The Star & Sentinel.

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ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.

The first session of the Forty-first Congress closed on Saturday at noon, both houses having been in session nearly the whole of Friday night. All the important business was put through. In the Senate many important nominations failed to be reached, thus necessitating re-nominations by the President to the Senate, which will set in special session for several weeks under proclamation of the President, to consider treaties and Executive nominations.

A Bill passed both Houses providing for elections in Virginia, Mississippi and Texas, under direction of the President, with a proviso that the Constitutions to be adopted in these States are to be submitted to Congress for approval, and a further proviso making the ratification of the Suffrage Amendment a condition of admission into the Union.

The house on Friday night, by a very decided vote, adopted a resolution expressing sympathy with the people of Cuba in their efforts to secure independence and a Republican form of government, and pledging the support of Congress to the President in case he should deem it expedient at any time to recognize the new Government. It reached the Senate at a late hour, but that body adjourned without reaching it.

The Pacific Railroad controversy was practically adjusted by the passage of a joint resolution which provides that the stockholders of the Union Pacific Road shall hold a meeting in Boston on April 22, to elect directors, and establish the general office at such place as they may select; that Ogden shall be the point of junction of the two roads; that the Union Pacific shall continue laying the track until reaching Promontory Summit, but the Central Pacific shall pay for and own the same from Ogden; that the President shall appoint Commissioners to examine into the condition of the roads, and shall withhold a sufficient amount of bonds to insure their completion as first-class roads in every respect, and that the Attorney General shall institute and examination as to whether the two roads have forfeited their franchises, and, if so, to proceed against them. This action was taken after a conference with the officers of the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific Roads. Ogden was to be the point of union; but the latter road having reached that point going westward, and the former road coming eastward, being behind in the work, the Union Pacific continued to press the work westward beyond Ogden, some 70 miles. To this the Central Pacific objected. To keep Ogden as the point of junction, and yet hasten the completion of the entire line, the above compromise was effected.

IN THE U. States Supreme Court on Monday, Chief Justice CHASE delivered the opinion of the Court in the Texas bond case. The decision is of importance as a test case, and settles some important principles: First, affirming the authority of Provisional Governor Hamilton to prosecute suit for bonds sold by the State of Texas during the war. Second, that the annexation of Texas made it a State of the Union, and that no act of the citizens or of the Government of Texas alone has dissolved or could dissolve that relation. Third, that the ordinance of secession and all legislative acts in aid of the rebellion were null and void. Fourth, that the bonds in controversy were the property of Texas at the time of secession, and Texas has a right to recover the bonds and perpetuate the injunction which is decreed accordingly. The Court holds the right of Congress to present the terms of the restoration of the States lately in rebellion. Justice Grier dissented, holding Texas as not a State in the Union, in point of fact, and therefore could not bring suit in the Supreme Court any more than the District of Columbia could. He denied the jurisdiction and merits of the case. Justices Swayne and Miller dissented as to the jurisdiction only.

In the somewhat celebrated case of McArdle *vs.* The United States, the Court decides that they have no jurisdiction over the case under acts of Congress recently passed. It will be recollected that McArdle, editor of a Vicksburg paper, was arrested by military authority in Vicksburg in 1867, and thrown into prison by the officer commanding for alleged seditious language, and sued out a writ of appeal to the Supreme Court. This is the case which the Democracy tried to bring up out of time, two years ago, in hopes of getting a decision adverse to the constitutionality of the Reconstruction acts.

The bolting members of the lower house of the Indiana Legislature took their seats on Monday and were sworn in. A resolution was then adopted postponing action on the Suffrage Amendment until the 11th of May. The recreant Democratic Senators thereupon took their seats and both Houses organized. What the upshot is to be remains to be seen. We presume, however, as soon as the Amendment is reached, there will be another revolutionary movement. The Democracy of Indiana have been so long training under Rebel leadership, that secession and rebellion are favorite tactics with them.

NOTHING of special interest transpired in the Legislature during the past week. Gov. Geary sent to the Senate the name of Mr. Wickersham, for reappointment as Superintendant of Common Schools. In the House, the bill to abolish capital punishment was defeated by 20 ayes to 62 noes. A bill extending universal suffrage to men and women of the age of 21 years, who have resided in the State one year and 10 days in the district, was defeated, ayes 21, noes 65.

DAVID F. WILLIAMS, Esq., Editor of the York *Republican*, has been appointed U. S. Assessor for the 15th District, and will make a faithful and efficient officer. He is an Editor of many year's experience, and an active Republican. The Collector has not yet been appointed, but the incumbent, WM. P. LLOYD of Cumberland, is to be removed.

