## THE DYNAMITE FISHERS.

THEY ARE CONTICTED AND GIVEN OPPOR TUNITY TO PAY FINES AND COSTS.

The Charge of Fishing on Sunday Not sed-Tidal Morgan Guilty of Assaulting His Wife-Other Verticts.

Friday Afternoon.—Court met at 2:30 o'clock, and Tidal Morgan, colored, was put on trial for committing an assault and battery on Susan A., his wife. She was not present to prosecute the case, and the commonwealth showed that she was persuaded to leave town through her husband's influence.

The testimony showed that Morgan met his wife on the night of November 9th, on Market street, near West King. He wanted her to kiss and make up, and she would not have it that way. He then cloked her and she got away from him. He ran after her; she cried murder and sought safety in Hirsh's store. When Morgan saw an officer approaching he ran away. Mrs. Morgan feared that her husband would kill her when he came home, and she made this complaint before Alderman Spurrier. After the hearing Morgan wanted the alderman to make his wife take an oath that she would leave town, but that could not be done, but she disappeared shortly afterwards.

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Tidal denied that he had beaten his wife. On this occasion when he met her he accused her of being unfaithful to him, and told her he would have nothing to do with her in the future. She then began crying murder, he ran after her to see what was the matter but did not lay hands on her.

PISHED WITH DYNAMITE. The jury in the cases against Elias Snyder, Amos L. Doebler, John Huber and James Erisman, for fishing in the Conestoga creek with dynamite, rendered a verdict of guilty in manner and form as indicted. The penalty for the offense is \$50 line and costs.

Verdicts of not guilty were taken in the cases of commonwealth vs. Elias Snyder, Amos L. Doebler, John Huber and James Erisman, fishing on Sunday, as all four defendants were convicted for violation of the fish law.

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A similar disposition was made in the

assault and battery case against Annie Kane, as it could not be made out, and in several cases against Jacob Buzzard, he having died in the Eastern panitentiary. OLD CARES DISPOSED OF.

The following old cases, some on the docket for years, were disposed of by verdicts of not guilty because they could not be made out: Harry Y. Snyder, M. H. McComsey, false pretense; John Bell, Hugh Callahan, peddling without license; G. W. Miller, larceny as bailee; John L. Wirt, Thos. Churchill, Walter McCaslin, Michael Kuhlman, Franklin Hopton, Frank Spillinger, fornication and bastardy; John M. Peoples, embezzlement and false pretense; Aaron Keener, seduction and bastardy.

Baturday Morning--Court met at 9 o'clock and the jury in the Tidal Morgan assault and battery case rendered a verdict of guilty. A motion was made in arrest of judgment and reasons filed for a new trial. The court overruled the reasons for a new trial and Morgan was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 and costs. He went to jall.

A surety of the peace case against Morgan, also preferred by his wife, was dismissed.

Sentence was deferred in the cases of the

guilty to peddling without license. The penalty is a fine of \$250 and to give him a chance to raise the amount sentence was deferred until the January sessions court. Isaac Zech, of York county, was charged was shown that he has not contributed anything towards his wife's support for several years.
For the defense it was shown that Zeel

had been declared an habitual drunkard, the management of his property taken from him and his entire estate of \$1,900 used in the maintenance of his wife. The used in the maintenance of his wife. The court continued the matter until the January term to give Zech an opportunity to arrange for the support of his wife.

Samuel Shirk, of Hahnstown, charged with desertion, heard partially at the last term, was finally disposed of. His wife said she was afraid to live with him on account of the said she was afraid to live with him on account of the said she was a fraid to live with him on account of the said she was a fraid to live with him on account of the said she was a fraid to live with him on account of the said she was a fraid to live with him on account of the said she was a fraid to live with him on account of the said she was a fraid to live with him on account of the said she was a fraid to live with him on account of the said she was a fraid to live with him on account of the said she was a fraid to live with him on account of the said she was a fraid to live with him on account of the said she was a fraid to live with him on account of the said she was a fraid to live with him on account of the said she was a fraid to live with him on account of the said she was a fraid to live with him on account of the said she was a fraid to live with him on account of the said she was a fraid to live with him on a count of the said she was a fraid to live with him on a count of the said she was a fraid to live with him on a count of the said she was a fraid to live with him on a count of the said she was a fraid to live with him on a count of the said she was a fraid to live with him on a count of the said she was a fraid to live with him on a count of the said she was a fraid to live with him on a count of the said she was a fraid to live with him on a count of the said she was a fraid to live with him on a count of the said she was a fraid to live with him of the said she was a fraid to live with him of the said she was a fraid to live with him of the said she was a fraid to live with him of the said she was a fraid to live with him of the said she was a fraid to live wi count of the threats he had made. The court directed him to pay \$2.50 per week for the maintenance of his wife, as long as

they remain separate. A not pros was entered in the false pretenas case against Joseph Josephs, pre-ferred by F. H. Herneiser: surety of peace case against Bernard Falk, preferred by Jacob Boeger; surety of peace case against Daniel Brossman. In the descrition case against Monroe Mellinger it was stated that he was sen-

tenced to pay his wife a weekly sum for her maintenance. He was unable to do so and went to jail. As soon as released he was again arrested for the same offense and compromice) with his wife for \$60, in il. u of all future claims and demands but this took all his means and he was unable to pay the costs of the second suit. The court tinued the matter until the January t to give him further time to raise the costs Abraham Stiffel, acquitted of selling liquor on Sunday, but to pay the costs, was directed by the court to pay the same, amounting to \$100.37.

Wm. Jacobs, convicted of being the father of the illegitimate child of Annie McCloud, was sentenced to pay the usual amount.

