State Items.

A carriage containing five persons was upset in Williamsport the other day, and all were more or less injured.

A little son of Captain Fout, aged seven years, was knocked off his father's boat recently, near Reading, and drowned.

Beallis and Duke, charged with incendiarism at Altoona, were found guilty on Saturday.

Allentown boasts of a new military organization called the "Allen Zouaves," numbering forty men.

Ennis, the man stabbed and killed by Johnson at Phillipsburg, a few weeks ago, was from Monroe township, Bradford county.

Crawford Gallagher, a lumberman from Clearfield county, was swindled out of $560 in Philadelphia recently, by a couple of confidence sharpers.

Fairchild Canfield, aged 84 years, was thrown from a wagon while on his way to a funeral, at East Herrick, Bradford county, on the 23d ult., and instantly killed.

J. P. Huling, mail route agent from Lock Haven to St. Mary's, has been removed to give place to a man named Porter, of York county.

An unknown man, aged about twenty-four years, was drowned while bathing in the Schuylkill, near Reading, on the 26th inst.

W. R. O'Neil, formerly of Scranton, was shot by a horse thief whom he was trying to arrest on the 9th inst., at Bent's Fort, Colorado territory.

The Blair County Agricultural Society have agreed to hold a fair the coming fall at Hollidaysburg, on the 28th, 29th and 30th of September and 1st of October.

A trout 19 inches long, 13 inches in circumference and weighing 3 pounds and 2 ounces, was captured at Tumbling Run dam, Schuylkill county, last month.

A little girl aged six years, daughter of Mr. Bechtel, in Reading, broke her leg above the knee, on the 28th ult., by falling over a little carriage with which some children were playing.

Oceola, the celebrated trotting stallion, owned by George G. Lobdell, of Wilmington, Del., died in Chester county recently, of inflammation of the bowels. He was valued at from $5,000 to $6,000.

The Huntingdon *Monitor* mentions the case of a lad thereabouts who accidentally swallowed a glass out of a pair of spectacles some days previous, from which he suffered but little inconvenience.

East Mauch Chunk is improving very fast. The town has been laid out to Tenth street, and the woods which have heretofore bounded the borough at Seventh street are steadily giving way before the march of improvement.

A fine specimen of the grey eagle was captured a few days since by two young men of Conshohocken. The bird measures six feet eight inches across the wings, and at the time of its capture was feeding upon the carcass of a cow.

The Williamsport *Bulletin* records the case of a little girl who was picking berries near that city on the 10th ult., having had permission to do so, was set upon by a vicious dog who tore and lacerated her throat in a frightful manner.

Hugh and William Cole, brothers, were committed to the jail of Westmoreland county on the 27th ult., charged with the rape preferred on charge of a widow lady named Eshleman, aged about sixty years, residing in Ligonier township.

A little boy in Bradford county, aged five years, while attempting to climb over a fence in the yard, upon which his foot was a log, which rolled, throwing the boy to the ground in such a position that the log passed over him, completely crushing his head. The boy lived but a short time.

The stores of Cessna & Ritzinger and P. H. Shields at Loretto, Cambria county, were entered by burglars one night last week, and the safe in the former broken open and robbed of its contents, one gold and two silver watches and some $25 in cash; but they became alarmed while operating in the latter and fled.

A meeting of the citizens of Petroleum Centre was held recently to adopt measures for the more effectual suppression of lawlessness, deeds of violence and lewdness in that place, and squinting at the formation of a vigilance committee, after the manner of the San Franciscans in the earlier days of that city.

On the 29th inst., the large brick cottage of John A. Smythe, on the Ridge pike, near the Black Horse just above the toll-gate, in Plymouth township, about one mile below Norristown, was destroyed by fire. The entire loss is about $10,000, covered by an insurance of $7500 in the Montgomery Insurance Co., of Montgomery county.

Judgment has been obtained in the court of Chester county by the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, against the Baltimore Central, for the sum of $122,092.11. Sheriff Lewis levied upon all the rolling stock of the company then in Chester county. By an agreement between the counsel an inventory of the stock was made out and a bond executed for its safety.

The drinking fountain at Market Square, Norristown, is only a temporary arrangement until the handsome cut-stone one can be completed, which is to be set back from the old line of the curb, in order that the pedestrians can use it from the sidewalk, whilst two teams of horses can quench their thirst from the road without incurring the risk of being run into by the passenger cars.

