SIXTEEN LIVES LOST.

Terrible Fire in Buffalo, N. Y., This Morning.

THE RICHMOND HOTEL IN ASHES.

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MANY HORBIRLY INJURED BY JUMP ING PROM THE BUILDING.

Firemen Work Nobly and by Ratsing Their Ladders Gave Timely Ald to People Surrounded by Fire-The Loss on Property Estimated at About 9500,000 - Other Fires.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 18 .- Fire was discovered at 3:30 o'clock this morning in the new Richmond hotel, corner of Main and Eagle streets. The alarm was sounded and the fire department responded promptly. The hotel was opened for business about a onth ago and handsomely fitted and deco rated, and was filled with guests last night. The fire spread with frightful rapidity and the guests, rudely awakened from their slumbers by the horrifying cry of "fire," rushed to the windows and other possible avenues of escape. When they saw the flames shutting off their way to the ground, their heartrending shricks could be heard blocks away. Ladders were raised and a large number rescued, but at 7 o'clock it is reported that at least thirty lives have been cet. The hotel burned like a tinder-box, the corridor in the centre of the building act ing as a great funnel.

The flames spread to the Bunnell museum building adjoining on Esgle street and a me building adjoining on Mair street and the three structures were entirely

One guest jumped from a fifth story win dow onto the roof of the frame building mentioned. He was completely naked and lay helpless on the roof. He was taken down from there and conveyed to the accident hospital. At a window on the third floor two guests were seen to fall back into the flames. Three of the servants girls are thought to have perished. Two lady guests, one with a floor front room at four o'clock. They had fainted and narrowly escaped death. Another is at Carney's saloon near by internally in-jured and will probably die. F. H. Bryant, New York traveling man, is badly burned about the feet and hands.

Mr. Stafford, the proprietor of the hotel, was aroused by the night clerk and had barely time to put on his coat and trousers He stood on the corner opposite his hotel for a minute gazing on the burning structure and then burst into tears, mouning "My God," My God, some of them are burning. I cannot bear to hear their cries," and he put his hands to his ears to shut out the cries of the victims. The loss will be very heavy. The hotel was fitted up at a cost of about \$60 000, and the building valued at \$150,000 Bunnell's museum was built at a cost of \$50. 000 and the less to the interrior fittings will probably amount to \$25,000.

At 9 o'clock the estimate of the loss is re. duced to 12, but this is in a measure mere guesswork. There we:e 125 persons in the hotel, seventy of whom were transient guests, bell-boys, families of proprietors and clerks. Twenty-one of these were rescued from the windows by the firemen, twenty-two are a the hospitals and a large number made their cape by other meaus. The origin of the fire is ro; as yet known. ONLY PART OF THE WALLS STANDING.

At 4:10 o'clock the whole building was ablaze with six streams of water playing on the north end, but the brisk wind was baifling the efforts of the firemen. By 4:30 the fire had enveloped the northern half of the block and speeding round to Washington street Bunnell's museum was embraced in its destructive grasp and before 4:45 was a gutted ruin. At 4:43 the south wall fell on the frame structure on Main street occupied by Creighton's saloon and Palicio's cigar store. Two minutes later another section fell and completely demolished this structure. At six o'clock the spread of the fire was checked. The ground floor of the hotel building was occupied by Ulbrich & Kingley's stationery stores; Peter Paul & Bros' stationery store and the Boston clothing house, all of which are a total loss. The reading room and office of the hotel also occupied a portion of the ground floor fronting on Main street. The corner occupied by the Boston clothing house was to have been fitted up as the office or May 1. Nothing is left standing of the hotel building except a por.

Captain Kilroy, of the police, said he be-lieved the number of killed from what he witnessed at the fire would foot up to 25, or

At this hour (1 p. m.) the ruins are too hot to permit a search for bodies. As far as known the dead and missing are: Wilson Purcell, of R. G. Dun & Co.; Martin Osborne, day clerk of the Richmond; Katie Pierce, servant; Katie Kent, seruant; un-known woman found dead in ruips of cigar store at 8:45 a. m. ; unknown man who was probably killed by jumping.

WHAT THE CLERK AND BELL BOY SAY. Wm. H. Alport, the night clerk, says "The fire started in the clock room under the main stairway at 3:50 o'clock. There was nobody up but myself, Joe, the night porter, and Plummer, the bell-boy. I pulled all four of the fire alarms on the different floors, and the people came flying down stairs in their night clothes. The fire followed the elevator, and inside of five minutes it reached the top floor. I rushed out of doors after

doing all I could." Bell-boy Piummer tells his experience a follows: "I was dusting the reading room when I heard a shout and saw the flames coming up the stairway from the basement in stairway. We straightened the hos out and turned the valve but the water would not run. Then we gave the alarm. The watchman and I got a plank and broke in the Eagle street entrance to the hotel. Then we got the plank under the fire escape on Eagle

gof the plank under the fire escape on Eagle street and we helped people down. I think there were about 84 guests in the house."

