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THE CAMBRIA FREEMAN. EBENSBURG, PAL, Friday Merning, - - April 28, 1876.

THE Prohibition party intend to send a full delegation from this State to their National Convention to be held in Cleveland next month. They will also nominate candidates for the Legisture in every county in the commonwealth. They believe they can poll double the vote they did last year, and are determined to elect enough members to the next Legislature to enable them to repeat the present license law. The leaders are very enthusiastic if not numerous.

The Harrisburg Patriot is our authority for the statement that the Mexican war veterans will be transported by the Pennsylvania rail road company to and from the centennial they will be furnished with camp equipage and subsistence during their stay in Philadelphia, and that on the 4th of July each veteran will be presented with a bronze medal, made of cannon captured during the war. We judge from the article in the Patriot that the proper State authority will issue the necessary notice in reference to the matter in due time.

BLAINE does not desire to escape responsibility, but rather challenges it ; he takes a tilt at every Democratic incomer ; he seizes every issue, and even now, threatened by an investigation, he faces it as fiercely as our good friend Benjamin F. Butler himself would do under the same circumstances .-Philadelphia Press.

The amount of cheek possessed by the man who wrote the above paraterest of the Centennial Exposition. that he had been paid twenty five thousand dollars for advocating in his paper at Washington an enormous subsidy by Congress to the Pacific

Rebels in Congress.

Because a large number of the members of the present Congress occupied military or civil positions in the Southern States during the rebellion, it is the constant practice of the radical press to stigmatize and denounce it as "the rebel" or "Confederate Congress" and to apply to it other terms of like offensive import. The purpose of this denunciation is to excite and keep alive the bitter animosities of the war and to use them in promoting the success of the radical party in the approaching Presidential e'ection. If radicalism is to be successful it must be achieved by a low appeal to the baser passions of our nature rather than to the reason and

intelligence of the people.

After the war actually commenced in 1861 the Southern people were a unit in its favor and of forcible resistance to the supremacy of the general government. Whether this was right the heuse to it. or wrong is not now the question. It free of charge. It is also stated that is the jact that is alone important. timony of Messrs. Thornton, Buck, Wise Who then but the most scurvy political demagogue will arraign the South for having sent as its representatives approached both Messrs. Wise and Buck, in Congress the men who had stood by her when she honestly but mistakingly submitted her destiny to the decision of the sword? The Southern people had but a single source from which to choose their representatives, if we throw out of view, as we must, her ignorant and incompetent enfranchised negroes, and that other more objectionable class, the plundering and ra-

pacious carpet-bagger. The representatives in the present Congress from the South will lose

Union. The question is not whether graph is simply amazing. It was they were once rebels, but whether proven before a committee of the they are honest men and faithfully House of Representatives, after its discharge their duty to the whole, author had gone to Europe in the in- country. In all that constitutes a true Senator of the United States what a vawning gulf intervenes between such house high-toned men as Ransom, Gordon, Norwood, Maxey and Withers, all confederate officers, and mercinary Mail Steamship Company. It is not tools like Patterson, Conover, Spencer, necessary just now that he should step Clayton and Dorsey? If either Laforth as the champion or spologist of mar, of Mississippi, or Tucker, of Vir-James G. Blaine, who seems to be in ginia, has a superior in the House from volved in some very suspicious trans | any portion of the North in intellect actions, but it would be in order if the or high moral character, we would like editor of the Press would take time to know his name. James G. Blaine, enough to explain that little arrange- from his recent experience in debate ment between himself and Richard B. with these two gentlemen, could give Irwin, the agent of the steamship com- a satisfactory answer to the question. pany aforesaid. His friends promised Until the advent of the slimy carthat he would do so as soon as he re- pet-bagger into the national legisle- duct said Petroff violated section 29 of ar-

gation Committee.

Mr. Hays, chairman of the committee to investigate the alleged bribery in connection with the boom bill, made the following report after reciting the resolution by authority of which they acted :

The committee submit the testimor Mr. Miller, of Berks, and that of Mr. Miller, of Philadelphia, to the cousideration of the house, without expressing any opinion as to whether there was any misconduct on the part of Mr. Miller, of Philadelphia.

