittle son of William Spangler, whose iliness was mentioned in Wednesday's paper, is still in a critical condition. He is only partially conscious

## THEIR FIRST MEETING.

THE NEW CITY COUNCILS GETTING READY FOR THE VEAR'S WORK.

Patitions Presented for the Repair and Me endamining of Streets-A New Fire Ecgine to Be Hought-& special Meeting on Next Totoday Evening.

The first regular meeting of the new olty council was held on Wednesday even-ning. In select council there were present Messra. Berger, Haines, Long, Remley, Riddle, Schum, Stormfelts, Wise and

Evans, president.

The minutes of last meeting were read ind approved.

The following petitions were received

and referred to the street committee. By Mr. Schum, for the repair of Vine street between South Queen and Beaver. For a sewer on South Queen between Vine and German. For repairs of Strawberry and Poplar streets. For macedamizing East German between South Queen and Duke.

By Mr. Long, for macadamizing Wes James str Mulberry. se street between North Queen and By Mr. Borger, for macadamizing North

By Mr. Wise, for gutter on South side of

Lafayette street between Laurel and Dor-

street between Christian and Strawberry. COMMON COUNCIL

Common council was called to order at 7:30 o'clock, and the following members Meetrs, Auxor, Bare, Baumgardner Bertzfield, Bitner, Diller, Eaby, Eberman, Everta, Frantz, Freeb, Groff, Berr, Mayer,

McEiroy, Miley, Shertzer, Sing, Strickler, Sturgis and Zook. In the absence of President Beard, Mr. Baumgardner was elected president pro

The minutes of the organization were read and approved. Mr. McEiroy, who was not present a Monday's meeting, took the oath of office and his seat as a member. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

By Dr. Herr, for the macedamising of forth Mary street between West King and By Mr. Brinton, for trape to the city in-lets at Beaver and Andrew streets and on Beaver street opposite No. 322; for new crossings at Vine and Prince. By Mr. Sing, for the macedemizing of Concatoga street between South Queen

of South Prince street between German and Conestogs. By Mr. Bitner, for the macadamizing of West Lemon street between Water and Mulberry streets, and for a gasoline lamp

at the corner of Mary street and Harrisburg By Mr. McElroy, for the repair of Bey-

mour street between Prince street and Love By Mr. Berizfield, for crossings at the corner of Lemon and Pine streets; for the grading and guttering of Pine street en Walnut and James streets; for macad mizing of North Mary street between Walnut and Lemon streets; for crossings at Lancaster avenue and Lemon street; for the macademizing of West Lemon street between Mary and Pine streets.

nut and Water streets. Duke street, from James street to connect with the Clay street sewer.

By Mr. Baumgardner, for a crossing on North Queen street between Chestnut street and Pennsylvania railroad freight All the above petitions were referred to

their appropriate committee. A NEW PIRE ENGINE. By Mr. Bartholomew for a new fire engine to take the place of engine No. 2. The petition was referred to the fire com-

Mr. Brinton did not think it necessary to

ask for bids again for an engine. Bids had been saked for and it looked to him like trifling with bidders. Mr. Eaby said the trifling the gentleman spoke of saved the city a great deal of money and he could say that the bids next time

would be lower than last time. Mr. Frantz argued that it was necess to sak for bids, as the unfinished business of the old council died.

Mr. Eaby moved as an amendment that the bids be so saked for that bidders will be required to take the old engine as part

Pay.

The amendment was adopted and select ouncil concurred. Mr. Sing offered a resolution instructing

the fire committee to contract with Clapp & Jones company, the lowest bidders, for a second-class engine at \$4,000. There was so much opposition to the resolution that Mr. Sing withdrew it.

Mr. Sing offered a resolution providing that \$4,000 be transferred from the contingent fund to that of the fire department general to pay for a new engine to take the place of Engine No. 2. This resolution was also withdrawn without any action THE CITY PINANCES.

