Down the glassy hillside dashing, While the snowy spray is splashing And the bracing breeze is blowing through the maiden's flowing curls, What a chance there is for "mashing," When o'er crusted snow we're crashing, For there's nothing like tobogganing with sweet, bewitching girls!

Down the deep descent so narrow, Swifter than a flying arrow, Or a thunderbolt that Jupiter in anger madly hurls-

Oh, it thrills us to the marrow, And we're chipper as a sparrow When we glide on our toboggan with the gay and gleeful girls!

You may prate about your dancing, And the pleasure found in prancing Round and 'round with pretty partners who delight in dizzy whirls; But for happiness enhancing And enjoyment most entrancing There is nothing like tobogganing with plump and pretty girls!

MY WEDDING.

How Cupid managed to send Stephen Barker after me I never could find out; but that is between themselves and is none of my business. A man good enough for Elizabeth and Janet, and all such ornaments to their sex, to lay his I own that for a day or two the honor almost turned my head.

Then I began to consider. I had loved Norman Strong ever since I could remember, and Norman had been my friend when no one said a kind word to me. The case stood thus: I was an orphan, left to the care of an uncle and aunt remarkable for that kind of propriety that wins our admiration and awakens our hearty desire to get away from it. I had a small fortune of \$25,000; that is, I was to have it if I remained unmarried until I was thirty-five, or, if I married before, with

my uncle's approval. Now, uncle did not approve of Norman. In fact, uncle never approved of any one that I liked. But with Stephen Barker disapproval was out of the question. Stephen was the great man and the good man of our small town. To have insinuated that Stephen was not worthy of a saint, a beauty and an heiress united, would have been a heresy seriously affecting my uncle's social and commercial standing. Stephen Barker's offer was therefore accepted, and the next Sunday we walked

to church together. After this public avowal of our intentions the marriage was considered inevitable by every person but me. I must do myself the justice to state that I never regarded my engagement to Stephen seriously; it was part of a plan to secure my happiness and rights. And as Stephen fully coincided in it, I do not expect censure from any one else.

I think it was no later than the third night after Stephen had spoken to my uncle that I frankly told him I thought I ought not to marry him. He asked me why, and I said: "All my life long, Stephen, I have been a crushed, unhappy girl. I have been afraid to speak, or laugh, or sing, and no one but Norman Strong ever said a kind word to plan at first, but aunt said "it was em liar. Some women will doubtless say of salutation seems a trifle peremptory me until you came."

"And you love Norman?" he asked bluntly.

So I answered, "Yes, I love him, and he loves me, and when he got the posi- last day of my maiden life. tion of cashier in your bank, he wanted Norman Strong called that night and How can men be chivalrous and self. morning and dinner at 6 o'clock in the to marry me; but uncle said we were was in remarkably high spirits. He denying if women don't give them op- evening. Coffee with bread and butter neither of us to be trusted with my wished me every happiness, and was portunities? I think that is wrong, or fruit is served in the bedrooms, how-\$25,000."

"So you have \$25,000?"

Miles can keep it until I am thirty-five, fied with it. unless I marry to please him, or unless he is so satisfied of my good sense that Frances," said my aunt, and I bade he voluntarily gives it up to me. He her good-night; "the hairdresser comes 900 bushels, valued at \$330,861,254. will never do that."

Stephen was silent a long time, and I said, "Very well, aunt," and went your little fortune, do you think you my traveling costume. This done I sat could use it wisely?"

us occasionally on a Sunday night, and city. plain, to marry the banker's cashier.

propriety. I had announced my inten- were very great; in fact, when I con- in this country. The area is larger by a tion to have an extraordinary trousseau, sidered the amount of condolence and million acres. The estimated product and this being a point on which aunt gossip they would have to endure, I felt is 583,628,000, against 571,302,400 in could feel with me, the next four that for all the slights and scorns of my 1883. The yield per acre as estimated months were pleasantly spent in shop- unloved girlhood I could cry quits, is 27,04 bushels. In 1883, 28,01 ping and sewing. Never in our little And I had got my fortune also, and bushels. The average of conditown had there been seen such dozens Norman and I were so completely hap- tion was not quite so high as in 1883. of elegantly-trimmed undergarments, py! We had not a care, for Stephen The price per bushel is 27.07 cents, a such lingerie, such hosiery, such morn- had given him a \$500 bill and a month's reduction of 5.03 from the price of the ing dresses and evening costumes, such holiday, and told us to get all the pleas- previous crop, and the lowest price ever wonderful boots and slippers and jew- ure we could out of it. We obeyed reported except the average of 24.06 in elry. We held little receptions every him implicitly. afternoon a month before the wedding, and my wardrobe was laid out in the down a little. I did not expect to be ever made up to that date. The price best bedroom for comment and inspec- forgiven all at once, and I was not; but was then influenced by the downward

It was about this time that Stephen | particularly about it. We retuned very | corn years.

