

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 7, 1880.

A Big Job.

Pennsylvania undertook a noble charity when she proposed to clothe, feed and educate the friendless and fatherless orphans of her fallen soldiers, and that the work was faithfully and completely done may be inferred from the fact that the whole cost of the system from the beginning, including the appropriations made for 1879 and 1880, is \$6,682,065.21.

It was not to be expected that so extensive a system would escape abuse. There were sinecures established in its operation and there was a prostitution of its opportunities by selfish speculators, but possibly not greater than in other branches of the public service.

The remarkable success of the poultry show just closing and the superior excellence of the exhibition no less reflects credit upon its management than it points a lesson to our local farming interests.

It is very evident that there is some tremendous abuse and looseness somewhere in this business.

Persons familiar with the manipulation of Pennsylvania political conventions know of what influence the claqueurs are. A great body of turbulent speculators, to kiss down their opponents and cheer their friends, to brow-beat the timid and to inspire those with whom the mob is in sympathy, to create an assemblance of popular enthusiasm for one motion and against the other, have an immense influence in determining the action of the body.

PERSONAL. REV. DOUGLASS SCOTT is the new London rage as a preacher. Gen. PRADO, president of Peru, has arrived in Panama on his way to Europe via New York.

THE Boston Herald nominates GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS to succeed Keran. But then New York senators are not made in Boston, nor without consulting Keran.

THE enterprise of an ex-convict in New York, who proposes to provide useful and honest employment for well-disposed ex-convicts, merits hearty approbation and substantial encouragement. It is to be hoped that our penal institutions do not entirely fail in one aim of punishment, the reformation of the offender, and people who get out of jail are none the less likely to find their descent easy because every one points the finger of scorn at the scarlet letter blazing on their breasts.

THE circumstantial reports of attempted bribery by the Republicans in Maine will not surprise anybody. Downright purchase of votes has been a favorite campaign method of the Blaine party there for years and at its present critical juncture the \$1,000 offer is remarkable only for the low figure involved.

AN anti-third-term club of Republicans has been started in Albany and it revives resolutions passed by the Republican state conventions in New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio, Iowa and Wisconsin, deprecating a third term. Have the times changed? Has the leopard changed his spots?

IN New York the example of Pennsylvania is to be followed by the call of an early state convention. Conkling, like Cameron, can do better in March than in May, and the further he gets the choice of delegates away from the masses of the people the better he will fare.

It is given out that Senator Wallace will certainly have the naming of four of the ten census supervisors in this state. Horatio G. Fisher, who had the middle penitentiary job passed to elect himself to Congress, is much exercised lest J. Simpson Africa get the supervisor, ship in his district, and by his canvass of it in this capacity succeed in electing himself and defeating Fisher for Congress; and he is reported to have secured the condition that Africa shall not be appointed unless he forego his proposed Congressional candidacy.

There seems to be no chance for the re-appointment of United States Marshal Kerns, and the other purely political candidates, like Elisha W. Davis, will also be disappointed. Hayes has announced his purpose to one or two gentlemen of appointing George H. Stuart, who is not only backed by Bishop Simpson, Grant and other influences, but has a good record as a philanthropist reduced to poverty by misfortunes not his own fault.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY EMIG, of Cumberland county, writes us that we have been misinformed of the facts in the conviction of Mrs. Zell, at Carlisle, for the poisoning of Mrs. Kiehl, and that our comments therefore are unmerited. The New York Herald and Philadelphia Times have published the facts as we had them, and commented in the same spirit, and if District Attorney Emig has a different story to tell our columns are open to him for a more circumstantial narrative than his naked dental furnishes.

THE opening year promises to be one of the liveliest in the history of the Republican party of this county. There will be a warm contest especially for district attorney and for state senator in the lower end. A. J. Eberly, T. J. Davis and J. W. Johnson are hot foot for the position of prosecutor of the quarter sessions, and Johnson is said to be getting his work in already in every district; he expects the New Erie's active support, and will demand aid from many others than Warfel, whom he claims to have helped in times gone by. Reinhold will make a desperate raid on Mylin, and it is said that Jere Cooper's appointment to the prison clerkship means a "solid South" for Reinhold. We shall see what we shall see.