Congressman Brosin , who las bem member of the committee of the bar on the preliminary examination of studerts of law, presented his resignation to the court, sence from the city preventing him from serving. The court appointed D. Mc-Mullen to fill the vacancy. Jacob Clymer, who was convicted of the

store of W. D. Carlton, near Marietta, at the last term of the court, was called for sentence. He was supposed to be insane and since his incarceration he was examined by the prison physician and projounced insane. The court sentenced him to undergo an imprisonment of sixteen months in the county jail. He asked the court if it would not be kind enough to send him to the Eastern penitentiary, and the court said they would not be so kind to-day.

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The few remaining cases undisposed of were handed over by District Attorney Weaver to his successor, Major Reincehl. District Attorney Weaver, who retires from office to-day, has been a courteous and efficient officer. He tried during his term many very important cases, was a careful, conscientious official and during the whole term of office carefully gnarded the interests of the commonwealth and at the same time saw that no injustice was done by the defendants on trial. He retires from office with the hearty good wishes of his bother lawyers.

The number of cases returned in 1887 was 543, in 1888, 654 and in 1889, 715 and all ware tried by Mr. Weaver, except a few which will be disposed of by Major

Knights of Pythias Officers Installed. Knights of Pythias Officers Installed.

District Deputy Samuel M. Skeen on Friday evening installed the following officers of Inland City Lodge, No. 88, Knighta of Pythias: P. C., Harry Kieffer; C. C., W. P. Coho; V. C., D. M. Good; prejate, A. E. McCann; keeper of records and scal, Jere Rife; master of finance, Edwin 8, Smeltz; master of exchequer, John S. Kendig; master at arms, J. C. Young; inside guard, H. A. Black; outside guard, Bartley Meguire; trustee, M. M. Barton.

The report for the term shows that there are on the roll 322 members; the number

are on the roll 322 members; the number are on the roll 322 members; the number relieved during the term was 23; widows bursed, 4; sick and funeral benefits paid, 2791; dues received, \$1,130.94; amount invested, \$7,920; total fund, \$7,985.84, and in addition the lodge is the owner of property worth \$1,200; showing an increase of \$538.46 in the past term.

In Town. Misses Geneva and Violet Fritchey, sisters of Mayor Fritchey, of Harrisburg, are in town visiting Miss Ada Flick, of Church street, A SCHOOL DEDICATED.

W. U. Hensel Makes an Address—Music and Other Exercises.

The school board of Littix having during the past fall and present winter made very complete and important improvements in the primary and secondary school building of that borough, on Friday affernoon with fit ceremony dedicated the edifice to its new and improved uses. A handsome, well lighted and commodious two-story brick attachment to the old building was erected in first class style, doubling the sise of the house and adding two beautiful school rooms to its secommodations. The most striking of the improvements, however, is the elaborate heating and ventilating apparatus, of the Suead design, by which furnaces heat the whole building, a constant current and abundant supply of fresh, pure air. Dry water closets, five for each of the boys and girls departments, are so arranged as to keep the premises perfectly clear of all offense and preserve the most scrupulous cleanliness. The whole arrangement is the first of its kind ever introduced in Lancaster county, and reflects high credit on the board and builders. The entire improvements cost about \$5,000 and are made without any increase of the tax rate.

At 2 p. m. a goodly company of intelligent citisens assembled in the upper room and for two hours a most interesting programme of dedicatory exercises was carried out under the direction of Principal A. E. Gehman, head of the borough schools. The pupils sang various selections and rendered some very prettyand effective pieces.

There were devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Lewars; and addressely the principal, by Director H. H. Tshudy, Rev. Monges and a dedicatory address by W. U. Hensel, of Lancaster, who apoke of the sducational history of Lititz, commended the enterprise of its present school board, made a strong plea for non-partisanship in school affairs and for better paid teachers. W. U. Hensel Makes an Address-Music

SERIOUS CHARGES.

Horrible Cruelty and Neglect Alleged in the Treatment of Lunatics. Some time ago the Humane Society of Wheaton, Ill., made complaint to Governor Fifer in regard to the treatment of insane patients confined at the poor house, near Wheaton. The governor directed Drs. Truesdell and Wines, of the state board of charities, to make an investigation, and the work of taking testimony was begun on Thursday.

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The alleged abuses, or at least those to which the state board of charities announced it would restrict the investigation,

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It is claimed that two insane female patients, Louisa Shissler and Mary Babet, were kept in zinc-lined cells, about seven feet square, with no beds, bedding or even the necessary conveniences; that these cells were allowed to become filthy and remain so for days without being cleaned; that the patients in their demented condition, tore off their clothing and were allowed to remain absolutely naked, and that in this condition the other inmates of the poor farm, were allowed access to the corridor adjoining the cells and to stare and jeer at them through the grated doors of their cells. It is further charged that such attention as these poor patients did receive was given them by male attendants, there being no female attendants employed at the poor house.

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Assistant Secretary Whip, of the state board of charities, testified as to the results of an examination made by him. He said he found the women in zinc-lined cells, he found the women in zinc-lined cells, he had he found the women in zinc-lined cells, seven by seven and a half feet, filthy in the extreme and without conveniences. A former attendant testified that there were no female attendants; that the women tore their clothes off and remained naked in their cells; that he bathed them once a week and cleaned out their cells once or twice a month. Another witness testified that he had seen the Shissler girl fed. Her that he had seen the Shissler girl fed. Her hands were tied behind her and, as the food was placed on the floor, she was obliged to get down and eat her food like a hog. It was in evidence that, aside from the insane patients, the house was well man-aged. The management admitted that the

insane patients were not as well cared for as they should be, but claimed that it was the best that could be done. It is also claimed that the investigation was set on foot by persons inimical to the managers of the poor farm.

