## A FOUR MILL TAX RATE.

THE SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTS IT BY A VOIR OF FIFTEEN TO THIRTEEN.

Discussion on the Increase of Taxatle High School Commencement Day Deeided Upon and the Number of Essays and Orations Limited,

The May meeting of the Lancaster city school board was held on Thursday evening with the following members present Mesers. Baker, Brown, Bernard, Bolenius, Breneman, Byrne, Darmstetter, Evans, Grices, Hartman, Hegener, Kautz, Levergood, Lippold, Lichty, McComsey, McCor-mick, McEiligott, Owens, Ochs, Pontz, Raub, Schnader, Shirk, Warfel, White and Wickershain, prest lent.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved. Mr. Evans, of the finance committee, reported a number of bills for supplies furplace i during the month and on his motion the trea urer was directed to pay the same

Mr. Evans also presented the following: Mr. Evans also presented the following:

Resolved. That for the year commencing
with the first day of June 1888 the rate of
taxation for school purposes in the Lancaster city school district shall be assessed
four milis on the real estate of the district,
and on all other subjects of taxation at the
rate fixed by law, and on the first day of
September five per centum shall be added
to all taxes then remaining unpaid, and on
the first day of each and every month
taxes then remaining unpaid, and on thereafter one per centum shall be added all outstanding taxes until the same are Mr. Warfel saked whether the penalty

features for non payment and no abatement for prompt payment were not new. Mr. Eyans answered that the new city charter under which the school tax is

levied and collected require those features. FREE BOOKS NOT WHOLLY RESPONSIBLE. Mr. McComsoy addressed the board on the report of the finance committee as to receipts and expenditures, to show that the free book system was not alone responsible for the four mill rate this year. He spoke

The report of the finance committee raises several important questions : operating our schools; and another as to the necessity for an increased tax. The report recommends a four mill tax, that being the full amount allowed by law," What law is referred to? Certainly not the ecial act of 1850, which made Lancaster apecial act of 1850, which made hackster an independent district. This act limits texation to four mills for all purposes and makes no provision for a building tax as does the general law. It also limits permanent loans to \$10,000 at any one time, and these only for the purchase of ground and the erection of buildings. It also authorizes temporary loans for school purauthorizes temporary loans for school pur poses, but limits the amount to \$1,000 annu Most of these provisions have, never the dollar, and several times made permanent loans exceeding \$10,000, and we are now borrowing temporarily for school purposes, an amount far beyond the limits of

It is therefore important that we should the operation of our schools. If we are limited by the special set of 1850 to a four-mill tax for all purposes, and our expendithey have in the past, to pay our present debt, erect the new buildings still greatly needed, and keep our schools open ten months of the year, then there is certainly no other siternative than to levy a four mill tax, and the sooner the better. Indee it should have been done before creating so

The committee reports the necessity for an increased tax rate, but say the adoption of the free book system by the board leaves no alternative. Everybody regrets the necessity for an increase of tax. But the necessity is not wholly chargable to free books. Everyone familiar with the facts knows that owing to the steady growth of our school system, and increased expendi-tures, we have reached and passed the limit of possibility of running our schools. on a three mill tax.

on a three mill lax.

This is shown by the estimated receipts and expenditures for the present year. The estimated receipts from all sources, including increased valuation, and state appropriation, on a three mill tax would be \$50.—250. While the expenditures—leaving out from cost free books altogether, except the usual appropriation for books for the poor, will be \$53 550, thus having a deficiency of \$3 300. In 1875 we levied a four mill tax on a valuation of \$12,700,000, and borrowed \$10,000, besides. That year the high school and Rockland street buildings were erected. In 1876 a three mill tax was levied on a valuation of \$13,000,000, the same as at pres ent. Since then our annual expenditures have increased \$15,000, and notwithstanding the erection of six new buildings, incres number of pupils, increased number of teachers, increased salaries and salary of superintendent, the tax rate has remained the same from that time to the present bu

Mr. Evans said the board was acting under a special law for the Lancaster city school district. While he was chairman of the finance committee there never had been a deficiency. The board was clear of debt until last year. The committee were that a four mill tax was necessary. Mr. McComsey said he did not wish to

be understood as opposing a four mill tax. As the board is acting under the specia law of 1850 it was only matter of time until the expenditures would be so great and as the law prevents borrowing in large ten months in the year as at present.

Mr. Hartman seconded the motion to adopt a four mill tax. Last year between \$10,000 and \$11,000 were spent for books It is clear that if that money had not been spent, instead of a deficiency there would be a surplus of \$5,000 or \$6,000. With can be saved to erect new school houses.

