Local Intelligence.

LOCAL SUMMARY.—Two mad dogs were shot at Intercourse, this county, on Saturday.

Christian Hershey, a young man 18 years of age, and son of Peter E. Hershey, who resides in Leacock township, near Intercourse, was thrown from a horse, and thereby ruptured a blood vessel in his head. He died next day.

The burglars are again at work in the country. The robberies at Reinoehl's, in Manheim township, at Hess', in West Lampeter township, and at Bowman's-in Neffsville, seem to justify the impression that a gang of these scoundrels are scattered through the country. It is hoped that some of our rural friends and neighbors will give them a cordial reception.

David M. Taylor, of Little Britain, Lancaster county, late paying teller in the National Bank of Oxford, has been appointed cashier of the new banking house of Kirk, MacVeagh & Co., in Oxford. Mr. T. is thoroughly competent for the position, being a good accountant, affable, obliging and reliable.

The Pennsylvania Conference of the United Brethren in Christ, adjourned in York on Friday, to meet in its next annual sitting in Chambersburg, Pa.

The "Southern Journal of Music," for January 4th, published at Louisville, Ky., has been received. It is freighted with music, news, and melody. The leading piece is, "My Heart, my heart is over the sea," a love song of plaintive measure and full of sentiment. Terms $1 per annum in advance.

Wm. Smith, an auctioneer residing at Blue Ball, was thrown from his buggy on Monday, and had one of his legs fractured which was attended to by Dr. W. S. Yundt, of New Holland.

B. H. Warner seized 20,000 segars at Marietta for being moved in violation of the Revenue Laws, and sold them on Monday at the Pennsylvania Railroad Warehouse in this city, to George Heiss at $5.30 per thousand.

THE NEW RAILROAD—REPORT OF COMMITTEE.—The undersigned Committee appointed at a meeting of the citizens of Lancaster, to attend the meeting of the Charter Committee of the proposed Railroad from Lancaster to the Delaware river, respectfully

REPORT:

That, in pursuance of their appointment they attended the meeting held on the 16th inst. at Limerick Station, on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. As your Committee understood the sense of the meeting at which they were appointed, their mission was principally one of inquiry—to ascertain the line of the Road, where the movement originated, and how most important, what the probability of its success.—They found every town and village along the line of the proposed road, from Point Pleasant to Lancaster, represented by intelligent and responsible persons.

The New Jersey Central Railroad have built a branch of their road to Flemington, New Jersey, within twelve miles of the Delaware river, at Point Pleasant, to which point they will extend it, thus making a direct connection between New York city and the eastern boundary of Pennsylvania. The route proposed through this State is intended to connect Lancaster city with this branch via Phœnixville, Morgantown, Churchtown and New Holland. This, in addition to opening direct communication with New York, would pass about twenty-five miles through Lancaster county, along the rich valley of the Conestoga, now inaccessible except by the common roads. The advantages of such a railroad both to the city and county must be too obvious to require a word of comment.

So far as your Committee could discover the movement originated in Bucks county. The enterprise has been thoroughly canvassed along the whole route proposed line, and the information was thrown out that if a charter was obtained and the people along the route would earnestly second the enterprise they would not fail of a helping hand from other parties. Every one present appeared sanguine of certain and speedy success.

Your Committee was informed that a company has been chartered and almost enough money raised to build a railroad from Phœnixville along the valley of the French Creek some 18 or 20 miles, to St. Marys, near the borders of Lancaster county. This road will be built at all events, and that speedily. Being directly a line of this proposed road to the Delaware, it was stated at the meeting that their funds and influence would be turned over to this enterprise. With this nucleus started by our neighbors of Chester county, success should be assured and the responsibility of its failure will rest with the people of this city and county.

The draft of a charter was made, and a committee to have it passed through the Legislature appointed. This committee, on which are Dr. W. L. Diffenderfer and Isaac Wismer, of this county, will in due time report through the newspapers.

(Signed) E. H. YUNDT,
GEO. M. FRANKLIN.

