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THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 9, 1880.

What They Call Reform.

Some of our esteemed contemporaries appear to be alarmed by the loud demands of the so-called civil service reformers for fixity of tenure in the federal offices. We assure them there is no cause for immediate anxiety in that direction. The men who make the agitation are without power and have little influence. The politicians who pretend to listen to them with respect are utterly insincere and never stand for an instant on their theory when the spoils are to be distributed.

To cite Hayes in illustration is, we admit, hardly fair. He was a fraud from the beginning, and was bound by the very law of his political creation to be a fraud in all things to the end. But subject into Hayes's letter of acceptance, consistency might have been expected. It might also have been supposed that Mr. Evarts could continue for a few days together in an attitude which he had deliberately taken and extensively advertised. To these two was consigned the duty of framing civil service rules on the reform plan for the fraudulent administration: but nothing came of it. They abandoned the whole business, and the scrambles for office under Hayes have been as shameful as ever, and the bulldozing and blackmailing of subordinate | treasury makes no brag. office-holders have been worse, while the active participation in politics of Hayes and his cabinet has been, in view of their Pecksniffian professions, quite dis-

Garfield also affected profound sympathy with the high-flown views of the rewriting a magazine article in their favor, for which in return he received their praise for the "scholarship" and "culture" which he brought into politics. But, having been nominated for the presidency, he immediately threw all of that overboard, and even entered into special contract with the machine bosses to distribute the spoils not only on their system, but through them.

There is no serious prospect of the establishment of a permanent official class | fine for his friends. in this country while our present institutions continue. A revolution which would make the head of the government permthe tenures of his one hundred thousand subordinates. But until Gen. Grant has been re-elected to a third term, we shall be slow to predict any such disastrous conclusion of our republican experireform that is wanted is the enforceto give to party the time and energies which belong to the public.

A Striking Likeness.

over the judicial seat, in the old court of a blindfolded female holding suspended a pair of scales; and of that figure our beloved Judge Patterson ever rean impartial administrator of justice, and under the pains and penalties which and they were thus forced to decamp. his honor essays to put upon those who doubt this declaration, we accept it with cheerful alacrity. We do not know whether any one will dispute that the judge sees darkly enough to satisfy this element in the likeness to the figure in the oil painting. If any one steps forward for that purpose we will go along with him to the commissioners' offce, where this picture, we believe, now between us while standing beneath it agriculture. and gazing upon the lovely features appear without the folds of the blindir g ness. Meanwhile members of Congress handkerchief. It would, perhaps, be and the elite of the national capital more satisfactory to have this discussion | generally are living in the hope that Garunder the benignant light of our virtuous judge's own physiognomy; but we are not at liberty to make an appointment in his presence; and to tell the truth it might be an unsatisfactory one in which to discuss the matter, in view of the fearful effect upon the judge of a challenge of his judicial impartiality: it would not be at all safe for our doubting friend to dispute with us before him as to his blindness.

That, then, we will accept as a conceded fact; and so we have a very striking resemblance of the dear judge to the figure of Justice, with its fair face and delicate features and bandaged eyes. There is a striking difference, though, in the voice. Pleased as we are to say decompliment his sweet vociferation. Ben Davis thinks it is as the sound of the Bull of Bashan; and Ben ought to know; because he sat down under it very suddenly. The music of the Presbyterian organ loft has even been stilled by it; and the young blood of the congregation chills at the sound. The painted Justice speaks not, and our judge would resemble it more if he spoke less. But just as he is we have him, and are thanklife be and Justice?

They Cannot Do It.

How constitutionally impossible it is for some people to perform as they promise. Listening to their fair words it is impossible to believe that they do not afflicted people know that they are lying. They must think that they are meaning what they say, and the fact that they really do not must be owing to some strange omission in their mental equipment, look into their minds to find what they belief that these numerous fellow creatures, who are found in all classes of society and not fewest among the most

Mr. Hayes is this kind of a

man. He is not a wicked man seemingly. But he can't tell the insisted on being admitted the senator truth. He cannot say what he thinks, knocked him down. The conductor was and do it. Not even on the same day. Everyone is laughing just how at his ap- here, sir; don't come this way. If you night, and completely wrecked. The driver pointment of General Hazen to be chief of the signal bureau; a soft place which them significantly) I will mash your face and eight of the passenger, were injured, Hazen has been seeking as quite accord- in such a jelly that your own mother ing to his tastes. Everyone knows that wouldnd't recognize you." The conductor there is nothing in Hazen's reentitling him to any particcord consideration, and that he does not know anything at all about the duties of the signal office, and is not qualified to learn anything about Louise home in Washington. It is said them, and does not purpose to bother himself with them. He will enjoy the society of Washington, with the rank and pay of general. He is a coward in battle, and even ran away at the battle of

of the service to which he is promoted. And yet the very day Mr. Hayes sent of Carl Schurz, who put the stuff on this his name in, he also sent to Congress his message in which he loudly lauded civil Hazen was promoted by political and social influence, and because he was an Ohio man: and his father-in-law was McLean of the Cincinnati Enquirer, a

say just no principle at all.

