## TO THE GRADUATES.

A SERMON FOR THE SEMINARY CLASS DELIVERED WEONESDAY EVENING.

Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D. D., of the Dutch Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., Preaches Statore & Large Audience in the College Chapel-Full Report of the Discourse.

Wednesday evening Rev. W. J. R. Tay lor, D. D., of the Dutch Reformed church, Newark, N. J., preached the annual ser-men before the theological seminary gradoir, under the direction of Miss Alice Nevin, sang "Jesu, God Incarnate." Miss Nevin and Miss Minuis Appel also sang a duct. Following is the full text of Dr.

Taylor's sermon:

It samuel v., 24: "And let it be when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself; for then shall the Lord go out before thee to smite the host of the "hillistines." fit of sickness, the loss of some relative or friend, or of property and business; it may have been "a word in season," a book, a catechetical question and answer from our good old Heidelberg, a tract, a sermon, a text of Scripture; symbol or perhaps it was a sudden, irrepressible overpowering conviction of ain, of righteousness and of judgment; or the prodigal's hunger and thirst in the iamine-amitten land; it may have been some strange dream or vision or midnight crysome great calamity, or "the still small voice" of Him who was "not in the earth-quake, the great, strong wind that rent the

When David became king and was established in his capital, his old enemies, the Philistines, were alarmed and made war against him in the valley of Rephaim. where two great battles were fought and won by the conqueror of Golisth. In both cases before going up to them David inguired of the Lord whether he should do so and whether victory should crown the conflict. To the drst battle he was told to go up directly; but in the second he go up directly; but in the second he was commanded to "fetch a compass behind them and come upon them over against the mulberry trees"; l. e., attack them in the rear and move only at a signal which should be given him. That signal was "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees"; and when he should hear it, then he must "heatir him self, for then the Lord would go out before him and his army to smite the Philistines." And David did so as the Lord had commanded him, and "smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer." from Geba until thou come to Gazar.

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This narrative teaches us how God and man work together in the world, how unwith human and terrestial agencies for the execution of God's plans for his people and his kingdom in this world; how utterly dependent the greatest, bravest, most skillful human leaders are upon the will and the workings of that Providence "which shapes our ends;" and how necessary it is to success in any good undertaking to heed the signals, and to bestir ourselves to fol-low the leadings of our divine deliverer. Listen now to some very plain and practi-cal suggestions from our theme:

1. The first great principle here taught us "It is He that bath made us and not we curselves." "We are the sheep of His pas-ture and the people of His care." "In Him we live and move and have our being." He is our creator, preserver, benefactor; our lawgiver, our judge and our king. The upon these eternal relations which are re-vealed in His word, illustrated by almost endless poetic imagery, illuminated by His promises, and embodied in His laws.

But the grandest manifestation of the bonds that unite us with God centre in the person and cross of Jesus Christ and in the work of redemption, where the seen and the unseen, the natural and the spiritual, the temporal and the eternal are co in one vast system of agencies for the con-summation of the purposes for which the Son of Man came into this world, suffered and d for us, finished His work, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. God is in history; God is in providence; God is in redemption; and in Jesus Christ we have "God with us." And the Holy Spirit is the ever-present in-dwelling, divine, almighty source of all spiritual life and pro-

things, spiritual beings, spiritual forces, gitts and operations which are peculiar to this organized system of the divine admin-"The powers of the world come" are continually working in and upon us, for and against us, whether we will or will not. As Milton sang "Millions will or will not. As altiton sang "altitons of spiritual creatures walk the earth unseen both when we wake and when we sleep," "We have come unto Mount Sion, and unto the City of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the first born that was written to be even and to God the judge of all, to the in heaven and to God the judge of all, to the and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh

better things than that of Abel."
There are authorities, principalities,
powers, mights, dominions, thrones, seraphim, cherubim, angels and archangels, ministering spirits sent forth to minister to them that shall be the heirs of salvation. And these are arrayed with Carist and His saints against satan and his angels and all the powers of darkness. "For we wrestie not against flesh and blood, but against the world rulers of this darkness, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the beaventy places."

In this great warfare we cannot be neutrals, nor non-combatants. We ere on the Lord's side or against Him. And the relations we hold to God in this world will determine our relations to Him in the world to come. Amid these surroundings and in this conflict, our text suggests that

we have 11. The promise of God's own guidance and help upon condition that we shall in-quire of Him and do His will, as David gid before he fought the Philistines. Both battles were fought and won in answer to prayer, under Divine directions, and its own separate manner. And so the lattles were the Lord's. Here, now, is our wisdom. We must not go into our life-battles in our own strength. We must get our marching orders, plaus, and signals from the Lord of boats. We should inquire of Him for each separate conflict and get our answers upon our knees. Prayer is a constant element in this warfare. It calls

forth our faith, gives courage, strengthens character, reinforces the will, keeps our whole armor bright and strong. There is whole armor bright and strong. There is acting too great, nothing too simple, nothing too complex, for us to pray over. Man's extremity is God's opportunity; and "the throne of grace is the