The December Agricultural Report. The December Agricultural Report.

The December report of the department of agriculture contains a detailed statement of the estimates of the principal cereals, by states, including area, product and value. The reported area of corn, 78,319,651 acres, represents an increase of two and a half per cent, over the average of 1888. The wheat acreage, 38,123,859 acres, is two and one-tenth per cent, greater then the aggregate for 1888. The revision of acreage gives a smaller area in, Iowa, Nebraska, Oregon and Washington, and a larger breadth in Kansas and Dakota.

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Dairymen and meat production have for years been encroaching on wheat growing on the eastern side of the great spring wheat belt, as former reports have shown. Wide fluctuations in breadth of wheat in Kansas, Illinois and other states, occurring from year to year, are the result of variable meteorological conditions. Economic considerations, especially changes in market value, also affect peculiarly the distribution of wheat. The acreage of outs is placed at

27,462,316 acres, an increase of less than two per cent.

The yield per acre of corn is very nearly 27 bushels, or 11-10th bushel less than the product of 1879, and is the largest rate of yield since 1880. The product, as estimated, is 2,112,302,000 bushels. The largest yields are west of the Mississippi, lowa taking first rank in aggregate produced and yield per acre, 349,966,000 bushels, 39.5 per acre.

The yield per acre of wheat is nearly 12,9 bushels, or 1-10th of a bushel greater than the November average of yield per acre. The variation from the current expectation of the last six months is not over 1 per cent. The total product, as estimated is 490,560,000 The total product, as estimated is 490,560,000

ushels. The product of oats is 751,715,000 bushels, at the rate of 27.4 bushels per acre.

The aggregate of all cereals is about 3,450,000,000 bushels, or at least 53 bushels per

A Pleasant Party.

A very pleasant evening party was held at the residence of John B. Bissinger, proprietor of the Manor hotel, last evening, in nonor of Mrs. Lizzie Vatter, of Philadelphia. About twenty-five couplet were present, and there was singing, dancing and other amusements, followed by a fine collation. Profs. Kendig and Kissinger, of Mille Titiens Concert company, furnished the instrumental music, and Mrs. Vatter entertained the company with yoral selecentertained the company with vocal selec-tions. Guests from York, Columbia and Reading were present.

The Water In the Canal.

From the Marietta Register.

The water had not been withdrawn from the Pennsylvania canal, between Columbia and Middletown, so as to give those who own the stray boom logs an opportu-nity to tow them to Columbia, which work een progressing since early in De

Deed of Assignment. Stephen H. Weller and wife, of Colerain township, made an assignment of their property to-day for the benefit of creditors to Ross C. Collins, of the same township.

He Is Still Alive. Horace Homsher, the man who was shot in the head at Christians on Wednesday, is still living. His condition remains un-changed. He is conscious, but the pistol balls are still in him and he may yet die.

The Strasburg Engine Off. The engine of the Strasburg & Leama Place railroad jumped the track at Weaver's crossing a couple days ago. The cars were thrown from the track, but no one was injured, nor was the damage great. Divorced.

Emma Dellet, city, was divorced to-day from her husband Harvey W. Dellet, on the ground of desertion.

VICTIMS OF AN AVALANCHE

SEVEN LIVES LOST AND PROPERTY DE-STROYED IN CALIFORNIA.

Snow Sweeps Down a Mountain Carry ing Everything in Its Path-Several Houses and a Church Wrecked.

SIRRRA CITY, Cal., Jan. 4 .- A fatal and destructive snow-alide occurred here yes-terday by which six women and a boy were killed; two other people may die and several houses and the Catholic church were wrecked.

The slide commenced at the Sierra

Buttee flume and swept with terrific force down the valley, carrying everything in its path before it. Stout trees were snapped off at the ground like pine sticks. Several people made narrow escapes from death, as the slide came without the slightest

It is believed that a Chinaman and a little girl are still buried in the mass of snew and debris. Fears are entertained that another slide may occur at any moment and people are in a state of great

As soon as possible after the slide yes-terday a number of men began work dig-ging out the unfortunates who had been eaught in it, and in a few hours had taken out the bodies of Mrs. Rich, her two daughters and son, Miss Ryan, of Downleville, and Mrs. I. T. Mooney, with her daughter, Miss Ethel Langdon. The two last named were still breathing when re-moved from the snow, but efforts at resuscitation proved unavailing.

Search for others is now going on, and it is feared more than now known may have

SHOOTING MATCH AT MOUNT JOY. What the Gunners scored at Their Meet-

ing on Thursday.

There was a meeting of shooters at Mount
Joy, on Thursday afternoon, and the
matches were shot at live birds and blue first match was at the blue rocks,

rocks.

The first match was at the blue rocks, and the following were the scores: Gross, 3; Fieles, 9; Krueger 9; Edwin Musselman, 9; Risle, 10; H. P. Musselman, 5; Ruby, 8; and Sheesley, 8.

The second match was at the same number and kind of targets and resulted as follows: Fieles 9, Edwin Musselman 8, Krueger 9, Ruby 8, Riale 8, Sheesley 6. The prizes were divided.

The third match was of the same kind. Ed. Musselman made 9, Fieles 8, Krueger 8 and Ruby 7.

The fourth match was of the same kind. Ed. Musselman 7, Krueger 8, Fieles 8,

The fourth match was of the same kind. Ed. Musselman 7, Krueger 8, Fieles 8, John Snyder, Sheesley 6. Kreuger and Fieles divided first, and Musselman and Snyder shot off second, Snyder winning. Seven live pigeons were shot at in the fifth match, Fieles killing 5, Ed Musselman 5, Ruby 3, Riale 4, Krueger 6, Sheesley 6, Snyder 5, Reese 5, Good 3. The first money was divided, Fieles, Snyder, Reese and Musselman shot off for second and Snyder won.

