THE LANCASTER WEEKLY INTELLIGENCER, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1869.

News Items.

The Congressional Ways and Means Committee have arrived in San Francisco.

Ex-Secretary Borie has returned to Philadelphia.

The registration just closed in Virginia is stated to have greatly increased the white majority in that State.

There are now 2216 Assistant Assessors of Internal Revenue, a reduction of 903 having been made since November.

A grain elevator at Vallejo, Cal., the first on the Pacific coast, was put in operation on Wednesday.

There was an eruption of the volcano of Colima, in Mexico, on June 12th, and the whole crown of the mountain fell in.

An annexation paper, called the *New Idea*, half in French and half in English is circulating in Canada. It is printed in Vermont.

R. L. Brown has been appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the Twenty third Pennsylvania District.

The boiler of a pleasure tug exploded on Saturday at Newark, N. J., injuring several persons.

A powder mill at South Acton, Mass., blew up on Friday night, and a man named Gray was terribly burned.

There were 261 deaths in Philadelphia last week, an increase of twenty-five over the return for the week previous.

Edmund Fontaine, projector of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, died at Richmond, Va., on Saturday, aged 67.

At Brownsville, Tenn, yesterday J. A. Galvin, white, and R. Moody, colored, were sentenced to be hanged for the murder of two policemen, a year ago.

Near Clinton, [illegible] yesterday, an omnibus was struck by a train on the Marietta railroad. The driver was badly, and sixteen passengers slightly injured.

In Virginia, both political parties are active, and a lively canvass and close contest are expected. Gen. Van Wyck, of New York, will make speeches in support of the Wells (Radical) ticket.

A despatch from Waterloo, Canada, reports a severe freshet and much destruction of property, caused by heavy rains on Sunday.

Additional accounts are furnished of disaster by the floods in Western Kansas, and a loss of over 25 lives is reported by the inundation.

In Richmond county, Va., on Sunday, two colored women, being jealous of each other, fought a duel with clubs, and one of them died upon the field.

The bridge of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad, near Corry, Pa., has been swept away. A passenger train ran off the bridge and the engineer was killed.

Joseph Kelley, who was shot by Captain Callahan at the Registration office in Richmond, Va., last Thursday, died on Sunday. General Canby has ordered Callahan to be tried by a military court.

The Hon. R. M. T. Hunter has come out in a letter favoring the election of Walker as the Governor of Virginia over Wells, on the ground of a desire for peace and prosperity is a greater. Mr. Hunter himself has no vote.

The foundry and machine shops of the Fulton Iron Works, at Detroit, were burned on Saturday, causing a loss of $50,000.—Two firemen were injured, one so badly that his recovery is doubtful. The Albion Salt Mill, at Geddes, N. Y., was burned on Friday night. Loss $15,000.

We may as well have as much fun as we can get on the 4th, for that, according to a gentleman named James, of New Albany, Ind., is the last holiday we shall have. According to Mr. James, the world will come to an end—"for certain sure"—on the 19th of July. Bad news for the watering-places!

It is stated that Chief Justice Chase, while in Richmond, expressed the opinion that there is no authority for executing the test oath from members of the Legislature. The Virginia Conservatives will retain their Legislative candidates, all of whom are said to be eligible under the Fourteenth Amendment.

Yesterday afternoon, about two-thirds of the square, bounded by Oxford street and Columbia avenue, and Fifth and Sixth streets, Philadelphia, was destroyed by fire. It was mainly occupied by manufacturing establishments. A number of dwellings were also burned. The total loss is estimated at not less than $250,000.

It is said that the ladies who carelessly submitted to the golden hair-dyeing process now heartily regret that they ever attempted to be "beautiful blondes." Baldness begins to threaten them. Also, in a few instances, paralysis of the facial muscles has resulted. Never say eye-again, ladies.

The printers in Washington City are proposed to be admitted to Douglass, the colored man, have drawn up a petition to the President of the National Typographical Union, asking relief from the "impending evils." A revocation of the charter of the Washington Union is suggested if necessary. The petition has received 240 signatures.

Democratic Nominations.

The Democracy of Somerset county have made the following nominations:

For Senator—Hiram Findlay, Esq.

Member of Assembly—Samuel Walker, Esq.

Prothonotary—George A. Thompson.

Register and Recorder—Cyrus J. Fike.

Treasurer—Frederick Younkin.

Sheriff—John B. Richardson.

Commissioner—Alexander Hoffman.

Poor House Director—Daniel P. Walker.

Auditor—Levi Lichliter.

There is great dissatisfaction with the Radical county ticket, and a good report from Somerset may be expected in October.

The Democracy of Cumberland county have put in nomination the following ticket, which is said to be a very strong one:

Senator—W. Porter Wilkinson.

Assembly—Robert Montgomery.

Prothonotary—Wm. D. Houpt.

Sheriff—John B. Heller.

Treasurer—George M'Elree.

Commissioner—Reuben Shepp.

