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Providence



Independent.

Persistent in the Right; Fearless in Opposing Wrong.

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JUAN.

BY EX-GOVERNOR RODMAN M. PRICE.

It was during the war with Mexico, in 1816, when General Taylor's army was on the march to Monterey, that a most remarkable and unprecedented duel took place on the banks of the ing company of Captain Ben McCulloch had been detached from Colonel Jack Hays' regiment of Texas Rangers, by General Taylor for special service.

This company was composed principally of gallant and fearless young men, the flower of Texas, but there were several from the Southern States. among whom was Herman S. Thomas of Baltimore, who had been transferred from the Washington and Baltimore Battalion (then commanded by the brave Colonel Wm. H. Watson), and Sam. C. Reid, a young lawyer from New Orleans, who had been adjutant of a Louisiana regiment which had been disbanded as three months' men.

The daring and hazardous scouts through the wild portions of Mexico to various towns in the interior, to obtain information of the enemy, as well as of the roads and the country; the occasional skirmishes with detachments of the Mexican cavalry; and the common risk of picket-guard duty, had woven ties of the strongest friendship among McCulloch's men.

Young Thomas was not over twentyfive, of medium stature and dark complexion. He was of a daring and reckless nature, which he had exhibited on more than one occasion by risking his life unnecessarily. Indeed he seemed to court death. He was much dejected, and at times, wore a sad and melancholy expression, which, it was whispered had been occasioned by an unfortunate love affair. Whether this was true or not, he was very retired fun and jokes of the boys, although he and Reid seemed much attached to each

On the morning of the 15th of September, the whole army had arrived at the beautiful little town of Marin, situated on a lovely plateau, and surrounded on every side by wild mountain scenery of unsurprising grandeur, while far in the distant haze of the blue sky, rose the blue peaks of the Sierra Madre. The main portion of the army had encamped about two miles west of the town, near the head-waters of the San Juan river, and about ten leagues from

That night Thomas and Reid were on picket duty with a detail of the moon will be up by nine o'clock to-night Rangers, when a heated discussion and half a mile up the river from the ensued as to the advance position to be ford, on the other side, is a clump of taken by the guard. Some sharp re- mesquite trees, which Thomas has altorts were made between the two friends, ready mentioned as a secluded spot. but nothing was thought of the matter We will meet you there at that time, if obeyed. at the time, although the laugh of the you do not object to the place, and I without further words." It appears geon with me." that on a previous occasion there had With this understanding, Reid shook occurred some unpleasantness between hands with Ridgely, thanking him for ety had now arrived that tried men's the Brokeslate Coal Company to write the two, Reid having censured Thomas his kindness and triendship, and mount- souls as well as well as their courage. and print a short reading notice for that for washing his horse close to a spring ing his horse rode over to the camp Both of the young men appeared as if corporation, and he at once compiled and, perhaps, the rememberance of it to make his final arrangements for the every nerve was stretched to its utmost this: added to the bitterness of his sensitive duel.

surprise of Reid, he received a peremp- melting into gold. Not long after, the resolute as Roman gladiators, waiting tory challenge, excluding any demand | Queen of Night was slowly ascending | for the signal of conflict, which was for an explanation or apology, which the the silvery stairway of the sky to her to result in the death of one or both. bearer stated would not be received. throne in mid-ocean. The drums had Under these circumstances the chal- beat, and the bugle sounded their tat- of the trees was stirred by the faintest lenge was at once accepted, and the too, which, perhaps, was to be the last breeze, and the slightest sound was weapons chosen were double-barreled that would ever again be heard by the painfully audible, as the rich, clear no other." shot-guns, loaded with buck and ball, two young men who were so soon to voice of Captain Ridgely in measured at twenty paces; the time and place to meet in deadly combat. Save the sen- tones, gave the solemn words of com- tinued: be left with the seconds. An injunc- tinels the camp had been hushed in mand. tion of secrecy was agreed upon to pre-slumber, and not a sound was heard vent any interference or arrest, and for except an occasional challenge by the this purpose the principals were not to guards. As the time drew nigh, Reid involve any of the members of the com- mounted his horse, and having obtained aim!"

than Thomas, and was of light complex- and taking up the bank, he soon came the lives of the two adversaries. ion, tall and well-formed. He had to the designated clump of mesquite been brought up in the school of South- trees, where he was challenged by ern chivalry, and was as magnanimous Ridgely, the party having alread aras he was courageous. He had fought rived. Dismounting, and bitching his noted duelist and bravo, whom he saluted the party. wounded, the weapons being small Ridgely then, addressing the combatswords. Besides he naturally inherited ants, a d: the bravery of his father, who command.

ed, therefore, to bring Thomas to a solemn pledge and abide by it?" sense of reason by compelling him to accept an explanation, or else make the duel fatal to one or both parties.

river San Juan. The celebrated scout- one of the noblest, coolest and bravest a present arms. of men. He was known as the Chevalier Bayard of the army, and was fairly worshiped by both men and officers. His opinion and decision in affairs of Ridgeley's quarters, and entering his tent was pleasantly received, and invited to a camp stool. Ridgely had been a classmate of Reid's brother at West Point, and was friendly disposed. Reid then explained the situation, and the circumstances which led to the challenge Thomas, and asked Ridgely to become

"I have done him no wrong," said Reid, "and never had the slightest idea of wounding or insulting him. I would willingly have made an explanation or even an apology for an imaginary insult that he may have conceived was intended. What has spurred him on to this rash vindictiveness I am at a loss to know. But it is now too late, and as he has determined to force me into a fight, it cannot be avoided-yet I do not want to take his life."

After listening to Reid's statement several moments; then, as if he had surgeon stood off at a proper distance. suddenly arrived at some conclusion,

"Sit down, Reid," said Ridgely, "and I will tell you what I'll do. As I know you both so well, if you will consent, I will act as second for you both.

"I am perfectly willing," replied Reid, brightening up, "to put my life and honor in your hands."

"Very well," said Ridgely. "The

the countersign, passed out of the lines

ed the brig of war General Armstrong of mue, I have consented to act on this shown the highest courage, and proved which broke into his yard, causing atalier of the famous imaginative pain- question of aerial investigation. The at the memorable battle of Fayal, in occasion as the arbiter between you in yourself brave and gallant men, and I general havoc. At last, enraged be-1814. Thus forced into combat from this duel, upon this only condition that declare the honor of both of you has yond endurance, he bought a gun, and way, and Mr. Church worked at it Professor Baldwin from the North for me." which there was no receding, and which cach of you will now pledge your been fully maintained and vindicated. hearing the usual racket in the garden eagerly, regardless of the score of ap- Park, and he dropped away from the "So I did, my dear-the postman.-

to accept the challenge, however much | terms and order of the duel, which I | terminated." he felt that really there was no cause will explain after you have been placed

Both men responded, "I will."

The ground was then stepped off by Ridgely, and the choice of position Captain Randolph Ridgely of Balti- won by Thomas. The young men were more, then commanding a battery of then stationed, their loaded weapons the United States Third Artillery, was examined, and placed in their hands at

The September moon, which was near its full and already high up in the heavens, shed its silver sheen upon the scene, lighted up the dark chaparral honor no one dared dispute or ques- bushes and the limpid waters of the tion. Reid accordingly rode over to San Juan, as it murmured along its winding banks and seemed to chide the murderous intent of the men; while the peaks of the surrounding mountains, loomed up in the distance, looking down as silent witness of the coming battle. The shimmering moonlight fell upon the forms of two young Rangers as disclaiming any intentions to offend they stood in the atitude of deadly intent, revealing every feature and expression on their faces. The long, curly, light brown hair of Reid, falling back from his forehead, with his large blue eyes fixed upon his adversary, bore an expression of firmness and sadness in which was seen no trace of a murderous revenge; while the handsome features of Thomas were rigid and determined, and a wild brilliancy flashed from his dark hazel eyes. Both appeared perfectly cool and self-possessed.