The spread of the flames is said to have been frightful in its rapidity. The elevator shaft served as as flue for the flames and they rushed up to the top floor in a very few minute. As the guests were roused and saw the interior exits out off they turned to the windows. They could be seen in their night clothes standing out clear and vivid before the lurid background of the flames. Their acrosms were horrible to hear and could be heard for blocks. The flames spread to the southeast side of the hotel first. The firemen did noble work and confined the fire within the narrow limits of the three buildings named. Their work of recome had many exciting incidents. The telegraph wires were at usual in the way of the ladder brigade, and much valuable

time was lost in getting the ladders past He was awakened by the electric bells and

RESCUED PROM PURILOUS POSITIONS.

Perhaps the most thrilling escape of any was that of Press Whittaker, stepson of Proprietor Stafford. He roomed in the fifth was that of Press Whittaker, stepson of Proprietor Stafford. He roomed in the fifth story and when aroused stepped to the window and looked down for a few seconds. Then he deliberately dressed himself and, emerging from the window, stood on the stone capping above the window beneath. From this capping he stepped to the next one slong the front of the building and proceeded in this manner to the Hayes truck indder at the other extremity of the front. The nerve and coolness displayed was remarkable. J. C. Gilbert, a commercial traveler at 16 South Portland avenue, Brooklyn, was rescued from the Kegle street side. He could be seen for some minutes eide. He could be seen for some minutes standing in the window of a fifth floor room. the flames on all sides of him and the duli red, ominous glare behind. He was partially dressed and in his stocking feet. Patiently he stood there and walted the arrival of th ladder which was being slowly raised and it reached him none too soon, for as he grasped it and began his descent the place he had just raceted was seen to take fire.

Clinton Bidweil, of Pittsburg, is lying on an improvised cot at Dr. Hayd's office on Niagara etreet. "Look at my hands," he shricked. "I tied the sheets together and came down by them. When I was nearly down a man shot past me who had jumped. He came near striking me. My God! the people lay on the roof all about me. They were grouning and dying. My God! it was awful. They died, I know they did. The skin is all off me—I haven't a friend with me and none who know me but in Pittaburg. I made up my mind I would stick to the rope and I did." He turned on his cot and yelled with pain. Dr. Hayd had given him morphine, but it had no effect. In the next room lay little Jennie Mann,

aughter of one of the proprietors. She was terribly burned all over and kept calling piteously for her mother and acreaming with pain. She was in her night dress and her face was puffed with the scorehing it received.

THRILLING EXPERIENCES OF QUESTS. Louis Zendman, of New York, a dry goods man, had a thrilling experience. His room was on the fourth floor and crawing out of the window he gained an entrance through a window near the stage of Bunnell's museum He found his way down the stairs and kicked pen the street door. He was not much inured, but is prostrated by the excitement and

Alfred G. Clay, of Philadelphia, and Louis E. Smith, of Brooklyn, had a most remarkable experience. They were in adjoining rooms on the fifth floor and tell about the same story. Mr. Clay was aroused by the ring o the electric fire bell and got up. He pressed his finger on the button wondering what was wrong, but the bell continued ringing. He went to bed again for a minute or so and got up a second time to try and stop the noise. It then dawned upon him that something was wrong. By this time the place was begin-ning to blaze furiously. He found the stair-ways cut off and took to the ;window. Both he and Mr. Smith barely reached Bunnell's museum room when they looked back and saw five girls in the fifth-story window. They had tied the bed clothing into a rope which hung out, but none of them seemed to have the courage to start. At last one of the five took hold and awang down to a window ledge, from which she was assisted by Meeers. Clay and Smith. The others came down in the same manner and then the fifth girl started down. She had almost completed the distance, when the rope parted, and down she went the four stories to the ground, but strange to say she was not killed. Her legs were terribly cut and brutsed, her back badly injured and her face and arms were in a trightful condition from burns. She lay house, begging to be sent home. Her name is said to be Mary Cornell, of 411 Hamburg

A. H. Bowen, of Tonawands, says: was on the third floor with J. T. McCurdy, of Dansville, Our room was 151, front. We escaped in our night shirts. I went back for my watch and came near being burned to death. Thank God, I am not burt."

One of the saddest scenes of the configra ion was the fall of a man from a window to the roof of the frame structure adjoining or Main street, heretofore mentioned. He was Wm. Purceil, of this city, local agent of Bradstreets. He must have been severely urned internally. In falling he struck on his beed and died almost instantly.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Mann, part proprietors of the hotel, had narrow escapes. Mrs. Mann was trightfully burned about the head arms and legs, and lay screaming in a lawyer's office across the street. She was screaming with pain and calling for her little daugh ter Jennie. "Do something to stop the pain," she yelled. On! I shall die." Mrs. Mann is the daughter of Dr. Strong, of this city.

BRAVE ACT OF FIREMEN. The last persons taken alive from the burn ing building were two domestics who were

floor by brave firemen on the extension ladder. Minnie Stone, a domestic, declared that there was no one left on the fifth floo when she left it. Wm. J. McKee, of New York, and Wm P. Lamb, of New York, occupied rooms or

the fourth and third floors, respectively. Both were awakened by the glare and made their escape by means of the fire escape. Mr. Spence, of Syracuse, escaped in his night shirt, his hands, face and neck badly burned. He walked to Johnson's drug store

and was treated for the burns. In front of Dingen Broa' store lay a dead nan covered by a mattress. He had black hair and a full face which was covered with blood and could not be recognized. He had jumped from a window. At first it was thought he was Superintendent Morford, of the Michigan Central railroad, but Morford was afterward found. Mark Osborne, day derk, and assistant manager of the hotel, clork, and assistant manager of the notes, is missing. He slept on the south side. It is believed he perished. J. H. Van Buren, of Dunkirk, was in an inside room and unable to get out. He gave himself up for lost and went back to his bed to meet his fate. At the last minute, however, the fremen broke through and carried him out. One man hung

through and carried him out. One man hung outside of the window all! for four minutes while the fire burned in his room. When rescued by the firemen he fainted.

