News Items.

The last customs report shows receipts amounting to $2,895,768.

Fourteen negroes were elected to the Alabama Convention. The Convention will meet on the 5th of November.

Mrs. Jeff. Davis is at present in Centre Village, Vermont, visiting her mother, who lies dangerously ill.

The northeast rain storm, which began yesterday, prevails along the whole gulf and Atlantic coast.

The cholera has disappeared from Palermo, in Sicily, after carrying off 4776 persons.

Three hundred and seven new patents will be issued for the week ending November 5th.

The total resources of the National banks, according to the last quarterly report, amount to $1,405,000,000. The capital stock amounts to $419,500,000.

The State Department has ordered counsel to be employed for the defence of Colonels Warren and Nagle, held as Fenian prisoners by the British Government.

One man was fatally scalded, and four others were injured on Saturday, by the explosion of a boiler at Cole's piano factory, on Weehawken Hill, near New York.

Five hundred miles of the Union Pacific Railroad track have been laid, and seventeen miles more will carry the road to the eastern base of the Rocky Mountains.

Two individuals claiming to be English noblemen were locked up in a station house in New York, for certain alleged improprieties and beating a policeman.

An unknown man attempted to murder a mail agent, named Adams, in the streets of Saco, Me., on Sunday night, but was frightened off before accomplishing his design.

As the Savannah steamship Leo was entering New York harbor yesterday, she ran into and sunk the schooner David Sands, of Fairhaven. Three of the schooner's crew were drowned.

While some men were opening old shells, at the Union Rolling Mill in St. Louis, on Saturday, one of the shells exploded, killing one man and badly injuring three others.

In Cleveland, on the 20th, John Bartlett was shot and probably fatally, by Edward Scanlan, a neighbor, because a dog belonging to the former had bitten slightly one of his children.

A canary bird at Troy, New York, having escaped from its cage lately, a cat, which was very fond of listening to the bird's song, caught it and brought it safely to its mistress before she knew of the escape.

A battle has taken place between the Blackfeet and Gros Ventre Indians, the latter having 200 men killed. Several tribes have joined in a war to exterminate the Blackfeet.

The cases of eight yellow fever interments at Navy Yard on Sunday, of twelve yellow fever interments were reported in Mobile during Sunday, and twenty six in New Orleans.

A Georgia paper publishes a statement of the amounts deposited in the Freedmen's Savings Bank, for the month of September. "Twenty thousand" is the reported amount deposited at Wilmington.

Miss Mary Davis, of Petersburg, Virginia, aged about twenty five years, died on Tuesday from excessive corpulency. She had been confined to her bed nearly nine months, and was utterly helpless.

A passenger train ran into a freight train, at Cincinnati, on Saturday, and several of the cars were smashed. The wreck took fire and a passenger was burned to death. About a dozen other passengers were injured.

An Indianapolis special to the Commercial says that the nomination of General Grant for the Presidency by Speaker Colfax, is understood in Indiana to be equivalent to an avowal by the latter of his candidacy for the Governorship of that State.

A man named Van Arsdale is on trial for the murder of a young boy, in Somerville, New Jersey. His counsel plead that he was laboring under spiritual hallucination at the time of the commission of the crime, but the prosecution contend that he perpetrated the deed from violent malignancy or temper.

The Canadian newspapers express regret at finding that emigration to the United States still continues, and that not only young men go to find new homes, but heads of families go and take their families with them. The United States will heartily welcome all immigrants who come within her borders.

A pretty fair estimate of the magnitude of the national debt may be formed when the fact is called to mind that, in a recent statement, a clerical error occurred, of a mere thirteen millions of dollars. When a clerk has room for making a trifling error like that, it may be assumed that the entire debt must be moderately large.

An ex Confederate soldier named Foster Whiteside was last summer sentenced to eighteen years' imprisonment by a circuit court in East Tennessee, his offence being that, acting under orders, he burned a house during the war. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, and that tribunal has reversed the decision and discharged the prisoner.