In the case of Mr. Knight, of Bucks county, the committee would respectfully report, that while they are not prepared to say that he was guilty of any intention of offering a bribe, or suggesting to Mr. Stew-art, the member from, Lawrence, that he could obtain money if he would vote against the bill on its final passage or withhold his vote, yet after a careful consideration of the testimony of Messrs. Stewart, Dickey and Theodore Hill, of Williamsport, they are of the opinion that the conduct of Mr. Knight was very improper, and they feel that they would not be discharging their duty if they did not call the attention of

From a careful consideration of the tes and Hannan, the committee are of the opinion that the conduct of Mr. Thornton, was members of the house, in such manner as to lead them to believe that they could obtain a valuable consideration for their vote against the bill,

In the case of Mr. Gentner, of Philadel phia, the committee, after carefully weighing the testimony of himself and Messrs. Wanner, Miller, of Berks, Spicer and Stevens, members of this house, are of the opinion that his conduct was very indiscreet, but they are not prepared to say from the evidence in the case that he was guilty of any effort to corruptly influence any of his fellow members.

Your committee further reports that as Congress from the South will lose nothing by a comparison with the del-egations from the balance of the the house from the First district of Philadelphia, for the purpose of deceiving the friends of the bill mentioned in the resolation, authorized Mr. Petroff to use his name as one of fifteen who for a valuable consideration would vote for said bill on its final passage, and your committee are of the opinion that in so doing he was guilty of conduct unbecoming a member of this

Your committee also submits that it appears from the testimony of George W. Skinner, journal clerk of this house, of Messrs. Petroff, Douglass and O'Neill, members of this house, and of D. W. Seiler and T. R. Smith of the banking house of Dougherty Bros. & Co., of this city, that Emile J. Petroff, a member of this house from the fifth district of Philadelphia, solicited and consented to receive from F. E. Embick, through Geo. W. Skinner, mouey for himself and for others for his vote and the votes of others and with the understanding that his vote and official action should be influenced thereby on the bill referred to in the resolution, and your committee are of the opinion that by such conturned, but as yet he has made no ture if there ever was a member of ticle 3 of the constitution of this commonsign. Until he does so, a sense of Congress from a Southern State who wealth.

Report of the Boom Bill Investi- bers of the honse away from their seats by means of false telegrams, on the final passage of said bill.

Your committee further report that they are of the opinion that under the resolution appointing them, it is not within their province to make any recommendations as to what action shall be taken as to any one

implicated in improper conduct concerning the passage of said bill, but feeling that the house will take such action in regard to those over whom it has control as will comport with the dignity of a branch of the legislature of a great commonwealth, respectfully refer the matter to the house and

(Signed)

suggest that after the bouse shall have taken action, that this report together with a copy of the testimony be referred to the attorney general for such further action concerning all parties as he may deem advisable. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH HAYS, FRED. W. GUNSTER, A. SMITH, B. C. CHRISTY, CHARLES S. WOLFE, WM. G. BARNETT, URIAH TERRY, S. F. CHAPIN. Committee in full with the excoption of Mr. Revburn.

CENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION. - The following proclamation was issued by his excellency, Governor Hartranft, on Friday afternoon last :

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, By a joint resolution of the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, approved March 13, 1876, it is recommended by the senate and house of

representatives to the people of the several states that they assemble in their several counties or towns of our national independence, and that they cause to have delivered on such day an historical sketch of said county or town from its formation, and that a copy of said sketch may be filed, in print or manuscript in the clerk's office of said county, and an additional copy, in print or

manuscript, be filed in the office of the librarian of congress, to the intent that a complete record may thus be obtained of the progress of our institutions during the first

contennial of their existence. Now, therefore, I, John F. Hartranft, governor as aforesaid, do hereby favorably commend this resolution to the people and the authorities of the various cities, counties and towns of this commonwealth, with the request that wherever the observance of the incoming anotyersary of our national independence will permit, provision may be made to comply with the recommendation

contained therein so that these historical sketches may be made to embrace all the information and statistics that can be obtained in relation to the first century of our existence as a common wealth Given under my hand and the great seal

of the state at Harrisburg, this 21st day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and of the common wealth the one hundredth J. F. HARTRANFT.