The Democracy of Fulton county have nominated the following strong ticket:

Prothonotary—R. A. McDonald.

Commissioner—Capt. Harvey Wishart.

Auditor—George McClavern.

District Attorney—John R. Deachoo, Esq.

Coroner—Enoch Hart.

The candidates for Prothonotary and Commissioner were gallant soldiers, and young men of high character and good qualifications. Little Fulton always does a little better than she did the last time, and she will give a decidedly increased Democratic majority in October.

Resignation of Borie.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The event of the day has been the resignation of Secretary Borie, of the Navy Department, and the appointment and swearing in of his successor, Mr. George M. Robeson, of Camden, N. J. So sudden was the whole performance, that it is clear everything had been arranged for some time. Grant prefers to have his appointments criticised after they have been published in other Borie's health and private business rendered the duties of the Navy Department onerous. Mr. Robeson heretofore, like most of Grant's appointments, has lived in obscurity, so far as public life is concerned. He was born in 1829, in Belvidere, New Jersey. His father is a native of Philadelphia, and was an Associate Judge of the county court. His uncle and grandfather on his mother's side, both named Maxwell, represented New Jersey in the United States Congress at different periods, from 1811 to 1837. When eighteen years of ago Mr. Robeson graduated at Princeton College, either which he studied law, and in 1865 he was appointed Attorney General of New Jersey, which position he retained to the time of his appointment. In 1862 he was appointed a brigadier general and placed in command of Camp Cadwalader, at Philadelphia. He has always been a prominent member of the Union League and Sanitary Commission, and took an active part in New Jersey politics. He is unmarried, and knows about as much of naval matters as the man in the moon.

The Booths.

BALTIMORE, June 27.—Yesterday afternoon, at Greenmount Cemetery, the remains of John Wilkes Booth, with those of others of the family, were brought from Harford county, and received final sepulture. All the deceased members of the Booth family in America now lie side by side, including Junius Booth, and his father, Richard, who died in 1839, aged 76.

The well known monument to the elder Booth has been re-erected in Greenmount, and in addition to the inscription commemorative of Junius Brutus Booth, there has been added on the one side of the shaft previously left blank the following:

In memory of the children of
Junius Brutus and Mary Ann Booth,
John Wilkes, Frederick, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, and Henry Byron.

At the reinterment on Saturday the remains of John Wilkes Booth, enclosed in a handsome burial case, were conveyed from the vault of the undertaker by pall-bearers chosen from the theatrical profession, who knew the deceased, at the special request of his family. About fifty persons, including relatives and friends of the family, were present at the burial, the larger portion being ladies.

The ceremonies were simple and unostentatious. The Rev. Fleming James, assistant minister at St. Luke's Hospital, New York, officiated, and near him in a group stood the aged mother of the deceased, the elder sister Rosalie, and the brothers, Junius Brutus and Edwin.

The ways and means Committee were received by a number of leading merchants and bankers in San Francisco, on Friday. Among the speakers was a Chinese, who hoped that the subsidy of the China steamship line would be doubled, and the trips made semi-monthly, and suggested the passage of protective laws, to induce Chinese capitalists to invest their money in this country.

Horrible Suicide in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, June 28.

Ex-Alderman Cornelius Haines attempted to commit suicide on Sunday morning in a novel and horrible manner. It appears he had invested largely in real estate, and becoming embarrassed, it preyed on his mind to such an extent that hearing a noise at his door he imagined that workmen, to whom he was indebted, had come to inflict personal injury upon him. He accordingly arose from his bed, and, procuring an icepick and hatchet, drove the sharp instrument through his head in several places, breaking off pieces of the bone, which he pulled out and threw on the floor. He is still alive, but cannot recover.

State Items.

Harrisburg claims a population of 30,000.

S. Y. Young has retired from the editorship of the Clarion *Independent*.

The wife of Judge Woodward died at Wilkesbarre on Friday last.

The present term of the State Normal School at Edinboro closes on the 2d of July.

Allegheny county has determined to hide her Soldiers' Monument in a cemetery, instead of in some more public place.

The Cumberland Valley R. R. will be extended from Hagerstown to Williamsport, Md., this summer.

A black snake measuring six feet and a half in length was killed near Bedford the other day.

A German named A. Warnstead committed suicide by hanging at Altoona the other day.

On Monday, the 14th inst., a bear weighing over four hundred pounds was killed in Gregg twp., Union county.

A new line of railway from Tremont, Schuylkill county, to the Lehigh Valley railroad, is soon to be built.

Capt. P. H. Schreyer, of Milton, has been appointed a mail agent on the Pennsylvania Railroad, between Pittsburg and Philadelphia.

Samuel Spangler, foreman of the York *True Democrat* office, had his fingers smashed in a Gordon job press, the other day, so that two of them had to be amputated.

Pittsburg has just had a death from asphyxia in one of her principal hotels. The guest, who was a young lady from the country, apparently blew out the gas, instead of turning it off in the usual way.

