The Lehigh Register.

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Our subscribers who do not receive their papers regularly will confer a great favor upon us by sending word to this office.

Subscribers about removing will please send us their old address as well as the new.

COPLAY has suffered severely from the small-pox.

CATASAUQUA has concluded to turn out the sprinkler.

SEE advertisement of Odd Fellows' Parade in another column.

A BRANCH of the Emerald Benevolent Society has been organized in Pottsville.

THE Allentown Cornet Band was highly complimented by the Easton papers.

EASTON wants to have the State Fair held at that place this year. Allentown don't want it.

VISITING CARDS printed neatly, promptly, and any size or style, at the REGISTER office.

BETHLEHEM is annoyed by the expressions of the corner loafing brigade, which should be stopped.

WILLIAMSPORT has elected a Republican Mayor by 150 majority, a Republican gain over last year of 350.

THE Perseverance Fire Company of Bethlehem is endeavoring to raise money to purchase horses for their steamer.

JEFF DAVIS is going to move to New York and will make that city his permanent residence, so as to be near his bosom friend, H. G.

THE American Hotel register is filled daily with names from all sections, including points in Europe. Business at this popular hostelry appears to be very brisk.

BUSINESS CHANGE.—Moses Guth has purchased the livery stable of John S. Yeager, on Hall between Hamilton and Walnut, and took possession yesterday.

THE tribute from the East Brady Independent, a non-political paper, speaks volumes for the Republican candidate for Auditor General, General Harrison Allen.

PERSONAL.—We are pleased to see F. E. Samuels, Esq., the popular cashier of the Second National Bank, able to be out again after a long and severe illness.

LIBERAL.—The Easton Board of Control has resolved to pay the Easton Express and Free Press one dollar per annum for publishing the minutes of the Board.

APPOINTMENT.—John H. Fogel, Esq., of Fogelsville, has been chosen Secretary of the Lehigh County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, in place of Willoughby Fogel, deed.

A FATAL FALL.—Samuel Adams, a laborer, fell from a scaffold at the zinc ore mines, near Friedensville, Thursday afternoon, and was almost instantly killed.

GEN. BURNSIDE intends visiting Norristown on Friday, June 7, and will be the guest of Gen. Hartranft. The Sixteenth regiment, Col. W. J. Bolton, will parade in honor of the occasion.

PROPERTY SALES.—Reported by Alderman Mertz, Gideon Hunsicker sold three one-story frame houses and lots of ground on Chew street, between Sixth and Seventh, to Nathan Gackenbach, for $3,200.

MONSTER SNAKE KILLED.—One day last week, a party of young men killed a black snake on the farm of Mr. Peter Newhard, near Treichlersville, which measured nine feet long and thirteen inches thick.

COUNCILS have selected Charles H. Knauss Assessor for the First Ward, in place of John G. Schimpf, resigned; and have confirmed John Miller as engineer of the Allen, appointed in place of Joseph Barber, resigned.

INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS.—The two new additional furnaces under process of erection by the Thomas Iron Company at Hokendauqua, are being constructed thoroughly, and are steadily advancing towards completion.

WE assure the Express that we have a high appreciation of the activity and efficiency of the Easton Fire Department. It is undoubtedly one of the best in the country. But when compared with ours—well, modesty restrains us.

HEAVY EEL.—On Saturday last, Adam Steiner raised a net at Mill Spring, near Laury's station, which contained among a number of fishes an eel measuring three feet four inches long and weighing six and a half pounds.

RELIGIOUS.—Rev. James A. Little, of Hokendauqua, preached Sabbath afternoon week at Ballietsville. Mr. Little is expected to preach at Ironton on the fourth Sunday afternoon of this month (May 26th), at half-past two o'clock.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.—We know of no Republican in the county who would better represent Lehigh in the Constitutional Convention than Owen L. Schreiber, of Coplay, and we know of no one more worthy of the honor of the position.

PROPERTY SALES.—Reported by Alderman Mertz:—William Jacoby sold a two-story frame house and lot of ground, situated in the Borough of Bethlehem, to Samuel Jacoby, for $3000.

Frederick Zeppenfelt sold a lot of ground, 20 by 160 feet, on Ninth street, between Liberty and Allen, to Henry Kistler, for $425.

GREELEY stock is at a discount. Forced to a second sober thought the Democrats do not see anything desirable in him as a candidate and the few Republicans who supported him see that it is to the interest of the country that the Republican party should not be defeated in the next Presidential election.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At a stated meeting of the America Hose Company, held last evening, the following officers were elected:—President, John Lewis; Vice President, D. Mickley; Secretary, Allen W. Keiper; Assistant Secretary, George Wasser; Financial Secretary, Henry Heist; Treasurer, Chas. Klump; Foreman, Henry Koehig; Assistant Foreman, James Coffie; Trustees, Geo. Wasser, Henry Heist.