By the Governor : M. S. QUAY,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

THE N. Y. Sun says it is a truly excellent and admirable work which Archbishop Williams of Boston has taken upon himself in connection with the affairs of Patrick Donohoe of the Boston Pilot, who lately fell into bankruptcy. Donohoe, besides no his now er, had been carrying on a private banking business, receiving on deposit, in sams ranging from \$25 upward, the savings of hard-working men and women, who put entire trust in his integrity. The amount of these deposits from laborers mechanics, servants, washerwomen, and needlewomen, reached, according to the published list, as high as \$73,000, and their osses resulted in an incalculable amount of sorrow and suffering. Into the ears of Archbishop Williams and his priests their pitiable tales were poured, and he began to cast about for some way of relieving them. After a time he offered to purchase the Pilot, put \$30,000 into its business, and raised more money in its behalf. We now learn that, after consummating the purchase, the Archbishop proposes to pay every dollar due to the poor people who deposited money with the former proprietor. This is a noble deed, which will be appreciated not only by the beneficiaries, but by the people at large. The Archbishop has set an example which some other people connected with banking institutions would do well to follow. He was in no way responsible for the affairs of the Pilot, and even after purchasing it he was in nowise bound to pay the debts of its proprietor. He has by his course honored imself, become more endeared than ever to thousands of the poor people of Boston, and won the respect of all men who can appreciate a good deed.

News and Other Notings.

-A Wisconsin calf weighed 115 pounds at birth.

-In Colorado coupty, Texas, the apples are now getting ripe. -There is a barber's shop in Atlanta,

Ga., in which all the barbers are young women. -- Two women, supposed to be Kate

Bender and her mother, have been arrested

at Laramie City. —Berks county has an anvil 177 years old, a clock over 200 years old and a pocket book 125 years old.

-What next? A hen in Perry county, it is said, laid a Centennial egg, on which the figures '76 were defined.

-A twenty four pound baby was recent ly born in Pittsburgh. Its mother weighs but one hundred and twenty. —Elisha Sampson, of Danbury, sixty-seven years old, had his head blown off on

Monday by his insane son, who was in the hands of the sheriff. -A misbehaving woman was taken from

her house in Bradfordville, Ky., by masked men, in the night, and severely whipped with beech switches.

-Dom Pedro will be provided with twenty-two rooms in Washington. On accont of its circumscribed limits he declines visiting Rhode Island.

-Mr. Drum of Troy lived and died without knowing what a curiosity he was ; but the surgeons found out by dissection that

he had only one kidney. —According to a decision of the Supreme Court of Nebraska tailroad companies are liable for damages resulting from prairies being set on fire by engines.

-Some of the people in Augusta, Ga., are decidedly nervous because the magazine containing 38,877 pounds of powder is in charge of a man named Thomassen.

-Six boys were arrested in Reading the other day for attacking farmers on the way to market and robbing them. Warrants are out for the arrest of nine more. -There is an artist in the Schuvikill county almshouse who has painted a fine oil painting of the building and grounds. lle is believed to be a foreign nobleman. -Seventeen persons, implicated in the murder of Mr. Morgary, of the English expedition, will be executed at Bhamo, Burmah, May 5th, in the presence of a British escort.

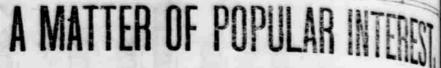
-The schooner Katie, Captain Ferristal, which left Port Mulgrave on the 2d inst. for Boston with sixty passengers, has been given up by the people of the former place as lost.

-Of the seven children of John Hall of North Troy, four of them, all under fourteen years of age, weigh exactly 200 pounds and each has ten fingers, two thambs and twelve toes.

-The State Supreme Court has just decided that a register, county clerk or other recorder of deeds, mortgages, etc., is liable in damages for a false certificate of search for encumbrances on land.

-John Stone, of Manor station, Crawford county fell in love with a girl only 13 years old, and because she was too young to marry he concluded to die for her and shot himself through the head.

-James O'Donnell, while in his dwelling at Pottsville on Sunday, was shot at through the windo π , the ball entering his head, back of the right ear. No clue to the guilty party has been discovered. -A mountain of superior white chalk has been discovered in Idaho, and now if a never-failing spring is in close proximity, an enterprising man might start a dairy there without investing in a single cow. -On Palm Sunday, April 9, between eighty and ninety Roman Catholic churches | dented in medical history. wenty-two of them in the diocese of New fork, were supplied with real palms. They were obtained from Charleston, S. C. -While five persons were descending a coal shaft at Brown's station, in Missouri, the bottom, a depth of over 100 feet.



We condense from the *L'Mak Revision* the L'stance of a conversation about Oak Hall, in hilsdering wanamaker & Brown's "Largest lobbing tonse in America." A visitor and

A visitor and attendant we the speakers: Visitor. "What corner is the Building on ?" Attendant. "South-East corner of Sizth and Market, Please note the SIXTH, for some strangers seeking Oak Hall, have been misled by designing persons." V. "It is parfectly colossel! Do you know its dimensions?"