A lad named John Cook, whose parents reside at Newark, N. J., met his death in a singular manner near Bethlehem recently. It appears that he was engaged in driving a vicious and stubborn mule, when, by some mishap, one of his feet was caught in a coil of towline, by which he was thrown into the river. It being rather dark, the driver soon did not discover his disappearance for some time. A few hours afterwards his lifeless body was found floating near the bank of the river.

An alligator, eight feet long, and of otherwise formidable appearance, was captured in the Ohio river, at Smithfield street Bridge, Pittsburg, a day or two since. He was probably disgusted with the hot weather in Louisiana, and on the way to the cooling breezes of the Pittsburg furnaces; and the several bathers have so mysteriously disappeared along the line of the course which this marine insect must have taken in his journey, and during the time he must have occupied therein, it is strongly suspected that an examination of his stomach would disclose a remarkable resemblance to the interior of a second-class cobbling shop, that is if we may promise that the bathers in question indulged in their favorite pastime with their boots on.

News Items.

There are favorable reports of the cotton crop from all portions of Georgia.

Immense fires are still raging in the forests of Washington Territory.

The American Philological Association will Hold its next meeting at Rochester on July 29th of next year.

The town of Detroit, in Kansas, was destroyed by a storm of wind and hail on Tuesday night.

Hon. Isaac Toucey, who was Secretary of the Navy under President Buchanan, died at Hartford, Conn., yesterday, aged 73.

A number of persons have been held to answer, in Baltimore, for selling cigars from boxes not properly stamped.

The total debt of the city of Boston on April 1st was $17,304,355—an increase since April, 1868, of $1,480,935.

A fire in Concord, N. H., on Saturday night, destroyed $40,000 worth of property. One man perished in the flames.

A meeting in favor of the removal of the National Capitol to St. Louis was held in that city on Friday last.

Two wealthy Chinese merchants, doing business in San Francisco, are coming East to make business arrangements, and will visit Philadelphia.

Nearly $25,000 has been stolen from the fire-proof safe at the United States Arsenal, near Gray's Ferry, within a few days past. The detectives are investigating the theft.

The laborers at work upon the new railroad bridge at Omaha have struck, and their places are to be filled by Chinese from San Francisco.

A fatal poisoning case occurred in Baltimore, on Friday evening, through the gross carelessness of a druggist in putting up a physician's prescription.

Milton Alden, patentee of several agricultural implements, is, was killed yesterday, by being caught in a reaping wheel at his own manufactory, in Auburn, N. Y.

The Japanese colonists in Eldorado county, Cal., are reported to be doing favorably, and the tea trees which they have planted are growing healthily.

The rear car of a train on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad was thrown from the track near Ivy Depot, Va., on Saturday, and four ladies and a gentleman were injured.

The Washington train, due at New York at 5.30 yesterday afternoon, ran off the track, near Newark. The cars were badly smashed, and the track torn up for some distance. The mail agent is the only person reported injured.

The Richmond State Journal publishes a letter from Gen. B. F. Butler, in which he says that the Government has power to set aside those men elected to office who cannot take the oath, and those men who are defeated by them and can take the test oath should be admitted to their seats.

A terrible riot is reported to have occurred on the steamer Dubuque, on the Mississippi river, near Rock Island. It grew out of a refusal to admit raftsmen to the cabin, and involved the passengers and crew. Eight men are reported to have been killed.

The Secretary of the Gettysburg Memorial Association has addressed a letter to the Generals who fought in both armies, at the Battle of Gettysburg, inviting them to a meeting on August 23d, at Gettysburg, that they may designate the principal spots made memorable by the contest.

When a man believes anything absolutely, it is always pleasant to see him make an ocular demonstration of his faith. At Algona, Iowa, one Mrs. Ingham was appointed to deliver the oration last Independence Day. So she carried her infant and her husband into the assembly of the people, and while she occupied the platform Mr. Ingham meekly held the baby! Probably arrangements were made which prevented the child from yearning for "the natural fount," or perhaps, as Mr. Chick observes, in "Dombey & Son," "something temporary was done with a tea-pot.' Mr. Ingham is said to have been "very proud of his wife's success" on the occasion. We think he had more reason to be proud of his own for it was an essay in a harder field.

Franklin and Marshall College.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTION.

ARTICLE IX.

