Democratic State Convention.

Parsnent to a resolution of the Democratic State Executive Committee this day adopted. a Democratic State Convention in numbers equal to the representation in both houses of the Legislature, is hereby called to meet in Reading, Pa., on Thursday, May 30th, 1872, at 11 o'clock A. M., to nominate candidates for Gov. ernor, Judge of the Supreme Court, and (should the Legislature so determine) for Auditor Gen-eral and delegates at large to the Constitutional Convention, and also to form an electoral ffeket and select senatorial and representative delegates to represent the State in the Demoeraffe National Convention.

By order of the Executive Committee.

WILLIAM A. WALLACE, Chairman.

Attest-Wn. M. CLELLAND, Secretary. Marrisburg, Feb. 15, 1872.

A JOINT RESOLUTION passed the Senate and House of Representatives on Tuesday last extending the time for final adjournment until Thursday, April 4th.

NEVER before in our national history were the corruptions of Federal officials so glaring and universal. Twenty five years ago a defalcation of a thousand dollars on the part of an official, endorsed by the political party to which he belonged, would have deemed that party to defeat. Today, when Grant's office holders have stolen more than a hundred millions from the tax-payers, the managers of the radical party turn up their noses and ask of the people: "What are you going to do about it ?"

age at the Williamsport boom, in which down to this, that while it takes 55,173 he is a heavy stockholder. The bill was demecratic votes to elect one member of designed to protect the lumbermen from Congress, 60,985 radical votes can elect the rapacity of Herdic and his associates, four; or, to state it differently, while and ought to have passed without a cons 55,173 democratic voters can only send test, but Herdie has a monopoly of the one man to Congress, 15,246 radical veboom business, which is a big thing to ters can do the same thing. This is a monhim personally, and his money proved strous outrage, not capable of being demore potent with rural legislators than the fended or explained away, and we are not just demands of the hard workers in the afraid to assert that every man who voted forest who sought to be released from the for it deliberately violated his eath of office oppressive tyranny of his boom exactions.

Since Grant's home supply of brothersin-law has been exhausted, he has turned his attention to the brothers-in law of those who swear by his administration. The house of Butler is now the fortunate recipient of executive favor, Grant baying just appointed one Parker, who is the brother-in law of the immaculate Beniamin F. Botler, to the office of Surveyor of the Port of New Orleans, made vacant by the resignation of Gen. James Longsreet. One would suppose that the appointment two years ago by the same U. S. Grant of a nephew of Ben. Butler's as New look at the following republican dis- ment, a lighted candle was placed upon a Consul General at Alexandria, in Egypt, and in which he has brought deep disgrace upon himself and his country, would have satisfied Presidential experiments in that direction. Parker's merits and eminent qualifications for the office have been set | bill was before the House a democratic that "Parker is the most accomplshed liar and the greatest blackguard in New Ors

