REVISION NECESSARY.

DEFECTS OF THE PRESENT REVENUE LAWS INDICATED BY LANCASTRIANS.

Too Much Tax Exacted From the Land-Owner-The Views of Banker Reed, Farmer H. G. Rush and Others.

A commission has been appointed by Governor Beaver to revise the revenue system. The Philadelphia Press publishes the views of farmers, bankers and others. It says: "The prevailing sentiment is adverse to the existing laws and in favor of their speedy revision." On the road ques-"in nearly every instance the exervision." The views of local men are

supervision." The views of local men are here reproduced:

Mr. George K. Reed, of Reed, McGrann & Co., says that the tax question is one that the deeper you study it the more complicated it appears. In his opinion the three mill tax on judgment and mortgages at the present time is a very onerous one to a certain class, and should be removed. He referred to the large class of people who are possessed of about \$10,000, the income of which is their sole support. Heretofore they could secure 6 per cent. interest, but now they are fortunate in placing their money securely at four, and this is further reduced by the three mill tax. He knew of many such instances, he said, where it was a source of positive hardship. Another matter that requires adjustment is what in many cases is equivalent to double taxation. A man buys a farm for say ten thousand dollars, on which he places a mortgage of five thousand. He pays probably six per cent. interest on the mortgage and his county and school tax on the entire value of the farm, while the holder of the mortgage has to pay the state tax on the five thousand dollar mortgage. In Mr. Reed's opinion the law should be so amended that a property holder should have the right to deduct his debts from the taxable value of deduct his debts from the taxable value of the farm. Several impediments are in the way, however. The mortgage holder pays the tax to the state, and in the event of the debt being deducted from the value of the farm, the county would be a clean loser by the operation. Some methods might be devised by which the loss would be shared and the debt-ridden man relieved of his present onerous burden.

Another feature of the case is presented by the many schemes resorted to largely

by the many schemes resorted to largely by the richer class, to pay tax on their utire holdings. Many of the returns given to the assessor, and sworn to in addition, failed to represent the taxable wealth of the possessor. If a true return were made by possessor. If a true return were made by everybody the increase would be of such considerable amount as to warrant a lower tax rate all around. As at present levied, the poorer classes are compelled to bear an unjust share of the burden. In this city arnall houses worth about a thousand dolthe poorer classes are compelled to bear an unjust share of the burden. In this city small houses worth about a thousand dollars are assessed full two-thirds of their value, while the property of parties much better able to pay is assessed at a much lower ratio of value. Mr. Reed's idea is that all property should be assessed at its full value, which would do away with the present unjust favoritism.

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The road question, he thought, presented difficulties that were hard to solve, but he did not think that the state would be warranted in engaging in the business to the extent of taking charge of all the roads in the state. The magnitude of the work under these circumstances would be such that millions of dollars could be expended without any appreciable effect. It would lead to a great deal of dissatisfaction in those parts of the state not reached at once. lead to a great deal of dissatisfaction is those parts of the state not reached at once being jealous of the more favored portions as they paid the same tax they would naturally feel that they were entitled to equal consideration. In his opinion the best thing to do would be to continue the

Mr. H. W. Hartman, of the firm of Rose Bros. & Hartman, umbrella manufacturers, inclined to the opinion that the method of levying municipal tax was not such as to inure to the general welfare of the com-munity in which manufacturers are lomunity in which manufactorers are located. The custom in many places in the East is to assess them at as high a figure as is deemed practical, on the general principle that they are able to pay. They generally are; but manufacturers, like all other men engaged in business, are in it for the financial considerations involved, and are disposed, when looking for locations, to consider most favorably those cities whose tax rates and assessments are cities whose tax rates and assessments are lowest. In Western cities particularly, a point was made to attract manufacturers point was made to attract manufacturers by either relieving them altogether of municipal taxation for a certain term, or of placing the rate at a lower figure. Lancaster's tax rate was not particularly high, and her manufacturers had nothing to complain of on the score of excessive taxation, but if the principle of favoritism to that extent was followed it would lead to heneficial results.

beneficial results.
"There is general complaint," he said, at the present time of inequality in assessments of city property. Some people complain that the man who owns a house worth plain that the man who owns a house worth \$1,200 is compelled to pay tax on \$1,000, while the owner of a mansion worth \$30,000 or over is relieved from payment on more than half the real value. On the face of it that is a good cause for complaint, but if one considers the matter, how many houses do you suppose would beautify the city if they were to be taxed to their full value? A city's attractive features count for something, and if rich people find they for something, and if rich people find they are to burdened with excessive taxation there will be no inducement for investments in what are real public improve

roads, and believes that a state system should be adopted for improving them. The state debt will be paid off in a few years, and with the present system of tax-ation retained, a large sum could be annually disbursed for that purpose. What nethod would be best he was not prepare to say, but a good system of roads would be a boon to the whole people, and worth all the money that could be expended on

