## SOME SLIGHT CHANGES.

THE ELECTRIC RAILWAY ORDINANCE PUNC-TURED BY MR. ERISMAN.

Select Council Passes It; But the Common Branch Adjourns Without Ac-Hon=A Supply Wagon Onland.

The January meeting of select and com-mon councils was held on Wednesday eve-

In select council there were present Mesurs. Erisman, Everts, Haines, Riddle. Rohrer, Schum, Stormfeltz and Fong. resident. The residing of the minutes of the Decem-

Mr. Riddle presented the report of the treet committee for December. All the treet committee for December. All the treet of public interest have been pub-

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Mr. Schum presented, the report of the fire committee, noting the number and amount of bits approved for supplies during like inonth. The committee recommend the purchase of hose and a supply wagon and offered the following resolutions providing for the same:

Be it resolved by select and common councils that authority be granted to the fire committee to advertise for proposals for a supply wagon for use in this department; also for proposals for two thousand (2,000) feet of rubber lined cotton hose and to purchase which in the estimation of the committee is the best, the same to be paid for by special appropriation at the beginning of the first fiscal year.

Mr. Riddle moved the adoption of the above resolution and that in addition the fire committee advertise for proposals for an ambulance and report the cost of the same at the next meeting of councils.

Mr. Schum said the committee had considered the question of recommending the purchase of an ambulance, but concluded that the city's finances would not allow the expenditure for that purpose now.

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Mr. Everts said the purchase of an ambulance properly belonged to the police department. He was glad to see that Mr. Riddle, since his visit to Easton, where an ambulance is maintained, was ashamed of Lancaster's slowness, and now saw the necessity for an ambulance.

The resolution was adopted. Common council non-concerned it as it sking for council non-concurred in as to asking for bids for the ambulance.

Mr. Schum presented the following opin-ion of the city solicitor on the legality of increasing the salary of Chief Engineer Vondersmith:

GENTLEMEN: At your regular meeting held December 4, 1889, there was referred to me for an opinion a resolution allowing extra compensation of \$300 to the chief engineer of the fire department for attending to the fire alarin telegraph line. Under the various acts of assembly governing Lancaster city, no extra conversation or ancaster city, no extra compensation cau be given to any public officer, servant, emye, agent or contractor, except by an inance passed by a two-thirds vote of ordinance passed by a two-thirds vote of both councils and approved by the mayor. There is nothing in the law which prevents the passage of an ordinance increasing the salary of an officer to take effect immediately upon its passage, and this would be the proper course to take in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. Brown,

City Solicitor.

Mr. Schum introduced the following or dinance, in accordance with the above opinion, and it was referred to the finance

An ordinance increasing and fixing the salary of the chief engineer of the fire department and defining a part of his duty.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the select and common councils of the city of Language that the chief engineer of the fire department of Language with whall be reiden. annual salary of \$900, to be paid in monthly installments by warrant upon the city treasury, as a full compensation for the discharge of all his duties, now, or hereafter imposed upon him by acts of assem-bly or ordinance, and that it shall be a part of his duty to attend to regulate and super-lntend the fire alarm of the fire depart-

etion 2. All ordinances or parts of or dinances inconsistent herewith, or sup-plied by the provisions hereof, are repealed.

Mr. Riddle, of the special committee ap-pointed to inquire into the damages done in the erection of the large sewer through land of James and Kate Kelly, submitted the following report:

llowing report:

A majority of the committee viewed the rine Kelly, at the end of Shippen street, and afterwards met George Nauman, esq., the attention of the farm. The injuries complained of and for which

damages were asked, consist of:
First, A total destruction of a spring of
water at the house, which went dry during the construction of the new sewer built
by the city from North Queen street, along
East Clay street, and North Site. by the city from North Queen street, along East Clay street and North Shippen street, and which destruction the committee ascer-tained was caused by the building of the

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Sec. For the entry by the city upon the premises by building the sewer.

After discussing every aspect, it was resolved by the committee to recommend to councils that \$2,300 be paid to James and Catharine Kelly, on June 15, 1896, in consideration of which sum they will release the city from all damages for the destruction of the spring and the entry upon the premises, and discharge of city sewage into said stream of water, and the right to always use the said streams of water for the purpose of discharging the city sewage therein, together with the right of the city together with the right of the cit to enter on the premises from time to time for the purpose of cleaning out the

AND. M. FRANTZ, MARTIN KREIDER

Mr. Riddle moved the adoption of the ecommendations of the committee.

Mr. Haines said these damages were only for one field and the owner of every other field will make a grand charge on the city treasury and it will cost \$29,000 to pay these damages. There was nothing said about these proposed damages when the building of the sewer was discussed and if it had been of the sewer was discussed and if it had been known that the damages would be so great the sewer would not have been built. The members who engineered the sewer through councils should have been honest with councils and told them what the cost would be. In conclusion he said that he was in favor of paying these damages.