In reading the proceedings of the Logislature, it is very amusing to watch the changing forms assumed by the Constitutional Convention bill in its various flights between the two Houses. We have a're a ly explained the provisions of the bill as it originally passed the House. When it was afterwards taken up in the Senate it was radically changed. When it left the Senate and went back to the House, it provided for the election of the delegates democratic party, met with his uncomproand the Convention to meet on the 12th of November. The number of members was fixed at 158, to be elected in the following manner: Twenty delegates at but for the deliberate purpose of knocking large, each elector to vote for ten-four delegates from each Senatorial District, making I32, each elector to vote for two -and six additional delegates from the rights of one-fourth of the democracy of the frivolous and does not reach any vital city of Philadelphia, each elector to vote entire State and makes of them a pleasing point in the case. To call election offifor three. It will be seen at a glance that and acceptable sacrifice on the altar of cers upon whom palpable fraud had been under this plan the Convention would consist of an equal number of members of bushes, and the whole course of Mr. rect testimony to exculpate themselves, is country cousins on the opportunity they will each political party. We can conceive Henry on this bill has only strengthened a confession of weakness that a court of no objection to this arrangement, but our conviction, heretofore expressed, that would doubtless rebuke; and the attempt the House, in its exercise of that profound wisdom for which it is so distinguished. refused to concur and sent the bill back to the Senate. It was again taken up in ham, who was appointed by Governor has testimony to prove frauds on the part Goat .- N. Y. Sun. that branch on Tuesday last, when an Geary to take the place made vacant by of his opponent or his friends, let the attempt was made, by a radical member the death of Dr. Stanton, Auditor-Gen- committee and the public have it at once. of course, to entirely undo what the Sen-honor. In doing so he says that his poate had so well done before. The bill sition at the head of a prominent Repub. itable. opinion, for the Legislature to perfect a of his duties as a journalist. What bill of this character. It would be so had been the action of the legislature to perfect a of his duties as a journalist. What bill of this character. It would be so had been the action of the legislature to perfect a of his duties as a journalist. What performs the duties as a journalist. What proved almost worthless, was treated with performs the duties as a journalist. What performs the duties as a journalist. What proved almost worthless, was treated with performs the duties as a journalist. What is a journalist which time hundred of thous performs the duties as a journalist. What is a journalist with the duties as a journalist with t not Providence in its inscrutable ways, once more inflicted upon the State a House of Representatives which, for stunding and giving the degrees of the Order to a teconomy of the news that he had refused application of petroleum fire in the puddling over a beam, and put her head through a torselve to the period of the news that he had refused application of petroleum fire in the puddling over a beam, and put her head through a torselve to the period of the news that he had refused over a beam, and put her head through a nemplissed, and for a long while silence hole in the partition separated the haymow closely resembling steel. Common mountain partition separated the haymow closely resembling steel. Common mountain properties of the officers present that they had been initiating and giving the degrees of the Order to a terminal properties.

The Apportionment Bill. Whenever a dominant party so exercises its power as to trample upon and crush out the just and admitted political rights of its opponents, it deserves nothing but unmixed execration. Where the provocation is great, the resentment is usually violent. It is therefore difficult to use the language of mederation and propriety in reterring to the Congressional Apportions ment bill which passed the lower branch of the Legislature last week. Under the late census this State is entitled to twentysix members of Congress. No man who is familiar with the relative strength of parties in Pennsylvania will place the rad ical majority of more than fifteen thousand, and that being the case, a fair and which we have assumed to be fifteen tioned in connection with the office: thousand, which represent a population of ninety thousand. Is that honest? is it ical conscience at all stand up and defend the infamy ! And yet it has been done Ir is said that the notorious Pete Her- and by men too who took an oath to disdie, of Williamsport, owns a majority of charge their duties faithfully and honestly. the members of the present House of Re- The ratio for a member under the late this deponent by the state treasurer, presentatives. This allegation is based census is 135,453. At the last Presidenon the fact that a short time ago he came tial election, in Philadelphia Grant reto Harrisburg, as he has often done before, | ceived 60,985 votes and Seymour 55,173. well supplied with greenbacks, and at & This bill so manipulates the five districts Monday night's session succeeded, after into which that city is divided as to insure a struggle lasting until midnight, in de- the election of four radicals and one demfeating a bill reducing the price of beom- ocrat. In Philadelphia, therefore, it comes

> and committed moral perjury. parent from the manner in which it unites heavy majorities and assigns to them one member with a large surplus over the required ratio, and on the other hand gives to two or more republican counties a member on an equally large deficiency. Take for example the following instances of democratic districts:

Seventh District-Berks and Lehigh Eighth District—Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne 149,562 Sixteenth District-York, Cumberland

forth briefly but comprehensively by Gov- member proposed to amend it, so as to ernor Warmouth of Louisana, who says give the republicans fourteen members and the democrats ticelee, but the preposition again the game which was attempted in cooded to take measures to burn White's siprity. Every sense of honor and decency appeals to the Senate, in which justice

