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A Had Place for Editors. It is evidently not a good thing for ditors to go to Washington. Whether It is the much wisdom there that makes m mad, or the much wine that flows, we do not know, but certain it is that mad they become.

Poor Watterson, who has been hang ing around the capital all winter, gun ning for a copyright law and running the Democracy, has finally broken out in a raging lunacy, in which he reads out | Boston. of the Democratic party nearly all its members but himself. And now, fired by the example, comes Col. McClure with a strange foretelling of Democratic disruption on the free trade rock. Mr. McClure has been dining and wining the instructions. leading Democratic lights in Washing ton, having had Carlisle and Morrison to a dinner and dandall and Mutchler to the next day's breakfast, or vice versa, and evidently he has dined too much and heard too much, comprehended too little, for what he tells of what he heard to the readers of his newspaper is sheer

The free trade Democratic leaders, Mr. McClure tells us, distinctly avow that "they will desert Democracy to follow free trade." Mr. Watterson, as the speech to the Free Trade club in New of his opponents untroubled by timess York was "the first step in the departure to force free trade as the positive policy of the Democracy." These men confess that a free trade declaration by trade and fall back on the Ohio plat now openly declared by Carlisle, Morri son, Watterson and others of their persussion, that they will go outside the Democratic organization to battle for their free trade theory."

We feel like apologizing to our readers for quoting to them such silly stuff. which entitles his words, wild as they are, to be heard. If he keeps on, however, with such outgivings, he will soon ted for speaker, of great exaggeration; and his present deliverance is no doubt party, just to show that as a political seer he is a first class article. It is a role he has always assumed with great confidence, but mild success.

The discovery he has made that Watterson blows the trumpet of Carlisle and on Sunday morning. Morrison, and that they follow him in his crazy screed for free trade and noth ing else, would be a notable one, if true ; for it would be a discovery that Carlisle and Morrison are fools as well as Watterson; which no one will believe. The lature to settle the question whether a statement made by other Washington reporters that Carlisle styles Watterson as a blatherskite, whose foolish utterances do the cause he espouses great harm, is far more probable, because it assumes Mr. Carlisle to be the man of offer of a reward for the relief of the sense he is reputed to be, who knows Greely party will import too many lives Watterson to be the goose he is known in daugerous work. to be. Mr. Carlisle's speech at the free trade banquet, if it was intended to start a bloody free trade war to the knife yesterday. He will return in July. crusade, such as McClure charges as his intent, must be considered to have shown \$12,888 a day or just about \$9 a minute. a remarkable disposition in its author to say the reverse of what he intended to say, as he specifically declared himself to be for reformation, not revolution. Now, clearly, if Mr. Carlisle is proposing to upset the Democratic party in a free trade crusade he is for revolution, not reformation.

Taking Mr. Carlisle and Mr. Morrison to be the sensible men and good Democrats they are claimed to be, and consid ering that they have now at tained a position in the van of the Democratic party, no one of ordinary good sense will for one moment believe that they are disposed to chal lenge the success of the Democratic party or disturb its harmony by an undue pressure upon it of their opinions. Nor will it be believed that those Democratic leaders, who are opposed to any present change in the tariff, will persist in their especial views with an obstinacy that will disturb Democratic unity. We wish it to be understood that the men who are guiding the Democratic party to day are men of sense, who will see to it that no jarring of opinions shall be so harsh as to interfere with the step of the army. If they should show any such weakness and unfitness for their trust, the places that know them would so quickly be va cant and so speedily filled with fitter men that there would hardly be a ripple made or a balt in the Democratic march. We give notice all around that the Demo cratic soldiers are on guard with a quick shaft and short shrift for faithless officers.

THE members of the New York stock exchange are trying a rather novel plan to bring to terms the landlords in the vicinity of the exchange, who are demanding an increase of rent. They have drawn up an agreement pledging each signer not to lease any office the rent of which is to be raised, and twenty-five firms have already signed the agreement. This mode of proceeding seems to indicate that the tenants are in earnest in their determination to resist what they deem extortionate demands on the part of the landlord class. The inexorable laws of supply and demand will doubtless remedy the difficulty.

THE New York Sun is sometimes shockingly weak, as notably now in its suggestions that Mr. Tilden's inability to become a presidential candidate, does not at all interfere with the call upon are carrying around a man of straw for Just after the war he was somewhat reckthe Democratic convention to nominate commercial purposes.

him, await his declination, and nominate someone else. We fondly hope that the Democratic national convention will be a convention of men, not of old women and children, or the silly editors who seem to be cropping up so freely now, and that the delegates will select first the candidate they want last.

ALAS that the Lasker discussion should last so long !

THE barrowing suspicion is floating around that Slugger Sullivan is weakening. The very thought causes the cold chills to creep down the back of literary

Quay, like the Scriptural maiden, was not dead, but only sleeping. The dele gates elected at yesterday's convention in Philadelphia are unembarrassed by nov

It is hardly probable that the ice men this season will have the assurance to speak of an ice famine. Over three and a half million tons of the frozen commodity were gathered in the Hudson during the season that has just closed.

NE BUILDED BETTER THAN HE ENEW The hand that rounded Peter's dome And grotned the airles of Christian Rome. Wrought in a sad sincerity; Himself from God he could not free; He builded better than he knew;— The conscious stone to beauty grew.