The Corry Machine Company now employ 410 men and pay them about $20,000 per month. They turn out between fifty and sixty Climax Mowers every day and expect to make seventy-five a day soon.

Mr. Jacob Settlemeyer, living near Wilmore, Cambria county, in a fracas, was struck in the stomach with a piece of board by a man named Burke, from the effects of which he died next day.

The Democratic County Convention of Washington county have nominated John M'Bride and J. N. Walker for assembly. The delegates to the State Convention are instructed to support General Cass for Governor.

The Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the Western District met on Monday morning in the court house, Williamsport, Hon. Robert C. Grier, of the Circuit Court, and Hon. Wilson M'Candless of the District Court, on the bench.

John Baker, a brakesman on a freight train on the Lebanon Valley railroad, recently, at Lebanon, had his left arm broken. He was putting on the brake when the brake chain gave way, throwing him off the platform and injuring him as above stated.

On June 7th, a lady residing about one mile from Stonersville, in Exeter township Berks county, gave birth to two girls and one boy, weighing in the aggregate, nineteen pounds. They are all as lively as crickets, and are fair specimens of "Young America."

The buildings for the North Pennsylvania iron works, the location of which is about two miles below Hellertown, Northampton county, are about being commenced, sufficient stock having been subscribed for. The contract for building has been given to parties in Allentown.

The store of Mr. Webber, at Meyers' Mills, Somerset county, and an adjoining building in which were stored several kegs of powder and some coal oil, were consumed by fire on the 17th inst. Several persons were severely injured by the explosion of the powder.

The chances are that the apple yield in Pennsylvania this fall will be the largest it has known for a long stretch of years.—Should this hold good all over the country the poor man may once more have a barrel of apples in his cellar. For years past the fruit has been second only to oranges in point of expensiveness.

A terrible accident occurred in the Lanagan ore bank, Frankstown township, Blair county, on last Thursday. Two miners were about "charging a hole," when a spark from the lamp of one them fell into a keg of powder, exploding it. Young was thrown a considerable distance and terribly burned and injured.

A little girl of Mrs. Manno Deibert, of North Whitehall township, Lehigh county, fell into a bucket of boiling water, the contents of which she upset in the yard, and going out into the garden, left the child in the house. While the mother was out, the child got the bottle and drank about half a pint of the whisky, from the effects of which it died that night.

The Northern Central Railroad Company, at noon, on Sunday, the 20th inst., commenced using their recently completed double track between Clark's Ferry and Halifax, and will push forward as rapidly as possible toward the completion of a double track on the entire Susquehanna Division, which extends from Sunbury to Marysville, a distance of 47 miles.

The Hon. Jeremiah S. Black is still at the St. Joseph's Infirmary, Louisville, Ky. Although four weeks have elapsed since the serious accident on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, by which his arm was badly bruised, he was able on Monday to be assisted from his bed. He convalesces slowly, but the Louisville *Express* says will recover the use of his arm. His son, Chauncey F. Black, Esq., of York, Pa., is still in attendance on his father.

Mifflin county has a remarkable farmer. Jacob Knopp, Sr., has occupied as tenant and cultivated the Horning farm in Oliver township, now owned by Robert Horning for a period of fifty consecutive years, having taken possession in April, 1818. Although now nearly eighty years old, Mr. Knepp enjoys a fair degree of good health, and, to all appearances, is likely to remain on the farm another decade or two. He is one of the old-time Pennsylvania Germans, a good citizen, and a sound Democrat.

The Order of Knights of Pythias is increasing very rapidly in Philadelphia and and the State of Pennsylvania generally, applications for new charters being received almost daily. Since the meeting of the Grand Lodge, in December last, thirty-eight new Lodges have been organized, making the whole number in the State 164, of which 35 are located in Philadelphia. The present membership is estimated at 40,000, being an increase of over 12,000 during the past six months. The next semi-annual session of the Grand Lodge will be held next month, in the Musical Fund Hall Philadelphia.

Latest by Telegraph!

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Despatches received at the navy department from Rear Admiral Rowan commanding the Asiatic Squadron, state that there is a prospect of the renewal of civil war in Japan. The season for military and naval operations having arrived the Mikkadon government had determined to dislodge Enomato from his defenses in the vicinity of Hakodadi. A squadron of ships including the Stonewall, was equipped for sea in Yeddo Bay. During the night preceding the flagship blew up with much loss of life.

There is a rumor of the Stonewall's machinery being out of order and her having sustained injury from grounding. Enomato is said to hold a strong position on the North-East of Hakodadi with troops in good discipline well fed armed and equipped and under the drilling of French officers which they had received during the winter.

It was thought that the government would have some trouble in dislodging him. One of Enomato's vessels, the Ashuelot, had entered the harbors of Yeddo and Yokohama, took a survey of the vessels and naval preparations of the Mikado, and retired without molestation from the fleet or forts. Admiral Powan expresses his opinion that all that is wanted to make the government of Japan strong is peace and loyalty among the Princes.