Snyder won.

The last match of the day was at the same number of birds and the same conditions as the fifth. It resulted like this: Snyder 7, Krueger 6, Fieles 4, Ed. Musselman 4, Ruby 6, Sheesley 7, Reese 5. [The first and second prizes were divided and the third Reese suntured.]

Death of James Brown.

LITITZ, Jan. 3.-James Brown, aged 76, died at his home here yesterday. He was Susan Ludwig. They celebrated their golden wedding last summer. Besides his wife, Henry, of Mount Joy, and Levi, of Littz, children, and eleven grandchildren, survive. He was a cooper by trade and served in the 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry during the war. He was a member of Stevens Post, No. 517, G. A. R., which will attend the funeral on Sunday morning. Rev. W. H. Lewars will preach the sermon in St. Paul's Lutheran church.

Among the Pedestrians.

There is now talk of another big walking match in this city, but it is not known match in this city, but it is not known whether it will be held in the King street rink or Mænnerchor hall. If the best walkers of this city and county could all be induced to go into a match it would be a success if well conducted.

George Lawrence says he is the champion pedestrian of Lancaster county and he is ready to go against any man in the county for \$50 or \$100 a side. He says he is no bluffer and has the money.

G. A. R. Officers Installed. Last evening the officers of George H. Thomas Post, No.84, were installed by Dr. J. A. E. Reed, of Post 405, and medical director of the state department. The installation was public, and among those present were members of the Ladies' Aid society and Sons of Veterans and Post 405. society and Sons of Veterans and Post 405. Speeches were made by all the new officers and the following: Capt. W. D. Stauffer, Capt. Denues, Daniel H. Heitshu, Major Fasnacht, H. R. Fulton, Capt. John Q. Mercer, Mustering Officer Row, of Read ing, of the Sons of Veterans, and others.

A Fox Near Town. This morning a farmer was on his way to town, and when near Rocky Springs he noticed a strange looking red animal rolling and playing along the road. Suddenly it sprang up and ran away, and the farmer was astonished to find it was a fox. He hastened to town and informed several hunters, who were unable to go after the

His Leg Badly Broken Amos Troop, residing at No. 620 North Market street, met with a severe accident this morning. He was at work in a quarry at Dillerville and while barring a stone the stone slipped, catching his leg and breaking it very badly below the knee. He was brought to this city and taken to his home, where Dr. M. L. Davis attended

Special Meeting of Councils. A call has been issued for a special meet ing of councils on next Wednesday evening, to consider the ordinance giving the use of the city streets for an electric rail-way adopted by select council but not nsidered by common council at the reg-

A Circle Around the Moon. Last evening there was a very large circle around the moon. It was plainly visible for more than an hour and looked very pretty. The weather prophets say that is a sure sign of a storm in the near

Coal For the Poor. The Buchanan-McEvoy-Reynolds Re

lief committee of councils issued 408 tickets for coal purchased with above fund and the distribution of coal was begun this Closed the Business For 1889. The poor directors met statedly to-day and approved the bills for supplies fur-

nished during the month of December, and finished up the business of the past year. The poor directors and prison board will meet on Monday for organization for the ensuing year. Received an Appointment. appointed to a position in the Philadelphia mint. H. C. Gemperling is an aspirant for the position of justice of the peace to suc-ceed Squire Keller.

Fallure of a Machinist. Christian Greider's executors, through Martin and Holaban, attorneys, to-day issued execution against Simon B. Minnich, machinist, of Landisville, for \$6,000.

DR. NEVIN'S DISCOURSES.

The First of a Series to be Delivered Sunday Evening.

The following communication was received some time ago by the Rev. Alfred Nevin, D. D., of this city:

LANCASTER, December 6, 1889.

Rev. Alfred Nevin, D. D.

DEAR SIR: We are aware that you have made the superhuman origin of the Bible a life-long and earnest study, and we believe that the embodiment of your views in a series of sermons on this subject would be highly acceptable and permanently profitable to this community, especially to young men.

be highly acceptable and permanently profitable to this community, especially to young men.

We, therefore, in the interest of a common Christianity, respectfully request you to preach such discourses at such time as would not interfere with the regular worship of the churches and would furnish a convenient opportunity for all to be present who desire to attend.

W. U. Hensel, J. Hay Brown, Frank Muhlenberg, J. Aug. Ehler, N. Ellmaker, Chas. L. Fry, Jas. Y. Milchell, S. M. Vernon, J. Max Hark, E. C. Yerkes. J. H. Esterline, D. W. Patterson, J. B. Livingston, John S. Stahr, Jos. H. Dubba, John M. Titzel, J. M. W. Geist, Thoa. B. Cochran, Charles A. Heinitsh, John C. Hager, H. Baumgardner, Hugh R. Fulton, Theodore Appel, C. Elvin Haupt, J. W. Meminger, W. S. Speece, C. N. Sproul.

In accordance with the above request, Dr. Nevin will deliver a series of lectures on the i "Superhuman Origin of the Bible." The first lecture entitled "The Bible's Unity," will be given in St. Paul's Reformed church to-morrow evening. The time and place of other lectures will be announced hereafter.

British Legal Bauter.

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A story is told of Sir Fletcher North to the effect that in addressing a court on some question of manorial rights, he happened to say:

"My lord, I can instance the point in my own person. Now, my lord, I have myself two little manors."

Here Lord Mansfield interposed, with one of his blandest smiles: "We are well aware of that, Sir Fletcher."