Democratic paper of the style and prin-

ciple of the Chicago Times, which is to

MINOR TOPICS. HINDOOSTAN borrows money at three and a half per cent. and its secretary of the

SARAH BERNHARDT has made it plain that French may be spoken much too rapidly to make it easy for a Boston audience to understand it.

A PAPER in Mississippi is published in the interest of the negro, and is so loyal formers; and gratified them greatly by to its platform that it refuses to spell negro except with a big N.

> It is estimated that the Western Union will have on December 31 a balance of \$747,936.48. The quarterly report recommends a dividend of 11 per cent. payable on January 15.

> IT seems to be fixed that Devens will succeed Judge Strong and Stanley Matthews will get Judge Swayne's place on the supreme bench. Hayes is playing it

In the opinion of the Springfield Republican, Judge Black's sentiments declaring anent would end in assimilating to his that railroads are public property, "is the best and most forcible exposition of the old common-law doctrine on this subject to get their boats to their destination after the girl?" which has recently been made."

EVEN congressmen are more or less subment. The people of the United States | ject to superstition and studiously shun will never of their own accord, and with the "fatal desk" in the House. When will never of their own accord, and with the late Representative Rush Clark, of All other sports have become secondary aristocracy of any kind. Meanwhile the I wa, died, Mr. Farr, of New Hampshire, Yesterday West Chester, Westtown and western part of the town of Wendell took the desk in the House which had Thornbury lovers of the chase joined in the ment of the laws to prevent the plunder- been occupied by Mr. Clark. As already ing of our public servants to recruit par- announced, Mr. Farr died a few days ago, tisan corruption funds, and forcing them and now no other member wants to take Clearfield, came upon the dead body of a rific force, demolishing the mill, and a the "fatal desk."

cating liquors shall be sold there. "Tom We used to have a painting hanging Brown" and his helpers have made that absolute. Two sharpers came there, on house, representing Justice in the form the very edge of the new Rugby, and established each his grog shop. They would heed no remonstrance, but insisted upon of a steep wall near the Lackawanna iron their right. A general law of Tennessee minds us. To be sure he is not a female; forbids the liquor traffic within three miles but that difference is trifling. We have of an educational establishment. Mr. heard repeatedly from himself that he is | Hughes took advantage of this, and immediately built a school-house beside them,

PERSONAL.

JOHN W. GARRETT was yesterday reelected president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company for the ensuing year. Mr. GEORGE W. CHILDS has given

\$5,000 towards beautifying the old Lancaster pike road, at Wayne Station. The Reading Times and Disputch nominates Major FREAS, of the Germantown

hangs, and we will discuss the question | Telegraph, as head of the department of Mr. HAYES's dinners at Washington of the amiable female countenance, that were but a synonym for dryness and dull-

field will exercise better taste, whether he uses wine at table or not.

The following advertisement lately appeared is several newspapers printed in the province of Silesia, Germany: "My betrothment with Miss EDITH PORTER, only daughter of the Right Honorable Sir James Porter, of Skaneateles, United States, I honor myself by hereby publish. Creek. ing instead of making any special an nouncement. Liegnitz, November, 1880. Carl von Jena."

bridal tour and had reached Marietta ed panic. Ohio, when Mr. Coons, the bride's divorced husband, presented himself and demanded possession of her. The rival claimants drew pistols, but were dislightful things of the judge, we can't armed. Mr. Coons then went to consult al persons were injured, but not seriously. with a lawyer, knowing that three hours would elapse before the couple could get away on the next regular train; but they chartered a special locomotive and so continued their journey unhindered.

Thirty-five years ago, when Captain STONE made Moundville, W. Va., his home, he planted two seeds, informing his family that he would like to raise wood for his coffin. Only one seed sprouted, and in the course of thirty years became a ful for him; for without him what would fine tree. During a severe wind storm eighteen months ago the tree fell. It was lumber, and in due time returned to the captain in the shape of a handsome coffin ; \$25,000. and now, to complete the story, its owner has just been buried in it.