THE Ohio Republican legislators have nominated Garfield by acclamation for United States senator, and can, of course, elect him. The distinction is fittingly conferred. Garfield is undoubtedly their ablest man and the conceded Republican leader of the House. He may find, however, like Blaine, that the Senate is a more limited field than the popular branch and his party will feel his loss more keenly in one house than they will be profited by his accession to the other.

IN the present rage for the revival of old-fashioned customs care should be taken to select only those which will be of benefit. A local contemporary the other day came out with a strong article advocating a return to the old-time custom of throwing an old shoe after a newly wedded couple. The arguments adduced were very plausible, but one fact is often better than a column of rhetoric.

PHILADELPHIA. A man named Michael Dunn, who in the course of his career had spent seventeen years in prisons, and who consequently knows of the hardships and privations of convict life, is engaged in a work which philanthropists of ambitious aim should be anxious to give more attention to. He has founded a lodging house in New York city for the purpose of giving shelter to criminals who have been discharged from prison and who are seeking for opportunities by which to earn their living in an honest and useful way.

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MESSRS. John Quincy Adams, Francis Parkman, Phillips Brooks, W. D. Howells and a half-dozen other distinguished gentlemen, lately sent out a circular to men of cultivated tastes, in Boston inviting them to organize there a club similar in its purposes and operation to the Century club of New York. About 250 favorable responses were received, the list including the names of the majority of Boston's wisest and cleverest. The membership is to be limited to 300; the initiation fee is not to exceed \$20, and \$30 to be the annual assessment.

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LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

A negro woman, known as "Old Aunt Hager," died at North Adams, Mass., at the great age of 115 years.

The catch of herring in Passamaquoddy bay has been very large and the water is literally alive with the fish.

John M. Carr, a prominent citizen of Rushville, Ind., waded into a mill race to the depth of three feet and then shot himself in the right temple with a revolver.

It has been decided to appoint Col. Geo. B. Corkhill, formerly of Iowa, to be United States district attorney for the District of Columbia. His nomination will undoubtedly be confirmed.

At Landis, Miss., on Saturday night, John Harris, a deputy sheriff of Panola county, while seated in his office was shot and mortally wounded by an unknown party. Scandal is said to be at the bottom of the affair.

The flood in the Seine at Paris has decreased considerably, and the traffic over the bridges has been resumed. The destruction of property is now represented to be insignificant. The reports from the provinces of damage by the floods are, however, still serious.

In Alabama, Governor Cobb has appointed Luke Pryor, esq., to succeed the late Senator Houston in the Senate until the Legislature meets next November and elects in a formal manner a successor, Mr. Pryor was the late Senator Houston's law partner.

In Cincinnati Judge Moore, of the common pleas court, found a burglar in his house. He fired point-blank at the man who fell headlong down stairs. The burglar was dragged from the house by his accomplices, who succeeded in carrying him off.

Venice is to be made accessible in carriages by a bridge from the main land. The city at present is not only frozen up, but the water is so shallow that it is impossible to get in and out of the city.

Lloyd S. Brown, an ex-member of the last legislature of Ohio, dropped dead on a Columbus street car while on his way to attend a meeting of an insurance company with which he had some business.

Both houses of the New York Legislature organized yesterday by the election of all the Republican caucus candidates. Addresses were made by the president of the Senate and by speaker Sharpe of the Assembly. The governor's message was received and read in the Senate.

IN Akron, Ohio, yesterday, the Atlantic and Great Western railroad was sold by Gen. J. H. Devereux, of Cleveland, the special master of the commissioner under the foreclosure proceedings in Summit county, of the court of common pleas and circuit court of the state of Ohio.

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STATE ITEMS.

Washington county is a great wool growing region, and the product is nearly all bought up already. One dealer bought 700,000 pounds at an average of 40 cents per pound.

While Mrs. Mary Hook, of Pittston, was absent from home her little son, whom she had left locked up in the house, was burned to death, his clothing having ignited while he was playing with the fire.

A. M. Russell, a member of the oil exchange formerly connected with the Parker bank, and for many years captain of a steamboat, died very suddenly yesterday morning of heart disease.

The body of a well-dressed man, apparently 37 years of age, was found in the bushes near Kratz's station, on the Perkiemen railroad yesterday. There was no mark of violence upon it. The name "William Markin" was tattooed on the arm in India ink.

Another advance was made yesterday in the prices of nails by the Western nail association. There was no meeting, but telegraphic consultation between the members of the association. The new price is 85 per keg, and takes effect at once. A few months ago nails sold at \$2.40 per keg.