111. The third teaching of our text is we must watch for our signals and then bestir ourselves to do the Lord's known will. Face to face stood the two armies on the Face to face stood the two armies of the valley of Rephalm, eager for the fray. But David, the king, must not go out to fight the Lord's battle until the divine sign appears. And then he must not attack the foe in front as before, but he must "fetch a compass behind them over against the mul-berry trees" and stay in their shelter until the sound of a going should be heard in their tops. David did not see the Lord's host, as did Elisha's servant when "the Lord opened the eyes of the young man and behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire around about Elisha." The sound that David heard was that of the unseen hosts whose movement put the Philistines to flight before the Hebrews, who smote them from Geba unto Gazer. When God gives the signal let his people bestir themselves and let His enemies fear and tremble and flee away. When you inquire of the Lord for direction and help wait for the answer, stand in your lot, bide your The sound that David heard was that o the answer, stand in your lot, bide your time. And when Providence opens the gates of opportunity, then bestir yourselves and go through and march onward wherever the Lord shall lead. When the battle

ever the Lord shall lead. When the battle is fought follow up and finish the victory.

1. In temporal and secular things success generally comes to those who know how to forecast the probabilities and how to selze the opportunities that open before them. They are the men of the times—statesmen, warriors, capitalists, great marginal and the companion of the times—statesmen, warriors, capitalists, great marginals. They are the men of the times—statements, rail-warriors, capitalists, great merchants, rail-way magnates, pioneers of civilization, in-ventors and discoverers, leaders of thought, enterprise and action, founders of institu-tions, cities and empires. They are sagacious, far-sighted, bold, prompt, daring men, who see their signs, form their plans, take the risks, bide their time, and clear the track for their own and for future generations. Moral reforms, social progress the vexed problems of political economy and of government usually begin with single individuals, who thunder and blaze away at existing evils, often single handed and slone, amid oblequy and persecution, until revolutions follow in their track and

the Philistines of the age are smitten down before them.

2. But the principal and the best lessons of our subject are for the religious life.

(1). At its beginnings Providence and the Holy Gnost work together with all the power of divine urgency for the selvation of individual souls. Religious experience is crowded with memorable conjunctions of events, ordinary and extraordinary, which were the turning points of character and life which cannot be accounted for by any natural laws of the human mind. People who have lived many years in sin and wickedness; good moral men and women, and good and bad boys and girls, have been suddenly stopped in their evil ways, compelled to think of their sins, their danger, and their need of pardon and salvation; have been led to search the Soriptures, to pray and to confess their sins and their Saviour, and have become so completely revolutionized in thought, principle, feeling and conduct, that they have become "new creatures in Christ Jesua." The starting points and the ways in each case have been different, but they have all let to the cross of Christ. It may have been a fit of sickness, the loss of some relative or friend, or of property and business; it may have been "s word in season," a book,

voice "of Him who was "not in the earth-quake, the great, strong wind that rent the mountains or the fire." But whatever it may have been, it was the signal to bestir one's self. It was the sound of a going that made you go. It was the battle cry of the hosts that were fighting for your soul. And you went into the conflict and you came

out of it a victor, because the Lord went be

There may be some now present who

There may be some now present who hear that "sound of a going" of celestial forces and spiritual powers above and around and within you. It is the signal of your opportunity, and friends, bestir yourselves at once. Act upon your knowledge. Lost opportunities may never be recalled. There is peril in delay, ruin in discondince "to the heavenly yelden".

ruin in disobedience "to the beavenly vision." You may never again have such a favorable conjunction of Providence and

the Spirit's movements for your salvation. "Now is the accepted time—now is the

(2). But these principles find larger scope for the subsequent course of religious

Every Christian character is the product

Every Christian character is the product of two great forces, Providence and the Holy Spirit, which are ever at work in Christian experience. We cannot if we would, get rid of the supernatural that is above and around and within us. We peer into the future with our poor dim eyes, and despite ourselve, we give no little heed to people who profess to know more of it than we do. And this is the fundamental secret of the epidemic success of modern spiritual and other strong delusions which carry away multitudes who reject Christianity.

But some one says: "How shall I know my signs? I hear no supernatural sounds,

my signs? I hear no supernatural sounds, as David did. I see no divine signals like banners in the air, or new stars in the sky. Whereby shall I know that God calls me and works in and through me?"

Let me counsel with you upon this perplexing point.

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1. Do not give way to your own unsupported fancies and impressions of God's will concerning you. Do not expect new revelations specifically directing you in paths of belief and practice. An eminent Methodist minister of the last generation on one of his preaching tours in Canada, in the death of white reason solitary hours for from

depth of winter saw a solitary house far from the road way, almost buried in the snow; and although hastening to his appointment, and

that he finally gave way to it as if it were an inspired call. So he went back, struggled with his jaded horse through the petting storm and the deep snow drifts; and finding it closed, he shouted to its inmates to

open the door, but no answer came. Finally he dismounted, opened a window, and found "that it was a deserted house; and

that the only hearers were fasting rate.'
The veteran thus learned, as he said, "a val

uable lesson—never to follow inward im-pulses that could not be clearly justified by his common sense." O, how many a life failure and what waste of talents, money,

failure and what waste of talents, money, strength and labor might be saved by the possession and exercise of sanctified common sense in religion and in Christian and church work! But nothing is more destructive of usefulness than this unreasoning, impulsive, self-inspired, delusive idea of following out such groundless impressions of ignorant fanatisism.