Mr. Baumgardner presented the following report of the treasurer for the month of Last month's receipts .... Last month's payments 39.069,72
Balance in treasury 67,273,73 Following are the balances in the several

Interest on loans, including sinking fund.
Principal on loans.
State tex on loans. State tex on loans
ctreet damages
Repairs of streets (from license tax)
Repairs of streets
Grading and macadamizing streets
Belgian and Asphalt blocks
Heam roller and crusher
Water works general
Laying water pipes
Balaries 

Mr. Baumgardner presented the report of the finance committee for the month of March. The only item of interest it con tained was the day of appeals from the city taxation. The date fixed is April 20.

TO ELECT CITY OFFICERS. Mr. Auxer offered a resolution fixing Tuesday evening, April 10, at 7:30 as the time for the election in joint convention of a city solicitor, and the water com.niesioners. Select council concurred.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE. On account of the absence of President Beard the standing committees will not be announced until the evening of the specia

Mr. Brinton offered a resolution instruc ing the property committee when appointed to sek for proposal for the remodelling of the city hall in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Architec Mr. Baumgardner suggested that the members should know what alterations

are to be made before they vote on the reso On motion of Mr. Evarts the resolution was laid on the table. Adjourned.

THE CITY AND COUNTY DOCTORS. sected at Their April Mos

LANCASTER, PA., THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1888.

The Business Transacted at Their April Meeting—Delegates Elected.

The April meeting of the Lancaster City and County Medical society was held in their new meeting rooms, Grand Army hall, on East King street, on Wednesday afternoon with the following members present: Drs. Bernthelsel, Bucklus, Black, Boardman, Blackwood, Compton, Craig, Davis, M. L., Dunlep, J. F., Deaver, Diller, Ehler, Franklin, Herr, A. J., Horst, Hance, Livingston, Learnan, J. R., Minner, J. H. Livingston, Leaman, J. R., Musser, J. H., Miller, Mowery, H. A., Markie, Newpher, Resmanyder, Roland, Ringwalt, Reed, Shenk, J. H., Showalter, Summy, Slegler, hartle, Trabert, Welchans, Weaver, D. B.

and Zell. The reports of all sections of the county showed that there was tut little sickness and no epidemics prevailing.

Dr. H. A. Mowery read a paper on passumonis, which was discussed by the

The following were elected delegates to the American Medical association meeting n Cincinnati in May : Drs. Leaman, J R., Herr, M. L., Miller, Mowery, H. A. Bernthelsel, Craig, Deaver, Dunlap, Zell

Following are the delegates to the meet ng of the State Medical society in Philadel is, on June 5: Doctors Hance, Franklin, Showalter, Markle, Newpher, Siegier, Horst, Diller, Mentzer, Roland, Bucklus, Herr, A. J., Boardman, Reamenyder, H. irtle, Trabert, Ringwalt, Zeil, Musser, J. H. and Weaver, D. B.

Resolutions of respect on the death of Dr. A. K. Rohrer were passed. They will be ound in another column After the meeting the surgical instrusents of the late Dr. S. B. Foreman were old at auction and purchase 1 by the mem

NEARLY NINETY YEARS OF AGE.

Mrs. Edward McGovern, one of the bee known and most highly esteemed old ladies of Bradford county, died on her farm near Overton, Pa., this morning, in the ninetieth year of her age. The ased was a native of the County Cavan, Ireland, and came to this country about fifty-six years ago. Her husband, who was a well-known railroad contractor in the early days of rallroading, died several years ago. She leaves surviving her four sons and one daughter : Rt. Rev. Thomas McGovern, Catholic bishop of Harrisburg, John McGovern, the resided in this city, Bernard McGovern, of Easton, Ps., Patrick McGovern, and Miss Annie McGovern, who made her home with her mother. Edward McGovern is grandson and Mrs. Alice McConomy, of

this city, is a grandniece of the decease Despite her extreme age, Mrs. Mo-Govern was a woman of remarkable physical preservation, and up to her recent ill ness was able to lend aid in the household management. She was an exemplary mother and raised an honored family. It is related of her that the vessel that brought berself and her infant family to this country was ship-wrecked, and that she was present bishop of Harrisburg, by wrapping her own shawl about him to save him from the rigers of the storm.