Christopher Hoffman, a young man, aged 24, hanged himself in his barn near Erie. He has been trusted with large sums of money to deposit in or withdraw from the bank and has always been considered honest. Among his effects was found evidence of embezzlement and attempts at forgery. Fear of discovery and prosecution probably prompted the deed.

Early on Monday morning Ellemia Roth, a young girl between thirteen and fourteen years of age, eloped with a married man named Willoughby Arnold, at North White Hall, near Altoona. Arnold had worked on the same farm where the girl was employed and they were very intimate with each other. Arnold has a wife and child, who are much distressed over the affair.

Mrs. Elizabeth Derr, one of the oldest persons in Easton, died last night, in her 80th year. She was very widely known. She has three brothers and two sisters living, all of whom are over 75 years of age. She was the mother of nine children, three sons, who are dead, and six daughters, who survive her. All the children have married, and Mrs. Derr has 40 grandchildren, 84 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Under a decision of the supreme court in the great Bull Ring oil case, the following parties will have to pay: D. Hostetter owed the Pittsburgh petroleum oil company (the "Bull Ring" company) \$2,006.06. S. Lewis owed \$49,985. Hertz \$47,621, and the Pittsburgh petroleum oil company owed Lockhart & Frew \$110,079, and owed Byers & Co. \$192,043. A. Lewis & Hertz were bankrupts, their liability was divided by the arbitrators among Hostetter, Lockhart & Frew and Byers & Co. By this means the debt of Mr. Hostetter was increased to \$248,931. The arbitrators also found that Mr. Hostetter had \$250,000 stock in the company, instead of \$200,000 as he claimed.

BRIBERY IN MAINE.

A FUSIONIST swearing that he was paid \$1,000 to resign. In Portland, Me., there appeared in yesterday afternoon's press dispatches a letter signed by Thomas B. Swann, of Minot, saying that he would act with the Fusionists. The following affidavits, which appear in the Argus, are therefore self-explanatory:

AGUSTA, Me., January 6. I, Thomas B. Swann, of Minot, hereby on oath make the following statement: On the evening of Dec. 25, I was informed by a reliable person that he had been offered \$1,000 by one of the agents of the Republican party to resign his position as representative to the Legislature of Maine and not act with the Greenback or Democratic party. I thereupon consulted with the leading members of the Greenback party and informed them that I would have it hinted to the said agent that my resignation could be effected with money, and if I was offered \$1,000 I would take it and sign the papers that they should request and then to expose their plans to defeat the will of the people by bribery. The party whom they endeavored to bribe on the evening of the 5th informed said agent that I could be purchased, and at half-past ten o'clock on the 6th, it was agreed for me to be at the court house and sign the resignation and other papers. I went there at the time appointed and met the said agent, whose name I now suppress. A trade was made and said agent paid me \$1,000 in cash. Said agent informed me that they had got three or four men to remain away from the House of Representatives so we could not have a quorum present. I was required to copy in my own hand papers which had been prepared before I came to said court house for my signature. I now have the \$1,000 in my possession and have shown it to several persons.

AGUSTA, Jan. 6, 1880. Personally appeared Thomas B. Swann and made oath that the above affidavit is true before me.

E. H. GOVE, Justice of the Peace. The affidavit of Moses Harriman, of Kennebec, says that on January 5 he received \$1,000 at the Augusta court house for declining to accept a seat, and was entirely consistent in the belief that the organization he should have a seat and be "taken care of."

A Mother and Three Children Burned. In San Francisco yesterday about eight o'clock a fire broke out in a two story frame dwelling on Union street, between Powell and Mason street, occupied by Daniel Hoskins, his wife and five children. Mr. Hoskins and his oldest son had gone to their work, and Mrs. Hoskins, after breakfast, went to her room on the second floor front, and lay down on the bed with Eddie, aged four. Her daughter, Annie, aged nineteen, and a boy, eight, were sleeping in a back chamber. Thomas, the second son, was in the lower part of the house, heard his mother cry, "Help! Fire!" Upon running up stairs he found the way barred by flames. An alarm was instantly given, but before the engines arrived the house was almost entirely consumed. The bodies of Mrs. Hoskins, Annie, Eddie and the infant were found in the rooms. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The Allegheny county commissioners have decided to issue for the present \$1,741,000 of bonds for the payment of the compromised claims for property destroyed in the July riots of 1877. These bonds will be either registered or coupons, according to the wish of the purchaser, will bear a per cent. interest, free of taxation, and one-half will be payable January 1st, 1890, and the other half on January 1st, 1900. The first half will be redeemable any time at the option of the county after January 1st, 1885, and the balance redeemable any time after the purchase, with some banks have already subscribed for \$1,429,000, and private parties, all residents of Allegheny county, have subscribed for \$320,000. These bonds will be issued in sixty days.