A. "12,000 square feet-66 on Market, and 180 odd on Sixth, six stories high, has over three acres of flooring, and covers space once occupied by the man twenty different busi-ness places." V. "Do you use story

occupied by hore than twenty different business places."
Y. "Do you use steam-power?"
A. "A ginnt young engine furnishes power for the freight and passenger elevators, and the boilers steam for heating, and the other operations of the house."
Y. "What order do you take with goods?"
A. "They are first opered and arranged in the basement, on long low counters and taken thence on the fright elevator to the inspector's room on the place first operation?"
Y. "Is inspecting the first operation?"
Y. "Is inspecting the first operation?"
A. "No, Er, measuring. The goods are first measured in the place, then inspected. The cloth passes over rollars in the face of a strong light, and two men sit, one before and one behind the goods, watching with the eye of a hawk for the least pin-hole imperfection, and marking every flaw, so that the cutter may see and avoid it when he comes to cut the garand avoid it when he comes to cut the gar-

and avoid if when he comes to cut the gar-ments." V. "You must employ an arry of cutters?" A. "Come to our fifth floor and see! We keep 70 hands all the time cutting up the cloth into garments, -besides no machines that do a dozen men's work each it a stroke." V. "Do you manufacture all your own goods?"

and in a thousand in jethin to carry on a business with Lisp ing to between \$2,000,000 and "We do, and most carefully: Our ex-

"S-t-u-p-o-n-d-o-u-a" "Indeed it ist I f aminers inspect every stitch and seam, and certify to every garment as extr.-well made before we put our ticket on it, and become responsible for it." A. Indeed it bit 1 forest to Cashier's Department, which has of retail sairs on s me single day V. "225,000! Immense! That's the house to buy cheep and ad A. "Exactly! You have the V. "Your system must save you a great "Exactly! You have here known

A. "In every direction, sir. It is the system and economy we practice all the way through, that enables us to put our price own to the people as we do." w prices and immediate."" much about 7 "Out system of business dealing V. "After inspecting the work, what becomes no deviation ; 2. Cath for ever

A. "Before it goes into Stock it is ticketed. Every single garment has its number and other points noted on it, so that its entire his-tory can be traced without fail, upon our buoks."

books." V. "You must have 30 or 40 salesmen." A. "Why sir, on busy days you may see 100 in the various rooms and suites of rooms, selling to the throngs of customers." V. "Do you do an order busyer, by mail and express?" A. "Very great. All over the country. Our

-A hail storm passed over a part of Kansas on Saturday afternoon which destroyed all the orchards and wheat crop, not a single leaf, bud or blossom on the trees being left. Large numbers of cattle were killed. In some places the hail was eight inches deep and the size of hen's eggs. Wagon loads could be scraped up Monday morning thirty-six hours after it fell.

-It is scarcely credible, yet it is a recorded fact, that Mrs. Sarah Callum, S1 years of age, a resident of Iowa Falls, the widow of a soldier of the war of 1812, has recently discovered that she is entitled to a peusion. She was married in 1810, and be- walked to his doon with silv came a mother in 1811, and lived all this time in blissful ignorance of the fact that the Government was paying pensions to soldiers.