Mr. Miles, if you are willing, to add | ble. \$10,000 to it, and buy for her the Stamford estate. It is only three miles from here, the house is a very fine one, the land excellent, and then, whatever changes come, it secures her a competency, for as soon as the railway is inished it will be worth double. What do you say?"

"I think your offer extremely generous, Mr. Barker, and of course for such a purpose I am willing to hand over to you at once Frances' fortune. The interest has been applied to her own use like two children who had been foralways. Will you look at the accounts?' given, and whose fault was not to be

"Your word is sufficient, Mr. Miles." So in about two weeks the transfer was safely and amicably affected, and Stamford Hall and estate were firmly and surely made over to Frances Halliday, spinster, for her and her heirs forover I must state here that I opposed as strongly as I thought right, Stephen's gift of \$10,000, and his subsequent outlay of \$1,000 on furniture; but both uncle and aunt said that the settlement was small enough for a man of his means, and that it would be affectation honest heart at my foolish little feet! to oppose it. And really Stephen managed the whole affair with such fatherly kindness and thoughtfulness that could not bear to oppose him.

At length the wedding-day drew near. It had been arranged for Wednesday morning, and we were to leave for New York immediately after the ceremony. Cousin Jose, who had prepared himself to look down on all the world from the pulpit, was to perform the ceremony. This showed in Jose, a very forgiving spirit, seeing that he had once looked upon me and my \$25,000 with affection, and I had not appreciated the honor. However, he forgave me at this interesting epoch, and came benignly to bless my venture. He brought me as a present, a black onyx seal-ring, on which was set a cross in seed-pearls. He had offered it to me once before, with his affections and his took it this time.

It helped to swell the list of my presents, and they certainly made a good show. First there was the Stamford estate from my father and Stephen Barker, and the settled bills for \$1000 worth of new furniture which Stephen knick-knacks, and these I carefully packed in the half dozen trunks which were already corded and directed two days before the marriage day.

might have no concern about them, and be happy; I do, indeed. that I might be sure to have all I That is all I have to say about my wanted on my arrival. I opposed this marriage. I think it was rather pecu- by a "hist." For a time this method my wardrobe except my wedding dress exist. But let a girl, when she dis-

"Papa left me that much; but Uncle | selfish-and I was also very well satis- ties.

"I shall call you about 8 o'clock, at 8-30."

down in the dark. About 1 o'clock I

for my Cousin Malvina, who was very Stephen Barker, who secluded himself | the area and relieve over-productions. for that day entirely. My aunt and Everything went on with the greatest | cousin's chagrin and disappointment | corn, is the largest aggregate ever grown

then I was in a position not to worry tendency of corn during a series of good

Barker said to my uncle: "I under- quietly, after dark one night, very stand Frances has \$25,000. I wish her | much like two children who have played to have it so settled on herself, and for truant all day and creep home at nighther own absolute use, that I propose, fall with as little ostentation as possi-

But at Stamford Hall everything had been prepared for my comfort. The fires were blazing, the gas lighted and an excellent supper waiting. The next morning Norman went back to his desk and Stephen took no more notice of his return than if he had never left it. People who had been speculating about his losing his position knew in five minutes that there would be no change. And every one took his tone from Stephen. We were treated very much thrown up to them.

That was the way the men took it, and Norman pretended to be satisfied. The women acted with a great deal more intelligence. They all came to see me, and though I did not give them all credit for the very kindest of motives, I made them all welcome. I told them about my wedding trip, and showed them my new things and I dare say the men talked everything over with them afterward.

But what most puzzled everybody was that Stephen Barker came so often to see us, and was so friendly with Norman. Some thought it was very meanspirited in him, and others remembered that when he was very young he had loved my mother dearly. Even those who spoke kindly of him did not give him credit for half the noble unselfishness he had shown; for he would not let me tell any one that it was he himself who had planned everything about my property and my wedding.

"Just let them say you jilted me. Frances, if they please to do so. We know better, and we will keep our secret until Uncle Miles comes round."