MR. E. D. BASSETT, nominated as Minister to Hayti, is an accomplished colored man, at present principal of a High School in Philadelphia. The world moves.

GERALD EATON, convicted of the murder of Heenan, was hung in Philadelphia on Thursday, the 8th inst.—GEORGE M. TWITCHELL, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Hill, was to have been hung on the same day, but about 5 o'clock in the morning he was found dead in his cell, having committed suicide by taking prussic acid, a deadly poison. An examination of his cell led to the discovery of a vial of prussic acid in one of his boots. A coroner's jury, after rigid examination, failed to develope any information through whom he got it. It will be recollected that, several days before, Twitchell made what purported to be confession, charging the murder on his wife—that he was roused from sleep by the latter, stating that she had a quarrel with her mother, and had killed her—that he helped his wife to throw the body out of the window. This "confession" is generally discredited by the Philadelphia papers as improbable and at variance with all accepted theories of the murder, made either in hope of securing a reprieve or out of revenge for cold treatment by his wife. The latter has all through persisted in assertions of her entire innocence, and since the murder has had little or no intercourse with her husband. Within a few days she has furnished the Philadelphia papers with a long statement in self vindication, but disclaiming any knowledge of how or by whom the murder was committed. She explains her ceasing to visit Twitchell after he was in jail by alleging that on two occasions he appealed to her to confess that she had killed Mrs. Hill, and once to declare that she had not been murdered at all, but had fallen from the window, at the same time furnishing her with written statements that she was to make to the public, containing these assertions. These written statements are said to be in Twitchell's handwriting, but bear the marks of having been prepared by lawyers. The statement throws no light upon the real criminal.

Great efforts had been made by the friends of both parties to secure reprieves or pardons, but Gov. Geary refused to interfere. Eaton was a prominent Democratic rowdy, as was also his victim Heenan, and his special friends worked energetically to save him. Twitchell's father is reported to have spent nearly all he was worth, some $40,000, to save his son, but without avail. A few days before the execution a bill was rushed through both branches of the Legislature, authorizing the Governor to commute the death penalty, in convictions for murder, to imprisonment. It was passed, no doubt, with special reference to the cases of Twitchell and Eaton; but Gov. Geary, instead of availing himself of the extraordinary powers conferred on him, promptly vetoed the bill, as obnoxious in principle and a dangerous interference with the long established jurisdiction of Criminal Courts.

THE United States Senate met on Monday in special session, in accordance with the proclamation of the President. There are eleven treaties waiting action, prominent among them the Alabama treaty, negotiated by Mr. Reverdy Johnson, the ratification of which will be opposed by Senator Sumner, and, it is said, will find but few advocates. On the ratification of the reciprocity treaty with the Sandwich Islands there will be a wider difference of opinion among the Senators, and the result is doubtful. Senator Sumner, the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, favors the latter treaty. The President sent in a number of nominations for foreign missions, including the following:

J. Lathrop Motley, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to England.

Leopold Markbreit, to be Minister Resident at Bolivia.

James R. Partridge, of Maryland, to be Minister Resident at Nicaragua.

Wm. A. Pile, of Missouri, to be Minister Resident at Venezuela.

S. Russell Jones, of Illinois, to be Minister Resident at Belgium.

John S. Carlile, of West Virginia, to be Minister Resident at Stockholm.

J. R. Clay, of Louisiana, (colored,) to be Minister Resident and Consul General at Liberia.

R. C. Kirk, of Ohio, to be Minister Resident in the Argentine Republic.

S. A. Hurlburt, to be Minister Resident at Bogota.

Silas A. Hudson, of Iowa, to be Minister Resident at Guatemala.

Ebenezer D. Bassett (colored), of Pennsylvania, to be Minister Resident and Consul General for the Republic of Hayti.

A. G. Curtin, of Pennsylvania, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Russia.

John Jya, of New York, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Austria.

Horace Buflee, of Wisconsin, to be Minister Resident at Switzerland.

Thomas H. Nelson, of Indiana, to be Minister plenipotentiary to Mexico.

Henry S. Sanford, of Connecticut, to be Minister to Spain.

C. C. Andrews, of Minnesota, to be Minister to Copenhagen.

Wm A. Howard, of Michigan, to be Minister to China.

THE Alabama claims treaty, negotiation by Reverdy Johnson amid his dinner festivities, and which Secretary Seward was so anxious to have confirmed before going out of office, has come to grief. On Tuesday it was rejected by the United States by a nearly unanimous vote, but a single Senator voting for its approval. The vote was, ayes 1, noes 54. Immediately following the rejection of the treaty Mr. Motley was confirmed as Minister to England, vice Mr. Johnson, the Senate thus at one blow repudiating the treaty and its negotiator. Senator Sumner made a very able speech against the treaty, in which he maintained that it provided only for a settlement of individual claims, leaving those of our countrymen to be counterbalanced by claims of British blockade runners.—The treaty proposed no settlement of the essential matters in dispute. He held that England could be held responsible for the damage inflicted on our commerce during the war, and that fitting out pirates in British ports had prolonged the war for two years.