The Admiral reports, under date of May 1st, the destination of the vessels of his squadron as follows: flagship Piscataqua, Commander English, at Shanghai; Oneida, Capt. Creighton, at Hong Kong, having returned from Sealn; the Monocacy, Commander Parker, at Shanghai; the Iroquois, Lieutenant-Commander Mahan, at Amoy April 24th for Nagasaki; the Ashenlot, Commander Low, under orders for Nagasaki; the Aroostook, Lieutenant Commander Bradford, at Hiogo; the Jamestown, Lieut. Commander Cushing, ordered to Nagasaki; the Unadilla, Lieutenant Commander Yates, at Hong Kong; the Java, Lieutenant Commander Hooker, at Nagasaki. The health of the squadron is reported good. The Monocacy left Hong Kong April 12th for Shanghai, giving passage to J. Ross Browne, Esq., U. S. Minister to China. On her way up she anchored at Swatow, where she was visited by the Chinese, who received a salute. He evinced much pleasure with the reception. Amoy, Foochow and Ningpo were also visited, and Mr. Browne was landed at Shanghai April 27th.

The Oneida left Hong Kong on the 6th of March and arrived at Bangkok March 15. Captain Creighton had an interview with the Prime Minister and with the minister of the King of Siam. Capt. Creighton was invited to participate in the festivity of elephant hunting and a steamer was placed at his disposal. He with ten officers of the Oneida went to Arguthia fifty miles up the river and witnessed the elephant hunt. They were treated with great courtesy and hospitality by the government officials. The government of Siam expressed a great desire for the cultivation of friendly feelings with the United States. The Oneida also visited the French settlement of Saigon, and returned to Hong Kong April 15th.

From Providence, R. I.

PROVIDENCE, June 29.—The steamers City of Newport and Bay Queen collided in the bay yesterday during a dense fog and both were disabled; no lives were lost.

A large meeting of citizens in the City Hall yesterday, when Vice President Colfax was introduced by the Mayor and responded to his welcome, being frequently interrupted by applause. He spoke of the condition of the country, of its material prosperity, of the inducements which it holds out to the poor man, as was evidenced by the tide of emigration flowing into it from every other country, then in glowing terms predicted its future destiny all around the world from continent to countries, wherever a poor man seeks better his condition, his eyes, heart, thoughts and hopes are bent upon this republic of ours. If is not my testimony said he, it is the testimony of the toiling millions that inhabit all the contents of this globe. He passed a high eulogy upon General Grant, upon the honesty and economy of his administration, spoke of the reduction of the public debt, and touched gracefully and effectively on other topics. At the conclusion those who listened crowded up to pay their respects to the distinguished speaker.

From Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, June 29.—Judge Giles in the United States District Court this morning delivered a long and able opinion in the case of the government against the steamer Cuba of the Havana and New Orleans line, charged with smuggling fifty four thousand cigars in violation of the government laws. The vessel valued at about $300,000 is forfeited and also the cigars. The case is to be appealed to the Supreme Court. A company of colored volunteer soldiers who attempted to parade in the streets last night, were stopped by the police and disbanded in the midst of their march with music, etc.

From Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, KY., June 29.—The trains over the Louisville, Cincinnati & Lexington railroad commenced running yesterday. To-day an excursion party consisting of the Mayor of the city council, other city officials, the press and a large number of invited guests will leave here for Cincinnati by the new route.

A sensation was created in this city this forenoon by the appearance of the Cincinnati commercial in Main street.

From New York.

NEW YORK, June 29.—The steamship Hammonia reports, June 28th latitude 41.30; Longitude 69.50 in a dense fog collided with the barque Harriet of Picton bound from New York to Montreal. The Barque is a total loss. The crew were rescued with the exception of one man, and the steamship was not damaged.

Disastrous Rain Storms.

FORT WAYNE, June 29.—On Saturday and Sunday nights very disastrous rain storms visited northern Indiana, along the Kaukako river in the north western part of the State. The storm was most destructive destroying acres of wheat and corn. It was the heaviest rain ever witnessed by the old inhabitants in this district. Freight trains were considerably detained.

The Wabash and Erie Canal broke about 2 o'clock yesterday, causing a complete inundation of all the lower land and dwelling houses. The occupants having to get upon safer ground. No lives were lost.

Base Ball Match.

NEW HAVEN, June 29.—The Yale University Base Ball Club beat the Williams College Club yesterday. The score stood 26 to 8.