Aunt and uncle both came round sooner than we expected. When it was known that Stephen spent so much of his time with us, Aunt Miles considered the advantages of having her daughters brought familiarly in cantact manse, and I had then refused it. I to see me and gave me the kiss of recwith him, and for their sakes she came oncillation.

But as far as catching Stephen's heart "in the rebound" was concerned, she was just a little too late. Norman's sister, who was a teacher in one of the public schools of New York, came to spend her vacation with us, and Stephen had sent to make the old rooms pretty fell in love with her in a way that conand comfortable. Uncle gave me a set vinced me that his love for Frances of silver and aunt some fine china, both Halliday had only been the shadow of which gifts I took care to send to the love he had for her mother. Why, Stamford before my wedding day. My Norman himself never behaved more cousins and aunts and friends gave me foolishly about me than Stephen about lightly and gracefully over their heads, all sorts of jewelry and pretty personal this little plain Ruth Strong; for she is plain-every one must allow that.

And the preparations that are going on for the marriage quite amuse me, For Stephen had proposed to send all myself. Dear me, I think Love must other. This object is attained by a sort cial policeman named Best tried to army trunks to our New York hotel two laugh at the kind of people he comes in of hissing noise. If one desires to hail

inently proper and thoughtful." So all they don't believe such men as Stephen and rude, but one soon becomes used to and a traveling suit arrived at the covers she does not like a man, tell him ling the same thing himself. The Cuto one she will find another Stephen, being served about 11 o'clock in the very attentive to Malvina. Aunt and I intend to give Norman every thought his behavoir charming-so un- chance to cultivate such noble quali-

Crops 1884 of U. S.

The wheat crop is placed at 512,763,-The average farm price of wheat is 65 then he said, a little sadly: "You are a to my room. The first thing I did was December. The December price in cents per bushel, against 91 cents last good girl to be so honest with me. If to pack my wedding dress in as small thirteen years has previously been below your uncle could be made to give up compass as possible, and then put on \$1 per bushel but five times—in 1874, 1878, 1880, 1882 and 1883. The aver-"I could—with Norman to help me," heard the signal I watched for. I went sas, 45 in Dakota, 50 in Minnesota, 55 age in Nebraska is 42 cents, 45 in Kan-Then we had a long conversation, softly down-stairs, unlocked the back in Iowa, 62 in Missouri, 63 in Illinois, which it is not necessary for me to re- door and walked out. Norman was 67 in Indiana, 74 in Michigan, and 75 peat; it will be understood by what fol- there. We did not speak until we were in Ohio. The average home-grown lows. There was no change apparently outside the grounds. There a buggy wheat in New England exceeds \$1, in between Stephen and I. He behaved waited, and we drove rapidly to a main New York it is 85 cents, in Pennsylvaexactly as a lover of his age and charac- line about three miles off. Here we nia 86. It is 80 cents in Virginia and ter would be likely to behave. He sent caught the 2 o'clock express, and were 83 in Maryland. The price of wheat is aunt presents from his hot-houses, and safe in New York and very respectably lower than it has ever been reported he made me presents of pretty jewelry. married by 10 o'clock. My trunks, by the department. It is said to be low-He spent the evenings at Uncle Miles' which had arrived the day before, were er in Great Britian than at any other house, and sometimes we were left then redirected for, Washington, and period of the present century. It is a alone together, and sometimes we went after a delicious little wedding break- result that is perfectly natural, and that out for a walk. Norman came to see fast—all by ourselves—we left for that has been predicted repeatedly in these reports, A series of crop failures almy aunt said he had really behaved In the meantime there was trouble together unprecedented in Europe stimwith more good sense than she expected. enough in Miliford. Our flight was not ulating production all over the world I think she thought that if I married discovered till near 8 o'clock, and then | could have no other outcome, These the banker, it might not be a bad thing Uncle Miles sent word at once to low prices, however, will soon reduce

The crop of oats this year, like that of 1878, when the yield was given at 31.04 During that month things settled per acre, and the aggregate the largest

Scenes in Havana.