light. He stood under the rise -About a month ago a patient of Dr. minute. The rope was cut with Taggart, residing in Cincinnati, gave birth and the body rose in the air. to a male child singularly afflicted. The gled but little and died company left arm terminated at the elbow, and both Dolag wrote a letter to his more legs at the knee. These unnatural extremday night, thanking his ities were well rounded, and, strange to efforts in his behalf and rese say, the child is healthy and doing well. laration of innocence of the m Of a similar want of the arm there are several instances, but that both legs also Knoxville Chronicle, should be wanting is, we believe, unprece-Franklin, a wooden watch m Victor Doriot, of Bristol, T -When the charge against ex-Speaker made of brier root, and the ins Blaine was made of pocketing \$94,000 of all except three of the wheil the Union Pacific money, he said be springs -which are metal-r wouldn't demand an investigation, as he boxwood, while the face is m didn't think the public would believe it. piece of the shoulder blade of at last Friday, the rope broke and they fell to anyhow. Later developments in the case was run over by a train mit seem to warrant the belief that he will be time ago. It is an open facel a Three were killed and the others fatally forced to subject the matter to an investi- a glass crystal, and is an eight gation, as the phantom, if such it be, will workmanship, displaying woo not down at his bidding. The public isn't in the maker. It does not nearly as confiding as Mr. Blaine seemed than an onuce. Mat says held the watck a day or two and it -Some time last Thursday night a famigood time as any watch be even ly of emigrants, named Baker, from somewhere in Pennsylvania, were massacred by Fitzhugh, the doorkeeper of in Indians, about one hundred miles north-Representatives at Washington Brownson consists of one daughter, Mrs. west of Custer City. The family consisted vived, both privately and in p of a man, his wife and two children, all of ndictments were found spins whom were brained with hatchets or toma-Kentucky in 1871 alleging use, was promptly acquitted in bothem hawks and then scalped. The wagon belonging to Baker was rifled and everything were gotten up, as gentlemend valuable carried off. The bodies of the est respectability assert, either victims were decently buried by those who found them. -The Columbia Herald, in referring to street, Brooklyn, were each sentenced to the fire in the Catholic church of that borough, on Monday, says that when the fire broke out a little girl residing at the Presbyterian church, recently received a pastoral house, started off in her fright and counterfeit five dollar bill for marrying a ran all the way to Marietta-over three ran all the way to Marietta-over three miles-to notify her pastor of the trenble. The fact is that she outran the telegraph, for before the messenger at Marietta had reached Father Pieper, stopping at the house of a friend in the lower part of the town, she had delivered her message and her pastor was on his way home ! -Dom Pedro has lost his aunt, the Princess Isabella Maria Conception Jane Charlotte Gualberta Anna Frances of Assisi Xaviera Paula d'Alcantara Antoinette Raphaela Michaela Gabriella Joachina Gonzaga. This lady was the only sister of Dom Pedro's father, Dom Pedro I., Emperor of Brazil. She was born in 1801 on the Fourth of July, which gives her a Centennial interest for Americans; and from thousanes of dollars of gover was placed in the hands of parse March, 1826, to February, 1828, she acted as Regent of Portugal during the troubled who loaned it back to the post individual funds and dres be childhood of her niece, Queen Mara da Prender will probably ventilate Gloria. tion before the committee m -Mrs. Edward Fitch, mother of Lientenant Thomas Fitch, United States Navy, in the treasury departmental h and husband of the daughter of General whither be has gove. Sherman, was buried from St. Authony's Roman Catholie Church, in Union place, of those idiots and nuisances practical joker, amused, himself Greenpoint, N. Y., on Saturday last. At pense of a good many brock the church a solemn requiem mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated, at which insected in a morning newsys Father O'Brien acted as celebrant, Father vertisement for seventy five Lane as deacon, and Father Marvin as subdeacon. The attendance was large. Among women to go to the ceptern ment at \$1.75 a day. Thepin those present were Lieutenant Fitch, Mrs. of the alleged advertiser Lieutenant Fitch and General Sherman. centennial was thronged with # The remains were interred in Calvary cemapplicants for employment he declared he wanted no -Hon. O. J. Dickey died at his home in they had been shamefully Lancaster on Friday morning, after an ill-ness of eight weeks, of tyhpoid pneumonia. he was obliged in his despar-Mr. Dickey was born in old Brighton, Beaappeal to the central pola force to relieve him of his being ver county, on April 6, 1823. When young he removed to Lancaster and entered Mr. twenty five cents the joker ba at the expense of several Stevens' office as a law student. From people who are vainly seek 1856 to 1859 he served as District Attorney obtaining a livelihood, but of Lancaster county. On the death of Thaddens Stevens, during the 40th Con-gress, Mr. Dickey was elected to fill the cost him a broken head. bave an evil tendency will not be counte-nanced by either Bishop Tuigg or any member of his clergy, and as the Catholic Total Abstinence Society does worked to fall the catholic Total Abstinence Society does worked to fall the catholic to a catholic to Ohio) special says about a st Baunock, a farmer, residing that place, while working his son, aged fifteen, and a happened at the plate-glass works at Jefferseven. felled him senseless with sonville, Ind., one night last week. The lowing up the blows until watchman was startled by hearing a loud and then buried the body inst. his party was attacked by Indians fifty miles from Custer. Three persons, one of them a woman, were killed, a colored and on going there found at been broken, log-heap, threatening daughter if she did not and on going there found about one thous-and boxes of glass shivered. In the room ed. On Sunday the

Call regain; and he says of he parameters maker & Brown's tak Hall of her Sixth and Market V. Thunk yeu! i shall be may Good morning." -Thomas W. Piper, conden executed May 26th, for the neg bel Young in the belfry of th avenue (Boston) church, on Fr a sworn statement that she reries that caused her death from door falling upon her head the frightened lest he would be a murdering her, and therefore

