

THE CAMBRIA FREEMAN.

EBENSBURG, PA., FRIDAY, - - - DEC. 27, 1878.

The Mississippi is closed by ice from St. Paul to Cairo.

Born Houses of Congress adjourned for the holidays from last Friday until Tuesday, January 7th.

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The unexplained refusal of Blaine to take charge of his own resolution by acting as chairman of the committee, shows that he is sick of the matter, and has lost confidence in the movement so far as results are concerned.

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As soon as the news of the death, on yesterday week, of Bayard Taylor, United States Minister to Germany, was received in this country, the Republican politicians who compose the Pennsylvania State ring organized a movement in favor of the nomination by Mr. Hayes of John F. Hart-

It has often been said that there are two days in each year to one of which the taxpayers of this State look forward with fear and trembling, and to the other with praise and rejoicing.

Nearly all the newspaper correspondents at Washington concur in the statement that Harry White is the most unpopular man in the lower branch of congress.

A Moving Palace.

This is truly an age of wonders, and among them are, talking by lightning, walking on air, riding on the wings of the wind, and transferring, as it were, a whole orchestra over hundreds of miles of wire.

The Pullman Hotel Cars were put on about the first of July, last year, and they have proven to be an unquestioned and decided success.

The managers of the company have determined to omit nothing which will add to the convenience, safety, and comfort of the traveling public who favor them with their patronage.

When the Legislature met last January the oil producers asked it to pass a pipe bill, in order that they might be relieved from the oppressive tyranny and unjust exactions of the Standard Oil Company.

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News and Other Notings.

Father M'Carthy of Mounson, Mass., has patented a candlestick to be used in funeral services.

Isaac Holtzman, of Lebanon county, is six feet seven and a half inches in height, and is large in proportion.

A thirteen-year-old girl in Lancaster keeps house for her father, and does the baking, washing, etc., to perfection.

A man was found at East St. Louis, Mo., a few days ago, frozen into a solid cake of ice, having fallen into a small pond and been drowned.

A woman of Melrose, Mass., looked her husband up in a hen house and horse-shed.

The proceeds of a breach of promise suit are to be appropriated for repairs on a church at Bowling Green, Ky.

A wedding recently took place near Camargo, Lancaster county, at which the great-grandfather of the bride was present.

George Albertson, switch-tender at the Pennsylvania Railroad round house at Harrisburg, was instantly killed on Saturday by a locomotive passing over his body.

The body of Jack Kehoe, who was hanged at Pottsville on Wednesday, was taken to Tamaqua for burial Friday afternoon from Girardville.

A cat at Moversville, Mass., is endeavoring to corner the mouse-killing market, and is doing so very successfully.

The large barn of Dr. John Stephens, in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, was destroyed by fire last week.

Dan Drawbaugh, of Cumberland county, Pa., is the inventor of a perpetual clock, which, by utilizing magnetism as a dynamic force, has been ticking away without winding for over five years.

The Boston man named Burnside will shortly attempt the feat of crossing the Atlantic, doubling the Cape of Good Hope and then crossing the Indian Ocean to Australia.

A dreadful holocaust, six persons burned to death, at Troy, N. Y., on Friday last, furnished the following particulars of a fearful fatality which occurred in that city the night previous.

Fire was discovered, about 11 o'clock Thursday night, in a one-story frame house in the town of Troy, N. Y., which was occupied by a family named Burke.

After the fire was extinguished search was made for the bodies of the children, and in the course of the search, the bodies of the children were found, charred beyond recognition.

A lady's strange affection, a correspondence about the following case, giving the name of the sufferer, which, however, is withheld by the editor:

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John Iverson was killed by a German tramp named Nyland, Spanglersville, on Saturday last.

There was a wedding in Newton, Conn. the other day, after, as the local chronicler says, a vigorous courtship of fifteen years.

Frankie Chapman, daughter of a Methodist clergyman in Jackson, Ohio, went to a public ball in Cincinnati, where she had been living, and drank so much wine with a friend, Miss Agans, that she became intoxicated.

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A party was given Thursday night at the Eagle Hotel, Smithville, Lancaster county, at which a desperate character, named George Martin, created a disturbance.

The thermomere indicated "thirteen degrees below zero" on Tuesday last.

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