For this bill Samuel Henry, who misres presents the democracy of Cambria couninfamy. Every amendment, every alteration of it, so as to do simple justice to the in the cause of justice and moderation, sway of civil rule once more. he feels himself bound to respect,

was then postponed until Thursday, but liean journal, (the Pittsburgh Commerwhat was done with it then we are une cial.) quite satisfies his ambition, and iments with petroleum as a fuel in smelting able at this writing to say. To the aver- that he feels that he ought to accept no have been tried in St. Louis, with very gratage mind it would seem to be an easy position which might, under any circum- ifying results. A lot of pig iron, which had sire to join. He was proposed, went through live with him he shot her. inion, for the Legislature to perfect a of his duties as a journalist. What proved almost worthless, was treated with Page's degree, and was duly prepared for the her father's barn at Chester, N. Y., on vented, during which time hundred of thous Fine Mantel and Pier Looking Glasses and Pour Look pidity, ignorance and venality, has seldom the appointment, the Senate promptly furnace, be made into the best flange boiler

tience and calmly await the final result, election of a successor in October,

GEN. JOHN F. HARTRANFT, the present Auditor General of the State, is a promi nent candidate for the radical nomination fer Gevernor. He is understood to represent the corrupt er Cameron ring, of the "God and morality" party, and for that reason his partisans express the utmost confidence in his success before the nominating convention. Since the robbery of George O. Evans became known and has been publicly exposed. Hartranft's name has been unfavorably connected with the swindle. Whether he is guilty or innocent is not certainly known, but that a vast amount of suspicion attaches to him is very manifest. His financial operations also with C. T. Yerkes, jr , once a Philadelphia broker, but now an inmate of the honest apportionment bill would give the Eastern Penitentiary, have not been rerepublicans at the very outside fourteen garded as legitimate and have still further from Newry to Downpatrick, and as one apmembers and the democrats twelve. -- tended to compremise his character for proaches from either side there appears a wall Against this equitable proposition no valid official purity and integrity. If there is objection can be urged. But the present any truth in the following affidavit, made bill, as it passed the House, gives the re- by Yerkes last December, but only recentpublicans seventeen districts and the dem- ly published, Hartranft would more comocrats nine, being a radical majority of pletely represent the rottenness and deeight in the entire delegation. Whom do bauchery of Grantism in this State as its these eight members represent? Why chosen candidate for Governor, than any Michael's in that city, published in a very simply the radical majority in the State other man whose name has been men-

Charles T. Yerkes, jr., of the city of Philadelphia, being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say, that for some years past fair ? and can any man who has a polit- he has been acquainted with J. F. Hartranft, auditor general of the state of Pennsylvania; that he has at various times purchased and old stocks of different kinds, and carried the same, with money belonging to the common wealth of Pennsylvania, which the same J. F. Hartranft had caused to be deposited with

> That this deponent did pay to J. F. Hartranft, auditor general, on the 10th of December, 1870, the sum of two thousand seven hundred dollars, which sum was derived from profits on surchases of loans of the comconwealth and sales of the same to the sinking fund, which sale was made on the 29th of April, 1870. That said deponent has a'so paid to said J. F. Hartranft various amounts of money for profits arising from stock speculations with money deposited with this deponent by the state treasurer at the instance of the said Hartrauft.

C. T. YERKUS, Jr. Sworn and subscribed before me the 23d day of December, A. D. 1871. WM. W. DOUGHERTY.

Alderman. 406 Walnut St., Philad'a.

UNDERGROUND RIVER, -The Crawford County (Ind.) Democrat, gives the following on the authority of "one of the

The iniquities of this bill are also ap. Frederick Henniger, were employed to dig a vide a suitable guard. It is probable that well on the farm of Banjamin Ellis, who this suit will lead to positive disclosures re resides in Washington county near the line specting one of the most shecking crimes two or more democratic counties giving of Harrison and Washington counties. They that have ever disgraced a community ashad proceeded but a short distance, when suming to be civilized. they encountered a bed of loose nigger head' rocks, which, upon being broken open were found to contain water and other sub stances, supposed to be ore of some kind When they reached the depth of sixty feet from the surface, they came to a large cave, which they followed a distance of ten or twelve feet, when there before their gaze was a beautiful river of clear water, which upon examination was found to contain an innumerable number of small white fish. Upon a closer examination, it was found to be sixteen feet wide and five feet in depth 150,361 and as clear as spring water. As an experismall piece of plank and set athat. It started off in the darkness with the current, Population. | started off in the darkness with the current, Ninth District- Delaware and Chester. 117,208 | and was soon lost to sight. | Several persons Twelfth District—Lycoming, Cameron,
Potter, Tioga and McKean

Twenty-fourth District — Washington,
Beaver and Butler

121,141

Light District — Lycoming, Cameron,
107,086

have visited this great curiosity, and many
were the conjectures as to where the water
came from and where it went, but nothing were the conjectures as to where the water he shot another and secured his gun, but came from and where it went, but nothing It may be here stated that when the satisfactory could be learned."