INCREASE IN THE SCHOOL TERM.—At the late session of the Legislature, a supplement to the school law was passed increasing the school term from four to five months in the year. Hereafter, therefore, no district will be allowed to keep its schools open for a shorter period than five months in the year. In about one-fourth of the districts of the State the schools are now kept open less than five months in the year.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.—In a circular issued from the headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic, at New York, by order of General Burnside, which announces that the 30th of May will be observed as decoration day, the following beautiful suggestion is made which is well worthy of consideration: "In addition to the strewing the graves with flowers, it is suggested that they be planted with flowers and shrubs, so that, when we are gone, the seasons in their ceaseless round may, in our stead, adorn the sleeping places of our comrades."

HANDSOME PRESENT.—A. E. Moyer, of Richland Centre, Bucks county, on Friday presented two handsome side shields to the Liberty Fire Company, with which to ornament their Hose Carriage. One represents Washington crossing the Delaware, and the other is a representation of Washington's camp at Valley Forge. Both the shields are handsome pieces of work and reflect credit upon the artist.

NEW ORDER.—Spartan Council, No. 14, Mystic Band of Brothers, has been instituted in the First Ward, with the following officers:—G. K. Reeder, W. C.; Charles Rose, D. C.; J. S. Whitney, Secretary; James C. Moore, Treasurer; Silas Parry, Conductor; Andrew J. Everitt, Warden; Charles W. Weber, Tyler. Meetings will be held every Wednesday evening, at Stipple's Hall, Second and Hamilton streets.

THE State Journal states that there are seven banks doing business in Harrisburg, with an aggregate cash capital of $700,000. One of them the Harrisburg National Bank, has a capital of $500,000, and the State Bank with $100,000, is privileged by its charter to increase its capital to $200,000.

The banks of Allentown have a united capital of about $1,200,000.

ONE day last week a Greeley man visited a large carriage manufactory in Williamsport, and, after praising up the wonderful qualifications of Horace Greeley for the Presidency, requested that a vote might be taken among the workmen. It was promptly taken, with the following result:

Grant	26
Democrat	1
Greeley	0

THE purchase of the buildings and lots, Nos. 7—and—9 Hamilton street, by M. S. Young & Co., is an important business move. The two lots are together thirty feet front and two hundred and thirty feet deep, and cost $22,000. Probably during next Spring and Summer, a store house will be erected thereon on which will be one of the most extensive in the city and will be a grand improvement to that portion of Hamilton street.

LARGE ESTATE.—The estate of the late Dr. William Wetherill, who resided at Fatland, near Port Kennedy, Montgomery county, is said to amount to about two and a half millions of dollars a large portion of this, says the Ledger, was realized recently from the sale of valuable coal lands in Schuylkill county to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company. Dr. Wetherill leaves ten children. We understand that he made no will, or that none has been found as yet.

TIMBER DESTROYED BY FIRE.—About six acres of timber were destroyed on Monday of last week on the farm of Mr. Jonas Herber, in Welsenburg township, by fire. Mr. Herber was engaged in burning rubbish in an adjoining field, and the high wind prevailing at the time, carried some sparks into the woods on the dry leaves, which caused the fire. The timber is burned to such an extent that it will grow no more, and if used at all, must be cut down and used up as it is.—*Slatington News.*

THE ALLENTOWN FEMALE COLLEGE.—The annual commencement of this Institution will be held on Friday evening, June 29. The annual address will be delivered on the Thursday evening previous by Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, of Philadelphia.

The College returns thanks to Robt. McDowell, Esq., of Slatington, for valuable presents of school slates; also, to Wm. R. Lawfer, of Allentown, for framing the same.

THE sad and destructive fire at Somerset, Pa., in which a loss of $800,000 was sustained, calls for the practical sympathy of every Pennsylvanian. This fire has been as disastrous to Somerset as the big fire was to Chicago. Many persons are homeless and bereft of the savings of a lifetime. The cases calling loudly for prompt assistance are not so numerous as those of Chicago, but they none the less appeal to human sympathy. Has not Allentown something for our sister *Pennsylvania* town?

REPORT of coal transported over the Lehigh Valley Railroad for week ending May 11th, 1872, compared with same time last year:

	For Week.	For Year.
Total Wyoming	11,416 08	219,470 00
Hazleton	30,919 09	858 791 07
Upper Lehigh	21 08	1,235 00
Beaver Meadow	12,817 18	312,930 09
Mahanoy	10,652 00	130,120 05
Mauch Chunk	77 14	1,543 00
Total	71,904 17	1,524,098 09
Same time 1871	15,030 02	532,864 06
Increase	56,874 15	991,234 03

FIRE AT CATASAUQUA.—Wednesday afternoon, about two o'clock, the stable at the Locks, at Catasauqua, owned by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, was destroyed by fire. The stable was not quite finished and there were chinks in the roof large enough to put a man's hand through. It is supposed that sparks from a passing locomotive entered one of these apertures and fell upon the hay in the loft, which soon ignited. Two horses and six mules, and a quantity of harness, the property of different boatmen, were burned. Three mules effected their escape, though badly scorched, and were not recaptured until six o'clock last evening. The fire created considerable excitement in Catasauqua and the Phoenix boys were early to respond to the alarm.