Dr. DAVID S. HUTCHINSON, dental sur- strange a spectacle that the conductor on mean them. It cannot be that all these geon, died in San Francisco, California, on the Pan Handle railroad stopped his train. the 19th ult., aged 58 years. The deceased was formerly a resident of the Gap. He and pray. went to St. Paul, Miun., some twenty- In New Salem, near Roudout, N. Y. seven years ago, where he married, and a John Van Tassel fatally assaulted his wife few years afterwards removed to San with an axe and then cut his own throat Francisco, where he resided and practised with a butcher knife, dying almost inwhich make it impossible for them to his profession until his death, and was also his wife thirty-eight. Van Tassel was engaged in the real estate business. He jealous of the attention paid his wife by really do think. We must adopt some had built up an extensive business and co-

whether Coxe or Maxer is not stated, but Chicago, Cleveland, Providence and Worapparently consistent church members, it's the bigger of the two-brought his cester clubs. The Detroit club was adfamily to Washington from St. Louis in a mitted to membership and the Washing-

private palace car, and [when a conductor about to attack him when he said : " See

Bishop PINCKNEY's forthcoming marriage to Miss Hunter, of Washington, is announced. She is twenty years his junior and for nine years has been matron in the that some years ago she refused an offer of marriage from Mr. Corcoran, on the ground that if she acceted him it would be thought it was only for his money. Bishop Pinckney's first wife was twenty Shiloh. He admits that he knows nothing years his senior, and made his christening robe when he was a babe.

STATE ITEMS.

Wm. C. Baer, of Norristown, mysteriously disappeared last Sunday and has not since been heard from.

Huntingdon and Blair counties complain of the ravages of hog cholera. More than 1,000 porkers have died from the disease this season.

This is a queer time of the year to die from sunstroke, but such was the fate of Martin Garrick, of Millerstown on Tuesday. The sunstroke was received last summer, and he has been ill ever since. The erection of a big hotel at Cresson

will be begun in a few days. The building will have a frontage of 320 feet and will be four stories high. It will be ready for occupancy by the first of next May. In Reading Ernst Kleinsmith fell from a ladder in the third-story of a house being erected, and alighted in a mortar hod car-

ried by Henry Null. The shock nearly knocked Null from the ladder, but he held firmly to it and prevented both from falling into the cellar. Media's borough fathers are trying to fund the borough debt of \$80,000, now held at six per cent. and issue instead four

in interest, and enable taxes to be reduced or greater improvements made. Thos. J. Ryandied in the Pennsylvania hospital, Philadelphia, last evening, from the effects of a beating received at a ball in Musical Fund hall early yesterday morn-

per cents. This will save \$1,600 annually

ing. A warrant has been issued for Theo-dore Menken, his alleged assailant. Mayor Liddell, of Pittsburgh, has begun a war against the keepers of gambling houses in that city. On Tuesday eight of them were fined 850 each and costs, the mayor giving them notice should they repeat their crime they will be sent to

The recent change in the weather has stopped all canal navigation in Eastern Pennsylvania, and boatmen who expected being thawed out are disappointed. The severe cold weather of the last two days mas made several inches of ice on the canal.

Fox hunting is more popular in Chester county this year than ever before. Not a | that has occurred in that section for a long East Goshen hunt.

A party of men who were hunting ou gaged in clearing off a timber lot. About the barrens," a few miles south of five o'clock the boiler exploded with terman. A revolver was lying a few feet from him, and it was evident that he had An important feature in the regulations killed himself, either accidentally or purof Rugby, in Tennessee, is that no intoxi- posely. A gold watch and \$960 in greenbacks were found upon the body. It was decided that he was a man named Mc-Laughlin, whose home is in Elk county.

The body of Thomas Judge, a well known miner living in Shanty Hill, Scranton, was found face downward, at the foot and coal company's ore dump. There was a great gash in the back of the head, and life was quite extinct, altough the body was still warm. The police had the re mains removed to the late residence of Judge where a distressing scene ensued among his suddenly bereaved wife and six little children, who are rendered entirely destitute by this sore calamity.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

A fire in South Boston, Halifax county, Va., on Tuesday night destroyed about \$20,000 worth of property.

Dr. J. A. Nante, a prominent citizen of Eagle Pass, Texas, committed suicide yes-

From October 1st to November 20, 1,150 hat, black overcoat, black Chesterfield coat, brown diagonal trousers, white shirt cases of small pox and 55 deaths were re-

ported in Matamoras, Mexico, in a population of about 16,000. Emma Gerst, colored, aged 12 years, was fatally burned, near Ringgold, Va., by her clothes catching fire while she was pre-

paring her father's breakfast. John B. Robertson, Democrat, was elected mayor of New Haven, Conn., on Tuesday, by 1669 majority Nearly all the other Democratic candidates for city

offices were also elected. The departure of the Sioux delegation for Washington, to close the bargain giving a railroad the right of way across their reservation, is delayed by the accidental shooting of Chief Medicine Bear, at Crow

A fresh and violent shock of earthquake occurred at Agram, Croatia, at midnight on Tuesday. It was accompanied by subterranean rumblings, which continued Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES were on their throughout the night and caused a renew-

A sleeping car train on the Troy and Boston railroad collided, yesterday morning, with a freight train at Hoosic, New York, The engineer of the passenger train and four freight cars were wrecked, and sever-An Italian named Phillinghi, who ate trichinous sausages thirty days ago, died

in consequence in Chicago, on Tuesday night. His wife and three children, who ate of the same sausages, are not expected The number of recorded deaths from starvation, during the East Indian famine. actually fell below that of ordinary years.