Having got thus far in defining the College and its work, I come now to notice more directly than has yet been done a few objections that may hold against it in the minds of some. And here I have in view, not so much objections openly expressed, as what may be considered quiet prejudices rather, such as are to be met with at times, especially among plain country people.

1. Colleges in general are regarded by some as *aristocratic*. Partly, because they are devoted to "higher education," which itself implies something above the common level; and partly because they are necessarily limited to the use of a few in distinction from the many. All cannot have the benefit of such education. Multitudes have neither the time nor the money; while others have neither the disposition nor the brains. But this seems to conflict with the popular notion of equal rights.—All really necessary education, it is said, should be like that of our common schools, open and free alike to all. What is above this, for higher education must be regarded as something exclusive, pretentious, and undemocratical, the privilege of the rich over against the poor.

Alas, alas, for such a mistake as this. It has ever been the case, as rich as a class, that the true advantages of higher education have stood specially open in fact. They have had the outward means, indeed, for obtaining it; but only to a small extent the proper mind and heart. Emphatically it may be said, the gospel of learning, like that of religion, has been preached to the poor. They who first flocked by thousands to the universities of Europe, with the revival of letters, were known for the most part only as "poor scholars" and "poor clerks." They had to serve and beg for their living—even those who, like Luther, afterwards shook the world with their learning. Times have changed since; but not so as materially to affect here the old law of election and birthright. The sons of the wealthy seldom carry away with them the real prizes of our higher education. Well, if they do much as reach after it only in form and name. The chances of such distinction are altogether in favor of those who are forced to struggle toward it through humble circumstances and narrow means. Besides, it is not money, but mind, that has to do mainly always with the successful pursuit of a liberal education.

Our colleges generally in this view are not aristocratic. On the contrary they are eminently democratic. No institutions are more open, or more easily accessible for all who honestly and truly desire a liberal education on its own terms. There is a cost, of course, to be counted in the case; but this is in the time and labor required for it, far more than in any other kind of experience. As compared with the quality and quantity of their service, we have no educational institutions so cheap as our colleges. They are cheaper than our Normal Schools, and Academies; far cheaper than our Polytechnic institutes of any kind. Even our common schools cost us a great deal more in public taxes. Then as regards their comparison with other departments of our social and business life, what shall I say? What rolling mill, or cotton mill, or bank, or large mercantile house is found offering its commodities and goods at anything like half the same rate of cheapness as the people? Or their heavy percentages of yearly profit furnish the answer. No; the spiritual wares which our colleges offer to the people—not to the rich only but to the poor also, as far as their heart's desire lies in that way—are the least expensive for their *cost* (to say nothing now of their intrinsic worth) of all wares which we are called to buy at this time in the world's market.—Any Pengonian in any part of the country, whose heart is bent upon it, and who has the proper powers of mind for it, can make his way into college, and through college, if he pleases, whether he be poor or rich.

Take our own College in particular. But few of its students belong to rich families. Many of them are actually poor; and their education is, indeed, a pursuit of knowledge under difficulties. The idea of its privileges as simply free to the richer few of any class is simply ridiculous. They are open to every young man, of determined will, in the country; the only cause for regret, indeed, being that so few of our young men consider the terms so favorable.

Still the other side of this objection remains; "higher education" carries in it a reference to lower education, and this itself seems to carry with it a somewhat aristocratic sound. There is taken to be in it an affectation of superior culture, a sort of literary pharisaism which says to others: Stand off, for we are better than you! Something of course, then for democratic feeling to rail at, or sneer at, as an offence against the "rights of the people." It might as well, however, rail at any other distinction in human society, as being particular and exclusive; and indeed much better. For of all social superiorities (whether in personal form or in family descent, or in business talent and tact, or in wealth, or even in ordinary civil office and power) there is none so little of mere private account, and so much of broad popular and public account, as just this superiority of what is known as higher education in any highly endowed human society. Without it, all lower education, and the whole social machinery besides, must be of very little worth.

II. The objection here has, however, widened itself into a new form. It sets college education over against common school education and ordinary business education; as though the first were a sort of *monopoly* and *private interest* only belonging to few, and not like these last, of general popular benefit and use.