Ridgely now approached, taking a position mid-way between the two, with Ridgely seemed lost in thought for a six-shooter in his hand, while the

"Gentlemen," said Ridgely, "you will come to an order arms, and pay attained an eminent position in his legal where the sigh is never heard, where "Well, Reid, to be frank with you, I particular attention to the instructions will tell you that Herman Thomas was I now give. You will first be asked if here not half an hour ago, and I have you are ready. The order will then be agreed to act as his second. He is from given you now stand, to shoulder arms. my town, and is highly connected, and Next, to present arms. Then, aim, of course, I could not refuse him. Al- followed by the word fire. If after the though he is somewhat rash, he is first fire neither should be mortally but he is fully impressed that he has ed by either party. But let me impress been outraged and grossly insulted it upon you both that after the word, by you in the presence of the picket aim, instead of giving the word, fire, I may say, recover arms. You will, there-"I am very sorry I did not see you fore, keep your fingers off the trigger first," said Reid, as he slowly rose to until you get the word, fire. The party leave Ridgely's tent to seek some other deviating from these orders in any manner I shall shoot down.

> Do you both clearly understand the instructions?"

Each replied in a firm tone, "Yes." "Very well, then," continued Ridgely, 'I will now first put you through the form, that there may be no mistake

"Gentleman, are you ready!

"Ready," answered the combatants. "Shoulder arms; present arms; aim; recover arms; order arms," were the words of command given and promptly

boys seemed very much to irritate will send for Thomas and inform him to receive the final orders of command, Thomas, who was heard to remark: of the arrangement. You will come and you will strictly observe the in-"There's a way to settle such matters alone, unattended, as I will bring a sur- junction, not to fire, before you get the

The perilous moment of intense anxitension. But there was no pallor seen; The sun went down behind the moun- no quiver of facial muscles could be The next morning, the 16th, to the tains, gilding their peaks with crimson observed. Each one stood as firm and

The night was very still. The foliage

"Gentlemen, are you ready?" "Ready," was the response of both.

"Shoulder arms; present arms; The air seemed stiffled with breathless

Reid was, perhaps, ayear or two older to the San Juan. Crossing at the ford suspense, for on the next order hung

"Shoulder arms; advance ten paces. and all was over." Forward, march!" This unexpected order, to the sur-

"Order arms!" cried Ridgely, ap-

proaching the young men.

for such a sacrifice. He had determin- in position. "Will you make this "Reid has declared that he never in- from the stable and wandered into the The doves rested, one upon the classic fell at Wood-green. Afterward there

tended to offend you. Now shake yard. The laugh is on Andy." This was a test of their magnanimous

met in a firm grasp.

friends were mutually congratulated heart." on the happy termination of a bloodless

had so deservedly won the reputation lowing: of being "sans seur, sans reproche," two otherwise wantonly sacrificed.

After heroically serving his country at the charge. We do brand it as a lie, he'll let you have it." der, by his horse falling with him while rate coward who uttered it." under full gallop.

"Sam. Reid," as he is familliarly call- more: ed by his friends, is still living, and in spite of age, retains the same jovial,

VERSATILITY OF GENIUS.

able editor, "our eyes are rivers of tears | chorus swells forever and snowy pinions | by the perscription," says the author of | rarely possess the social qualities most woe. A gentle luminous star that shone more lustrous than all the stars editor, taking a fresh slip of paper, women." "Before marriage they were gay and thoughtless vote them dull around her has died out and is dead forever. Gladys Swivelhurt-Gladys, the beautiful, the young is dead.

At this juncture the foreman entered the editor's room and informed him that a short item was necessary to fill the last column on the second page, and the editor wrote this:

"We must have money to carry on our business. Several hundreds of dollars are due us and if they are not forthcoming immediately the accounts will have to be placed in the hands of a col-

Having dashed this off, he continued the article about the dead one:

"Her life and death reminds me of the short but beautiful existence of the flower; born under smiling skies, nourished by gentle breezes, only to "Now, gentlemen, you will prepare cut off by the pitiless wind of the North. It seems like an unhallowed dreamthat Gladys is dead; but she is doubly dead, in that she died so young."

Here he was called to the telephone and was instructed by the manager of

"Every man's house should be his palace, and a palace would be very uncomfortable without warmth. The prudent man will order his coal of the Brokeslate Coal Company. This coal is free from dirt, dust and clinkers. It burns freely and gives great heat. Purand having used the coal once will buy

Then the death notice was con-

"It was in the morning of the wedding day; the golden glow of the sunlight, streaming into her chamber, seemed a promise of a life of happiness to come; but ere the shadows of the evening had fallen upon the brown earth, the deeper and colder shadows of death dimmed those tender eyes. "Recover arms; continued Ridgely. left the damp upon her beautiful brow

> Here a messenger boy handed him a to the printers:

on Andy Shellhorn. For several nights | do it l" he exclaimed. "Gentlemen," said he, "you have both the latter has been annoyed by cattle

honor, young Reid had been compelled implicitly, and be governed by the standing should not now be amicably of his room and blazed away. In the The picture showed a beautiful girl altitude of about 1,200 feet, and safely Then, turning to Thomas, he said, one of his own cows, which had broken artist paints quite so well as Mr. Church on the Wood-green side. The balloon

He again resumed the obituary

risk of life. Each of the young men ed her when she went by like a sun- over his success-and her own. gradually raised his hand as if in doubt | beam and marveled at her beauty; and the other would receive it, until they to-day we see the bridal robe substitu- at a picture dealer's. He smiled oddly ted by the clinging cerements of death, and looked a bit embarrassed. The party then rode back to Ridge- and our tears seem drops of blood ly's tent, where the now reconciled ebbing from a crushed and anguished said, "but the melancholy truth is, I've

When this was written a reporter entered the room and handed him a Thus, by the chivalrous, brave and marked copy of a local cohtemporary, chagrined. The artist, with the kindnoble nature of Randolph Ridgely, who after reading he rapidly penned the fol liness that is characteristic of him, has

we have the sweet consolation of know- in Kansas City." genial reputation as a bon ami and ac- ing that the gentle Gladys, too lovely guished him in his younger days, having earth, is now where the tear never falls, the foot falls of death never echo on the crossed the waters of the river of death, fan the perfumed air.

on account of a handsome boy baby | before the altar in the presence of an

The day's work was now done.

the drinks."—Lincoln (Neb.) Journal. A Pleasant Story of a Picture.

There is a pleasant little story in connection with the odd and beautiful little picture, "A Surf Phantom," that represents Mr. F. S. Church in the ex- soon as a man."-South West. position art gallery. When Mrs. A. Louise Evans went to New York to make up the collection of paintings for the exposition she visited Mr. Church an available picture and couldn't think know what's going on." chasers will always receive full weight, of taking time to paint one especially for the occasion. Mrs. Evans urged eloquently and finally the distinguished artist yielded.

> "Well," he said, "I'll paint a picture for you if I possibly can find time. But I havn't a subject."

It happened that one of Mr. Church's friends, a wealthy man, whose particuliar hobby was the rearing of white doves, had, that very day, sent the artist a beautiful pair of birds, snow-

"Why not paint the doves?" asked

morning he found that he had shot clad in the flowing drapery that no descended just outside the palace fence The full meaning of the artist was not central hall of the palace to witness the "We have watched this young girl yet apparent upon the canvas, but the presentation of a gold medal to Mr. manhood, which required equal, if not grow from childhood to young and final beauty of the picture was antici- Baldwin by the Balloon Society. more moral courage, perhaps, than the glorious womanhood. We have watch pated. Mrs. Evans was in raptures

A few days later she met Mr. Church

"I'm awfully sorry, Mrs Evans," he sold your picture."