"WHAT IS IT?"—Certain indications of the presence of some wild animal have considerably alarmed and excited the citizens of Martic and Providence townships in this county. Its tracks were first observed at Good's Grist Mill in Martic township; they were traced from thence to the Martichills, which are but sparsely settled, and for the most part covered with a thick growth of Chestnut timber. We learn from reliable gentlemen of that immediate vicinity that its track is small and resembles that of a mule. A little girl about eight years of age, on her return from school in that neighborhood, met with an animal differing in appearance from any she had ever seen before, and which was doubtless the same that made the tracks. The parties have concluded it, but on account of its rapid movements could not discover its true character. It has lately been tracked near the village of New Providence; its tracks are said to be in a direct line, one succeeding the other, and its locomotion is very rapid. It is most probably one of the wild animals belonging to a menagerie, several of which succeeded in making their escape from the cars during a recent accident that occurred on the Philadelphia and Baltimore Railroad.

A NEW COUNTY PROPOSED.—We see by the Oxford *Press* that it is proposed to make a new county out of the southeastern portion of this county, and the southwestern portion of Chester county. The new county would embrace the townships of Fulton, Little Britain, Drumore, Colerain, and parts of Sadsbury, Bart and Providence, in this county, together with the townships of East and West Nottingham, Upper and Lower Oxford, West Fallowfield, Highland, Londonderry, Penn, New London, Franklin, London Britain and Elk, in Chester county. The objection to the project on the part of the tax-payers is met by the argument that many persons in Oxford and its vicinity, will contribute freely, both land and money, toward the erection of suitable county buildings. It is asserted that half the necessary funds can be procured in this way. It is furthermore stated that the advance of land in the immediate vicinity of county towns is an additional inducement for the citizens of that section to favor the project. It is thought that sufficient territory to measure four hundred square miles, and yet not embrace one-tenth of the population of either Chester or Lancaster county, can be obtained; and if these facts be the case, the question need not be submitted to a vote of the whole of said counties, but only to a vote of the inhabitants of the territory out of which the new county is to be erected; and in this event it is thought the measure will be adopted.

STORE ROBBED.—The store of Dr. H. B. Bowman at Neffsville, in Manheim township, was robbed on Tuesday night of $12 in change; of this amount $3.50 was in 3, 5 and 10 cent silver pieces. No goods have as yet been missed. The burglars tried in the first place to get in at a window, by breaking open the shutter, but did not succeed. In their endeavors to open the shutter they made a hole in the wall by tearing out some bricks, in order to get the shutter pin loose. They afterwards succeeded in prying open the door, and in this manner effecting an entrance. They left a butcher knife behind them. A reward of $25 is offered for their arrest.

HORSE STOLEN.—A valuable mare was stolen on Wednesday from Messrs. Gross & Stough, of the borough of York, York county. No trace of the thief has as yet been discovered. The mare is of a dark brown color, 15 hands in height. A reward of $50 is offered for the detection of the thief and recovery of the animal. We notice quite a number of horses have been stolen this season, some of them being very valuable. Farmers should be careful in properly securing their stables, as no doubt well organized bands of horse thieves infest the rural districts.

COLUMBIA NEWS.—We clip the following news items from the *Herald* of this morning:

The Columbia and Port Deposit Railroad is now receiving proposals for building five miles of the road at the lower end, and the whole will be put under contract at an early date.

Services will be held in the German Reformed Church, on next Sunday morning and evening. Rev. D. Gerhard, of New Holland, will be present. The public are invited to attend.

It appears to be a settled question that the Bridge Company will commence vigorous operations in the spring for the construction of a bridge at this place across the Susquehanna, which will give employment to a large number of men for about eighteen months.