A story is told of a well-known lawyer addressing a jury respecting a chimney being on fire, and in the course of his address exclaiming: "Gentlemen, the chimney took fire; it poured forth volumes of smoke. Volumes, did I say? Whole encyclopedias!"

Sergeant Davy was accused on one eccasion of having disgraced the bar by taking silver from a client. "I took silver," he explained, "because I could not get gold; but I took every farthing the fellow had in the world; and I hope you don't call that disgracing the profession."

An Exciting Chase. Constable Jacob Shaub and a little darkey bootblack named Clinch, had a very lively South Queen street this afternoon. The boy is a very bad one and a partner of young Taylor who tried to kill himself in the station house last Sunday. Clinch was prosecuted before Alderman Barr, and another constable told Shaub to take him up if he saw him. On West King street Shaub saw the boy this afternoon, and as soon as the latter saw what was wanted he took to his heels and ran. The officer followed him down South Queen street almost to the Odd Fellows' hall, when he turned and came back. He gave up at the market house and Shaub took him to Barr after much trouble only to find that he had entered bail for a hearing. He was discharged at once and was quite a hero among the other little mokes for a time. South Queen street this afternoon. The

Tuesday's Fox Chase.

The fox chase at Greenland, on Toesday afternoon next, promises to be one of the greatest affairs of the kind seen in this county since the big chase at the park last winter. Hunters from all over the county will be in attendance, and those from the north and west of this city will meet at the large number of gentlemen of this city intend participating in the hunt, and as there are some good horses there is going to be some fun. Already many of the riding horses of the livery stables in the city have been engaged for the affair. A line of omnibuses is to be run from Excelsion hall to the chase. sior hall to the chase.

Accommodated By the Squire.

Charles Smith, alias Henderson, entered suit before Squire Kraus on Thursday against George McCarthy for receiving stolen goods. Smith was very drunk, and the squire placed him in the lock-up over night. In the morning he had sobered up and claimed that he did not know what he was doing the evening before and wished the suit against McCarthy withdrawn, which was done. Then the latter entered complaint against Smith for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. The squire gave him thirty days. Smith asked for more and the squire made it ninety days.

The New Holland Clarion, one of the best weeklies in the county, which is always well up with the news in the Eastern End, celebrates its seventeenth birthday by appearing in an enlarged form. It is now a paper of eight pages, and looks well. This is the fourth time the Clarion has been enlarged, which is surely an indication of prosperity.

An Apple Just From the Tree.

From the New Holland Clarion. On Tuesday, the last day of 1889, Michael Good, of the West End, brought to our office a solid, rosy apple, that had just dropped from the tree during the night, and there are yet a number of others on the tree, which stands in Benjamin Ranck's orchard. This is but another illustration of the very mild character of the weather thus far this winter. thus far this winter.

Singing of a Colored Quartette. There was a party and good time at the home of Arnold Smith, on West Walnut street, last evening; the principal feature of the amusements was the singing of the Silver Star quartette, composed of Lewis Wilson, George Brown, Joshua Jay and John Jones. They pleased those who heard them.

The Case Not Made Out. Wm. Gates, of Ephrata, was heard by Alderman Barr this morning on a charge of larceny as bailee preferred by John Eshleman. The prosecutor is his father-in-law. He claimed that Gates illegally re-tained in his possession certain articles be-longing to him, but failed to substantiate his allegation and the alderman dismissed the complaint.

To Dedicate the Chapel. The Presbyterian chapel will be dedicated with appropriate services to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. In the afternoon at 1:45 the Sunday school will formally en-ter the new building, where appropriate exercises will be held. In the evening at

15 a gospel song service will be held. Won One More Than Reported. There was a mistake in the report of the socking main of Thursday night in last evening's paper. The party which whipped Sullivan won four of the six fights, instead

His Annual Set Out.

H. C. Demuth, the popular eigar man, last vening gave his annual New Year's set out to his friends and patrons. The good things including all the delicacies of the year were spread out in the basement of the store, where several hours of royal fan was had. A large an elegant meerschaum pipe that was chanced off was won by James C. Leman.

"Lancaster Life," a society magazine published weekly by T. B. & H. B. Coehran, has evidently come to stay. Seven numbers have been issued. The newsboys say "it takes like hot caks."

He Will Lose His Vote. John Quinn was heard before Alderman Spurrier to-day for beating his wife, which case was dismissed. He was sent to jail for being drunk for 60 days. A PLEASANT EVENT.

THE RECEPTION BY HON. H. M. NORTH, WIFE AND DAUGHTER, OF COLUMBIA.

cores of Lancastrians Among the Guests Trower, the Caterer, and Taylor's Orchestra Serve for the Occasion.

and Mrs. H. M. North and daughter took

place last evening at the North mansion, Second and Cherry streets, Hon. H. M. North, Mrs. North and daughter, were 'at home" to two hundred or more o their friends. An extra car on the 7:43 their friends. An extra car on the 7:43 train was needed to accommodate some seventy gentlemen and ladies of Lancaster. They were met at the station by carriages, and found the spacious North mansion smiling a cheering welcome, decked with many flowers and ringing with good music. The throng of guests from Columbia, Lancaster, and other cities gave abundant evidence of thorough enjoyment of one of the most brilliant of this winter's parties. The music was by Taylor's orchestra, of Lancaster, and three rooms were used for dancing. The halis and parlors of the first floor gave ample room for the easy mingling of the large number present and Lancaster and Columbia seemed glad of the chance to see one another at their social best. The setting and floral decoration of the long table in the dining room won hearty admiratign. Trower, of Germantown, was the caterer. At one o'clock the Lancaster people returned home by a special train.