Sales of Real Estate. Henry Shubert, auctioneer, sold at public sale last evening, at the Leopard hotel, the property belonging to Fred K. Toelle, situated on the north side of South Prince street, No. 337, to D. McMullen, esq., for \$1,005.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE POULTRY SHOW.

Drawing to a Close—List of Premiums. The first exhibition of the Lancaster county poultry association, which commenced on Friday last, will close this evening. It has been a remarkable success, both financially and as regards the display of fowls. While a few varieties of fowls are unrepresented and a few others only lightly represented, all the choicer varieties, including Brahmas, Cochins, Plymouth Rocks, Leghorns, Games, Bantams, ducks, geese, pigeons, &c., are very fully represented by birds of unusually high standard.

All day long yesterday the judges were very busily engaged in weighing and examining the birds and announcing the premiums. Their duties have been very onerous and in some cases very difficult of performance. Some of the contesting birds are so nearly alike in all points that it has been found almost impossible to determine which is the better. It is no wonder therefore that there should be some little dissatisfaction among unsuccessful exhibitors with the awards of the judges; and indeed it is probable that in a few instances they have made mistakes; it would be wonderful if they had not; but the general verdict, as far as we have been able to learn it, is that the judges have performed their duties conscientiously and with marked ability.

Below we publish the list of premiums as announced:

PREMIUMS AWARDED. Class 1—Asiaties. Light Brahmas—N. S. Warfel, Strasburg, 1st premium and three donation premiums for best pair; score of cockerel, 94; pullet, 96. Dr. Mayer, Willow Street, 2d premium; cockerel, 95; pullet, 87; special premium for heaviest cock on exhibition, and donation premium. Dark Brahmas—W. A. Myers, of York, 1st, 2d and two special donation premiums.

Block Cochins—Samuel G. Engle, Marletta, 1st and special association premiums; cockerel, 97; pullet, 93; also, donation premium. T. Frank Evans, Litz, 2d premium; cockerel, 93; pullet, 93. Birdge Cochins—Jacob Cole, Clinton, N. J., 1st premium and special donation premium for best pair; cock, 90; hen, 93. W. A. Myers, York, 2d premium; cock, 87; hen, 85. George A. Geyer, Spring Garden, special premium for best pea-comb partridge cochins.

Buff Cochins—John Cole, Clinton, N. J., 1st premium. A. S. Flowers, Mount Joy, 2d premium. White Cochins—A. S. Flowers, Mount Joy, 2d and special premiums.

Class 2—Games. Block—J. A. Buch & Bro., Litz, 1st premium, 2d premium and special premiums. May—Rev. D. C. Tobias, Litz, 1st association special premium and DAILY INTELLIGENCER premium.

John E. Diehl, Beverly, N. J., 2d association special premium. Block-Breasted Red—T. Frank Evans, Litz, 1st premium and donation premium. G. A. Erisman, Lancaster, 2d premium.

Class 3—Game Bantams. Block-Breasted Red—Chas. E. Long, Lancaster, 1st and 2d premiums and donation premium. Silver Duck-wing—Chas. E. Long, Lancaster, 2d premium. Red Pile—Chas. E. Long, Lancaster, 1st and two special premiums.

Golden Squirrel—Chas. E. Long, Lancaster, 1st premium and Daily Examiner donation premium. Golden Duck-wing—Chas. E. Long, Lancaster, 1st and two special premiums. Charles Lippold, Lancaster, 2d premium.

Bantams. Block Rose-comb—Charles E. Long, 1st and special premiums. Silver Squirrel—Wm. Schoenberger, 2d premium.

Class 4—Hamburges. Golden Spangled—Ferd. Schaeffer, Lancaster, 1st premium. Silver Spangled—J. A. Stober, Schoenberger, 1st premium. Joseph H. Habecker, Spring Garden, 2d premium.