It was like a dash of cold water. Mrs. Evans could do nothing but look tily exclaimed:

"The scurrilous dish rag which is "You see," he said, "So-and-so came York Ledger, we owe all the glories of lives were saved that might have been published in an obscure alley of this up and saw the picture before it was civilization. Rousseau said rightly town by a lop-eared leper who spends | finished. He insisted on having it, and | that it was better to be great in one of Poor Thomas afterward gallantly fell his evenings trying to wash the tar off made me an irresistable offer on the the arts and sciences than conversant mortally wounded at the taking of the his body with benzine, says that we re- spot. He'll take it away the minute with many. He meant that it was bet-Bishop's Palace, at the battle of Mon- ceived \$50 for supporting General it's done, so there's no hope of getting ter for the individual-for his interests, terey, as brave a soldier as ever faced Strutover for the office of constable. It it for your exhibition. But I don't his reputation; but it is also better for is scarcely worth while for us to brand | propose to be unrepresented, and beside | mankind. Had Newton's faculties been Randolph Ridgely, who graduated at this as an infamous lie which would I'm under obligations to you for that on a par one with another; had he pos-West Point, in 1837, was bereveted make Ananias green with envy, were it suggestion. So I'm going to Mr. sessed what is called a "balanced captain for distinguished service at the not for the fact that there are people Thomas B. Clark, who has a picture mind," he had never discovered the battle of Palo Alto and Resaca de la | who do not know the true character of of mine that, I think, shows me, in one | principle of gravitation or written the Palma, on the 8th and 9th of May, 1846. the moral and physical wreck making phase, at least, very well. I'm sure Principia. It was because one mental

the plaza of that city, after the surren- down the craven throat of the degene- and Mr. Clark, who is a distinguished collector of American pictures, consen-The obituary was then taken up once | ted to lend not only "A Surf Phantom," but several other delightful paintings "In this the dark hour of our sorrow as well, "to assist in the advance of art

tented and Prosperous.

"Doctor, I feel miserable in mind about town to-day with a broad smile man so thoroughly as when he stands time, for all humanity. who has taken up his abode at the audience of friends and hears the clergy- his watch while he holds the egg in his men make him husband. Nine out of hand to time the cooking, or to take up Tom has the congratulations of the ten men in such a position tremble as his pretty wife's finger and use it as a if they were about to be arrested for | tobacco stopper, as Newton is said to murder, while nine out of ten women have done with a young lady's, let us, go through the ceremony as gracefully before we ridicule such eccentricities, "This is indeed a sweet thought, yet as if it were an everyday occurrence. recollect how the absent mind was emwe are stricken with sorrow that to all And it is this timorous creature in a ployed-what reaches it was making the weary years to come we can hear dress suit that promises to protect the after hidden things, what mysteries it the voice no more. But what avail calm and placid angel whose orange was unvailing, what important practiwords? We can not speak the thoughts | blossoms are her aurcole. What deli- | cal truths it was deducing from objects that surge through our brain; the tears cious sarcasm there is in the thought! which the million pass with unobservfall from our eyes on the paper before in after life, when the husband gets torn ant eyes. us, and the pen drops from our hand. up by care and when a little trouble Peace, eternal peace, to the ashes of her comes to steal away his peace of mind, rational education, that the master how is it then? The woman of whom faculty, when it tends to the useful, or he promises to protect becomes his pro- the beautiful, in science or art, should "James," said the editor, wearily, to tector. She sees sunshine through the always be cultivated. Nature gives to the reporter, "let us go and shake for clouds. She soothes out the wrinkled one man a talent and a predilection for brow of care. She puts new life into natural science; to another a faculty bosom, new hope in his soul, and he and taste for mechanics; to a third a goes forth into the morning with new genius for poetry, and it is impossible strength and new zeal to wrestle with to make the poet a shinning light in life and its responsibilities. Woman mathematics or chemistry, or the chemmay be the weaker vessel, but she is not | ist or mathematician an epic poet. broken up and dosen't go to pieces as

Why He Thought He'd Wait.

Dentist-"Mr. Doppenheimer, you among the first. He declared with won't feel me pull the tooth. The gas good-natured earnestness that he hadn't | will make you insensible. You won't |

Doppenheimer—"Ish dot so? Well I dinks I coomes to-morres." Dentist-"But why not let me pull it

Doppenheimer-"Well I don' yoost know how much monish der wash in my

American Parachutist in England.

pocket-book."-Life.

On the evening of September 1st Professor Baldwin, the daring American aeronaut, for the tenth time successfully performed his feat of dropping from a balloon at the Alexandra Where's the baby, where's my baby, Mrs. Evans, as her eye searched the Palace, London, in the presence of and I'll leave you to your unjust susnote. He read it, and taking another studio for a suggestion. Mr. Church many thousands of spectators, among his first duel at New Orleans with a horse to a tree, Reid advanced and prise of both, brought the rangers face sheet of paper soon sent the following glanced toward the snowy pets and his whom were Major Templer, of the Milieye lighted up with an idea of how he tary Ballooning Department, Chatham; "James Cobbleton tells a good joke should utilize them in a picture. "I'll Mr. Lefevre, president of the Ballooning Society of Great Britain; and When Mrs. Evans next visited the others interested scientifically in the could not be declined but with dis- sacred honor to obey my commands | There is no reason why this misunder- about midnight, he opened the window | pointments that languished unnoticed. | balloon with his patent parachute at an | Chicago Mail.

maid's hand, one upon her shoulder. was a large gathering of visitors in the

About General Talent.

WHY PERSONS ENDOWED WITH IT HARDLY EVER MAKE A MARK IN HISTORY.

The progress of the world in valuable knowledge has been in all ages mainly due to men in whom one faculty dominated the rest and determined the profession or pursuit of the individual. To the ascumulated discoveries and inventions of such men, says the New attribute overtopped and overshadow-Monterey, he was accidentally killed in therefore, and as a lie we will cram it Mr. Church was as good as his word, ed all the others, compelling them to its uses, that he achieved such wonderful triumphs in abstract science.

Men of general talent, who possess no salient faculty directing them to one special subject of study and research, seldom make their mark in the history of their own times, and never complished gentleman which distin for the harsh blasts and tempests of Take a Wife, and be Happy, Con- achieve enduring fame. They shine in society, they are popular, they are useful in their day and generation, but they add little to the golden store of jasper streets. We can only hope in and body-what shall I take?" asked knowledge to which men who are great the uncertain future, when we too, have an old bachelor patient of his physician. in particular branches of science and "Take a wife," answered the doctor, art are continually contributing new "As we pen these lines," wrote the we can meet her there—there where the gruffly. "Many are the men who profit and inestimable treasures. These latter 'How to be happy, though married," prized by the world at large. They Another telephone message and the in his new book. "The five talents of are absent, taciturn, reserved. The worth little, after it worth much. Man and uncompanionable, perhaps; but "General Tom Breighton is going never appreciates his inferiority of wo- remember they are thinking for all

If a great philosopher happen to boil

We take it to be a principle in

Is Marriage a Failure?

"There was a man here, and he left a note for you," said a Warren avenue man to his wife, who was out when he

came home in the evening. "My goodness !" said the lady, while she untied her bonnet string. "Who

is it from ?" "How do I know?" said the husband, rather tartly. "I don't know all

your friends." "You oughtn't talk that way to me, Charles," said the wife, just ready to whimper. "You know I never flirted

in my life. What did the man say?" "Oh, he said nothing, he just left the note for you. It's there on the bu-

"Charles—boo — hoo — I d-didn't think you'd think that w-way of meboo-hoo. I'll go home to-night. picions."

"Why don't you read the note?" "I don't want to see it."