Hugo V. Altschul, of New York, assisted a number of women and rescued them from the burning building. He then made his own escape by leaping from one building to another until he reached the Washington house, corner of Washington and North Division streets. He way found to have a norained ankis, both jest badly blistered and sprained ankle, both feet badly blistered an

light body braises. A HEROIC ENGINEER.

James McGuire, night engineer at the pos office, got into the hotel soon after the fire broke out. He saved a man who was coming down stairs in his night clothes, and who was prestrated by the flames and smoke. After getting him out he returned and tried After getting him out he returned and tried to 'escue a young girl from a room on the third floor, but she was lost in the fira. MoGuire says: "It was terrible to hear her ories. For some reason she could not open the door, and I was unable to break it in. Finally I was driven away by the fire and smoke, and had to leave her to her fats. I could only tell from the voice, but I suppose she was a young girl, anywhere from 10 to 15 years or so. She was in a room on the third floor facing on Main street."

B. H. Hames, traveting agent for Iribacher & Davis, excepted a room on the third floor.

after arousing several people on the same floor, jumped through a window to the kitchen roof. There everything was in flames. After bidding good-bye to several others on the same roof he made a rush for the Eagle street door, going through the kitchen skylight and out through the fismes and exceptd. He left five persons on the kitchen roof, and thinks they must all have perished, as they did not attempt to follow him through the flames. "I thought it was almost certain death," he on of the men I called before jumping was tying his cravat, and was angry with me for my intrusion till I told him the house was on fire. The man then fled through the window on to the kitchen roof with nothing on but his shirt and cravat." Mr. Bume was

uninjured save a few burns on his feet and THE PROPRIETOR'S STORY. Mr. Stefford, proprietor of the hotel, tells the following story: "Our room was on the south end and we dropped down onto the roof of the frame building. My wife wanted me to go through the hall but I locked the loor and put the key into my pocket. Then I jumped and she sprang into my arms. We were a wakened by the electric bells and if they had not been jturned on promptly there would have been a terrible cas of life. The belie awakened everybody in the house. When I got out of my room it was useless to escape through the hallway. think the loss of life is less than some es limates I have heard. There are not probably nore than six persons dead. Among th guests at the hotel were twenty-five insurance nen who had come to adjust the losses on the Miller & Grenier and Courier fires. They are all accounted for.

ford, estimates the loss from 10 to 12.

He said: "My God! I can't bear
to think of it. There were many
injured, too, but I can't give you the exact number. The register was purned together with the ledger and cash book. The cafe contained our insurance papers and the jewerry and money of some of the guests. One guest named M. Adler had nearly \$30,000 worth of diamonds, and P. E. B who traveled for Aillen, Lambert & Co., had \$25,000 worth of watches, diamonds and jeweiry." Chief Hornung, of the fire department

said: "The number of people rescued is about 20 to 25. We did all we could to rescue them. We got two streams into the corridor of the hotel and at that moment the flames were shooting up that big staircase and elevator d the reach of the hose. We tried to play both streams upward on the fire but there was so much screaming by guests and calls for help from the windows that we called off most of the men from the hose and et the building go for a while, giving all our attention to the ladders. 'Damn the build ng,' I yelled, 'save the people' and the boys helped man the ladders on the outside, putting up two on the Main street side and ort ones on Eagle street. There was need of it too. It was a horrible sight to see hem jumping from every side. The cool headed ones were rescued all right, but some would not wait."

THE REGISTER LOST. All is confusion at present and it is diffi-cuit to get anything like a correct list of the injured, while the names of the missing. wing to the loss of the register, may not be known for some time yet, if at all. As far as learned the following were injured : At the general hospital there are four patients. Three of them are wounded servants who were on the fourth floor. One clung to man who was running down stairs and he took her out of the Eagle street entrance. She is badly burned about the face The two other women are not so badly burned. They have their hair burned, and one has her ear burned while both have their arms and legs burned. They were taken The man is not so badly burned as he is shocked. Dr. Smith said: "I can't tell you their names; they don't know them themselves." At the Fitch socident hospital are six cases as follows: John Kahn, New York, jumped from the fourth floor, injured back, leg fractured and hands and face burned. Henry B. Rumsey, on top story ran down one flight of stairs and started for rear window. Seeing a little girl in the hallway he returned, got her and jumped with her in his arms on to Bunnell's museum. The skin and beard on his face were burned off and he has severe body burns. He will probably dis. Mary E. Witt, housekeeper of the hotel, is badly burned on the arms and face. C. W. Dubois. Syracuse, feet and hands and face burned His feet were severely cut by glass; F. K. More, Cleveland, feet, hands and face burned; J. A. Finch, Scranton, feet, hands

W. A. Havens, a well-known civil engineer, formerly of this city, but now of Helens, Mont, heard the electric bell in his room on the third floor and hearing yells of " fire!" took up his clothes and ran. He fell over a body at the foot of the stairs on the second floor, but picked himself up and rushed for the balcony, where he was rescused by firemen. He had his vest in his hand. Badly burned about feet and head

C. W. Dubois, of Syracuse, also at the Fitch hospital, says he stumbled over the prostrate forms of two men in his flight who, he thinks, were dead. Mr. Dubols reached the balcon on Main street in his bare feet and nigh clothes and came down to the street on a ladder. He is badly burned, the skin on his legs and feet peeling off. He is suffering intousely.