Mr. Evans said in 1876 the valuation of property in this city was \$11,400,000, in 1888 \$12,750,000. (In 1876 the teachers' salaries were \$24,600; in 1888 \$34,000; in 1876 coal and kindling cost \$1,200; in 1888, \$2,200; in 1876 the pay of janitors was \$1,200; in 1888, \$2 800, and so on through the list of expenditures. They have grown largely while the assessed valuation of property

The tax rate as fixed by the committee at four mills was adopted by a vote of 15 ayes to 13 nays, as follows :

Messra Baker, Breneman, Byrne, Eber mae, Evans, Hartman, Levergood, Lichty, McComsey, McElligott, Raub, Schnader, Shirk, Warfel and Wickersham-15 voted

Messrs. Bernard, Bolenius, Darmstetter, Griest, Hegenst, Kautz, Lippold, McCor-mick, Ochs, Owens, Pontz, White and Wohlser.—13, voted nay.

NO CHANGE IN BOOKS. Mr. Byrne, of the book committee, reported a list of text books in the schools, all of which were regularly adopted by the board, and that in their judgment there should not be any change in the curriculum on text books. The report of the com-

mittee was a peried.

The county tee on school bygiene, to whom was referred the question of better ventilation in the old school buildings of the city, reported progress, and that the necessary repairs would be made during

The visiting committees reported all the schools in a satisfactory condition. The primary school in Rockland street was reported as overcrowded, and the superin-

tending committee was directed to remedy

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT. ment reported the following :

To the Board of Directors, Gentlemen:
Your committee appointed to report a
programme for the coming high school
commencement respectfully recommend
that the exercises take piscs in Fulton
opera house on Friday June 29, commenc-

opera house on Friday June 20, commend that Your committee further recommend that Your committee further recommend that all the graduage be permitted to take part in the declamations and essays as at former commencements, and that the music be furnished by the pupils of the high school. The cost of hail, decorating, programmes, moving riance, &c., will be about \$100 Respectfully submitted,

W. O. MARSHALL,
C. F. EBERMAN.

Mr. Griest submitted the following mi-

pority report : GENTLEMEN-I agree with my colleagues on the commencement committee except as to the number of graduates who should deliver addresses. I therefore most respectfully offer the following minority report as an amendment to that particular part of the majority report referred to.

Every graduate shall write a thesis, and

the title and the writer's name shall appear on the programme prepared for commencement day 1888, but on that occasion the number of orations, essays and recitations by graduates abali not exceed twenty. The twenty class representatives twenty. The twenty class representatives shall be apportioned equally between the two high schools. Their selection shall be made upon the basis of merit. These from the boys' high school shall be determined by a vote of the regular teachers of that school and the city superintendent, and those from the girls' high school by a vote of the regular teachers of that school and the city superintendent.

Mr. Warfel said the minority report was

at variance with the views of the teachers of the high schools. There would be bed feeling created in the selection of speakers Mr. Hegener had visited the high schools shortly after the adoption of the rule by the board designating that only those who had won honors could speak on commence ment day and the teachers appeared to be pleased because pupils took an interest in their studies, so as to compete for

prizes. When the rule was rescinded and it was believed that all would get a chance to speak the same interest was not manifeated in their studies. Dr. Levergood had attended the commencements for years. He had heard no complaint about the large number of addresses and essays. In his opinion every one should have the privilege of speaking. If only a part of the class is selected there will be great dissatisfaction. The teachers and city superintendent are not infallible. They have prejudices the same as other people. There are children attending the high schools against whom teachers have a bias and he did not think it wise to let the

selection of the speakers to the teachers. Mr. McComsey said that what may have been proper and right years ago, may not be proper and right now. Since the num-ber of graduates had more than doubled, he was convinced that a change was neces sary. Lest year there were 46 graduates, and they were put through on a gallop. He would favor having two sessions or limiting the number of speakers. In Philadelphia, where they have 200 graduates a year. all do not speak. The speakers are selected according to merit and it should be the same way here.

Mr. Byrne argued that the last commencement exercises were so tedious and unsatistory that every member of the board fel that a change in the manner of conducting the number was adopted, but in the revision of the rules some months later the members saw fit not to adopt the rule, and that left the commencements as they had been before. He knew from visits made to the high school, after the adoption of the rule limiting the number of speakers, that the teachers and pupils were pleased with the change. The pupils were stimulated to

greater exertions to win the prizes. Mr. Warfel regretted that necessity compelled him to take the floor in opposition to the amendment. He had opposed the same thing when it came before the board some months ago because Mr. McCaskey and Miss Bundell, the principals of the high schools, had asked him to do so. He said that while the graduates of our high schools are not Websters or Clays and are not expected to deliver great orations the graduates were the children of the people. He would never give his vote to degrade any child who had passed an examination in the high school. He was in favor of giving all a chance. The class is not larger than last year. Treat them all alike. Let them appear on the stage and speak their piece. The people have not tired of these com

Mr. Hartman was astonished at the re-marks of Mr. Warfel about degrading pupils. He did not see that because every graduate did not get a chance to speak that there was any degradation put on those not favored with addresses. He thought the d the discussion and the amendmen

Mesers. Baker, Bernard, Bo'enius, Bren-eman, Brown, Byrne, Darmstetter, Evans, Griest, Hartman, Hegener, Kautz, McCom-sey, McCormick, McElligott, Ochs, Pontz, Raub, Schnader, Shirk and Wickersham—

21 voted aye.