H. H. BINGHAM, the present Postmaster at Philadelphia, has been reappointed by the President.

THE Legislature will probablay adjourn to-day.

THERE is a girl in Lynn county, Iowa, only sixteen years old, of whom the following is narrated: For six weeks of the coldest weather of last winter, during the sickness of her father and mother, she attended, carefully and well, forty eight sheep, seven head of horses, twelve head of cattle and two calves, besides milking three cows, driving the cattle a quarter of a mile every day to water, cleaning the horse stable, doing the housework, and taking care of her sick parents.

GENERAL NEWS.

A TAX on Bachelors from 30 years upwards is proposed in Paris.

SALT LAKE now contains 38,000 Mormons and 8,000 Gentiles.

THE population of New York is estimated at 1,118,767 souls.

CALIFORNIA is an El Dorado to old maids. There are three men to every woman in that State.

A FUND is being subscribed in Washington and elsewhere to present to Secretary Stanton as a testimonial.

IOWA has so extended her wheat acre age that she will raise 20,000,000 bushels more this year than last.

IT is estimated that there are 255,000 threshing machines in the United States without counting the "school marms."

WHEN a public clerk is removed from his position in Washington, he is now said to be "retrouched."

JEFFERSON DAVIS, in a private letter, says that his health is excellent, and that he intends to return to this country this spring.

FORTY-NINE persons, male and female, have been discharged from the Post Office Department at Washington.

To slake the thirst of New York in part, 200,000,000 glasses of lager beer are annually required.

ISAAC B. GARA, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, has been appointed Postmaster at Erie, Pa.

BENJAMIN Phillips, formerly a member of the New York bar, committed suicide in the Brooklyn Penitentiary, yesterday.

THE different posts of the Grand Army of the Republic are preparing to decorate the graves of our fallen heroes on the 1st of May.

A LADY of Richmond recently gave birth to twins, thirteen days elapsing between the birth. Physicians speak of this as one of the most remarkable cases of this age.

THE provincial Catholic Council of the Archiepiscopal Diocese will be convened at Baltimore April 25, and its session will last a week.

A COMMON sight in Italy is said to be a nurse maid leading along a little boy baby, two or three years old, who has a cigar in his mouth.

THE New York *Tribune* reckons the Fifteenth Amendment secure since the election in Connecticut, with or without the vote of the States yet unreconstructed.

THE Pope's Jubilee was celebrated at Rome with great splendor, the Pope saying Mass at St. Peter's, in presence of the Cardinals and foreign Embassadors.

THE German Catholics of Baltimore fired a salute of fifty guns, on Saturday evening, in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the Pope's priesthood.

A POLISH exile, who has supported himself and family for three years in Dubuque by sawing wood, has just gone to Europe to claim a $5,000,000 fortune left him by a relative.

The remains of two Indians have been exhumed in digging a cellar in Lynn, Mass. They were in a sitting posture, and probably have been sitting there two or three hundred years.

BREVET Lieutenant-Colonel F. M. Follett, Captain of Company D, Fourth United States Artillery, committed suicide at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, on Friday evening, by shooting himself through the head.

THE Pittsburg *Commercial* denies the recent alarming reports of Mr. Stanton's feebleness, and says that hopes are entertained that he will soon emerge from the seclusion which his ill health has rendered necessary.

CHICAGO is somewhat excited over the successful application, by one of her citizens, of coal oil as a fuel for locomotive engines. The experiment was made recently on a passenger train with the most gratifying results.

The Emperor Napoleon with the Empress, the Prince Imperial, Prince Napoleon and all the Imperial family, will pay a visit in August next to Corsica, to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Napoleon I.

A YOUNG man fell dead in the whirl of a German waltz, at Chicago, last week. The shriek of his partner, as the lifeless body dropped on the crowded ball room floor, was the first warning the revellers had that death among them.

The price of a balloon passage from New York to Europe is fixed at $250, and a plucky French gentleman, Mr. Chevalier, who will make the trip this month, says he has already one hundred applicants for passage.

WESTERN CIVILIZATION.—A Leavenworth paper thinks it "an evidence of the westward march of civilization," that the Kansas Legislature appropriated $1,400 for tobacco for the penitentiary prisoners, and only $300 for preaching the gospel to them.

SIXTY-SIX new converts, members of the African Methodist Church, in Quincy, were baptized by immersion in the river on Sunday, and forty more intended to be, but the ministers gave out from exhaustion. Over 3000 spectators were on the banks of the river to witness the scene.