A TRAVELING MAN'S INJURY. Elward Wheeler, reported at the Emer gency hospital, is now named as Edward

Whalen, a traveling salesman of Newburgh, N. Y. He is in a serious condition. He was awakened by the electric bell in his room on the fourth floor and was fumbling or his watch to see what time it was who he heard shricks and yells of people in the halls. Opening his door he saw the smoke and flames, whereupon he started for his window and jumped down to the shed below. Besides sustaining several severe fractures he is also terribly burned about the face and hands and feet. His legs and fee are burned almost to the bone and some of his flogers are burned off. If his life can be saved, which appears doubtful, his legs and several fingers will probably have to be am putated. He is suffering intense agony. The little girl that Mr. Rumeey ploked up

in the ballway and saved was Mamie Mann

daughter of one of the hotel proprietors. He buried the little one's face in his night shirt and thus protected her from the flames. He is raving in delirium and calling loudly and is raving in delirium and calling loudly and continually for the little girl he rescued. His brave and noble action is warmly praised.

Mr. Moore, of Cieveland, is not seriously burned. He escaped by way of the balcony. Barry Davia, of corner of Canal and Greene streets, New York, who is at the Emergency hospital, says he was in room 191, third floor, Eagle street side. He was awakened by the electric bell and got up to dress, thinking it was a call, as he had left word to be called at 6 o'clock. It was then 3:30 by be called at 6 o'clock. It was then 3:30 by te called at 6 o'clock. It was then 3:30 by his watch. Then he heard shrieks and cries of "fire," and, rushing to his door, saw the halls afte. He grabbed his clothes and ran out. The flames were rearing up the stairway and the corridors were filled with smoke. Wrapping his head in his overcoat he tumbled down the stairs and fell in a heap on several bodies lying on the floor, but ploking himself up made his way to the baloony from which he was research. His

burns are severe. He cannot say whether the bodies he fell upon were insensible or not, or whether they had stumbled like himself. whose name was given as John Kahn, is now said to be F. A. Kahn, of 145 East 15th street New York. He jumped from the fourth floor to the roof of the two-story frame building on Main street, adjoining the hotel. His right arm is fractured and he sustained severe injuries to his spine. He is also badly

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ourned about the face and hands. BEMARKABLE PRESENCE OF MIND. In room No. 2 at the Tifft house, C. G. Beggs, of New York, lies propped up on pli-lows, his face black as a coal, and head, face and hands bandaged. He told the following graphic story of his escape: "I was on the fourth floor in a room close to the elevator. The first I heard was the electric bell. jumped up, pulled on my clothes and stock ngs, and opening the door leading into my riend Devine's room, awoke iffm. He sprang for the window and I went back into my room and opened the door leading to the hallway. A burst of florce flames drove me back and burned me terribly, but I had pres-ence of mind to shut the door and going back into the room, shut the connecting door between our rooms to keep the smoke back. Then I broke the window with my hand and got out on the ledge beside Devine. We stood at the corner of the building and

along the Eagle street side three of four rooms distant. We saw a fire escape. We could not reach it. We then went back into the room and found another door leading into the short hallway. It was locked. We dashed our shoulders against it desperately but would not budge. The fire was getting hoter every moment and the smoke dense and suffocating. Finally we broke a space through the upper panel barely sufficient to craw through. The small ballway led to the fire escape and we made our way to the ground. Mr. Devine was entirely unhurt." vine said in connection with the foregoing I lost my hold and would have undoubt edly perished but for Beggs. He saved u

Mr. Beggs cut his right hand badly is breaking the window, a large piece of flesh being gouged out of the wrist so that the pulse could be seen to best. His remarkabl presence of mind cortainly saved his life. He soys he will go on to New York to night. AT OTHER HOSPITALS.

At the Emergency hospital are four patients, as follows: H. B. Smith, Syracuse M. Mackey, Niagara Falls, fell through the skylight and hurt his back severely; Edw. Wheeler, hauds, feet and face burned, fell one story and was badly bruised; Barry

At the Sisters' hospital are four, as follows Maggie Mulrex, Fanny Harvey and Mary Noian, domestics in the hotel. They ran lown stairs through the fismes and inhaled fire. All three are badly hurt. George F. Michaels, a commercial traveler, badly shocked by a fall. He had a thrilling es cape. He tried to get out by climbing hand over hand along an electric light cable to the roof of the museum. Three others got on the wire and broke it down. Mr. Michael fall about 35 feet, but broke no bones. J. C. Gilbert, of New York, is at the Tifft house terribly burned. His head and right arm are bound up and a mask covers his face W. S. Dewey, of Rochester, agent for the Hartford Insurance company, is safe, but badly scorched about the face. He rushed for the stairway and was driven back by the flames to the ladders. F. W. Woods, of Chi ougo, made a rope of sheets and slid down in safety with a few blisters. A number of others injured are at various places, and their names have not yet been learned.