Many and strange are the sights one may see during a walk in the streets of Havana. Every one smokes and in all places. Even the presence of ladies is no kindrance. The cigar and cigarettes are seen everywhere; in parlor, diningroom, theater and even street car. The negro women are inveterate smokers, and to see one puffing away at a great black cigar is an exceedingly common sight. In the early morning many negroes can be seen with great baskets, from four to five feet in diameter, filled with vegetables, perched upon their heads and crying their wares through the city. The weight of some of these baskets is tremendous and enough to make a fair load for an ordinary horse. The horses and mules, very small in size but exceedingly tough and of great endurance, are made to carry and draw loads of immense weight. An ordinary morning sight is one of these little horses carrying on his back an enormous stack of corn, so large, in fact. that nothing of the horse, with the exception of his head and tail, are visible. Or again, may be he is carring two immense pamers, loaded with oranges or some other fruit and a great lot of usgar cane, on top of all of which sits the proprietor of the perambulating fruit store. Sometimes the paniers are filled with small milk cans, the merchant having one for each of his regular customers. Another and quite as common a manner of serving milk is the driving of the cows into the city and milking is dismissed without prejudice. them to order, as it were, at the customer's very door.

During the daytime the ladies of Havana are seldom seen upon the streets, and if they do make their appearance it is always with an attendant or in carriages. But as a general thing they remain in the seclusion of their homes until evening, at which time there is a grand outpouring of the female portion of the population, who, with their attendant duennas, wend their way in carriages from all quarters of the city toward the Parque Central, where on several evenings of the week orchestral music is furnished, and where on every evening a great crowd of the young beaux of Havana are to be found. The carriages containing the senoritas draw up to the curb, making the Parque Central look much as Union or Madison squares do with their rows of waiting cabs. The young caballeros cluster in groups around each vehicle, flitting from one to the other in true butterfly fashion, while the senoritas, with the Spanish mantilla thrown cast bewitching glances from over the ing satellites surrounding them. Selit, and in a short while is probably doever, immediately upon rising. The restaurants in Havana are

numerous. The doors are many and large, in fact, the same is true of shops and stores of all kinds; the ceilings are in fact exceedingly comfortable and airy. On the sidewalk in front is almost always a row of tables, around each of which is generally clustered a their cigarettes, and seemingly entirely absorbed in their light gossip and the great cup of very black coffee which they are invariably sipping. Except by quently an intoxicated person is an un. Governor. usual sight. Coffee is the universal drink, and great quantities of it are consumed. The Havana lottery, which receives the support and protection of Court of Claims. the Spanish government, and 1s, in fact, a source of considerable revenue there- Colonial Railway, in New Brunswick, chase and sale of stocks, certificates, out before Cuba can expect prosperity killing two train hands. to dwell within her shores once more. times a month and always at 7 o'clock in the morning. By 10 o'clock the result is known, boys with extras rush terest and conversation. The tickets are bought by every one, rich and poor alike, All are in the hopes of winning the large prize and thus be saved the by trouble and necessity for further effort \$100,000. in the securing of their living; and so, little by little, their money is absorbed by this miserable parasitic concern, and, buildings there are guarded day if rich, they still are no richer, while to destroy the Colonial buildings. tempting to further foolish ventures. Hundreds of men, women and boys peddle these tickets on the streets. They receive the small commission of

NEWS OF THE WEEK

-Two loaded coal cars on the 24th platform at the foot of the incline. Fritz Belter was killed and two other men were severely injured.

-The finding and sentence of the court martial in the case of General Swaim have been approved by the President. They are: "To be suspended from rank and duty for twelve years and to forfeit one-half his monthly pay every month for the same period." The sentence of the court martial in the case Colonel Morrow, convicted of triplicating his pay accounts, was also approved by the President. He is sentenced to grade for the peried of two years.

-Annie Sullivan, wife of the pugilist John L. Sullivan, of Boston, has sued for a divorce on the grounds of 'cruel and abusive treatment and gross and confirmed habits of intoxication.'

U. S. Senator were had on the 25th, in mittee of a public meeting at the Philalature. The Republicans refused to January, relative to the Senate bill, vote, one of their number being absent. The Democrats cast 98 votes for Morrison, and 4 scattering on each ballot.

-The Governor of Kansas has sent a message to the Legislature of that State in reference to the difficulties between the State and the Union Pacific Railroad Company. He submits a proposition from the Union Pacific Company, in wh ch an agreement is provided making many important concession ooking to State control of the Kansas Pacific Railway if the present litigation

-The President on the 25th, nominated Francis E. Warren to be Governor of Wyoming Territory.

Governor of Manitoba, died on the 25th n Winnepeg, at the age of 69.

-Two passenger trains on the Illinois Central Railroad were run into by a freight train near Chebause on the John McInnes, of Ingersol, Ontario, was killed and nine persons were injured. It appears that the passenger train which left Chicago at about 8 P. M. was being followed closely by the New Orleans Express, the latter train consisting of a baggage car, smoker, two coaches, and four sleepers.