CHILD DROWNED IN A CISTERN.—On Tuesday of last week a little four-year old boy, of Mr. James Messinger, residing in Forks township, near Stockertown, fell in the cistern at his father's house and drowned. The little fellow was playing about the cistern and had removed the lid. His mother and grandfather saw him in the act and called to him to come away, but instead of doing so he stepped on the lid, which tilted and he fell into the cistern, the cover following in the descent. Those who saw the accident ran to his rescue, and his grandfather held down a hoe, which the unfortunate little one grasped, but was not strong enough to hold on. In a short time a large number of persons were collected and the body brought out of the water, but life was found extinct. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.—*Easton Argus.*

FINE LIVE STOCK.—O. L. Schreiber, Esq., of Coplay, one of our leading agriculturalists and stock fanciers, has in his possession some live stock which is hard to beat. He has a boar named Duke Alexis, of the Berkshire breed, sired by Fred. Douglas, which he considers about the finest member of Hogdom extant. His stock throughout is seldom equalled and parties desiring to improve their breeds would do well to pay him a visit. A Devonshire bull is also a splendid animal, a great favorite of Mr. Schreiber. Two Percheron colts, one three months and the other five weeks, are beauties for their age and their owner is very proud of them.

CHARLES E. LEX, a prominent lawyer of Philadelphia, died suddenly, at his residence in that city, Thursday morning. In 1870, he delivered the annual address at the commencement of Muhlenberg College. He was at one time City Solicitor, the duties of which he performed with credit to himself and benefit to the city. He was a delegate from the Church of the Epiphany to the convention of the Episcopal Church, in session in Philadelphia last week, and upon the assembling of the convention Thursday Bishop Stevens, upon the announcement of the death of Mr. Lex, led the convention in prayer, after which a few moments were passed in secret prayer. Resolutions were adopted expressive of the feeling of the delegates. Mr. Lex had been in attendance at the Convention the day previous.

THE MUTUAL LITERARY SOCIETY of Coplay held its closing meeting on Wednesday evening. The Society agreed to have the opening exercises of the next term on the evening of the second of September coming, in the public school building. A programme of exercises was prepared for the occasion which consists of President's address, historical account of the Society, essays, a poem, and an oration. The members of the Mutual Club at the present time have a better appreciation of the benefits to be derived from such meetings than they ever had before. Twenty important questions were discussed during the term just closed which with other varied and interesting exercises gave the members ample opportunity to improve themselves in the art of debating and speaking in public.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.—The twelfth quarterly meeting of the North Whitehall Union Sunday School Institute was held at Schneckville on Saturday afternoon, May 11. There was a large attendance of the friends of Sunday Schools, and the topics under discussion elicited interesting and spirited remarks from the Rev. J. W. Wood, of Allentown; A. J. Breinig, Esq., Secretary of the Lehigh County Sunday School Association; Rev. J. A. Little, of Hokendauqua; General McAllister, of Allentown; Mr. Rowland, of Slatington, as also from a number of earnest Christian workers belonging to North Whitehall township itself. The meeting was a success, and we rejoice to learn of the zeal, prosperity, and indefatigable efforts of this Union Sunday School Institute. Every such movement for the religious benefit of the young should always receive the hearty encouragement of all true Christians. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ballietsville.

CROP ITEMS.—The fruit prospect in Indiana county is said to be first rate.

The Somerset Herald states that the frost has killed the peaches in that vicinity.

The prospect for a fair average crop of wheat in Cambria county is said to be very favorable.

The Chambersburg Repository estimates that the wheat in Franklin county will fall below half a crop this year.

The wheat crop throughout Mercer county looks well, and entirely sets at rest the alarm about a failure so prevalent a few weeks ago.

The wheat crop in Chester county appears likely to be a failure. The winter badly injured it, and then a great deal of what got through the cold weather was killed off by the recent hot dry weather.

THE scholars of the German Catholic Sunday School went out on a pic-nic Monday morning. They made a street parade, headed by the Allentown Cornet Band, which played delightful music.

INSPECTION.—The troops of this and Northampton counties made a fine appearance on Saturday. The Excelsiors had forty men in line; the Allen Zouaves, thirty-nine; the Allen Rifles twenty-nine; and the Selfridge Guards thirty-five.

INFANT BAPTISM.—Six infants were received into the Episcopal Church, at Grace Church, last evening, Rev. W. R. Gries administering the Divine ordinance of baptism. The occasion was one of unusual solemnity and interest.