AN UNPARALLELED DEED OF HEROISM. Among the many brave deeds of the firemen was one deserving of special mention. District Engineer Edward Murphy was on a ladder rescuing some of the occupants of the at an upper window apparently frautic with terror. Murphy shouted to her to remain where she was and he would come up and save her. Instead of obeying, the girl leaped from the window. As she passed in he downward flight he threw out an arm and caught her around the neck. The shock caused him to lose his balance, but he recov ered himself, and still clasping the girl, slid down the ladder with her in salety, amid the cheers of the crowd.

The loss on the buildings destroyed is esti nated at about \$500,000.

FIVE FIRES IN BUFFALO.

A Rumor That Avarchists Are Operating in the City-Blazes at Other Points. BUFFALO, March 18 -Noon-The police

headquarters has just now taken fire. 1 P. M .- The fire at police headquarters wa extinguished without loss. It originated in an unoccupied room. Another fire occurred in two small cottages on Vandalia street early this morning, destroying one cottage There were five fires in this city this morn ing, and this fact taken in connection with the recent fires in Miller & Grenier's build ing and the Courier building, seems to have started a rumor that Anarchists are at work but the police and fire departments scout th

PITTSBURG, Pa. March 18 -Fire to day lestroyed the building, No. 965 Liberty street, and damaged the adjoining building Total loss, \$37,000; well insured. Five firms occupied the buildings, Martin Heyl & Sor wholesale tobacconists, being the heavies

A Distillery Destroyed. CINCINNATI, March 18 .- At six this morn ing the distillery of Dorsel & Wulttang, in Covington, Ky., burned to the ground. Los \$50,000. One man, Ben Rucer, was fataily in-

Three Outlaws Killed.

CRAB ORCHARD, Ky., March 18.-Eliza fish, aged 77, the keeper of a groggery in Rock Castle county, (a prohibition county who had persisted in selling liquor after she had been warned anonymously to quit, was taken from her house and beaten Wednesday night by the vigilantes of the Law and Orde club. As the men were whipping the cron shots were fired from over the fence, and three of the Ku Klux fell dead. Their name are John Long, Walter Turpin and John

Rock Castle county has been infested by band of Ku Klux for ten years past, and all efforts to break up the lawlessness have failed, The old woman, Eliza Fish, had been whipped before by the vigilantes, and her son was run out of the county for selling liquor. There is much excitement over the

Has Lawton Fled?

NEW YORK, March 18 -A rumor wascurent to-day that Walter E. Lawton, the ab seconding phosphate operator, had taken pas-sage for Lulutown, on the west coast of the island of Navassa, a large phosphate region in the Carribean sea.

The Crew Saved.

LONDON, March 18 -The British ship Eliza A Kenny, Capt. Lawrence from Phila-delphis via New York for Rouen has been abandoned at sea in a sinking condition. The new were saved.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., March 18.— George Garrett Sickies, the father of Gen. Sickies, died at midnight last night at his residence here.

LANCASTER LOSES THE MAIN MARIBITA AND MIDDLETOWNSUCCESS

Seven Battles Occur in Which Four City Cock Are Deteated-Many Sports From Different Piaces Attend the Gathering, Which was Held in the Hills of York County.

FUL IN THURSDAY'S FIGHT.

Sporting men of several counties enjoyed themselves in their own style yesterday by holding a big cocking main on the York county side of the Susquehanna river, nearly opposite Marietta. The main was arranged some time ago, and the parties in it were Lancaster on one side and Marietta and Mid given to all the well-known lovers of game fowls, and the result was that there were between two and three hundred persons at the fight. Philadelphia sent a delegation, and The others came from York, Harrisburg places. The crowd from Lancaster was very large and included the best known cock fanciers. Those who went from the Lancaster side of the river, experienced great difficulty in reaching the place of meeting. The Sus-quehanns was high yesterday, and there was such a strong wind that the water was very rough. It was very difficult to cross in bos but the boys were anxious for the fun and the majority of them faced the danger in order to be on hand. The water dashed across and almost filled some of the boats many of the occupants were thoroughly soaked, while some had their clothing frozen stiff upon their persons. Those who were timed about crossing the river by boat the York county side. There were several omnibus loads from York, and many drove from other points in that county. The crowd was mixed and it included men of all classe and conditions. By 11 o'clock the people interested had nearly all arrived, and while preparations were being made for the main it was sgreed to fight a side battle between a Philadelphia and a Marietta bird, just to sharpen up the interest of the crowd. The fighting was done in an old outbuilding in made. Each side produced a dark red bird and it was not long until the one from Marietta had knocked out the Quaker City representative. There was \$20 on each chicker