Alderman McConomy this morning heard the case of Joseph Minnish against the face value of a note for \$150, given last November for "two colts," sold by Min-nich to Mrs. Rohrer. The signature to the note was admitted to be genuine, but Mrs. Rohrer testified that instead of the animals sold to her being "colts" they were six-year-old Mustangs untamed and vicious, nearly kicked the heads off the men who had attempted to handle them. She also them off her hands if they did not suit her but that he had failed to do so. Her testianother witness. The alderman gave judgment for the defendant.

A Graduate of Jefferson College. Among the students of medicine who were graduated at Jefferson Medical col-lege, Philadelphia, Wednesday, was Nor-man Jerome Blackwood, son of Dr. Wm. Blackwood, of this city. Mr. Blackwood is a bright young man, and has many friends in this city. He read medicine with his father for some time, and for two years past has studied at Jefferson college. He will remain on duty some weeks in the hospital of Philadelphia, before he re-

An F. & M. Man One of the Officers. Among the colleges represented at the Grand Arch Council of the Phi Kappa Pai in Washington on Wednesday were ington and Jefferson, Allegheny, Frank lin and Marshall, Dickinson, Pennsylvania. These officers were elected: Presi dent, F. H. Hodder, Cornell University; vice president, F. W. Biesecker, Franklin and Marshall college; recording secretary, G. F. Manning, University of the Pacific corresponding secretary, M. W. Sterling, University of Kansas ; Rev. Robert Lowery, University of Lewisburg.

Uniforms For the Police.

Myore & Rathvon have been awarded the contract for making the uniforms for the patroimen of the police force. The uni-forms of the sergeants will be different from the patrolmen in the make of the coat. There will be a double row of buttons on the coats of these officials. The chief's coat will be of the style of a captain in the army. Samples of summer belinets have been sent for and are expected in a tew days. The uniforms of the men will to finished in the

George Swain, son of James Swain, held ticket No. 1,695 which drew the barrel of flour offered by Red Rose commandery, K of M. C., at its recent fair. R. McDonnell turned in 500 votes on the Domestic sewing machine, instead of 560 as

Executions Issued. Executions were issued on Wednesds; against B. K. Landis, of East Lampete. township, an extensive dealer in Hoistein cattle. The aggregate of the executions thus far issued is \$5,227 05. The sherriff has

Abraham H. Graeff, prosecuted for lar cony before Alderman Fordney, was held this morning in \$300 ball for trail at court. The subject matter of the larceny is grain, and Tobias Denlinger appeared an the rosecutor. These same parties appeared n a similar suit before the same alderman ten days ago in which Graeff was the prosscutor and Denlinger the defendant.

The viewers appointed to assess damage sused by the proposed opening of Ross treet from one end of the city to the other met this morning and went over part of the route of the proposed street. They adjourned until Wednesday to hear testimony as to the value of the property taken, not being able to go over the whole route on account A DISASTROUS FIRE.

PROPERTY TO THE VALUE OF BROOM DE TROYED WEDNESDAY SIGHT.

the Machine Shop of the Orampion Howe and Machine Shop Concumed With Its Contouts-The Flames Started by an Incondiary -Leaurance Haif the Lora.

