

NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs. -Last evening, shortly after six o'clock, and after the workmen had left the chair factory of George Fenner, rear of No. 1739 North Fifth street, near Montgomery avenue, fire was discovered in the boiler-room. The structure being of frame, about 100 feet square, and two stories high, the flames spread rapidly, and it was soon discovered that no efforts on the part of the firemen could save the building. It was a total loss of seven thousand dollars to Mr. Fenner, upon which there was an insurance of \$5000. Mr. D. B. Slifer occupied a portion of the building for cane-seating, and his stock was also destroyed, involving a loss of \$3000. Immediately in front of the chair factory an facing Fifth street was the dyeing establishment of E. Hemphill, a brick building. The rear portion of this, used for dyeing vats, was destroyed, as well as the upper portion of the front structure, the loss being about \$1000. Surrounding the chair factory were a number of dwellings. Three of these to the north and three to the south, owned by Mr. Tilton, were destroyed, the occupants escaping with but a small portion of their furniture. Those to the north were occupied by William Kenney, John Redan, and Samuel Falton; those to the south were occupied by John Coon and John Stotler. The rear caused a great light, but being of inflammable material, was soon subdued. -Hon. David A. Wells and Messrs. Crary and Sherman, of New York, Commissioners appointed by Governor Hoffman, have been in the city during the past few days, for the purpose of examining into the system of voting and collecting State and municipal taxes. Every facility was afforded them by the members of the Board of Revision to obtain a satisfactory examination. The Commission will report a State and Municipal tax bill, to be acted upon by the New York legislature at its next session. -Alderman McMullin had a hearing before Alderman Kerr yesterday afternoon, and here being no testimony implicating him in the riot or Thursday of last week, he was discharged. Domestic Affairs. -Gold closed yesterday at 113 1/2. -A soldiers' monument was dedicated at Annapolis, Pa., yesterday, with imposing ceremonies. -The annual meeting of the Association of Congregational Churches of Missouri is now in session at St. Louis, and is well attended. -An appropriation of \$5000 each was made yesterday in St. Louis for statues of general Lyon and Edward Bates. -Secretary Robeson spoke at the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Academy of Music last night, in support of Republican principles. -The Labor Reform party, of Massachusetts, yesterday deposited their nominee for lieutenant-governor, and substituted another. -The citizens of Mobile, who are now suffering greatly from the yellow fever, are not receiving aid from other portions of the State. -On Wednesday the United States flag was sailed to the Georgia State Agricultural Society's flag-staff upon the fair ground, at Atlanta, without authority. It was ordered flown by President Yancey, who yesterday had it replaced.

The Earthquake. -Details of the Vice-spread Convulsion. -We give the following despatches from different points upon an absorbing matter of interest received after the publication of our last edition of yesterday: -LABORATORY OF BOWDWIN COLLEGE, BAUNTSIC, Me., Oct. 20.-12 M.-A severe earthquake shock has just passed, throwing down portion of one of the chimneys of Adams Hall. The general direction was northwesterly and southwesterly. The duration was from thirty to forty seconds. -ST. CATHERINE'S, Oct. 20.-A severe shock of earthquake was felt here to-day at 11 o'clock. A number of windows were broken, and people rushed to the streets in kind alarm. There has been nothing of the kind here since 1854, when a slight shock was felt. -WARREN, N. Y., Oct. 20.-A perceptible shock of earthquake was felt throughout this village at 11 o'clock this morning. -SARATOGA, Oct. 20.-A severe shock of earthquake was felt here this morning at 11:30. Houses were shaken and some buildings much damaged. It was preceded by a rumbling sound, and lasted about a minute. Reports from the surrounding country state that the shock was distinctly felt, and in some places lasted two minutes. -An earthquake shock was felt in this city at 11:15 o'clock this morning. The Sixth ward school house, containing five hundred children, was severely shaken, causing a panic. The shock was more severe in the southern part of the city. Despatches from Sand Hill, Cambridge, and other places north of Troy state that one shock was sensibly felt. It lasted from fifteen to twenty seconds. -WARRENSBURG, N. Y., Oct. 20.-About twenty minutes past eleven this morning a shock of earthquake was felt at this place of sufficient violence to excite some witnesses. Mr. Shultz presented a resolution to the Mayor to offer a reward for the discovery of the person who shot Fleming M. Coats, of the Tenth ward, on the evening of the 19th instant. 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