Mr. Riddle said it was necessary for the city to have drainage no matter what the cost was. The committe in charge knew city to have drainage no matter what the cost was. The committe in charge knew that damages would be asked, but it could not be avoided. He favored settling with these claimants on the best terms obtainable. Mr. McGrann had settled his claim in consideration of the city giving him the right to the city water. The question was whether it was the best policy to settle amicably or go into court and have a jury fix the amount of damages.

The motion to pay the Kellys was adopted.

THE ELECTRIC RAILWAY ORDINANCE. Select council ordinance giving to Sum ner T. Dunham, his heirs and assigns, the privilege to operate motor street cars, and erect and maintain poles on the streets of the city of Lancaster along the line of the Lancaster city street railway and the East

Lancaster city street railway and the EastEnd railway company was called up.
Mr. Erisman said he was opposed to it as
it read. He wanted the name of Sommer
T. Dupham, his associates and assigns
stricken out wherever it occurred. He
thought councils should grant the privilege
to the companies direct.
President Long ruled that the striking
out of the part suggested by Mr. Erisman
was not an amendment and the ordinance
would not have to go over. The ordinance

would not have to go over. The ordinance was then made to read to suit Mr. Eris-man's ideas and passed by a unanimous

Following is the ordinance: An ordinance giving and granting [to Sum-ner T. Dunham, his associates and assigns,] the privilege and right to operate street cars and erect and maintain poles on the streets of the City of Lancaster, along the line of the Lancas-ter City Street Rulbury Line and the East End

Common council, however, got tired waiting for the ordinance and adjourned before it was fluidly passed in select council.

Mr. Riddle offered the following resolu-

tion:

Resolved, That the Lancaster City Street railway and the East End railway be required to accept the provisions of this ordinance, under their corporate seal, within thirty days of its passage, otherwise the ordinance is to be null and void.

This resolution was unanimously adopted but common council had adjotired and it did not reach that body.

COMMON COUNCIL.

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In common council the following members were present: Messre, Adams, Altick, Bartholemew, Baumgardner, Bertztield, Bitner, Bradel, Brinton, Cummings, Cresbaugh, Dinan, Eager, Eborman, Frants, Fritch, Kreider, Landis, Rill, Sing, Underwood, Young and Zook and Beard, president.

Underwood, Forces, presented the report of the city treasurer for the month. The receipts were \$5,873,94, the expenditures \$27,974,19, and the balance in the treasury

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Mr. Baumgardner presented the report of the finance committee on the ordinance referred to it, creating a city engineer for the street department. The committee is of opinion that the ordinance in its present shape would not answer for Lancaster city. Correspondence is now being had with other cities, and the committee gypect. with other cities, and the committee of submit the correspondence at a future

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Mr. Baumgardner introduced an ordinance as follows: An ordinance to fund \$182,700 of the existing certificates of indebtedness, bearing six per cent. of the city of Lancaster.

Sections 1. Be it ordained by the select and common councils of the city of Lancaster in councils assembled.

That for the purpose of funding \$182,700 of the bonded indebtedness of the city of Lancaster, bearing 6 per cent, interest, part at four per cent, and part at six per cent, the mayor of the city is hereby authorized to issue certificates of indebtedness of said city to the amount of \$13,000 in denominations of \$1,000 to bear interest at six per cent, per annum, payable quarterly, for the purpose of redeeming the certificates of indebtedness now in the Buchanan-McEvoy-Reynolds relief fund, and also issue certificates of indebtedness of said city to the amount of \$109,500 in denominations of \$500, to bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent, per annum, payable quarterly, said certificates to be redeemable in lawful money of the United States at the pleasure of the city, after fifteen years, and within thirty years from the date thereof, and to be free from all other taxation. The interest of the same shall be made payable at the office of the treasurer of the city of Lancaster, and they shall have set forth and expressed upon their face the above specified conditions.

Sec. 2. That the mayor of the city is hereby authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of any of the certificates of indebtedness bearing a per cent, interest issued under this ordinance or lawful money of the United States at not less than their par value, and to apply the proceeds thereof to the payment of certificates of indebtedness of the city of Lancaster, bearing six per cent, interest issued under this ordinance or lawful money of the United States at not less than their par value, and to apply the proceeds thereof to the payment of certificates of indebtedness of the city of Lancaster, bearing six per cent

Sic. 3. An annual tax of one-half mill on the dollar on all subjects of taxation for city purposes is hereby directed to be assessed and levied to pay the principal and interest on the above loan, collectible and payable as other city baxes.

Belleves Blast Furnaces Will Have to Go Believes Blast Furnaces Will Have to Go.