Silver Pencil—Ferd. Schaeffer, Lancaster, 2d premium, WEEKLY INTELLIGENCER premium, and donation premium. Class 5—Spanish. W. E. Black Spanish—John Grish, Landis Valley 1st premium and donation premium. M. L. Greider, Mt. Joy 2d premium.

White Leghorns—L. G. Martin, Spring Garden, 1st premium and donation premium. Amos Ringwalt, Lancaster, 2d premium. Brown Leghorns—Joseph R. Trisler, Lancaster, 1st premium, and two donation premiums.

M. L. Greider, Mount Joy, 2d premium. Black Leghorns—Joseph R. Trisler, Lancaster, 1st premium and two donation premiums. Charles E. Long, Lancaster, 2d premium. Galusians—Sherman Diehl, Beverly, N. J., 1st premium and donation premium.

Class 6—American. Plymouth Rock—Geo. G. Kieffer, Chambersburg, 1st and two special premiums. M. L. Greider, Mt. Joy, 2d premium. Jacob B. Long, Lancaster, special premium for best display.

Wm. J. Cooper, Lancaster, special premium for best game hatched chicks. Class 7—Polish. White Crested Black—J. W. Breckhart, Salunga, 1st premium, and special premium. John L. Metzger, Lancaster, 2d premium.

Golden Spangled—Wm. A. Schoenberger, Lancaster, 1st premium. Silver Spangled—George C. Liller, Lancaster, 1st premium. White Crested White—John L. Metzger, 2d premium and donation premium.

Classes 8 and 9. French fowls and Dorkings, no premiums given. Class 10—Turkeys. John A. Stober, Schoenberger, special weekly New Era premium for largest turkey—weight, 39 pounds. H. H. Tshudy, Litz, special premium for White Holland turkeys.

Class 11—Geese. Eubens—Mrs. Colin Cameron, Brickerville, 1st premium. Hong Kong—S. D. Martin, Litz, 1st premium. Mrs. Colin Cameron, 2d premium.

Class 12—Ducks. Pkiss—Miss Minnie Breneman, 1st premium, weekly Examiner and Express premium, and donation premium. Home banks have already subscribed for \$1,429,000, and private parties, all residents of Allegheny county, have subscribed for \$320,000. These bonds will be issued in sixty days.

Class 13—Pigeons. Blue Pied Pouters—Harry G. Hirsch, Lancaster, 1st premium. Jos. H. Habecker, 2d premium. Barbs—Ferd. Schaeffer, Lancaster, 1st premium. Yellow Fantails—Charles E. Long, 1st and 2d premiums.

Black Fantails—Charles E. Long, 1st and special; Jos. H. Habecker, 2d premium.

White Fantails—Charles Lippold, 1st premium. Yellow Jacobins—John M. Hagans, Strasburg, 1st premium; John E. Shum, Lancaster, 2d premium.

Red Jacobins—John M. Hagans, Strasburg, 1st premium. Black Jacobins—John M. Hagans, Strasburg, 1st; Jos. H. Habecker, 2d premiums.

White Jacobins—Joseph H. Habecker, 1st; C. G. Landis, 2d premium. Baldhead Tumblers—Charles Lippold, city, 1st premium. Inside Tumblers—Charles Lippold, 1st premium.

Longfaced Tumblers—Joseph H. Habecker, 1st; Charles Lippold, 2d premium. Yellow Turbits—John E. Shum, city, 1st and C. G. Landis, 2d premium.

Black Trumpeters—Charles Lippold 1st and Jos. H. Habecker 2d premium. White Trumpeters—Charles Lippold, 1st premium. Yellow Trumpeters—C. G. Landis, 1st premium.

Blue Anterps—Frank Howell, 1st, and Charles Lippold, 2d premium. Silver Anterps—Charles Lippold, 1st, and Harry G. Hirsch, 2d premium. Red Checkered Anterps—Harry G. Hirsch, 1st, and Charles Lippold, 2d premium.

Blue Africa Orels—John E. Shum, 1st, and Charles Lippold, 2d premium. White Africa Orels—Charles E. Long, 1st, Charles Lippold, 2d premium. Seabirds—Blue and Black—John E. Shum, 1st premium on each. Red Magpies—Joseph H. Habecker, 1st premium.