Mesars, Eberman, Levergood, Lippoid,
Lichty, Owens, Warfel, White and Wohl-The president appointed Messre. Mar shall, Eberman and Griest as the commit

tee on high school commencement. CITY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. Following is the report of the city super-

To the Board of School Directors submits the following report of the public schools for the month of April: The whole number of pupils enrolled was 257 in the high schools, 343 in the grammar,

593 in the secondary, 40 in the ungraded, 850 in the intermediate, and 1,513 in the primary—total 3,596. The average number in attendance daily was 240 in the high schools, 307 in the gram-mar, 515 in the secondary, 30 in the un-graded, 723 in the intermediate, and 1,254 in the primary—total 3,069. The average percentage was 87: the whole number never absent was 937; the number of visits never absent was 937; the number of visits made by the city superintendent was 101; by directors 89 as follows: Wm. McComsey and Chas. Lippoid each 24. G. E. Hagener 19, J. I. Hartman 5, Dr. J. Levergood, S. J. Owens and H. R. Breneman each 4, T. F. McElligott 2, J. Oebs, Geo. Darmstetter and Hon. J. B. Warfel each 1. The number of teachers present at the teachers meeting was 66. The following were absent: Miss Mary Sharp, Miss Kate Bundell, Mrs. A. McComsey, Miss M. Stahl, Miss Lots Zog.

Very respectfully,

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
R. K. BUEHRLE

Dr. Levergood moved that the board pro-ceed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George F. Sprenger. The motion was adopted, and Henry Wolf was elected to VISITING COMMITTEES The president appointed the following visiting committees for May, June and

July:
Southeast Division — W. W. Griest,
chairman; Jacob Pontz, R. K. Schnader.
Southwest Division — H. R. Breneman,
chairman; Henry Wolf, S. J. Owens,
Northwest Division — Philip Bernard,
chairman; W. S. Shirk, Jacob F. Kautz.
Northeast Division—G. Edward Hegener, chairman; Charles J. White, Charles

MUSIC, ESSAYS, ADDRESSES.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF THE STRASBURG HIGH SUBOOL.

The Essays By Graduates-Charles Emor Smith Delivers an Address on " Youth and Sproses "-Massagett Hall Handsomely Decorated for the Occasion.

High school commencement day is a rent occusion for Strasburg, and this year s no exception. The town had been alive on Thursday, indeed for several days preparation had been going on festioning and dec crating the hall, and, to the credit of the dec orators, under the management of Mr. Walton Miller, it must be said, Massacott hall never looked prettier. The ceiling was while on the walls hung a number of paintings. The background of the stage was festooned with flags, and large urns, filled with tvy, were on either side. In the centre of the stage were a number of Chinese lanterns. On the wings of the diately in front hung a large floral horseshor while stretched in front were the words 'Class of 1888," in evergreen studded with roses. On the left was an oil painting of Lincoln, and on the right one of Stevens. As there had been no commencement for several years, those interested were determined to make a grand success of it this season. The music was furnished by the prebestra of Prof. Carl Thorbabn. hall was overcrowded and for full half hour

At precisely at 7:45 the principal, Prof. Luts, accompanied by Rev. M. Graves, fol-lowed by Hon. M. Brosius, C. Emory Smith, Hon. John H. Landis, the graduat ing class and the board of directors entered while the orchestra played a march. The graduates were beautifully attired in white. Prof Lutz presided. The orchestra played the overture, " Home Circle," after which Rev. M. Graves, of the M. E. church, offered prayer. Music followed-" Lied

THE ESSAYS AND RECITATIONS. Mies Annie Round then read an essay entitled, "The Dress is not the Man." Society wishes to set a man aside because he does not dress well. A man with a rude garb may have a good heart. But what constitutes a man ? One who is honorable honest, and abhors the intoxicating cup. His influence is in proportion to his character. We judge too often by outward an that a true man is a noble man. The idle young man-the man who desires to show his fine clothes instead of cultivated tastes -is no man; he is only a street show. No one admires a man for his dress. They may admire his dress, but the man is inside the dress, and something more than sight is needed to measure him. He must be heard; he must have shown some eviences of truc-heartedness.