Not long ago, a man named Breckinridge visited St. Paul, Minn., and all the Democrats made haste to pay their respects to him, under the impression that he was the ex Rebel General. They were greatly disgusted to learn that their guest had always been a loyal man.

The Directors of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads have come to an agreement not to have a general excursion this summer over their roads as contemplated, as it is found that the excursion would assume such proportions as to interfere with the regular business of their roads.

LOPEZ still continues in the field. Although Brazil and her allies occupy his Capital, they have so far been unable to compel his surrender, and the latest advices represent that an expedition of twelve thousand men is about to start from Asuacion into the interior of Paraguay to again attempt his capture.

COMMISSIONER Delano has decided that any dealer who converts plug tobacco into smoking tobacco, either by cutting, rolling or in any other manner keeping the same for sale, is thereby constituted a manufacturer under the law, and must pay a tax and give bonds as a tobacco manufacturer.

A WIDOW in Onondagus county, N. Y., recently cut out her own daughter in the good graces of her lover, and married him herself. To obtain revenge for this most unmotherly trick, the daughter set her cap at the young man's rich father, of whom he was the only heir, to the infinite annoyance of her step-children.

COMMODORE Cornelius Vanderbilt, of New York, recently had a narrow escape from death. Going to a closet he seized a bottle and drank a portion of its contents, without examining it. The fluid burned his mouth, and he spat it out. It turned out to be a deadly bed-bug poison. The Commodore's face was severely burned, but beyond this no injury was received.

A SON of Charles Clark, of Leon, Iowa, aged 17, fell from a tree and badly fractured his thigh bone. Pieces of the bone kept coming out, and recently the boy thought there was a piece that ought to come out, and on his father refusing to allow a surgeon to cut it out, the boy went into his room, and, with a common jack-knife, cut out a piece of bone three inches long. The wound healed, and the boy now runs around free from pain.

INTERESTING REMINISCENCE OF THE BLACK HAWK WAR.

At a recent address before the Historical Society at Chicago, ex-Congressman Isaac N. Arnold gave some interesting statements in regard to the Black Hawk war and some of the men who served together in it. In the light of recent events, the fact that Zachary Taylor, Robert Anderson, Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis served together in that campaign is a remarkable one. Mr. Arnold said:

"In 1832, John Dixon kept the ferry across Rock River, and the latch-string of his hospitable home was never drawn in against the stranger. The Black Hawk war was pending, and settlers and whole families had been killed and scalped upon the prairie. The National Government sent Gen. Scott, with some regular troops to Chicago, and to these were added some companies of Illinois mounted volunteers, called out by Governor Reynolds, to aid in protecting the settlers and chastising the Indians. Among the regulars who met on the banks of Rock River, at the crossing then called "Dixon's Ferry," under the immediate command of General Atkinson, were Lieut. Col. Zachary Taylor, subsequently President of the United States; Lieut. Robert Anderson, the hero of Fort Sumter; Lieut. Jefferson Davis, and private Abraham Lincoln, of Captain Iles's company of Illinois Mounted Rangers.—These facts I received from John Dixon, a hale man of more than eighty years, still living. Anderson and Davis were young Lieutenants, just from West Point, and Lincoln was a tall and boyish-looking young man of twenty-two. So far as I know, our fellow citizens, Gorden S. Hubbard, is the only living citizen of Chicago who was engaged in this expedition against Black Hawk. When Major Anderson visited Washington, after the evacuation of Fort Sumter, he called at the White House to pay his respects to the President. After the Chief Magistrate had expressed his thanks to Anderson for his conduct in South Carolina, Mr. Lincoln said: 'Major, do you remember of ever meeting me before?'—'No,' replied Anderson, 'I have no recollection of ever having the pleasure.' 'My memory is better than yours,' said Lincoln; 'you mustered me into the United States service, as high private of Illinois volunteers, at Dixon's Ferry, in the Black Hawk War.'"

THE FINE ARTS IN NEW YORK.—The *Ledger* brings a railing accusation against the women of New York. It says they paint their faces. Can this statement be true:

"No one can ride or walk through the fashionable portion of New York city, attend any place of amusement, or go to any evening party, without becoming aware of the horrible fact that many women, of whom better things might be expected, have fallen into the pernicious habit of applying to their skills the enamels which, under various attractive names, are advertised and sold in all parts of the land. Not only faded faces, but countenances so young, plump and pretty in outline that they must in their natural condition be attractive, are lacquered over with an unnatural polish of fine porcelain, which produces an effect such as one might imagine if a china doll were afflicted with consumption."