Moorheads—Christian Greider, Mount Joy, 2d premium. White Pouters—C. G. Landis, Lancaster, 1st premium. Best Coop of Six Pigeons—Charles E. Long, special premium.

Class 14—Cage and Ornamental Birds. Canaries—Charles Lippold, 1st and 2d premiums. Parrots—Mrs. Ellen H. Hager, Lancaster, 1st premium. Special Association Premiums. American Sights—Joseph R. Trisler, Lancaster, 2d association's special premium and Daily New Era premium.

Laughing—Mrs. Frank Evans, Litz, 2d premium and association's special premium. For the \$10 premium offered by the association for the best coop of any variety, six specimens, one male and five females, there was a very close contest between Charles E. Long's Silver Duckwing Bantams, S. N. Warfel's Light Brahmas and Sam'l H. Engle's Black Cochins. After a very careful and protracted examination of the birds the judges awarded the premium to Mr. Long, his birds scoring 56 1/2 points to 56 1/2 for Mr. Warfel's and 55 1/2 for Mr. Engle's. The several scores in detail were as follows: Mr. Long's Bantams—cockerel, 94, pullets respectively, 94, 91, 91, 94, 94. Mr. Warfel's Brahmas—cockerel, 93, pullets respectively, 93, 96, 90, 93, 92. Mr. Engle's Black Cochins—cockerel, 95, hens respectively, 90, 94, pullets respectively, 92, 94, 94. Mr. Warfel's pullets weighed respectively 12 pounds, 11 1/2 pounds, 8 pounds, 10 pounds 15 ounces, and 11 pounds.

The \$5 premium offered by the association for the most perfect perfect pair of fowls in the show, was awarded to Charles E. Long, Lancaster, on his pair of Black Breasted Red Game Bantams "Tom and Jenny." Mr. Long has fairly carried off the chief honors and profits of the fair, having secured the three principal prizes, and a number of smaller ones—the whole aggregating in value over \$70.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS. Events Across the County Line. James Levy, a Shenandoah chicken fancier, is training a chicken to dance, and is willing to wager \$150 that he will succeed. Mrs. Kobler, of Harrisburg, was severely burned by the explosion of a coal oil lamp which she was carrying down stairs, Thursday evening.

Parties who are interested in navigation say that the Pennsylvania canal will open at an early date this year—that an open winter thus far warrants this belief. A patient aged actually came in from the Yellow Breeches creek fishing ground on Saturday with a fine bunch of black suckers, which he caught, he said, with rod and line.

There was a fair sprinkling of wild ducks on the river yesterday, but the day was not "a good one for gunning," and the ducks therefore enjoyed themselves, notwithstanding the rainy weather. The river is 5 feet above low water mark.

A York county steer died suddenly the other day, and there was at once a terrible scare among the farmers about pleuropneumonia. A veterinary surgeon was called in and made a post mortem examination of the carcass, when it was discovered the animal had choked to death by having attempted to swallow a large corn-cob.

The Central Pennsylvania poultry association, of Pottsville, opened its annual exhibition in Mountain City hall, Pottsville, yesterday under the most favorable auspices. One hundred and fifty regular premiums are offered, amounting from \$1 to \$5 each, and 56 special prizes, ranging from \$5 to \$25 each, are offered besides by members of the association.

Superintendent Wickersham, of the school department, has recently admitted 141 more pupils to the different soldiers orphans' schools—which increases the number in all the schools to about 2,600. There is now on file in the school department about 500 applications for admission, but hardly one out of ten will be favorably considered, because the claims are not valid under the law governing the soldiers' orphans' schools.

All the wooden spans of the long bridge across the Susquehanna, at Havre de Grace, have been replaced with iron ones, and the draw will be completed by February. The old bridge was opened to travel in 1866 and the new one was commenced in 1876. It has been constructed by the Phoenix bridge company and the Edgemore iron company, the former putting up seven spans and the other six including the draw.

Weighty Live Stock. Mr. Alexander Stevenson, of Drumore township, recently slaughtered two hogs (Chester White) which weighed when dressed 1,213 pounds, the largest drawing 643 pounds. He also raised a South-down sheep which tipped the beam at 285 pounds, and a lamb ten months old of the same breed, which weighed 133 pounds.

Opening of College. Franklin and Marshall college will be opened for the winter term to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Dr. Gerhart will deliver the opening address. A number of students have already returned to the city and by Friday most of them will be back.