It was shortly before noon when the main began and the fighting was kept up until o'clock in the afternoon. The conditions of the fight were that each side was to show fought as cocks could be matched. When the birds were weighed it was found that seven on each side "fell in." This number of battles were therefore arranged. The much as the sides agreed upon. The result was that the amounts on each cock in the battles ranged from \$40 to \$80. By an arrangement two-inch hesis were used This did not suit the Lancaster men very well, as they are not accustomed to fighting with such long gatts. They agreed to this, however, because their opponents would not fight any other way. The birds of the Marietta and Middletown parties were in excellent condition, while some from this however, and during the main there wa some of the best fighting ever seen in this section. The Lancaster fowls were handled by one of the best men in his line in Philaafter the hirds of the other side and did it well The betting was very heavy all day. For the first fight Lancaster pitted i

dominick weighing 5 pounds and one ounce, and the other parties a dark red weighing 5 pounds 2 cunces. In of a chase. The large crowd left for their blind and although he did some excellent work, he was whipped so badly that he had to bekilled. Fight No. 2 brought out two dark reds of almost equal weight. Lancaster had the best of this battle for a time, but the pird received a blow in the heart and was killed in a short time. For the third fight Lancaster produced a blue pile and Marietts a black red. This was a rattling good battle which the Lancaster bird won by deal ing its opponent a terrific body blow. Both sides produced black red cocks for the fourth fight which was another dandy. The Lancaster bird appeared like a winner for a time, but he received a heavy body blow which rattled him and he was whipped. Lancaster put in a dominici for the fifth fight and the other side showed a light red. The Marietta cock lost one eye early in the fight and he was beaten after being badly cut up. Two black reds were pitted in the sixth "go" and Marietta had two ounces the better in weight. This was a tine fight in which the Lancaster bird so had a wing broken, but he succeeded in this victory for Lancaster each side had won three battles and the excitement was intense The betting on the last and deciding fight of the main, outside of the big money put upon the birds in the pool, was very heavy. Lancaster had a black red and Marietta a light red. The latter won in short order thus giving the main to the up river people After the main a side fight was made be ween a spangle cock from Marietta and a black red of Lancaster. There was \$60 or each bird and many outside bets. The fight lasted tifteen minutes, and the Lancaster bird won, killing his opponent. The was broken. Recently he fought a battle for \$500 at a town in Central Ohio.

The odds seemed against the Lancaste folks all day, but they were as "gamy" as the birds. Everybody seemed to have brought "a roll" which they were auxious to increase or lose and they were not at all slow in putting up their "sugar." When they did win they got there heavy, but on the result of the main our people came away losers to a considerable extent. They had a big day's sport, however, notwithstanding that all things were not of the most encouraging nature. It is likely that the result of vesterday's fight will make another and perhaps larger one, when Lancaster people will do better, as they did not have their best stock in the fight yesterday by any means.

A Stag Fight Near Battimore. The Baltimore city and county men held a main near the city yesterday. Five battles were lought between stags and the county boys won three of them.

An Expert Planist.

The Boston Herald has the following ac count of a recital given by Bert Nevin last Friday: "Mr. Ethelbert Nevin, the young plauist, who created such a favorable im-pression at Mr. Lang's concert last Tuesday, gave a very interesting recital at Chickering hall last evening. The programme intro-duced Mr. Nevin as a performer and comduced Mr. Nevin as a performer and composer—a group of songs and some waitzes of
his writing being included in the selections.
The young artist again displayed much of
his ability in his playing, and his vocal and
planoforte compositions had many commendable characteristics. Miss Jennie Von Holz
was the singer of the evening, and added
much to the pleasure of the audience by her
very artistic vocalization."

Mr. Nevin is well-known in Lancaster,
and those who had the pleasure of hearing
him at Mr. Walter Bausman's musical soiree
will cordially endorse the verdict of "cultured" Boston.

Naw York, March 18.—A jury Cleary case was obtained to-day.

BIDS OPENED FOR WATER AUPPLIES.

Contracts Awarded For Trenching, Water Pipes and Valves, Hydrants, Spe-cial Castings, Cont., &c. At a meeting of the water committee held Thursday evening, the bids for the annual supplies required by the department were opened, and contracts awarded as follows: Digging and refilling, per cubic yard, B. Clayman, rock, 60; earth, 18 cents; S Keelor, 00%, 18%; F. Hinder, 75, 18; J. T. W. Dungan, 60, 17; J. F. Aucamp, 70, 17; C. McClaid, 70, 16. J. T. Dungan, the lowest

McClain, 70, 16. J. T. Dungus, the lowest bidder, received the award.

Street Stop Valves—Film & Breneman, 4-inch, \$8 60 each; 6-inch, \$13.15; 8-inch, \$21.45; 12-inch, \$39; 20 inch, \$108. John L. Arnold, 4-inch, \$8 80; 6-inch, \$13.26; 8-inch, \$21.75; 12-inch, \$39.50; 20-inch, \$115. Mellert Foundry and Machine Co., Reading, 4-inch, \$10.15, \$ \$10; 6 inch, \$15; 8 inch, \$24; 10 inch, \$33; 12 inch, \$42; 20 inch, \$120. Eddy Valve Co., 4 inch, \$9; 6 inch, \$15 50; 8-inch, \$22,50; 12inch, \$40 : 20 inch, \$120.

Film & Breneman received the award for furnishing all the valves. Brass Ferrules—Ezra F. Lindis 55 cents each; D. H. Kulp 65 cents; J. J. Cochran 75. Ezra F. Landle received the contract.

per pound; Mellert Foundry and Machine company 234; Jackson Wood & Co, 2 8 10. R. C. McCulley received the contract. American Pig Lead—John L. Arnold 5 ents per pound ; Flinn & Breneman 5 cent per pound. John L. Arnold was awarded the contract.