ACCORDING to Washington rumor Senator Ross of Kansas, one of the immortal seven anti-impeachment Senators, called on the President on Monday and demanded the appointment of a man whom the President refused to nominate. The President again declined, and told Mr. Ross that he had made his mind up on that question, when the Senator made a very insolent and profane reply, whereupon he was ordered by President Grant to instantly leave the house, and without waiting for any further demonstration from the President Mr. Ross obediently made a bee line for the door.

FREE WORSHIP IN SPAIN.—A letter from Seville, March 19, describes a remarkable demonstration there. It was the day appointed for the grand demonstration in favor of religious worship and a free church—the new creed of the Republican party. There were about 50,000 people in the procession, but including chiefly the youth of the city from sixteen to thirty years of age, many young ladies and women marching five abreast. There was a great number of bands of music in the procession, and many of the large flags were very handsome.—They made a collection from house to house to defray expenses. The whole city made holiday.

TURKEY AND PERSIA.—The English journals state that the dispute between these two countries, in reference to their respective frontiers, is beginning to assume a threatening aspect. It is reported that Midhat Pacha, one of the ablest and most energetic of the Turkish Governors, has been despatched to Bagdad with full powers and instructions to settle the difficulty, by force of arms, if necessary. Numerous reinforcements of troops and artillery have been sent to the frontier, and it is said that the Viceroy of Egypt has promised to assist the Sultan, in case of war, with a military contingent, which would proceed to Bagdad by the Red Sea and Bassorah.

SUICIDE.—A Mr. Abraham Kelley, living at foot of the Allegheny mountain, near the county line between Bedford and Somerset, committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn, on Thursday the 1st inst. It seems he had a payment to make on his property on the first of April, and not being able to raise the amount, went to his stable to get a horse with the intention of going to Somerset, to try to borrow the money out of the bank. It is supposed that while preparing for his journey he was seized with a fit of despondency and hung himself with a line in the stable.

THE village of Hancock, Michigan, was almost entirely destroyed by a conflagration which commenced there at an early hour on Monday morning. Sixty-five acres of territory were burned over, the flames consuming one hundred and ten occupied buildings, besides a large number of barns. Only a few of the important buildings escaped the general devastation, and over two hundred families were left homeless or lost the greater portion of their property. The loss is about $800,000, on which there is but $100,000 insurance.

A PARIS Journal says it has been discovered that if the blades of cutting-tools are steeped in an acid solution, composed of sulphuric acid and water, in the proportion of one of the former to twenty of the latter, they will become as sharp as if ground, and will only require to be finished on the hone; the length of immersion must be augmented, we are told, according to the fineness of the edge required, but nothing is said about the average time required. At any rate, it is an experiment any one can try.

THE Elmira N. Y. *Gazette* says:—"The entire gift of Ezra Cornell to the Cornell University will amount to about two million two hundred thousand dollars. Twenty years or so ago Ezra could not pay his grocer's bill." Upon which the Ovid *Bee* remarks:—"Those who can't pay grocers' bills can therefore take courage, and grocers who trust may look for their reward twenty years hence."

IN connection with the foreign appointments it may not be uninteresting to know the salaries attached to the respective offices. The Ministers to England and France receive $17,500 a year each; the Ministers to Russia, Austria, Spain and Mexico, $12,000 each; the Ministers to Hayti and Liberia, $7,500; the Ministers Resident in Sweden, Belgium, Guatemala, Bogota, Bolivia and Nicaragua, $7,500.

THE horse George Palmer, it is said, is to be sold to Commodore Vanderbilt for $25,000.

SEDUCTION AND MURDER.

A WOMAN KILLS HER SEDUCER.

The quiet village of Jarrettsville, Harford Mdl., county, was thrown into a state of the utmost excitement and confusion by a tragedy which occurred in its bounds on Saturday evening last, about six o'clock. Nicholas McComas, a young man living about two miles from the village, was shot and almost instantly killed by Miss Martha J. Cairns, who resides the same distance from Jarrettsville, but in a different direction from it than the house of McComas. The accounts given of the melancholy affair render it certain that McComas seduced Miss Cairns over a year ago, under promise of marriage, and in January last a child was born, which is living at the present time. Miss Cairns frequently importuned McComas to fulfill his promise of marrying her, but by equivocations and excuses he evaded her requests until she felt towards him no other feeling than utter hatred and determination to avenge her injuries. On Saturday evening he had ridden into Jarrettsville for the purpose of attending a meeting of a militia company, of which he was a member, and at the time of the murder was in the yard at the rear of the tavern. Miss Cairns followed him to Jarrettsville, and on arriving at the tavern dismounted from her horse, fastened him securely, and passing into the ladies' apartment removed her riding skirt, her hat and other incumbrances that might retard her movements. Leaving the ladies' apartment with a Colt's revolver in her hand, she walked directly through the bar-room, which was full of men, and stepped out upon a back porch, which overlooked the yard where McComas was.—Standing in the doorway opening from the bar on the porch, she took deliberate aim with her pistol at McComas and fired, he being scarcely ten paces distant from her. The bullet struck him in the breast, and as he reeled wildly toward the pillars which held up the porch, she fired two more shots, neither of which took effect. He clasped the pillars of the porch, and endeavored to sustain himself by them, but weak as he was from the rapid flow of blood from the wound, his strength failed him and he fell to the ground. She walked directly up to him, and standing over him, fired the two last shots from her revolver into his body, one lodging in his right leg and the other in the groin. Still carrying her revolver in her hand, she passed back through the crowd of men, who, as if stricken senseless by the awful scene being enacted before their eyes, did not move a finger to bar her passage. Along the porch, through the barroom, and back to the ladies' apartment she walked without showing a trace of emotion or a qualm of nervousness.