Mr. Henry G. Rush, of Pequea township, one of the leading and most intelligent far-mers of the county, said that in his opin-ion the taxes should be so levied as to fall heaviest on those best able to bear them. He knew of many farmers who were strug-He knew of many farmers who were struggling along under a great burden of debt, probably paying interest and taxes on twenty thousand dollars, who, if their affairs would be wound up, would probably not be worth a thousand dollars. The question of double taxes, on which the state was now collecting, was a serious one, and should be lecting, was a serious one, and should be remedied in some manner that would afford necessary relief. At the present time the farmer's condition was not an enviable one. Thousands were holding on in the hope of a better day, when they could re-lieve themselves of risks taken probably ten or twenty years ago, when the pros-pects were much more encouraging. pects were much more encouraging. In that time they have been paying interest and taxes and the depreciation of property has about wiped out all the money that they have put into it in their many years of labor. He had knowledge of men who were paying county, road and school taxes on borrowed capital, aggregating probably \$150 a year, whose only relief, according to nt outlook, was financial failure lay the burden heavier on those best abl lay the burden heavier on those best able to bear it—the capitalists—and relieve the debtor. Taxation, however, was not the only hicubus that was seriously interfering with the farmer's prosperity. The fertile fields of Lancaster county, worth probably \$250 an acre, could not compete with the ten dollar lands of the West, when the difference in freight does not amount with the ten dollar lands of the West, when the difference in freight does not amount to three cents a bushel on grain. Cattle feeding, which had at one time been very prosperous in this county, had lost nearly all its profit, owing to the unjust discrimi-nations in favor of the West. The Lancas-ter county farmer, had to now full feedel. nations in favor of the West. The Lancas-ter county farmer had to pay full freight to get them to market when fattened, the result being that his profit had vanished. The interests of the farmer of the East were more interfered with by the competition of

mare admitted free. dowing to their present embarrassment bee farmers were generally opposed to the option of any road system which would likely to increase taxation. Their roads,

rather than incur the risks of greater burdens.

County Commissioner A. B. Worth, who is a farmer by occupation, said that he had given the tax question a great deal of thought, especially since his incumbency of his present office, and he was not prepared to say that he knew much more about it now than he did when he began his investigation. He was of the opinion that under the present system land is compelled to pay too much tax. As at present constituted, land pays three taxes—county, road and school—while money at interest only pays one. The present system was certainly very unfair to the poor man, who may be a small land owner, with a mortgage on his place, and who is compelled to pay interest on his indebtedness as well as the tax on the entire assessed valuation. Some means should be resorted to to remedy this inequality, although he was not prepared to suggest any method. Since the law had been enacted requiring the commissioners to look up the judgments and mortgages of record, which are sent to the assessors, the tax returns had been evaded and incorrect returns made. The commissioners were trying to sit this matter more closely, because under the law of 1867 they bear all the expenses and get one-third back. As yet, however, owing to the many plans resorted to of evading the law, the cash receipts had not materially increased.

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Commissioner Worth said that the past year was the worst the farmers of this vicinity had ever had. He, himself, had been farming for forty years, and he had never before made so little money. It was with an idea of affording some relief that the commissioners of Lancaster county reduced the tax rate to two mills, which is the lowest rate now in force in any of the counties of Pennsylvania. It was owing to their present embarrassment that the farmers were generally opposed to the question of state road-making. They were apprehensive that it would impose additional burdens, which at the present time they were unable to bear.

Lambert and Quay Quarrel.
From the New York World.
Colonel J. H. Lambert, who has retired from the editorship of the Philadelphia Inquirer through a difference with Senator Quay, was at one time one of Quay's most devoted followers. He formed a strong attachment to Adjutant General D. H. Hastings, and when he was compelled to choose between the two he left the Quay camp. The gubernatorial contest in Penusylvania this year promises to be the liveliest fight in the history of the state. Quay issued his orders several months ago to the effect that his friend Delamater should have the nomination. A revolt was started at once and it has been growing ever since. The opposition to Quay has rallied around General Hastings. "Delamater may get the nomination," said Christopher L. Magee, of Pittsburg, at the Fifth Avenus hotel yesterday, "but if he does it will cost the Republicans a good many votes. There was less cause for kicking in 1882, when Pattison was elected over Beaver, and I do not believe Mr. Delamater can be elected governor of Pennsylvania this year."

List of Unclaimed Letters. List of letters advertised at the postoffi t Lancaster, Pa., January 20th, 1890. Free

delivery:

Ladies' List.—Miss Minnie Culp, Miss Clara Miller, Miss Alice Stafanly, Miss Emma Stoner.

Gent's List.—Rev. D. S. Bagshaw, A. F. Baker, J. C. Campbell, Thomas Coyle, Thomas Dillard, Jos. Fritz, John Gabel, John Gaconterne, Wayne Hollinger, Keller Brothers, W. H. Lange, B. H. Livengood, Geo. A. Mackley, Miller & Mooney, Mr. Morse, E. S. Perrie, J. A. Polsh & Co., J. B. Ramsey, jr., Abrsham Poish & Co., J. B. Ramsey, jr., Abraham S. Souders, Israel Stoner, M. A. Sullivan, J. M. Templin, Peter G. Wenger, R. H.

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A dispatch from Paris says: Herman Zeitenger, the fashionable Vienna ladies' tailor, having decided to come to Paris without paying his fare, on account of failure in business, constructed a packing case in the form of a pyramid, with a flat top as the lid, which was fastened inside by a bolt and a half filled with straw. He provided himself with bread, sausage and some bottles of water. The case was marked on the outside: "This side up. Brittle."