On Monday last, a lad named George E. Groom, aged about sixteen, son of George Groom, Esq., residing on the farm lately occupied by Ephriam Hershey, was walking towards town, and when near the Susquehanna Rolling Mill, he met with a serious accident. It appears that a horse passing along the road had become frightened at the noise of the trains, and he stepped aside to allow the animal to pass, when he was knocked down by a horse attached to a carriage, coming up in his rear. The horse tramped upon his head and fractured his skull. He was brought to town and placed under the care of Dr. Hinkle, and is now lying in a critical condition.

WORTH REMEMBERING.—"If a man faint away," says Hall's *Journal of Health*, "instead of yelling out like a savage, or running to him to lift him up, lay him at full length on his back on the floor, loose the clothing, push the crowd away, so as to allow the air to reach him, and let him alone. Dashing water over a person in a simple fainting fit is a barbarity. The philosophy of a fainting fit is that the heart fails to send the proper supply of blood to the brain. If the person is erect, that blood has to be thrown up hill; but if lying down it has to be projected horizontally, which requires less power, as is apparent."

GOOD RULES.—Get up two hours earlier in the morning, and begin to do something out of your regular profession. Mind your own business, and with all your might let other people's alone. Live within your means. Sell you horses. Give away or sell your dog. Smoke your cigar through an air-stove. Eat with moderation and go to bed early. Talk less of your own peculiar gifts and virtues, and more of those of your friends and neighbors. Be cheerful. Fulfill your promise. Pay your debts. Be yourself all you would see in others. Stop grumbling.

INCREASE OF SALARIES.—The Directors of the Poor at the late meeting increased the salaries of the Steward of the House, and Superintendent of the Hospital. Their compensation heretofore is said to have been entirely inadequate, and the amount now granted none too large.

COMPLETED.—On Friday last Messrs. Reilly, McGrann & Co., of Lancaster, put up the last stone in their extensive masonry contract for the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad Company, at this place. They commenced this work about twenty months ago and in that time have built five abutments and seventeen piers, some of them over thirty feet high. The masonry is massive and put up in splendid style. The Delaware bridge is entirely finished and but two spans of the Lehigh Bridge remain to be put in place. Both bridges are iron.—*Easton Sentinel.*

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The science of medicine has reached such a point of perfection, that the treatment of acute and decided forms of disease has become almost a certainty.

In Inflammation of the Stomach, Bowels or Lungs; in Pleurisy, Intermittent Fevers, etc., the remedies proper in such cases are so well authenticated that the intelligent physician will apply them with an almost absolute certainty of attaining certain results, and hence in diseases of this nature we find a uniformity of practice pervading the profession, and producing results similar in most cases. The same remedies are used by all, the same results ensue and what really is in itself a severe and dangerous sickness is made subject to, and bows before the experience and knowledge gained by long years of study, observation and experiment.

But such is not the case with many of the diseases which are most common to all, and which at first sight may appear trivial in themselves. These arising from the causes before enumerated, baffle the skill of the physician who copes successfully with disease in its more violent forms.

What complaint is there more prevalent and common than Dyspepsia, yet there is scarcely a disease that so thoroughly and persistently defies skill, and at the same time,

That the various schools of medicine have no well defined method of treatment or that disease is evident, and not to Dyspepsia can young and old trace the origin of their sufferings. He will tell you that of probably twenty different physicians under whose care he has placed himself, no two of them pursued the same course, or used the same remedies. Temporary relief may be obtained, but in the end the system becomes accustomed to the mode of treatment, the disease returns in full force, and the patient flies to some other physician whose treatment is different, with the same result, until after trying every physician within reach, the attempt is given up in despair, and we find him use his own words a confirmed Dyspeptic. This is also true of many other diseases, and the same cause of failure is applicable to all. Every physician will readily admit the want of a General Remedy applicable to just such cases. The ingenuity, skill and knowledge of every physician, botanist and chemist in the country has been taxed to supply a remedy of this nature, and even the general public has contributed its full share as evinced by the immense number of patent medicines that flood the country.