THE VOTES OF THE SOUTH MUST BE COUNTED .- The Chicago Tr bune warns was promptly rejected by the radical ma- the last presidential election, when it was decided that the electoral vote of Georgia should be thrown out if it would effect the result and counted if it would not do so. the consummation of this most foul and the votes of States at the next election. When the votes of the people and the several men before. States are cast, the attempt to set aside that verdict would raise a whirlwind such as no ordinary power could allay." That ty, voted in all the different stages of its Grant would be willing to risk a revolution rather than give up the position which he has managed to make a source of enormising opposition. A legislative club beaten A crushing defeat will put an having been placed in his hands by the end to all ideas of military usurpation and aid of democratic votes, he wielded it, not will restore the country to the peaceful

THE McClure-GRAY CONTEST. - The out the political brains of the men who Philadelphia Inquir r in speaking of the placed him where he is. Not only this, M'Clure-Gray contest, says: "So far the but he tramples open the acknowledged testimony Gray has offered is decidedly giving equestrian art-perhaps he can sucradicalism. Figs will not grow on this proved, and policemen who were implicatles, neither will grapes flourish on thorn fed in wanton violence at the polls by di- New York au fience. We congratu'ate our democrats have no political rights which to hold a second election in a division where no election was held on the day ap-THE AUDITOR-GENERAL -Mr. Brig. time of a Senate committee. If Mr. Gray Sea Lions, the Automatons, or this Riding thinks that a State which has gone Repub-

PETROLEUM FIRE IN SMELTING .- Experbeen equalfed and never surpassed We passed a bill continuing General Hart- iron. These experiments were made with must therefore possess our souls in pa. ranft in office, and previding for the temporary apparatus, and under embarrass-

BURIAL PLACE OF ST. PATRICK .- Saint Patrick was buried at Downpatrick, and the present ancient cathedral at that town is said to have been erected on the site of his grave. The tradition is that St. Bridget, of Kildare. and St. Celumba Cilla (pronounced "Kill") were buried in the same grave with St. Patrick, and the following translated couplet is still extant :

"Three saints' bodies this grave do fill-

Bridget, Patrick and Columba Cilla ! The further tradition is that after several centuries the right hand of the great Irish apostle was found in an upright position over the grave; that it was placed in a silver shripe, and a church, yet standing on a neighboring hill, was forthwith erected. where the shripe containing the hand was deposited, where they remain to this day. There is an extremely interesting and, up to the present moment, an unexplained natural (it may be so called) curiosity to be seen at this church, which in 1849 was in good preservation, as the writer saw it that year. The sorigin. church stands on an elevation some twenty or thirty perches from the high road leading which takes the most serpentine curves imaginable, but when you come up to the end of it on the road it is as straight as an arrow.

Many reasons are given for this strange and beautiful phenomenon, but none are satisfactory. While on the subject of St. Patrick we may state that the late Very Rev. Monsigner John Hamilton, D. D., archbishop of Dublin, and parish priest of St. handsome pamphlet an exceedingly interesting document entitled the "Confession of St. Patrick," translated from a Latin MS over one thousand years old. It was printed by O'Reily, Chapel street, Dublin, and contains many most interesting and little knewn particulars about our great saint. The pamphlet is rare, but not yet scarce.

Some months age in Clark county, Ind., a family of the name of Park were murdered under circumstances of great atrecity, and shortly afterward three negrees, who were in custody on suspicien of having pepetrated the murder, were taken from prison and hanged by a mob. One of the negroes, Squire Taylor, was horribly burned and tortured before hanging. It has frequently been asserted that the negroes who suffered at the hands of the mob were entirely innocent of the crime with which they were charged, and it has been thought that certain white men who took part in the lynching were really the murderers in the first instance .-Government detectives have for some time been engaged in investigating this matter. and, it is said, have made some surprizing discoveries implicating in the affair a number of persons in Clark county who have been regarded as religious men and good citizens. The Louisville Ledger says that one of the sons of Taylor is about to bring suit against the Sheriff of Clark county for damages in the sum of \$25,000, claiming that his father came to his death in consequence of the Sheriff having failed to use proper diligence for his protection, and that this neglect was intentional, in as much as the Sheriff had been "Two men named John E. Stanley and jail would be attacked, but refused to pro-

