powder against it. Th of County Superintendents at Harrisburg, on powder against it. The took on his lap, children, a little girl, which he took on his lap, Wednesday the 11th day of April next, for mu-The Tourst his having the powder so near the tual consultation, the discussion and adoption of such measures as may tend to a more complete stove. He allowed it was dangerous, but still took another portion between his fingers and and effective organization for the advancement of common schools, and the cause of popular threw it against the stove; the flash struck education. This is decidedly a good movethe powder in the paper, burning Mr. K. and child so badly that they are not expected to recover. This should be a lesson to people, and learn them not to trifle with such a dangerous thing as powder. town will be held on Friday evening next, at 61 o'clock, in the Odd Fellows' Hall. To defray

Shocking Affair.

One of the most horrible affairs that happened in this section of country for some time, was perpetrated at the Brick tavern, on the road leading from this place to Philadelphia, on the 19th instant. A dispute arose between a german, engaged at the tavern as hostler, and a negro, relative to setting an egg up on its point. After they had been quarreling some time, they got so violent that Mr. NICE, the proprietor of the tavern, told the hostler to leave the house. He immediately started and went to a wheelwright shop situated some distance from the tavern .-After he had been there a short time, the negro started from the tavern to go to the shop, saying that he wished to renew friendship with the german. When he came there the german held the door shut on the inside, refusing him admission. The negro thereupon started to go back to the tavern, and had gone but a few steps, when the german rushed out with an axe, and buried it in the left shoulder up to the hilt; the negro instantly staggered, but the german was so enraged that he again picked up the axe and gave him another cut in the breast, inflicting a gash three inches deep and eight long .-The german was immediately arrested by Messrs. Nice and Huber, and on being taken before Justice was committed to the Bucks County Prison to await his trial at the next Court .-The negro was picked up and medical assistance procured, and is at present under a fair way of

Sunday Liquor Law.

Tavern-keepers and others in Lehigh county will bear in mind that this law will take effect on the first of April. Under this law any tavern-keeper, beer house keeper, tippling shop, or keeper of any eating house, who sells or knowingly permits any spirituous or malt liquor, wine or cider, to be drank on his premises, can be fined fifty dollars—one half to the informer and the other half to the overseers of the poor. The violator may also, in addition to the above penalty, be presented for a misdemeanor, and be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, and be imprisoned from ten to sixty days.

most impossible for the clerks and others to perform their duties with desirable promptness and composure. Hence, it is suggested to all who may wish seeds or cuttings therefrom that through some member of Congress, an officer of

Foreign Seeds and Grains.

The Agricultural Bureau is continually beset

for seeds, grains and plants, and it is found al-

their applications be submitted to the office sensation. A run on the San Francisco branch an Agricultural Society, in the neighborhood of promptly met until near half a million of dollars the person applying. If there is no society near, let the farmers at once call a meeting and form an association to promote the agricultural

interests of their vicinity. garden seed, recently selected with great care by the excellent chief of the bureau, D. J. Browne, Esq. have been received from France, and are now in course of distribution. Among them are the finest samples of spring wheat ever exhibited in this country. In the case of sume operations on the 28th. Wells, Fargo & a failure of the wheat sown in the fall, from Co. give strong promise of an early resumption, winter kill or other causes, the advantages resulting from sowing this wheat on the same shown by their creditors. The branches of ground in the spring, should it prove suitable for our climate, will be apparent to all. Congress, at its late session, testified its high appreciation of the operations of this important branch of the government, by a liberal appropriation of \$25,000. This, together with the amount paid by government for printing agricultural reports, will reach nearly \$200,000 per annum a much greater sum than is paid for such objects by any other country throughout the globe.