During the worst of the crisis, more than

4,000,000 were saved from starvation at a cost of about \$30,000,000 to the state. Tappey & Steel's storage building in Petersburg, Va., was burned yesterday. Nearly three million pounds of sumac, besent to a Pittsburgh firm to be cut into longing to James M. Williams, were destroyed, at a loss of \$25,000. The Fire association of Philadelphia has a risk of

A naked man ou his knees in the snow, with the thermometer at zero, was so manded him to hang his clothes on a limb

joyed the confidence of a large circle of friends in his adopted city.

One of the senators from Texas—

The annual meeting of the clubs comprising the National Baseball League was held in New York yesterday. Delegates

ton club was rejected. The meeting will be continued to-day.

A street car, containing about twenty passengers was struck by a locomotive at come within range of these fists (shaking of the car was probably fatally injured, one of them having a thigh fractured. Newell J. Ford, engineer of the locomotive, is under arrest.

> A lunatic was found running wild in the woods near Stevens' Point, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, so badly frozen that both legs and arms had to be amputated. He was identified as one of the patients who escaped from the St. Peter's asylum, in Minnesota, when it was burned. How he managed to work his way to the place where he was found is a mystery.

> Chicogo adopted an ordinance that the street car companies should pay a license fee of \$50 a year on every car used. The car people refused to obey, and during two years have not paid a dollar. Judge Drummond has now decided that the ordinance is valid as a police regulation, and may be enforced. The compainies claim that their charters give them the full right to run cars. The matter will be appealed.

> William Wittenbrink, employed at A. G. Brophy's drug store, in Washington street, New York, has been arrested for having nearly caused the death of Mrs. Hacket by selling her daughter oxalic acid for epsom salts. The woman took part of the drug and but for prompt midical attendance must bave died. Wittenbrink is a porter in the store and sold the drug-in the absence of the clerk.

In Hagerstown, Ohio, John Haberstraw heroically sacrificed his life to save others, He and his handcar were caught in a narrow cut near town by a passenger train. He could have saved his life, but instead got off the car and in the face of certain death, tried to drag it from the track. He had almost succeeded when the engine struck him, but he saved the train. He died a hero and a martyr.

Ort Hendrickson of Todd county, Minn. on Sunday started deer hunting with his brother, and they parted company in the woods two miles from home. In about half an hour three shots were heard, and when the brother reached the spot he found Ort's dead body, with three rifle balls in it, and a knife plunged to the hilt through the body in various places. The brother followed the trail of the murderers six miles and then lost it. The cause of the crime is unknown.

The colored people of Bridgewater have a lyceum. The other evening they had a debate upon the following novel question: beasts during the night and return ner sale priety."

in the morning should have her. One Judge Patterson motioned to Mr. Atlee took her to the forest, protected her all night, but was disabled when returning in the morning. Then the other young man came and returned her to her father Which of the men had the best right to

An Accident Fatal to Seven Persons, A dispatch from Orange, Massachusetts, save one of the most distressing accidents time took place yesterday, by which seven persons lost their lives. In the north-Messrs. Marble & Clark had a portable steam saw mill, with which they were engaged in clearing off a timber lot. About portion of it was hurled against a building occupied by those at work on the lot, which was set on fire and entirely consumed, and Messrs. Marble and Clark, the proprietors, Oscar Brown, George Brown Willie Brown, all young men from seven teen to twenty-one years old, sons of Hosea Brown, of New Salem, and Mrs. Felton, gible verdict out of it. who was keeping house, were killed. A young child named George Reynolds had leg broken and Charles Reynolds a shoulder smashed.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

KILLED IN THE DARK. Rudolph Kranter's Fatal Fall From a Rait-

The following item appeared in the Philadelphia Times of Tuesday last: "The body of an unknown man, appar ently 30 years old, was found beneath the Pennsylvania railroad bridge at Sixty-

third street, whence he had probably fallen, at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. It was taken to the morgue. The deceased was five feet nine inches high, with brown moustache and hair, and attired in a Derby and gaiters. He had a brass watch and chain, a pocket-book containing a small sum of money and a card with the name Rudolph Krouder written upon it. This name is not in the directory.

Yesterday the following appeared in the "The inquiry by the coroner into the circumstances attending the death of the unidentified young man, who was found dead with his skull crushed in, under the Pennsylvania railroad bridge at Sixty-third street, on Monday, failed to produce any evidence concerning the manner in which the accident happened. It was surmised that he attempted to walk across the bridge and tumbled through in the darkness The jury found a verdict of accidental death. Deceased is supposed to be from Baltimore because he had business cards

of firms in that city." These items coming to the notice of Mr. Christian Liller, the well-known barber on North Queen street, this city, he wrote to his son William, now working in Philadelphia, to go to the morgue and see if the dead man was Rudolph Krauter, who had worked for Mr. Liller for several years and left his employ for the last time just

three weeks ago to-day.