Brittle."

He then ordered the carmen of the railway company to fetch the package and jumped in himself. The jolting on the journey was awful and bone breaking. Sometimes he was left alone for hours, nearly stifled under piles of goods. He reached Paris after a terrible journey of sixty hours, nearly dead and was arrested by the custom house officials and prosecuted for defrauding the railway. cuted for defrauding the railway.

Miss Cammerer Awarded \$12,000 Miss Cammerer Awarded \$12,000.

The jury in the suit of Miss Caroline Cammerer against Clemens Muller, for \$100,000 for breach of promise, on Sunday attended the opening of their sealed verdict in the supreme court. They found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$12,000. This verdict was reached on Saturday night after a deliberation of five and a half hours. The plaintiff was not in court, but the de-The plaintiff was not in court, but the de fendant, however, was there, A motion by the defendant for a new trial was denied, and the motion of the plaintiff for

Died Praying in a Pulpit.

John Weyer, aged 84, a highly respected citizen of York, fell over dead Sunday morning in the pulpit of the Union Lutheran church. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Fastnacht, who has been ill for some time, called upon Mr. Weyer, who has been an exhorter in that church for many years, to fill the pulpit. Mr. Weyer, after speaking for some time in the German language, enfor some time in the German language, en-gaged in prayer, and while in supplication fell over dead. Mr. Weyer was wellknown in the city and county, and leaves a

large estate.
The event startled the members of the congregation greatly, and the circum-stances of his taking off formed the topic of conversation all day.

He Bet a Quarter and Lost. Elias Rannels was heard by Alderman Halbach on Saturday evening on a charge of stealing twenty-five cents from George Faust. The testimony showed that the men were playing cards, and Faust bet Rannels a quarter on the game. Rannels won the game and Faust's quarter, and the latter then brought a suit for larceny. The alderman promptly dismissed the case.

Stole Some Tobacco.

Thieves broke open a small frame buildat Liberty and North Queen streets, which is occupied by George Stoey as a cigar fac-tory, early on Sunday. They burst one of the windows in and took a small quantity

Chosed to Death by Licorice. Earl Sherman, a 3-year-old son of Fill-more Acker, of Pottstown, choked to death on Saturday on a small piece of licorice in the presence of the parents and before a

Anniversary of Washington Camp. To-morrow evening Washington Camp, Patriotic Order Sons of America, will cele brate their anniversary. It will be held in the court house. An appropriate programme o exercises has been arranged. The principal address will be delivered by Mayor Kenney, of Reading.

Death of a Reading Alderman. Alderman Denhard, of the Eighth ward. Reading, died on Saturday.

A. W. Snader, attorney for Leah Mussel-nan, issued execution to-day against David B. Myers, of Bareville, for \$800.

A BUSY LIFE CLOSED.

G. EDWARD MEGENER, IN THE PRIME OF LIPE. DIES ON SATURDAY.

Places of Profit and Trust-He Serves se Assistant Postmaster of the City.

G. Edward Hegener died at his residence, No. 306 West King street, at 6:20 o'clock on Saturday evening, after an illness of about two weeks. He was attacked with the prevailing epidemic, which developed into pneumonis and afterwards to inflammation of the brain. His illness was not considered dangerous until late on Friday, when his disease took a turn for the worse and from that time be became unconscious and from that time he became unconscious and Mr. Hegener was born on June 13, 1850, at the present home of his father, Henry Hegener, No. 115 South Queen street. He received his education in the public schools

of the city, but left the high school before graduation to become an apprentice at the graduation to beco In April 1866 he entered the Inquirer office, then owned by the late Stuart A. Wylle. He worked at the trade for several years, advancing step by step until he be-came the foreman. In 1879 he was transferred to the business office of the Inquirer Printing and Publishing company, (the successors of Stuart A. Wylie), and was made book keeper, holding that position until the summer of 1885, when he went on

duty as assistant postmaster, by appoint-of Postmaster Henry E. Slaymaker. He made the business of the office a close tudy, and soon mastered the many intrieste details. While in the office he had two very serious attacks of sickness from which he recovered, but he never regained good health. He retired from the postoffice in the the latter part of December, with a record as a manager of which anyone

In the days of the old volunteer department he was an active member of the Inion Fire company and served as secre tary from 1876. The organization of the society has been kept up to the present time and he has annually been re-elected ecretary of the company, having been chosen again at the annual meeting held

on the evening of January 9th. He was connected with a number of Catholic societies of the city, in all of which he took an active interest. At the time of his death he was president of Leo XIII, Young Men's Catholic society and St. Michael's Catholic Beneficial Union and a mamber in addition of St. Anthony's, St. Peter's and St. Bernard's society. He was also president of the last named organiza-tion for several years. He was a member since its organization of the Conestoga Beneficial association.