GLADSTONE has been taken ill just at the bugler of the movement, blew his late time when all his best energies are needed "ringing order for a free trade advance" for the carrying out of his policy in the mat as "a result of the deliberately deter- ter of the war in the Soudan. His enemics. mined purpose on the part of the free whom nothing would better please than trade leaders to force the fight." Speaker | the downfall of the ancient old wood chop Carlisle and Morrison are head devils per of Howarden, may yet first that in the conspiracy, and the speaker's Gladstone sick is able to cope with most

OCRELTREE took advantage of the cees sion yesterday when the Lasker resolu tions came up for discussion in the House the Democratic national convention to make a very temperate and forcible will defeat the party this year, but speech regarding them. Those who ex " they are willing to let defeat come if pected to see the Texas statesman ran necessary," to clear the way for a and roar and offer to fight Bismarck sinfree trade victory in 1888, "If the gle handed, went away with their desires convention shall refuse to accept free ungratified. But it does seem as though Congress is wasting a great deal of preform as the policy of the party, it is clous time over a matter of very little consequence to the public at large. Let the Lucker discussion give way to uffors of more consequence.

It seems now more than likely that the German warfare carried on against the American hog was due to economic rather than sanitary reasons. It is claimed that But Mr. McClure has a reputation there is an influential party among the supporters of Prince Bismarck who are in favor of rescinding the prohibitory edict. on condition that our Congress reduce the lose that claim. He is capable, as he duties upon certain German products. showed when Mr. Carlisle was nomina The presumption is that the latter has reference to the wine interests of Germany. The war will now transfer itself to this inspired by his desire to show that he side of the water, American pork merchants was not the false prophet then that he insisting on an exchange of favors, while was set down to be. He would like to their brethren interested in American see a first class shindy in the Democratic wines will fight just as religiously for the retention of the old embargo on the German products.

> FRATURES OF THE STATE PRESS. Progress wants one postoffice delivery

The Carlisle Volunteer suggests John I. Sullivan as minister to Berlin. "If we cannot have Tilden give us

Tilden's choice," says the Chambersburg Valley Spirit. The Philadelphia News wants the Legis-

woman can practice law. It will be a happy day for the country, says the Harrisburg Independent, when the

one term principle is applied to the office of president. The Philadelphia Bulistin fears that the

LAWRENCE BARRETT sailed for England

Jay Gould's income is no less than HENRY Invino gave a supper last night to the members of the Clover club at the Bellevue hotel, Philadelphia.

BENJAMIN JAY, the first justice of the peace and first shoemaker of Scranton, died last evening in his 87th year.

MR MICHAEL REESE, of San Francisco has given \$50,000 to John Hopkins Uni versity, Baltimore, the interest of which i to be employed in euroching its library. HANGMAN BINNS is proving himself an inworthy successor to Hangman Marwood. He is drunk so continually that Parliament is debating about his dismis-

GENERAL GODFREY WEITZEL, lieutenaut colonel of the United States engineer corps, died at his home in Philadelphia Wednesday morning after a sickness of several days.

GEORGE L. PEREINS, a venerable citizen of Norwich, Conn., has carried in his pocket for seventy eight years the same silver half dollar-a little feat not of en done in this world. BISHOP H. H. KAVANAUGH, of the

Mathodist Episcopal church South, died in Columbus Miss, Wednesday morning. He was 82 years of age and in his boyhood days had been a printer. REV. M. VALENTINE, D. D. now presi

dent of the Pennsylvania college, has be n elected president of the faculty of the Lutheran theological seminary at Gettysburg, to succeed Dr. Stork, deceased. BARON TENNYSON, in answer to a re-

quest for his autograph from the secretary of the Chelsea hospital for women, sent the following: "Sir, I send you a stanza from a poem of mine-written half a cen tury ago-as you say you wish for a verse of mine:

"Not he that breaks the dams, but the That thro' the channels of the state Couvoys the people's wish, is great, his name is pure, his fame is free.

"Tennyson"

No Time for Complimentary Voting. arlisle Volunteer, The states to be carried are New York Ohio and Iudiana. No man of mediocre ability can carry them, no matter what length of time he may have been in the public service by favor of a particular constituency of limited numbers. The Democrat to carry any one of these states must be a man who rises high above the statute of common public men-a man of lrone who has managed to absorb some little knowledge of public affairs as he has crept through the political world. To throw a lot of third rate men into the convention bag along with two, three or four that are good, and trust to luck to shake out the best, is a risk that the delegates who will represent the Democracy in the national convention have no right to take. We repeat, this is no time for complimentary voting-no time for

STATE ITEMS.

WIFE'S STRANGE INFATUATION an Frie Lady of Good Pamily Foresak

Everything to Marry a Negro-Other Commonwealth News A sensation was created in Erie on Tues

day night by the elopement of Mrs. Georgianna Griffin with Charles Holmes, a colored hod earrier. Mrs. Griffin is a young woman of twenty-three, highly connected, being a relative of Judge Cross, formerly on the bench of Erie county. Five years ago she married George Griffio, an artist, who, after the birth of their little girl, treated her so badly that a separation was insisted upon by her mother. For the last three years Mrs. Griffin has been living with her mother, a lady of considerable means. Three months ago Charles Rolmes, an intensely black negro, of splendid physique, was employed as a hod carrier repairing the house opposite. Observing that he attracted the attention of the lady across the way, he found means of communicating with her, and an acquaintant began which ended Wednesday in both being seized on board a train when about starting for Buffalo.