One of the largest and most destructive

fires that has taken place in this city for some time was the one of last night. The large machine abop of the Champion Blower and Forge company, at the junction of Char-lotte street, Harrisburg avenue and the Pennsylvania ratiroad, was burned. The outlding was formerly known as Coonley's tobacco warehouse. The fire was dis-covered shortly after 11 o'clock and one of the first men to see it was a watchman of the Pennsylvania rail-road company. An alarm was struck from box 15, at West James street and Harrisburg Avenue about 11:30, and it brought engines No. 3, 4 and 1 to the scene of the conflagration. They went in acrto 8 o'clock this morning. The fire had made considerable headway when it was discovered and it spread very rapidity. The building was almost totally destroyed nothing being left but the brick walls. The firemen worked hard and succeeded in saving the large brick building, which is cituated some distance to the south from the ma chine shop, and is used as a foundry. The cupola was badly blistered. The engine house, which stood against the machine shop, was of frame, but it was saved and

the engine was but slightly damaged.

The building burned was of brick and in size 130x50 feet. It was erected by the late Frederick W. Coonley, about 25 years sgo. For many years it was used by different firms as a tobacco packing warehouse. After the owner's death it was purchased by The Champion Blower and Forge company is a chartered organization, with Harry R. Kelper as president and manager James C. Leman secretary. When they decided to move to this point they rented the warehouse for the term of five years and took possession last January. They made many great changes and improve ments in the interior to accommodate their arge business, in the manufacture of lorges

MACHINERY, ETC., DESTROYED. The company has met with a very serious loss by this fire, as all their machinery, such as lathes, drills, boring machines, centering machines, bolt and nut tappers, grinders, presses, &c., together with their stock in progress of manufacture was almost totally destroyed. Among the valuable machinery was a radial drill, which was used in the manufacture of power blowers. It was put in but last week at a cost of \$950. The loss on patterns alone will be \$7,000. The burned building had a basement and two floors, all of which were in use. In the basement the castings were kept, and the second floor was used for manufacturing and erecting. The

There is little doubt that the fire was the work of an incendiary, and this was the second time within a week that the torch has been applied. The first fire was discovered on last Tuesday morning by Isaac Groff a machinist in the employ of the company. six o'clock that morning and was the first around the building. Boon after getting inside, on the first floor, he heard a sort of cracking noise, which he at first suppo was made by rate. When he stoo search he was struck on the neck by a hot spark which came from the second floor. He made an examination and found that the floor was on fire and something of a hole had been burned in it. A bucke of water was at once secured the fire extinguished. There nothing around the building to show that it had been broken open. It was at first believed that a spark from the cars, which pass very near to the building, had found its way into the second floor. The fire which Mr. Groff extinguished was in the northwestern part of the building. Mr. Leman, secretary of the company, was among the first to arrive at the burning building last night. He noticed that the fire had been started in the second story again, near to the centre of room. The only fire in the building was in a stove it the office, which was in the western end of the building. This did not cause this conflagation, however, as the stove was carried

THE LOSS AND INSURANCE. This morning the stockholders of the Blower and Forge company held a meeting. They estimate their total loss at \$18,300 The machinery, stock, material, manufac-tured goods, &c., in the foundry and machine shop, are insured for \$10,250, divided among the following companies represented by H. R. Breneman : Propola of London, \$2,562.50; Hamburg-Bremen, \$2, 562.50 ; Germanis, \$1,537.50 ; Sun fire office of London, \$1.025; Williamsburg City, \$1,537.50; State of Pennsylvania, \$1,035. There was no loss to the stock in the foundry and the amount of insurance on machine thop contents alone was \$8,075. This leaves a total loss above all insurance of \$10,225. The books and papers of the company were found to be in good condition

la the large safe. The building was valued at from \$2,500 to \$2,800 by Mr. Eberman. He had it insured with Bausman & Burns for \$1,500 in the Phoenix of Hartford and \$500 in the Mer-

The forge company has been doing a large business and they will suffer a great loss on account of the delay. It is understood that the building will be re-erected a soon as the losses are adjusted. In the meantime, in the machine shop and foundry, 50 men are thrown out of employment

Prof. Munder, the dancing master, has had a large class in Lancaster this season, and he has been very successful. Last evening the professor's farewell exhibition and ball was given. The attendance was very large, not only of children but also of their parents. A large number of fancy dances were introduced by the children, and after their exhibition the older folks began dancing, keeping it up until a late hour. The professor goes to Harrisburg to close his school there this evening, after which he will return to New York.