FIGHT WITH A NEGRO DESPERADO-TWO KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED .- Memphis. March 18 .- A desperate fight occurred on President's Island, a few miles below this city, yesterday. Deputy Sheriff F. Rodegau went there for the purpose of arresting a negro named John White, who for some time has been the terror of the negroes living there. Rodegan was met by a large body of armed negroes, who proposed to assist in the arrest, but they stated that White had barricaded his cabin and would make a desperate fight. Rodegan approached the cabin and demanded the surrender of White, who refused. After some further parleying, one of the negroes approached the cabin and was shot dead by White, who rushed was wounded as he retreated to his cabin. White then opened a sharp fire, wounding four others. Redegau seeing it was impos sible to dislodge him, sent to the city for assistance. Deputy Sheriff Mike Payne Grant against any attempt to play over summoned a posse and went over, and procabin. White then surrendered, but after his arrest it was with great difficulty that the negrous were kept from shooting him, they even threatening to shoot the officers if and fair play yet exercise their legitimate It says "reconstruction business is at an brought to this city and lodged in jail. The power, to interpose its arm and prevent end. Let us hear nothing of rejecting prisener has served a regular term in the Third Cavalry, and, it is said, has killed

> BARNEM'S RIDINNG GOAT "ALEXIS."-P. T. Barnam bears the world in producing novelties. The last sensation we have heard of, is the training and education, in Cairo, Egypt, of a beautiful Circassian Goat. This animal rides on horse-back, jumps through hoops, over garters and banners, and otherwise performs all the most difficult feats of the accomplished equestrian.

We always knew that Phineas was skilled in zoology, entomology, ornithology, anthropology-in fact all the "ologies," including that of (the famous Jerome) chronology, but we had no idea that he would ever be able to add to his vocabulary that of goatology. Barnum has done wonders to elevate the standard of the once beautiful and healths done nothing, absolutely nothing, except caed better with the genus capricornus than ! that of the genus homo. At all events the riding goat belonging to his great show, which made his debut at Niblo's last night, is the rarest novelty ever introduced to a onjoy this season of watching the "capers" of this distinguished equestrian Caper, as it constitutes one of the many leading features of Barnum's Great Moral Exhibition. We don't know which will create the greatest pointed, is worse than trifling with the furore, the Fiji Cannibals, the Giraffe, the after all, that it should be crowed over. It

THE Scranton, I'a., Times has an account of a great excitement among the Knights of Jos. Nelson, living twelve miles north of Pythias. A nice looking person, young and Sedalia, Mo., shot and killed his wife on genteel, came to that place a few months ago, Sunday, and then shot himself, inflicting became acquainted at the boarding-house and locked up. His wife had been forced the beauth several members of the Knights of to leave him in consequence of cruel treats fore.

News of the Week.

-Indiana now produces glass which rivals that of France. -There have been 257 Popes from St. Peter to Pius IX.

-Alligators run races with railway trains on the Panama railway. -Portland has had seventy days of continned sleighing this season.

-A bed of meerschaum clay has been discovered near Taylor, Mich.

without a license, was fined \$2 and costs in -A "girl" died recently at Portsmouth. N. H., who had been in service in one family

sixty nine years. -A bill granting Paul Scheppe a new trial has passed the Senate, and Seen favorably reported from the House committee. There are said to be eight hundred different washing machines patented at Washington, three-quarters being of New England

-One hundred and fifty million feet of lumber will be driven out of Bennett's branch and Trout run, Clinton county, this

-On the 9th inst. a cog-wheel broke in the Allentown Rolling Mill, which will cause a stoppage in the manufacture of rails in that mill for several weeks. -A man who left Oskaloosa, Io., recently

for Colorado; paid for the local Heraid of five years in advance. There is no other case of the kind on record. -Gosben, Ind., has a woman who hangs around the railroad depet, looking for newly

sell a patent bed spring. She is always succossful -Senator Sumner privately denounces Grant as "ignorant and dishonest" Greeley in private conversation never speaks of Grant except as the "drunken tanner from

-A Reading carpenter has made a bid for fame by carving a complete "tea set"plates, cups and caucers, kuives and forks, cream mug, sugar bowl, teapot, ctc .- out of peach stones.