W. S. Mallory, a member of the iron firm of Mallory & Brown, of Chicago, in speaking of the iron business, said: "The production of iron in the West is growing in volume, but the demand just now is ahead of the production. But there is a crisis approaching in the Iron and steel business. I don't mean to say that it will materalize next year, nor in the next five years; but I believe that at any time in from five to fifteen years blast furnace will be dead property so far as their utility for pig iron making is concerned.

"I mean that the time is coming (and it may come sooner than we expect) when

may come sooner than we expect) when iron and steel will be successfully pro-duced from the ore. Fortunes have already been spent in experiments on this line, and some practical men will say it's im-possible, but I am convinced that it is possible and that it will come."

The Republicans of the Montana Senate and House met in joint session on Wednes-day and unanimously elected Colonel W. F. Sanders on first ballot for United States senator. For the second senator the first ballot stood: Mantle, 11; Rickards, 11; Leavitt, 8; Hersh, 4; Power, 3; Carpenter, l.
The Democrats of the House and five senators inet for a joint session, but no quorum was present. The informal ballot taken for United States senators were in favor of W. A. Clark, of Butte, and Martin Maginnis, of Helena.

An Attempt to Kill a Priest. The life of Rev. Father James A. Kelly, of St. Patrick's church, Oneida N. Y., was attempted during the early hours of Wednesday morning. The assassin was only prevented from accomplishing murder by the loud cries of the wounded man. After striking the priest a severe blow on the head with a heavy instrument, he fled away

head with a heavy instrument, he fled away into the darkness.

This is the second attempt to do away with Father Kelly within three meuths. The first attempt was by poisoning the sacred wine, and this second attack indicates a deliberate attempt to murder him on the part of some unknown enemy. Detectives haye been working on the case for some time, but, so far as known, their discoveries are of little value.

Last evening the officers of Admiral Reynolds Post, No. 405, of the Grand Army of the Republic, was installed by J. D. Lendis, communder of Post St. It was resolved to attend in a body the meeting of the Sons of Veterans above officers and on installed this evening. ROGERS' DEFENSE

SO REGLIGENCE, IT IS CONTENDED, ON THE PART OF THE ENGINEER.

a Locomotive Driver-The Charge Against the Fireman Abandoned.

Court met at 9 o'clock this morning sind the trial of Engineer William R. Rogers, for causing the death of Conductor John C. Ryan, through his negligence, was resumed.

In opening the case for the defense Mr. Brown said the alleged misconduct is his failure to exercise that precaution which might have prevented this collision. If Rogers was asleep (in a voluntary sleep) that would be no defense to the accusation, but a different state of facts would be submitted. Mr. Rogers has lived all his life in Columbia, and was for many-years in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad company. He was all these years an exceptionally careful, cautious employe, and the intoxicating cup never touches his lips. On the day before this accident occurred he left Columbia and went to Harrisburg to report for duty. He was sent with a train to Green Tree and there received orders to return to Columbia with an ergine and caboose. He reached Mount-ville about 11 o'clock on the morning of January 22d aind proceeded on his way to Sellers' mill at the rate of six miles an hour; there he did not see the train ahead of him; he went on to Groom's, increasing his speed to nine miles an hour; and when he struck a straight line he saw the rear end of Hyan's train, about the throttle and applied the air-brake. At this time he was wide awake. He had taken every precaution to stop the train and was in his position on the engine, with his hand on the lever, when he was overcome by sleep. He was physically unable to overcome it and was not conscious of going to aloep. He was awakened by the shouts of the flagman of Hyan's train, about the length of the locomotive from the caboose, but it was then too late to avoid the collision. It was when about 500 feet distant from Ryan's train that he was overcome. He had been on duty all of Monday, Monday night and Tuesday morning, was worn out and affected by the heat from the boiler.

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Mr. Rogers was the only witness called for the defense as to the accident, and his tostimoriy was substantially as noted in the opening speech of his counsel.

A large number of witnesses, his superior officers and engineers, who had known Rogers for many years, testified that his reputation for care, cautiousness, attention to duty and sobriety was first class.

A verdict of not guilty was entered in the case of commonwealth vs. Harry G. McNally. He was the fireman on the engine in charge of Wm. R. Rogers. The district attorney stated that as McNally had no direction of the engine he could not be held responsible for the death of Conductor Ryan and he asked that the above disposition be made of it.

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Verdicts of not guilty were entered in the cases of Edward Reimenanyder, disposing of his goods with intent to defraud his credtors, Harry Poutz defrauding a boarding house keeper and J. L. Lied, larceny as bailee the district attorney stating that the cases could not be made out. CURRENT BUSINESS.