Prof. Thorbahn then gave the audience the treat of a very fine clarionet solo, from

The next was a recitation by Miss Mary Schofield ; subject, "The Widow's Light," This young lady made an excellent imwere well managed. She evidently had taken great care in its preparation. Her

Music-Selections from "Erminie." Miss Ella Rakestraw next delighted the audience with a recitation entitled "Dora," a very beautiful story and well told by the young lady, who possesses a good strong

Music, " Odds and Ends "-medley, The next and last essay was entitled, Music," by Miss Eva Phenegar. She proceeded to give the audience the origin of music, natural and cultivated. Music with the Chinese and Japanese is virtually what it was a thousand years since. The first we know of music, we obtain from the Bible. There is no race without music. A people is known by the music they have. Music begins in the cradle and stops at the destabled. Music fills the world. Music soothes and rests the wearled. Music is to animals as the magnet to steel. Her illusthunderstorm is full of music to many

This was followed by a cornet solo by Mr. Geo. Sweigart, of the orchestra.

ADDRESS OF EDITOR SMITH. Prof. Luiz then introduced Charles Emory Smith, of Philadelphia, who an nounced as his subject " Youth and Suces." The speaker began by referring to the great county of Lancaster, his fire visit to Strasburg and the high school in particular. When Napoleon was pushing on the conquest of Italy he was charged with proceeding contrary to all laws of warfare, but he went on in his own way and was eminently successful. So in the pursuit of knowledge there is no royal road to eminence. That course which brings success is the one to be patronized. Many of the most thousands of others in their youth engraved their names on the escutcheon of fame. The speaker here instanced a number of examples, both of old and young, giving the ages of both classes when they arrived at public notice. The masters of speech as well as the masters of art accom plish much in their youth. But it may be said the creative power of such eminence is natural and not often acquired. A num ber of cases were then instanced, showing that such is not the case. The young car rise at eminence if so determine seemed to if the speaker had carefully gathered up all the shining ornaments of ages past as well as those of prominence nowadays. Not all the talent is in the professions. Much of it is in the counting houses, in the held and workshops. The average ages of the men employed in reroad company are between 30 and 35 years One of the surest means for success is to come either professional men, mechanics or fill any other walk of life. The part of visdom is to aim at one object which is at tainable. We need moral force and an in domitable will to success. The great demand of our times is for the practical there is no time for speculation in the fields of literature. It has been fields of literature. It has been said education breeds discontent among the laboring classes. What a fal Look over the fields of inventions to find the successful careers of thousands of poor boys who, while in contentment vere working out their future greatness. We are told the greatness of our age is in its material progress and low in its moral tone. This county, it is said, is becoming st in political mismanagement. What libei on our great educational institutions The speaker then drew a comparison between the politics of 1800 and those of the present time, showing that the same taction were in vogue then as now, and therefore our times are no worse than then. The ap-

the appeal to reason will conquer to-mor-The address occupied over an hour, and

peat to passion may triumph to-day, but

was repeatedly applauded. Music—" Marien Waltzea." Prof. Luiz then in a few well chosen remarks and with considerable feeling, ad- this city.

dressed the graduating class. He referred to the past efforts made to secure their present success, and advised them still to greather activity in the futu w. The graduates were Misses Annie Round and Eva Rakestraw.

LANCASTER, PA., FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1888.

GEORGE SEIFERT'S STRANGE CASE.

He Dies at Marietta Ansdealy—Why Was an Autopsy Not Held ? Mr. Edward W. McElroy, of Mariette called upon us on Thursday to complain of the official and medical indifference which had been shown in the case of his nephew, George Sellert, who died suddenly in Ma-riet:a at 4 o clock on Sunday morning. He had been in fairly good health up to Sat-urday afternoon, when his body began to swell to unusual size. While on his way homeward about 6 o'clock, he fell in the house of Henry Conley, became unconscious, and had to be carried to his mother's home on Walnut street near maining unconscious most of the time, and after suffering intense pain, finally passed

Mr. McEiroy notified Deputy Coroner Jacob Thums, who declared that an in-quest was unnecessary. The family of decessed were, however, very anxious to know the cause of the sudden taking off, and at Mr. McElroy's instance, the deputy Attorney Weaver, who said there was no need of an inquest. Mr. Thums was quite willing to hold the inquest, but said that the county commissioners would not be likely to pay the bill; and that unless he could get a court order, he would not touch the case. Then Mr. McEiroy brought two Columbia physicians to the Selfert home, and they would not hold an autopsy without an official post mortem examination. Mr. McEiroy finally offered \$10 each to two Marietta physicians to hold an autopsy, and they also declined to have anything to do with the matter. Mr. Mc Elroy feels quite aggrieved at the manner in which the case was allowed to be neglected through no fault of his own or of the dead man's family. The deceased was in his eighteenth year and his remains were interred on Wednesday in the Mariette cometery. His case was such a remarks ble one in many aspects, the physicians not agreeing upon the nature of his disease remarkable that the autopsy was not made in the interest of medical science. even if no fees were in expectancy.