COSTLY WATCH CASE. - A jeweller of Newark, according to the Sentinel, has recently manufactured a splendid watch case for a gentleman in California, which is valued at \$18-000. It seems like a perfect incrustation of diamonds, of which there are some three hundred, arranged with artistic taste. It is a hunting case, 20 carats fine, carved from solid gold. The ornaments upon one side are gothic ruins, the pillars and archers being formed of brilliants, and the openings show in the distance a view of the bay of San Francisco, the California arms and a unining scene. The reverse side displays a gothic scholl in diamonds. surrounding an claborate bouquet of flowers, also composed of similar gems. The pendant is also covered with brilliants, with diamond push piece-altogether forming a complete ball sparkling gems. The inside cap is richly ornamented with scroll work and transparent blue enamel. The stones are not scales usually known as roses, but the finest cut brilliants, which are so set that they show through the case—all being entirely transparent.

Common senuol State Convention.

The Superintendent of Common Schools of

this State has issued a call for a State convention

Exhibition.

the expenses incurred a collection will be taken

at the door. We are requested to state, that

children cannot be admitted for want of room.

Sponging on the Printer-

ers. They think it costs nothing to pull, ad-

vertise, &c. And thus one and another will

sponge an extra paper, a puff, or some benevo-

lent advertisement. They forget that it is

this business that makes their business known

to the world. They forget that it is the print-

er's ink that makes nine-tenths of these im-

mense fortunes. They forget that it takes

money to pay compositors-to buy ink, type

and paper-and lastly, they forget to even

thank you for working for nothing, by gratui-

Proceedings of the Town Council.

The new Council was organized March 20th.

Present, Messrs. Schimpf, Eckert, Newhard,

Powell and Kleppinger, of the old Board, and

Dr. J. Romig, Joseph Dietrich, Stephen Keck.

Solomon Butz, William Maddern and Ephriam

Diefenderfer, members newly elected, who were

The Council proceeded to elect the officers

for the ensuing year, whereupon the following

President-Joseph F. Newbord; Secretary-

E. J. Moore; Treasurer-Jonathan Reichard;

Borough Engineer-Audolph Ashbach; Street

Commissioner-North Ward, Solomon Gross;

South Ward, David Daubert; Lehigh Ward.

Amandes Trexler; Clerk of Market-Thomas

The following Committees were appointed by

Committee on Fire Apparatus .- Welcome B.

Committee on Account of Finances .- Amos

Committee on Streets .- Welcome B. Powell.

Committee on Side Walks and Crossings.

Solomon Butz, William Maddern, Ephriam

Some time since Captain ETTINGER tendered

his resignation to the Lehigh Fencibles. At a

late meeting of the Company a Committee was

appointed who drew up the following Card ex-

pressive of the regret of the Company in having

Sin:-In accepting the resignation of your

flice as Captain of the Lehigh Fencibles, we

are actuated solely by a desire to domply with

your wishes, and we do so with a feeling of

profound regret that your engagements should

have rendered this step at all necessary. The

connexion which has hitherto existed between

the Fencibles and yourself has been of the most

delightful nature, and we cannot part now

without expressing to you in the most public

manner the assurance of our highest considera-

ion, and our most unfeigned and heartfelt

wishes for your happiness and prosperity here-

Т. П. Good,

LAW PROHIBITING THE USE OF CAMPHENE.-

An ordinance has been presented to the Com-

mon Council of Albany, by the Mayor of that

city, imposing a fine of \$25 upon every person

ing camphene in any house, store or shop.

Very respectfully,

G. FRY, of W. R. HANGEN, Fencibles.

Committee

We remain,

to part with their late commander :

Yeager; Wood Corder-Jacob Gross.

Powell, John Romig, J. T. Kleppinger.

John G. Schimpf, Joseph Deitrich.

Ettingen, Even W. Eckert, Stephen Keck.

tously puffing their business.

duly sworn according to law.

persons were elected to wit:

the Chairman:

Diefenderfer.