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2. How then may we discern the real sound of a going in the tops of the mui-

Study yourself and your probable fitness

or your calling-whatever it may be and re-

Study your providences, which may help

or hinder you upon that calling.
Study your immediate surroundings and

begin where your are—without seeking dis-tant fields in unknown regions and in

spheres that are above you.

Be content to follow on, step by step,

from one thing to another as the Lord shall open the way and lead you forward. If you fall in one attempt, try again; if

you have missed your way at first, try an-other and make capital out of your fail-ures. A wise and successful Christian worker once said: "The one great thing

is to begin, and God alone can tell where your work will end. It may be in the pul-pit, or in the mission field, at the ends of

the world or around your present home; but one thing be sure of, it will end at the gate of heaven, smid the acclamations of

sculs saved forever by your heip." And a living poet, in the same strain sings these wise words of Christian coursge and high

"Look then far into the future,
Far beyond that earth and sea;
Seek to show thyself here daily
What then hopest soon to be
Be not selfish; earth's great sickness
Needeth self-denying men
To go forth among the dying
And to soothe the beds of pain.

The Old and New Testament say much

hat is strange and memorable of the call-ng of men by God himself to offices of the

highest bonor and power. There is something awfully mysterious and sublime in this way of singling out individuals, one of millions, to receive and execute His commands in the earth; to be in the stead of God to His people and His enemies, to be His ministers of blessing and of wrath to nations, to stand between the living and the dead until the plague be stayed, and to be the deliverers of oppressed peoples from

dead until the plague be stayed, and to be the deliverers of oppressed peoples from the greatest tyrants that ever reigned. We need not now such supernatural calls as God made upon Noah and Abraham, Moses and Joshus, Aaron and Zerubbabel, David and Nebemiah. The Christian calling brings all believers into the service of Him who hath loved us and given Him-

of Him who hath loved us and given Him-self for us and who hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father. The

primitive Christians believed with all their

primitive Christians believed with all their hearts in the universal priesthood of all believers—every one of them being called to consecrate themselves and to offer spiritual sacrifices to God with which he is well pleased. But the question of a call to the ministry of the gospel in our time is necessarily a matter for such watching for divine signals in each particular case as I have endeavored to set forth before you according to Providence and the word and

have endeavored to set forth before you according to Providence and the word and the spirit of God. The field is the world, and the church is pushing her way over the great world field with such vigor and swiftness that no isborer need "stand idle in the market piace" at any hour.

But there are special occasions and calls for service for which the signals are sounding in every wind. "The Philistines be upon us." Revealed and supernatural religion are assailed by mighty foes who defy

igion are assailed by mighty foes who defy larael and Israel's God. A great war is waging with all the anti-Christs of the age. But there is a battle-cry from the sky that is railying and combining into solid phal-anxes all of the forces of Uhristendom for

the conquest of the nations, with unexam-pled energy and upon the widest scale of operations. The organized Christianity of

our period is rightly aggressive and spien-didly equipped for the largest evangelistic

ighest bonor and power. There is so

berry trees that skirt our battle-field?
A few practical suggestions may at

for this occasion.

day of salvation.

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movements and reformatory efforts of this outgoing century. Never has there been a field for Christian heroism, consecration and endeavor within the last fifty years greater than that which now opens to the soldiers of the cross.

"Deff the purple, don the armor;
Take the helmet and the shiels,
Drop the garland, seize the weapon
Make thee haste to take the field.

" Year no foemen, be their number Like the locusis in their flight; He who leads thes is a Capuala Who has never lost a fight."

Dear young brethren of the graduating class.

"Who knoweth whether you dere come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" You have heard and obeyed the double call of your risen and ascended Lord—first to be his and then to become his ministers to your fellow men. Let others say what they will and deny what they dare to disbelieve, you can say, each for himself:

"I've seen a hand you cannot see, That beckons me away : I've heard a voice you cannot hear, I hat bids me not delay."

No rationalistic seit geist of this skeptions age can stir your souls like that supreme commander at whose summons you are now coming into the service of God in your The Bohemians have a legend that

wherever Ziska's drum—which was made of the tanned skin of their illustrious hero thronged every battle-field and before whom their enemies fell dead upon the field. A nobler enthusiasm kindles in your breasts, at the call of your great Captain and who loved you and gave Himself for you, and who has counted you faithful, putting you into the ministry. You are coming to the front at a great juncture of great eras in the kingdom of God. These closing years of the nineteenth century indicate the approach of a crisis in the history of the world and of the church of Christ. for which great preparaindicate the approach of a criss in the history of the world and of the church of Christ, for which great preparations are making among all nations. And the outlook is not discouraging. If the powers of darkness are massing together, so are the powers of Christ and of the world to come against the common foe. When God wants heroes and heroic ranks to foliow them, He knows where to get them. "When the enemy cometh in like a flood the Spirit of the Lord will raise up a standard against him." Who knows what eaintly workers and martyr spirits and great leaders the Lord has in keeping for the coming crisis of the world, among the more than two thousand young students of our American colleges and seminaries, who have pledged themselves to the foreign mission service, whenever and the foreign mission service, whenever and wherever God shall open the way before them? Who knows the length and the them? Who knows the length and the breadth, the heighth and the depth of the Divine purposes in those large movements for Christian and church union in evangelistic and ecclesiastical work which have

the tops of the mulberry trees—the signals of oncoming battles and victories—the assurances of God's blessing upon works of faith and labors of love, and loval obedience to his supreme commands? Hear ye not the challenge from the skies to bestir yourselves to join the ranks, to lay saids forever all narrow prejudices and secta-rian bigotry, and selfish feelings, and to fall in with the sublime plans and movements of the kingdom of God?