"You had better read it. It won't

help things not to read it.' "Why"-drying her eyes-"it's from Aunt Margaret, and stamped and post

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AND now all signs indicate that Mr. Blaine will be named as Secretary of shout!

VARIOUS amendments to the Brooks' High License law are proposed at Harseem superfluous.

some, threatens dire things for France. that tariff legislation will will not be

A SUDDEN and unexpected strike, although it is known that the President Tuesday, stopped the cars on all the would sign the bill. ies refuse to arbitrate.

issued his report of State revenues for the year ending November 30, 1888. The receipts for the year amount to \$8,694,060,42, of which \$5,920,594,06 voted against the bill, as he objected to belong to the general fund, and \$2,773,- the Plumb amendment creating a cus-556,36 to the sinking fund, the former tom's commission to prepare tariff stabeing applicable to general purposes, tistics, as being another official junketand the latter to the redemption of the ing party. Senator Riddleberger is principal and payment on the interest a very important man-on a vote. on the public debt.

A RECENT decision of the Supreme Court has resulted in raising the liquor licenses in all cities in the State to \$500. Notice to this effect has been served upon the Treasurer of Northampton county by Attorney General

class in point of population. In the matter of floating U.S. flags over school houses, as proposed by one of the Harrisburg statesmen, the following from the Philadelphia Times, seems to us particularly fitting: * * * "For a flag is nothing if not a symbol and the common use of the stars and stripes, upon every or upon no occasion, and without reference to the sovereignty it symbolizes, has cheapened its effects and obscured its real significance. If it is used without meaning, it is used unworthily; if it is meant to have a meaning in this common use, it must be to extend the jurisdiction of the United States far beyond the purpose of the Constitution It is the business of our public schools to teach, and especially to teach the principles and nature of American institutions. The flag is the symbol of the Federal Union, of a government of regulated powers, whose greatest action. The Republican members of strength and title to respect is in its the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee op into a panic. The annual crop of clear restriction to the powers commit- are indisposed to make rapid progress ted to it for the common defense and as they do not yet know what policy welfare. It is a sovereignty that does Harison will probably receive the quesnot deal directly with the individual tion as a legacy from this administraand that is all the more honored be- tion. By that time it is to be supposed cause it stands apart from the daily the affair may have been settled by the concerns of local government. This prompt action of England. Neither power, through which we present a united front to the world, is fitly typi- hands full with her watchful European fied by the flag that floats above our ships, above the forts and arsenals, the Mint and other depositories of the Federal power. But the Government of the United States has not and ought not to have anything to do with our public schools. * * * If the United States flag above the school house is merely a piece of sentiment, it would much better be left to the individual hibited very little but its weakness. In oak 69, white beech 65, black walnut school boards. If it is designed as an avoiding vital issues it has become the assertion of Federal authority over the rival of Dickens'"circumlocution office" schools, it is to be fought to the uttermost by every friend of education, every shoulders. friend of the Constitution of the United States. The flag of our country is too sacred a thing to be used without meaning or without respect. Our school system is too important to be trifled with and its influence too great for us to allow it to be made the medium of propagating political fallacies and mis- killing three men and fatally injuring which was then blowing increased in conceptions. This is not a question of three more. The killed are Judge J. violence every moment. Strange fig dispute doctrine, for every intelligent

nia and for the honor of the flag.

WASHINGTON LETTER. From our regular correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25, 1889.—The by a strict party vote. Though many caused the disaster. of its provisions had been changed in Democratic suggestions were adopted, From the Philadelphia Times. and the bill is entirely the child of the State in the make-up of President Har- will send it back to the House with an accomplished two well-known achieverison's cabinet. And then the boys will exhaustive adverse report, upon which ments. It has gained large speculative ference committee which would deliver risburg. Since the liquor question is the bill into the hands of three Senators to be dealt with at the polls in June and three Representatives to manipuexertions on the part of our statesmen late until the close of the session shut the schools. in the direction of regulating the traffic off legislation. A second plan is possible. The Republicans with the aid of fourteen Democrats, could pass the THE result of the election in France, bill. The difficulty lies in the fact that last Sunday, which elected the notor- the House Republicans will not push ious Boulanger to Chambers from the the matter as vigorously as did their Paris district by a majority of over 80,- | Senate brethren. The Senate bill is by 000, is causing no little comment. The no means satisfactory to all Republidrift of sentiment as manifested by cans, and the desire for an extra ses-Boulanger's strength, it is thought by sion of the next Congress is so strong

important street railroads of New York The bill passed the Senate at 8 o'clock city. No less than six thousand con- on Tuesday night. A great many ductors and drivers have quit work. rumors of party desertions had occurred The cause of the strike is not altogether and it was with relief that the Republiclear. The men simply say that they cans saw Senator Stanford and Plumb manently disabled soldiers. All these have grievances and that the compan- fall into line. The Pennsylvania iron are to be gathered in by the greedy men had brought their Senators into line two days before. Senator Riddle AUDITOR GENERAL McCAMANT has berger, as in duty bound to preserve shame. his erratic record, stated to the Senate after the vote that if he had not been paired with Mr. Blodgett he would have

apt to be passed by the present body,

By four o'clock in the afternoon the galleries of the Senate Chamber were when the appaling abuses demanded it, filled to a great extent with that im- and a reorganization on an honest basis mense minority of Washington people who patronize every free show no mat- needed to continue the schools until ter of what character. The people who 1891; but when abuses are condoned go to public receptions, Marine Band and the authors of the wrongs come to Beautifully Dressed Dolls from 25c. up; Plush concerts, big funerals and fires with demand new extensions and new control Kirkpatrick at the suggestion of Audi- equal gusto, were on hand promptly, tor General McCamant. A similar filled with a hearty tariff ignorance and legis lators and a like mockery of every notice will doubtless be sent to the a thirst for a sight of a fight that did patriotic impulse. Treasurers of all counties containing not materialize. Before 7 o'clock the Treasurers of all counties containing cities, which, under the provisions of Senate floor was crowded with members dren of soldiers who are the beneficiarthe act of 1887, were below the third from the House wing of the Capitol, les of the State, that the syndicate with whom the Senators were chatting. The long and dreary roll calls had before any additional appropriations commenced and no Senator dared leave are made. The soldiers of the State

> Still the scene was very tame compared with that in the House last June of them, but when the true soldiers of when the Mills' bill was passed. Apart from Mr. Plumb's blind efforts to reduce the duty on cotton ties one half there was even harmony. When the Mills' bill passed a surging heated mass of humanity struggled for every available inch of room from which a view of the House could be obtained, and every desertion of party met with mingled cheers and derision. This excitement, however, was due to no interest in the tariff itself. It was regarded merely as an element of the campaign, for political purposes only, and no one was cal purposes only, and no one was Mrs. Nancy Edgarly, a lifelong resifoolish enough to expect that the bill dent of Wolfboro, N. H., died Saturday would ever become a law.

Now that Mr. Bayard has washed his hands of the Samoan difficulty, Congress appears equally slow in taking the next administration will follow. Mr. Germany nor the United States could with which to make war.

friends allege, Mr. Cleveland has treat- into unconsciousness and death. ed him "merely as a clerk," he is held responsible for his own political death. From the Kelley imbroglio to the Sackville folly Mr. Bayard's administration has been singularly unfortunate. From the fisheries treaty to the Morocco nor can the blame for this condition of

Six Men Killed.