This morning Mr. Liller had a letter from his son, in which he says he went to bar and Albert McCutcheon; Captain, the morgue yesterday as requested; he asked to be shown the body that had not been identified, and was shown to a wagon at the door, which was just ready to convey it to the place of burial. The box being opened he recognized its contents as the mangled body of Rudolph Krauter: the left side of the face was battered and the head mashed, but the features were recognized as those of Mr. Liller's former workman.

Deceased was a native of Zurich, Switzerland, 31 years of age, unmarried, and without relatives in this country. He landed in America in 1877 and first found employment at Mr. Liller's. After working for him a year he left, and resumed employment with him in September, 1879, in which he continued until Thursday, November, 18, 1880, when he left and went to Philadelphia. He was a good workman, but as his tools were found with his dead body it is supposed he had found no engagement since leaving Lancaster.

Thumb Mashed.

Last evening William Shultz, a conducrailroad, had one of his thumbs badly mashed between two bumpers, while coupling cars near the Penn iron works. Dr. Atlee dressed the wound and Mr. Shultz left for his home in Columbia.

Sale of Real Estate. Allan A. Herr & Co., real estate and in surance agents, sold at private sale, for the heirs of Mrs. Anna Ehrenfried, the twostory brick dwelling No. 225 East King street, to Michael Haberbush, for the sum 18th inclusive. floor, and continue until Saturday, the of \$2,900.

JUDGE PATTERSON.

SIT DOWN, MR. DAVIS, SIT DOWN!

An Episode in Court—What Stirred the Judge's Bile?—A Detense of Mr.Dav:s

Volunteered and Snubbed—A Court that will not Allow any Reflection on its Judicial Administration of Distribu-Quite a spirited little episode broke the

otony of the quarter sessions court yesterday afternoon and gave the lookerson something to talk about for a half hour. It was during the progress of the trial of Schnader, the Ephrata saloon keeper, for selling beer to minors. Benj. F. Davis, esq., counsel for the defense, at the outset of his speech, said to the jury that a court had been defined to be a place where law was judicially and impartially administered. Further on in his speech he said something like ihis: "If you convict this defendant, incarcerate him in our county prison, impose the costs of this prosecu tion upon him and impoverish him, how do you know but what to-night some man by the name of Moore (who had once eloped with the defendant's wife) may not go to his home, desecrate it, cause a separation of his family. Then Schnader would be suffering the punishment and Moore go scot free. Would that be justice judicial and impar-

tially administered "-..." Sit down, Mr. Davis, sit down," he heard thundered at him from the bench, where to all appearances Judge Patterson had been sitting, writing or examining a paper not relevant to the case. Mr. Davis looked astonished, and first impression was that some waggish

member of the bar was taking advantage of the inattention of the court to play a ventriloquist's trick upon him. A glance at the bench whence distributive justice is judicially and impartially administered undeceived him. With the remark that he had made no reflections upon the court or if he had that he hadn't intended to, he dropped to his seat. Judge Patterson remarked that he wished it to be understood that the court

administered justice judicially. Mr. Davis from his seat said that h referred to the jury. Judge Patterson said: "Who administers justice but the court?" Mr. Davis said "the court and the jury. The supreme court had held the jury to be

judges of law and the facts.

W. A. Atlee, esq., who was sitting in the bar and shared the astonishment of all present at the swift visitation of distributive judicial wrath upon Davis, arose and said: "Your honor, I feel certain that One Johnson had a daughter and two the court must have misunderstood what young men desired to marry her. The fa-ther agreed that the one who should take jury, not the court, and certainly made no Mr. Davis said. He was addressing the her to the forest, protect her from the wild reflections upon the court and was proceeding strictly within the bounds of pro-

> to sit down and suggested that Mr. Davis could speak for himself. Mr. Atlee said he world sit down. H

> had only arisen because, seeing himself to be the oldest member of the bar present, he had felt ii due to the court and to his junior to correct what was to him manifestly a misunderstanding of the one by the

District Attorney Eshleman nodded approvingly to Mr. Atlee. Judge Patterson repéated that the court wished it to be understood that it adminitered justice judicially, and said that if it was understood that Mr. Davis did not mean to reflect upon the court he could

Mr. Davis declined to proceed.

District Attorney Eshleman then wen on for the commonwealth. But, as will be seen by the court proceedings reported clsewhere, the jury was so upset by the performance that it required all the efforts of court, counsel, clerk,

MASONIC.

Election and Installation At the regular meeting of lodge 43, F room, with grated windows, well heated and A. M., held at Masonic hall on Wednesday evening, December 8, the following officers were elected and installed for the

ensuing Masonic year : W. M.—E. Oram Lyte. S. W.—Joel S. Eaby. J. W.-George A. Marshall. Treas,-Chas. A. Heinitsh. Sect.—Hugh S. Gara.