-Jacob Bender, residing in Swatara township, Dauphin county, committed suicide by shooting himself in the breast during Saturday or Sunday night. Deceased was subject to weak mindedness.

-The election of a State Senator for the Fifth District on the the 15th inst., to Ell. the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Evans, resulted in the return of Waddell, Republican, by 700 majority. Queen Victoria has presented her groom

John Brown, with a gold medal, and has granted him an annuity of £25, in recognition of his promptness in arresting O'Conner when he assaulted her Majesty. -A thoughtful Connecticut widow has had a mourning ring made of the gold fill-

ing it wasteful to let the precious metal be worn out in post mortem guashing. -The Dixon (III.) Telegraph says that a German family, consisting of a father, mother, and two children, have all died in Reynolds township, Lee county, of trickinge spiralis. They were in the habit of eating

ings in her deceased husband's teeth, think-

-The Democracy of Armstrong county have chosen E. S. Gelden, to represent them in the Reading Convention, and Grier C. Orr, Esq , Clarion, Forrest and J. fferson con-

-Mr. Wm. S. Black, editor of the Ga zelle and Democrat, New Castle, Pa., was elected Mayor of that city on Friday last by 139 majority over Carpenter, Republican. This is a healthy sign? for the Democracy in the strong Radical county of Lawrence. -The small pox at present in Philadelphia is said to be the most general, fatal and long continued epidemic that has ever crowded the babe down into the dish and visited the Quaker city. - More than two aundred deaths per week have filled the

-Senator Morton, chief spokesman for Grant's administration, has introduced an amnesty bill in the United States Senate. Morton knews that Sumper's Civil Rights amendment will be tacked on to the bill and that the measure will thus be killed. Liberal

-We learn, says the Lynchburg News. that W. W. Corcocan, Esq., of Washington, has purchased the "Howard library" of thirty-six hundred volumes, and presented it to the Washington and Lee University. It is the most valuable classical collection in the State of Virginia. -The Valley Echo states that "Mrs.

Samuel Kuhn, of Antrim township, gave birth to a male child, a few weeks since, that weighed three and three-quarters pounds only. The child is perfectly formed and in the best of health. Commodore Foote will have to look out for his lamels." -Seth Wilbur Paine, the editor of a little

newspaper published in Utica, called the Bee, has been sentenced to four months' imprisonment at hard labor in the Albany Penitentiary for a libel on Judge Doottite, f oungerion with the recent sheeting of a man by a woman in a street car in that city. -The jail at Palmyra, Missouri, was broken open on Tuesday night, and all the

prisoners escaped but one, who refused to leave. Among those who escaped is Ambrose Coe, who, last summer, murdered Miss Abbie Summers, formerly of Quincy, Ill. It is believed Coe's friends were instrumental in the escape.

-Mr. Sumner must exert himself in be-half of the man and brother. A prejudiced Democratic officer at Shelby, Ohio recently arrested two colored citizens and hustled them off to jul. And they had smash the skull and cut the throat of an old man, named James M'Neale. -Long Island has a lusus naturae in the

shape of a child with an alligator's head. The mother of the monstrosity, a Florida lady, is dead, and the infant is not likely to survive ber long. The time when the mother left the everglades of Florida and the particulars of the child's paternity have not been communicated to the press. -The New York Tribune dees not think

that the result of the New Hampshire election was such a great Republican victory lican for seventeen years, with one exception, ought to go Republican on the eighteenth year, unless the party is very rotten. -A drunken man, a blacksmith, pamed

giving the name of Francis Williams. He a very dangerous wound, He was arrested Pythias Lodge, and finally expressed his dement, and because she would not return and

nonplussed, and for a long while silence hole in the partition to look into a nest. reigned. No one knew what to do. It was The board tipped and fell to the floor below, finally agreed that she should be kept under- leaving the girl hanging by her neck from

-A young man, named Somers, and a girl, named Languard, were run over by a train, near Zanesville, Ohio, on Thursday night, and Somers was instantly killed -They were "sitting on the track talking."