## HI HENRY'S MINSTRELS

Draw a Large Audience To Paiton Opera The minstret season in this city closed last evening when Hi Henry's troupe ap peared in Fulton opera house. The company made a rather good impression by their attractive street parade, in which a good band was the principal feature, and the result was that they had a large audience. The party is about the stre that Mr. Henry has yet brought to Lan caster and the greater portion of the entertaloment gave satisfaction. In the first part fifteen people were seen, the musicians appearing in white face and the singers and comedians in cork. There were six end men, who told some tokes that were new as well as some very rank chestnuts One thing deserving of special mention in nard, of the beautiful ballad "You'll Never Miss Your Mother Till She's Gone." strumental music were both good. Prof. Walter Hyde opened the second part with ylolin solos and gave some very creditable mitations. The act of the Shelvey Brothers is after the style of Frank McNish's " Si-They are a limber active pair of young men, and their sparring contest with the feet was very amusing. The quartette sang well, and Delmore and Wilson appeared in a nest sketch introducing quick changes, songs, dances, &s. The act of Tommy Donnelly is stale and needs a rest or a renovation. This young man was somewhat funnier when seen later with Phillips in an "absurdity" which however was tiresome. Orke is a juggler and balancer of no mean order and he did well. The performance closed with a sketch entitled "Natural Gas," which was as funny as the mejority of such windups to minsirel shows usually are. Mr. Henry was fortunate in having a good nature audience. It was one that was more easily entertained than many that gather to see minstrei companies here. Henry's prices are not as high as those of several gil - ad ged troupes that Lancaster has seen this season and the people did not expect as much from

## Death of a Timber Merchant.

MARIETTA, May 4 - Leon Mitchell Coudriet, of Frenchville, Clearfield county, the last dozen years he brought most of the timper down the river from the West and other lumber markets. He was born in 1831 at Lebanon, where his parents were stopping on the road from France to Northern Pennsylvania. He was the owner often thousand scree of coal and lumber land. Besides a large store in Frenchville he had several saw mills, one o them at Middletown, Dauphin county. He leaves a wife and ten children-six boys and four giris.

Following is a copy of a letter received by Postmaster Slaymaker to-day:

PAULDING, Ohio, May 2, 1888.

Postmaster Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Sir—John Taylor, formerly from your county, died here very suddenly. He had no opportunity to notify his people of his sickness. I understand he had some children. He was a widower, and I think he said his parents were still living. He was 45 years old, and wore a moustache. Wish you would give this to the editors o your papers so they can publish his death; perhaps his relatives will see it, and would like to have him shipped home. For further information in regard to his burial inquire of J. L. SLAGER, M. D.,
Paulding, Onto,
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Thursday evening an old woman entered the grocery store of Josiah Little, corner of for assistance. On receiving a pittance abo left the store with many thanks, and as she reached the door she "lifted" four whitewash brushes and stowed them under her shawl. A son of Mr. Little, who thought he saw her stealing something. salled his father's attention to the matter The latter at once missed the brushes and ran after the woman. She showed fight but Mr. Little succeeded in recovering the stolen property and then let the woman go. She had under her shawl several othe articles, which were supposed to have

The Soldiers Orphan Examination The annual examination of the M'. Joy soldiers' orphans is being held to-day. Gov. Beaver was expected to be present and among others are State Superintendent o Schools Dr. E. E. Highes, Financial Clerk of the Soldiers Orphans Department J. H. Marshall, Inspector John M. Greer, Fe-male Inspector Mrs. Myrs Attick, and committee from the Grand Army posts of STRIKERS SURRENDER.

THE ENIGHTS OF LABOR AGREE TO END THEIR WARFARY.

They Decide Upon Tata Course After Receiv ing Assurance That the Edgar Thomson Stool Company Will Recognize the Organtestion With Its Caust Powers.

BRADDOCK, Pa. May 4, 10:30 a. m .- The nights of Labor are now assembling at the opera house for the purpose of holding a mass meeting, the object of which is not early understood. It is thought, however, that the strike will be officially declared off. Whether it is or not matters little, as the nen's action can have no effect now on the Edgar Thomson works. Strikers are returning to work now as rapidly as they can ecure positions, which is now somewhat difficult, as there are not enough vacancies to go round. Capt. Jones said this morn ing that he would try to make positions or all. All departments are working steadily; four furnaces are in operation with full complement of men. The men working in the new rall mill work but s

2 p. m.—The mass meeting of Edgar Thomson steel works employes that convened at 10:30 this morning, adjourned at 1 p. m. after having declared the strike off. It is reported that all Kuights who went to work previous to to-day will be branded as "black sheep" and expelled from the order. The general executive board will now be notified of the end of the strike and it is expected that the charters of several local assemblies will be revoked.