The elopement was partially frustrated by a railroad conductor telephoning to Mrs. Martin that her daughter was at the teput in suspicious company and hart bought tickets for two for Buffalo. The mother jumped into a back without stopping to don street attire and dashed into the depot just before the train pulled out. The lady was discovered in the car, with Holmes in the next seat marquerading as her servant. The officers had great diffi culty in removing her. She shrick and called upon her colored swain in endearing terms to prevent her removal. Holmes declined. Had he made the slightest attempt to interfere a score of excited citisens aboard the train would have effectualsuppressed him, Officer Duddenhoeffer irmly but kindly led Mrs. Griffin towards er mother. Suddenly she wrenched herself free and darted up Eighteenth street with the fleetness of a deer. The officer pursued her, followed by fully five people Mr. Griffin distanced them all and vanited over the school house fence with the agility of an acrobat and At this writing she had not been found by the police. Her black lover wanted to leave the train, but was forced to go out of town on it. He told a correspondent that Mrs. Griffin loved him and had concented to fly and be married at Buffalo. Their meetings have been claudestine but frequent. Mrs. Griffin has to divorce from her hunband.

Cast Up by the hiver In December last two men cam to Easton from the coal region coal shenandoah, one bound for Germany he other intending accompanying him to New York. They stopped there to see friends and it was supposed they both left or New York. The one is now in Germany. The whereabouts of the other remained a mystery until Wednesday morning, bough his friends sought him diligently. t now appears that the other fell into the Lehigh river and was drowned. His body came to the surface Wednesday morning and was identified by papers found on him. His name was Peter O'Donnell. He had mines but had spent all but 89, and this spirit. years old and leaves a wife and three chil-

A Mine on Fire. At noon on Wednesday a large quantity f fire fell from the furnace at the top of the air shaft of B. F. Rafferty & Co.' mine at Shaper Station, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, near Pittsburg. The mass lodged 150 feet below the surface and a few minutes the mine was filled with the waist. A fier e struggle ensued, b managed to reach the top and at once be Dr Gordon in a woman's clothes, egan to battle with the flames. Their florts were futile, however, and the fire gaining ground and spreading furiously, Application has been made to the city for assistance. The probable loss

capnot be estimated. Capture of an Escaped Convict. During the last session of criminal court, while Sheriff Boyer of Pottsville was taking eight prismers unhandouffed from he deck to the jail, he encountered t crowd in the court house corridor, and one of the prisoners, John Reilly, under sentence of nine months for burglary. escaped The matter was kept quiet but last night officers of Mahanoy city discovered Reilly in the act of committing cellar of his house last Sunday. The was another crime, and arrested him. He was every indication that the Louse had brought back to jall and will be tried next month.

Two Miners Instantly Killed Andrew Hortal, a laborer, was instantly killed by a fall of roof Tuesday night withstanding these indications of foul while at work in the Hillman vein, a play a hasty examination was made of the branch of the Midvale colliery, near body, and it was interred after a coroner's that of other inigrating birds, Wilkesbarre, Michael Jones, a miner, 50 jury had declared that they had no eviyears of age, was instantly killed at the dence of the cause of death. Yesterday Nottingham colliery on Sunday by a fail the body was exhumed and another inquest

An Gld Man's Spicide. Tuesday evening Hiram Estie, an old man living neae Ryerson station, Greene county, committed suicide by hanging. He was in bad health and his mind was affected. A brother of the deceased took his life in a similar manner about ten years

A JEALOUS AUTOR.

Pummels the Disturber of His Peace to the Erick Bayley, a young English actor, who arrived in New York recently, entered the restaurant of the Union Square hotel on Tuesday afternoon, and seeing Leeford Arthur, another English actor, lunching there, struck him in the face and threw, nius to the sloor, shouting, "I have you you thief, you liar, you scoundrel Watters started to put Bayley out, when Arthur sprang at him and knocked him out of the room. Both went out side and there fought for some minutes, both falling several times, while the bystanders encouraged them and separated them when they fell together. At length a policeman discharged them. The men are old enemies and Bayley accuses Arthur of having supplanted him in his wife's affections. Both are very intelligent and rather elegant young fellows

General Lee's Sons. St. Louis Spectator. Gen. Robert E. Lee left three or four sons. The elder, George Washington Parke Curtis Lee, is president of Washington and Lee university at Lexington, Va., the institution presided over by his father at the time of his death. He was a major general in the Confederate army. The university over which he presides had some life and impetus given it by the heated sentiment that prevailed prospered, and, like Virginia university itself, a school that held a first place so long, and that was founded by the great Jefferson, whose homestead overlooks it from a distant hill, it seems to have par quick, vigorous, original mind, not a duli taken of the general blight and decay that have fallen upon the once proud and magnificent state of Virginia, Gen. Runey Loe, another son of the great confederate commander, leads the life of a quiet Virginia farmer, caring more for fat calves and green meadows than for a life of public service to which the whole Lee family by an inexorable fate is denied admission. Bob Lee, as he is familiarly called, is the youngest son of Gen. R. E. Lee, and he is also a quiet farmer. His tying to the car of trading politicians who home is on the James, near Richmond. less, and I have seen a gentleman here

within the past week of whom he borrowed a quarter in a gambling extremity.