Trustees-John B. Warfel, John Rees, Widmyer. S. D.-John C. Carter. J. D.-Dr. H. E. Muhlenberg. S. M. C.—Joshua L. Lyte.

J. M. C.-David E. Long. Pur.-George H. Rothermel. Tyler—George Lutz. Chaplain—Hugh S. Gara. Charity Com.—Dr. George R. Welchans, John B. Warfel, Wm. O. Marshall. Grievance Com.-Charles M. Howell,

Organist-Adam Oblender. THE TUNEFUL CUCKOOS.

Wilson, Jer. Rohrer.

Wm. A. Atlee, Dr. H. Carpenter, Wm. A.

Nest-Hiding for the Winter Season The fourth annual meeting of the Cuckoos was held last evening at their hall. A committee of three, composed of Philip Smith, Henry Leonard and Fred Hines, was appointed to select a suitable place for meeting for the ensuing year. The next meeting will be addressed by Henry Flick, Senior Cuckoo; Wm. Leonard and Fred Miller, jr., will sing the new Cuckoo song. Their third annual picnic will be held on the third Monday in

May next. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, John R. Smith; Vice President, Wm. Leonard; Secretary, Jacob B. Price; Treasurer, Philip Smith; Police, Pud Stableford and Henry Leonard; Cooks, John Hamilton and James Mattison; Alderman, Amos Stableford; Janitor, Jacob Heline; Lockup Keeper, Andrew Yackley; Committee on Election, Fred. Hines, Albert Drach-Philip Smith.

Horses Stolen

Some time during last night between 10 p. m. and 4a. m. thieves stole two valuable horses from the stable of Hiram Peoples. member-elect of the Legislature in the village of New Providence. The youngest animal is a six-year-old bay mare. She is rather tall having long legs. She has a prominent top-knot and a whole star on the forehead. She is newly shod all around. The other animal is a twelve-year-old bay horse. He has a heavy body and a white star on the forehead. The right front foot is white and on it there is a new shoe. Mr. Peoples resides in a thickly settled village and his barn is on a much traveled road. The bold thieves probably struck for Maryland.

Free Soup.

The soup house in rear of the city lockup will be opened for the free distribution of will be opened for the free distribution of soup to the deserving poor on the 1st of January. There is at the present time in the hands of the mayor about \$200 belonging to the soup fund. Further contributions of money and provisions are solicited. Should there not be sufficient contributions to warrant the distribution works, and provisions are solicited. Should there not be sufficient contributions to warrant the distribution works, and provisions are solicited. Should there not be sufficient contributions to warrant the distribution works, and provisions are solicited. Should there not be sufficient contributions to warrant the distribution works, and provisions are solicited. Should there not be sufficient contributions to warrant the distribution works, and provisions are solicited. Should there not be sufficient contributions to warrant the distribution works, and provisions are solicited. Should there not be sufficient contributions to warrant the distribution works, and provisions are solicited. Should there not be sufficient contributions to warrant the distribution works, and provisions are solicited. Should there not be sufficient contributions to warrant the distribution works, are solicited. Should there not be sufficient contributions to warrant the distribution works, and the provision are solicited. Should there not be sufficient contributions to warrant the distribution works, and the provision are solicited. Should there not be sufficient contributions to warrant the distribution works are solicited. Should there not be sufficient contributions to warrant the distribution works are solicited. Should there not be sufficient contributions to warrant the distribution works are solicited. Should there not be sufficient contributions to warrant the distribution works are solicited. Should there not be sufficient to the solicited to of soup every day during the winter, it will be distributed every alternate day. The soup house is a deserving charity and ought to be liberally supported.

Fair at Mount Joy. St. Mary's fair will open this evening at Mount Joy in the chapel building, second

"EIGHTY-ONE."

BUMMER'S HALL AT THE JAIL.

The Place Described in Verse and Pro A Motley Crowd—Short Rati Look at the Jail.

The other day a man, who might have been a tramp, brought the manuscript of the following verses to the INTELLIGENCER office for publication. He left them and has called since almost daily to see if they were published. We give him his bene-

"NUMBER 81."

BY JAMES M. BUTLER. Air-Wreck of the Atlantic.

Written expressly for the Lancaster INTELL n the year eighteen hundred eighty It was on November the First The inspectors of Lancaster jail introduced hunger and thirst. Old Hoffmeier he proposed it, So like clock work it was done, so they gave us bread and water In number Eighty One.

Every Tuesday and Friday we get a pint A standing up in Indian file, we are a sorr * looking group, And when all hands do get it, away with

they run, I would sooner give it to the hogs, Than put it in Eighty One. We are allowed a pound of bread, At least so the keepers say; But we only get six ounces For our rations every day.

With a cup of cold water, And some salt to spread upon; For there is no molasses Allowed in Eighty One. We nave all nationalities That came across the main From on the snow-ciad hills of Russia, To Germany, France and Spain : The Englishman and Scotchman The Englishman and Scotchi And likewise Erin's son, Are all huddled up together, In number Eighty One.