Mr. Hegener was a firm believer in and became connected with building associa-tions many years ago. He thoroughly understood their workings and at the time of his death was secretary of the Union Building and Loan association, one of the largest and most substantial in the city. He became a member of the Lancaster

city school board in November 1887 as a then he was a regular attendant at the meetings, taking a great interest in school in his judgment was for the best interest of the schools, he opposed any extravagance. He was placed on the finance committee of

In politics he was an uncompromising Democrat and he was ever ready to assist in his party's success. Hewas all his life a member of St. Mary's Catholic church. Mr. Hegener was a highly respected cit izen by all classes and creeds, and his many friends will regret to hear of his death in the very prime of young manhood, when he was in a position financially to enjoy the

omforts of life. He was a devoted husband and father. dutiful son and kind brother. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Ida Hegener, who is the daughter of the late Abram Collins, and three young children to mourn his loss. Mrs. Hegener has the sympathy of the entire community in the great loss she has

His father, the venerable Henry Hegener, ttained his 80th year on Saturday. He had looked forward for months to that event, anticipating the pleasure it would give him to have around him his children n family reunion on that occasion. A Divine Providence decreed otherwise and made it a sad birthday by taking from him on that day the youngest of his sons, the pet of his flock. He too has the sincere sympathy of many friends in his bereave

The funeral will take place on Wednes day morning at 9 o'clock, with services at St. Mary's church at 9:30 and interment at

The school board will meet to-morrow evening to take action on his death.

JAMES BRENEMAN.

A Former Resident of Lancaster Dies a Dayton, Ohlo.

James Breneman, of Dayton, Ohio, died in that city early on Sunday morning. Mr. Breneman was in this city during the Christmas holidays, and left for home two weeks ago. He was at that time enjoying good health, but soon after reaching home he and Mrs. Breneman were attacked by the grippe. Mrs. Breneman ral-lied from the attack, and letters received by friends in this city bore favorable news as to the condition of Mr. Breneman, but a relapse set in and resulted in a complication of diseases from

Deceased was born in this city, and was a son of the late Philip K. Breneman, who years ago kept a drygoods store on East King street. In the early years of his manhood the deceased was employed in the store with his father. Twenty-three years ago he left Lancaster and went to Dayton, where he engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements, being a member of the firm of J. Lane Reed & Co. until that firm was dissolved. He was a brother of F. H. Breneman cashier of the Lancaster County National bank, and Charles A. Breneman, of the Farmers' bank, of this city, and of Edward Breneman, of Dayton. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and Phird street Presbyterian church of Dayton. He had a bost of friends in this city, and was especially well known among the members of the Presbyterian church, who always upon his visthis city insisted upon favoring the congregation with a solo, he having a rich tenor voice. Mr. Breneman leaves a wife, the daughter of Dr. Brundrett, of Dayton, but no children. He was in his 47th year. He will be buried at Dayton on Tuesday. His brother, Charles

night. WM. FARRELL'S SUDDEN DEATH.

A. Breneman, left for Dayton on Sunday

Heart Disease the Cause-He Expires in His Aunt's Arms. William Farrell died suddenly on Sunday afternoon at St. Joseph's hospital. He had been at that institution for two weeks under treatment for an affection of the heart. He was in his usual health on Sun-

day noon, when he left the hospital and went to his sister's, Mrs. L. B. Snyder, No. 529 West Chestnut street. There he ste dinner and remained until about 2 o'clock, when he went back to the hospital. Mrs. Hickey, his aunt, living on Mulberry street, was awaiting his return. As soon as he entered the building he was attacked with a severe pain in the region of the heart, fell into the arms of his aunt and died.

Deceased was 34 years old, married, and resided near Quarryville. He is a son of the late Timothy Farrell, for many years the sexton of St. Mary's cemetery and brother of Frank Farrell, who died a few

years ago. Sudden Doath From La Grippo. Sudden Death From La Grippe.

Edward Drabenstadt, a boarder at the St. Charles hotel, on East Chestnut street, died suddenly this morning. On Saturday he was taken with an attack of la grippe, and was not sick enough to necessitate his going to bed. He was up and about the house, and was able to smoke a cigar. On Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock he was suddenly taken violently ill. Pneumonia developed, and he became delirious, requiring five men to hold him in bed. He became unconscious later and remained in that condition until 8 o'clock this morning, when his death occurred. Deceased was in the

his death occurred. Deceased was in the trade. His parents reside in Mt. Joy but he had been employed at the Champion Blower and Forge company works for about six months. His body was shipped to Mt. Joy this morning.

Death of Dr. L. R. Wiest.

Dr. L. R. Wiest, of Schoeneck, died on Saturday, at his home in Schoeneck. He was attacked some time ago with "la grippe," and before he had fully recovered was called out at night to attend a patient. He missed a bridge in the darkness and drove into the water. He contracted pueumonia and that caused death. Deceased was 39 years of age and leaves a wife and one child. He had been practic-ing medicine in Schoeneck and vicinity since his graduation 18 years ago. Death of John Ruof.

John Ruof, of No. 219 Locust street, died this morning of la grippe. He was taken sick last Tuesday. He was in the 68th year of his age and leaves a widow and four children, two sons and two daughters. His two sons, Andrew and John, are both married and live in Akron, Ohio. Katie, one of his daughters, is the wife of Charles Nutto, of this city, and Annie, the youngest, lives at home. He was a lifelong mem-ber of St. Anthony's church, this city. His funeral will take place Thursday morning

Doath of a Well Known Lady in York. Samuel Small, died at her home in York on Saturday. She was the aunt of Sarah Coleman, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Alden, and sister to the late Burd Coleman, and had many friends in this city. Her busband was the guardian of Robert Coleman, the Lebanon millionaire. Walter M. Franklin, esq., and wife, of this city have gone to attend the funeral.