RITTERSVILLE DRIVING PARK.—The stockholders of the Rittersville Park Association held a meeting at Rittersville on Saturday and elected the following officers: President, Dr. G. B. Linderman; Vice President, George Erdman; Secretary, George B. Schall; Treasurer, C. M. Knauss; Directors, Samuel McCrose, Jacob S. Dillinger, Samuel Adams, Herman M. Fetter, George Herman, Asher Shimer and J. F. Reichard. The stock of the company is very rapidly being taken, and as soon as the track can be put in proper order and the necessary buildings erected, the park will be inaugurated, which will be at no distant day. It is the intention of the company to enlarge the present track, and also to erect convenient stables and sheds for horses on the grounds, and if the proper encouragement is given to this association it will be able in a short time to offer such premiums as will attract the best horses in the country. Among the stockholders may be found some of the most prominent and influential citizens of this and Lehigh counties, which, taken in connection with the excellent location of the grounds, warrant the expectation of a brilliant future for this enterprise.—*Bethlehem Times.*

SOMETHING ABOUT OPTICS.—While Dr. Bernhardt's glasses have gained so wonderful a reputation for their perfect adaptability to every eye, the merit does not all belong to the material alone, which, of course, is of the best, but to the skill of the celebrated optician Dr. Bernhardt himself, who manufactures and prepares the raw material, giving it the proper shape, convexity or concavity which each individual eye requires. In his room may be seen the various crystals in their crude shape, from which his lenses are made. It is for his peculiar skill, amounting almost to an instinct, in detecting the *condition* of every eye that praise should be awarded to this gentleman. Such at least, is the report of all who have been benefited by his skill. Dr. Bernhardt is at the American Hotel, where he will be found for a short time longer.

We caution the public against unscrupulous persons who are selling glasses, representing themselves to be connected with Dr. Bernhardt. The Doctor has no one connected with him, and his only place of business in this city is at the American Hotel.

FIRE INSURANCE—LOCAL BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.—At the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Board of Fire Underwriters held in the city of New York on the 17th and 18th of April, the vital necessity of obtaining more adequate rates of premium was the point principally debated, and the debate resulted in the unanimous adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Companies forming this Board will instruct their Agents to forthwith form Local Boards, where none now exist."

In pursuance of this resolution a meeting of the Fire Insurance Agents of this county was held on Friday morning in the office of the Mayor The Board was organized by the election of T. H. Good, President; Charles Eckert, Vice President; R. Clay Hamersly, Secretary; Thos. B. Leisenring, Treasurer. The following gentlemen compose the Rate Committee: Charles Eckert, Thos. B. Leisenring and R. Clay Hamersly.

The object of the Local Board will be to establish uniform rates of insurance throughout the county and have a co-operative supervision over all matters relating to Fire Insurance in this vicinity.

THE INVESTIGATION.—A Committee designated by the Grand Jury and appointed by the Court to investigate and inquire into an alleged or reported deficiency in the report of the Commissioners' and Treasurer's accounts, of Lehigh county, met at the Court House, on Tuesday, May 14, 1872, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Present—J. Weller, C. W. Cooper, A. Reninger, W. H. Alney, and D. O. Saylor.

On motion of W. H. Alney, Mr. Reninger was appointed Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Cooper, D. O. Saylor was appointed Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Alney, Mr. Weller was appointed a committee to inform the Commissioners and Clerk of the Court that the committee is organized and ready to proceed in the discharge of its duties under its appointment, and request them to furnish the necessary records, books, &c.

Mr. Engleman, Clerk of the Commissioners, appeared and stated that any books, papers, &c., that the committee desired in reference to the matter before them, are at the service of the committee.

A journal, showing the Auditors' reports of the different county accounts, including the financial statements, was produced and examined.

On motion adjourned to 2 o'clock, p. m.

Committee met at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Present—Weller, Cooper, Reninger, Alney, Saylor and F. G. Bernd.

On motion of Mr. Alney, adjourned to meet on May 22, 1872, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

ORNITHOLOGICAL.—It may not be generally known that Mr. D. H. Kline, of Coplay, has captured a most magnificent specimen of the bird commonly known as the loon or great northern diver. Upon analysis it was ascertained that it was no less than a royal specimen of the *Columbus too quates* or the *Columbus glacialis* of the Linnaen system. It was a full grown specimen, and its plumage exhibited all the brilliant colors and characteristics for which the species is noted—the dark blue green and glossed purple of the head and neck; the longitudinal and transverse stripes of the throat and back; the snowy white of the under surface, and the greyish blue of the tarsi, etc. They are a plentiful bird during the summer season in high northern latitudes and on inland lakes. They are solitary in their habits, keen sighted; their flight is strong, rapid and direct, and difficult to approach. It is needless to say that it takes an excellent marksman to be able to take them. But our friend K. was most too sure, as the head of the bird was too much damaged to have it stuffed and prepared for preservation. Mr. Kline also shot four hawks during the past winter, all of the species known as *Buteo borealis*, the most abundant kind in this section of the country. He was also fortunate enough some time ago to capture four wild ducks, of which no analysis was made and consequently the species is not known.