Should it please the Lord that our two Reformed churches shall become one by His grace and in the spirit of Christ—as I trust and pray they may—then listen for another and louder sound of a going of heavenly forces with our earthly ranks, and bestir yourselves, for the larger work and the greater service that will follow. It will be no sentimental, nominal, ceremonial union, but one that will call forth the utmost wisdom, seal, and faith and utmost wisdom, zeal and faith and works of the united church. And then it will be only a step forward to still greater unity and co-operation, not only among all branches of the great family of "Reformed he had passed the place, yet so strong was his impression that he ought to stop and tem," but among all other evangelical churches for the salvation of the world and the glory of Christ. 'Ibe "burning ques-tions" of our times transcend all the littlenesses of denominational rivalries and the petty schemes of ecclesiastical ambition. The Holy Catholic church of God is far larger, better and more important than any of the separate communions at their best estate. There was solemn warning as well as righteous irony in Lord Macaulay's striking saying that he had "lived to long in a country where the people worship cows to care much for the divisions of the churches in Christian lands." or the churches in Christian islam.

Between the solid front of the pages world, the imposing ranks of the Papsi, Greek and other orientsi hierarchies, with Islam on the one side and modern skepticism of all grades on the other side the forthcoming Evangelical ministry of this age must be deaf indeed if they hear not and heed not God's call to bestir them-selves for the impending crisis.

In this great conflict we Americans will be involved as certainly as we exist and to the full extent of our civilization and

the full extent of our civilization and Christianity. Long ago we began actively to fulfit the prediction of Jonathan Edwards, made in a notable chapter of his great work-"The History of Redemption".

great work-"The History of Redemption"—
that the next grand movement of the Holy
Spirit for the conversion of the world
would probably begin in this country.

But this is not all, for we are now facing
some of the gravest problems of the Christian civilization of the age; problems of
city life, and republican institutions involving their character and existence as well as
the morals of the people and the perpetuity
of the Union. We are on trial before the
nations and the God of nations, and in this
trial the religion and the churches of our
land are essential factors. The churches
may survive the republic, but believe me,
the republic cannot survive the churches.
And therefore, young brethren, forget not the republic cannot survive the churches. And therefore, young brethren, forget not that the salvation of America is not merely for the salvation of the republic, but for the salvation of the world. If this be not so, then are we as a nation making the last experiment of an exhausted humanity for "government of the people, by the people and for the people." The condict into which you are now entering is no guerrilla war'are—no more skirmishing on picket lines by scattered bands of independent nighters; but it is a vast campaign, wide as the continent, great as the nations, tremendous, fierce, decisive and magnificent as those of the apocalyptic visions. I remind you of these things, tic visions. I remind you of these things young soldiers of Jesus Christ, not to disyoung soldiers of Jesus Christ, not to dis-courage nor alarm you, but to fire your en-thusiasm, to evoke your courage and to in-spire you with the mighty issues of the period in which you should not be "like dumb, driven cattle," but "heroes in the strife." Ye see your calling, brethren! Hear the "sound of the going" of the un-seen forces above you and of the militant hosts around you. Fall into line! Follow your leader. March on and share the vic-tory.

To Night's Graduates With Their Theses The seminary graduates with their these for to-night are : Aaron Noil, New Colum bia, Pa., "The Idea of the Protestant Reformation"; Stewart U. Mitman, Lower Saucon, Pa., "Abiding Presence of the Holy Spirit"; S. Charles Stover, Spring Mills, Pa., "Character of the Prophet Jeremiah": Oswald E. Accols, New Philadelphia, Ohio, "Development of the Doctrine of Satan in the Old Testament": J Stewart Hartman, Littlestown, Pa, " Hil debrand"; Charles B. Schneder, Bowmanaville, Pa., "The Son of Man as Judge"; U. Ernest Wagner, Allentown Pa., "The Apostolic Church as a Model for All Ages": John F. Moyer, Union De-posit, Pa., "Practical Value of the

Paalms." The committee of arrangements are Lloyd E. Coblentz, chairman, C. A. Santee, S. L. Krebs, A. M. Schmidt, M. O. Noll, E.

Tae will of Victoria Woldborffer, a rest dent of the Eighth ward, was admitted to probate to day. She gives all her estate real, personal and mixed, to St. Joseph's Catholic church, and requests the pasto and his successor to read masses for the re pose of her soul and that of her husband as often as it may be possible and con-venient for them to do so. Michael Haber-bush is named as the executor of the will. The estate is worth about \$500.

## MARYLAND DEMOCRATS.

THE STRONG ENDORSEMENT THEY GIVE PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.