-A sled carrying nine boys and girls dashed into a wagon at the foot of a hill in South Pittsburg on the 25th, and all the sledders were injured, five of them dangerously.

-A sleighing party of twenty was pitched down an embankment by run- create a Board of Commissioners in away horses, near Reading, Pa., on the Lunacy and define their powers, rela-

Barnes, in Norfolk, Va., were de- debate, in which members of the Board stroyed by fire on the 25th with 2400 of Charities were quoted for and against bales of cotton. The total loss is about tops of their fans at the circle of admir- \$147,000, and is covered by insurande burn, of Philadelphia, favored, and -A Salvation Army meeting in the dom is a person heard to shout when Opera House at Newark, Ohio, on the who might have been the banker's wife desiring to attract the attention of an. 24th, was disturbed by roughs. A sperest the disturbers, and a free fight ocdays before we left in order that we contact with. But I hope Stephen will a passing street car, to call a cab, to knocked down and badly hurt. A man

attract the attention of a friend, or in named William Patterson, who resisted fact the attention of any one, it is done arrest, was beaten on the head with a club by the policeman, and is believed to be fatally injured. It is said that a mistake was made in this case, and that | Graham announced that he had issued Patterson was not one of the rioters. -Robert Logan, a Republican mem-Fifth-avenue Hotel, New York, on the so and ask his advice and help, and ten bans eat but two meals a day breakfast tatives, fell dead of heart disease on the 26th as he was entering the Assembly Chamber, at Springfield. By his death the House and Senate jointly stands: ber of bills were introduced. The Democrats, 102, including Streeter and death of Representative Falls, of Law-

Senator 103 constitutes a quorum, con- was appointed to draft resolutions. A sequently if the Republicans refuse to of the Senator will not take place until after a successor to Logan is elected, very high, and with their floors of mar. It was first thought that after the death | deceased. ble or tile, they are in appearance and of Logan 102 would constitute a quoboth sides that such is not the case. group of natives, apparently devoid of place of Logan, deceased, to take place duty, and their mileage 10 cents per all care, puffing clouds of smoke from March, 21st. It has been agreed to take mile circular, the latter not to be estimno further vote for United States Sena-March, 4th.

-The Prohibitionists of Rhode Island held a State Convention in Provithe very lowest classes liquor is used | dence on the 26th, and nominated a very sparingly by the Cubans, conse- ticket headed by George H. Slade for

-John Davis on the 26th, relinquished the position of First Assistant ecretary of State, and entered upon the duties as Associate Justice of the

-Two freight trains on the Intercollided on the 26th, near Millstream,

-The National Theatre, in Wash-The drawings occur as often as three ington, was destroyed by fire on the Fayette, opposed the bill and Mr. Bates, 27th. The fire was discovered at twenty minutes past one o'clock. The theatre had closed before eleven o'clock and no one was in the building except about the streets and, for the time be- the engineer, who escaped in his night ing, it is the all-absorbing topic of iu- clothes. Nothing remains but the walls, all the contents being destroyed, with the wardrobe of the Wallack Company, which had been playing during the week. The loss is estimately the proprietor of the theatre at

-A dynamite scare prevails in Nassau, New Providence, and the public if they are poor, they still remain poor; night. The cause is a report from New York that a plot had been formed there

Pennsylvania Legislature.

SENATE.

In the Senate on the 23d, Mr. Osborn ten cents for each ticket, and one is so introduced a bill authorizing Philacontinually importanced to buy that the delphia City Councils to revise the Delwhole affair becomes a great nuisan e aware wharf lines south of Dickerson House adjourned.

street and north of Ann street, Port Richmond, in order to prevent wharf extension at regular intervals, which would deflect the river channel toward broke the cable on the Castle Shannon | the New Jersey shore. [A similar bill Inclined Plane, at Pittsburg, when near | was introduced in the House by Mr. the top, and crashed down through a Stewart.] Bills on first reading occucupied the evening. Adjourned.