First Graduating Class from the Lehigh University.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., June 21.—The Lehigh University sent forth its first graduating class today. The people from Bethlehem, and from New York, Philadelphia, and the towns in Lehigh Valley, crowded the new chapel in Packer Hall. The Hall has beautiful architectural adornments. The Right Rev. Bishop Stevens, of Philadelphia, delivered an interesting historical address on the University. He traced the methods of intellectual education from the earliest times to the present, and explained the gymnastic and musical training of the ancients—the vicissitudes of intellectual training during the dark ages, and finally traced the origin of the practical and scientific education of the present day. In the fall of 1864, Asa Packer stated to Bishop Stevens his intention to found an institution of learning, as he felt like devoting a part of his wealth to the lasting benefit of the Lehigh Valley, in which he had acquired it all. He said he was ready to devote $500,000 to the purpose. This was the most munificent offering that had ever, until then, been laid upon the altar of education by a private person.

A CURIOUS CASE FOR SURGEONS.

Medical Skill Baffled.

A curious case for medical men has just came to light at St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit. It appears that about seven weeks ago a gentleman of that city, having retired in sound health the night before, awoke in the morning and was astounded on discovering that during the night his right hand and wrist had swollen fully to twice its natural size, and yet, strange as it may seem, he experienced no pain. A physician was called and the medicine usually applied in cases of swelling was resorted to; but without other effect than to increase the swelling. Other medical advisers were called, but none were able to give the singular disease a name. Four weeks elapsed, and the swelling finally ripened and discharged a small quantity of thick matter, but the hand immediately began to swell again, and it was soon worse than before. His case baffled the skill of the most eminent physicians and surgeons of the State, and the patient was finally removed to St. Mary's Hospital. It is stated that he has suffered little or no pain, from first to last, but the hand is useless. The wrist and palm have received a deep red hue, and the circulation of the blood in those parts seems to have entirely suspended.

The Radical Platform.

The following is the platform laid down by the Radical State Convention.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the national victory of 1868, which has brought peace, happiness and prosperity to us as a nation.

Resolved, That we wholly approve of the principles and policy of the administration of President Grant, and we heartily endorse every sentence contained in his inaugural address, and especially do hereby ratify and approve the late amendment to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by Congress, known as the Fifteenth Amendment.

Resolved, That we have confidence that the general administration will wisely and firmly protect the interest and dignity of the nation in respect to our just claims against Great Britain. That we endorse the action of the Senate in rejecting the Johnson-Clarendon Treaty, known as the Alabama Claims.

Resolved, That we heartily sympathize with the struggling people of all nations in their efforts to attain universal freedom and inalienable rights of man.

Resolved, That we cordially endorse the administration of Governor John W. Geary as wise, economical and honest, and that it deserves, as it has received, the approval of the people of Pennsylvania, and we especially commend his uniform efforts to restrain the evils of special legislation.

Resolved, That in the Hon. Henry W. Williams, our candidate for the Supreme Beach, we present a learned, pure and patriotic jurist, who will adorn the high position to which we propose to elect him.

Resolved, That we reiterate and affirm our adherence to the doctrine of protection, as proclaimed in the ninth resolution of the platform adopted at the State Convention of March 7, 1866.

Resolved, That we endorse the ticket this day nominated, and pledge it our hearty and cordial support.

Resolved, That the Chairman of this Convention is hereby authorized to appoint a Chairman of the State Central Committee, on the joint recommendation of the candidates this day nominated.

Resolved, That the State Central Committee shall consist, during the coming campaign, of the same number of delegates from each county, as the last Committee, and they be appointed by the Senatorial representatives, except Allegheny county, which shall have eight.

An Atrocious Conspiracy.—The Erie Railway Slaughter Instead on a Band of Robbers.

Within the past two years several attempts have been made to throw the cars from the track of the Erie Railway at points from twelve to twenty miles west of Port Jervis. The road here runs through Pike county, Pennsylvania, a wild and rugged country along the Delaware river, and is above all places just the spot that would be selected for such a deed. The terrible accident at Carr's Rock, in April, 1865, resulting in such wholesale destruction of human life, is yet fresh in the minds of many of our readers. The popular idea has been, and still is that this slaughter was caused by a defective rail. From the fact that many thieves were on the ground the two were known not to have been on the train, the great number of the dead and wounded who were robbed, the subsequent finding of certain articles in the hands of suspected persons, convinced the writer of this that the accident at Carr's Rock was not the result of a defective rail. Therefore, night and day suspected persons have been under the closest surveillance. Twelve men have been engaged in this work. Meantime, two similar attempts have been made, but no damage has resulted. At last, on the second of June, sufficient evidence having accumulated to hope for a conviction, the suspected man, Robert Jones by name, was arrested and confined in the county jail in Milford, Pike county, Pennsylvania. After being confined fifteen days Bowen confessed his guilt. He is awaiting the action of the grand jury which meets in Milford in September.

Local Intelligence.

THANKS.—We have recently been in receipt of a number of interesting local items through the favor of our correspondents in the county. Don't grow weary of well doing, friends, but continue to keep us informed of all events of local interest which may be transpiring.

LOCALS IN BRIEF.—The *Express* says a large snake was recently killed by Mr. Isaac Strohl at Ephrata. The snake was what is known as the "racer" species, and measured four feet eight inches. It was supposed to have come down from the mountain.