The following were present from Lancaster: Dr. and Mrs. Frank Muhlenberg, Miss Crozler, of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. James McDevitt, Miss S. S. Steinman, Mr. C. S. Foitz, Eugene G. Smith, esq., Miss Wiley, Mr. James Wiley, Miss Blasehe Nevin, W. U. Hensel, esq., E. D. North, esq., Miss Messersmith, Professor J. B. Kleffer, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Franklin, Mr. George Steinman, Mr. Brown, esc., Miss Rengier, Mr. Jacob Long, Judge Patterson, Judge Livingston, Mr. McCammant, of Harrisburg, Jacob L. Steinmetz, esq., W. T. Brown, esc., Miss Rengier, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franklin, Miss Blanche Franklin, J. W. B. Bausman, esq., Mr. And Mrs. Willis Musser, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Steinman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Franklin, jr., Dr. Charles Franklin, Miss Brubaker, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shroeder, Miss Mary Muhlenberg, Dr. Frank Keefer, of Philadelphia, Mr. John Hager, jr., Mr. Paul Dougherty, Mr. Harry Dubbs.

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Deputy Coroner Hershey empannelled the following jury on the death of John Smith: F. P. D. Miller, John S. Maxton, Z. Taylor Gable, W. H. Lockard, E. E. Carter, H. H. Heidler. The jury, after hearing the evidence of the attending physician, decided that death was due to congestion of the lungs. The funeral will be held from Holy Trinity Catholic church on Monday morning.

Rev. W. S. Himman, of the Second street Lutheran church, will preach on Sunday a New Year's sermon. In the evening he will preach on "Foreign Missions."

Holy communion will be observed on Sunday morning in the Presbyterian church.

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and wharves of the Reading & Columbia railroad, west of the P. R. R. tracks, subject to a sale of these interests to the Pennsylvania railroad company. The purchase, if made, is for the purpose of increasing room for stdings of the P. R. R.

The team of Samuel Campbell, hauling passengers from the railroad stations, became frightened last evening at Third and Poplar streets. The horses could not be controlled by the driver and ran over the pavement and against the school building. A lady occupant was badly frightened. The harness was badly torn.

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had a peculiar experience yesterday. He went under a car at Glen Loch to fix a brake rigging, when the train started. The man held to the rigging, and was in this dangerous position while the train ran one mile. His ciothing was much damaged by the axle rubbing against him. He escaped

uninjured.

The recently elected officers of Chippeta Castle, No. 58, K. G. E., were installed last night by Past Chief John A. Hamilton.

The removal of the postoffice is again being vigorously discussed by the up town and down town advocates of their respective localities. The agitation brought Special Agent Moore here to-day from Washington. The general impression is that the matter will be decided at a conference to be held this afternoon.

MARY ANDERSON MUMM. Declines to Talk of Her Rumored Engagement to De Navarro.

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From Dunlap's Cable News company.

A dispatch from Nice, France, says:
Miss Anderson, being interviewed to-day
at the Hotel Mediterranean on the subject
of the engagement to young Mr. de Navarro, said, blushingly:

"Yes, I am aware that reports of my engagement have been published in New
York, but I must decline to discuss the
subject at present. After all, I am getting
tired of being married so often. Apropos
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of this let me relate a recent incident. An other Miss Anderson who lived in the same terrace was going to be married in London. Her bridal presents were regularly brought to me. Number 2, getting angry, brought her intended to me and said: 'You had better take him, too.'"

After this Miss Anderson showed so much reluctance to make any further statement that the reporter sought Mr. de Navarro. ust decline to discuss the matter,"

he said, but he said with an evident air of satisfaction. Later in the day Miss Ander-son was met and simply refused to discuss the matter.

"But," the reporter urged, "Abbey's agents say that you intend opening at the Broadway theatre, on the 28th of next Oc-tober. Be good enough to say whether

that is correct."
"I expressed myself very plainly to you in our previous interview. I then said that I should not reappear in rublic for an indefinite period, and I assure you that nothing has occurred since that time to inge my mind or plans."

Am I then to understand," the reporter

asked," that you have no engagement to appear in New York or elsewhere with any manager? Is it not possible that some London engagement may have been con-founded with Mr. Abbey's name?"

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"There is no degree of possibility about it. I tell you I have no engagement with any manager," and Miss Anderson put an unconscious though significant emphasis on the word "manager."

Our Mary never looked better or stouter. She assured the reporter that she enjoyed a daily drive and walk, and found that this mode of open-air life had almost thoroughly restored her health. She did not, however, tell the reporter what he already knew, that on these drives and walks she accompanied solely by the De walks she accompanied solely by the De Navarros, mother and son.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 4.—There is still no solution of the Kniffin murder mystery.

Police take the ground that little credit is to be given to the burglary theory, there is no other theory sufficiently verified as yet to justify official action. Dr. Kniffin this morning again refused to see reporters. Miss Purcell could not be seen. She is said to have recovered almost entirely from her prostration. An entopey will be made this exernoon.

The Whipping-Post for Wife-Beaters

The Whipping-Post for Wife-Beaters. From the Philadelphia Bulletin.

Judge Brogy and District Attorney Graham, who for a good many years have had a varied experience in dealing with all kinds of wife-beaters, are heartily in favor of setting up the whipping-post for the punishment of this class of scamps. Judge Bregy is reported as saying that the wife-beater "should be cowhided to such an extent that frar of having the dose repeated will make him a better husband." The judge is very confident that whipping these brutes will diminish the number of cases of wife-beating which come before him and his associates on the bench, and which appear still more frequently before the magistrates of the petty courts. District Attorney Graham takes the same view of the matter, declaring that "if the wife boaters could be made to feel pain for every pain they inflict, there would be less wife-beating."