The public have a funny notion about print-

An Exhibition of the Public Schools of Allen-

Uses of Gold and Silver .- The Banker's Magazine has a capital article on the "Uses of that the amount of the precious metals consumed in various ways is from \$40,000,000 to in the manufacture of watch cases, pencil cases, plate; houshold materials and in the arts, are enormous. It is stated that for gilding metals by the electrotype and water-gilding processes, and in the Staffordshire patterns, no less than 13,000 to 20,000 ounces are annually required. In Paris 10,000,000 francs are used for manufacturing purposes. Since the discovery of gold in California, it is estimated that the increase in its consumption has been doubled. In the United States \$10,000,000 is estimated as converted into ornamental jewelry.

FRIGHTFUL COLLIERY EXPLOSION.—A terrific explosion occurred at the Midlothian Coal Pits. in Chesterfield county, about thirteen miles south of Richmond, Va., on Monday evening last, at 5 o'clock, by which thirty-four persons were instantly killed, and a number of others so badly burned that little or no hopes are entertained of their recovery. Five of them have since died. The earth shook violently for miles around the pits. Out of fifty persons who were in the pits at the time, but three escaped serious injury. Sixteen were taken out desperately burned. The injury to the pits is serious, and it will cost a considerable sum to get them under way again.

PARDONS .- The Secretary of the Commonwealth announces that Governor Pollock has adopted certain rules in relation to the applications for pardon, to protect him from imposition. Satisfactory evidence will be required that at least five days' previous notice of intended applications for pardons was given to the District Attorney of the city or county in which the conviction took place, and at least ten days previous notice of the same was given in a newspaper published where the conviction took place. These seem like very proper rules.

New Invention .- A trial of a newly-invented self breech-loading and priming carbine has been made at the School of Musketry, at Hythe, in England. Sixty shots can be fired from this weapon in seven minutes; out of that number, at a range of 100 yards, 47 struck the bull's eye. Total immersions in water of the carbine loaded, did not affect its explosive power, the fuser being readily discharged. The rapidity of the firing did not produce the slightest derangement, the piece neither requiring oiling nor cleaning.

OPEN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION .- There are indications of a dispositeon on the part of the American Order to change its present secret features to that of an open organization, on a well defined National Platform. The Know Nothing paper of Boston is out in favor of the change as an actual necessity, for the perpetuity of the order, and its efficient operation. '>

GRAPE VINES .- A gentleman who has made himself conversant with the culture of the grape, informs us that the severity of the past winter has destroyed nearly all the young wood of the past season, as well as that of the year previous. Some vines in a protected situation, trimmed by him yesterday, were found in that

I From California. The steamship Northern Light arrived at New York-carly last Monday morning, from Aspinwall, bringing ten days later news from California. The news of Page, Bacon & Co's difficulties in New York, reached San Fransisco on the 17th of February, and produced a great of that house took place, which, however, was had been withdrawn. The next day the run ceased, and things went on as usual, until the 22d, when a renewal of the run caused the suspension of the house, followed next day by that An extensive amount of grains, pults and of Adams & Co., Wells, Fargo & Co., and two Savings Banks. Several branches stood the run successfully among them being the Philadelphia house of Drexel, Sather & Church.-Page, Bacon & Co. had made an agreement with their creditors, by which they would reand Adams & Co. will also do so, if leniency be

> affected similarly with the San Francisco houses. There were rumors of heavy failures among the merchants, but nothing authentic. No election of Senator had taken place, and the joint convention had been broken up by an adjournment finally. Two large hotels in San Francisco have been burned, and sixteen houses in Nevada and twenty-five houses in Stockton. The Legislature of Oregon adjourned on the 18th of February. .

these houses in the interior of California were

The Legislature of Washington Territory has fixed on Olympia as the capital. The serious conflict in Australia, is confirmed. Twelve of the miners and twenty-two of the troops were killed. From China we have some important news. The French fleet had bombarded Shanghae, which being in possession of the rebels, the Imperialist forces took advantage of the attack to attempt the capture of the place, but without success. The object of the French was to silence a battery, which was planted in such a position as to be dangerous to the foreign factories. The battery was bombarded for two days, after which the fleet landed a party which spiked the twenty guns in it, killed the gunners and retreated. The insurgent Triads at Whampoa, in a hunderd boats, aided by American and British seamen, had attacked and plundered the imperial junks, and killed