Dr. D. W. Harner, of Earl, was appointed guardian of Fred. A. Weaver, of Earl township.

tel Groff Retires Apparently in Good Health and Expires ina Short Time. Samuel Groff, proprietor of the novelty store at 320 North Queen street, where he also lived, diedvery suddenly on Wednesstore at 320 North Queen street, where he also lived, diedvery suddenly on Wednesday evening. For some time past he had been complaining of trouble with his heart. Yesterday he was about all day, as usual, and seemed to be in the best of spirits. In the evening he ate a hearty supper and was in the store up to eight o'clock. He retired after closing up, and about nine o'clock said he felt badly. After a time his wife heard him making a peculiar noise. She turned to look at him and found that she was unable to arouse him. She procured a lamp and found that he was dead. Dr. Lederman was called in, but of course was too late. Heart disease was the cause of his death.

The deceased was 50 years of age, and was a son of Daniel Groff. He was born at Groff's Store in Upper Leacock township, where he lived for many years. For eight years he kept a store at Cordelia Furnase, and for a time was engaged in the brewing business at Lititz. In August last he came to Lancaster from Cordelia, and started in the business which he conducted to the time of his death. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, and besides a wife leaves two daughters, Misses Ida and Mary. The funeral will take place on Saturday, and the interment will be made at Groffsdale meeting-house.

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MME. PATTPS TERMS.

she Asks Four Thousand Dollars for One Night's Performance, One Night's Performance,
With four of the leading artists of the
Italian opera company down with the influenza, the Chicago auditorium on
Wednesday presented a gloomy appearance. The four are Tamagno, Valda,
Pettigiana and Nordica. Only Mme. Patti,
of the leaders, is in good health.

Mme. Patti was sitting in her suite at the
Richelien, eating marshmallows, which Richelieu, eating marshmallows, which she says are good for the voice, and toast-ing her toes over a cannel coal fire. "You are well, are you not?" Mr. Adams

"Perfectly," said Mmc. Patti. "Then you can sing to-night?"
"For \$4,000."

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The manager withdrew and stalked about with a solemnity that was intense. Finally Mme. Albani was secured, and the spectre of Patti's cool \$4,000 proposal was laid aside. The madame ''1 not care. She expressed herself as more desirous to see the work of the pupils of the Chicago Conservatory, and they at once offered to arrange a special entertainment for her benrange a special entertainment for her ben-efit to take place to-day. The offer was accepted, and a programme was immediately made up to represent the different departments of music and dramatic art. The Queen of Song will therefore have an imprompts triumphal reception for her young subjects in the big auditorium.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will hold a special meeting to-morrow (Friday) afternoon at

The executive committee of the library fund supper will meet to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the association hall.

A new line of work will be taken up in the association gymnasium in the form of classes in exercise drill. A class will be organized next week, on Thursday evening, for the young men, and as soon as a proper time can be decided upon a business men's class will be organized.

Aunt Polly Basset and her famous Yankee singin' skewl, will appear in the court house Thursday and Friday evenings January 16 and 17.

The board of managers recently elected will meet next Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing for the year's work. The board will take tea together at the association parlors. The officers and managers of the association are anxious to make this the best year in the history of The executive committee of the library

make this the best year in the history of the association and will urge improve-ments along every line.

Threw Water on Them. The wife of Daniel Brown, oysterman says that she was passing a bouse on Dorwart street last evening when some woman inside threw a bucket of water on her and her child. Both had their clothing satur-ated, and when they told the offenders they merely laughed at them. It may end in a law suit.

Returned to Court. Alderman Halbach has returned the con-spiracy case against Addison Eby and Jacob Drace to court. Eby gave ball in the sum of \$500 for trial at the January term of the quarter sessions court. Drace is still a fugitive and is supposed to be in Kansas.

Breckenridge said that Philadelphis is a magnificent field for the operation of tariff reform.

"Our opponents," be continued, "claimed that the defeat of Cleveland settled the tariff question in their favor. An election secured by means they then used never settled any question. In the very nature of the case it is impossible for any victory of privilege to be final. The committee of ways and means devote this Christmas week to hearing testimony upon proper alterations of the present schedule.

"They who are now revising the tariffer the same party who enacted the present act, and this was their last and best work when they controlled both houses of Congress and had the presidency. According to their own confession it was a miserable botch. Read the criticisms contained upon it in the late report of the secretary of the treasury. It perpetuated many of the inequalities and other defects with which the older act abounded. It affords opportunities for constant dispute and litigation. By this tariff domestic producers and importing merchants are deprived of a stable basis for their business calculations and trade and commerce as affected by the tariff is disturbed and unsettled.

"Its operation is destructive of legitimate trade and appeals to the criticism of all fairminded men. We have at last driven our opponents to revise the tariff. Our income of the last fiscal year was \$37,050,058; expenditures, including the sum required by the sinking fund, \$32,579,928; receipts from internal revenue, \$130,881,513, so that the repeal of that awstern would have left a deficit of \$73,411,883. The increase this year in pensions will be at least \$25,000,000.

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have left a deficit of \$73.411,833. The increase this year in pensions will be at least \$25,000,000.