Oh! they talk of Libby prison, And likewise Andersonville, But if you'd seen this pest house, It would give to you a chill. To listen to the arguments, Your reason would be gone; I would sooner be in Libby, Than in number Eighty One.

As I gaze out of the window, And look into the yard, I see victuals scattered around me I tell you it is hard. But my time is very short, And I soon will be gone, But I pity these unfortunates, That's confined in Eighty One.

They are all shapes and sizes, Some lost a leg or arm, Men with snow white locks, That have faced many a storm. Likewise soldiers and sailors
Who stood nobly by their guns.
So this is their reward for it,
While confined in Eighty One.

We have blind men, deaf ones too, And likewise a few cranks, Tradesmen, likewise fishermen, It's from Newtoundland banks. There is no respects for old age, From father down to son. They all live on bread and water, While confined in Eighty One. If they call this Christianity.

If they call this Christianity,
I don't know what to say;
But I hope God will forgive them,
Upon the judgment day.
He may forgive, but not forget,
But the time will surely come,
When they must stand up side by side,
With those in Eighty One.

So now my song is ended, And I am much obliged to you For giving me your attention, To these few lines so true. To these few lines so true. So now I eat my breakfast. For the beefsteak it is done: wish I could pass some of I The anthor of the above was very much in earnest. He wanted to print the burn-

ing recital of his wrongs, and as it is a little fervid, a representative of the INTELLI-GENCER strolled out to the jail yesterday to see how much of poetic license our bard

Things at "Bummer Hall" are a good deal as he tells them. As Watchman F. G. Albright opened the door of "81" a sight to make one shudder presented itself. This "hall" or cell is the northern part of the ground floor of the new brick building erected in the jail yard some years ago. It is a large

As we stood at the grating, inside the door which the turnkey had opened, the inmates pressed to the front. They were twenty-one in number and the first glance at them inspired disgust and almost terror. They were nearly all bareheaded, three or four of them wore no shirts, several had no shoes, the feet of one of them were each a mass of sores and he piteously mistook the visitor for a doctor; few were fully clothed; the vermin could almost be

seen to crawl over some; the scant clothing, brutality of features and filthy surroundings of the group made them very At first glance. Nearer inspection of them and individ-

ual examination, disclosed that after all, they were very- like the common run of men and, when conversed with and in intelligent conversation, they revealed that the apparent terrible character of the inmates of Bummer's hall is due very much to the character of the institution. There are a few low, dirty, brutal looking fellows there who do nor seem to have much existence above that of the animal, but of the score or more of men in "Eighty-one" yesterday the most of them, in decent clothes, would pass anywhere for decent men. Two or three of them, spokesmen the party, appeared to be mechanics of fair workingmen and intelligence, who admitted that they had been drunk, but they were disposed to work if they could get it. One old man of fine presence would pass for a senator in a claw-hammer coat; he says he has followed boating for thirty years and only happened "on a shine" in Columbia. Another, a little Irishman, says he worked in the country all summer and just took a la frequent visitor. few drinks before going to a job at Best's boiler works. One stout young fellow, who gives the name of an old Lancaster family mud-swallows build their nests between and calls two prominent business men of the stones. You remember that a little the city his uncles, says he went to the piece of it on the Orange street side of the station house for a night's lodging and was sent up here for he don't know how many days. Several say they were "disorderly" in that they rode on freight it cost? Single rule of three. trains, and quite a number declare that they were induced by officers to give them-

selves up on promise of getting good shelter and keep. No doubt some of them lie about it But the worst offense they have been guilty of is drunkeness and disorderly conluct and their commitments range from

We have said the furniture of the place s a hydrant. Their mattress is the floor and their covering the ceiling, their bed curtains are the walls. When we asked them what they get to

five to ninety days.

eat there was a loud responsive murmur. 'Get me that ration," cried one of the spokesmen. A stumpy little fellow darted into a corner and brought out a quarter of a loaf of bread. The underweigh a pound or anything near it.
Since November 1 the rations at Bum-

They can also get water at the hydrant. As much as they want to drink.

Bread and water; and water and bread. The inmates are obliged to keep the place clean. It is dirty. They are dirty.

Their clothes are dirty. They are also lousy. They complain that they have to eat the twenty-fours ration when they get

it as they have no place to lay it down.

When asked how they passed their time they answered mostly by telling each other their experience, and the INTELLI-GENCER man was earnesly advised to have himself shut up for a few days; he would get enough adventure and hear enough to make many columns of exciting matter. Some of the bums have left their names and addresses cut in large capitals on the floor. Generally they are searched and knives and everything else taken from them. One lad produced a contraband deek of cards which he had smuggled in and which are highly appreciated. The face cards are worn almost into illegibility; the kings and jacks are undistinguishable, and the whole deck is dirty enough for every card to be mistaken for the

The Tuesday ration of soup ought to be economized and a fresh deck supplied to Bummer's hall. They dare not have the daily papers. The acounts of crime which they publish

are demoralizing.