GETTING A FREE RIDE.

Two Young Men Arrested With Another's Horse in Their Possession. Two young men were arrested on Sat-urday night, or early Sunday morning, on charge of horse stealing and were committed. John Martin is agent for a sewing machine company in this city and he lives on North Mulberry street, near Grant. The stable in which he keeps his horse is situated on Grant street, in the During the past two months some person, upon different occasions at night, has been in the habit of taking Mr. Martin's horse from the stable and driving him around for everal hours. Officer Weaver lives on Mulberry street, near to Martin's stable. On Saturday evening, about half past nine who were strangers to her, go into the stable and get the horse. They hitched him him up in a buggy and drove away. Mrs. said that no one had permission to take his team. The police were notified, and Offimer's house were they changed their uniform for citizen's clothes, and waited for the return of the men who had "borrowed" the team. Constable Price and Mr. Martin hid near the stable. About half-past twelve o'clock the men reered with foam and very tired. The office went to the stable and arrested the two men, who proved to be Hugh McGeehan, of this city, and Ely Page, of Middletown Price took Page in charge, but he got away from him. He fell, however, and Officer Weaver got him. Both young men were landed in the station house, where Mc

Geehan made a statement exonerating Page. He said he was to blame for the whole thing, as Page had merely come to visit him, and he told him that they would go and get his (McGeehan's) horse and take a drive. Page knew no better until they

The men were put on the station house slate to be heard by Alderman Deen, but Price was not satisfied with this. Early on Sunday morning he made complaint against the young men before Alderman Barr, charging them with horse stealing, and they were quickly hustled off to jail. There is no crime of that kind in the case as the men probably had no idea of selling the horse. They seemed to have only been anxious to take a free ride. The charge may be cruelty to animals or malicious mischief if any can be made.

UNSUCCESSFUL BURGLARS. They are Frightened Off by the Sounding

of the Alarm. At an early hour on Sunday morning

burglars attempted to rob the house of A. B. Sheaffer, the well-known liquor man, who resides No. 219 North Duke street. It was about two o'clock when the back door of the house was forced open with a jimmy or some other instrument, and the lock was broken off. The house is supplied with first class burglar alarm, and doing their work the robbers started to ringing. This wakened Mr. Sheaffer, who called Albert Rinehart, his hired man, who lives near by and whose

house is connected with Mr. Sheaffer's by a wire and electric bell. When the thieves saw what had happened they took to their beels and ran down Duke street, making their escape. Officer Samson heard the noise and ran to the house, but the burglars had gotten away by that time. An examination of the hooue was made, and it was seen at once how the burglars had started the alarm Near the door, on the outside, a piece of lead pipe, which had been hammered into the shape of a billy, was found. It was dropped by the thieves, who had probably intended to do some damage with it in case of any interference by occupants of the

Mr. Sheaffer's Winchester rifle was not in its accustomed place and the burglars escaped a warm reception. A new brace was found on the north side of the house. It was dropped by the theives in their hurry to get away. If money was the object of visit of the thieves they would have been disappointed, as none is kept in the

Appointed Tipstaff. Judge Patterson to-day appointed Henry S. Shench with as a tipstaff. SHOCKED TO DEATH.

A MAN INSTANTLY KILLED BY ELECTRICITY IN NEWBURG, N. Y.

A Wire Charges an Awning Post and the Victim Falls Against the Iron While Assisting a Prostrate Horse.

NEWBURO, N. Y., Jan. 20 .- This morning at nine o'clock a man stopped his horse in front of Parson's shoe store, in Water street, tied the animal to the awning post and went away. A few minutes later the horse touched his nose to the iron post and fell into the gutter like a log. Thomas Dawson ran to help the horse, but no sconer did he place his hands on the animal than he (Dawson) full dead. Thomas Saltz who he (Dawson) fell dead. Thomas Saltz, who mw Dawson fall, hastened to his assistance and took hold of him to lift him up, but received a terrible shork and he too dropped to the ground.

lay upon an iron rod extending from the awning post to the building, and the full force of the electric current was passing down the iron post into the ground. The insulating material of the wire had become thoroughly saturated by rain. Mr. Saltz was only stunned, and was able to walk away. Neither was the horse killed. It was lifted to its feet and driven off.

Dawson was a laborer. He was a large children. There is great excitement and indignation in the city. The electric light wires, even when taut are only a few inches above the iron frames in front of buildings.

It seems that Dawson in assisting the horse took hold of the head gear and at once fell forward, his head striking against the iron awning post. An examination of the body disclosed the fact that the deadly current was received on the left side of the head which had rested against the awning post. The neck was blistered, his hair singed and his ear badly burned. Drs. Wiggins and Howell subsequently made a thorough examination of the whole body. The man's eyes were open. His face bore no evidence that he had suffered any pain.

A LIVERY TEAM STOLEN.