OCHILTREE SPEARS. His Kemarks on the Lasker Kesolution

The first appearance of the red headed Texan created considerable interest. He rose with great dignity and conking on eye on the southwest corner of the cerand the other on his manuscript he begto read. Members gathered around hi by dezens and filled the space in the rear. The House had been in great uproar. Now you could have heard a pin drop. The great Ochiltre whose fame had become internation by a slender accident, was on deck. The was at first an evident disposition to guy the sturdy Texan, but as he read on w increasing emphasis and well modulated voice the well turned sentences and vigor ous rhetoric, this disposition settled doto earnest attention and wound up rounds of applause and clamors more. He said that this affair had a beyond the domain of red tape, and called on every representative to look to that his individual honor and digitly we preserved and in doing so to defent t dignity of the people 1: ing the dignity of this body to ent into explanations of of the original resolutions, fine ogetic tone of the pending resulting was unworthy of the representatives this great nation. He subgreed Laske and spoke of him as an advecte of cstitutional freedom. A compliment Lasker was a rebuke to the German el cellor, because they were the auticheses each other. The present moident itself showed of what bus metal latter was moulded. He had ever be a flatterer and a sycophant to royalty, * had never upheld the rights of people and never lost an opportunity denounce popular sovereignty. The prest boast of this man of blood and ire was that he had served the royal family Prussia for half a century. Well mig this proud and haughty instrument drapotism seek to shut cut America principles from the hearts of the German people. The principles of absolute an perialism could not withstand the meral power of American freedom.

IMPRISONED SPIRITS AT IS S.

Examination of Two Allegro France L. "Dector" H. C. Gordon and Hugh Kerr, two well known spiritualists, ar rested Tuesday night by reporters of th Press and a Pinkerton detective, brought before a magistrate charged with obtaining money under false preteno The court room was crowded F. Morse, the reporter of the Prowho had sworn out the warran testified that he had attended the spin itualists' seances under orders since l' 28. He had seen the desendant Gord personate the deceased relatives of mothan a score of his patrons. Gardon h at one time personated the reports deceased aunt, and at another time he h seen him personate the dead sweetheart. quite a sum of money when he left the a young man who had paid \$1 to see th The spiritualists had another was found in his clothing. He was 29 constant patron, a Mr. Hogard, of Porland, Me. He had lived to Philadelphia recently so as to be near the spirit of by departed daughter Esther, who always

appeared at Dr. Gordon's summon Mr. Hogard, who was present Wednesday at the court, wept as his story was related He said a figure, which he had believ to be the spirit of his daughter, used to come and sit by his side on a safa during ignited the timbers and loose coal at the Gordon's seauces. Last might when the bottom. These turned furiously, and in spirit came the reporter Morse seized it by smoke. The 200 men who were at work the spirit, who afterwards turned out to overpowered just as it was in the act of kissing the father.

The female attire and other parapharalia Gordon and his assistant Kerr used in identified. The defendants were held in and were sent to jail.

MURDERED FOR HIS MONEY.

The Mutilated Corpse of a New Jersey Farmer Found in his Dwelling. George U. Vaters, a middle aged farmer who lived alone on the Mill road near Vineland, N. J., was found dead in the again been entered by burglars. Marks of a jimmy were found on a window, and on a door lending to the cellar was found a shirt stained with blood. Not-

held, when it was discovered after an autopsy that Vaters had a scalp wound and an this neighborhood before daylight effusion of blood on the brain. The man had evidently been struck with some it. They are not musical birds; they had evidently been struck with some itstrument from behind. The hands were cut and bruised. It was shown in evidence that Vaters had visited the houses of Messrs. Ackerman, Collins and Moore on Monday, Feb. 18, being then in good health, and that he showed the latter a roll of money, promising to visit Mrs. Moore on the following day. On the next day three women saw two men going in the direction of Vater's house, answering the description of George and Frank Jones, two dissolute sons of one of the respectable business men in Vineland. They have disappeared and a party of citizens headed. by Constable Strong have tracked them to Milville, but there lost trail of them. White House Dinner | arry. The president gave a dinner at the

White House last night to representatives and others, at which the following named persons were guests : General and Mrs. Slocum, Representative and Mrs. Horr, arrested them, but the police magistrate Representative and Mrs. Bisbee, Representative and Mrs. Payson, Representative and Mrs. Dingley, Representative and Miss Taylor, of Ohio; Representative and Mrs. George, of Oregon; Representative and Mrs. Spooner, Representative Robin son, of Ohio ; Representative and Mrs. Hitt, Representative and Mrs. derson, of lows ; Representative and Mrs. Kellogg, Representative and Mrs. Russell, Representative and Mrs. Haynes, Repre sentative and Mrs. Millard, Representative and Mrs. Brown, of Pennsylvania; Representative and Mrs. Sency, Representative and Miss Jeffords, Representative and Miss Ramsey, Representative and Mrs. Maginnis, Representatives Wemple, and Culbertson, of Kentucky ; Hon. Emory A. Storrs, of Chicago ; Miss Buckingham, in the South immediately after the close of the war, but latterly it has not and Mrs. Weed, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Chapin, of New York, and Mrs. Wolfe, of New York.