Supt. Jones writes to the Braddock Nun "I am giad that nobody was hurt. The men made a great mistake in not accepting Mr. Carnegie's first proposition, but they have fought nobly.

LATER-District Master Workman Doyle says the strike is declared off on condition that the Knights of Labor will be recognized by the company, and that the mill committee will have power to settle all grievances as heretofore. This means that the Edger Thomson works will still be a

Killed by a Storm. BURLINGTON, Iowa, May 4.- About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a heavy thun-der storm visited this city. It came from the southwest and was accompanied by violent wind, but did no damage.

At Larons, in the southeast corner of Warren county, the storm struck about 2:30 p. m. and quickly demolished a two story building occupied by J. A. Pogue, was in the store at the time and was crushe by the falling timbers and was dead when

Born After Its Mother's Death. BALTIMORE, May 4 .- A letter to the Sun from Rev. J. C. Sedwick, Port Republic, Calvert county, Md., states that Mrs. H. Bowen, living near that place, died Tuesday afternoon last, about 6 o'clock, and on Wednesday night, at 10 o'clock, 28 hours after her death, gave birth to a fully devel-oped child. Mother and child were buried yesterday morning.

A B'g Fire In An Onto Town. NORWALK, O., May 4 .- Fire broke out in Wilson's furniture store, in Milan, last night, nearly terminating in the byterian church, Lockwood chapel, the new town hall, several business houses and the fire could be extinguished by the fire

department from this city, Milan having no fire apparatus. Loss estimated at \$50-GLEN COVE, L. I., May 4.-Mike Burns and Pat Sutton, two puglishes of local re-pute, halling from Waterbury, Conn., early this morning. After the first round the men wholly disregarded science and

knocked Burns out in the tenth round. Saicide of a Music Teacher. BALTIMORE, May 4 .- Prot. Matthew sohmalz, a well known music teacher of this city, hanged himself to his bed post this morning. He was 63 years old and in comfortable circumstances. He had been drinking rather heavily of late.

Briar Rost Wins. LONDON, May 4 -The race for the thou and guines stakes was run at Newmarket to-day and was won by Briar Root.

The Hass Ejectment Suit. John G. Hass, through his counsel, J. L. Steinmetz, on Thursday afternoon pre-sented a petition setting forth that Andrew and Augustus Winds, the plaintiffs in the ejectment suit brought against bim for the roperty on East Orange street, were nonresidents, and under the rules of cour hould be ordered to give security for costs. The court made an order directing that they live security for costs before June 4th, suffer a non-suit.

Governor Beaver was a passenger on Sea shore Express cast at 12:58 to-day. He had come from Mt Joy, where he was attending the soldiers' orphans examination, and was on his way to Philadelphia. Charles Emory Smith, editor of the Phil

adelphia Press, was one of the guests over night at the Stevens house. He left this morning for Philadelphis. Desta of Mrs. Alexander Stephenso Mrs. Evalina Stephenson, wife of Alex

nder Stephenson, who resides in Drumore lownship, between Buck and Drumore Centre, died Thursday evening of dropsy Deceased was a daughter of the late Joseph about 65 years of age. She was a member of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian church and besides a husband, leaves five grown

The Athletic Club. The Lancaster Athletic club held meeting last evening at which several new members were elected. A committee consisting of James C. Leman, W. R. Brinton and Charles Amwake was appointed to secure a base ball grounds. The members desire to practice with the bat

and ball on two afternoons of each week

and it is likely that they will form a club. This morning Amos Urich, night ticket gent of the Pennsylvania railroad, who resides on Love Lane, had a peculiar egg which was laid by one of his chickens. It was ten inches long and the yelk was in its natural condition on one end. The white was very long and was covered with a sort

Chief of Police Smeltz has been notified by the chief of the Norristown police force to be on the lookout for Horace Jacob Long, a sixteen year-old boy, who disappeared from that town on April 30th. The boy s

five feet four inches in height and worked at the oyster business. Cut Her hand Badly. Annie Bruder, daughter of John Bruder, of the Tremont hotel, North Queen street, in going down the ceilar steps this morning tripped and fell into a pile of ginger ale bottles. She cut her left hand to the bone, and it was dressed by Dr. Davis.