Better dressed, better looking and apparently more cleanly disposed drunks and disorderlies are put into cell No. 80 in the jail proper; but there are certainly men shoved into "81" who are not vicious, lousy nor disposed to uncleanliness. One of the old men now there is desperately sick and needs attention. Another is a jabbering lunatic. He butts like a goat and talks incoherently of "Canterbury,"
"Perrysville" and "Knights of the Golder Cross." He ought to be in the lunation

It is pathetic and speaks the better nature of the inmates of "81" that they appreciate and press upon the visitors' attention the condition of these two men. All in all, Bummer's hall is a disgraceful looking place. Disgraceful to the county,

we mean. The sight of twenty-one men, created a little lower than the angels, in one room, day and night, week after week, and month after month, some lousy and some not, some dirty and some with clean instincts, with no chair nor bench, no bed nor cover, nothing but bread and water and not too much of them—for no greater offense than drunkenness and disorderly conduct-argues something wrong in our machinery of justice.

Go and see them for yourself! And then walk out West King street to Mr. S. S. Spencer's fine stock farm; look at the manner in which his well bred pigs are housed; and see how much better i is to be a sober and orderly hog than a

druken and disorderly person. People ought to go out and take a look at this Bummer's hall. It is not nice but is instructive. The court ought to see it before grand juries are charged. Magistrates ought to see it before they send images of their Maker there for ninety

One thing is certain, those who get out of it will not go back. When they get tired staying out they will burn a barn or steal a horse so that when they get into jail, they will get good jail accommodations. Drunkeness is an offense too terribly punished for them to repeat it and in course of time and after a continuance of Bummer's hall we hope to see it effectually

The jail is well filled. In fact, it over-The seventy-seven av have about one hundred and fifty inmates. As far as possible the keeper says he carries out the sentences of the court to separate and solitary confinement, but it often gives rise to serious inconvenience and sometimes demands impossibilities. For instance, at the last court Judge Livingston sentenced nine tramps to nine months each, separate and solitary confinement. They occupy nine cells; while, to make room for them, convicts to the county jail, like the Columbia fishermen, have to be crowded three and four into or

Mr. E. F. Frailey, who is now superintending the eigar factory has four journeymen and eight apprentices at work. He is represented to be an excellent mechanic, makes more and better eigars with less waste than heretofore, but it is very doubtby a basement furnace, has a hydrant, a water closet, walls, ceiling and floor.

That is all the furniture.

ful if there is anything in cigar making for the county prison. Those industries are conducted with best results there in which the chief value of the product consists in the labor expended upon it. Manufactures which involve the purchase of valuable raw material and the risk of frauds or stupidity in its purchase are not practic

For example there are or have been lately about 40 cases of tobacco in the prison bought at high prices and spoiled and worthless.

Who is to blame? Why don't the court or the grand jury or the new inspectors or somebody else find out who is to blame for this and make somebody stand the loss? The prison makes good brooms, baskets

and carpets. The striped stuff that the prisoners wear is made in the prison. It doesn't make a pretty suit. Our friend Benjy Disraeli might like a pair of pants off it. But it s rather loud for common folks. Alonzo Hambright and Frankford have their cell walls covered with bright pictures

in neat frames. They are making cigars together in Frankford's cell. Hambright has a canary bird too. The longest term prisoner in jail 'ss James Henry, who got twenty years for firing Tommy Clark's barn in Drumore township. He gets very sick of it, and about every six months has a spell of melancholy. But Jack Weise cheers him

The property taken from the prisoners is put into the office safe, each package marked with the name of its owner to handed over to him when he leaves. When poor George Welsh got there yesterday he had \$2.27, a purse, pocket-knife and rag scales. They sent George to "80," He is

The outside wall is a rickety old affair. wall fell down once, and it cost \$1,700 to set it up. If the whole thing should be re-creeted some of these days what would Frankford's two little girls come to see

him every two weeks and the keepers say the new rule forbidding all visitation by friends oftener than quarterly will be cruel to these children. Too many people in the jail. Too many

of them suffer less by the imprisonment than their families. The whole prison system needs reform. The management should be more perma-nent and should be composed of trained,

intelligent men not subject to removal at the caprice of ball ring and hog ring Half the people who are sent to jail ought to be flogged and the other half

ought to be made to earn their keep.

went up on a ladder to adjust a belt on a Since November 1 the rations at Bum-mers hall have been reduced to this pound his clothing was caught in another belt. or ten ounce lump-of bread every He was whirled around the shaft several morning. On Tuesday and Friday they times. Finally his clothing gave way and he fell to the floor of the mill, a distance of 8 or 10 feet. He was picked up and taken to his home where Dr. Carpenter attended him. He was found to have had his spine