The afflicted naturally fly to any remedy that promises relief from suffering, and seldom stop to enquire whether it is really entitled to the credit which is claimed for it. Many of these preparations have acquired a fair reputation and are beneficial from the fact that they are compounded without any regard to the laws of Pharmacy, and are in fact merely the productions of ignorance and pretence, imposing on the credulity of the public, and are therefore generally discarded by educated physicians. They, like the prescriptions of the doctor, effect but little if any good and do not supply the want of a general remedy.

In connection with other physicians, Dr. Hartman keenly felt the want of this general remedy in his practice. Always noted for his liberal and independent views, and unmindful of the ridicule of Jefferson College of Philadelphia, one of the best schools in the world would not permit himself to be trammeled by the illiberal views that are drawn around the various schools of medicine. Practicing and occupying a high position as a physician, he was not content with what Allopathy taught him, but earnestly and thoroughly investigated Homeopathy, Hydropathy, Electropathy and other systems of medicines, selecting from each what he found to be good, effective and reliable, and discarding what upon actual experience, he proved to be erroneous.

His extended research greatly facilitated his success as a practitioner, and from the schools of medicine did he find a general remedy applicable to the almost infinite number of chronic ailments before alluded to. He then turned his attention to the many patent medicines so-called, which were largely advertised as reliable, and in some cases he found they were effected while using these remedies, but their success was so slight and uncertain that he was not sure whether the patient would not have recovered in the entire absence of medicine by simply leaving nature to pursue her own course. Among all these patent medicines he found none that were truly beneficial except those preparations termed Bitters, these had more effect on disease than those preparations which contained no alcohol. He experimented with these he found that the effects produced were not equal to those produced by the administration of Pure Rye Whiskey. In the end he found that their sole virtue was derived from the whiskey they contained and as this was invariably of poor quality selected doubtless for the lowness of its cost, he concluded that Pure Rye Spirits, was justifiably to be preferred to the various preparations that contained alcohol or spirits of a lower grade or quality.

The Pure Spirit obtained from Rye by distillation is acknowledged by all physicians to be as a stimulant far more beneficial than any other one remedy, and having failed in discovering anything that surpassed or even equalled it in its applicability where such remedies were needed, it was not under the most encouraging circumstances that he took up the investigation of the merits of Mishler's Herb Bitters, a preparation then recently presented to the public by the gentleman whose name it bears.

The article was first brought fairly to his notice by some of his patients who had by the advice of some of their friends used it and had been benefitted thereby. He was practicing medicine at Millersville and hearing so much reports in its favor concluded to investigate the matter. Knowing the opposition to Patent Medicines evinced by the medical profession he was naturally reserved regarding the fact of his using the preparation secret. He therefore, through a friend, procured a quantity sufficient to enable him to be thought to give the preparation a thorough test, and in all cases where no absolute form of disease was really developed and where a general complaint of not feeling well, Dyspepsia, Derangement of the Liver, and in fact many cases not well defined as alluded to above, he would administer Mishler's Herb Bitters, but so disguised by the addition of some simple aromatics that the patient was not aware that he was taking Mishler's Bitters. These cases he made particular note of, and finding that the use was attended with such good results he extended his experiments administering it in cases which had baffled the skill of other remedies at his command. He became satisfied that in Mishler's Herb Bitters the profession would find what they had long desired, a general remedy. So thoroughly convinced was he that, when, after having used it for over a year, he relinquished his practice, he recommended it to his successor Dr. Davis.

Again resuming practice, Dr. Hartman continued administering the Bitters with uniform success, and the opportunity occurring he became the purchaser, feeling confident that the merits of the preparation would commend it to the notice of the profession, and when once assured that it was skillfully compounded in accordance with Pharmaceutical Law, would have no hesitation in using it in their practice. With this view, the establishment has been remodeled, and we assert that Mishler's Herb Bitters is by its present proprietors compounded with as much skill and judgment, and with as strict an observance of the laws of Pharmacy as any preparation of the Pharmacopœia. That their efforts are appreciated is evinced by the fact that the prejudice existing in the medical profession against Patent Medicines so-called, is rapidly being removed in reference to Mishler's Herb Bitters.