The fare from this city to San Francisco, California, by way of the Pacific Railroad, is $170.70 in currency.

Robert M. Slaymaker, residing at Belmont, in Paradise twp., was severely injured on last Saturday morning while unloading hay. The pulley split, a portion of it falling upon Mr. Slaymaker's head and knocking him insensible, in which state he remained for several hours.

The First Presbyterian Sunday School of Reading will visit Litiz on Friday next, the second day of July.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Pennsylvania, will have a parade in Reading on the 11th of August next. On the night of the 12th of August, they will have a grand ball at Breneiser's Hall.

G. C. Franciscus, Esq., General Agent of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, who has been with his family sojourning in Europe since last fall, arrived at New York on Saturday. Mr. F. is considerably improved in health, and will in a few days again resume the arduous duties of his responsible position.

The latest returns from the vote on Lay Delegation in the Methodist Episcopal Church, develop a more serious opposition to the movement than has been heretofore exhibited. The returns now show twenty-seven thousand for Lay Delegation to ten thousand against it.

The new five, ten, fifteen, twenty-five and fifty cent notes are now ready for distribution; the new greenback will make its appearance about July 1st.

The Court has granted a license to Geo. W. Kafroth to keep an eating house in Earlville, West Earl township; this application was continued at the former term of the Court.

Mr. P. E. Gruger, marble mason, of this place, recently quarried out of the quarry, now being worked by him, located on the banks of the Conestoga creek near this city, a block of blue American marble weighing thirty-five hundred pounds. It is thought that this marble quarry will prove valuable.

Dr. Thomas W. Evans, formerly of this city, for some years a resident of Paris, arrived in Philadelphia a few days since with his family, and will probably spend a portion of his time in this city during his visit to his native land.

It will interest those engaged in the dairy business to learn that no special tax will be required of any person, firm, company, corporation or association, who shall manufacturers or dealers for the manufacture of butter and cheese of their own manufacture, or which they are engaged in manufacturing, either directly or indirectly.

The Shrewsbury Sentinel says that from the utterances of the Methodist Church, will this year be held half a mile west of Freeland's Station, on the Northern Central Railway, and will commence on the 12th of August.

Stringent orders have just been issued by the Internal Revenue Department, after the expiration of the time limited in the notice for the payment of Government taxes, the Collector shall have no instructions to permit the penalty of five per cent. for non-payment, no matter what the excuse for such defaults may be.

The great Council of Pennsylvania of the Improved Order of Red Men, will hold its annual session in Harrisburg, on the 20th of next month.

The *Spy* states that the fruit crop in the neighborhood of Columbia will be more abundant this season, than it has been for many years past.

Sportsmen will remember, but boys and bummers through our woodlands should be kept in mind of the fact that the newly-enacted game law of this State forbids the killing of gray squirrels from the first of January to the first of August. Therefore bouncing bunny is by law free from harm for about five weeks yet.

A correspondent informs us that the blackberry crop will be more abundant this year than has been known for a number of years. The bushes on the Octoraro hills are literally covered with berries.

The Pine Grove Herald says: "The hay—The weather proving favorable, by the end of this week it will be all safely gotten away.

A dutchman from the lower part of the county brought a horse to Reiff's Tavern, Lancaster, on Saturday last, and afterwards sold the shoes of him for $1.75. He continues to deal in horses and thinks it pays as well as any thing he can undertake.

The peach trees in the lower part of the county have buds in abundance, there being necessary to prop many of the limbs to prevent their breaking off.

We are glad to notice that partridges are more numerous in this county than for the last few years. If sportsmen do not persist in shooting them for one season we will have an abundance of that delicious game.

The ladies and gentlemen of the "Power Society" of Paradise gave a strawberry festival for the benefit of said Society three evenings of last week, beginning on Thursday evening. The Society was formed two years ago for the purpose of erecting a tower on the Episcopal Church, the same having been blown off. The receipts of the festival were about $100.

ARGUMENT COURT.—The *Lancaster Bar* states that the cases upon the Argument List for June Argument Court were disposed of as follows:

COMMON PLEAS.

C. Atchison & Co. vs. Abraham Shenk.—Postponed.

The Manheim National Bank vs. Sampson Reese.—Submitted.

The First National Bank of Mount Joy vs. Sampson Reese.—Submitted.

Smith, Wemple & Co. vs. Philip Bissinger.—Rule to strike off award of arbitrators, because arbitrators were not chosen within the hours named in the Rule. Argued by Johnson for plaintiff, Smith for defendant. Rule made absolute.

Jesse Lutz vs. The Reading and Columbia Railroad Company.—Submitted.

George W. Kafroth vs. The Reading and Columbia Railroad Company.—Rule for new trial. The Court gave positive instructions to the jury to find for the defendant. Jury disregarded them and found for the plaintiff. Rule made absolute and new trial granted without argument.