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Philadelphia, and Lynott, of Luzerne | the late civil war. -are both guilty of a violation of ar- How supremely mean and contempt ticle 29, section 3, of the constitution ; ible, then, is this radical cry about or, in plain language, that they are "rebels" and "confederate brigadiers" and Douglass, of Philadelphia, and Northern sentiment against them particular notice to the testimony tenor of their way and act well their bill. The whole subject is referred to they deserve. the House for its action touching those over whom it has control, after which a copy of the report and testimony are recommended to be furnished the Attorney General, for such action as he may deem proper. Although the report does not contain anything inculpating Mr. Hannan, the Johnstown Tribune will perhaps be equal to the task of extracting something of that kind from it.

"He must have optics sharp, I ween, Who sees what is not to be seen. -----

HAVING read the Johnstown Tribune of last Friday, and the reproduction therein of its unmanly insinuations in the face of the truth, against the members of Assembly from this county, abandon the objection. The position of the concluded in despair to throw up the tion is necessary to our salvation ; and sponge and hereafter to permit its editor, so far at least as these two Gen. Hancock, however, availability is regentlemen are concerned, to roam undisturbed over the boundless field of for himself. The specialty of its editor consists in his wonderful capacity to produce from one first class lie a whole brood of lesser falsehoods, and when hard pressed, to repeat the process ad infinitum. It was a perfect surprise to us a few weeks ago, that after his he then drew up shows that he is fully equal repeated and baseless assaults upon Hiester Clymer, we succeeded in a single brief article in compelling him to shut down the sluice gates of his calumny. To hope for a similar result stand as an enduring monument to his pubas regards Messrs. Hannan and Buck lie virtue. His past, both in peace and war, would be the wildest of delusions. Figs do not grow on thistles, nor are roses gathered from thorns. Any additional attacks on them that may hereafter be indulged in by that journal will carry with them their own refutation from the simple fact that they originated in the Johnstown Tri- are known to be sound and worthy the best bune. The bane and the antidote will days of the republic. In one word, he is the thus both be administered at the same time, and the one will neutralize the and dragoous. intended effect of the other.

P. S. The Tribune of Wednesday

necessity of absolute silence in refer- fail to recollect the instance. Whatence to charges of corruption preferred ever may be said about their peculiar B. Beck, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania,

Tur report of the House committee maintained their official characters appointed to investigate the ways and pure and without reproach. Northern means resorted to, as well to pass as Congressmen of both political parties to defeat the boom bill, will be tound have at various times disgraced themia another part of our paper. The selves and retired from the public gaze, committee seems to have fearlessly but so far as our knowledge extends performed its duty. The report de- the same charge cannot be made chares that two members-Petroff, of against a Southern member prior to

guilty of bribery. The committee di- in Congress. When they commence rects the attention of the House to the to steal and plunder and to accept testimony concerning Miller, Gentner | bribes, it will be time enough to array | Knight, of Bucks; and also invites its But as long as they pursue the even implicating Skinner, journal clerk of part these cowardly assaults of radical the House, Peter Herdic, Embick, editors upon them will be treated by Harrisburg. Beck, and Ammerman, active members | the great heart of the Northern people of the lobby both for and against the with the scorn and contempt which

As one of the many indications coming from various sections of the ey and endeavored by the offer and promcountry in favor of the nomination of ise of money to influence members of the General Hancock for the Presidency honse in regard to their votes on said bill. by the St. Louis convention, we pullish the following well written article of Mr. M'Henry, of Columbia county, from the Norfolk Landmark, one of the most influential journals of Virginia :

We copy elsewhere a statement made by the Washington correspondent of the Herald to the effect that Gen. Hancock is the "coming man" for the Democratic nomination. Ordinarily, we should say that we have had too many soldiers in the White House ; and our opinion of the distinguished gentleman to whom we refer is such that we believe he would frankly agree with us; but the condition of affairs is so altered that we must Messrs, Hannan and Buck, we have South is such that a change of administraavailability is an element of success which ought not to be discarded. In the case of inforced by high personal character and superior ability. The men of this region have cause to remember him, for he and defamation which he has marked out Mahone often crossed swords, so to speak, in our late unhappy war ; and it is safe to say that the courage and ability he then dis-played are linked with a magnanimous temper. But, above these considerations, the country remembers the course he adopted in Louisiana. In that province of the empire he had the hardihood to proclaim sound constitutional doctrines, and the paper to the discharge of civil as well as military duties. His broad and cultivated intellect -his genuine patriotism and moral courage -were conspicuously shown on that occasion ; and when the passions of the hour have cooled, his course in Lenisiana will offer a guarantee that he would redeem the republic, and after a full survey of the field, and still mindful of our initial remark, we have no hesitation in declaring our opinion that his nomination would be an act of wisdom on the part of the Democracy. In vain may the Radicals impeach his

loyalty. His military record is one of the most splendid associated with the army of the Union. His opinions on public questions man to reduce our chances of success to a certainty, and to beat Conkling, horse, foot