> Attempted suicide of Youthful Lovers. W. M. Dane, 20 years old, of Bentonville, Fayette county, Ind., became enam-ored of a 13 year old girl named Ada Swift. Her parents objected to a continuance of his attentions on account of Ada's extreme youth. On Saturday night Dane purchased two ounces of laudanum, giving Ada one half and swallowing the other half himself. The poison failed to have a fatal effect in either case, being an overdose. The father had Dane arrested on charge of attempting to poison his child. The girl is seriously sick, but may recover. Dane was a school teacher.

FED TO DEATH.

THE TERRIBLE PATE OF A GLUTTON

An aged inmate of the Payton Soldiers Home ties from the Effects of Too

Peter Mercer, an aged inmate of the sol liers' home near Dayton, Ohio, was found Monday night in a dying condition on a saloon perch two miles beyond the Dayton soldiers' institution. He had a wound on his forehead, an indication that he had met with some violence. He was taken to the soldiers' home hospital, where he died shortly afterward. A mys tery hovered over the affair, and investigation it was discovered he had been carried to the porch by Charles and William Cook, sons of a rival saloonist, in whose place he had spent the day. Two neighbors saw the boys carry him above their place and run away. Where Mercer had been beaten was not known, but it is supposed that he was in Cook's saloon, where, seeing the probable result, the Cooks tried to attach the crime on Constantine Blessinger, who runs the saloon where he was found. The old soldier left home with considerable money on his per son and as none was found on him, it was concluded that he had been murdered for his money. Other circumstances pointed to the Cook boys as the perpetrators of the orime.

Dr Stephens, of the soldiers' home, was ordered by the coroner to hold an autopsy. which he did. The result was that Mercer ate himself to death, actually murdering himself with beefsteak, of which several pounds were found in his stomach in pieces so large they looked impossible to have gone down his throat. The stomach of the lungs, killing him. The wound on the head was prouounced not serious, and murder, were released by the detectives. The beating of Mercer, following close on the result of everleeding, caused, it is thought, his death, the Cook boys them selves believing probably they had killed the man unintentionally,

BURNED IN BLAZING OIL.

The Morrible Death of Three Laborers is

At Cleveland, O., about 10 o'clock on Wednesday a low, sharp sound was heard in the vicinity of Forest street, back of the Standard oil works Immediately the French novel "La Mattre de Forges, con top of an oil still in the yards of and is of thrilling interest. The plot Merriman & Morgan's oil and wax works shot into the air, accompanied by quanties of brick and followed by a buge sheet of flame. An alarm of fire was turned in and tire department at once responded, but the fire had obtained such headway that the affects of the firemen were only that the affects of the firemen were only directed toward keeping the flames from ries Hermanic Julat, the daughter of by. The still was located inside a large tion of the latter's becoming responsible tanks of the same kind. It was bere that the oil was refined.

column of theme and smoke shot up to the sky. About the stills at the time of the explosion were at work a large number of she does not love. These are the what are known as "stillers" and other inborers, every one of whom escaped unfolds itself shows of except three, without injury. August the Duke and her from Fisher, William Stohlman and August her injured husband. Gunther, laborers, were close to the ex ploding still, and when the burning oil shot out into the enclosure it fell upon them, and in a second their clothing was in flames. They all started to run, but in the last not where she sees her cruelt before they could escape or aid could reach

them, they were burned to a crisp. Fisher had managed to get some little distance away from the fire, but the other | while John Jack as Mous. Jadet and J. enough to allow the firemen to reach them bear a reposition in Lancaster. and placed upon the ground, their blackened bones presenting a most ghastly and sickening spectacle. Hardly a vestige of flesh was left on the crumbling bones, and their seances were produced in court and who they were recognition would have had not their comrades known exactly been impossible. All were men of about \$1,200 bail on the charge of conspiraty, middle age, and their families were entirely dependent upon their labors for a liv ing. The still bouse and the stills were all entirely destroyed, entailing a loss to

the tirm of not less than \$5,000. The First Beturning Birds

fartford Times. The returning spring birds are already beginning to arrive. On Sunday, the 16th. there were hundreds of song sparrows, robius, blue birds, purple finches, and one species of black bird (the rusty grackle) in the suburbs of Hartford. The black birds belong to a species which goes further north to rear its broods, and only stops here temporarily on the way. Its northern journey, like made in the night, and these far travel ers, whose semi annual journeys are exceeded, for length, only by those of the wild goose and some of the ducks, reached only utter a dry, rattling call note, but their presence is quite as dis tinctive feature of the changing season as that of any of their more melodious companions of the voyage. They will be followed, ere long, by their cousins, the long tailed purple grackles, or crow blackbird, and the others of the blackbird family, Meantime the song sparrows, and the robins, and the finches and bluebirds are also on hand, and doing their part to animate the dull scene of dying winter and opening spring varied and cheery notes. Their coming is an event in the order of the seasons. They are about as early here, in southern New England, as they are in most parts of New Jersey, and their cheery notes, a happy deliance to the lingering winter, are welcome proclamations of the coming of brighter days and a better season. Flying athwart the windy gleams and under the bleak skies of March, these first coming birds of spring fairly seem to be grappling with sullen winter in its lingering, reluctant retreat, and to be assured of their speedy triumph even in the most ungenial moods of the varying