AWFUL RESULT OF A BOILRR EXPLOSION IN

A SAW MILL. Kansas City, January 28.—A boiler exploded in the saw-mill of R. H. Per- ian violinist lay down by the roadside kins, at Poplar Bluff, Saturday night, to die. No help came and the blizzard R. Stramount, John Chronister and ures floated before the dying musician's John Moore. Robert Malcom was eyes and the air about him became fillman in Pennsylvania, whether Fedralist | fatally injured and Richard H. Perkins | ed with strange sounds. Mechanically or Democrat, will view the matter, the proprietor, and Richard Robins he took up his violin, turning it in a alike if he will but give it serious received fatal wounds. Claiborn and dazed way and bending his bow across thought. This is all that the members Robert Spencer, who were employed the strings drew a few feeble strains of the House are asked to do. If they about the mill, were also badly hurt, therefrom. When they picked up his will but consider the pending measure while four others escaped with slight body the next morning there was a carefully they will not fail to vote it injuries. The entire mill and one hun- smile upon his face but the violin lay down, both for the honor of Pennsylva- dred feet of shed attached to it were in a half dozen pieces half buried in blown down and portions of the boiler snow by his side.

were carried three hundred yards. Judge Stramount Mr. Robins and some of the others were passing by and stepped in just a few minutes before the Republican tariff bill passed the Senate explosion. Lack of water in the boiler

the last two days before its passage, no Patriotism or Peculation - Which?

Ex-Senator Wright and Greer are the majority. It is believed that the Ways head men of a syndicate that is now and Means Committee of the House, to running the Soldiers' Orphan' Schools which the bill next in order be referred of Pennsylvania. This syndicate has Mr. Mills is now busily engaged. In or peculative results from the money such an event 'the most likely course expended for the soldiers' orphans, and would be to leave the matter to a con- it has brought reproach and shame upor the Commonwealth by the only lately exposed abuse of a sacred public trust, and, in some instances, the brutal abuse of the soldiers' children committed to

> This syndicate has been powerful enough in its political efforts to have the period for ending the schools exthe period for ending the schools extended time and again; and every legislative act granting an extension has left may find many bargains.
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> There will be other lots in this sale ranging from 7c. to 50c. per yard. Among these you may find many bargains. the flavor of the jobber in a greater or less degree. Now they come again and their personal presence at Harrisburg is plainly told by the bills introduced in the name of patriotism as a thin guise to peculation. Already bills have been presented appropriating the sum of \$590,000 to continue the syndicate schools which are now only by courtesy called Soldiers' Orphans' Schools. First a special Superintendent is wanted at a salary of \$3,000; next \$275,000 for the schools for the current year and \$225,-000 for next year, and then comes \$90,-000 for the current year to provide for the admission in the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools of wives and mothers of persyndicate that has profited immensely by the schools and that has clouded this noble charity with consuming

It is a disgrace to our law-making authority that the whole speculative system was not torn up by the roots a few years ago, when the brutality and greed of the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools syndicate was exposed in all their hideous nakedness; but greed shrewdly plays upon patriotism; the tactics of the jobber come to aid the speculators and the syndicate yet rules the legislative power of the state. Had these schools been completely transformed such as honest patriotism would dictate, none would grudge the appropriations in their own exclusive interests, it is simply a mockery of the intelligence of

It is due alike to the generous charity speculation should be entirely unrooted are not asking for these extensions and appropriations. A few have been drummed into perfunctory recommendation the State want charity for the children of their fellow-soldiers, they will not need the lead of syndicate speculators to inspire them to the task. In point of fact, the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools have been made the mere plaything of peculation, and whether closed in 1891, as every dictate of public policy demands, or whether continued after that date, they should be rescued from the grasp of greed and reorganization on a just and patriotic basis. Patriotism should escape the stain of peculation.

READABLE PARAGRAPHS.

at the age of 104 years, 5 months, and 28 days. She retained all her faculties and strength to the last.

The alarm among the ice men of the Hudson river region threatens to develthe river is over 3,500,000 tons and not a pound of ice has yet been gathered.

The late Dr. Breck, of Springfield, Mass., died at the bedside of a patient. In the close air of the sick room he realized that his lungs were conjested Stepping to the open window his cough raised a little blood. Instantly bearing afford to give battle. Germany has her his arm he said to his brother doctor, "bleed me." The sight of the slow, enemies, and this country has no Navy dark drops was sufficient, and he at once realized in his own case that all Whether or not, as Mr. Bayard's was over. In a few moments he sank

The relative hardness of woods is calculated by the hickory, which is the toughest. Estimating this at 100, we get for pignut hickory 96, white oak 84, white ash 77, dogwood 75, scrub oak trouble the State Department has ex. 73, white hazel 72, apple tree 70, red 65, black birch 62, yellow and black oak 60, hard maple 59, white elm 58, red cedar 56, cherry 55, yellow pine 54, affairs be shifted to the President's chestnut 52, yellow poplar 51, butter nut and white birch 43, and white pine

Bulwer tells in one of his novels of a violin that snapped in pieces when its gifted master died. A like case occurred near Chicago the other day. Driven to despair by hunger and cold an Ital-

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Accommodation	.6.47	p.	m	
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Milk	.6.56	a.	m	
Accomodation	.4.48	p.	m	
NORTH.				
Accommodation	10.03	a.	m	
Milk	.5.48	p.	m	
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Home Flashes and Stray Sparks From Abroad.

-There may be a demand for ice machines next summer.

-Of course winter isn't half spent and the g. h. days are still to come.

-We want Bro. Davis to watch him close, this time.

-Mud, and mud; road taxes and mud and chuck-holes. Mud! -By the way there is considerable

mud on the turnpike, too, nowadays. Toll, mud, and here and there a hole.

Smoyer's hotel, Trappe, last Thursday. | the loss is approximated at 10,000. F. R. Deeds bought five cows at an average price of over \$50. _J. R. Garber and wife, of Philadel-

phia, arrived at the o. d., Sunday morning, en route for Trappe, to attend the Bean of Valley Forge was elected funeral of Mr. Garber's aged mother on | President; P. K. Gable, of Lansdale,

-Rosenberry and Son will sell a lot of fine horses from Western Pennsylvania, at the Valley House, Skippack, next Wednesday. Go to the sale.

-We are sorry to hear that ex-Re-Shannonville, is suffering from an attack of apoplexy.

February 3, at 2 o'clock.

-Jacob Bolton, residing on School street, this place, is confined to his house on account of illness, bordering on pneumonia.

-Two ladies have been elected members of the vestry of the First Universal church, Reading.

Lehigh county and intense excitement | Everything was consumed except the prevails. In some families three, four and even five members have died.

tinction. As a German soloist he is yet forwarded. at least entitled to a part of the bakery.

-John Lachman, of Limerick, recently fell from the overhead of his. barn, breaking several ribs and sus. 180 feet, at Lanesdale, this county, was dren and step-children survive. The taining other injuries.

last with highly encouraging results.

-Calculation based upon the vote cast at the last Presidential election, indicates a population of 17,000 for Norristown.

-David Landes, of Providence Square, is after the "White Caps" who sent him a regulation notice last week. In another column he offers a reward of \$25 for information desired.

-Just before going to press we received the intelligence of Robert J. the innumerable complications incident Kooken's death at Trappe, aged about to the shipping of paggage, nat a single 25, after a lingering illness.

man's pair of bays frightened at a loco- turned in to the general baggage office motive and ran down the pike. At by the train hands. Subsequently the Perkiomen bridge Mr. Z., was thrown owners of \$743 74 of the money and of out of the wagon and somewhat bruised, about half the articles found and were but he still retained his hold on the allowed to reclaimed their goods. lines and checked the steeds.

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-At a meeting of the vestry of the Lutheran church of the Transfiguration Pottstown, Tuesday, it was decided to extend a call to Rev. O. P. Smith, of Trappe to fill the vacancy in the pastorship of that church, occasioned by the death of Rev. Dr. B. M. Shmucker. It is highly probable the call will be ac-

logue may be seen at this office. said,

-A statement of the business of the Philadelphia Post Office for 1888 shows receipts of \$1.953,374.30 and expenditures amounting to \$857.834 58, leaving a net revenue of \$1,095.539.72. The increase of receipts over 1887 was crease in net revenue 5 2 per cent.