PROFITS OF LECTURE COURSES.—Except in large cities, where the population is so numerous and varied that an audience can generally be obtained for any respectable lecturer, the profits secured by committees or association lecturers who get up courses of lectures are usually very small. We find in a West Chester paper a statement of the financial results of a course of five lectures given in that town during the last winter. Season tickets were sold to the amount of $470, and the receipts at the door were $349 80, making the total receipts for the course, $819 80. The total expenses for these lectures amounted to $697.27, leaving a balance as profits of $122.50. Dividing the receipts for course tickets sold by the number of lectures, and adding this result to the receipts at the door on each evening, we have the gross receipts for each lecture separate. By a similar process we arrive at the expenses of each lecture. The committee paid Rev. Mr. Willits $50; total expense of this lecture $121.40; receipts from course tickets $94, at door $24.20, total $119.20. Paid Mr. McCully $25, total expenses, $106.40; receipts from course $94, at door. $15.80, total 109.80. Paid Miss Holden and Miss Bare $55, total expenses $126.50; receipts from course, $94, at door $56.25, total $150.25. Paid Dr. Warren $50, total expenses $121.40; receipts from course $94, at door $29 40, total 123 40. Paid Miss Dickinson $150, total expenses $291.40; receipts from course $94, at door $203.15, total $317.14. From this it will be seen that on the lecture of Mr. Willits the committee lost $2.30; on that of Mr. McCully they cleared $3.40; on the joint lectures of Miss Bare and Miss Holden they cleared $23.85; on that of Dr. Warren they cleared $3; on that of Miss Dickinson they cleared $95.75. The course was considered quite successful, and in a literary point of view the lectures were excellent, but the parties who made themselves responsible ran considerable risk. It is added that several of the lecturers accepted less than the usual compensation, on account of the object in view. West Chester seems to be a better point for lectures than even Allentown.

SCRIBNER'S, for June, contains views of Harrisburg and other points along the Susquehanna, concluding with scenes at Watkin's Glen. Scribner's is one of the best and most interesting of the magazines.

SOME SCAMPS, taking advantage of the great reputation of Dr. Bernhardt, are running over the country peddling spectacles. Why will people be deceived, when they know the Doctor never leaves the Hotel to engage in any such business and has no agents.

POLICY SHOP.—A stranger stopped in front of a certain establishment on Saturday and inquired "What business is done in there." He was informed, confidentially, that it was a "policy shop." Where are the police? Shall we expose it?

DULL.—Most of our merchants complain that Saturday was not as good a business day as ordinarily, notwithstanding there were so many strangers in town. A few did a heavier business than usual. One firm reports it the best day it ever had.

THE glorious rain of Sunday was a complete an wer to the prayers that have gone up to Heaven in the past week. The benefits which will result are incalculable. It is not too late to save the grass crop from failure. The hearts of the farmers will be filled with thankfulness.

B. DADD once in a while writes some humorous squibs, but it can hardly be expected that he or any one else who writes editorial itchings every day should not very frequently say something that is very silly. If his grammar were faultless, his criticisms would not always be in bad taste.

THE New York Tribune has seen a private letter which contains the following statement: "Every Democrat, so far as I know, is heart and soul for Mr. Greeley, and will vote for him in preference to any Democratic candidate." The writer is one of those fellows whom Mr. Greeley told to "Go West; and he lives in a "city" a few miles the other side of creation, on the Union Pacific R. R. The city contains a beer saloon and two shanties. There are two Democrats there—one keeps the beer saloon, and the other, who doesn't, wrote the letter. And that's "so far as he knows."—*B. Dadd*

THE LESSON OF THE SOMERSET FIRE.—The Philadelphia Star says, in these years of great conflagrations there is scarcely such a thing as a valid excuse for the non-insurance of property. This was largely exemplified in the great Chicago disaster, but in a more marked degree in the recent burning of the town of Somerset, Pa., where a million of dollars of property was destroyed, with but sixty thousand dollars of insurance. As a result of this neglect of an almost imperative duty a large number of families have been beggared. This is a sad thing to contemplate, and yet Somerset is only one of a thousand other country towns in which there is an almost total neglect of this matter of insurance.

As a general thing small towns are exempt from serious fires; yet, within the past two years, how many like Somerset have been swept away by fire. The lesson is an impressive one. There may be men of large means here and there, who, like Stephen Girard, can risk the insuring of their own property, but the man who has but a single property, there is no safety in such a course. In sure your properties in good companies, and then come what may, you will always have a fund upon which to fall back.