But now no imagination can be more false than this. In the nature of the case, if there is any thing in a higher education it must be also a higher education in some form. All cannot be educated in all respects alike; just as there can be no absolute sameness of state and condition for society in any other form. But this does not imply necessarily any separation or opposition of interests. Society properly, or the state, is not a mass made up of separate interests outwardly joined together. It is a living organism, with the difference or the parts in always for the unity and completeness of the whole. And nowhere is this more the case than in the sphere of knowledge and education. This is emphatically a common existence for a people throughout; an existence in which higher and lower forms of culture (making together a true *university*) work alike for one another, and for the community at large. So it is with all common education; the proper end of it is the well-being of society, quite as much as the well-being of the individual. But most of all is this the case, also, with what is called higher education; for the higher it goes the more general and comprehensive it becomes by its very conception, breaking away from merely selfish regards and ends, and looking only to what is universal. Hence, its title Universal (as tending to and to aim at outward particularistic interest), as well as its old designation of *humane* culture (discipline in the humanities), as having to do with the human at large, the proper wholeness of man's life, rather than with any single portion of it only viewed in a separate way.

Altogether thus no education is more universal in interest and bearing, which colleges, in their true sense, are designed to secure. Confined necessarily to a few (the great mass of society having no call or mind to seek it) it is yet not for the few, but for the many whose education being, in truth, more profoundly *popular*, more entirely for the whole people, in its ultimate consequences and results.

Our common school system can never be all it ought to be, without a proper provision for higher collegiate training at its head. No one is more fully aware of this than our present Superintendent of Common Schools himself, who has generously set his heart on securing for our Legislature the passage of a "College Bill," designed to roll away the reproach that now lies upon us as a State, from the neglect of what is here so manifestly a public political duty. "should the educational policy of the State," he asks, be only to make provision for primary education? The provision our school law now makes for the establishment of graded schools, the State might therefore given for many years to colleges and academies, and the requirements of our Constitution that "the arts and sciences shall be promoted in one or more seminaries of learning" show conclusively that a different educational policy was contemplated by the men who have been foremost in shaping our legislation. Besides, while, in the language of Dr. McCosh, the newly elected President of Princeton College, "in the work of primary instruction America leads the world," we are very far behind many of the countries of Europe in the attention we pay to higher education. We are trying to educate all our people, but we are educating them superficially. Intelligent Europeans are continually reproaching us, not without reason it is to be feared, with our want of generous culture and liberality of scholarship. Let Pennsylvania, then, return to her former policy, which, without injuring her common schools, grants substantial aid to her colleges.

To this, let all good, Pennsylvanians say Amen; and let our people of German descent especially think of Germany, their noble Fatherland, where the common school and the gymnasium are every where associated with the idea of the university, that the one without the other would be considered a simple monstrosity, unworthy of a civilized people.

Higher liberal education is, in truth, the only fountain from which all lower education can have infused into it wholesome life and power. Without colleges, common education itself must sooner or later grow lean, and in the end be starved out of existence.

On this I could say much; but my limits forbid. Another quotation, however, I *must* be indulged with from Dr. Taylor Lewis.

"It is a favorite position with some," he says, "that all educational appropriations should be for the education of the 'people,' in their imaginary use of the term. They will talk of common schools as the people's schools, and contend that to them alone the legislature should extend its aid. They alone are for community; the others for separate interests. Now we maintain that academies and colleges are for the people, as much as the common schools. They are for all in the highest sense, on the ground that their benefits do immediately and ultimately reach all classes. In whatever free community the colleges and academies are well sustained, and made what they ought to be, there the common school flourishes of course. In whatever towns and counties of our state the influence of these higher institutions is most felt; or in other words, in whatever places there reside the greatest number of men liberally educated, such as lawyers who have indeed made law a science, and learned clergymen, and scientific physicians, or unprofessional persons of liberal culture—*there* will be a superior order of common schools. Where this is not the case, money lavished upon them by the State is about thrown away."

"A portion educated for the sake of the many! All this, it may be said, is at war with the 'genius of our institutions,' to use a favorite phrase. If this be so, then is it all the worse for the 'genius of our institutions.' We must repeat it; there is need of such a class of well-cultivated minds, to prevent knowledge from becoming superficial in its tendency to popularization, and thus to make it actually more available to practical ends and the practical well-being of society, than could be done by any futile attempts to impart the same knowledge as a *right* to all. None have a deeper interest in the true view of this matter, than those whom the demagogue is so fond of styling 'the people;' or, in other words, the great body of those whom the common and indispensable vocations of life necessarily exclude from the more difficult departments of knowledge. Should the anti-college feeling ever become predominant, none would eventually be greater sufferers by its vandalism, than those very classes whose jealousies it so studiously attempts to excite."