He then reported that the -An explosion of powder on Saturday may safely rely upon it that no idle threats wounded. had been stored about a thousand boxes of to a question, said she know fully verifies our prediction. When last, during the operations in a new rail way The committee are also of the opinion of any who may favor associations of an --It is estimated that there are 75.0 it undertakes to play its congenial role of aspersing and villifying a Dem-ocrat, it knows no such word as fail, in its editor, Baron Munchausen still glass, from 20x70 to 40x60, double thick- bouts of her brothe apart, and by some means they started fall-ing like a row of bricks, increasing with the entire neighborhood be for the year thus far for up \$4,450,000 feet, an increase of 940,000 feet over the corresponding period in 1875, ed. Nearly all the glass was broken. the entire neighborneed the remaind but was arrested and jailed. In its editor, Baron Munchausen still The search for victims of the disaster still conduct of said Andrews, in calling mem- | Senator Wallace's wife is dangerously ill. corresponding period in 1875, lives, moves and has a being. continued at last accounts. ed. Nearly all the glass was broken.

And your committee further submit that it appears from the testimony of Mr. Lynott Mr. Hannan, of the house, and John political views in the old days of nul- that he, Martin F. Lynott, a member of lification and slavery, they always the house from the Sixth district of Luzerne county, received of said John B, Beck the sum of \$200 for his vote and official influence and with the understanding that his vote should be influenced thereby on said bill, and that by such conduct the said Lynott violated section 29 of article 3 of the constitution of this commonwealth.

Your committee further report that while they are of the opinion that under the resolution of their appointment their powers do not extend further than to inquire into misconduct on the part of members of the house, they feel that they would not be doing justice to themselves or to the house did they not call attention to the misconduct on the part of others as shown by the evidence herewith submitted. They therefore respectfully call attention to the misconduct of George W. Skinner, journal clerk of the house, as shown by the testimony of himself, Petroff, Douglass, O'Neill and Messis, Seiler and Smith, of the banking house of Dougherty Bros. & Co, of

They also call attention to the testimony of Messrs. Andre, Wanner and Miller, mem-bers of the house from Berks county, and Mr. Geiselman, member from Adams county, from which it appears that T. J. Bover, of Clearfield, state senator from the Thirtyfourth district, offered and promised mon-They also submit the testimony of Mr. members of this house, and of Jesse C Ammerman, of Montour county, to your careful consideration for the reason that it contains evidence of corrupt solicitation on the part of said Ammerman in endeavoring to influence the votes of said members on said bill.

They also call attention to the testimony of Mr. Lynott, a member from Luzerne county, from which it appears that John B. Beck, of Williamsport, attempted to infinence and corruptly solicited the votes and official action of the said Lynott by the offer and promise of money and by the actual payment of the sum of \$300 to said Lynott for his vote and influence on said

Your committee call special attention to the testimony of George W. Skinner, journal cierk, Messrs, Gross, Petroff and Douglass, members of the house, Messrs. Seiler and Smith, of the banking house of Dougherty, Bros. & Co, of Harrisburg, and of James Allison, clerk of the State Capitol hotel, and other witnesses, from which it ap-pears that F. E. Embick, of Williamsport, was the chief manager of a lobby in favor of the boom bill. That he engaged and with his associates occupied from the opening of the present session until the 5th of April a suite of rooms at the State Capitol notel and all the bills for said rooms were charged to him. That these rooms were kept open and members had free access to That shortly before the final pasthem. sage of the bill he deposited over fifteen thousand dollars with Dougherty Bros. & Co. of this city, all of which was drawn out the day after the passage of the bill. That he negotiated with Mr. Petroff for fifteen votes for the bill and offered or promised Petroff \$7,500 for such votes and to influence Petroff in his public and official duties.