"It is impossible for any one country to produce all material for manufacturing. During ten months, ending October 31, we imported of woolen manufactures 17,167,423 pounds. Every pound of this work ought to be imported raw. The message of Mr. Cleveland, the Mills bill, the platform of the St. Louis convention, renewed the pledge of the Morrison bill of the Fortyninth Congress. The fundamental principle of all taxation of a free people is that each citizen should pay his share, and only his share, of the public revenue.

"Philadelphia must find a market for her produce. The sea can bring her much of the material she needs and can carry to willing purchasers her finished products. Let us go on with our work. Be aggressive and resolute, and victory will be before long ours."

The opening address was made by Maxwell Stevenson. He briefly sketched the rapid progress made by the organization since its foundation. Addresses were also made by Thomas A. Fahy, Wm. M. Ayres, George W. Ward and others.

A! the close of the meeting a petition, signed by 1,000 manufacturers and business men demanding the repeal of the duties on raw materials, was forwarded to the Senate and House of Representatives.

MANHEIM, Jan. 2.-The young people of St. Paul's Reformed Sunday school gave delight of a large and appreciative audidelight of a large and appreciative audience, last evening, in the lecture room of the church. The programme was opened with a piano duet, "The Sleigh Ride," by Misses Josephine Martin and Florence A. Long, in which the sleigh bells, and the merry song of the sleigh ing party, were heard. Mr. J. K. Beamsdorfer rendered several autoharp selections, and Mr. Ivan Wittle a violin solo. The dialogue "The Olden Christmas Time," was given in excellent style, and a New Year's cantata "The Crown of the Year," an admirable composition, was rendered with precision by about fifty participants.

Dr. E. S. Johnson, of Philadelphia, ac or P. E. S. Johnson, of Philadelphia, ac-companied by his mother, is visiting his brother, Rev. W. J. Johnson.

Miss Clara Gates, of Lancaster, is spend-ing several days with Miss Nettie Hostet-

Mr. John S. Matter will hold a spelling bee in the town hall on the 28th inst.

Horses Killed by Telephone Wires.

Two fine horses, drawing a party returning from a wedding in Chattanooga, Tenn., ran into a broken telephone wire that had been crossed with an electric wire. Both horses were killed and the driver knocked senseless by the shock. The incident has created great excitement. The city has 200 public electric light wires and a telephone system having 500 subscribers, and already petitions are being circulated for the protection of life.

A broken telephone wire fell upon the horses drawing a Pleasant Valley street car in Allegheny City on Wednesday. One of the horses was killed instantly and the other fatally injured. The driver and passengers received a slight shock, but were not seriously hurt. The broken wire had crossed with an electric light wire. Horses Killed by Telephone Wires

Suffering in Kansas. A train of eighteen cars left Wichita, Kansas, on Tuesday night for the suffering dictricts in Stevens, Morton and Hodgman counties. The cars are loaded with cloth-

counties. The cars are loaded with clothing and food. The reports show that several bundred persons are suffering at present. People at the end of the railroad, at Leboral and vicinity, are ready with wagons to make an attempt to transport the relief from forty to seventy miles to where it is needed. It began to snow again Tnesday, and it is believed that the weather may get extremely cold and thus increase the suffering. Nailers and Weavers Strike.

The sheet mill of the Brooke Iron com pany, at Birdsboro', Berks county, Pa. closed on Monday in consequence of the strike of nailers for the restoration of the strike of natiers for the restoration of the ten per cent. reduction made in their wages some time ago. The sheet mill employed over 100 hands.

A dispatch from Providence, Rhode Is-land, says that the weavers in the merino mill have struck for an increase of 74 cents per cut. Their present pay is 50 cents an hour.

Remarkable Attitude of a Minister. Remarkable Attitude of a Minister.

Rev. Pelbam Williams, for St. Stephen's
Episcopal church, Brooklyn, is not sus
tained by any other clergyman in his re
markable attitude towards Sunday schools
He has disbanded his school, and in a re
cent sermon he asserted that Sunday
schools were of no benefit to Christianity
that they were veryly places where child schools were of no benefit to Christianity, that they were merely places where children were bribed to attend by means of entertainments and fairs, and that after the meetings the young men and women teachers "strolled off for a walk."

The new letter-carriers appointed by Postmaster Griest went on duty this morn Postmaster Griest went on duty this morning, and they will endeavor to learn the routes and do the work under the instructions of the old carriers. Isaac N. Lutz has been appointed to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Elmer E. Greenawalt. A number of other men who were promised appointments at the first vacancy are growling very loadly.

Highwaymen Rob George Francis Train. George Francis Train was "held up" near the Beacon street entrance of the Tremont house, Boston, at 1 o'clock on Wednesday morning while returning from a "watch" party. He was robbed of a brilliant stone of large calibro, valued at 10 cents, which he wore in b the front. He says he will sue the city police don't recover it.

A BULLET IN HIS HEAD. HORACE HOMSHER IS PROBABLY FATALLY IN-

JURED AT CHRISTIANA.