Two men recently died suddenly at a Canadian tavern after drinking a cup of coffee. The landlady called the police, who suspected her of poisoning the men. She protested she had not, and to prove the harmlessness of the coffee, drank a cup herself, when she also fell down dead. An examination of the coffee pot showed that a bunch of matches had been boiling with the coffee.

State Items.

Hon. G. A. Grow purchased the Reno Oil Creek and Pithole railroad last week for $121,000. The road cost originally $1,053,000.

The miners are establishing co-operative stores in the vicinity of most of the great collieries of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Lizzie Freeze, of Northumberland county, died last week at the extreme age of one hundred years.

While sinking a well in Fayette county, Iowa, Captain Appleton came upon the top branches of a buried forest, twelve feet below the surface. The trees were erect.

On Saturday last John Krotzer, of New Armagh township, Mifflin county, whilst out hunting for squirrels, saw and killed a black bear, which weighed about 200 lbs.

Overcoats to the knees; very tight pants, like those worn thirty years ago, and silk hats, with low crowns and broad brims; such are men's fashions for the coming season.

The contract for the construction of the Dauphin County Soldiers' Monument has been awarded, and is to cost seven thousand dollars. It will be erected at the corner of State and Second streets, Harrisburg.

Clara I. Eppleman, aged twelve years, of Butler township, Adams county, had her right hand shockingly crushed from the points of the fingers to the wrist, by a sorghum mill, a few days ago.

A boy aged nine, son of Jeremiah Slaybaugh, of Round Hill, Adams county, was killed, on Thursday, while assisting his father to haul logs. A heavy log fell on him, causing instant death.

The Lehigh and Susquehanna railroad has reached completion after three years of arduous labor. This now establishes a permanent line between Bethlehem and Freemansburg.

At Stamington, Patrick Coil went down into a pit to relight the fuse of a blast which had gone out. While in the pit the bank gave way, burying him completely. When taken out life was extinct.

The property of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Connellsville, last Tuesday, was very large, and the appearance of those in line was highly creditable to the Order.

A much respected Farmer of Pennsylvania, named Rachel Hunt, died recently at Fosterburg, Illinois, at the advanced age of one hundred and eight years.

Governor Geary appointed, yesterday, J. Pringle Jones, Judge of the Third Judicial district, composed of Northampton and Lehigh counties, vice Maynard resigned.

There were 254 deaths in Philadelphia city last week, an increase of 18 as compared with the previous week. Included in the list are 27 deaths from cholera at the Navy Yard.

The Union League of Schuylkill county held a meeting at Pottsville on Saturday night, and nominated Gen. Grant for President. Ex Gov. Curtin was nominated for Vice President.

Joseph Cloud, of East Nantmeal, says he raised a pumpkin vine seven hundred and eighty feet long, which bore three hundred and forty-eight pounds of pumpkins, the largest of which weighed sixty pounds.

Mrs. Lena Miller, condemned to be hung in Clearfield next month for the poisoning of her husband, had the death warrant read to her a few days ago. It seemed to have but little effect upon the unfortunate woman, who manifested the same stolid indifference maintained by her throughout the trial. When asked if she was ready to meet her fate, she promptly replied, "yes, to-morrow, if necessary."

A young man named Martin shot another named Smith, in South Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, not long since, while the latter was peacably seated on the front steps of his residence. Four shots were fired, three taking effect, one in the jaw and the other two in the arm and shoulder. The wounds are serious but not dangerous. Both young men were paying attention to the same girl, and hence the difficulty. Martin made his escape, and was not arrested at last accounts.

We learn from the Newville *Star*, that one day last week a child belonging to Mr. Jacob Long, in West Pennsborough township, was severely bitten by a mad dog. The child, with a number of others, were playing with the dog at the time of the occurrence, and no one suspected the dog being mad until too late. The dog disappeared some time after and has not been seen since. Since writing the above, we learn that Mr. S. Beneman was also bitten while attempting to rescue a child from the rabid animal.