Mr. J. L. Metzger, the well known ciga manufacturer, has associated with himsel in business Mr. James C. Wiley, a highly popular young gentleman of this city. The

The following were elected officers of Trinity Lutheran church at the meeting o the congregation on Wednesday : Elder John E. Hubley, Wm. Z. Sener, E. E. Say-der; wardens, Joel L. Haines, Wm. Mo-Gilon, and John E. Snyder.

Co. We wish them abundant success.

Sunday Street Cars. On and after Sunday April 15, the East End passenger railway will run cars regu

CIVILIZE THE INDIAN. The President's Reply to Philadelphia Methodist Ministers. He Believes in the Use of the Regish Language.

President Cleveland has written a long letter in reply to a resolution adopted at a session of the Philadelphia annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church held in Philadelphia on March 20, 1888.

He says:

The action taken by this assemblage of Christian men has greatly surprised and asppointed me. They declare "that this conference carnestly protests against the recent action of the government in excluding the use of native languages in the education of the Indians and expecially the exclusion of the Darots Hible among those cribes where it was formerly used. That while admitting that there are advantages in teaching English to Indians, to compel them to receive all religious instruction in that language would practically hinder thair receiving it in the most effective way. The line of power travels with the human beart, and the heart of the Indian is in his language. That it is in harmony with the genius of our country, a free church in a free state, that the operations of all missionary societies should be untrammelled by state interference."

The president then quotes the rules of the Indian bureau upon the subject, and then says: The government seeks in its management of the Indians to civil as them, and to pre-pere them for that contact with the world

of the Indians to civiliza them, and to prepare them for that contact with the world which necessarily accompanies civilization. Manifestly nothing is more inn criant to the Indian from this point of view than a knowledge of the English language. All the efforts of those having the matter in charge tend to the uitimate mixture of the Indian with our other people, thus making one community equal in all those things which pertain to American citizenship.

But this ought not to be done while the Indians are entirely ignorant of the English language. It seems to me it would be a cruel mockery to send them out into the world without this shield from imposition and without this weapon to force their way to self-support and independence.

Nothing can be more consistent then than to insist upon the teaching of English in our Indian schools. It will not do to permit these wards of the nation in their preparation to become their own masters, to indulge in their barbarous language because it is easier for them or because it pleases them. The action of the conference, therefore, surprises me if by it they meant to protest against such exclusion as is prescribed in the order. It will be observed that "text books in the vernecular" are what are prohibited and "oral instruction" the "entire curriculum" must be in English. These are the terms used to define the elements of an ordinary secular eaching is the object of the ordinary government achools; but surely there can be no objection to reading a chapter in the libble in English, or in Dakola, if English could not schools; but surely there can be no objection to reading a chapter in the Bible in English, or in Dakota, if English could not be understood, at the daily opening of those schools, as is done in very many other well-regulated secular schools. It may be, too, that the use of words in the vernacular may be sometimes necessary to sid in communicating a knowledge of the English isnguage; but the use of the vernacular should not be encouraged or continued beyond the limit of such necessity, and the "text books," the "oral instruction" in a general sense, and the curriculum certainly should be in English.

The House Refusing to Adjourn After An A WASHINGTON, April 5 .- Until 2 o'clock in the House. Even the spirit of fun which usually characterizes night sessions was wanting. Several efforts were privately made to compromise and at one time it seemed success. The proposition was that a recess should be taken until 11 o'clock to-day and that the previous question should be con sidered as ordered on the bill at 3 o'clock

this afternoon. A hitch occurred in the arrangement, however and the proposition was not submitted until 11:45 o'clock this When the House reassembled at a quarter pefore 12 o'clock this morning, in continusion of the legislative day of Wednesday. sumed. The pending question being on the motion that " when the House adjourn This motion having been deleated, Mr. Lanham, of Texas, at half-past 12 o'clock raised the point of order that the day as signed for consideration of the direct tax

bil had expired, and proceeded to argue point, and held that as long as the House refused to adjourn, the speaker had no power to end the legislative day, which might continue indefinitely.