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On the 30th of November, 1866, there were in confinement, 92 prisoners; in the course of the year there were received 587—making an aggregate of the inmates of the Prison in 1867 679
Of these the following were discharged during the year, viz:—By expiration of sentence and by Inspectors... 415
By Magistrates, District Att'y, Court, and Habeas Corpus, &c 178
594
Leaving in confinement, Nov. 30, 1867 85
Of these (85) 45 are Convicts at labor; 8 awaiting trial, and 32 Vagrants. The ratio of convictions as compared with last year being 74 in 587 commitments, to 75 in 413 the year before.
The number committed to Prison during the year, excepting those were convicted, was 519; 146 more than the previous year, of which 383 were for Vagrancy, Drunkenness and disorderly conduct, resulting from drunkenness; this is 176 more than the previous year. In addition to the 513, there were sentenced during the same period 74, and remaining in Prison on the 30th of November, 1866, 94—making the above total in Prison during the year. Of the prisoners discharged 6 were sent to the Eastern Penitentiary, 4 to the House of Refuge, 1 to the State Lunatic Asylum, 6 pardoned by the Governor, and 1 died. Of the 74 sentenced prisoners, 37 were convicts for Larceny, 4 of Assault and Battery, 4 of Fornication and Bastardy, 3 of selling liquor to minors, 2 of selling liquor on Sunday, 3 of Felonious Assault, 2 desertion of family, 1 of Adultery, 1 of Polygamy and 1 of cruelty to animals. Of the 74 Convicts 9 were sentenced for one year and upwards, and one for two years; 60 were white and 14 were colored; 63 were males and 11 were females. But 38 of the convicts were born in Lancaster city and county, 18 in foreign countries, of which 16 were natives of Germany; 37 of the convicts were under the age of 30 years; 11 of the 74 convicts were females; 10 are old offenders, and 64 are receiving punishment for their first offence, 63 of the males, but 22 had trades prior to their conviction.
The 74 convicts were occupied as follows:—15 weaving carpets, 6 weaving baggs, 3 making baskets, 7 making cigars, 6 knitting nets, 6 making shoes, &c.: 11 of the 74 could not read and 30 could not write; 20 of the 74 had never been married, and 7 were widows and widowers; 43 of the convicts were of intemperate habits, a much larger proportion of the intemperate than the previous year.
The whole number of prisoners since the opening of the Prison, September 15, 1851, to November 30, 1867, was 9,666—white males 7,143; white females, 1,315; colored males, 834, and colored females 283.
The health of the prisoners during the year has been remarkably good—no epidemic having prevailed among them. The number of cases treated was 91; being in the ratio of 101 cases treated to every 738 prisoners; this ratio is less one-half that of the previous year; one died of congestion of the lungs.
The financial affairs and manufacturing operations of the prison during the fiscal year, ending November 30, 1867, are exhibited in detail by the following statement, which contains all the information relating to these subjects:
Statement of orders issued, showing that the orders issued by the Inspectors on the Treasurer of the Lancaster County Prison, for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1867, amounted to $28,550 72
From which deduct extraordinary expenses, to wit:—Alterations and repairs 534 91
$28,024 81
To which is to be added the indebtedness of the Prison, and the goods and materials on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year:—Manufactured goods on hand, November, 30, 1866 ..... 2,397 95
Raw Materials on hand, 1866.. 1,590 46
3,988 41
$32,013 22
In order to ascertain the actual cost of the Prison to the County, it becomes necessary to deduct the following cash received and assets of the manufacturing department, viz:
Cash received by the Keeper for goods sold, &c., and paid to the Treasurer of the Prison $13,438 91
Manufactured goods on hand Nov. 30, 1867 ..... 1,984 62
Raw materials on hand Nov. 30, 1867 ..... 1,241 99