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Le Bon Ton, and *France Elegante*, imported from Paris by S. T. Taylor, No. 391 Canal street, N. Y., each of which contains four brilliantly colored and finely executed steel engravings, illustrative of the latest styles of dress worn by the fashionable ladies of Europe, besides the regular patterns, descriptive letters, etc. The former can be had for $7 per annum; the latter at $6.

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The Lady's Friend, which is adorned with a beautiful steel engraving of those two great beauties for the month, "Virginia," a picture of "Maidenhood" illustrative of Longfellow's poem, miscellaneous engravings of sea-side costumes, walking toilets, etc. Published by Deacon & Peterson, No. 319 Walnut street, Philadelphia, at $2 per annum.

Our Young Folks, published by Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston, Mass., at $2 a year, contains contributions from Aldrich, Trowbridge, Prescott, Browne, Agassiz, Hale, Larcom and a host of leading writers. Fifteen illustrations, which will be of unusual interest to its young patrons.

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Die Modenwelt, a handsomely printed monthly published at Berlin, Prussia, and imported by F. W. Christern, No. 30 Canal street, N. Y., reaches us filled with engravings of ladies' dresses, other wearing apparel, and fancy work in almost endless variety, besides a splendid colored plate. Terms $3 per annum.

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The Old Guard.—This sterling Democratic Magazine for August has been received. It contains a variety of excellent reading matter. The opening article, entitled "The Cub of the Panther" by Wm. Gilmore Simms, is of thrilling interest. It is one of the best monthlies published. Terms $3 per annum; address Van Evrie, Horton & Co., Publishers, 162 Nassau Street, N. Y.

Another Railroad Accident—A Number Seriously Injured.

ST. LOUIS, July 30.—An accident occured on the Hannibal and St. Joseph railroad yesterday near Cameron. A train bound west ran over a misplaced switch, and two cars were thrown down an embankment. J. Baker and daughter, of this city, Mrs. Cameron, of Morrisville, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Mary Carr, of Osborn, Missouri, were seriously hurt, and A. T. Smith, of Portsmouth, Kentucky; Kate Peckuyer, of Fremont, Nebraska, and Rev. D. Cameron, of Morrisville, Pennsylvania, were slightly injured.

One of the Brothers-in-Law in Trouble.

It seems that one of Grant's brothers-in-law is in serious trouble. A Washington telegram to the New York *Herald* says:

If the President and the Secretary of the Treasury are ignorant about the alleged mismanagement of the New Orleans Custom House, it is not certainly for lack of charges and complaints made against the officials thereof. Within the last week there have been at least half a dozen different parties here from the Crescent City, all burdened with the most incredible stories of frauds upon the customs revenue. Among these are several prominent members of the Radical party. The fact that the President's brother-in-law is the Collector makes the subject somewhat delicate to handle, but Secretary Boutwell has instituted measures to insure a fair investigation.

An Editor Thrashed.

BUFFALO, July 30.—The Rev. Sanford Halbert, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, a political and religious paper in this city, was thrashed last evening by Norman Holley, son of the Collector of Customs of this port, for a defamatory article resiative to himself and father. The article in the *Advocate* was instigated by Halberts disappointment at not receiving a position in the custom house, for which he was an applicant.

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Onward, conducted by Captain Mayne Reid, the popular writer. The August number maintains the status and popularity the previous numbers have achieved for this new and handsome magazine, and its readers will find no falling off either in quality or variety. Among its contents are "The Transit of Venus," "Bonfire Beach," "The Beautiful Ghost," by a Southern lady; "The Forests of Nanegal," by Capt. C. B. Brockway, etc. Terms $3 per annum. Published by Office, No. 119 Nassau street, New York.

Once a Month, which comes to hand with fresh, racy, instructive and progressive articles from the finest productions of the most talented writers on both sides of the Atlantic. Whilst being unique in size and style, it presents a pleasing novelty to the reader. Terms $2 per annum. T. S. Arthur & Sons, publishers, Philadelphia.

Le Bon Ton, and *France Elegante*, imported from Paris by S. T. Taylor, No. 391 Canal street, N. Y., each of which contains four brilliantly colored and finely executed steel engravings, illustrative of the latest styles of dress worn by the fashionable ladies of Europe, besides the regular patterns, descriptive letters, etc. The former can be had for $7 per annum; the latter at $6.