Last night the Tauraday evening class held their second sociable of the season in Kahleman's ball. There were fifty couples present, and the daucing to Taylor's music attnued until an early hour this morning. At 11 o'clock a spiendid supper was served by Charile Eckert, who was the caterer for the affair. The committee having charge of the sociable was composed of Frank B. McClain chairman, Harry B. Laibley, Charles S. Hoffmeler, Charles D. Myers,

H. C. Demuth, Jr., S. Kurtz Zook, John F Heinitab and Abram Bitner Last evening Prof. Ed. Hall closed s very successful season of his daucing school by holding a sociable in the old Grand Army hall, Centre Square. There was a very large crowd in attendance, and it was one of the most pleasant affairs of the kind

Victently Lessne. The wife of Wilfred Hall shoot whose alleged insanity and lil treatment by her newspapers and in the courts, has recently scome almost hopelessly insane, and fear violence to herself and children. She has torn her own and her children's clothing o pieces, thrown the food prepared for the family into the street and perpetrated many other insane sets. Her physiciar, sisters and other relatives have agreed that it is best for all concerned to have her placed in restraint and under treatment Accordingly arrangements were made on

Successful Oatch of Trout. A. H. Fritchey and I. C. Arnold, two of Barbary Coast's young barristers, left this city on Wednesday on a trout fishing expedition. To-day they returned with a banket of 35 of the finest trout ever brought sere. They measured from 8 to 12 inches. They will not say exactly where they saught them, as they expect during the season to make another haul or two. The reporter of the INTELLIGENCER knows the cation of the pool and will visit the same atre, m when overcoats need not be worn.

Thursday to have her taken to the savlum.

Narrow Escaps of a Team Last evening Frank Rieker's fine pair of large horses, hitched to a brewery wagon, were being driven down Market street. At the crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad a narrow escape was made, Day Express from the West was coming thundering along, but the driver of the team could no see it, owing to a number of box cars which were standing right near the main track. As it was, the team had just cleared the tracks when the train dashed along. hat there would be a terrible accident.

Accident to a Freight Men John W. Dorwart, who is employed at the Pennsylvania freight station, met with an accident this morning. While loading an elevator weight, which weighed 1,020 pounds, upon a truck in the warehouse, the ruck elipped. It hit Mr. Dorwart, knocking him down. In failing he struck his head upon the floor and was picked up in an unconscious condition by his fellow workmen. He soon recovered, when it was found that he had received an ugly bruise on the head.

Verdicis for Defendants. In the suit between Mary Bell Miller as plaintiff, and Jere Rohrer and H. W. an all night deliberation rendered a verdic in favor of defendants. H. C. Brubaker and G. C. Kennedy for defendants; H. M. North and Marriott Brosius for plaintiff. Samuel F. Stauffer, the jury also found in favor of defendant. Brown & Hensel for

Final Meeting of the Cliesophic.
The Citosophic society met for the last time this season on Thursday evening at the residence of Wm. A. Atlee, erg. There was no essay but a debate upon the sub number suggested at the last meeting. The balloting was close between Russia and France and resulted in the choice of the latter, which was afterwards limited to modern France. The meeting was very

At the meeting of the Grand Army committee in charge of Memorial Day exercises Reva. J. E. Pratt, J. R. T. Gray and J. Y Mitchell were agreed upon as the crators a

the exercises on the evening of Memorial On the Sanday before Memorial Day sermon to the Grand Army Posts will be reached at the First Presbyterian church

by Rev. Dr. Mitchell. Looking at a Bridge. The county commissioners inspected the county bridge over the Conestogs creek at Amos Martin's mill on Thursday. It is eadly in need of repairs and on Monday next the commissioners will decide what to do, after receiving an estimate of the probable cost.

James Conway, a tramp, was complained against before Aiderman A. F. Donneily to day for open lewdness. Henry Fillinge: appears as the prosecutor. In default of ball Conway was committed for a hearing

The daughter of John Good, of Ephrati township, who disappeared from home or Sunday, was taken home by her father today. She went to Reading and after she was there a day or two she wrote to her

Another Postal Agent Wanted Ettorts are now being made to have a pos-tal cierk put on the Pennsylvania raliroad to make daily trips between this city and Harrisburg via Columbia. There is little doubt that the position will be created.

Dr. J. W. Kennard, assisted by Drs. Levergood and Warren, performed a suc pessful operation yesterday afternoon, in removing a number of pieces of decayed bone from the leg of John Resline, of York county, at Dr. Kennard's office. Getting New Uniforms. The Liberty band have been measured for new uniforms, in which they will make

when they will furnish the music for the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Mr. Frank S. Hoak, formerly of Martins ville, Lancaster county, and recently with the house of Vendig Bros., of Philadelphia, is now with Martin Bros., clothiers and

their first appearance on Decoration Day,

Literary Society Anniversary.

The Gothean Literary society, of Franklin and Marshall college, will celebrate its 534 anniversary in Fulton opera house

furnishers, No. 28 North Queen street.

Doctors David Frank Kitne, of Eliza bethtown, and Samuel Morrow Crawford, city, were registered to-day at the prothonotary's office.