He Visits John W. Davis, They Recome Drunk and Handle a Hevelver. Homsher Hit by Three Batis

injured that he may die at any moment. At first it was believed to have been a

nurder, but further investigation showed that lighter was at the bottom of the occurrence and it seems to lave been purely an accident.

The man who was ac badly injured is Horace Homsher, son of Frank Hotrisher, who lives in the village. He is about 22 years of see and follows the business of a news boy. For some years he had been agent for Philadelphin said Lancaster papers, which he sold and delivered to the people in the village and surrounding neighborhood. Among his customers was John W. Davis, who was subscriber to the Philadelphia Record. Davis is a man about 57 years of age. He has no family and lives by himself in a small house of Joseph Pownall, on the northwestern outskirts of the village. Wednesday afternoon Homsher went out to call upon Davis for the purpose of collecting the money for iris paper which was due. While there both men began drinking liquor from a bottle which Davis had. In a short time both became intoxicated. Davis is the owner of a rive shot Smith & Wesson revolver of an old style and 35 calibre. When under the influence of liquor he is very fond of using the pistol, and he is in the habit of getting it out and shooting at mark. He seems to have done this Wednesday, and he made a target of Homsher, who was shot by him no less than three times.

At night it was believed that Homsher was dying, and he made a statement which was taken down by Squire Melcher. He exonerates Davis from any blame in the matter, and declares that the shooting was accidental. He said he was stiting on Davis' bed when the latter got out his revolver. In handling the weapon it was accidentally discharged. The ball struck Homsher on the right side, lodging below the breast. After he had been shot Homsher tried to take the pistol from Davis, who was just about so drunk that he did not know what he was doing. They had a struggle and the revolver was discharged a secon't time. Again the ball struck Homsher on the right side, lodging below the breast. After he had been shot Homsher tried to take the most dangerous seems for Philadelphina Send exclusions people in the willings and surrounding in neighborhood. Among this consoners was provided in the was an experiment of the purpose of collecting the mount of the purpose of the purpos

man was sick, Homsher attended to him in the kindest manner possible. Davis was arrosted in the evening by Constable Chester Clark, who brought him to Lancaster this morning and placed him in the county prison. When taken into custody Davis was still very drunk. He had no recollection of the shooting whatever and could tell nothing about it. To-day, although sober, he cannot tell anything about the affair; all he remembers is that he and Homsher were together and drinking, but he does not together and drinking, but he does not know how the shooting occurred. The old man seems depressed over the very sad affair.

When Constable Clark went to Davis When Constable Clark went to house to arrest him he made a search for the revolver. Davis could then scarcely speak and he did not know where the pistol was. A search was made and it was found in a barrel which contained chopped it was entirely covered over with corn. It was entirely covered over with the meal and it had no doubt been placed there by Davis after the shooting. Of the five chambers four were empty and one loaded. In the house a number of bottles that had contained whisky were also

found.

A special dispatch to the INTELLIGENCER from Christians received at a late hour this afternoon says that Homsher is still living, but his recovery is very doubtful. The ball in his face beneath the eye causes

Arrival of Joseph Cogley's Body. The body of Joseph Cogley, who w killed by the cars at Trenton on Tuesday night, was brought to Lancaster on Fast Line this afternoon. It was accompanied by the wife and two children of de ceased, his sister, Mrs. Roberts, Ed ward James and wife, John Me ward James and wife, John Mc-Guire, and James Woolman. The funeral will take place to-morrow from the residence of deceased's father, 43 West German street. On the night that Mr. Cogley was killed be left Philadelphia at 6:30 and when found his watch had stopped at 8:35. The coroner did not make much of an investigation of the affair and it is not known exactly how it happened. Joe was a great favorite about happened. Joe was a great favorite about the factory. Since he went there he organ ized a full band, of which he was a mem ber. This morning before the body was removed from Trenton the band played "Nearer My God to Thee" over it.

Sorghum Sugar in Kansas.

George F. "Kellog, of Sterling. Kansas, state sugar inspector, has filled his annual report concerning the sorghum sugar industry in Kansas. The report shows that the grand total of sugar manufactured last year was 1,28,275 pounds as against 698,275 pounds manufactured the previous year. In addition to the foregoing, Inspector Kellog states that fully 290,000 pounds more sugar will be obtained from the "second," which will take a month or six weeks longer to get out. longer to get out.

Doreas Donations. The ladies of the Union Dorcas society acknowledge the following donations: A lot of woolen caps from Miss Reinstein; B. lot of woolen caps from Miss Reinstein; B, B. Martin, \$10; a friend, \$1; Miss Kate Long, \$12; two friends, \$3; Miss C. C. Musser, \$1; Mrs. Sarah Hubley, \$1; Mrs. E. L. Von Ossko, \$1; First and Second Reformed Thanksgiving collections, \$13.20; cn; dozen garments from Industrial society.