Two Colored Boys Arrested and Com-

mitted For the Theft.
Wm. Clinch and David Smith, two
colored boys were arrested late on Sunday night for horse stealing. They took a team of Benjamin Hirsh, liveryman, hired to a young man named Dommet, from the yard of the Sorrel Horse hotel. The theft Chief Smeltz and Officer Crawford went in search of the thieves. They learned that the horse had run away on the Willow Street pike, that the buggy was wrecked and the boys were coming to town on foot. Clinch was arrested at 11 o'clock in front of the City hotel, and Smith at St. Joseph's hospital later in the night. Both boys were committed for a hearing before Alderman Deen. The team was caught by Isaac Hildebrand, at Willow street, and returned to-day to Mr. Hirsh.

A Carpenter's Terrible Experience. George Stormfeltz, a well-known carpenter, had a thrilling experience this morning at the planing mill of his brother, J. P. Stormfeltz, on North Water street, where he is employed. He was engaged oiling a shafting which runs along the cell-ing on the first floor, and his knit jacket ght on a set screw. He was pulled and several times whirled around shafting. His coat finally gave way and tore, and he was thrown up between the oists of the second floor or ceiling, where he lodged. The other workmen, who saw the accident, stopped the machinery and took Mr. Stormfeltz out of the position that he occupied. It was then found that he was not injured, and the only damage was done to his clothing.

OYSTERS ARE OLD RESIDENTS. Ben Franklin Ate Them With Relish-

Ben Franklin Ate Them With Relish—Known to Greeks and Romans.

From the New York Herald.

The oyster is one of America's oldest settlers. His family antedates that of our most aristocratic Puritan stock. That oysters were eaten during the Revolution is proved by the story that is recorded of Ben Franklin. When he was traveling in cold weather and saw no vacant place at the tavern fire where he could warm himself, the genius whose statue adorns Printing House square cried out the order, "Half a peck of oysters in the shell for my horse!" Upon this all the fire-place crowd rushed out to see a horse eat oysters. Very soon the hostler returned and said: "Why, sir, your horse won't eat the oysters."

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"Won't he?" said Franklin, now com"Won't he?" said Franklin, www. comfortably scated by the fireside. "Well, then, bring them in and cook them and I'll eat them myself."

The archives of the state bordering on the

The archives of the state bordering on the Atlantic on whose coasts oysters abound are full of papers and documents about legislative and even military strife in regard to oysters. "Indeed." says Mr. Parkinson, the then editor of the Cuterer, "it is not going too far to say that oysters have kept the people of the several colonies and states in a perpetual stew ever since they were first settled."

The ancient Romans are ovsters raw

The ancient Romans are oysters raw with a seasoning of vinegar, garum, oil, wine, honey mixed with eggs, and pepper and alisander. They also minced them with mussels and sea hedgehogs, stewed them with pine almonds and various conditions the season of th diments and ate them scalding hot. A cele brated Roman epicure built a fish pond

where he kept cysters and fed them on a paste of cooked wine and honey.

The Greeks understood the serving of raw cysters better than modern Americans. raw oysters better than modern Americans. They were opened by a slave at the very table in view of all the ignests. Since the Fourteenth Amendment this method is not practicable here, but it served the purpose of allowing them to be eaten as nearly as possibly alive, which—in spite of Thackeray, who in jest scared an oyster eater half to death by exclaiming, "Why, man, you've swallowed it alive!"—is a gastronomical consideration of the first importance.

Funeral of George McVey.

The funeral of George McVey, of Phila leiphia, who died in this city on Friday while on a visit to his sister, Miss Lizzie McVey, took place from the residence of Prof. J. B. McCaskey this morning. body was taken to Philadelphia, where it will be interred, on the 11:35 train.

Orlow W. Chapman, solicitor general of the United States, died on Sunday, at his residence in Washington, as the result of an attack of the grip. He was a native of New York state, and about 66 years of

The Solicitor General Dies.

Persons who have copies of the INTELLI-GENCER of Monday, January 18th, who do not desire to keep them, will confer a favor upon the children of the late Martha J. Nevin by leaving them at the INTELLI-GENCER office for their use.

A Christiana Gunner Wins. At Carlisle on Saturday there was a shooting match for a purse of \$100. Fieles, of Christiana, was among the winners, re ceiving a big part of the prize.

A Cart Wrecked. The horse of J. C. Binkley, of Manor township, became unmanageable on Satur-

day evening and ran on the pavement on East Hing street near Lime. The eart to which he was hitched was upset and badly broken.

A GOOD CAPTURE.

although he wore a hat, while the man de-scribed in the papers had a cap. Barnholt told Special Officer Gill, and the two took the fellow to the station house. There he

the fellow to the station house. There he denied that he knew anything about Dr. McCullagh or that he had done anything wrong. The chief of police questioned him very closely, and he soon found that he was cornered and made a confession. He

said that he had received the order from the reverend gentleman, and he took it to Reilly Brothers & Raub's store, where he received the tools. Then he sold them and

with the money thus obtained bought whisky and got drunk. He was committed

More Saturday Night Thieves. Henry Nolty, carriage maker, and An-

derson & Grossman, machinists, occupy the three-story brick building at Marion and Market streets, which was entered by thieves some time on Saturday night or

Sunday morning. A pane of glass in Mr.
Nolty's part of the building was broken
open and this enabled the thief to unfasten
the window and crawl in. The footprints
were traced to the third floor, and the sup-

position is that the thieves were trying to find some connection between Nelty's

apartments and those of Anderson & Grossman. They were unable to do this and they soon left this part of the building.

going to that of the other firm. They pried open the front door of the office, breaking the lock. Upon getting inside they opened

all the drawers and scattered the con-

tents, consisting of papers, etc., all around the room, but nothing is missing.