WHAT WON'T THE LOVE OF WHISKEY DO ?-Last week one of our physicians was called to see a sick child that seemed to be wasting away for want of proper nourishment, and suspecting that a want of money made a want of food, he gave a little brother of the sick child a Gold and Silver in the Arts." It is computed | shilling, and told him to take it to some person who would give him the worth of it in good rich milk for his sick little sister. The little fellow, \$50,000,000 per annum. The quantities used joyfully taking the money, with many thanks from the mother of them both, set out with his little brown mug in search of milk, and the doctor went his way. An hour later he met the father of those children beastly drunk, and on his visit next morning, learned that he had met his little boy with the mug, and took the money from him, and with it bought a quart of whiskey, and left his helpless babe to starve or get its food from the ravens. The child and family were provided for, but not the wretch who gave them whiskey for their milk money. American Freeman.

> NEWSPAPER FACTS .- There are sixteen milion, fifty thousand, four hundred and sixty newspapers printed in the course of a year in the City of Albany. This is 321 to each inhabitant, or more than one to each person every week day in the year. The man that don't read the papers-does not live in Albany. The people of the Union spend in a year for

paid their debts.

The newspapers that they read if all put together in a continuous string, would reach more eventy million pounds. If they were spread whole District of Columbia like a blanket.

The first in England appeared during the reign of "goos Queen Bess," at the time of the Spanish Armada. It was named "Ye Englishe Mercurie," imprinted at London, by her Highness's printer, 1588. Frankline's "Boston News Letter" was the first in America. It commenced in 1694. A hundred years ago there were not more than twenty-five published in America .- Albany Ev. Jour.

How Folks Differ.-We chew tobacco, the Hindoo takes to lime, while the Patagonian finds contentment in a bite of guano. The children of this country delight in candy, those of Africa in rock salt. A Frenchman goes his length for fried frogs, while an Esquimaux Indian thinks a stewed candle the climax of dainties. The South Sea Islanders differ from all these, their favorite dish being boiled clergymen, or a roasted missionary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTION.—The returns from this State confirm the entire success of the Know Nothings in New Hampshire, they having elected their Governor, Congressmen and secured a large majority in the State Legislature. Upon the latter will devolve the election of two Senators, one for the full term, and the other in place of Mr. Atherton, deceased whese term closes in 1859.

CONFERENCE. - The Philadelphia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held in the First Methodist Church in Lancaster, Pa., commencing on Wednesday. the 28th inst. Bishop Waugh, of Maryland will preside, assisted by Bishops Jants, of New York, and Scott, of Delaware. This Conference numbers over 200 ministers.

Dare to be good, though the world laugh at you.

Legislative Proceedings.

SENATE.

On the 14th, Mr. FRY presented two pe titions from citizens of Northampton county for the repeal of the office of county superintendents of common schools; also, three from citizens of Lehigh county, for the incorporation of a company to erect a bridge over the Lehigh river at the Allentown iron works.

On the 16th, Mr. FRY called up the bill to legitimate the children of Aaron Balliet, of Lehigh county. Passed finally.

On the 19th, Mr. FRY presented a petition from Lower Nazareth township, Northampton county, to repeal the office of superintendent of common schools; also, one to repeal the act relative to scalers of weights and measures from citizens of Lehigh county.

On the 20th, Mr. FRY read in place a bill, relative to the heirs of Luke Kilpatrick, of Lehigh county.

Mr. Frick read in place a bill, to authorize the boroughs of Norristown and Allentown, to subscribe to the capital stock of the Norristown and Allentown railroad.

Mr. Buckalew called up his bill, No. 162, resolutions relative to the final adjournment of the Legislature; pending his amendment to fix Toesday the 17th of April as the day, which after some discussion passed finally.

On the 22d, Mr. Fry on leave read in place a bill supplement to the act incorporating the Thomas iron company.

On the 23d, Mr. Fry called up Senate bill No. 585, to incorporate a company to erect a bridge over the Lehigh river at Hakendaqua, in Lehigh county.