Joseph R. DeKuhn vs. Joseph Garnsey.—Submitted.

Samuel M. Miller vs. Fanny Miller.—Argued by Dickey and Pyfer for plaintiff, and Hiester for defendant.

Barnhart & Koch vs. Wenger & Wolf.—Argued by Dickey and Hiester for plaintiff, and Franklin for defendant. C. A. V.

The Commonwealth of Penn'a vs. Abraham Cribbs.—Postponed until Saturday, August 14.

Gaus, Bernbaum & Co. vs. Gross & Sharp.—Postponed.

QUARTER-SESSIONS.

Exceptions to Report on Viewers of road in Ephrata township. Court ordered a re-review.

Report of Inspectors of Bridge across the Conestoga at Printer's Paper Mill. Argued by Brown for Petitioners, and Shenk for Commissioners; Brubaker and Landis for Commissioners and contractor, and Hiester and Frantz for New Holland Turnpike. C. A. V.

Road in West Hempfield township. Exceptions to report of viewers. Argued by Ellmaker for Exceptants, and Smith for Report. C. A. V.

Com. vs. Leonard K. Seltzer. Submitted.

Com. vs. Samuel Ditzler. Argued. C. A. V.

Com. vs. Samuel Ditzler and Melchoir Ditzler. Argued. C. A. V.

Com. vs. Melchoir Ditzler. Argued. C. A. V.

Petition for the division of Rapho twp. Rule to show cause why other commissioners should not be appointed. A. N. Cassel and Abraham Kauffman, two of these named in the petition, appeared in court and stated that it was a mistake on their part in signing the petition. The Rule was discharged.

ORPHANS' COURT.

Estate of Robert Dripps, dec'd. Court direct an issue to find whether the amount awarded by the Auditors to Margaret Dripps has been paid.

Estate of John Miller, dec'd. Rule discharged.

Estate of Conrad J. Plitt, dec'd. Exceptions to Auditor's report. Argued by Smith for Exceptants and Price and W. S. Amweg, contra. C. A. V.

Estate of Nancy Laush, dec'd. Exceptions to Auditor's Report. Exceptions overruled.

A MURDEROUS ASSAULT.—On last Sunday evening a young girl, who lives with a Mr. Worst in Salisbury township, while on her way home from Scrufflown meeting-house, on the Welsh mountain, was met by a man who attacked her with a knife, inflicting several severe wounds on her arm. The fellow escaped, before she could summon any one to her relief, and it is being very dark she could not describe him.

The impression is that the perpetrator was some one who knew her, and that jealousy was the cause of his murderous assault and cowardly action.

SKULL FRACTURED.—On Monday evening some boys, who were engaged in fighting near Leaman Place, were interfered with by a man named Steffee for the purpose of making peace among them, when one of the combatants seized a stone, throwing it at him and striking him on the head, above the eye, fracturing the skull slightly. The wound, though severe, is not considered dangerous and the patient is doing well.

STORE ENTERED.—On Tuesday, the 22d inst., Mr. Amos Witmer's store in the village of Paradise was entered by some burglars and robbed of some valuable pieces of goods, with about $5 in small change which had been left in a drawer. They effected an entrance at the main door. The night was bright moonlight, and it is supposed the robbery was committed in the early part of the night, as any one passing would not suspect them. No clue to this robbery.

THE CROPS.—Wheat is doing its very best all over the country. Rye, barley and other grains are in fine condition. The equine population and their owners will rejoice at the good prospects of plenty of oats. Corn is not so forward, owing to the rains, but every lover of Indian meal will be happy to hear that wherever it has rotted it has generally been replanted, and there is reason to expect a fully average crop.

Sunday School Convention.

A District Sunday School Convention was recently held by the friends of Sunday Schools of Manheim and surrounding townships in the Odd Fellows' Hall at Rawlinsville, on Thursday and Friday, June 17th and 18th, which in point of attendance and interest manifested in the cause was one of the most gratifying gatherings of the kind held in the county. The convention opened on Thursday morning about 10½ o'clock, with devotional exercises, led by Rev. H. E. Spayde, of Strasburg, and Rev. G. Robinson, of Lancaster. The object of the calling of the convention at that place was then stated by the secretary of the County Sunday School Association, after which a temporary organization was effected by the appointment of John Crawford, of Mt. Nebo, as Chairman, and W. L. Bear, of Lancaster, Secretary.

Upon the enrollment of delegates, the following Sunday Schools were found to be represented:

Rawlinsville Sunday School; Methodist E. Sunday School, Union Sunday School, Bethesda Sunday School, Mt. Nebo; Clearfield M. E. Sunday School, Church of God Sunday School, Providence twp; Presbyterian Sunday School, Strasburg; M. E. Sunday School, Conestoga township; Chestnut Level Sunday School, Drumore township; Little Britain Presbyterian Sunday School; Bean's Church Sunday School, Lampeter Square; Immanuel Sunday School, Manor township; Millersville Union Sunday School. Representatives from the Presbyterian, St. John's Lutheran, St. Paul's German Reformed, Duke-st. M. E., and Methodist Episcopal Schools, Lancaster, were present. The County Association was represented by the following Vice Presidents: E. Potts, Conestoga; Jno. Crawford, Martic; and Aug. Reinoehl, sr., Manheim township.