Ballou', Monthly, which comes to us filled with very interesting and readable articles, being of a literary, historical and scientific nature. Terms $1.50 per annum. Published by Elliot, Thomes and Talbot, Boston, Mass.

Godey's Lady's Book, which opens with a pretty steel plate entitled "Feeding Horses," followed with a fine fashion plate, extension sheet and a number of engravings for ladies' and children's costumes.—Terms $3 per annum; published by L. A. Godey, Philadelphia, Pa.

Packard's Monthly, which is an excellent and popular periodical, containing interesting and instructive articles from Pollard, Dennison and other literary celebrities. Terms $1 per annum; published by S. S. Packard, 937 Broadway, New York.

The Lady's Friend, which is adorned with a beautiful steel engraving of those two great beauties for the month, "Virginia," a picture of "Maidenhood" illustrative of Longfellow's poem, miscellaneous engravings of sea-side costumes, walking toilets, etc. Published by Deacon & Peterson, No. 319 Walnut street, Philadelphia, at $2 per annum.

Our Young Folks, published by Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston, Mass., at $2 a year, contains contributions from Aldrich, Trowbridge, Prescott, Browne, Agassiz, Hale, Larcom and a host of leading writers. Fifteen illustrations, which will be of unusual interest to its young patrons.

Peterson's Ladies' National, which is one of the noblest and best magazines, contains a fine steel plate, "The Hard Lesson," a handsome colored fashion plate, and a number of other engravings. Its literary matter is varied and equal to that of our best literary magazines. Terms $2 per annum, published by Charles J. Peterson, No. 306 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Die Modenwelt, a handsomely printed monthly published at Berlin, Prussia, and imported by F. W. Christern, No. 30 Canal street, N. Y., reaches us filled with engravings of ladies' dresses, other wearing apparel, and fancy work in almost endless variety, besides a splendid colored plate. Terms $3 per annum.

Arthur's Home Magazine, which has always been noted for the high moral tone of its literary contents, continues to present its regular variety of excellent reading matter, besides several fine plates and other attractions for its patrons. Terms, $2 per annum. Published by T. S. Arthur & Sons, Philadelphia.

Merry's Museum, by H. B. Fuller, Boston, Mass., at $1.50 per annum; *The Children's Hour*, by T. S. Arthur & Sons, at $1.25 per annum; and *The Nursery*, by John L. Shorey, Boston, Mass., at $1.50 per annum, are in every way adapted to please the little folks.

The Old Guard.—This sterling Democratic Magazine for August has been received. It contains a variety of excellent reading matter. The opening article, entitled "The Cub of the Panther" by Wm. Gilmore Simms, is of thrilling interest. It is one of the best monthlies published. Terms $3 per annum; address Van Evrie, Horton & Co., Publishers, 162 Nassau Street, N. Y.

Another Railroad Accident—A Number Seriously Injured.

ST. LOUIS, July 30.—An accident occured on the Hannibal and St. Joseph railroad yesterday near Cameron. A train bound west ran over a misplaced switch, and two cars were thrown down an embankment. J. Baker and daughter, of this city, Mrs. Cameron, of Morrisville, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Mary Carr, of Osborn, Missouri, were seriously hurt, and A. T. Smith, of Portsmouth, Kentucky; Kate Peckuyer, of Fremont, Nebraska, and Rev. D. Cameron, of Morrisville, Pennsylvania, were slightly injured.

One of the Brothers-in-Law in Trouble.

It seems that one of Grant's brothers-in-law is in serious trouble. A Washington telegram to the New York *Herald* says:

If the President and the Secretary of the Treasury are ignorant about the alleged mismanagement of the New Orleans Custom House, it is not certainly for lack of charges and complaints made against the officials thereof. Within the last week there have been at least half a dozen different parties here from the Crescent City, all burdened with the most incredible stories of frauds upon the customs revenue. Among these are several prominent members of the Radical party. The fact that the President's brother-in-law is the Collector makes the subject somewhat delicate to handle, but Secretary Boutwell has instituted measures to insure a fair investigation.

An Editor Thrashed.

BUFFALO, July 30.—The Rev. Sanford Halbert, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, a political and religious paper in this city, was thrashed last evening by Norman Holley, son of the Collector of Customs of this port, for a defamatory article resiative to himself and father. The article in the *Advocate* was instigated by Halberts disappointment at not receiving a position in the custom house, for which he was an applicant.

AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The August number of the *Lancaster Farmer* states that the July meeting of this Society was small, but interesting. Henry M. Engle, presided; Alexander Harris, Esq., Secretary. A report of S. S. Rathvon, Chairman of the Committee in charge of the Fruit Exhibition, was read. It was shown in the report that the expenses incident to the exhibition were defrayed and a balance of $1.25 left for the treasury.

S. S. Rathvon offered a resolution providing for the appointment of ten members as delegates from the Association to the meeting of the "American Pomological Society," in Philadelphia, on September 15th, 1869. The appointment of the above delegates was deferred until the next meeting of the Society.

Mr. Rathvon also offered a resolution that a committee of five be appointed by the President of the Society to inquire regarding the expediency of holding an exhibition at the same time, and place, in connection with the Park Association, in October, and upon what conditions such a temporary union could be effected, said committee to report in writing at the next meeting of this Society.

S. S. Rathvon, Dr. W. L. Diffenderfer, Dr. Samuel Welchens, J. G. Kreider and A. Harris, were appointed as the committee.

To prevent the ants from destroying young fruit trees and infesting them with curled leaf, it was recommended that the leaves have applied to them tobacco juice.

Interesting Essays were read by Dr. S. Welchens and Prof. S. S. Rathvon. A variety of excellent fruits were exhibited, which our limited space will not permit us to enumerate. After testing the fruits and discussing their respective merits, the Society, on motion, adjourned.

SINGULAR ACCIDENT.—Last week, as Mr. Demas Dibeler was gathering apples from his orchard, near Falmouth, Conoy township, he pitched a mule in a small wagon for the purpose of carrying them home. In descending a steep hill the harness broke, causing the wagon to run against the mule, who immediately began to kick, finally landing his hind feet into the bed of the wagon from which he could not extricate them. He then ran to the bottom of the hill, on his two fore-feet, where he was stopped and released. Two of Mr. Dibeler's children were in the wagon at the time, but neither children, mule, wagon, or apples sustained any injury.

EDUCATIONAL.—Prof. N. C. Schaeffer succeeds Prof. C. S. Gerhart in the Preparatory Department of Franklin and Marshall College. Prof. Schaeffer occupied the chair of Ancient Languages and History for several years in the Keystone State Normal School.

Prof. A. O. Newpher, of Columbia, a graduate of the Millersville State Normal School, at the recent Commencement of Lafayette College at Easton, had the honorary degree of Master of Arts conferred upon him by the College Faculty. This is deserved compliment paid to a thorough scholar and accomplished teacher.

NATIONAL BANK SECURITIES.—The Secretary of the Treasury, in a letter to the Comptroller of the Currency, has decided to permit the substitution of 10-40 for 5-20 bonds, or the exchange of any gold bearing bonds now held as security for circulating notes, on the basis hitherto adopted—the 10's to be reported at 85 per cent, of their par value, and all other gold-bearing bonds at 90 per cent. The 6 per cent. currency bonds issued by the United States to the Pacific Railroad will not be received as security for the circulation of National banks, and the exchange of gold-bearing bonds will be subject hereafter to revision, if it shall be found that such exchange is so frequent as to become onerous to the Department.

VALUABLE WATCH STOLEN.—Sunday evening, while attending the fire in the 9th Ward at Mr. Buckius' stable, Mr. Joseph Weichand, constable of this city, had a valuable gold watch and Masonic mark taken from him. The mark was a heavy gold Maltese cross containing the All-Seeing Eye on a tobacco leaf, with two photographs of a father-in-law of Mr. Henry Rowe when they were shot by Mr. Rowe. It appears that they were ordered off of the premises, when they made some demonstrations as if they would attack Mr. Rowe, when he procured a gun and shot at them. The gun was only fired once, but the load took effect in the side and shoulder of the older brother Frank inflicting a severe but not dangerous wound—a few of the scattering shot striking the younger brother William on the shoulder, wounding him slightly. Mr. Rowe brought the boy to Frank in West Strawberry street, this city, in a wagon, and stated to his parents that he was sorry that the affair occurred, as his intention was to frighten not to hurt the boys. The oldest boy was attended by Dr. Carpenter and is doing as well as could be expected.

ALMOST A FIRE.—On Friday the mill belonging to Mr. Binckley, located one mile west of this city, on the Columbia turnpike, came very nearly being destroyed by fire. It seems that a little child of Mr. B., while playing in the second story of the mill, set fire to a quantity of sh