The court has fixed Saturday of next week for the argument of the Heiser-Leid

## WOMEN DELEGATES.

THE QUESTION OF THEIR ADMISSION TO

CONFERENCE BEING DEBATED. Or. Leonard of the Opinion That They Had a. Constitutional Right-A Professor of Drew Theological Seminary and

Others Argue Against Them. NEW YORK, May 4.- The Met Episcopal conference was presided this morning by Bishop C. D. Foss and opening hymn and prayer were read Rev. H. J. Liebhard. After the reading the journal Dr. Hunter made a motion th the discussion of the order of the day sho be discontinued at noon. The motion was held in absyance and Dr. Hunter made a be discontinued at noon. The motion

pended and the committee on rules be an-iowed to send in their report. Motion laid on the table, 163 to 144. Dr. Hunter's motion was not acted upon and the order of the day—the question of the eligibility of women as delegates was

taken up. Dr. Leonard was the first speaker. He caimed women had a constitutional right to seats in the conference. He criticized the stand taken by Dr. Queal yesterday in opposing the women. Dr. Queat, who was present, said he did not like the interpretation of his remarks, but after an ex-

planation he said he was satisfied. Dr. J. Miley, professor in the Drew theo-logical seminary at Madison, N. J., said be was not in favor of granting the women a franchise. The declaration of the conference of 1872, the speaker said, was no part of the legislation and to attempt to establish upon this the right of women to admission was a simple absurdity. The speaker quoted from a letter of Dr. Crooks, who understood the question thoroughly, in which it was declared that there was no in-

tention to make women eligible. Dr. Day, of New York, next took the Dr. Day, of New Lors, the whole argument was caused by the difficulty in obtaining the caused definition of the word "laymen." He thought that the substitution of won in some cases would be an improvement.
His speech was an elequent one
and in it he denied the right of women to have a voice in the confer General S. H. Hurst, of Ohio, was the next speaker. He manfully championed the rights of women. He dwelt at length on the report of the committee that de of the conference of 1868 stated that the word "laymen" referred to all members of the church not members of the ann conference. Therefore the general s when the women were elected by their own conference to this body under the name of "lay delegates" they had as good a right to participate in the argus the conference as any man in the house. Prof. C. J. Little, of the Syracuse univereity, a member of the Palladelphia con

have a woman step out from our sides while we slept (much laughter, which was promptly suppressed). The professor con-cluded by saying : "If the constitutional law of the church is observed, women canlaw of the church is observed, women c

euce, said that he did not want any women

Garden of Eden worked over again and

to sesist him in debates. Some p

Rev. Dr. Rothweller, of the Central German Cincinnati conference, next took the door. He said he did not see by what right the women could claim a vol Dr. Neely, of the Philadelphia confer-

mit to the annual conference the pro tion to amend the second restrictive rule by adding the words ' and said delegates may be men or women. '" Rev. John Graham, of Troy, opposed the Leslie M. Shaw, of Des Moines, favored

the women's cause by opposing the com-Rev. Dr. L. R. Fiske, president of Al-bion college, Mich., supported the women by criticising the report of the committee. Gov. Lounsbury, of Conn., moved that the discussion of the question be suspended until next Monday at noon, when it a York, seconded the motion. Then follows a perfect babel of voices, many of the me

bers arising to a point of order. After quiet was restored the presiding bishop adjourned the conference as time was up, it being one o'clock.

WASHINGTON, May 4 -Mr. Charles Lyman, for many years at the head of the dead letter office of the postoffice department, died at his residence in this city yesterday evening in the 80th year of his age. Mr. Lyman came to Washington about twenty-seven years ago and was put in otherge of the dead letter office at a time when its business was all transacted by himself and one clerk. Under his direction the office grew to its present propor-

An Eloper Tarred and Feathered Columbus, Ohie, May 4—William Milligan, a farmer residing near Darbey-ville, Pickaway county, eloped with Mrs. Ezra Dodroe. After a week's absence they returned home last night, when Milligan was caught by his neighbors, tarred and feathered, and thrown into a creek, nearly drowning him. He was then severely whipped and warned to leave the country immediately. Mrs. Dodroe has disap-

WARDNER, Idaho, May 4.—A shooting affray occurred yesterday afternoon as Wardner Junction, in which four men were wounded. The principals were Miles McNally, of the cricket theatre of this place on one side, and County Commissioner Pat McGowan and Jack Dillon, on the other. Both McGowan and Dition were badly wounded, and a bystander named George Owens is not expected to live.

XENIA, O., May 4 .- M. C. Allison, president of the Xenia Gas company and director of the Second National bank, also proprietor of the Allison rope walk, and who falled yesterday, died at a late hour last night. His life was insured for \$35,000, which will be used to relieve a part of his

embarrassments. BERLIN, May 4.—A builetin issued this morning says: "The emperor's fever has subsided. His strength is gradually in-

creasing and he is able to rise." No bulletins will be issued in the future

BERLIN, May 4.-The American consul

at Frankfort reports that the value of exports from his district for the first quarter of 1888 shows a decrease, as compared with the corresponding period of 1887, of \$1,000,-

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4 - For

Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jer-sey : Warmer, fair weather; light to