Due Prison for goods sold Nov 30, 1867 ..... 189 74
10,855 26
Actual cost of Prison during the year $15,157 96
The whole number of days prisoners boarded the year was 31,236; 12,484 at 25 cents a day, 18,156 at 30 cents a day, and 596 at 15 cents a day—amounting in all to 6,697 per, an average of 22.12½ per cent. more than the previous year was 29,027, costing $7,218.55, and averaging $60.54½ per month, being an increase of 2,209 per month over the previous year, $120.58½ per month average. The cost of maintenance of vagrants this year amounting to $2,325.60, against $2,322.60 last year, an increase of but $28.88. The aggregate number of days prisoners have been boarded and confined to work, was 19,680, against 17,471.
The manufacturing operations during the year produced as follows; 4,523½ yards of carpet for sale, 3,198¾ yards of carpet for prisons, 1,131½ yards of bagging, 1,449 pairs boots and shoes made and mended, 235,500 cigars made, 1,792 baskets made and mended, 1,000 brooms made, 151 fish nets and seines made, 160 dozen grain bags made, and 46,156 skewers made.
There were manufactured goods on hand to the amount of $1,984.62, consisting among other articles of 1,098¼ yards of carpet for sale, 419 yards of carpet for various prisons, 325 dozen brooms, 52,600 cigars, 129 fish nets, 38 brooms, 29,000 skewers, and 26 pairs of boots and shoes.
The profit of the labor of the prisoners for the past year was $450.91, as shown by the statement of gain and loss, which is $305.01 less than the previous year. The expenses of the Prison on the preceding year was $15,453.47—$295.51 more than the past year ending Nov. 30, 1867.
All which is respectfully submitted,
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Lancaster County Prison, Jan. 6, 1868.
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DAYS OF APPEAL FOR 1868.
TO THE TAXABLE INHABITANTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.
Pursuant to the Provisions of the laws of this Commonwealth, the undersigned Commissioners of Lancaster county, hereby give notice to the TAXABLE INHABITANTS of the respective City, Boroughs and Townships, of the said county, that the Days of Appeal for the assessment of the Taxes, will be held at the Commissioners' Office, in the City of Lancaster, on the days following, to wit:—
For the Townships of—
Adamstown Borough, Bart, Brecknock, Carnarvon, Cocalico East, Cocalico West, Colerain, Columbia, Conestoga, Conoy, Clay, ... Tuesday, Feb. 11.
Donegal East, Donegal West, Drumore, Ephrata, Earl, Earl East, Earl West, Elizabeth, Elizabethtown Borough, Eden, Fulton, Hempfield East, Hempfield West, Lampeter East, Lampeter West, ... Wednesday, Feb. 12.
Lancaster, Leacock, Leacock Upper, Little Britain, Manheim, Martic, Marion, Mount Joy, Mount Joy Borough, Manheim do Paradise, Penn, Pequea, Providence, Raplo, Sadsbury, Salisbury, Strasburg, Strasburg Borough, Warwick, Washington Borough, Lancaster City ..... Thursday, Feb. 13.
Earl, West, Elizabeth, ... Friday, Feb. 14.
Lancaster, Leacock, Lancaster City, ... Wednesday, Feb. 19.
Manheim, Martic, Marion, Paradise, Penn, Pequea, ... Thursday, Feb. 20.
Providence, Raplo, Salisbury, Sadsbury, Strasburg, Strasburg Borough, Warwick, Washington Borough, ... Friday, Feb. 21.
Lancaster City ..... Tuesday, Feb. 25.
Lancaster City ..... Wednesday, Feb. 26.
And at the same time and place, the Appeal from the Military rolls will be held.
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Special attention paid to procuring or opposing discharges of bankrupts, proof and presentation of claims, rendering professional assistance to assignees, and all business, in short, connected with proceedings in voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, whether before the Register or the United States Courts. Parties intending to take the benefit of the law will usually find it advantageous to have a preliminary consultation.
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Legal Notices.

ASSIGNED ESTATE OF JOHN S. Landis, of Manor township, Lancaster county.—John S.