Col. H. Kyd Douglas, Temporary Chairman o the Convention, Save His Renomination is a Duty-The Platform Pavoring Revision of the Tariff,

BALTIMORE, May 10 -The Democratic state convention was called to order at Ford's opera house at noon to-day by Hon. Stephenson Archer, chairman of the state central committee. Col. H. Kyd Douglas was unanimously chosen temporary chair-man. In accepting the honor Col. Douglas paid a flowery tribute to President Cleve-land. He said that four years ago Grover Cleveland was an experiment; to-day his nomination was a duty and made sure by the sincere affection and appreciation of the American people. (Great applause). Hon. J. Frank Turner, of Talbot county, and A. . Fairbanks, of Baltimore, were elected then appointed at 12:50 on credentials. The entire time of the credential committee up to this hour (1:45) has been occupied in

the Anne Arundel contest of delegates. After the adoption of the platform, the following delegates at large to the national convention at St. Louis, were then sected by scolamation, United States Senator Arthur P. Gorman, Gorman H. Hunt, of Baltimore City, Col. Louis Victor Baughman, of Frederick, and State Serator John B. Brown, of Queen Anne.

The platform will say that it is fitting at the close of the third year of Cleveland's term to acknowledge his services, which he has rendered to the people, and claims that an adverse majority in the Senate has prevented him from carrying into effect those legislative reforms to which he was pledged and has so carnestly desired to schieve; but be has made compensation for this loss by his wise, honest and capable administration of his duties as president. He has restored to the people large portions of that public domain, which right always should have remained their heritage. We will owe to his well ordered purposes the construction of a navy sufficient for the protection of our interests at home and abroad. He has brought the public service to the highest efficiency by his own untiring and unselfish administration of public affairs. We declare our preference for Grover Cleve land as his own successor in the office of president of the United States; and we instruct the delegates to the Democratic national convention at St. Louis to cast cratic candidate for the presidency.

Section 3 says national taxation ought to be limited to the aggregate annual sum needed for the interest on the public debt, with adequte annual provision for the payment of the principal of that debt at maturity; for the payment of pensions granted by the United States, and to provide the means for all necessary expenses of an economically administered government. It says the accumulation vearly of a large surplus in the treasury is proof that the taxing system fastened upon the country by the Republican party requires complete revision, and reaffirms the principles contained in the resolutions of the Democratic national convention in 1884, which indicate how this revision should be accomplished. The con-

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10 -Mrs. Coulter whose husband recently ideserted her for an attractive married woman, attempted yesterday to shoot him in the Baldwin hotel. She fired through a door into the room where he was, but the bullet did not hit him. It was only about four weeks ago since Coulter, who is a wealthy mining operator, was knocked down by "Lucky" Raidwin at the hotel for his attention to the married woman. Coulter then went to Danver on the same train with his inamorata and has just returned.

A Farmer Kliis His Neighbor. ALTAMONT, III., May 10,-Henry Miller and Wm. L. Aderbolt, two farmers living about four miles from Beecher City, Iil., had a law suit yesterday over some small matter. Alderholt beat Miller in the suit and Miller became so enraged that he went home and shouldered his gun and marched to Aderhoit's house and shot him dead. He also went to McKinzle's house, who seemed to be on the side of Aderhoit, and shot him' but the latter will recover. Milier is still at large, but the sherift of Fayette county and a party are in hot pursuit of him. Miller the ground. He is not supposed to be of

NEW YORK, May 10.-9 a. m. score at Madison Square Garden : Littlewood, 361; Guerrero, 355; Herty

349 ; Hughes, 330 ; Golden, 329 ; Noremsc, 310 ; Dillon, 307 ; Campans, 260. Noon score: Littlewood, 378; Bughes 341: Herty, 362; Guererro, 365; Noremac 325; Golden 341; Dillon, 319; Campans, out. 3 p. m. score: Littlewood, 393; Hughes 351; Herty, 371; Guerrerc, 378; Golden, 351; Noremac, 339; Dillon, 330.

WILLIMANTIC, Conn., May 10 .- Cashiel Henry F. Royce, of Williamntic Savings institute, has been arrested for alleged fal elfication of accounts.

David Gnie, who has figured on a num per of occasions in police courts, was ar rested to-day on a warrant issued by Al derman Hershey, charging him with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He ntered ball for a hearing.

Jos. Fritch, a boy, for maliciously breaking a window in the house of Mrs. Madi gan, on South Mulberry street, will be given a hearing by Alderman Hershey.

The property committee of councils opened bids on Wednesday evening for the remodelling of City hall in accordance with the plans prepared by Architect Ur-

ban. The bidders were John Evans & Son \$1,360; McLaughlin & Gessell, \$1,425; Fre Hoefel, \$1,474. The contract was awarded to Evans & Son. Ascension Chursday. To-day is the feast of the Ascension of the saviour into Heaven, and is recognized in some way in most Christian churches. In the Catholic churches it is a holy day of obligation to be observed with the same

Michael Altman, an old German living in Faegleyville, made complaint against Lewis Krause, one of his neighbors, for surety of the peace. A hearing was had before Alderman McConomy Wednesday

solemnity as Sunday. At St. Mary's church

the masses were at 7 and 9 a. m., and at St.

afternoon, and Krause, who is a one legged man, was held to answer at court. Edward Bender has been prosecuted before Alderman Barr for committing an arsault and battery on his wife. He was beid

le It Murderer Showers ? The Reading Times says that at one o'clock this morning R. D. Oberholtzer, constable of Brecknock township, and M. T. Ziegler, ex-constable, came to the Read-

ing police station and saked for a description of William Showers, the escaped murderer. He arrested a man on Wednesday evening in Bowmanaville who answere exactly to the description of Showers. He secured the man and came to Reading to ob-Showers. The man whom he held on suspicion has the appearance of being about 68 years of age. His hair is long and his face is covered with a two weeks' growth. His face is thin and pinched, the cheek bones high and the nose thin and sharp. He is lame in the left leg and walks with a heavy cane. He is a Pennsylvania German and talks broken English. The old man mid that he had come from Philadelphia and wanted to go back there and the constable should just let him alone. He wore

a black coat and vest and dark pantaloons When the stranger came through the town he did not stop to talk to any one, but limped energetically along in an apparent effort to get through the village as soon as xxeeible. He was traveling in the direction of the Welsh mountain.