Fire Hydrants-Flinn & Breneman-No. \$27 ; No. 2, \$24.50 ; No. 3, \$29.50 ; No. 4, \$34 ; No. 5, \$30. The contract was awarded them. Stop Boxes, per foot—C. S. Stormfeltz & Bro., 3¼ cents; Wm. Wohlset, 3 cents. Awarded to Wm. Wohlsen.

Whitewashing Fences, &a.-A. S. Gennes \$35; D. Schoenberger, \$21; J. Kauffman, \$20; Jesse Nie, \$55; Amos Stauffer, \$24.99; John T. W. Dungan, \$25; Senjamin Clayman, \$25. D. Schoenberger was given the

For Water Pipes-Mellert Foundry and Machine company, Reading, per gross ton, delivered in Lancaster, 4-inch, \$37, 6-inch, \$34.50; 8-inch, \$34.50; 10-inch, \$34; 12-inch, \$34 ; 20-inch, \$33 ; 24-inch, \$33. R. D. Wood & Co., Philadelphia, 4-inch, \$39; 6-inch \$37.50; 8-inch, \$37.50; 10-inch, \$36; 12-inch

success in capturing foxes this winter, and to spend the day. The party included a great many well known hunters. At noon all t sat down to an excellent dinner which Mr. Skiles gave to his friends. In the afternoon the fourteen toxes which were caught by Mr. Skiles this season were brought out into the yard. Each was tied to taken by B. Frank Saylor, of this city. Mr. Skiles' pack of hounds, about twenty in number, were then brought out. He took a seat in the midst of them, and in that position had his picture taken. The day's sport ended with a fox hunt. One of the animals was dropped at 4 o'clock and about forty hounds were put upon his trail. They succeeded in holing Reynard atter considerable homes at a late hour well pleased with their day's sport and with best wishes for the fa-

O. A. B. MEMORIAL SERVICE. George H. Thomas Post Observes & Beau-

George H. Thomas Poet, No. 84, G. A. R., once a year hold a memorial service for their comrades who have died during the year. Thursday evening was the time appointed for holding the service in memory of those who passed away during the past twelve months. In that time Post 84, lost Comrades Rochm, Trocat, Rudy, Shoffstall and Wolf. Their families were present at the ceremo nies. Between the altar and commander's deek, five chairs heavily draped were placed. These represented the empty chairs of the deceased comrades. There was a sixth chair also heavily draped, to represent the departure of Gen. Logan, one of the prominent members of the Grand Army, who died during the year. Eulogies were pro-nounced by Comrades Denues, McEiroy, Fulton, Hurst, Fasnacht and Martin. After the sulogies there was music by a choir of ladies and gentlemen who volunteered for the occasion. The solos of Miss Krauskop deserve special mention. The services were oncluded with the memorial respon

No Quorum in the House. HARRISBURG, March 18 -- In the House today Woodward, of Centre, offered a resolufor appointment of a joint committee to visit Beliefonte and inquire into its eligibility for the purposes of a new capitol. The preamble recited that sufficient ground would be donated to the state on which to erect the build-

service as is published in the Grand Army

ings. The resolution was tabled. The superintendent of the Carlisle Indian school invited the House to visit the institu-

A resolution adopted increases the morning session on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday one hour. Special orders were fixed for the consideration of bilis to define the powers of corporations organized for beneficial or protective; appropriating \$375,000 to make capitol improvements, and authorizing in other districts.

Billingsley called the year and pays on a motion to call up one of his bills, and not a quorum voting a call of the House was had. The doors were closed, and the sergeant at-arms went in pursuit of missing members without success. The House fluxily adjourned until Monday evening.

Killed on the Elevated Raliron NEW YORK, March 18 -A man who from papers found in the pocket was undoubtedly Patrick H. Dolan, a clerk, fell in front of an engine at the Ninth atreet station of the Third avenue elevated railroad this morning nd was instantly killed.

Two Men Blown to Pieces BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 18 -Two men were blown to atoms and one badly hurt by an explosion of dynamite yesterday atternoon at the water company's dam in Easton.

WASHINGTON, March 18. — Postmanter General Vilas, to day appointed Joseph Roy, of Mermillan, Wis., chief clerk of the flice department.

A German Official Resigns.

Rows, March 18.—The German ambassa
dor to the Quirinal has resigned.

May He see Fifty More. To day President Cleveland reso reioth milestone in his life journey.

CONFERENCE OF METEO

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Bishop Fester Fre

After the election of officers for the state of the Episcopal conference in Philadelphia Thursday, Bishop Foster made a most dress to the conference, congraining body on its past and present reached motion of the Rev. J. G. J. McConneil is terests of the Methodise hospital were made a special order for Bext Monday measures. A call for reports and attacks the then made. Presiding Elder S. W. Asserted the report of the North Philadelphia district. It stated that the Orthodox of Fraukford, had doubled the capacity of the Chunk was nearly completed the church on Norris square had been but was still unfurnished; the Bear gomery Avenue church had built a some chapel; the Improvements on George church had greatly beautiful edities; that Summit Hill would entered by Presiding Elder Rev. J. Over this report stated that there were a present appointments in the district was appointments in the district and if succeeding the present stated that there were a present appointments in the district and if succeeding the sented by Presiding Elder Rev. J. Over this report stated that there were a present appointments in the district and if succeeding the sentence of the conversions for the year. At White seconds, All the charges excepting on ported conversions for the year. At White is and Lykens 200 were converted; House Joy, 100; Coatesville, 78; Williamstown 63; Coventryville, 60; Williamstown 63; Coventryville, 60; Williamstown 64; Franch, 60, Total number of conversions for the built died during the year. The names of effective elders were then called made cartificates passed. Rev. Dr. Brook, of University of Dakota, was introduced made a strong appeal for funda to carry the educational interests of the church is Dakota. The following standing committee.