-In the Senate, on the 24th, the fol-

lowing were among the Executive

nominations received and confirmed. Trustees of Danville Hospital-D. M. Boyd, of Danville; B. H. Detwiler, Williamsport; Steuben Jenkins, Wyoming; B. H. Throop, Scranton; Charles S. Miner, Honesdale. General Inspector of Rifle Practice-Edward O. Shakespeare, of Philadelphia, Member of State Board of Agriculture-James Young of Dauphin county. Trustees of Harrisburg Lunatic Hospital forfeit all right to advancement in his Messrs. Henry Gilbert, of Dauphin county, Robert A. Lamberton, Northampton county. Managers of Western Pennsylvania Hospital - Charles E. Boyle of Fayette; E. A. Wood, Allegheny; W. S. Brown, Erie. Gas Meter. &c., Inspector in Allegheny - Mr. Robert M. McKinney. Mr. Grady pre--Two more ineffectual ballots for sented a communication from a comjoint convention of the Illinois Legis- delphia Board of Trade rooms, in which requires real estate, national, State or other bonds as the security to be given to property owners by corporations in the construction or enlargement of their works. The committee represent among other things that the putting up of securities of the character indicated would render the completion of a railroad of any length impossible, and virtually nullify the general railroad law. They recommend that the bill be confined to cities of the first class. The committee consists of John Price Wetherill, John Samuel, A. G. McAuley, Benj. S. Janney and George L. Buzby. Referred to the Committee on Railroads. The Senate adjourned. -In the Senate, on the 25th a num-

-Joseph Edonard Cauchon, ex- ber of bills were reported upon in a favorable manner, the Senate bill to repeal the 15th section of the act of June 7th, 1879, to provide a revenue taxation passed finally-yeas 43, nays 0. Mr. MacFarlane, of Philadelphia, in reply to Mr. Sutton, explained that the bill would not affect the Standard Oil Company. Adjourned until 3 P. M. At a special session of the Senate on the 25th, formal announcement was made of the death of the late Senator, Alexander Patton, of the Fortieth District, whose decease occurred last year. The usual mortuary resolutions were adopted, and remarks commemorative of the virtues and talents of the deceased were made by Messrs. Ross, of Greene; Watres. Cooper, Adam, Wallace, Hall and Longenecker. journed.

In the Senate on the 26th, the bill to All were injured, Miss Lillie tive to the supervision and control of Heming and Mrs. Homan very seriously. hospitals or houses in which the insane -The cotton warehouses of W. W. are placed for treatment or detention, Gwathmey & Co. and Vaughan & gave rise to a long and unisteresting the measure. Messrs. Grady and Rey-Messrs. Macfarlane. of Philadelphia, and Gobin, of Lebanon, opposed the bill, which was finally postponed, with a view to amendment. Mr. Upperman. of Allegheny, reported favorably from the Committee on Constitutional Reform the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution abolishing the poll tax. Adjourned. HOUSE.

In the House on the 23d, Speaker a writ for an election on Tuesday, March 24th, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of N. C. Northrup, of Lackawanna county. The House bill to prohibit the adulteration of food and drugs was favoribly reported. A num-Haines, Independent Democrats. Republicans, 101. In order to elect a motion of Mr. Stevenson, a committee committee of nine was also constituted vote, as they now propose, the election | to attend the funeral or the late member. The House then adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the

-In the House on the 24th, the bill rum, but it is understood by leaders on authorizing the election of township school superintendents was passed final-Governor Oglesby on the 26th, signed ly. House bill making the pay of an order calling for an election of a county auditors \$3 a day for time neces-Representative in Whiteside county in | sarily spent in the performance of their ated more than once a year, was passed tor in the Illinois Legislature before finally. The resolution from the Senate protesting to Congress against the abolition of the National Board of Health was concurred in. The House bill to provide additional means for the destruction of the Canada thistle was passed finally. The House adjourned.

In the House on the 25th, the Speaker announced that he had issued a writ for an election to be held March 24th to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Falls, of Lawrence county. The bill to change the present mode of making contracts for the purreceipts or other evidences of property was discussed at length. Messrs. Hulings, of Venango, and Schnatterly, of of Crawford, spoke at much length in its favor. Further consideration of the bill was postponed. A message was received from the Governor approving the resolution urging upon Congress the speedy passage of the bill to place ten. Grant on the retired list. The reading of the message was greeted with ap-Adjourned.

In the House, on the 26th a number of bills were introduced and Mr. Mc-Cullough presented a bill from the broom manufacturers of Philadelphia, withdrawing their objections to the appropriation for the Pennsylvania Working Home for Blind Men for the reason that the substantial ground of complaint had been removed by the proposed discharge of broommakers, etc. The act to provide for the better security of life and limb in cases of tires in hotels and other buildings was amended on second reading by Mr. Stewart, of Philadelphia, to require iron stairways