But the fact that the people of Somerset neglected their duty in regard to insurance, does not render their claims upon the sympathy of the people any less strong. Compared with the Chicago losses those of Somerset are equally as great, the difference in population, etc., considered. Hence there comes up to us a powerful appeal for aid, an appeal which, as a Christian people, we cannot disregard.

Why is it that something is not being done in the way of relief? This is not like Philadelphia. The people of Somerset are our own fellow-citizens. They are of our own State. They are suffering, and should have immediate relief, and Philadelphia is expected to take the lead in this work of benevolence.

SOMETHING NEW.—Mayor Good, the Coplay Cement Company and a Mr. Moyer will, in company, erect seven two-story concrete houses on Lumber between Allen and Tilghman.

This system of constructing walls is, as far as this city is concerned, an experiment, and as it combines cheapness with many excellent qualities, the progress of these buildings will be regarded with considerable interest. It has been used in England and France, with gratifying results, the material there used being composed of Portland cement. The material used here will be furnished by the Coplay Cement Company and its success will create a new market for the favorably known cement of this Company. A double curb, or wooden frame, entirely surrounding the upper portion of the wall, serves to hold the plastic material in place, until it acquires sufficient hardness to support itself. Then the curb is raised, and again filled in with concrete. This is allowed to dry over night and the next morning is hard enough to allow the curb to be again raised and the work of filling in and building up the wall again resumed. The walls soon become hard and strong enough to support scaffolding. Old brick bats or stones are often thrown in the centre to save concrete. Frost, rains, etc., do not affect the concrete after it is once set, and the walls can be made as smooth and as sharp as with cut stone, and the cost, we believe, is about half that of brick walls. The system is especially adapted to small, cheap houses, though a warehouse 70 feet long, 50 feet wide, and 60 feet (five stories) high, has been erected in Southwark, England, and has been much admired and appears to have sufficient strength for the purpose for which it was erected.

The chief element of success, when the cement is of good quality, seems to be the thorough mixture of the dry materials, to secure uniform strength, and the process is very simple, no skilled labor being required except for the carpenter work.

DEATH OF THE CANNIBAL DWARF.—CANNIBALISM IN OUR MIDST.—Barnum's Museum, Menagerie and Hippodrome met with quite a loss Tuesday in the death of the notorious Cannibal Dwarf, which occurred at the Pennsylvania Hotel, in this place. The little Fiji exhibited symptoms of indisposition several days ago, and the Manager, Mr. W. C. Coup, sent "the General" as he is called, to New York, to be cared for by Mr. Barnum's family physician. But the little savage becoming restless in the absence of his associates, he was returned to the company. Like all of his race he had a native horror of shoes and clothing, and even in the wet, cold days that came upon the company in New Jersey, the manager was unable to force shoes upon the General, and make him dress with sufficient warmth. Yesterday the man in charge noticed that his fingers were constantly in motion, while he muttered continually the only word he ever pronounced intelligibly "Fiji." He refused everything like food or nourishment, and apparently thought of nothing but his native Island. Dancing or violent gesturing of any kind was always a source of great merriment to the General, but now the keeper could not provoke even a smile. The miniature being was dying, and while his keeper was doing his best to cheer him up and make him take medicine, he rose up in bed, muttered "Fiji" in a whisper and fell back dead. His three native companions, who up to this time were wholly indifferent, now exhibited all the symptoms of genuine grief. They howled incessantly, and such fearful physical contortions were probably never before witnessed in a civilized community.

A HORRIBLE SCENE.

The death of this dwarf savage was not an unexpected event. The scene subsequent, however, sent a thrill through each of the very few conversant with the facts. Shortly after the corpse was placed in the coffin, last evening, Mr. S. S. Smith, the keeper, locked the door upon the three companions in an adjoining room, and left the building for the purpose of consulting with the manager at the National Hotel. He states that he was not absent thirty minutes, but that upon returning a scene presented itself too horrible to detail. The two male associates had gained access to the corpse, and were *biting and gnawing at the fleshy parts of the body with all the eagerness of their native cannibalism!* The female stood aloof in one corner, and by sign, word and gesture was entreating them to desist. It is understood that this woman is a convert to the teachings of English Missionaries, and looks with abhorrence upon all the unchristian habits of her tribe. Mr. Smith promptly interfered, and the two miserable beings went sullenly to their apartment. All regret the unnatural affair, and none more than the parties directly interested. The remains were quietly buried in the evening.—*York Daily.*

BARNUM'S Cannibals chew tobaccoo. Did they learn the filthy practice in their native country? A friend says they did—in New York.

TONY PASTOR, the comedian with a world-wide reputation, will be here with his unequalled troupe on Friday evening next. Quarters have been engaged for them at the American Hotel, the troupe making it a point to stop at the leading hotel in every city in which they perform. The troupe is composed of some of the best talent and they should have a crowded house.