Local Intelligence.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.—Mr. John D. Lavery, a gallant Lancaster county Democrat, now doing a thriving business at Penningtonville, Chester county, has sent us over thirty new subscribers to the INTELLIGENCER within a few months past, and today he sends a list of seven more. We mention this to his credit, and also for the purpose of showing our readers how much can be done by one man with a little exertion. There are many Democrats in Lancaster county who could add from ten to twenty new subscribers to our list, without any great exertion. Let each of our readers see how many names he can send us between this and the 1st of January. There is no paper in the State more generally popular than the INTELLIGENCER, and we offer it at very low rates until January 1st, 1869. Remember that now is the time to begin the great campaign of 1868, and that the most potent agency to be employed is acknowledged to be live and vigorous newspapers.

BINKLEY'S BRIDGE—ITS HISTORY.—The history of Binkley's Bridge is a matter at present of considerable public importance, more particularly so because very few persons now know or ever did know much about it. It was among the first, if not the first, stone arch bridge in Eastern Pennsylvania. Its public usefulness in times which seem to the present generation ancient, was immense. The veteran teamsters who drove the famous Conestoga teams before the railroad era, and transported the rich products of the western counties of Pennsylvania, or rather the country west of Conestoga, to the Philadelphia market, and store goods from thence to Lancaster, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, &c., crossed for a time the Conestoga over Binkley's Bridge almost exclusively. It was a point not less known to the traveller than Lancaster city at that time only a borough) itself. It was for some years the only bridge crossing the Conestoga below Hinkletown. The structure was originally built by Christian Binkley, an enterprising private citizen, at his own personal expense, he having a grist and saw mill on the west side of the Conestoga, right at the bridge, known as Binkley's mill, and being in the possession of the family over a hundred years. The dates of the erection is engraved upon a block of sand stone set in the north side of the bridge wall at the west end as follows: "Built by Christian Binkley and Elizabeth, his wife, 1789."

Mr. Binkley had no charter for the building of the bridge, and collecting of toll. Whether he intended to take toll or not, permanently, cannot be known. The enterprise cost much more than he estimated; in fact it reached such an amount as to impair very materially the integrity of his estate; so much so, that fears were entertained that he might not be able to extricate himself. In the year 1801, about the time it was finished, a proposition was entertained by Mr. Binkley, or by the neighbors, we know not, that he should by deed of conveyance sell and transfer the bridge to the public, making it by condition of the deed absolutely a free bridge forever, and that he should receive in consideration the sum of "one thousand pounds in gold and silver coin, current lawful money in the State of Pennsylvania." This money was raised by voluntary subscription, in the vicinity, and paid to Mr. Binkley for his bridge, he making his deed to Martin Myer and Henry Deitrich of Manheim township, John Barton and George Roland of Lemoyne township, Christian Hurst of Earl, and Jacob Kryder of Lampeter, all of them well known and good men in their time, in trust for the county of Lancaster, and the inhabitants thereof and from or all persons to pass, repass, and travel in, over, across, &c., forever.

The price paid undoubtedly was only a fractional part of the cost of the structure. The bridge known as Witmer's bridge built some years after Binkley's was bought by the county of Lancaster, at what price we do not exactly know; but in a case reported in Sixth Binney, Page 5, it appears that it was appraised in accordance with law at $8,311 11. It is somewhat singular that Binkley's bridge, the oldest and most used by the public of any bridge in the county, never cost the county a dollar. Among the good effects of Binkley's bridge aside from a crossing of the creek simply, it was the direct inducement to the making of the New Holland turnpike. This turnpike was chartered in 1810, from Blue Ball to Lancaster by way of the bridge, the charter running to the bridge on the east side, and on the west side to Lancaster, the bridge itself never having been embraced in the charter. It is presumable that the New Holland turnpike in connexion with Binkley's bridge, have done more than any other public improvement for the development of Lancaster city and county. The Downingtown, Ephrata and Harrisburg turnpike having been chartered in 1805, succeeded in drawing a great portion of the business along the direct road, it also passing the Blue Ball which belonged to Lancaster, and was secured to it by the construction of the New Holland turnpike. It is also fair to presume that had it not been for Binkley's bridge, this turnpike would not have been made. It is a structure necessarily so expensive that a small corporation could not afford to undertake it. In the year 1824, the bridge was again taken for repairing the bridge; it fell down in part at that time. The supposition that the bridge would last for many generations, as a stone arch bridge ought, was a very erroneous one. Mr. Binkley having no model to copy from, failed in giving it the shape and style necessary to preserve the structure. It was made entirely level on the road bed, and between the arch and side masonry filled up with clay. The difficulty of draining the surface water off and the action of frost upon the clay, filling very soon after it was completed effected it injuriously. The solid masonry was forced asunder, and the whole structure appeared ready to fall apart fifty years ago, which was but a few years after its completion. It fell down in part, from time to time, the last break occurred in August last, and the bridge has since been impassable. The break from time to time, and the general ruinous condition of the whole has satisfied all who viewed it that it is not worth repairing, and that a new bridge in consequence is necessary.