-The Pittsburg Dispatch (Radical), says at General Hartranft will not do for govthat General Hartranft will not do for governer, on account of the developments in the Evans matter; that Colonel Jordan's show is still werse, and as for Harry White, he has libeled himself outside of all proba--An old woman, for selling shoestrings says the Dispatch, would be badly beaten a new machine, but before the people, but that Ketchum or Morrell might win.

-Nearly the entire business portion of the town of Laurel, Indiana, was destroyed by fire on Monday night last. The jail and other buildings were badly damaged, and both hotels and a printing office are entirely destroyed. Fifteen houses were burned to the ground, besides a number of stables and sheds. But four of the houses were insured. and it is impossible to estimate the loss at present, but it will probably reach \$150 000.

-People are continually on the lookout for strange freaks of the weather, and every now and then, when in a doubtful condition of mind and body, somebody thinks he has made a wonderful meteorological discovery. A person down in Virginia, comes out now with a story of a shower of rain from a cloudless sky while the stars were shining in every part of the heavens. Now, we are nclined to believe that either that rain or those stars were wholly imaginary, or the gentleman had been smoking a "strong"

-Oa Wednesday evening week, while a married couples, to whom she endeavors to freight train on the Cumberland-Valley R was passing through Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county, a boy named Zachariah, aged about fourteen years, attempted to jump upon the moving cars. His hold glying way, he fell down upon the track and ten cars passed over his legs, severing the right leg below the knee and croshing the left above the ankle. Both of his legs were amputated-one above the kove and the other below. The bay was still living at last

-The controversy which for some time has raged in the oil regions, between the producers and carriers, has resulted in a lose combination of the former, called the Petroleum Producers' Association." It divides the oil regions into sixteen districts, and pledges the producers to sell all their oil through the hands of a committee, to be chosen by them in each district. This plan of action will bring the carriers and the refluers to terms, and, as it takes the control of the business out of the hands of middlemen, ought to be satisfactory to consumers. -The large clock at the English Parlia-

mest house is the largest one in the world. The four dials of this clock are each 22 feet in diameter. Every half minute the point of the minute hand moves nearly seven inches. The clock will go eight and a half days, but it only strikes seven and a half, thus indicating any neglect in winding it up. The mere winding up of the striking mechapism takes two hours. The pendulum is 15 feet long; the wheels are of cast iron; the hour bell is 8 feet high and 9 feet in diameter, weighing nearly 15 tons, and the hammer alone weighs more than 400 pounds.

A SICKENING TRAGEDY - On Friday, the 1st inst. Mrs. Sarah Meyers, wife of Theodore Meyers, living at Brown's Mill on Bennett's Branch, about six miles up from Driftwood, killed her infant son aged nine months by reasting and boiling him alive. It appears that on Friday Mrs. Meyers went cut to one of her neighbors and on returning to the house she picked up the youngest child and put him on the hot stove, after holding him there a moment she took him up and put him into a large dich of boiling apple sauce. held him there, she then turned the child over and pushed him into the boiling sauce bills of mortality, and the cry is, still they again thus boiling him on both sides. The other children scared by the screams of their little brother, ran to the mill and told the men at work there what their mother was doing, and they harried to the house as fast as possible, but not in time to save the life of the child. It had been literally reasted and boiled alive before medical aid could be btained. It is alleged that Mrs. Mevers is subject to fits of insanity, and that it was while she was in one of these fits that she committed this unnatural and horrible deed. We have not heard that any inquest has vet been held or arrest made. The authorities should investigate the affair at once .-Cameron Herald.

BRONCHIAL CONSUMPTION -This is a form of consumption usually of easy remedy by means of DR. KEYSER'S LUNG CURE, which whilst it eliminates the mucous and phlegm from the throat, heals the membrane and allays that morbid irritability which produces such harrassing coughing, and when the disease involves the larvax, hoarseness and pain in the throat. Reader, if you value wour health and life, do not allow such a condition to ge on until it has attacked the lungs when it will not be easily cared. Begin in time. Then a few bottles of Da KEYSER'S C. H. WOLFF, LUNG CURE will eradicate the disease-if neglected it will take more than a dozen.

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