HOW TO GET A REFRIGERATOR.—Any of our readers who may find it inconvenient to go to Philadelphia at this time can obtain a full list and elaborate description of the Refrigerators sold by the well known firm of Isaac S. Williams & Co. There need be no fear of not being thoroughly suited, as the circulars contain minute descriptions and the firm has a wide-spread reputation for fair dealing. See advertisement. [201

A HEAVY BUSINESS.—Barnum took in $9,800 on Saturday. His expenses average about $3,300 a day, which, at that rate, would net him and his partners about a million dollars during the travelling season. The agent paid $2240 for transporting the company and effects over the Reading Railroad from Harrisburg to Reading, Reading to Pottsville, and Pottsville to Allentown.

GOING TO THE HUB.—St. John's Commandery, Knights Templar, of Philadelphia, will go on a visit to Boston next week. The Commandery will be received with all the pomp and ceremony that their Boston brothers can get up, and will be treated to a round of feasting and sight-seeing. Dr. Dawees J. Martin, of this city, will probably accompanying them, as standard bearer, of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

BROKE HIS BACK.—On Sunday afternoon, about four o'clock, a German named William Schlanen, who has been in this country only six or eight weeks, was coming into the city on the Cobbs creek road, and after he had crossed the Jordan Bridge at Lewis' Row, fell over the wall, a distance of twelve or fifteen feet, and broke his back. He was taken to the Poor House this morning.

BARNUM may be a grand humbug, but if he is the people show that they do not believe it. Never, upon the appearance of a similar establishment in this city, have the streets been so densely thronged with people from all sections of the county, who came in especially to see the big show. Saturday more strongly resembled a Fair Day than any we have had during our recollection. The show arrived early in the morning over the East Penn. Railroad, being conveyed hither by two special freight trains which were remarkably long. The elephant was snugly ensconced on a platform car, his head resting on pillows. The wagons were all on board, and the horses, camels, etc., were carefully provided for, and after a journey of some seventy miles the animals appeared as fresh as though they had just come out of their stables.

The procession, which passed our office at half past nine o'clock, was one of unusual grandeur, embracing the drove of dromedaries attached to the band chariot, followed by twenty-eight cages and wagons, the rear being brought up by a gorgeous car, the four corners of which were occupied by four handsome ladies elegantly attired and the car surmounted by representatives of the different races, the Goddess of Liberty crowing the whole.

WHAT WE SAW AT THE SHOW.

Barnum's, in the morning, was thronged with an immense multitude of people. Everybody went to avoid getting in a crowd and the result was a tremendous jam. The managers have strict arrangements and as soon as the crowds strike the ground they are put under discipline. This is necessary in order that all may have a chance to see.

The first tent contains those horrid looking Cannibals, the "What is It," the woman who writes with her toes, Admiral Dot, the automaton bell-ringers, musicians, etc., curiosities of various kinds, insects, fish, wax works, and every other wonder.

Next is a tent containing the elephants, dromedaries and camel. These attract a great deal of attention.

The menagerie occupies another tent and comprises many rare animals that have never before been exhibited in this country. The giraffe is among the most rare and attractive. They have sea lions, wonderful things—seals, Bengal tigers, Asiatic lions, the rhinoceros, and numbers of other beasts, which we have not time to enumerate.

The circus performance takes place in the largest tent ever, saw capable of seating a great many thousands of people. The grand entree introducing the horses, dromedaries, elephants and actors, is a gorgeous and magnificent spectacle. The acting is superb, the horses are spirited and in good condition and the whole is conducted with such remarkable facility that no one has a chance to tire.

In this short article it would be impossible to tell one fourth of what is done and what is to be seen, but we say enough when we pronounce Barnum's great show a wonderful success.

LIGHTNING RODS.—A Philadelphia paper says the lecture of Professor John Wise on the subject of "Thunder bolts and lightning," which was delivered at the Institute on Thursday evening, brought together a large and appreciative audience.

After reviewing twenty-nine cases of lightning strokes that occurred in that city last summer, and showing that the greatest loss of property took place under the supposed protection of the lightning rod, he noted a large number of cases that occurred in other places. The destruction of the extensive pattern shop of I. P. Morris & Co., and the Pekin Woolen Mills, of Manayunk, both in Philadelphia, caused a loss of over a hundred thousand dollars, and both these establishments were defended by lightning rods. He stated that small bodies of iron, when struck by a thunderbolt, will scintillate vivid sparks, and thus ignite any adjacent inflammable matter.

He also reviewed three cases of lightning stroke as they occurred in Iowa City, Terra Haute and Indianapolis, where the lightning was communicated from the rod to the gas pipes in the buildings, set fire to the gas, and then passed out to the gas, burst the lead packed joints here and there for a distance of one thousand feet, and in the other two leaving nothing but a little dross in its place.