In the course of the reading of the bill, Mr. Crabb inquired of the Senator from Le

high, (Mr. Fry,) what was meant by the words pro tem ?" Mr. Fry replied-" Das kann ich gewiss nicht

The reply convulsed the Senate with laughter. Mr. Crabb asked-What's that?

Mr. Fry-Why that's dutch. The Senator can't understand it. Neither can I understand or explain *latin*.

The bill passed finally. HOUSE.

On the 17th, Mr. Fry read in place a bill authorizing certain boroughs and townships, in Montgomery and Lehigh counties, to decide by ballot whether they will subscribe to the capital stock of the Norristown and Allentown railroad company. On the 20th, the following bills passed first

reading, and were ordered to be prepared for a second reading.

"An Act relative to the payment of certain collateral inheritance tax upon the estate of Paul Balliet, the elder deceased."

" An Act to incorporate the Lehigh and Delaware plank road or turnpike company." On 21st the following bills which passed first

eading yesterday, passed second and final read-"An Act to incorporate the Lehigh and Delaware plank road or turnpike company."

"An Act regulating the pay of the county commissioners, jurymen, poor directors and auditors of Northampton county."

LIQUI D GLUE .-- A strong liquid glue, that will keep for years without changing, may be made by placing in a glazed vessel a quart of water and about 3 lbs of hard glue. This is to be melted over a gentle firein a glue-pot and stirred up occasionally. When all the glue is melted, drop in gradually a small quantity of nitric acid, when effervescence will take place. The vessel is then to be taken off the fire and allowed to cool. Liquid glue made in this manner has been kept for more than two years in an uncorked bottle without any change. It will newspapers \$15,000,000 or would if they all be useful for many traders, where a strong glue is required, without the trouble of melting.

DANGER IN ADMINISTERING CHLOROFORM. then ten times round the world, and weigh A lady in Boston presented herself before a dentist of that city, on Thursday before last, out to dry they would more than cover the for the purpose of having a tooth extracted; and dreading the pain accompanying extraction. The origin of newspapers is traced to Italy. desired the administration of chloroform. Questions respecting her health, the condition of her lungs. &c., were propounded, and being answered favorably, the dentist applied the ether to her nostrils and death ensued in a few moments.

> FALL OF BLACK SNOW .- Prof. Fairchild. of Oberlin, Ohio, states that on February 7th, they had in that region a fall of dark-colored snow. The crystals were in the form of dense icy pellets, about twentieth of an inch in diameter. It fell to the depth of nearly an inch, and when melted it yielded about half an inch of water. The snow had a distinct smoky taste, and on filtering it through paper a dark, sooty substance was obtained.

> Pore Speculation.-We know of one man who has, in the last two weeks, shipped six thousand dressed hogs from this market to New York, clearing some \$18,000 by the operation in that time. It is supposed about one hundred and fifty thousand hogs have been in this market this season, about one-half of which were packed here and the other half shipped East. There is not much barreled pork in market, with a good demand for it.-Chicago Tribune.

> OSSIAN'S BARDS .- This excellent company are singing to crowded houses through Vermont with praises of the ballad singing of Charles pronounce him even superior to Russel.

A GOOD PRICE FOR A HORSE.—The colt Morgan, from the original Black Hawk, owned by \$4000. Height 15g hands; weight 1125 pounds. forming upon the kettle.

Odds and Ends.

The excess of females over males, in the Inited States, is 600,000.

An object of 'interest'-A girl whose income is three thousand a year.

Imaginative—to eat a mackerel and sup-

pose you are a mermaid. The reason why some people put on airs is because they have nothing else to put on.

Evidence of friendship-kissing a marrisd lady out of pure love for her husband. Those who aim only at accomplishments

will accomplish but little. God hears the heart without words-but he never hears words without the heart.

Every sorrow we meet is a billow on this world's troublesome sea, which we must cross to bear us nearer home.