The New School Building Accepted. The property committee of the school board has accepted the West Chestnut street building from I. P. Mayer, the contractor, and it was occupied to-day by the children of the school assigned to that building. Had a Banquet.

The officers of Ingleside Council of Friends were to have been installed last evening, but owing to the sickness of Deputy Per-ret, it was postponed. The members of the council had a banquet during the evening and a very enjoyable affair it was. Change of Hotel Proprietors. Casper Koehler has purchased the good-

P. D. Baker, on East King street, and will take possession to-morrow. Execution Issued. Execution was issued to-day by the hristiana National bank against A. T. Macielland, of Sadsbury township, for \$1,000.

CLIMATIC CHANGES. Indications That We Are Losing Our

Indications That We Are Losing Our Snowy Winters.

From the Providence Journal.

Every one sufficiently advanced in life to be able to retirenter the vigorous character of the old New England winters will be tempted to believe from the character of last winter, and of as much of this as we have experienced, that our climate is actually changing. It is at any rate subject to conditions which, if temporary, are tasting enough to include soveral seasons, and there are certainly good grounds for thinking that the mildness of the climate is a steady growth. Sleighing lasting from the middle of December to the middle of March, was once not an unusual thing, at least in the inland portlens of New England. Within comparatively recent years there has been no experience of this sind. Sleigh bells would be heard for a day or two, or a week, and then they would be silent, while travelling on wheels was resumed. The storms which pile the snow up to the second-story windows have been rare for at least a decade, and when they have come, like the blizzard of two years ago, the snow has quickly disappeared under the influence of the warm sun following. Last season the traveller of the sleigh bell was a rarity in any part of New England, and so far this season the tinkle of the sleigh bell was a rarity in any part of New England, and so far this season the tinkle of the sleigh bell was a rarity in any part of New England, and so far this season the tinkle of the sleigh bell was a rarity in any part of New England, and so far this season the tinkle of the sleigh bell was a rarity in any part of New England, and so far this season the tinkle of the sleigh bell was a rarity in any part of New England, and so far this season the tinkle of the sleigh bell was a rarity in any part of New England, and so far this season the tinkle of the sleigh bell was a rarity in any part of New England, and so far this season the tinkle of the sleigh bell was a rarity in any part of New England.

cnce to cause the general effect in our hemisphere which seems now to be noticeable. A high condition of eccentricity tends to produce an accumulation of snow and lee on the hemisphere, the winters of which occur in aphelion. In turn the accumulation of snow and lee tends to lower the summer temperature. But exactly opposite effects take place on the char hemisphere, which has its winter in the light many control of the condition of snow and lee tends to lower the summer temperature. But exactly opposite effects take place on the char hemisphere, which has its winter in the light many conditions and the condition of the condition of the conclusion that the earth's eccentricity has anything that the earth's eccentricity has anything

to do with the new conditions we seem to be experiencing.

The apparent fact that the "snow line," that is, the region of perpetual snow and ice, has been, within the human experience about which we have some knowledge, even gradually receding towards the pole may be an explanation of the evident decrease in the amount of snow-fall in our latitude, or it may not, but it seems plausible. It is a subject full of interest, and it may be hoped that the results of a more careful scientific study than has yet been given to the causes of climatic changes may give us some exact knowledge about them.

From the Reading Telegram.

Henry Oswald, a lad about 10 years Menry Oswald, a lad about 10 years old, was run over by a brick wagon at Moss and Marion streets this morning and had his left leg mashed below the knee. The boy was driving the wagon, and in some manner slipped from the seat with the result as above stated. He was removed to 624 Nicoll street in the Reading Hose arphulance.

ambulance.

Elwood M. Duval, a railroader, had his foot injured at McHose's fire brick works this morning. The ambulance removed him to 438 North Sixth street. The Reading hose ambulance went into service on November 1st, 1887, and up to this time responded to 85 cases. During the year 358 calls were attended, and thirty-five for the past month.

NEW YEAR'S FOX CHASE.

A Large Crowd at Jacob Bair's Hotel at Williamstown.

The fox hunters of the easiern part of the county turned out in force Wednesday to the chase given by Jacob Bair, hotel-keeper at Williamstown. Although the weather was very bad the crowd was large, and they surely enjoyed themselves. Mr. Bair is one of the best known fox hunters in the one of the best known fox hunters in the county and his chases are always well attended. At 2 o'clock an excellent dinner, which had been gotten up by Mr. Bair and his daughter, was served and quite a large number of visitors enjoyed it. Between 3 and 4 o'clock the fox was dropped just east of the hotel. He ran towards Kinzer's station and then in the direction of Buyerstown. He was finally caught and killed near Springville. The fox was one of the largest ever seen by old sportsmen. Lancaster always turns out largely to Mr. Bair's hunts and on Wednesday the crowd that went down from here was very large. that went down from here was very large. They all had a good time and a better hunt