Matrimony.

January 26, at Collegeville, by Rev. united in wedlock.

Big Porkers.

Ursinus College, has slaughtered thus ively; combined weight 15441 pounds. Mr. Spear evidently understands the business of raising big porkers.

Milk Agent Elected.

tective Association of the Schuylkill a very good one. Valley, at Phoenixville, last Friday, John Fry, ex collector of taxes of Norristown, was elected agent of the association over John Vanderslice of Phæ nixville, the former agent.

January Blossoms.

of this place, plucked from one of his Japanese Quince trees a twig bearing ations, and even the surgeons in several full blown blossoms, and as a floral specimen it is as unique as it is rare in this latitude at this season of

From Nature's Types.

Miss Minnie Weinberger has kindly sent us a specimen of her printing from nature's types, representing the Christmas or evergreen fern. With stems, leaves, and printer's ink Minnie succeeded admirably in impressing the form of the fern, true to nature, upon

A Bridgeport Fire.

Early last Thursday morning fire broke out in the picker room of the large woolen mills of James Lees & Sons, Bridgeport. The picker room, carpenter shop and part of the boiler -\$42.75 was the average price ob- house were burned out. 200 hands tation at their first appearance in pubtained at Jacob Gabel's cow sale, at were thrown out of employment and

Natural Gas at Valley Forge.

At a recent meeting of the Valley Forge National Gas Company, Henry Monday. Mr. Garber is an extensive | Vice-President; W. H. Keller, Secretary; Charles H. Large, Treasurer. The Company has drilled to nearly the pleased to see such a large and appreci-The company has drilled to nearly the pleased to see such a large and appreci-Franklin. depth of 200 feet, and the indications ative audience present in spite of the of gas are said to be good.

Surgical Operation.

corder of Deeds, Aaron R. Weikel, of cal College Hospital, Philadelphia, re- what perseverance and application can cently operated on the eye of Mr. Mil- accomplish. We would like to make ton Wagner, Trappe, for the closure | note of the individual characters, but -Divine service in Trinity church, of the lachrymal canal. According to space will not allow. We merely menthis place next Sabbath afternoon, the history of the case the closure was | tion that D. L. Rambo, the conductor, congenital, which history, in conse- deserves a great deal of credit for what operation promises to be successful.

Barn Destroyed.

A large barn on the farm of John Davies, tenanted by John F. Slonaker, at Crooked Hill, this county, was de--Diphtheria is still an epidemic in stroyed by fire Saturday evening. live stock-comprising 21 head of cattle and 4 horses. Loss to the owner, \$4,000. The loss to the tenant, about -As a drill master of singing classes \$2,000. Mr. Slonaker's stock was just largely attended. Prof. Steins is deservedly gaining dis- being insured but the policy was not

Skating Rink Burned.

The large frame skating rink, 60 by destroyed by fire early on Saturday morning. The rink had been used by The revival services of Trinity | Wellington Resemberger as a storehouse church, this place, of three weeks' con- for carriages and fifty vehicles were tinuance, closed on Sunday evening burned, two private carriages belonging tled against the reaper Death, but the to O. M. Evans. No insurance on the contents. The citizens held a meeting the evening before to organize a fire department, but nothing came of it. Of course the action of the meeting hadn't anything to do with the fire.

Efficiency.

During the past year the general baggage department of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad handled 775,067 pieces of baggage and, not withstanding article was lost. Also during the same period \$878 40 in money and 4809 -Yesterday morning J. M. Zimmer. articles were found on the trains and

Organized.

The Arctic King Refrigerator Comdany of Linfield, was organized at that place last week. The stockholders elected the following Board of Directors S. C. Freed and C. J. Barlow, of Linfield; A. P. Fritz, Limerick Square, and had been placed under arrest by Chief -The Loomis National Library As- Keifaber, John S. Hensell, Philadelphia fact that Pottstown talent had been sociation is urnishing to its members | The board subsequently organized by employed in making the arrest at once Dickens' complete works, 15 vols., well electing Samuel C. Freed, President; led a News reporter to make an investibound, for \$3.90; Gray's Anatomy, in A. P. Fritz Vice President; Calvin J. gation which resulted in discovering sheep binding, \$4.95; No. 6 Envelopes, Barlow, Secretary, Harvey Barlow, the following facts which shows that any color, at 12 cents per pack; Cham- Treasurer. A superintendent will be the fool-killer has not completed his ber's Encyclopedia, completed, 12 vols. ghosen by the board. The stockholders job "by a jug full" yet: A. B. Saylor \$7.40; Appleton's Cyclopedia, sheep, paid in the first installment of 10 per and John Morey are two gentlemen re-\$4; Encyclopedia Britannica, \$1.67, cent, on the capital stock which is \$40, siding in Royersford on the opposite and all other books at greatly reduced 000. The company takes the property sides of the Main street. They are both prices; also, musical instruments, &c., and business of S. C. Freed who last engaged in the drug business, and in Ac., &c., at rock bottom prices. Cata- year made it pay 21 1 4 per cent., it is connection with this, Mory at the same day last to learn cigar making with

Happy at '85.

Magdalene Landis, relict of Henry Landis, who resides at the old homestead just on the other side of Perkiomen Bridge, was observed threading a needle without the aid of glasses the \$149 743.95 or 8.2 per cent., and the in- other day. This aged lady is the picture of contentment and good health. She rises every morning at five, cooks her own breakfast, and sometimes wonders why Jake don't get awake. May she round out a century.

Tuesday Evening's Concert.

The concert in Masonic Hall, Trappe, Tuesday evening was not patronized at all in proportion to the merits of the occasion so prominently exhibited by C. H. Spare, the popular steward of the musicians both vocal and instrumental. The singing class of St. Luke's church, under the leadership of Prof. Steins, who wielded the baton with interesting dexterity, rendered the choruses in a most creditable manner. The solos and duetts by Miss Sylvester, of Philadelphia, and Messrs. Rauch, Royer, Wehler and Steins fairly delighted the audience. Miss Sylvester is a charming At a meeting of the Dairymen's Pro- songstress. Altogether, the concert was

where she had been under treatment for several months. While at the hos-The other morning, Dr. Sunderland, pital Minnie was subjected to three severe and dangerous surgical opercharge had little hope of her recovery. When the last operation was about to be performed, Minnie objected to takmurmur. The greater part of her life, thus far, has been one of sickness, and now that her recovery is assured, everybody will wish her a long life of bodily comfort and happiness.

> By one of our reporters. "Joseph's Bondage" Very Success-

fully Presented. The Cantata, "Joseph's Bondage," was admirably rendered at Washington Hall last Saturday night, by the Choral Union of Trappe. It was the first concert given by the Union, and we congratulate its members for having established for themselves a repulic. One acquainted with the Bible history of the theme, and in full sympathy with it, could not help but be inspired and elevated by the impressive interpretation of it. The cast of characters sustained their parts well, and the choruses were a most excellent blending of voices pouring forth a sweet and charming harmony. D. Chester Custer, who is a master at the piano, was the accompanist. We were unfavorable weather. The Union has already been complimented by a request to appear in a neighboring town. We were also convinced that we have Eye surgeons at the Jefferson Medi- home talent, and had an example of quence of the absence of a natural duct, he has accomplished in the comparawas confirmed by the surgeons. The tively brief time he had the Union under training.

Deaths.