Rev. C. Riemensnyder, James McCreery, and Abraham Cremor, appointed a committee on permanent organization, reported John Crawford as President, and W. L. Bear as Secretary, which was adopted.

D. S. Bare, E. Potts and A. F. Slaymaker, committee, reported the following persons to open the discussion of the several questions to be presented: Rev. S. McNair, W. L. Bear, and Rev. C. Riemensnyder. Addresses on Thursday evening, Revs. Riemensnyder, Robinson, Gregg and Chas. Denues, Esq. Addresses to children on Friday morning, Rev. Riemensnyder, W. L. Bear, Rev. Eckert and D. S. Bare. The morning session was closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. McNair.

The afternoon session was opened, Rev. Riemensnyder leading in prayer. The question "what are the wants of county schools," was then discussed by Rev. McNair, followed by Messrs. Riemensnyder, Urban, Reinoehl, F. P. Hart, Scott, Hoffmeier and Gregg.

The second question, "Different methods of conducting schools; what are the best?" was opened by W. L. Bear, followed by Messrs. Riemensnyder, Reinoehl, Slaymaker and Hart. The discussion elicited the various methods of conducting schools as seen and practiced by the several speakers, leaving the Superintendents and teachers present to judge which was the best.

Rev. Riemensnyder opened the question, "By what means can Sunday Schools be made more interesting and useful?" The question was discussed by Messrs. Dennes, D. S. Bare, Dr. E. B. Herr, J. L. Hoffmeier, and Reinoehl. The afternoon session closed with an object lesson by D. S. Bare, and a hymn connected with it was taught to the audience in a short time, and sung with great spirit.

In the evening the hall was again crowded. Devotional exercises were engaged in until the audience had assembled, when Rev. Riemensnyder presented the Sunday School mission work of the county, and he was numerously responded to by collected in. He was followed by Rev. Robinson, of Lancaster, who proceeded to show that all were called to work for Christ. No one was excused, not even the unconverted.—Capt. Dennes, was the last speaker of the evening, and made an earnest address upon the importance of early religious training, and of the good results attained by the labor of earnest and faithful teachers in Sunday Schools.

On Friday morning the children assembled with their parents and friends, and filled the hall to its utmost capacity. Rev. Riemensnyder conducted the opening devotional exercises, and delivered an interesting address to the children and parents. He was followed by W. L. Bear, who succeeded in securing the attention of all during his entire address. D. S. Bare gave an instructive blackboard lesson, which absorbed the interest of all present, and closed by teaching the children a hymn from a chart, which so pleased them that they retained the chart for the use of the school. Music was made on the organ by one of the scholars who would recite the ten commandments without a failure, which was promptly accepted by the scholars. Margaret Jane Seiple and Clara Shoff succeeded in spelling down all others, and gave excellent attempts, and showed that commitment of Scripture was nothing new to them. The sessions of this interesting convention closed with heartfelt expressions of gratification, of the mutual profit derived, and of thanks to those who had come from abroad to give their time and experience to encourage superintendents, teachers, and children and parents in the Sunday School work.

The visiting members also expressed their thanks for the kind and hospitable entertainment extended to them. Revs. Gregg, of Rawlinsville, invoked the Divine blessing, in a fervent appeal, upon the doings of the convention, and upon all who were present, and singing the benediction. A large number of persons from distances came in the afternoon, supposing that the session would continue during the day. There is no doubt that the attendance would have been still larger than any previous session.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—*One Man Killed and Two Injured.*—A sad accident occurred at the Conestoga Furnace, this city, yesterday, about half past eight o'clock. Three men named John Schlereth, George Kleiss, and George Wolf, in the employ of Messrs. D. B. Thomas & D. H. Pennock, proprietors of the Furnace, were engaged in taking the lining out of the interior of the furnace stack, at a height of some twenty five feet from the ground, when the scaffolding upon which they were standing broke down, precipitating them to the bottom.

John Schlereth was struck on the head by a brick or a piece of the material used in erecting the scaffold and had his skull terribly fractured, a hole from an inch in diameter being made in it, the portion of the skull thus broken being forced into the brain, causing death instantaneously; his neck was also broken. The deceased was also badly bruised about the arms and body. Schlereth was one of the headkeepers at the furnace, and has been employed at it for some ten or fifteen years; he resided near St. Joseph's Catholic church, in the Eighth Ward, was a native of Germany, and has always been a hard working, industrious man. He was about fifty years of age, and leaves a wife and three children, the youngest of whom is about twelve years of age.

George Kleiss, one of the helpers at the furnace, was very badly hur