Presidents Not All Rich men. hiladelphia Eulietin. All our presidents have not been rich men by any means. Gen. Grant's \$200,000 makes him the richest ex-president since Buchanan. Mr. Hayes has, perhaps, \$100,000. Neither Johnson nor Lincoln had over \$50,000. Pierce went in the White House poor but had about \$50,000 going out Fillmore and Taylor were in independent circumstances, but never rich. Tyler was a bankrupt when he was president, married a fortune afterwards, and lost all in the war. Polk was worth \$150,000. Andrew Jackson had nothing but his "Hermitage." Adams was rich. Monroe died in debt. Jefferson had nothing to leave behind him, and Washington was very well off Van Buren, who died worth \$800,000 was the richest president we have

A Family of Forty Children.

had.

Years ago John Q. Adams loved the prettiest girl in Alabama. Her parents forced her to marry a man named Jackson, who took her to Texas, where she became the mother of nineteen children. A year ago her husband died. Meanwhile Adams, who had married early, had not been idle. He acquired considerable local renown by becoming the father Tuesday night Dane procured a pistol and of twenty one children. Recently his wife shot himself. He died shortly afterward. died. He has gone to Texas to marry The girl is seriously sick, but may recover. Mrs. Jackson. The families will live on the co-operative plan.

RIG FIRE IN MANBEIM.

A Light Factory and Tobacco Warehouse Destroyed With Their Contents. This morning between two and three clock, a fise broke out in the eight fac tory and tobacco warehouse of Long & Brosey, at Mauheim, destroying the entire building with its contents, consisting of

300 cases of tobacco and 6,000 cigars.

The building was three stories and en-

tirely of trame. It was owned by Samue

M. Long, who alone carried on the cigar making, air. Brosey being a partner in the packing of leaf tobacco. It is impossible to ascertain yet what is the amount of lass sustained, but it is believed that the build ing and stock was fully insured. On the leaf tobacco there were \$19,500 insurance The companies represented by John H. Metzler, of this city, suffer as follows German American, of New York, \$5,500 Fireman's, of York, \$2,000; Connecticut of Hartford, \$2,000; German, of Pittsburg, \$1,500; National, of Hartford, \$3,000. Those represented by Rife & Kauffman are London and Lancashire \$2,500 ; Home, of New York, \$2,500. Six cases of eigars had been stamped last night and were to have been shipped this

morning. The fire started in the basement in which there was a stove. It was first discovered by some young men who room opposite and were awakened by the light. The alarm was given and the fire apparatus of the borough was soon on the ground. The fire had already gained such headway that it was found impossible to save the build ing, and efforts were made to save the adjoining buildings, several of which were on fire at different times. Frederick Lauer's buildings and a stable near by were somewhat damaged. In a part of was so overloaded it caused a hemorrhage the building a horse, sleigh and buggy were kept and they were saved by Bonj Walsh, a hostler at Wariel's hotel, who the two Cook boys, under the arrest for broke open the door and ran into the murder, were released by the detectives. building, which was filled with smoke.

THE DISAMA.

Mande Granger in "Claire and the Forge

A light audience that would doubtless have been much targer had not the weather proved inelement was present in Fulton opera house last evening at the first presentation in this city of the new society drama, "Claire and the Forge Master," with Maude Granger in the title role. The play is a dramatization of George Olmet' the play is simple and briefly is as for lows

Claire de Montloyan is the danghter of supposed wealthy marquise and is porrot! ed to Duke de Bligny, whom she ardently loves. Financial reverses away spreading to the great tanks standing near | wealthy French parvenu, in considera wooden e closure, with four or tive other for his gambling debts. Herminie and Clairs have been chi school rivals and for the latter the former has a bitter hatred The flames rapidly spread to the wood She beastingly informs Ulaire of her work and the other stills, and a dense engagement to the Duke de Bligny, and the latter in a fix of pique marries Philipp Derblay, the forge master, a man whor incidents of the story which as it gradually unfolds itself shows Claire's abhorrance of the Duke and her final reconciliation with

The story is graphically told and throughout it all the dramatic unities are preserved. At several points Miss Gran ger's acting is indescribably fine, notably to her husband in all its enormity. He support was all that could be desired two were found by the firemen, charred Summers as Baron Livalle kept the and and burned beyond recognition, close to ence in a roar by their excellent presenta-the fatal still. They were carried out as tions of the two fad crous characters that soon as the heat of the fire had subsided appear in the story. It is a play that wil