834 ; 20-inch, \$33 ; 24-inch, \$35 . R. D. Wood & Co. Philadelphia, 4-inch, \$39 ; 6-inch, \$36 ; 20-inch, \$35 ; 24-inch, \$35 . Jackson, Wood & Co., Berwick, Columbia county, 4-inch, \$40 ; 6-inch, \$38 ; 8-inch, \$88 ; 10-inch, \$38 ; 12-inch, \$38 . Mellert & Co., being the lowest bidders, received the award.

Hauling pipes per gross ton : D. Trewetz, 75 cents ; John W. Musser, 41 cents : E. Stone, 39; 6. Contract awarded to E. Stone. Coal for Water Works—Baumgardner & Jefferies, per net ton, \$2.00 C, J. Swarr & Co., \$2.50. Awarded to Baumgardner & Jefferies.

A Big Firs ATTHEGEP.

Briabts—Shiles Entertains His Many Friends Good Schlects for Photographs.

Yesterday was A day for chasing foxes and there was a big time. The hotsel of Brisbin Skiles, at Gap. Several hundred friends of the veteran hunter gathered at his place to congratulate him on his wonderful successed in capturing foxes this winter, and to

Carson, D.D., Henry F., Issue and Cause—Revs. W. C. On Freedmen's Aid Cause—Revs. W. C. Webb, D.D., J. Ciln Garrison, S. T. Kemble, J. R. Doublins, D.D., J. C. Wood, C. Hadson and D. W. Gordon.

On Missions—The presiding elders.
On Women's Foreign Missionary Society—Revs. H. A. Cieveland, D. D., W. Dowan, R. W. Humphrise, O. R. Cook, Thomas E. Griffiths, Henry Wheeler, S. A. Hellman and S. Barnes.

Revs. J. O. Wilcox, S. H. Hoover, Charles Kowis, T. Stevens, J. S. Hughes, J. P. Miller, U. L. Garland, S. Hughes, J. P. Miller, C. L. Gaul and David McKay.
On Necessitous Cases—Reva. J. B. McCallough, T. C. Murphy, D. D., J. F. Meredith,
W. C. Robinson, W. S. Pugh; Meser

Thomas T. Tasker, sr., James Black, Jo. R. Senior, Charles Scott, Benjamin Schools and Robert Thomas.

On General Statistics—Reva. Henry Healien W. Quinsby, S. W. Smith, Bloobs H. Evana. R. A. Mclivain, Charles Adamson, F. A. Gilbert, Charles M. Simon, G. E. Kleinhenn, W. H. Smith William F. Shepherd.

On Finance—Revy. J. W. Sayers, J. Fox, J.W. Rudolph and Joseph B. Grad.
On Missionary Statistics—Revs. Arthonomy Special Committees.

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Oa Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Sou-Reva L. B. Brown, John T. Swindells, H. C. Smith, G. D. Carron, D. D., Rossell, J. Dyson, W. H. Etilott and P. H. Morrill. On Nomination of Trustees of Conference Revs. G. W. F. Graff, Richard Tucker, John Conper and G. Read.
Oa Exhibit of Book Concern—Revs. J. McConnell, W. B. Challout and Stubbs.

Stubbs.
On the Observance of the Sabbath—
George Gaul, F. M. Brady, Thomas
son, P. H. Merrill, L. B. McClinton
Pancoast, A. L. Wilson and A. F. Dates
On Methodist Hospital—Revs. W. Q.
C. W. Buckley, T. M. Jackson, A. L. Un
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SOCIETY ANNIVERSABLES.

In the evening the anniversary of the Conference Education society and the Freedmen's Aid society was celebrated in the Wharton street church. The exercises socieded a short religious service, conducted by Rev. Theodore Sievens, and addressable. Hev. J. Hepburn Hargis and Rev. J. C. Hazell, D. D. The report of Secretary Franchows the receipts for the past year have been \$3.071.98; expenditures, the balance on hand, \$835.93. Twenty young colored men were beneficiaries society. Of this number three compitation preparatory studies. The fall officers were elected to serve for the year: President, T. C. Murpay, R. secretary, Rev. W. J. Passas I was received. Hoover, J. Morrow, D. D., E. Stabballow, J. S. J. McConnell, The W. W. Swindells, G. S. Brookley, Hoover, J. Morrow, D. D., E. Stabballow, J. S. J. McConnell, The W. W. Swindells, G. S. Brookley, Hoover, J. Morrow, D. D., E. Stabballow, J. F. Bird, M. D., J. A. Burdell, W. B. Trites, M. D., J. A. Burdell, The society was also believes the society was also believ