HELP THE DORCAS.

for a hearing before Alderman Deen.

The Man Who Defrauded Dr. McCullagh Caught at the Eagle Hotel.
Andrew McFarland, the man who got an order for some tools from Dr. McCullagh on Friday, was arrested on Saturday evening in the Eagle hotel, at North Queen and Orange streets. He was altting in the barrance when expedient Ed. Barnholt came

IT IS SEVEN PEET ON A LEVEL AND CON TINUES TO DECEND.

The Northern and Central Pacific Ratiways Blocked and Direct Telegraphic Communication With the Coast Off.

Orange streets. He was sitting in the barroom when ex-Officer Ed. Barnholt came
in. The latter had read an account of the
man's transactions in the papers, together
with his description. McFarland was
reading a newspaper, probably looking at
the item about himself, and Barnholt had
plenty of time to take a good look at him.
He concluded at once that he was the man,
although he wors a hat while the man de-CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—The snow blockade in the West and Northwest is one of the mean complete on record. Not only has travel become an impossibility on the Western divisions of the Central and Northern

> road is at Emigrant Gap, near the summit of the Sierras. Last night eight west bound trains were snowed in and the prospect of the road being opened in the next 44 hours is poor, as snow pleaghs cannot work through the freezing ice and the force of shovslers is insidenate. There are 1 500 menut week. of clearing a track while snow falls is

plete snow blockade at Sissons, near Mount Shasta.

badly injured in the Tehachepi mountains by washouts and beyond Los Angeles the floods have done much damage, and travel on that route may also be delayed at any

Western Union advices this morning are that snow is still falling throughout the West, so that the prospect is by no means

The World's Fair Committee.

Washington, Jan. 20.—In the House today the speaker appointed the world's
fair committee as follows: Messra Candier, of Mass; Hitt, of Ill; Bowden, of Virginia; Balden, of N. Y; Frank, of Missouri;
Wilson, of W. Va; and Flower, of N. Y. On
the location for the fair the committee stands
as follows; For Chicago, Hitt and Springer;
for St. Louis, Hatch and Frank; for New
York, Balden and Flower; for Washington,
Bowden and Wilson.

Lots of Toverty in This City in Spite of Mild Weather.

This has been a very easy winter for the very poor, but there seems to be more of them than usual, and charitable people are overworked in trying to assist needy. The grip has had terrible effect among the peo-ple who live from hand to mouth, and can not afford to take care of themselves.

Money is needed in local charities, and the Doreas society having modestly asked for assistance, a prominent member was requested to explain its wants and methods. She replied: "To state what the Dorcas society is, its objects and what it accomplishes, would only be a repetition of astory that has been told over and over again. It is all well known. A great deal has been done, but very much remains to be done. The means of the society are very limited, and this winter the calls upon it have been larger than ever. Owing to the prevalence of sickness, many persons being unable for a time to work, have appealed for assistance. Medi-cine, clothing, etc., have been distributed,

clothing and of money are always wel-SERIOUS FIRE AT MT. NEBO.

but much is still necessary. Donations of

The Postoffice and Store of Jacob R. The premises occupied by Jacob R. Shenk, postmaster at Mt. Nebo, were destroyed by fire early this morning. Shenk is the postmaster, and he has in the same building a store. His family occupied the remainder of the house. Mr. Shenk arose at an early hour and made fire in the store room. He then began getting his mail matter ready for the stage driver, who leaves that village early in the morn-

ing for Lancaster. The fire was discovered on the second floor and occurred through an elbow be song ing loose. The flames spread so rapidly, the structure being part frame and part log, that it was with difficulty that the family of Mr. Shenk were rescued. Mr. saved the mail matter first and went back to the store room for his money, \$93 in notes and some checks, but the fire by this time had made such headway that he could not get it and it was burned. All the store goods and his furniture were entirely de stroyed. The building belonged to Isaa Walton and was insured. Mr. Shenk had no insurance on the stock and his loss will be from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Abel B. Taft, a tramp, who says his home is at Mendin, Massachusetts, while walking on the track of the Pennsylvania railros near the bridge that spans the "cut off," at the end of Duke street, was this morning struck by the bumper of a freight engine. body and arm, but no bones were broken

He was sent to the hospital.

A fight occurred on Manor street, near Dorwart, between 12 and 1 o'clock on Sunday morning and although it was kept up for a long time the police officers of the ward did not put in an appearance. The neighbors were disturbed by the noise and complain of the frequency of rows in this neighborhood. The participants, it is said had been in a place in the neighborhood drinking several kegs of beer.

Dismissed For Want of Evidence Conrad Schaeffer was heard by Alderman Barr, on Saturday evening, or charges of selling liquor to a person visibly affected and with keeping a disorderly house, on complaint of Mamie Shenk. Neither case could be made out and the ilderman dismissed them.