The neighbors, citizens of the vicinity, as well as the public, are now concerned about the re building. They cannot afford to trifle the time away in looking upon little jealousies between the county, the turnpike company, and some few people who are inimicals against not only the New Holland Turnpike Company, but all other turnpike companies whose toll gates they cannot avoid. They want a bridge, and they want it as soon as possible, claiming it as a matter of right and justice. The bridge is not only used by the turnpike travel; other roads cross over it, the travel upon which is not subject to the turnpike company. Four-fifths of the use of the bridge is by parties who do not pass through any toll gates on the turnpike.

The rebuilding of the bridge attracts much more public attention than is usual for bridge cases. Many persons are of the opinion that it is the lawful duty of the turnpike company to build. If there is any law imposing the duty on the company it would be a small matter to produce it, and that would end the matter. We stand perfectly indifferent between the county and the company, but do assert most emphatically that so ancient and popular a thoroughfare for travel should not long be left obstructed by a broken bridge to shame whomsoever has to bear it. We see at least one good reason why the county might build, receiving of course aid from the people and the company, in the absence of any legal duty on the part of the company. The county enjoyed the use of the bridge fifteen years before the turnpike was made, and ever since, just as much as if the turnpike was not there. The county would have had to build a bridge at that point many years ago, and it not been for the public spirit of Mr. Binkley; and now after a use and enjoyment of two thirds of a century with entire exemption from any cost, why should it not facilitate the building as much as possible? To require a poor turnpike company, the par value of whose stock is 100 dollars per share, and which stock was selling in market for 5 or 6 dollars per share for thirty years after its first construction, and whose entire property can be bought to day for less than Binkley's Bridge cost to build, is ridiculous.

CITIZEN.

DEATH OF MAJOR AUDENREID.—The numerous friends of Lewis Cass Audenreid, of Philadelphia, will deeply regret to learn of his decease, on Friday morning, at the Bingham House, in Philadelphia, where he was residing with his family; his disease being inflammation of the bowels. Major Audenreid was a long time a resident of our city, having attended Franklin and Marshall College. He raised a company here for the nine months' service, and was made Major of his regiment. After his return he was married to a daughter of our fellow-townsman, Jacob Lemon, Esq. He was very dear to all who knew him, and his early death will be deeply lamented.

A SILVER WEDDING.—On Thursday Dr. Edwin Haldeman, of Chiques, and his accomplished and still youthful looking wife, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding. There were over one hundred guests present, not a few of them from a distance. A large number of costly and tasteful gifts, all of silver, as was appropriate to the occasion, testified the friendship of the donors. With delicious music, the light tripping of feet in the mazy dance, pleasant converse and sumptuous banquetting, the hours sped too swiftly; until in the early morn the many guests bade the hospitable couple farewell, wishing that they might live to celebrate their golden wedding with as pleasant surroundings and an unbroken family.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK.—Godey for November, the veteran of Philadelphia magazines, is at hand. Its different departments are well filled with the subjects on which they treat. The steel plate, "Woeful Heart," is splendid, as is also the tinted "Scene in Venice." The colored fashion plate is up to the usual standard. This would be a good time to commence getting up new clubs for the coming year. One copy, 1 year, $3; two copies, 1 year, $5.50. Address L. A. Godey, northeast corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia.