What mechanic may be expected to outlive all others? Ans .- The boot and shoemaker; for he is ever-lasting.

Why is the kingdom of Heaven and our State Prisons alike? Because the rich keep out of both. It is said that North Carolina produces:

within its boundaries the staple of every Statein the Union, and is the only one that does it. There is but one paper-a monthlypublished in Egypt; three in Iceland, and one in Sicily.

Jim Smicks puts everything to use. His wife has a bald head, and he straps his razor on it. The New York ice companies have harvested" 294,000 tons, about the same

quantity as in 1854. Fish are caught in Puget sound, Oregon, which when dried and lit by the tail, burn

ike a candle!

THERE are about seven multion pores in liko a candle! the body of a man of ordinary size. If these were joined lengthwise, a tube would be formed wenty-eight miles long!

There are 10,000 street gas lamps in New-York, which burn 30,000 feet of gas per hour, or 430,000 feet per night. The cost of one night's burning is about \$1,400.

The Elmira Gazette says that Win. Derr. the celebrated English trainer of horses, is at Wellsburg, training a large troups of horses for Washburn's famous Indian Amphitheatre.

Church going has become a very expensive matter in San Francisco. At a sale of pews several sold as high as twelve thousand dollars, equivalent to about \$23 per Sunday. APPLICATIONS FOR BOUNTY LANDS .-

About 1800 claims for Bounty Land. under the act of the last session, the Star says, were received at the Pension Office, at Washington on Monday. Nobody likes to be nobody; but every-

body is pleased to think himself somebody.-And everybody is somehody; but, when anybody thinks himself to be somebody, he generally thinks everybody else to be nobody. IT a streak of lard is worth a shilling, what would a dap of butter come to. Multiply

the milk by the age of the cow, and divide by the square root of the chalk contained therein. The quotient will be the answer. That man who is afraid to make an enemy, or is afraid of his enemies when they come ready made, as come they will, is not

made of quite the metal to cut his way through this world. JOur Devil woke up the other morning. and was astonished to see a bedbug sitting on the back of a chair near his bed pulling pins from his jacket, and innocently picking his

The Seneca Lake, it is stated, is now frozen over at the northern end for miles. The ice is a foot thick, and horses and sleighs go over on the lake to Geneva. The lake has not before been crossed on the ice, in sleighs, since

A successful inventor has offered the English war office an electric rifle, which greatly surpasses any weapon in use, flinging a ball from 1000 to 2000 feet, at the rate sixty shots per minute.

It is stated that the number of missionaries laboring throughout the world is about 3,612. These, if equally distributed, would allow but one missionary for about 167,000 souls.

A city editor says a man in N. Yo A western editor replies, by assuring tempory that a good many men in Michael have done the same thing by only marrying It is not high crimes, such as robberies

and murder, which destroy the peace of society, so much as the village gossip, family quarrels, jealousies and bickerings between neighborsmeddlesomeness and tattling, which are the worms that cat into all social happiness.

A MAN BURNED ALIVE .- A stage driver on one of the line of stages between Tiduoute and Franklin, as we are informed, was taken with the small pox, a few days since, and was conveyed to a shanty, about half a mile this side of Tidioute, where he was left to the tender mercies of a man who was hired to take charge of him for the consideration of a pint of whiskey ! This man, for some reason or other, absented himself from the shanty for about half an hour, and, when he returned, found it almost wholly consumed by fire, and all that was left of the poor stage driver was his bleached and crumbling bones. How the fire originated it is not and New Hampshire. Our exchanges are filled known; but disease had stolen so much of the poor man's strength that he was unable to drag Atherton, who has joined the Bards. Many himself from the building, and consequently fell a victim to the raging element. - Warren (Pa.) Ledger.

To PREVENT CRUST FORMING INSIDE OF THA David Hill, Bridgeport, Vermont, five years Kerrles.—Put into the teakettle a flat cysterold, was sold last week, in New York, by James shell. It will attract the stony particles that M. Hill to Mr. B. F. Fields, of California, for are in the water to itself, and prevent their