ORADIACES IN PRABBACY

One Hundred and Forty-time Men and trac Lee Eabb Receive Diplomas The sixty-third annual commencement of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy was held at the Academy of Music, Wed nesday. The graduating class was com posed of one hundred and forty nine me and one woman-the first graduate of her sex from the college. After a concert by a full orchestra the degree of "Graduate in Pharmacy" was conferred on the members of the class by President Parrish A storm of applause rang through the house when Miss Grace Lee Babb, of Maine, stepped before the footlights to receive her sheepskin. Her classmates were particularly enthusiastic and accorded

her an ovation. The prizes were awarded by various members of the faculty. Harry Lee Bar ber, of Pennsylvania, received the John M. Maisch prize, and Harry C. Cook, of Ohlo, the John M. Maisch prize No. 2. The Proctor prize was awarded to John Charles Falk, of Missouri, and the H. C. Lee prize of \$100 and the Trimble prize to Frank Xavier Moert, of Delaware Th Joseph P. Remington gold medat wa awarded to Thomas Oliver Nock, of Dela ware. The valedictory address was delivered by Prof. Joseph P. Remington, one of the faculty.

Among the graduates were Milton S Falck and Philip T. Fitzpatrick of this city Honorable mention was made of the former in the competition for the Henry C. Lea prize of \$100 for the best thesis and also for the Prof. Maisch prize, a superb microscope.

OFFICIAL PROMOTIONS. Changes Made in the P. E. E. E. Freight De-partment. Mr. Wm. B. Wilson, the courte sus and

efficient freight agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, at Lancaster station, has been promoted to the more important ogency at Kensington, Philadelphia, in the company's service. Mr. Wilson will have charge of both the Kensington and Shackamaxon freight depots, and will be expected to work up the very heavy freight traffic north of Vine street. That he will perform this important service with systematic energy is assured by the admirable manner in

which he attended to his similar duties in

this city. While Mr. Wilson's many

Lancaster friends will regret to lose his

pleasant company, they will rejoice at his promotion. Mr. Casper B. Bruner, one of our Lancaster boys, who has been employed in the freight station here for six or seven years past, and who has an excellent record, will succeed Mr. Wilson here. This is a deserved promotion of a deserving young man, and is the more noteworthy as Mr. Bruner is the first native of Lancaster who has ever been appointed to this station. The appointment is a just recognition by the company of his fitness for the position.

Basebail in Chambersburg. Chambersburg Repository.

J. J Connor, who played catcher on the "Our Boys" club of Baltimore, last year, applied yesterday for the same position on the Chambersburg nine.

"Dory" Reiter has written asking for his old place in the box. The managers will sign him as first baseman and change pitcher. Cantz, of Philadelphia, who caught part

of last season, was yesterday signed to

play the same position this season. He will catch for the August Flower pitcher, of Philadelphia, who signed yesterday. The players signed thus far are Cautz, Rollins, Sales, Milbee, Dackert, Reiter and the August Flower pitcher. This gives three batteries, the unknown and antz, Reiter and Milbee, and Sales and Rollins. There are but two more players needed to complete the nine and they will be signed in a few days.

M. E. CONFERENCE.

CINETY-SEVENTH EESSIDS ESDED.

The Heserva Delegates Elected A 11 t of the Apparatments Mode for the Ensuing Year,

The temperance and tobacco questions ngressed much of the attention of the Methodist Episcopal conference Wednes day morning. The committee on temperance presented resolutions condemning the sale of intoxicants, declaring in favor of total prohibition and approving the agitation for a constitutional amendment restricting the traffic so as to make it legal to manufacture or sell liquors as a beverage. The resolutions were ap proved. The presentation of a resolution by Rev.

E. I. D. Popper, calling upon the members if the conference to abetain altogether from the use of tobacco, created an ani nated discussion on this subject. After considerable debate the resolution was adopted and then Bishop Warren said it was often the case that most fault was found with those who were doing the best, He said the Methodist church had done more than any other in the way of crying down the use of tobacco and still the newspapers published statements which would lead the public to believe anything but this fact A member of the conference said in response to this that the newspaper publications were merely reports of speches made on the floor of the conference, and if they were not correct the speakers and not the papers should be censured.

Resolutions were adopted calling upon the pastors and trustees of church is to aid the Twenty-ninth street church in reducing ts mortgage debt of \$10 000.

Rev. William Swindells then suggested that a collection be taken for the sexion of the church, and he hoped it would be a liberal one. Pive and ten cent contributions would not accomplish the object, he

Rev. Samuel Barnes, pastor of the burch, said that the brethren should be areful as to who were entrusted with the collection, as on one occasion one of the baskets had disappeared. The collection etted \$130.

The following were admitted on trial Franklin F. Bond, A. A. Thompson, Amos A. Arthur, Abraham M. Viren, William H. Zweizig, Benjamin M. Neill, Alpha G. Kynett and James S. McKinlay, The following were aunounced as the superanguated preachers: Roys, A. At wood, P. Hallowell, J. D. Long, John Cummins, S. M. Cooper, J. A. Watson, J. Shields, W. Cooper and W. McCombs. Bishop Warren stated that during the

year 1883 there were 6,049 probationers and that in 1884 there were 5,663. The full members in 1883 were 45,334, and in 1884, 46,289, an increase of 995. The ballot for two reserve delegates to the general conference resulted in the election of Presiding Elder J. S.J. Mo. Connell and Rev. Samuel S. Heiner. The implete list is as follows :