Mr. Lanham suggested that under this ruling the legislative day of Wednesday might continue until December. Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, remarked that it might continue until March. The speaker-It might last until the torm of the present Congress expires.

Mr. Buchanan, of New Jersey-" And Mr. Wilson, of Minnesota, attempted to find a plan in the decision of the speaker but as the speaker was fortified with a long line of precedents, the attempt failed, and the wearlsome calling of the roll on dilatory motions went on.

WASHINGTON, April 5 .- In the Sens to-day a letter from the secretary of state was received enclosing the proposal of the of all government publics tions. The bill appropriating \$75,000 for a public building at Helena, Ark., was passed. After morning business Mr., Wilson, of

Another Attack on the Fariff M. sange.

lows, took the floor for a speech on the pres dent's tariff message. The Senate has passed the bill for the purchase of bonds with the tressury surolus with the Beck sliver amendment The final passage was by a viva voce vote The pleuro-pneumonia bitl was then taken

Much Booty Wrested From Her. SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 5.—Sheriff Lewis yesterday turned over to T. T. Teel, counsel for Bertha Heyman, alias "Big Berths," the notorious confidence queen now under arrest here, over \$40,000 worth of jeweiry and valuables contained in her baggage. The California officers are baggage. The California officers are expected here to-day to take her into custody. She will probably make a contest under a writ of habeas corpus before submitting to removal.

Benjamin Kramer, one of the Russian colony living in the Seventh ward, who has been missing for several weeks, returned to day to his home in this city. He left home several weeks ago on one of his peddling trips and as nothing was heard of him it was feared that he had been waylaid and robbed. His story is that after h disposed of the goods he took with him he thought he would take a trip to the West to see if he could better himseif. He traveled through half a dozen states and finally come to the conclusion that there was no place

This morning there was a night fire at Fulton cotton mill, at Lemon and Duke streets. It started among the cotton in the picker room and it was soon extinguished by the employes of the mill, after it had made considerable smoke. A small portion of the cotton was burned and the floor slightly damaged.

## TROUBLE AT THE PRISON.

PRICE TWO CENTS

SUB-COMMITTER PIND SOME IRREGU-LARITIES THAT NEED EXPLANATION.

Mr. Eaby Threatens to Resign Because the Institution is Not Conducted on Bu-incom Principles.-Mr. Nissley Charged With To.

regularity in the Purchase of Goods.

At the meeting of the prison impectors on Saturday Meers. Eaby, Nissley and Carter were appointed a committee to ex-amine the books of the clerk and take an inventory of the stock in the shoe making department. This committee met on Wedneeday and examined the clerk's books from 1882 to 1888. The books were found to be in bad condition and from the ac-counts it appears that there are about \$5,000 due the county, not much of which is col-lectible. After the examination Eaby and Nissley had a row about the way the prison has been managed in the past, and Eaby threatened to resign as a member rather than be associated with a set of men who did not, in his judgment, conduct that inetitution on business principles. The books were examined on Wednesday for the first

This committee next visited the shoemaker's department. At the February meeting, according to the statement of Mr. Carter, Mr. Nissiey, of the leather committee, reported to the board that there was sufficient leather on hand to last until April, and but a few days after that meeting Mr. Nissley, without consulting his colleagues, went to Morris Zook's and bought a bill of leather for over \$200, and that bill was approved at the March meeting. When the inventory of the shoemaker's shop was taken yesterday it was found that the aggregate of leather on hand and manufactured goods did not exceed the last bill of goods bought by Mr. Nissley. This inspector did not go with the committee to the shoe-maker's shop to take the inventory, he stating that he had a business engagement to attend to. After Eaby and Carter got through with the inventory they went to the Farmer's bank to get the bill of eather bought to examine it, but it was not there, nor were there any other bills on file in the bank ; but they should have them at the Farmer's bank, and at the one of the year hand them tors. This these two inspectors claim was not done by Mr. Nissley, and they have not yet been able to find any of last year's bills, yet been able to find any of last year's bills. These inspectors also claim that the leather purchased by Mr. Nissley was not at all ultable for the shoemaker to work, and it will have to be sold at a sagrifice to some