In the dressing room she resumed her riding habit, and again mounting her horse, she galloped back towards her home, and had gone a considerable distance from the village before any one thought of following her. Mr. Jarrett rode after her, and joining her about a mile from Jarrettsville, she asked him if McComas was dead. He replied yes, when she said, "I told him what I was going to do." She exhibited no signs of regret, and was apparently as composed as if she had just finished the most ordinary action.

On Sunday she rode to Bel Air and gave herself up to the authorities. Miss Cairns is about thirty, and McComas was thirty-seven years of age. Both the parties belonged to highly respectable families, and held a foremost position in the social life of the county. The feeling of excitement in regard to this act of summary retribution runs very high in the neighborhood, but public opinion is generally on the side of Miss Cairns.

McComas is supposed to have been killed by the first shot which struck him, and the last two shots were probably fired into his dead body.

Some time since Miss Cairns brought suit against McComas for breach of promise and seduction, but the case has not yet come to trial.

FRIGHTFUL TRAGEDY—MOTHER AND FOUR CHILDREN BRAINED WITH AN AXE.—A despatch from St. Paul, Minnesota, gives the details of the horrible murder which occurred on Wednesday morning in Oakdale township, ten miles from that city. A farmer named James B. Grey, well known in that section, in a fit of insanity killed his wife and four children, the latter consisting of two boys, aged eighteen and eight, and two girls aged five and three years. The murderer was about forty years old, a large and powerfully built man, and has many relatives in the neighborhood. He has lately been suffering from deafness, and grew insane over it.

The deed was committed about daylight. The neighbors heard Mrs. Grey scream, and going to the house found the wife and four children cut to pieces with an axe, and the murderer endeavoring to hang himself. He was arrested and lodged in the St. Paul Jail, where it required three or four men to hold him. In answer to inquiries he would only reply, "I killed them all with an axe. Oh, hang me!" The wife was murdered first, being cut in the head and stabbed several times. The children were then murdered and placed in a row on the floor, their throats so badly cut as to nearly sever the heads from the body.

The murderer had evidently chopped their heads with an axe, multiplying them so as to render recognition almost impossible. The prisoner, at intervals of the paroxysms of maniacal fury, made a statement detailing the particulars of the murder. He says his motive was that he feared he was coming to poverty and the family would be left destitute, and so thought it would be better to send them to Heaven at once. The prisoner tried to beat his brains out several times by jumping against the sides of his cell.

WE met with an odd misprint in a country newspaper the other day. It is stated that a young lady at an amateur concert had won a well deserved encore by the exquisite taste with which she sang the well worn song: "An Angel's *Whisker*." This is nearly as good as the famous paragraph which, by the substitution of a "c" for an "h," made a railway train run over a cow, and "cut its into *calves*." We read once, too, in an account of an assult case, that the medical witness, on examining the complainant's head, found an inclsed wound there which was "two inches long and *some feet deep*." "Some feet" was a misprint for "somewhat," very badly written. The reporter was a Scotchman, and having missed the exact depth of the wound, had cautiously indulged in a vague generality. Dean Stanley stated at a public meeting, a few months ago, that a correspondent once wrote to him to ask what he meant by a passage in one of his works containing the words "the horns of the burning beast." On reference, he found that this was the humorous way in which the printer had chosen to reproduce "the thorn of the burning bush."

Two boys in Reading, Penna., saw a picture of a man hanging in an illustrated paper, and began to play "hang" by putting a rope on some framework outside their house. The older of the two boys first tried it, and after him the other put the rope around his neck. The older now walked off, and when the mother came upon the scene the younger's face was black and blue. Life was not quite extinct.