Casta Before Alderman Pinkerton. Miles Fite, whose daughter, aged 16 years, left home on several occasions, prought suit against a young barber for enticing her away. The parties had a hearing before Alderman Pinkerton Wedneeday evening. There was not a particle of evidence against the barber. Miss Fite wore positively she left home of her own because of cruel treatment at the hands of her father. The case was dis-missed and Miss Fite went home with her

Wm. Taylor and Oyrus Rawlins, the two colored bucks who got into a fight and raised a row at the circus grounds on Tuesday, as stated in the INTELLIGENCER of yesterday, had a hearing before Alderman Pinkerton iast evening and were discharged

on payment of costs. Frank Samson, John Hagelgans and Walter Barr, arrested on complaint of Abraham Brubaker for disorderly conduct and using bad languarge at the corner of North Queen and Lemon streets, were given a hearing by Alderman Pinkerton Wednesday evening and discharged on payment of costs.

Obstructog Legal Process. Constable Christian Kline has made con plaint against B. F. Fordney and J. H. Adams, trading as Fordney & Adams, confectioners, for obstructing legal process. It appears that the defendants were doing business at 303 North Queen street, in a store room owned by D. M. Hesp, Recently they removed 519 Caurch a'r set, leaving unpaid a certain balance of their rent. Mr. Hees employed Constable Kline to make a levy on the goods that had been removed. The levy mas made, but when the constable attempted to put up the sale bills on the premises, Fordney & Adams prevented him from so doing, threatening o do him violence if he persisted. Mr. Kline then entered suit against them be-

A Young Clergyman's Ma risgs. Rev. Rufus W. Milier, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall theological semi-nary, and now assistant pastor of the Second Reformed church, Reading, was married in that city on Wednesday evening to Miss Catharine L. McCauley, daughter of Rev. Dr. C. F. McCauley, pastor of the above church, the ceremony being performed by the father of the bride. Mr. Paul Kunkle

fore Alderman Halbach, who will give them a hearing Friday morning at 10

o'clock.

of Harrisburg, was one of the ushers. The Lancaster guests were Rev. Drs. T. G. Apple, J. S. Stahr, E. V. Gerhart and F. A. Gast, of Franklin and Marshall college and seminary, Miss Helen Stahr, Mrs. Martha J. Nevin and Miss Blanche Nevin, Miss Frantz, Miss Lilian Frantz, Miss Anna Frantz, Stanley L. Krebs, C. E. Wagner, W. Hager and Mrs. P. K. Fraime.

Thomas Morice, a colored man living at Wilmington, Delaware, came to this city inst evening, and this morning went to the county prison to take a look at Byard Brooms, alias Byard Donglass, who is wanted by the Wilmington authorities for aroeny. He found the suspected man to be the party wanted, and also that he wa wearing a suit of clothes which he had stolen. An affidavit to that effect was made by Morice, and on it a requisition

will be obtained and the prisoner taken to

He Is the Right Man.

Delaware for trial. Inspection of Post 405 U. A. R. Admiral Reynolds Post 405, G. A. R., of this city, J. A. Hollinger commander, was inspected Wednesday evening by Maj. C. H. Fasnacht, of Post 81. The attendance was quite large, there being present severa members from other posts. The inspection and the muster in which followed were pronounced very satisfactory, the work being equal to any in the department. The in specting officer and other visitors made brief congratulatory speeches. The post now numbers 166 members in good stand-

A special meeting of the Elizabethtown Lodge, No. 128 I. O. O. F., was held Wedneeday evening, for the purpose of having the Rebekah degree conferred on a number of ladies. There was a fair attendance, and the degree was conferred on five or six iadies, by E. J. Erisman, of this city. Had it not been for a misunderstanding as to the time of the meeting the number would have been much larger. The brethren and sisters present had a very pleasant time.

Mr. Thomas R. Law has some newspape relics of interest. He has a copy of the Philadelphia) Ledger of August 16, 1839 when it was published by Swain, Abell d Simmons, and was about one fourth of its present size. Mr. Law has copies of the Lancaster INTELLIGENCER and Express of the times during and after the war of the

Wednesday evening Post 487, G. A. R. gave an entertainment at Christians for the purpose of raising funds to defray the expenses of Memorial Day. Chaplain Ltonard, of Post 405, related his Belle Isle and Anderson ville prison life experience, Master Stauffer, of Quarryville, gave a recitation, and Hon. A. C. Baldwin delivered short address, as did Comrades Samuel Virtue, James Smith and Commander Miller. The Christiana cornet band furnished most excellent music.