Union Printers Displaced. The business manager of the Philadel-phia Press on Wednesday notified the em-ployes of the composing room that the company had been obliged to contract with the National Printers' Protective Fraternity for a new and permanent force. He offered to retain any of the old employes who saw that say under the new organization. Only the retain any of the old employes who saw fit to stay under the new organization. Only the foreman, two assistant foremen and a weekly hand, it is stated, remained at work, and the places of some of the union print-ers were filled by men from other cities. More than 100 men are affected by the lock out

Committed to the House of Refuge George Taylor, the colored boy whose bad conduct has been noted on numerous occasions, was before the judges this after noon, on complaint of his father. He is charged with being incorrigible and beyond his father's control. He was committed to the House of Refuge. will and fixtures of the saloon owned by

Three Large Hogs. Jacob Bair, proprietor of the Williams town hotel, has three hors which probable

PANIC AT A BULL FIG

HUNDREDS SEVERELY WOUNDED IN A

People Were Crowded, Bre

from Villa Lerdo give full parties the fall of the plaza on Tuesday v bull fight was in progress.

ized cries of men and women, made place a scene of pandemenium. It was until outside help came to people pla down by planks and timber that unfortunate victims were released their painful positions. Many phy were called, and the wounds of the were attended to. The number of wo will reach into hundreds, but wh

An Economite Killed.

Pritanua, Jan. 2.—By an explosion natural gas at Economy, Pa., this more George Kirchbaum, aged, 40, was instantly killed, and John Becker serinjured. There was a shortage of the little village yesterday, and a before daylight this morning Kirch and Becker, both members of the astarted out to ascertain the cause small supply. They carried a lanter no sooner had they entered the gualator building than there was a terribplosion. The building was totally we

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The down shops of the Edison Electric Illumit company in Pearl street burner morning. Various banks and bu houses in the down town district without light until noon. The fire out in the dynamo room. The build

Hon. George H. Boker Die PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—Hou. Geo. E. Boker, ex-minister to Turkey and Russided at his residence here this morning. died at his residence here this morning.
George H. Boker, was born in Philads
phia in 1824. His education was begun i
his native city and completed at Princate
college. He first appeared as an author;
1848, with a volume of his poems, suitile
"The Lesson of Life." He has since the
war written account volume to war written several volumes of postry.

He was the author of half a destragedies which found favor among thesis goers here and in Europe. In 1872 Prodent Grant appointed him minister

A Woman Murdered.

New York, Jan. 2.—At 114 Rosseys
street, in a misorable room, Ellen Stoom
32 years old, has lived with her husban James, who formerly played ball with the Wilkesbarre and New Haven base banines. This morning the woman was founded in bed with her skull crushed in Her husband, who is a big, powerful and is described by the police as a land bum, is supposed to be the murde and the police are looking for him.

A Boy Must Hang.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 2.— Judge Solder
this morning sentenced Otto Leuth, the Ifyear-old boy who was recently convicted
of the murder of little Maggie Thompson, to be hanged at Columbus on April 18.
Leuth's mother, who was during the trial
an object of pity, fainted on hearing us
sentence of her son and had to be carried

from the court room. TELEGRAPHIC TAPS. R. L. Gaylord, aged 50, a prosperous barber of Wilkesbarre, committed suicide

Senor Gayarre, the Spanish tenor, di to-day of influenza. The miners in Breslau have struck for

eight hours as a day's work and an un-limited output and higher wages. Master and men are negotiating for a settle the trouble. The body of Matron McAuliffe, of the Tombs prison, New York, was found in the river at the foot of Sixtieth street to-

day. She was about 30 years old.

The strike among Belgian colliers is ellepreading. At Liego 1,200 miners has oined the movement,

Approves the Ballot System.

Boston, Jan. 2.—Governor Bracket, is his annual message to the Legislature, a fers pointedly to the success of the Australian ballot system, and recommonds that is be extended to primary elections.

Referring to the dangers of electricity, and the report that the late Boston fire was caused by defective wires, the governor

caused by defective wires, the governor says the necessity is urgent for the enactment of laws for the supervision and regulation of electric wires wherever they exist, Pate of 133 Persons Unknown. London, Jan. 2.—The Italian steams. Persia is ashore on the island of Corsicans She had 139 passengers on board when went ashore. Six of them have I rescued, but the fate of the others is un

tain. Boats from ashore are attempting treach the vessel to render what assistance may be required. WEATHER FORECASTS. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—R.
Eastern Pennsylvania: 14
Showers, followed by clearing a
Friday; coldier Friday and Salurday
westerly winds; cold wave.

Having the Opening To-day.
The new proprietors of the Lion be on Middle street are having a granding to-day, and there is a large createndance. The Iroqueta are, of in attendance, mide a direct paraferrance direct at