On the other hand Judge Gordon is of the opinion that the establishment of a whipping-post would be a disgrace to the commonwealth and that it would not be likely to lessen the crime which it would be intended to prevent. He thinks that it would demoralize justice, that it is a "species of barbarism," and that wife-beating after all is not on the increase. It may be doubted whether the judge can give satisfactory proof that the number of wife-beaters has decreased. It is certain that the time of the police and the courts in Philadelphia is as much occupied in looking after such offenders as it has ever been, Judge Bregy declaring that he had not fewer than seventeen of them before him within a period of two weeks.

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The practical sense of the question is best expressed by the district attorney in saying that "the man who beats his wife is beyond being belped by confinement in prison where he is comfortable and can take things easy." While he is shut up there, it must be remembered that his wife and children must be deprived for weeks or for months of the support which he owes them. It is for this reason chiefly that they are induced at the last moment to ask the courts to be merciful with the brutes and not send them to jail. If they could be tied up at the whipping-post and soundly flogged, they would not only receive a punishment which they would not soon forget, but they would be no charge to the commonwealth and could be immediately sent home to support their families. If it is a "species of barbarism" to do this, as Judge Gordon says it is, it is still more barbarious for the community to tolerate those brutal wretches and admit that it is unable to punish them.

THE WILD TURKEY'S FEROCITY. He Delights in Breaking the Nest and

He Delights in Breaking the Nest and Smashing the Eggs.

A Fort Davis, Texas, special says: The wild turkey gobbler is usually an ill-natured churl, and will break up his wife's nest and smash the eggs every time he gets an opportunity. He is even worse than this, for when the young chicks are scarcely able to walk he will vent his spite and ill-temper upon them—not only those belonging to his own family, but his neighbors' children, too, if he gets a chance. The mother seems to know this instinctively, for she will hide her nest away and guard her babies carefully from the male until the little youngsters become large and hardy enough to take care of themselves.

The greatest enemies to the wild turkey are the white men of our own country, Mexicans, as a rule, are too lazy to hunt anything—that is, to extermination—and, until the civilized Christian taught him how, the Indian would as soon have eaten poison as to touch a morsel of turkey flesh. The redskins have gotten over all that now, and will devour our favorite bird with fully as much gusto and relish as they will eat roast dog and filthy intestines of putrid animals. There used to be a superstition among our Western aborigines that the souls of departed bucks, squaws and papposess found a temporary resting place in the bodies of wild turkeys. For this reason you might as well have asked an Indian in the old days to shoot his grandmother as to kill a turkey.

A SPARRING MATCH.

Two Boys Amuse a Large Crowd of Their Lancaster seems to be full of sporting blood just now and it is not difficult to get up an "event" of any kind. The boys even have the fever and on Friday evening those residing in the northwestern part of the city raised considerable of an excitement. For some time past there had been bad blood between John E. Hill and William Hamp, boys about 15 or 16 years of age, and they resolved to settle it. It was agreed to have a sparring match. They procured a pair of soft gloves from a man who had bought them for use by boys, and with a large number of young friends retired to a point near the college. In the crowd that went out were a large number of kids who were delighted with the prospect of seeing some fun. It was not long until the boys were at work in a business-like way. A ring had been made with stakes driven in the ground. Hill was attended by Sherman Ferguson, and Hamp by Ben Buckius. Raiph Anderson acted as referee. The sparrers were not allowed much rest, for in twenty minutes they had sixteen rounds. In that time Hamp was knocked down three times and that was enough for him. He then refused to go on, as his back was sore and the referee awarded the fight to Hill. There was great cheering from the friends of Hill when the announcement was made and the boys hastened down town. A report was started by some one that a desperate bare knuckle prize fight had taken place. This was soon found to be wrong as with the gloves the boys used they would not be able to hurt each other in a long time. up an "event" of any kind. The boys even have the fever and on Friday evening

MYSTERIOUSLY INJURED.

A Man Who Says He Was Attacked By a Crowd.

On Friday afternoon two men called at the office of Dr. H. E. Westhaeffer, on Eas King street. One of them was covered with blood and said that he wished to be attended by the doctor. He was examined and a cut to the jawbone was found on the upper lip, his front teeth, above, were out. There was a cut over the right eye and another on the lower lip. The doctor dressed the wounds and the man started off, going out East King street. The injured man positively refused to give his name, but said that he and his companions were employed in the nickel mines near Gap. They said they were walking along the railroad track near the big Conestoga bridge when they were attacked by six men who beat them. This story seemed a little strange when one man was found to be so badly used up while the other did not have a mark. Both men seemed very anxious that their names with blood and said that he wished to be while the other did not have a mark. Both men seemed very anxious that their names should not be ascertained. It is said by several men that pretend to know that the strangers were not attacked but the one re-ceived his injuries by being thrown by a freight train which he was trying to ride.

During the absence Thursday night of the family of Alexander A. Patch his resi-dence on College hill, Easton, was entered and thoroughly ransacked by Mary Sny-der and Martha Stull, the former of whom had recently left the service of the family as a domestic. They got in through the cellar, turned on the electric light, and stole dresses, underwear, umbrellas, etc., and \$5 from a child's bank. They then went to the Lehigh Valley depot and asked officer Long when the next train went to

Officer Long when the next train went to Scranton.

The officer later had his suspicions aroused, and found the girls is a closet changing their clothing. Fearing arrest, they ran up the hill and leaped over ditches and fences, but were finally caught and locked up. The Snyder girl, it is said, "squealed," and all the goods except the money, which was lost in the chase, were recovered.