Ministerial-Revs. C. B. Noely, Joseph Welch, William Swindells, William J. Paxson, J. M. Hinson and J. B. McCuiough, D. D. Reserves-Roya J S. J. McConnell and

A. Heilner. Lay-Governor Robert E. Pattison and R. C. McNeal. Reserves-Hou, James Black and Roy, J. Vannote.

Appointments were then made for the North Philadelphia, Northwest Philadel phia, West Philadelphia and South Phila delphia districts by Hishop Warren Following are the appointments in the West Philadelphia district in which

Lancaster is situated :

West Philagelphia bit tiet Jacob Dickerson, presiding elder; Atglen and Mount Pleasant, A Oakes; Berrysburg, to be supplied; Bethesda, D. T. Smyth; Bud-in Hand, L. D. McClin ock ; Bryn Mawr, D. Martin Charlestown, A. W. Quimby; Church-town, W. W. Cookman; Coatesville, A. L. Wilson; Cornwall, T. M. Jackson; Coventryville, J. A. Cooper; Dauphin, W. H. Asperill; Downingtown, G. T. Hurlock; Georgetown and Gap, J. W. Brad ley; Gien Moore, E. Davine; Goodville, to be supplied; Grove, J. C. Wood; Hal-ifax, Mr. Redheffer; Hibernia, J. Bell; Hopewell, A. J. Collum ; Hummelstown, Geo. A. Alcora; Laucaster, first church, J. T. Satchell and W. Powick; St. Pauls, Geo. Gall; Lebanon, W. II. Elliott; Lower Merion, to be supplied; Lykens and Wiconisco, J. R. Bailey and U.S. Gall; Manadee and Paxton, to be supplied; Millersburg, E. C. Yerkes; Mount Joy, T. Montgomery : New Holland, to be supplied; Parkesburg, J. T. Gray; Asbury, James Morrow; Bel-mont, J. E. Kessler; Centenary, W. B. Wood; Central, G. G. Parkesham; Christ Church, Henry Wheeler; Emanuel, W. D. Jones; Emory, Samuel Erwin; Epworth, to be supplied; Fletcher, A. L. rban ; Fortieth street, G. D. Carrow Green street, W. A. Richards; Hadding ton, C. Hudson; Nazareth, C. F. Tarner; Nineteenth street, D. W. Gordon ; Spring Garden street, G. W. Miller; Tweifth street, J. F. Crouch; Western, W. C. Robinson; Pine Grove, S. D. Grove; Radnor, C. Roads; Salem and Berwyn, W. E. Townsend; Springfield, J. O'Neill. Swartars, to be supplied; Tower City, to be supplied; Tremont, W. H. Pickett; Waynesburg, J. S Lane; R A. McIlwain; C. J. Littles, professor

moral instructor Eastern ponitentiary. South Philadelphia District. J. S. J. McConnell, presiding older ; Avendale and Chatham, S. W. Smith; Bainbridge, J. E. Grauley; Bethlehem, W. C. Graff; Chester-Madison street, Theodore Stevens; Trinity, T. Kelly South Chester, J. M. Gable; Clifton, M. Turner; Cochranville, A. N. Nillson; Columbia, R. Humphries; Crossrville, R. Smith ; Darby and Sharon Hill, Alfred G. Kynett ; Fernwood and West End. N. W. Clark; Fniton, to be supplied; Kedron, C. E. Adamson; Kenvett Square, J. S. McKinley; Lima and Howelleville to be supplied; Marcus Hook, W. K. McNeal; Marietta, W. McLary; Mar shalltown, J. Durgan; Media-First M. Griffith; South church, T. M. Griffith; South Media, to be supplied; Middle town, L. B. Brown; Mount Hope, W. Rink; Mount Nebo, R. C. Wood; New London, Ephraim Potts; Notting-ham circuit, to be supplied; Oxford, Wm. Banford ; Arch Street, Andrew Longacre ; Bethany, C. M. Bosworth ; Broad Street, J. B. Dobbins; Christian Street, A. J. Anthon; Ebenezer, C. B. Buoy; Eighteenth Street, J. W. Harkins; Eleventh Street, G. S. Broadbent; Fitzwater Street, H. Franklin; Mariners' Bethel, H. A. Cleveland; Messiah, W. B. Chalfaut; Paschalville, M. Vinchill; Pittman, H. B. Cassavant; St. Paul's, J. W. Langtry; Salem, S. O. Gerrison; Scott, S.W.Kurtz; Union, S. W. Thomas : Wharton Street, W. J. Paxson; Tasker, C. H. Rohrer; Prospect Park, G. M. Brodhead; Safe Harbor, W. H Smith ; Siloam, M.Graves ; Steelton, G. A. Woolf; Strasburg, D. McKee; Union, Del. Co., A. L. Hood; Upland, G. W. Randolph; Washington, to be supplied ; West Chester, J. T. Swindells.

in Dickinson College; J. T. Ashton,

Charged With Malicious Mischief.

Last evening George Taggert and Henry Maulick were heard before Aiderman Barr on the charge of malicious mis chief in breaking windows of Jacob Miller's house in Mifflin street. Taggert was discharged for want of evidence and Maulick was severely reprimanded.

Mayor's Court. The lockup contained but a single lodger last night, and he was discharged by the

mayor this morning.