Ann M. Garber, widow of Jacob Garber, died at her residence near Trappe, Wednesday of last week, aged 82. A number of children and grandchildren survive, among whom are J. R., and Thomas Garber of Philadel. phia, and Miss Ann Garber of Trappe. The funeral was held Monday and was

with much suffering Anna, wife of Edward Paist, died at her residence, this place, last Friday afternoon, aged 39 years. A husband and several childeceased had been in failing health for several years, and for a year past was confined chiefly to her room, where with much suffering she bravely batend came and with it peace and rest. The funeral was held Monday morning. Services were conducted at the house by Rev. J. H. Hendricks, whose remarks were particularly fitting, after which the remains were conveyed to the Upper Ooctorara cemetery, Chester county.

Henry, son of Dr. M. Y., and Ann Rebecca Weber, died at the residence of his parents, Evansburg, last Saturday, aged 13 months. The cause of death was an acute attack of pneumonia, both lungs being involved from the start. The funeral was held Monday at 10 a. m. Interment in the Episcopal cemetery, Evansburg.

At Sword's Points.

TWO ROYERSFORD DRUGGISTS ON THEIR

GUILTY PARTY. The quiet village of Royerford was vesterday shaken to its foundations by the astounding announcement that John Morey, the postmaster at that place, Adam Grander, Royersford; Samuel G. of Police Swinehart, of this place, on a Egolf. Spring City; Samuel S. Swartley | warrant issued by A. R. Saylor, a W. S. Turner, Jacob F. Miller, P. W. prominent citizen of Royersford. The

Some time ago Saylor blossomed out From a special reporter. in a bran new front to his store, all done up in the latest style, and ever since then the place has been an eyesore to Morey who never could quite swallow its superior attractions. Every morning when he had occasion to pass Saylor's store on his way to get the early mail he would stop before the new bulk windows and after contemplating their beauty for a while, so it is claimed, would suddenly expectorate against the plate glass, and then having got rid of his ire, would go on his way thinking no one had seen him. Then from across the way he would enjoy the sight of watching nis opponent stand and clean off his window every morning. Things went on in this way

Morning News, Wednesday.

Extensive Operators. expenses.

Jottings from Ursinus.

The entertainment given by the Olevian Society was held last Friday evening. The program consisted of select readings by Miss Frances Boice, of Philadelphia, and music by Miss Lotta Suehnel, of the same place.

of the local politician moveth this way, and sundry anticipations maketh the pastor baptized 210 children and 301 by the bushel, lot of seed corn; grain in the ground.

Blacksmith tools, consisting of bellows, anvil. interested look about them to detect straws ahead of political breezes. About home there seems to be unusual quietude, nobody appears to be going for the political scalp of somebody else, and the indications are that the contests, if any, will be confined to the nominating meetings, this time. Mr. Bartholomew proposes to step out of the Supervisor's office. Several of the Republican brethren have signified a desire to fill his place. Supervisor Saylor and Tax-Collector and Constable J. R. Weikel, expect to get there again. Between now and the day of election-February 19-we will chronicle such political developments as may be brought to our attention. In Lower Providence the political armory is receiving a fresh supply of ammunition and the Mayor of Evansburg will After a prolonged illness fraught wheel his cannon into line in due season. Supervisor Edward Cleaver proposes to continue in office and David Whitworth expects to make things warm for Edward at the nominating meeting. And when the fur begins to fly there'll be music about Eagleville. Over in Skippack one of the political movements is based upon a calculation to defeat S. H. Orr, Justice of the Peace by appointment. One of his opponents is Garret T. Hunsicker. Bro. Dambly has applied the war paint and grasped his tomahawk and scalping knife in behalf of 'Squire Orr, and when the battle is on the wigwams of Skippack will be in sole charge of the members of the gentler sex.

FROM GRATER'S FORD.

On Tuesday evening a week a surprise party was tendered Mrs. S. L. Grater, it being her 28th birthday. Some 20 or 25 friends assembled about 8 p. m., in front of Kulp's store, and proceeded to the residence of Samuel L. Grater, where several bours were spent in a social way, and ample justice was done to a repast which the party brought with them.

John Sherrick rented the house now occupied by Robt. Goodman. He will METTLE-A RATHER "BREEZY" LAW take possession March 1. Mr. Good-SUIT-POTTSTOWN TALENT REVEALS THE | man intends removing with his family to Ironbridge.

> Garret D. Alderfer, who has been serving this village for the past two years, gave his milk route to Paul Nace of Ironbridge, who will start in

Mrs. Levi Spear is on the sick list. The topic of the day-School.

M. N. Barndt will remove to Philadelphia this spring. He will have public sale of his personal effects on Monday, Feb, 11.

Sallie Tremer, and several children in the family of S. L. Grater, are down with what very much resembles scarlet

Horace Latshaw started in on Montime conducts the village post office. Alex. Kuhnley of this place. xx. Ino.

44 Years' Service. January 27, '89, completed the 44th

year's pastoral charge of Rev. Henry S. Rodenbough at Lower Providence Presbyterian church. Owing to the weather the audience was small. Hymn No. 336 having been sung 44 years ago, was again sung:

"Savior, I look to thee, Be not far from me." 12th chapter of Hebrews was read,

followed by hymn-"Let Zion's watchmen all awake,

And take the alarm they give." Text-Hebrews, 12th chapter, 1-2

January 26th, 44 years ago, Rev. for some time, until finally Saylor be- Rodenbough preached his first sermon gan to entertain suspicions as to who in this church. At the age of 30 he the party was who "decorated" his contemplated a foreign mission to the party was who "decorated" his windows daily, and accordingly set a watch. Nothing, however, could be discovered, so the Chief of Police from Pottstown was telegraghed for and he arrived and went to work. The morning of the party was who "decorated" his contemplated a foreign mission to Africa, but owing to temporary illness and the suggestion by a bible agent he was induced to gain an acquaint-ance which resulted in his appointment as pastor of the church. Elder Shearer as pastor of the church. Elder Shearer as pastor of the church. Elder Shearer read, the following valuable property, consist-and the suggestion by a bible agent Lower Providence township, on a public road leading from the Ridge Turnpike near the Presbyterion church to the Germantown Turnpike road, the following valuable property, consist-and the suggestion by a bible agent Lower Providence township, on a public road leading from the Ridge Turnpike near the Presbyterion church to the Germantown Turnpike road, the following valuable property, consist-and the suggestion by a bible agent Lower Providence township, on a public road leading from the Ridge Turnpike near the Presbyterion church to the Germantown Turnpike road, the following valuable property, the farming business, will sell at public sale, on THURSDAY, FEBRYARY 7, '89, upon the premises of the late Jacob Beehler, deceased, in Lower Providence township, on a public road leading from the Ridge Turnpike near the Presbyterion church to the Germantown Turnpike road, the following valuable property, consist-and the suggestion by a bible agent Lower Providence township, on a public road leading from the Ridge Turnpike road, the following valuable property. ance which resulted in his appointment as pastor of the church. Elder Shearer assisted him in conducting his first service and directed him to his pulpit January 26, 1845. Growing in strength and ability he attributed his success to the grace of God. Being ever earnest in his endeavors to preach the word of God in its purity, his influence is felt far and near. The Norriton church, located on the Germantown turnpike, is the mother of all the Presbyterian churches in this vicinity and is among the oldest of our churches in the State. The old stone building still stands. Some tomb stones date between 1689 and 1700. Between 1736 and 1738 a church was built on the present site of New Providence church, which name it bore with Rev. Tenuent as its pastor, and Rev. John Kinkead then mining after his arrival he saw the accused assisted him in conducting his first come down the street and when oppo- service and directed him to his pulpit site the windows suddenly turn and January 26, 1845. Growing in strength expectorate "largely" against their and ability he attributed his success to clean surface. Of course the goose of the grace of God. Being ever earnest the "expectorator" was cooked, for he in his endeavors to preach the word of A Little Heroine. was immediately arrested by our agile God in its purity, his influence is felt Minnie Stone, aged 13, daughter of chief. He was taken before 'Squire far and near. The Norriton church, Joseph Stone, this place, has returned Beideman, where he waived a hearing located on the Germantown turppike, home from the Homeopathic Hospital, and entered bail in the sum of \$300 for is the mother of all the Presbyterian his appearance at court .- Pottstown churches in this vicinity and is among Wm. H. Young & Son, of Pottstown | church was built on the present site of are probably the largest creamery oper. New Providence church, which name ators in Pennsylvania, having five it bore with Rev. Tennent as its pasing the usual anaesthetic, ether, and creameries, one in Chester, three in tor, and Rev. John Kinkead then minbore the excruciating pain without a Berks, one in Lehigh. Last year they istered at Norriton. About the year received 14,000,000 pounds, or 7300 1742 Rev. John Rowland became pastons, of milk; made 627,800 pounds, or tor of Providence church. In 1747 314 tons of butter, and 240,00 pounds | Rev. John Campbell was elected pastor of cheese. They paid during the year and served until 1753, when he died of \$168,000 for milk, exclusive of other apoplexy, the attack occurring while he was in the pulpit and while reading:

"Dear in thy sight are thy saints' death, Thy servant, Lord, am I." His epitaph reads:

"In yonder sacred house I spent my breath, Now, silent, mouldering here I lie in death These silent lips shall wake and yet declare A dread amen to truths they uttered there."

From this time until 1763 the pulpit The first anniversary of the Ebrard (German) Society will be held in the college chapel on the evening of Feb. 15. It will be a new event in the history of the college. The program will be entirely in the German language. The Aeolian Orchestra has been procured to furnish the music for the occasion.

Last week the college library received a valuable present in the shape of a private library, consisting of 310 volumes. It was the bequest of Rev. Dr. Glessner, late of Shippensburg, Pa. FRANKLIN.

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Local Politics.

Was filled by Rev. Chestnut. From the read leading to Water street school house, 1845, when the present pastor was installed. In consequence of divisions and other difficulties he found his membership and other difficulties he found his membership has increased gradually, and the college until 1845, when the present pastor was installed. In consequence of divisions and other difficulties he found his membership has increased gradually, and the college until 1845, when the present pastor was installed. In consequence of divisions and other difficulties he found his membership as increased gradually, and the college until 1845, when the present pastor was installed. In consequence of divisions and other difficulties he found his membership stalled. In consequence of divisions and other difficulties he found his membership stalled. In consequence of divisions and other difficulties he found his membership stalled. In consequence of divisions and other difficulties he found his membership stalled. In consequence of divisions and other difficulties he found his membership stalled. In consequence of divisions and other difficulties he found his membership stalled. In consequence of divisions and other difficulties he found his membership stalled. In consequence of divisions and other difficulties he found his membership stalled. In consequence of divisions and other language.

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adding to the church during the 44 lap covers. About 500 sheaves of cornfodder by years 633 members, or an average of 15 the sheaf; hay by the hundred, corn and oats adults, officiated at 1244 funerals, preached 1243 regular sermons to his congregation, and officiated at 885 marriages. And thus hath ended 44 years of a well-spent life.

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Average prices for the week ending Jan. 26, 1889; Prime Timothy, - \$ 90 to 95 \$ 100 lbs. Mixed, 80 to 90 "	Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon said estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the same will make payment without delay, and those having claims against said estate will plesent

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THINNING FRUITS. The systematic thinning out of fruit largely bred, pretty much in the same has hardly received the attention it de- manner as is to be seen at Aylesbury. served, either at the hands of com- The breed is not kept to a very high mercial growers or of amateurs. The standard of purity in the district, but former class particularly argue that in its general characteristics are mainthe case of large trees it is often im- tained. Every year or two a pen may possible, and that even when it can be be seen at the great Paris show, but done, the time and labor expended there has been no attempt to win for bring no corresponding profit. 1 am them a wide popularity. A few years IRON CASTINGS inclined to think, however, that when ago there were several breeding lots of it is intelligently practised, the thin- Duclairs imported into England, but ning of fruit almost always pays, and they have taken no position. Though often pays large returns. In favorable | they have distinct characteristics from seasons some varieties of fruits set far the Rouen, it is most probable that more than the trees can fully develop they are from the same stock, and are and mature. In such cases natural or only noted for their table qualities. artificial thinning must be resorted to Ducks of the Duclair breed are usually to secure satisfactory results. The black, with a white neck and breast and army of curculios, codlin moths, birds, snowy feather at the end of each wing, and fungi assist in this matter with though in some cases the wings are great energy, but generally with little tipped with violet. The black, it may discrimination. And yet, without their | be noted, is of that purple shade known aid it must be confessed that the fruit as metallic black. The drake is of a grower would often find thinning an beautiful gray color, with emerald imperative duty. If half the crop of green head and neck and wings of apples, pears, or peaches on a tree were bluish green. At one period of the removed, those remaining would fre- year the drake assumes the black of quently aggregate as much in bulk as the duck. These birds are good layers, the whole would if allowed to remain, are large and lengthy in form, broad and would probably yield as much and heavy behind, and grow very money, to say nothing of the diminish rapidly. The eggs of this variety sell ed labor of handling. Again, well- for high prices during the breeding seagrown fruit merits a readier sale. Such son in the Duclair district, and it is no pears as the Seckel which grow in uncommon thing for them to realize a clusters, can be thinned with decided franc apiece. The breeding of these benefit, and perhaps it is the small ducks is a profitable business, and the varieties generally that pay the best eggs are valuable. Nor is the breedfor thinning, as increase of size is more | ing confined to the spring of the year, | readily appreciated in the smaller for hatching very largely takes place kinds. Apples and pears which incline to cluster, even in twos, are generally more effective, by reason of insect depredation, than those borne realize twelve francs, and there are singly. The Beurre Bose is one of the seasons of the year when this price will latter kind, and not prone to overbear, and if attacked by insects, it is generally in the calyx. The Bartlett, when well set, is in pairs and triplets, and the point of contact is generally the seat of insect operation. The early thinning of these clusters to single specimens therefore, gives fairer and larger fruit for the trouble. On the other hand Miarie Louise has never borne for me a fine-flavored specimen

even more than I can say of the Mount Vernon. Indeed, it is yet an unsolved problem with me whether the lightest kind of a crop of the latter would give me specimens of tolerable table quality. Clairgeaus are very prone to overbear here, and thinning is an absolute necessity if their quality is to be brought above mediocrity. Peaches can be fairly thinned by feasible method. But when this is removal of half to two-thirds the fruit after the natural dropping is over, will be found beneficial, not only enhancing the size, quality, and value of those remaining, but saving the tree from breaking down. With peaches, it is size that tells, and the larger the peach the greater the proportion of flesh to COAL. stone. A friend in California writes that the peach trees there did not contain more than one-third as many as lay on the ground after the Chinamen had completed the work of thinning. With Chinese labor here, or his rate of

one, and whether our markets would stand a sufficient advance in prices to compensate for the increased expense is, to say the least, problematical. Thinning strawberries is sometimes practiced to secure extraordinary berries for exhibition, but the only practical way to improve the quality of the crop is to thin the plants. If allowed to run in thick matted rows, they generally become too crowded for the best results, and many plants must, of necessity, become weak and unfruitful. No better evidence of this fact can be Agent for Williams and Clark's Phosphates. adduced than to compare the crop on plants grown in hills with the same number of plants in thick matted rows. The hill system means extra labor, it is true, but the improved quality of the crop will go far to compensate for it.

wages, this question of profit in our

large peach areas, with their enormous products, would still be a debatable

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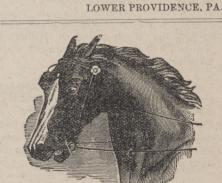
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