The lecture was concluded by announcing the following as the conclusions derived from an examination of many cases during the last three years. That lightning is an accumulation of force in the cloud. That when the cloud becomes surcharged it explodes with a discharge always toward the earth. That it generally comes from the west and southwest. That its main force is in its axial line of projection. That it strikes buildings indiscriminately as to the lightning rod or no lightning rod, and that in either case its dynamic force appears to be the same. That when it strikes a bar of iron, as a spike or clamp, or even a shingle nail, it burns the surface and scintillates bright sparks, which are capable of igniting adjacent inflammable material. That a thunderbolt is neutralized the instant it meets its correlative equivalent of metal surface. That when it strikes the lightning rod, that being only a fractional quantity of its neutralizing equivalent, and the earth or water at the rod's terminal point being but a poor conductor (four hundred millions of times slower than iron—so said the learned Cavendish, and so says the noted telegraph electrician, David Brookes, of this city), it meets a cul de sac, recoils and heats the rod sufficiently to melt its point and to scintillate sparks from its surface which set fire to the building. That in a house with a metal roof there is no danger of harm from a thunderbolt, either to persons or property. That whenever the lightning rod is struck by a thunderbolt it proves its own inefficiency, since Franklin's theory was that it would prevent thunderbolts, not catch them. That there is no reliable evidence of upward strokes of lightning, and that the recoil of a thunderbolt upon the rod is what leads to that notion.

In addition to the cases referred to above, that happened in this city, several others of an instructive character were reviewed, prominent among which were the building at the corner of Twelfth and Chestnut streets, the Enon Baptist Church, the Columbia Engine house on Market street, a shed standing on a lot on Brown street, between Twenty fourth and Twenty-fifth, where a mule and dog were killed, and the British bark, Vibilia, then lying near the iron and steel works on Delaware avenue.

At the close of the lecture a number of diagrams, illustrative of the most conspicuous cases, were projected on a screen by Mr. Davis, who assisted Mr. Wise with a Marcer scioptican.

POCKETS PICKED.—Although Barnum employs two expert detectives to travel with him, thieves follow him and reap good harvests from the crowd. Peter Ferber had his pocket picked of forty-eight dollars, on Saturday. Another man lost sixty and still another twenty.

SHOULDER DISLOCATED.—On Saturday afternoon the female Atzec, at Barnum's, had her shoulder dislocated. Dr. E. G. Martin was called in and reduced the dislocation. Some time ago the girl met with a similar accident and the physician was a half or three quarters of an hour in putting the joint in its place. On Saturday Dr. Martin accomplished it in a few seconds, by the process of manipulation, to the great surprise of the showmen, who regarded it as a greater feat than some of their own. We mention this not as a puff for the Doctor, but to show the advancement in surgical science.

A MUSICAL TREAT IN PROSPECT.—In a few weeks the Seager-Richings Oratorio Troupe will give a concert in this city. The Director and Managers of the Troupe have engaged the accomplished artiste, Mrs. Caroline Richings Bernard, and, also, the beautiful "child queen," Miss Ella Knapp, and will visit the leading cities and music centres of the United States, producing, in full Median, Persian and Jewish costume, the following popular and beautiful sacred oratorios: Esther, the Beautiful Queen; Daniel; Belshazzar; Moses in Egypt and Creation. This is a new organization numbering twenty ladies and gentlemen of culture and refinement, and embodying, it is believed, a greater amount of rare and excellent talent than has usually been brought together in one organization. It would be a good opportunity for one of our churches to secure a benefit.

THE Moth-Proof Chests, advertised in another column, are the cheapest of the kind we have ever seen. They are lined with cedar and household goods can be packed away in them with perfect safety. They are neat articles of furniture, and as the price is astonishingly low, no one can afford to run the risk of having their clothes eaten by moths when these chests can be bought. Read the advertisement and send for circular. We give this notice unsolicited by the company feeling that we are doing a good act to our readers by calling attention to these chests.

SAYS the York Republican of Saturday: "Last Thursday, while the workmen employed in digging the trench for the foundation of Michael Schall's new building, adjoining the old German Reformed burying-ground in Beaver street, a coffin, or rather the remains of one, was exhumed. Underneath a quantity of quicksilver, in globules, sufficient to fill a good-sized spoon, was found. An old-fashioned silver tablespoon was also found, and is now in the possession of Dr. Weakley. It is much corroded, but the figures 1776 are plainly discernable on it. How or for what purpose quicksilver and a silver spoon should be deposited with a corpse is a question open for discussion, and we commend it to the attention of the York County Historical Society."

RIOT AT EMAUS.—On Monday a large picnic was held at Emaus, which was attended by people from various sections of the county, Allentown included. In the afternoon a fight occurred between an Allentonian and a man from Trexlertown, in the brewery. This originated from an old grudge, but there was enough beer aboard to turn it into a fray of town against country. One fellow mounted a chair and exclaimed "Kill every Allentown s——n of a b——h," which was the signal for a general onslaught upon both sides. At this point the Allentown men were victorious, but afterwards they became scattered, and at the depot an indi