A FATAL LOVE.—A disheartened lover at Grand Gulf, just below Vicksburg, by the name of Cushing, shot and killed the fair lady, named Andrews, who rejected him, last Saturday, after which he engaged in a duel with the enraged brother of the murdered lady, which resulted in the killing of both parties.—*Memphis (Tenn.) Post, April 8.*

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T. C. Norris, South West corner of Diamond.
Jacob Brinkerhoff, corner of York and Public Square

COAL, LUMBER, LIME, &C.

C. H. Buehler, corner of Carlisle and Railroad streets.
Jacob Reilly, corner of Stratton and Railroad.

DENTIST.

Dr. Wm. Stallsmith, York street, first square.
J. L. Hill, Chambersburg street, opposite Eagle Hotel.

DRUGGISTS.

A. D. Buehler, Chambersburg st., near Public Square
Hubers, Baltimore street, first square.
R. Horner, Chamb's st., opposite Christ's Church.

DRY GOODS.

Fahnestock Brothers, cor. of Balto. and Middle sts.
J. L. Schick, cor. Baltimore and Public Square.
Robert S. Elliot, Balt. st., opposite the Court-house.
H. B. Woods, cor. of Diamond and York street.
F. D. Duplora, corner of Diamond and Carlisle st.

FORWARDING AND COMMISSION HOUSES.

Bigham & Co., cor. Washington and Railroad.
John Cross, cor. Stratton and Railroad.
Jos. Wible & Sons, cor. Washington and Railroad.
McCurdy & Hamilton, Carlisle Street.

FURNITURE STORE.

Hunter & Warner, South East corner of Diamond.

GRANITE YARD.

Peter Bottler, Railroad, East of Stratton street.

GAS FITTER.

R. D. Armor, East Middle street.

GROCERIES, &C.

J. W. Cress, cor. Chambersburg and Public Square.
Wm. Bayer & Son, York st., opposite National Bank
Wm. H. Meals, York st., second square.
Wm. J. Martin, cor. of Baltimore and High streets.
Fahnestock Brothers, cor. Baltimore and Middle sts.
Bigham & Co., cor Washington and Railroad streets
McCurdy & Hamilton, Carlisle st.
Gilbegne & Co., York st., first square.
H. M. Paxton, Baltimore street, third square.

HARDWARE AND CUTLERY.

Danner & Ziegler, Baltimore street, first square.
Fahnestock Brothers, corner Balto. and Middle sts.

HARNESS, &C.

D. McCreary & Son, Balto. st. opposite Pres. Church.

HATS, CAPS, SHOES, &C.

S. S. McCreary, Chambersburg street, first square.
Jacob Brinkerhoff, cor. of York st. and Public Square.
T. C. Norris, South West corner of Diamond.
J. E. Cohen, Chambersburg st.
H. B. Woods, cor. of Diamond and York street.

HOTELS.

Eagle Hotel, J. L. Tate, proprietor, corner Chambersburg and Washington.
Keystone House, W. K. Myers, proprietor, Chambersburg street, opposite Christ's Church.

LIVERY STABLES.

N. Weaver, Washington st., north of Chambersburg.
T. T. Tate, Washington st., near Eagle Hotel.

MARBLE YARDS.

J. M. Cannon, corner of Baltimore and Middle streets
Monk & Brother, York st., east of Stratton

MANTUA MAKING.

Mrs E. J. Ziegler, East Middle street.

PHOTOGRAPHERS.

Tipton & Myers, York street, opposite National Bank

PHYSICIAN.

J. W. C. O'Neal, Baltimore street, near High.

PRINTING OFFICE.

Star & Sentinel, Baltimore st., midway between the Court House and Public Square, west side.

STOVES, TIN WARE, &C.

C. H. Buehler, corner of Carlisle and Railroad.

SEGAR STORE.

Washington Bierbower, N. E. corner of Diamond.

TAILOR.

Wm. T. King, York street, opposite Bank.

UNDERTAKER & MANUFACTURERS.

Jeremiah Culp, York street, second square.

UPHOLSTERER.

Wm. E. Culp, Washington street, near Eagle Hotel.

WATCHMAKER.

Soper & McCartney, Baltimore street, first square.

THE SEASON.—"While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease."

One of the changes incident upon this change of season is that of our clothing from the thick heavy garments of winter to the light and airy clothes of Summer, and there is one thing that contributes more to our comfort, our health and to economy than our care in regulating our clothes by these changes of the season.