Your committee also call special attention to the testimony of Jesse C. Ammerman and Messrs. Backus, Reutter and M'-Henry and other witnesses, from which it appears that the use of money and other improper means were proposed by Peter Herdic, of Williamsport for the purpose of influencing members in their action on said

A METHODIST CAMP BURNED. - At midnight of the 22d the Methodist camp meeting grounds at Tarentum, some twenty miles from Pittsburgh, were completely desolated by an incendiary fire, involving a loss of \$50,000. The number of buildings erected on the grounds was 156, all but about half a dozen of these being houses or cottages occupied by members of the

camp meeting association. The cottages were all built by families occupying them, they paying rent to the association for the use of the grounds, so that the loss will mostly fall on individuals rather than on the association as a body. The houses average in value about \$400, though some of the finest were worth pretty well on to

\$1,000. Many of the houses were furnished, the occupants leaving their furniture there during the winter. The grounds proper embrace upward of fourteen acres, being a level plateau with ravines on the east, west and north sides, the entrance being on the south side, the main road from Tarentum leading directly to the camp.

The camp was one of the finest that could be imagined, the plateau being covered with immense forest trees, some of which were fully two feet in diameter. Great preparations were being made for a national camp meeting on the 7th of August, but it is feared the grove has been so badly injured that it will be impossible to hold the meeting there.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES. - Policy of the New Bishop .- Frequent reference has been made in the daily papers to the policy Bishop Tuigg will adopt in his treatment of the societies connected with the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, and many groundless rumors have found their way into print. With a view of ascertaining the facts, a reporter of this paper called at the Episcopal residence last evening, and, so far as he could learn, the new Bishop will not

Total Abstinence Society does not come within this category, the statement that the new Bishop will oppose it is false and without foundation. Of one thing we are positive, that the new Bishop has a mind of his own and whatever course his con-

injured. -It is stated from Washington that the display of everything connected with fish and the fisheries to be made at the Centen- to think. nial exhibition by the Smithsonian Institute will be "the largest of the kind in the world."

-The family of the late Orestes A. Mead, of Elizabeth, N. J., and two sons, Orestes A., Jr., Superintendant of Public Schools, at Dubuque, Iowa, and Major

Henry F., of Detroit. —Patrick Boyle, William Roberts, Geo. Wilson and Martin McGonan, convicted on Friday in Kings county, N. Y., of robbing the jewelry store of Louis Billen, on Hicks State Prison for twenty years.

-Rev. Mr. Truesdale of the Sharon couple of strangers. It might startle the wedded pair to learn that no marriage can be legally contracted by fraud.

-John Jacob Astor and William Astor, esqs., a few days since, hearing that St. Luke's hospital was in need of funds, sent it each \$25,000, a sum sufficiently large to enable it to continue its benevolent work without embarrassment.

-A photographer has been swindling Lehigh county children by representing that he was authorized to photograph them for the Centennial. He took in about one hundred dollars at Hazleton, the boys and girls were so anxious to be seen at the Centennial.

-Mrs. Fitch (Gen. Sherman's daughter), will wear her diamonds after all, the Senate having on Thursday, on motion of Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to admit the Khedive's present free of duty.

-Reports from various points in Iowa, Nebraska and southern Dakota tell of destructive prairie fires for the past two days, involving great loss of property. No lives have been lost as yet, though in some instances people escaped with only their night-clothes.

-Burglars have been operating extensively in McKeesport for some time past, but succeeded on Saturday morning in making their most successful haul. The residence of John Larkins was entered and \$4,946 in money, and two gold and oue silver watches taken.

-- Charles Cook, a young farmer residing at Hyde Park, Vermont, was murdered on Sunday morning by his father, who has been insame for some time and was sup-posed to be harmless. He attacked his son with an axe and beat his brains out. The elder Cook has been lodged in jail. -A shipment of one bundred pairs of prairie chickens, ten pairs of wild turkeys, and ten pairs of wild geese is soon to be

-A man named Milligan, from Seranton arrived at Fort Laramie on Thursday and reported that on the morning of the 16th science and duty may lead him to adopt, we woman was captured, and three men were

malice or under misappreherse facts. Another charge agained hugh is that of attempted brings lived in Texas last year. This without foundation as the ES. Fitzbugh has sent for official and other proofs which will de tire innocence of the imputed th it shall appear to be necessary in for the fullest investigation by an of the House. -A long story comes from \$ originating with Sergeant George in charge of the signal service se who was formerly public delt clerk in the treasury deputine Secretary M'Calloch. Heallered he was engaged thus in the discovered great frands ; that an debt statement reported unt treasury that was not on hand government was paying three per money to meet temporary nen also says he discovered that has

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