The executive committee of the high school alumni met on Wednesday evening and made the preliminary arrangements for the annual reunion to be held in June. Another meeting will be held on next Wednesday evening, when a programme of exercises will be decided upon.

Sheriff Burkholder entertained a dozen of his friends at the Leopard hotel on Wednesday evening. The feast was prepared under the direction of Landlord Martin and was enjoyed by all.

A NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION.

The Lancaster Bar Riects Delegates to Go t A special meeting of the Lancaster Bar essociation was held this morning with president stated the object of the meeting be to consider a communication from the association of Washington, D. C., in reference to the formation of a National association. The proposed to the formation

lation would not be antagonistic to the American association which meets annually at Saratoga. In his judgement the pro-posed national association would be beneicial to the members of the Lancaster bar, for it would bring them in contact with lawyers from all parts of the country. The object of the association is to de promote and advance the profession. There are some legal proceedings that should be uniform in all the states. Among them may be noted acknowledgements of deeds. marriage and divorce, and wills,

Mr. Brubaker moved that five delegates be elected to represent the association at is meeting on the 22 t inst., at Washington. Mr. Brosius moved to postpone setton until the next regular meeting of the Bar association. The attendance at this meeting was not large enough to warrant the association in deciding to be represented by delegates.

This association should be represented at the first meeting of the proposed National

Mr. Atlee, on first thought, favored postponement of the election of delegates, but now he was convinced that delegates should be sent. Among the evils this national association should take steps to remedy was that of divorce. and legislation should be enacted which would make a divorce more difficult to be secured. If the association does nothing more than remedy this evil they will have accomplished a great work. He thought reports this Bar association would then decide whether it would be for their best interests to connect themselves with the proposed association.

Mr. North argued that every church organization and business had its national sociation and there was no reason why the bar of the country should not have one. There was no reason why the the profession throughout the country.

Mr. Brosius' motion to postpone action

and the motion to elect delegates adopted. Nathaniel Elimaker, H. M. North, D. G. Atlee were elected delegates and they were given authority to apppoint substitutes if they cannot attend.

Mr. North called the attention of the members to the fact that the rule of the Library association requiring members to file paper books of all cases taken to the sume court was not beeded by the mambers. A motion was made and adopted that the librarian annually call on the mombers of the bar for copies of paper books and file them in the library.

EVENTS IN COLUMBIA.

Many People Attend the Circus - Henry Smith Arrested For Larcony in Wilkesbarre. COLUMBIA, May 10 .- At the afternoon performance of Forepaugh's circus the immense tent contained several thousand

has ever visited this place and the me-nagerie was very large and complete. Mr. Jacob F. Wister has furnished the following record of last winter's snows. The first snow fell on December 17th, to depth of ten mehes. On March 25th we had the last snow 1% inches. We had more snow in December than any month when thirteen inches feil. During the winter we had 42% inches of snow follows: December, 13; January, 10% February, 634; March, 1214.

Officer Wittick and Detective Wood ar rested a man yesterday for picking a lady's pocket. This morning he was brought before Squire Evans and gave his name as William Kinn. He said that he was drunk and did not know what he was doing. He was discharged upon promising not to fel-

Officers Wittick and Barnhold arrested Harry Smith, charged with larceny in Wilkesbarre. Squire Evans committed him to jail for a hearing on May 17th. The

fellow was following the circus. A man named Beam, from Harrisburg fell off a west bound freight train yesterday afternoon at Watts' station. He was at tended by Dr. Craig and sent to his home His injuries consist of a number of severe

Mr. Martin Mellinger, of West Hemp field, father of Mr. A. K. Mellinger, o town, will be 88 years old on Friday. He has a brother aged 85 years and a sister 77 years old. There were nine children in the family and the six who are dead were aged 68, 56, 83, 84, 97 and 82 years, the combined ages being 714 years.

Mr. S. F. Haines has an old twenty shill ing note, dated October 1, 1773.

Major H. B. Potteiger, of Harrisburg Pa., was the guest of Captain F. Bennett yesterday.

The Rainbow fire company and Ringgold band left for York this morning. They were well pleased with their visit to town. A festival will be held on Saturday even ing at the residence of Mr. Charles Liphart for the benefit of the building fund of Trinty Reformed church.

Some days ago the 20-inch water main or East Orange street, near North Queen, was seen to be leaking. On digging it up i was found to be split from end to end, and as there was no new pipe in the city with which to replace it, Superintendent Hense had it temporarily secured by clamps and sent to Reading for a new section of pipe and a sleeve. Wednesday the pipe and aleeve came and a gang of men went to work making the repairs. Last night the broken pipe was removed and the new sec-tion after much trouble was laid, the men working in mud and water part of the time above their knees, and were at the same time subjected to a pelting storm of rain that lasted nearly all night. The job was not finished until daybreak this morning.

At its meeting Wednesday evening the Lancaster Bicycle club decided to hold a race meeting and tournament on Saturday. June 9, at the Lancaster driving park. Th races will be preceded by a street parade, in which 200 wheelmen will participate. The club has secured the state champion ship of the League of American Wheelmen viz: the race for the championship of the

state among the Pennsylvania ciubs belonging to the National League will be contested here. This event, together with the elaborate prizes amounting to over \$300 in best racing talent in the state, guaranteeing good time and an afternoon of solid enjoy-

George Johns, a native of Kentucky, who was an employe of Forepauge, applied at the station house on Wednesday for a permit to the county hospital. He is sick and without means. This morning he was sent to the hospital.

## SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

LANCASTER'S PUBLIC BUILDING BILL PASSES HIS CLOSE SURUTINY.

The News Brestved by the 'Intelligencer's Few Seconds After the Pen of the Chief Sxecutive Was Applied to the Mensure, Great Rejoicing In Tale City.

The following from Washington this morning will be good news for Lancas-

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 10 -The president has signed the bill for a public building at Lancaster, Pa.

Following this bulletin, Manager De Graw, of the United Press, sent a message saying that the ink was hardly dry on the message until the above was telegraphed, which shows the events at the national capital as well as claswhere are the promptness that could be desired. Shortly after the receipt of the message it board, and the citizens were then informed of the action which was somewhat impa-

iontly awaited. A growd gathered about the bulleting when it was being inscribed, and cheers were given for Cleveland and Lancaster's

public building. The good news was passed from mouth mouth and before the merchants and mechanics were at their workrooms they

knew it. Now, where will the \$100,000 building be prected ? "Why is the INTELLIGENCER always the

first to bulletin important news?" inquired He was told that the INTRILIGENCER has had for the past three years a telegraph instrument in the news room, and that thousands of miles of wires are tapped by

it daily. The bill for a public building for Laneaster, which has just become a law by the president's signature, was introduced in the beginning of the present session of the Fiftieth Congress by Hon. John A. and in this amount was favorably reported by the House committee on public building on February 13. Not long after in the House on objections by Representative Bland and others, the appropriation was cut down to \$100,000 and in this amount the bill was passed by the House. Senator Cameron introduced the measure in the Senate and in the middle of April the Senate committee on public buildings reported it favorably. On April 30 the bill passed the Senate, and the last step is taken to make it a law in the preside

PENSIONERS OF THE 1812 WAR. Deficiency Appropriation of \$3,500,000

ignature to-day. - EDS. INTELLIGENCER.

WASHINGTON, May 10 .- The House dopted the conference report on the foint resolution authorizing the president to arrange a conference for the purpose of pro-moting arbitration and encouraging recip-rocal commercial relations between the United States and the republics of Mexico and Central and South America and the

empire of Brazil. A bill making an appropriation of \$450,-000 to supply a deficiency in the appropria from customs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, was called up and pessed with amendments appropriating \$3,500,000 to supply a deficiency in the appropriation or the payment of pensioners for the wa of 1812. Tariff debate was then resumed.

In the Senate. After morning business the railroad land grant forfeiture bill was taken up, the question being on Mr. Call's motion to raconsider the vote by which the bill was

The bill to forfeit unearned railroad land grants was reconsidered and a verbal amendment by Mr. Spooner adopted. Call's amendment exempting certain lands in Fiorida provoked a long discussion and was finally adopted and the bill again

After passing several minor bills, th resolution adversely reported by the foreign relations committee for the public of the discussions in secret aton on the fisheries treaty was on motion of Mr. Edmunds the Senate went into secret session for its considera-tion. Mr. Riddleberger intimated that he would press his resolution for consideration of the treaty in public session.

Approved by the Presiden

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Among the bills approved by the president are the follow-ing: To authorize the city of Chicago to erect a crib in Lake Michigan for water-work privileges ; to amend act authorizing postmaster general to adjust certain claims of postmesters for loss by burglary, fire, etc, authorizing orection of public building at Lancaster, Pa.

THE ADMISSION OF UTAH,

A Resolution Adopted by the Methodist Conference Opposing It Until Polygamy
Is Abolished. NEW YORK, May 10 -The Methodist Episcopal conference was this morning presided over by Bishop Fowler and Rev.

D. W. Hayes, colored delegate from East Tennessee, conducted the devotional exercises. Bishop Andrews announced the following committees appointed by the bishops : On support of superannuated ministers ; to nominate trustees of church institutions; to arrange for memorial ser-vices; to arrange a plan of general confer-ence; on temporance and legal prohibition; on American Bible society. Bishop Foss read of his visit with Albert

Shunt as fraternal delegates to the British Woslyan conference and the Iriah Woslyan conference in 1886. Rev. D. A. Staffe was accorded a seat on the platform as a fraternal delegate representing the Methodist Episcopal church in Canada,

By a vote all matters concerning the support of superannuated ministers were referred to the committee on temporal

Dr. J. H. Bayliss introduced a resolution calling on the committee on judiciary to define what the constitution really is. L. L. Fish, of Albion college, Michigan, delegate from Detroit, offered a resolution protesting against admitting Utah as a state, until conclusive evidence is abowe that polygamy has ceased to exist among the people there. The motion was carried. Siah Sek Ong, delegate from Foochow, presented a manuacial asking if converted. presented a memorial asking if convert from heathenism having more than one wife, can still retain more than one wife, and at the same time be good Metho The matter was referred to the committee on the state of the church.

LONDON, May 10. - The Bank of England rate of discount is announced to-day at 3 per cent. Last week's rate was 2 per cent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 10 .- For Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jer-

sey : Slightly cooler, fair weather, preceded by local rains on the coast, light to fresh southerly winds.