The Retiring Letter-Carriers. The Democratic letter-carriers retired from office on Sunday and from to-day the new men will be responsible for the delivery of the mail matter in the city. The retiring officials were efficient in the performance of their duties and they go out of office with the best wishes of those they faithfully served for success in their future undertakings.

Eugene Bauer's Chickens. A thief visited the premises of Eugene Bauer on Saturday morning and got away with two of his chickens. Mr. Bauer is now the possessor of a number of chickens of the ordinary variety. He was at one time the owner of a large number of fine bred chickens, but thieves carried them

Noremac Third.

The 72-hour walking match in Detroit closed Saturday night. Howarth received first prize, covering 364 miles. Geo. Normac, well known here, was third, with 337 miles, and he received \$125.

Prosecuted by a Thief. Frank Henry was committed this after

noon for trial at court on two charges of larceny. The prosecutor is John Ready, the young man who will figure as a defendant this week on charges of horse stealing and larceny. Ready alleges that Henry stole his cart and harness.

PRICE TWO CENTS. DEEP SNOW IN THE WEST

divisions of the Central and Northern Pacific, but telegraph companies are equal sufferers, and every through wire is down on both these routes. The only means of telegraphic communication with the Pacific coast now is by the indirect route of the Southern Pacific, and the volume of business transacted is necessarily limited.

The snow blockade of the Central Pacific road is at Emigrant Gan page the amount.

is inadequate. There are 1,500 men at work, but as the snow is seven feet deep on the level and fathoinless in the cuts, the work

The World's Fair Committe

The chairman, Mr. Candler, is satisfie tory to all contending parties as one no committed to any particular city.

The Loss and Insurance. Boston, Jan. 20.—A local paper published this morning a full and detailed it s of the this morning a full and detailed it to real losses by the Thanksgiving Day fire in this city together with insurance on buildings and contents compiled from official returns to the Boston protective department. From these returns it appears that the total Ioss was \$3,841,388. The insurance involved was \$3,841,388. companies was \$3,173,438, or a little over \$5 per cent. of the total insurance and \$2.6 per cent. of the total loss. The loss not insured

May Close all the Collieries.

READING, Pa., Jan. 20.—The Philadelphia & Reading railroad officials in this city my that unless there is a decided improvement that unless there is a decided improvement that unless there is a decided improvement. in the coal trade, every colliery owned the company as well as those owned individual operators, will close do ready shut down entirely. The employ about 3,000 men. The of clair say that of 20,000 coal cars service, over 3,000, all loaded, are all tracked near the mines, that \$,000, all loaded are tracked near the mines, that \$,000, all loaded are the mines are the m Over one-third of all the collieries tracked near the mines, that 8,006, all loaded, are now lying along the company's lines, that the company's tracks are blockaded with loaded cars between the latter point there are lying 1,500,000

tons of coal. TELEGRAPHIC TAPS.
Von Frankenstein, leader of the German

Clerical party, is dying.

Jimmy Siccum, a base ball player, was arrested in New York after an exciting chase across house tops. He is charged with the murder of his wife and mays he was described.

Elmer Freed, Silas Tracy, Charles Wilson and Alexander Whitmore, were driv-ing to a dance near Burlington, Illa, on Saturday night, when the horses backed the wagon over a bank into Griswold's slough. It broke through the ice and

Frank Fairly, a German cobbler of Buffalo, lives with his widowed daughter, Mrs. Myers, and her ten-year-old daughter. Fairly and Mrs. Myers agreed to exterminate the family and put oxolic acid in the o They will probably die, but ithe little girl is recovering.

Judge Ingraham denied a motion to se

aside the verdict giving \$12,000 to Miss Cammerer for breach of promise of mar-riage by Mr. Muller. Plaintiff's counsel were allowed five per cent. for their ser-Preached Against Sunday Papers. MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 20.—The pulpits of this city united yesterday in a grand attack against the publication of Sunday papers. The subject attracted considerable

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20 .- For Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain, fol-lowed by colder, clearing weather

"The Enemy" Strauded. "The Enemy," presented on Friday and Saturday evenings at the opera house, was not a financial success. The company has been playing to small houses for some time. Ollie Walde, a former member of the company, attached the property of the company for a claim of \$50 on a suit entered before Alderman Halbach. The proprietor of the Grape hotel also has a

claim against the company. The manager of the company is endeavoring to arread its financial difficulties. Masonry Finished.
The masonry of the abutment at Woods mill over the Conowingo, in Fulton town-ship, swept away by the floods a few months ago, has been rebuilt.

Church Closed by the Grip. The Willow Street Mennonite meetin house was without services on Sunday Both preachers, Revs. Elias Groff at Amos Herr, with whom arrangements he been made to conduct the services, we prostrated by grip.

Common Pleas Trial List. The trial list of the common pleas court for the weeks beginning February 10 and 17th was issued to day. There are 30 cases on each week's list for trial.

Bank Officers Chosen. The directors of the People's bank to elected Isaac W. Leidigh as vice president

and Charlas F. Miller as secretary. The election of president was deferred until there is a full attendance. Two were absent to-day on account of illness.

In the other national banks in which there were organizations to-day, there were no charges.