

the citizens and fire department a por- tion the privilege of a white man to tion of the furniture, and clothing of avail himselt of every convenience the family were saved. Mr. Bowman had just returned from Pittsburg with over \$1,100 which, as the banks were closed, he placed in a closet with a quantity of silver ware with which it was destroyed. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp. The house was valued a \$3,000 but was insured for \$2,000. Insurance on furniture \$1,200.

The New York Times speaking of the potato says: Of all products of the soil there are none, except perhaps a few cereals, whose cultivation ought to be better understood than that of the potato. It is the most valuable of our vegetables, and the most generally grown, and it is also the one which has been often affected by serious disaster. It is; however, at intervals during the current century that the potato crops have suffered most. In 1822 much loss was felt by the potatoes rotting almost as soon as they were out of the ground. In 1831 and 1838 the "taint" destroyed the crops. In 1845 and following years murrain, or "potato disease" as it was specifically . called led to famine and much suffering. During recent years dry rot, aphides, fungi, or some unknown cause has, affected the potatoes, and in macy instances destroyed them. Three centuries nearly have passed since this vegetable was introduced into Europe, and although there are recorded instances where the supply was almost ruined by frests, it is chiefly within the last fifty years only that it has failed from disease. Whether the art of cultivating the potato has been lost; whether we have imprecuplibly glided into methods of culture that are not suitable; or whether any change has come over the plant itself, are questions undetermined. But there seems little room for doubt that the subject is one which deserves the most carfeful attention of practical agriculturists and men of science. It is one which so intimately affects the interests of the community generally that it cannot easily receive too much consideration.

New York, July 16-The joint committee of the National Rifle Association and Amateur Rifle Club held a meeting to-day for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements for the reception of the American team. It was resolved to give the team a reception down the bay, a procession up Broadway in carriages, and a banquet at night. The Ninth Regiment has offered their solved that a suitable testimonial be pre-sented to each member of the team. years of his life due to a mania for to the insured. J. O. sented to each member of the team.

Through great exertions on the part of | tail their rights or even bring into queswhich public or private enterprise opened to the community at large. Our Washington exchanges are now discussing the novel question of a white man's rights as against a colored publican and Re the decision of the courts is awaited with interest. It is quite common at the National Capital for colored persons to By keep lodging houses, and quite as common for gentlemen of good social rank, Congressmen for instance, to rent rooms in them, On Thursday last a suit was entered by a white man against Henry Smith, who keeps lodging house, for ejecting him from his house on account of his color, contrary to the Fifteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. A room had been rented to the white gentleman in the absence of the landlord by his mother and upon his return he closed the doors upon his lodger, with the frank avowal that he would accommodate no white person. Justice Sampson issued a warrant for the arrest of the landlord. Now the boot is on the other leg, and we shall await the result with interest. So will the colored people, for if a decision is made in the white man's favor in this case it is in their favor in a hundred others just like it. If the courts should decide in favor of the white man and against the colored proprietor in this instance the entire brigade of "off-colored" swells in Washington will begin actions against the barbers of their own color in that eity with a view to damages for refusals to allow them the privileges of the hair-dressing establishments .- Erie Dispatch.

The speech of the rebel General sv Preston, at the University of Virginia, has accomplished an excellent work. It has given the South an opportunity to say that it has outgrown the old fanatics and ranters, and has ceased moaning over the past. Not a single Southern journal has defended Preston's haraugue, but on the contrary, all of them have uttered sentiments similar to the following from the Memphis Avalanche:

The destinies of the South have been transferred to the keeping of the younger men, most of whom were not voters when Sumter fell. They have more important tasks than brooding over the past and presaging evil in the future. They have a vast, almost ruined empire to rebuild and beautify and enrich-a country to render greater and more glorious than ever before. Men charged with this great mission have no time to listen to the maunderings and jibberings of unsheeted and uncoffined ghosts.

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