DARING BURGLARIES.—The residence of Mrs. Binkley, in East King st., a few doors above Shippen, was entered on Monday morning. The burglars effected an entrance through the front door by means of nippers, and went through the house completely. They stole a lot of jewelry valued at about twenty-five dollars, some silverware, blankets, blanket shawls, muffs, etc. One of them entered the room in which Mrs. B. was sleeping, and made so much noise that he woke her up, and she asked him what he wanted, when he told her that he only wanted to see what they had in the house. During the time that they were ransacking the house, the inmates were all awake and were calling for help; but none came, yet the burglars minded it not, but kept on at their work, and took what they wanted, and then walked off up East King street until they got near Ann, when they took to their heels and left for parts unknown.

—The residence of Thomas Baumgardner, Esq., on the Southeast corner of North Duke and East Walnut streets, was broken into about 12½ o'clock on Sunday night, by two burglars. They effected an entrance to the dwelling at a back parlor window, which was burst open by means of a tool named a "jimmy." From there we understand the thieves went directly to Mr. Baumgardner's chamber and an adjoining room. They stole a gold watch from Mr. B., valued at $200, and his coat and pantaloons, the latter of which contained about $25 in money, and also some valuable papers. Mr. Baumgardner was awakened by their operations in his room, and seeing one of the thieves reaching for his pantaloons, arose for the purpose of seizing him, when he was knocked back and the lights were immediately extinguished by the accomplice. Mr. B. then shouted to his son to come to his assistance, when the thieves made ready to leave the premises, remarking as they went that they had secured all they came after, and he need not trouble himself for assistance. On Monday the clothes were found in the vacant lot in rear of Mr. Baumgardner's house, emptied of their contents.

—An entrance was also effected at the residence of Dr. Jacob A. Miller, on North Lime street near East Chestnut, evidently by the same parties who were at Mr. Baumgardner's, as the residence of Dr. M. is about two squares from that of Mr. B., and occurred between 1 and 2 o'clock on Monday morning. The burglars first tried Dr. M's front door, turning the key in the lock with a pair of nippers, but the door being bolted on the inside they were disappointed in their efforts. The footmarks were plainly visible on the steps in the morning, besides some tobacco spit, and the marks of the nippers on the key. They then got over the fence and entered the dining room, using the same instrument in opening the door. They went directly to the Doctor's bed-room door, and awakened the Doctor by endeavoring to turn his key with their nippers. He jumped up and called to his cousin, who slept in a room near by, when the burglars speedily made their escape.

—From Dr. Miller's it seems that the parties went to the residence of George M. Kline, Esq., on the southwest corner of East Orange and North Lime streets, for about 2 o'clock Mr. K. was aroused by a noise at the side door, which leads into the house from the verandah in the yard. Two holes were cut in the door by the burglars, after which they pried open a panel of the same, and thus made the noise which awakened Mr. Kline, who arose and immediately came to the front of the house, thereby alarming the scoundrels, who fled from the premises before they could get into the house.

The residence of Isaac Powl, on East Walnut street, was also entered on Monday morning about 2 o'clock. They effected an entrance through the front door by means of nippers, which they plied with great dexterity. They entered the room in which Conrad Garber was sleeping and took a pair of pants off a chair near his bed, and took from the pockets a silver watch and pocket book containing between four and five dollars. They then entered a room in which Mr. P.'s daughter was sleeping and took his watch. While coming down stairs, they took the money out of the pocket book and left it lay on the steps. It seems that their object here was simply to get money, as they took nothing else. At this place nobody heard them, as the inmates of the house did not know that they had been "gone through" until they got up in the morning.

—The residence of Geo. K. Reed, Esq., on East Orange street, was also entered by burglars about 1.15 the same morning. They first opened the front door leading into the vestibule, but were foiled in their efforts at the inside door, which was bolted. They went to the rear of the house, and entered there; coming to Mr. Reed's chamber, they awakened Mr. R. by breaking off the escutcheon, which serves as a protection to the key-hole of the door. Mr. Reed seeing the reflection of a light on the wall in throwing