You can be "cool as a cucumber" this summer, if only you wear clothing from Wanamaker & Brown's. It

VELOCIPEDE SCHOOL.—The famous Velocipede has reached Gettysburg at last. Mr. D. C. DURBAHOW, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., will open a Velocipede School in Agricultural Hall, on Monday the 19th inst., when all desiring to indulge in this fascinating exercise will have the opportunity to learn and practice the art. 2t

NEW COOKING STOVE.—The attention of Housekeepers is invited to the EXCELSIOR PENN COOK STOVE, which has recently been brought into the market, and bids fair to throw all other Stoves into the shade. This Stove *took the first premium* at the State Fair held in Harrisburg last fall. Among its peculiar merits are the large Oven and Flues, and general simplicity, not being encumbered with unnecessary appendages, which in many stoves only enhance the cost without being of practical use. For beauty of design, quality of material, and general excellence, it cannot be excelled. The price is lower than any other first-class Cook Stove in market, and yet is warranted to cook and bake equal to the best. The Excelsior Penn Cook can be seen at the Wareroom of Col. C. H. BUEHLER, on Carlisle street, Gettysburg, who is the Agent for this place. Call and see it. tf

HEAD QUARTERS REMOVED.—Capt. NORRIS, has removed his store to Arnold's Corner, next door to the Ice National Bank, where you will find one of the best and cheapest Stock of Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, and Shoes, and Gentlemen' Furnishing Goods of every discription, in the county. He is selling Winter Clothing at greately reduced prices to make room for Spring Goods. If you want a BARGAIN go to NORRIS' corner. All kinds of Men's and Boy's Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes as cheap as before the War. If you don't believe this, *call* and be convinced.—Don't forget the place. tf.

NOW IS THE TIME.—Our neighbor, F. CUNNINGHAM, has received another supply of Ready-made Clothing, bought specially for the Spring trade, and which he has marked down to prices to suit the times. He has everything in the line of Men's and Boy's wear, Coats, Pants, Vests, Socks, Suspenders, &c., with a large assortment of Fancy Goods; and those of our friends wanting anything in this line will do well to examine his stock before buying elsewhere, if they want to save money. April 9-2t

C! C! C!—NORRIS will, after the 1st day of January sell all kinds of Winter Clothing at greatly reduced prices—Over Coats as low as $4.00, Cavalry Over Coats at $6.25, Infantry Over Coats $5.25, and all other Winter goods at greatly reduced prices, to make room for Spring goods. tf

GREAT SURPRISE.—We were astonished the other day in passing Arnold's old corner. NORRIS has changed his base to this corner, and is surprising every body that visits him by his large and cheap Stock of Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, &c. &c. Give him a call. tf.

A WORD TO THE WISE.—Persons going to Housekeeping this spring would do well to call at Col. C. H. BUEHLER'S extensive Ware-room, near the Passenger depot, on Carlisle street, who has on hand a very large assortment of Stoves of the best manufacture, Cooking, Parlor, Office, and Chamber Stoves, for wood or Coal; also Hollow Ware, Tin Ware, Japan Ware, Britannia Ware, Bird Cages, and a general assortment of Kitchen utensils, necessary in house keeping, and at very low prices

☞ The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement of COE'S DYSPEPSIA CURE, in another part of this paper. This truly Valuable Medicine is recommended by all who use it. Read the advertisement. 6tW

NEWS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTIES.

CUMBERLAND.—Albert K. Rheem has been appointed Postmaster at Carlisle.—Wm. M. Baird, Esq., formerly of Carlisle, has been appointed Collector of the Berks county district.

FRANKLIN.—Ephraim Shank has been appointed Postmaster at Mount Alto.—The store of J. W. Winger, of Claylick, was entered by burglars on the night of the 6th inst., and robbed of goods and money to amount of $1000.—John K. Eter, of Hamilton township, twelve years old, shot a crane last Saturday, that measured 5 feet, 10 inches in height and 7 feet, 2 inches across the wings. This same boy shot an owl last Fall that measured over 5 feet across the wings.—On Tuesday, March 30, at the Philadelphia Exchange, one hundred shares of Cumberland Valley Railroad preferred stock were sold publically at $57.25 per share, and one hundred shares of common stock at $55.

FREDERICK.—The following Postmasters have been appointed in Frederick county: At Myersville, Daniel H. Mower, vice Aaron Poffenberger, removed; Buckeystown, Arthur Delashmutt, vice David Thomas removed; Petersville, Charles W. Cramer, vice Philemon H. Griffith, removed; Johnsville, Lott. Hartsock, vice John W. Etzler, removed.—Rev. Dr. Zacharias, pastor of the Reformed Church in Frederick, recently preached a sermon on the 34th anniversary of his installation as pastor of that Church.

WASHINGTON.—Victor Cushwa has sold the Williamsport Tannories to John C. Nicholas for $5,500.—The heirs of Sarah Mason, deceased, have sold 30 acres of land, adjoining the town of Cleanspring, for $85.50 per ac