Indications point to a breezy time when the inspectors hold their regular meeting in

PLUNGED INTO A RIVER

A Parsenger Train on the Milwaubee & Mt. Paul Road Goes Through a Bridge. CHARLES CITY, Iows, April 5.—A terri-New Hampton this morning by precipital-ing the Western passenger coaches on the Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad into the Wapsie river. It was caused by the giving away of the bridge. The engineer and two passengers are known to be drowned, and it is supposed that the same fate has belt the balance of the passengers. A sp train has just left this point for the place of disaster with physicians and citizens. It is impossible to get names of the dead or wounded at the hour of this dispatch.

LATER-MASON CITY, lows, April 5.terrible accident occurred at 2 o'clock this morning on the Milwaukee & St. Paul road particulars can be learned here at this time. The smoking car, two passenger cars, baggage and mail car and engine plunged through a bridge into the Wapsie river. The smoking car, containing over twenty passengers, is entirely submerged. The engineer cannot be found and it is thought

that he is drowned.

Fig. Paso, Texas, April 5.—In John Wood's restaurant and saloon a fight be tween Mexicans and negroes took pis last evening over an old grudge between Bert Penn, of Austin, and Henry Owens both colored desperadoes. Owens sho Penn through the bowels. Fannie Oliver, who was in the room, was shot through the body, her left arm laid open with a dirk and her scalp torn down. Lillie M. Clair, a white woman, was shot in the head. A dozen others received minor outs sad wounds. Penn is dead and the Oliver woman will die. All participants are in

Jacob Sherp's End Near.
NEW YORK, April 5.—Jacob Sharp & sinking rapidly. Dr. Leomis, his physician, reported at neon to-day that he was unconscious and that his end is near. He was very low at 1:30 p. m. His phy

George Sharp has sent a telegram to relatives at Rome, N. Y., announcing the inc-YORK, April 5.—The cigar factory of H. B. Meyer, at Red Lion, this county, about nine miles from this city, was destroyed by fire about 1 o'clock this me ing with all its contents, consisting of cigar making machinery, \$1,500 worth of leaf tobacco; \$500 of stamped and \$1,000 worth of unstamped eigers. Loss about

A Queer Horse Case. Benjamin Hirsh, liveryman, to-day en-tered suit before Alderman Fordney against James Carberry, charging him with steeling a horse and coupe. It seems that Carberry recently sold the team to Birsh for 150 and received a sixty-day note for that amount. Carberry says that when the note became due this week it was not paid by Hirsh. Carberry to day came across the team at the P. R. R. station in charge of "Bones" Zell. He told Zell not to take the team away from the station and Hirsh sued blm. Hirsh paid Carberry for the team, but the

suit for iarceny is still against the latter. The West End Passenger Satisfact.
The route of the West End passenger.
The route of the West End passenger. railway was surveyed yesterday. It will begin on the Columbia turnpike, near the watch isotory, and run weat to Abbeville. Its construction will be begun at once by the contractor, Michael Reilly, and will be finished early in May. It will connect with the Lancaster and Millersville road and trains will be run over the tracks of said road every twenty minutes. tracks of said road every twenty minu between the soldier's monument in Centre Square and the watch factory. The com-pany has organized with John C. Hager as

John F. Reed, secretary. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5. Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jer-sey: Warmer, threatening weather, with rain; brisk to high southerly winds fellowed during Friday by cooler and clearing weather and northwesterly winds

lent, R. S. Herr, vice president, and