Charged With Stealing Turkeys On Thursday night the premises of Peter B. Hershey, in Manheim township, were B. Hershey, in Manheim township, were visited by thieves. Two turkeys were stolen and the tracks led from Hershey's place to the house of Daniel Dreibelbis. Complaint was made against Daniel before Alderman Halbach. He was arrosted by Constable Eleholtz and gave ball for a hearing.

## A TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

THE PISTOL ENDS THE LIVES OF A PARILY OF WILLIAMSBURG, N. Y.

Wife and Child Stain By Husband and Father-He Kills Himself When Police Call at the Home.

New York, Jan. 4.—In the German quarter of Williamsburg a terrible double murder and suicide was reported shortly before noon to-day. A man named Frank-lin killed his wife and child and then committed suicide.

A neighbor informed the police that no member of the Franklin family, who lived in the rear of No. 180 Munger street, had been seen since Wednesday. He thought been seen since Wednesday. He thought something was wrong. Two officers west to the house and effected an entrance. All was quiet in the house, but passing into a bed room Franklin was found sitting on the edge of the bed with a revolve grasped in his right hand. As the offidrove them out of the room at point of the weapon. Then a pistol sho rang out and the officers rushed in and found Franklin had shot himself through the left breast. He was not yet dead, but his wife and three-year-old child were lying dead on the same bed. Franklin died some time after. Both victims had been shot through the head. From appearances they had been dead two or three

Charge Against a Justice.

LockPort, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Police Justice C. H. Freeman, of this city, was arrested last night on a charge of defrauding Calvin Cambria, out of nearly \$8,000. Freeman was arrested to prevent his alleged intended flight. It appears that Thompson was a client of the firm of Freeman & Dempsey, and that last June he had a couple of men and that last June he had a couple of men arrested for entering his house and taking some money. Later Thompson found he had mislaid the money and the men were liberated. Freeman led Thompson to be-lieve that the men were going to sue him for heavy damages and induced him to settle for \$1,500. Another transaction of Freeman was to get Thompson to assume two fictitious mortgages for \$3,700 and \$2,600 respectively. Freeman will be ar-

A New President. Pirrisburo, Jan. 4—The long drawn out

contest for the presidency of the Window Glass Workers' association has finally been settled by the election of Granville Morenus, of Cleveland, New York, as successor to James Campbell. The official count is not to be made until to-night, but the returns have all been received, and enough leaked out to warrant the statement that Mr. Morenus is elected. This has seen the hotlast contest that has seen has been the hottest contest that has ever taken place in the history of the organisa-iton, and the first time that a non-residen-of Pittsburg has been elevated to the post

A Train Goes Down With a Bridge.

HALLETTSVILLE, Tex., Jau. 4.—Thursday night a freight train on the San Antonio & Aransas Pass road went through a bridge at this place. There were 22 cars on the train and all fell through. On the cars were a dozen men. Up to last evening had been taken out, four of them not serious telleral. Four have not vet been removed to the serious telleral. covered. It is reported that the bodies of three dead men have been found about seven miles below here floating in the

TELEGRAPHIC TAPS.

The colliers at Breslau have joined the A contract has been closed with Andrew Carnegie to furnish 5,000 tons of steel p'atworth \$300,000 for vessels to be built at St.

The schools at Halle, Germany, have seen closed, owing to the prevalence of in-

King Leopold, of Belgium, is ill as A locomotive on the Baltimore & Ob w. V., this morning, making a total wreek.
Engineer Cumingham was blown 20 yards and escaped with slight injury.
Fireman Tary was badly hurt about the face and head.

Frederick Hall, of "The Briggs Frederick Hall, of "The Brigands" company, died from pneumonia in New York this morning. He had influence.

Liverpool, Eng., is suffering from influence. Right. Hon. Henry Chaplin, president of the board of agriculture, her been severely attacked. The contagion has been traced to letters received from Russia. been traced to letters received from Russia. Dr. Paul Hoffman, assistant superintend

ent of New York's schools, is incane fro the effects of the grip.

There were 1,202 deaths in New York this week, an unprecedented number for this season of the year; 234 deaths to-day.

Noted Foreigners Dis. VIENNA, Jan. 4.—Prince Charles Wile liam Philip, head of the house of Auer-sperg, died at Prague to-day from inflame mation of the lungs.

Bentin, Jan. 4.—Professor Wilhelm.

Conrad Hermann Mueller, the German
philologist, died to-day at Goettingen.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Professor Name, cocuhe University of Bonn, died this morn Severe Weather In the Northwest. SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 4 .- Overland trains

are all delayed in eastern Washington by snow storms. The weather is the coldest known here for years. DEADWOOD, S. D., Jan. 4.-The there mometer registered 28 below zero here yesterday, the coldest of the winter. Business is practically suspended, owing to the intensity of the cold.

Burned With Their Cabin. PADUCAH, Ky., Jan. 4.—Four loggers were burned to death at Beebe's camp, up the Tennessee river 75 miles from Paducab, on Thursday night, by their cabin taking fire. Two of them were brothers named Dyer, and the others named Celton and Somers. It is supposed they were all in-toxicated. The cabin ignited from the

A United States Officer Convicted, Muskegon, Mich., Jan. 4.—George S. Jacks, a ex-United States deputy marshal, against whom six cases are pending for burglary and larceny, was convicted in the circuit court yesterday (\$\frac{1}{2}\$) larceny in one of the cases. The trial h been one of the most sensational ever held in the city.

A Maniac Kills His Wife.

Lewiston, Me., Jan. 4.—John McWillliams, who has been sick several days, became insane to-day. Officers tried to arie t him but le escaped from them, rea
into a house and with an axe laid open the
head of his wife, killing her instantly. She
was 25 years of age and leaves one child,
McWilliams was finally captured.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair warmer, followed during Sunday by light rain; casterly winds.