MINORITY CONGRESSMEN AGREE TO STICK

TO TARIFF REFORM.

In Caucus They Declare Their Purpose

to Continue the Contest for Reduction

of Taxes-The House Organizes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The House Dem peratic caucus met at ten o'clock this morn-ing and remained in session half an hour.

cept chaplain. No nomination was made for that office,

ing devotion of the Democratic members of Congress to the principles of tariff reform as embraced in President Cleveland's messages to Congress, and pledging to renew and continue in Congress the contest for a reduction of the war taxes so ably

begun and prosecuted in former Congress

by Democratic representatives and senstors. The caucus then adjourned until to-mor-

The House Organizes and the Senate Admits New Members—The Galleries Crowded. After adjournment of the Democrati aucus there was a wild rush of the crowd

waiting outside and in a few minutes there was only standing room in the gallerie

of the House. The executive gallery was alone entirely empty and the gallery re-served for the diplomatic corps had but few

occupants. On the floor of the House

personal animosities seemed forgotten and political differences buried while joility and good humor were the order of the day.

As the hour of noon approached the

roise and confusion increased upon the floor. Visitors who were unable to secure

floor beseeching members to give them

orders to the various doorkeepers to accomplish the impossible task of obtaining them accommodations. Before the hour of noon the executive and diplomatic galleries were filled. As

elect. The roll call showed the presence of 327 members—the three absentees being O'Neall, of Indiana, Randall, of Pennsyl-

tificates of the election from the Sixth,

More than a quorum having been dis-

mention of Mr. Reed's name was the signs!

for applause on the Republican side, which was returned with interest by the Deme-crats when Mr. McCreary, of Kentucky, nominated Mr. Carlisle for the honorable position. Messrs, Cannon, of Illinois, Mills,

of Texas, Henderson, of Iowa, and Fe'ix Campbell were appointed tellers and the clerk proceeded to call the roll.

lisie, 154 ; for Cauming's, of New York, 1, (Cowles, of North Carolina). And Mr. Reed having been declared elected speaker

was conducted to the chair by Messrs. McKinley and Carlisle amid applause, and the oath of office was administered by Mr.

their credentials not having been received.

During the roll call Mr. O'Neill, of Penn-

sylvania, stated that his colleague, Mr. Randall, was paired jwith Mr. Wilber, of

New York, and McMillin, of Tonnessee, stated that his colleague, Mr. Whitthorne,

Cummings received a round of applause for his vote and had to endure the good-

Mr. Reed on assuming the chair ex-

natured bantering of his friends.

Kelley, of Pennsylvania. The na-Messrs. Turner, Cummings and Payne from the Sixth, Ninth and Twenty-seventh

vania, and Whitthorne, of Tennessee.

tion by Mr. Henderson, of Illinois.

The caucus without division adopte resolution offered by Wike (Illa.) express-

## IMPRISONED BY FLAMES SCORES OF MEN CAUGHT IN A BURNING BUILDING IN MINNEAPOLIS.

Twenty or More Lives Lost-Terrible enes'Attending the Destruction Of the Eight-Story Structure.

The Tribune building in Minneapolis was destroyed by fire on Saturday night, and twenty persons are believed to have perished in the building. Sixty-five newspaper employes were at work on the seventh floor, and there were other persons in other parts of the building. Seven bodies were taken out of the ruins on Saturday night, and have been identified as those of Milton Pickett, assistant city editor of the St. Paul Pioneer-Press (which had an office in the building); James E.Jgoe and Walter E. Miles, telegraph operators; W. H. Millman, commercial editor of the Tribune, and Edward Olsen, president of the University of South Dakota, who was visiling the office. The building, an eight-story brick, was regarded as "fireproof," but seems to have been a death trap. It is reported that two of the men who were unable to escape from the building, an eight-story brick, was regarded as "fireproof," but seems to have been a death trap. It is reported that two of the men who were unable to escape from the building, an eight-story brick, was regarded as "fireproof," but seems to have been a death trap. It is reported that two of the men who were unable to escape from the building was Charles Alfred Williams, the managing editor, and although bimself badly burned about the head and hands, he gave the following statement as to how each of those above reported met with their death, having been an eye-witness of the deaths of all but one:

"Miles and Millman, together with a number of printers, started down the fire-escape. A blast of hot smoke and flaune struck Millman as he was starting and he lost his hold. In falling he knocked Miles off, both falling from the seventh floor to cate, but his hand when Williams started down the ladder the fire-escape from that floor. The men in falling struck against the lowest platform and bounied away from the building, and were dead when they struck the ground. When Williams started down the ladder the fire was burning his hair and neck, and he narrowly escaped the falte of those who had p striking the ground was so seriously injured that he died soon after. Pickett, Igoe, Miles and McCutcheon were married men, and Jenkinson was to have been married in a short time. Millman lost his

wife by asplyxiation a couple of weeks ago and had just resumed work."

For some time the Union League club room, where the fire started, has not been used, and the fire's origin is a mystery. This room is close to the elevator shaft, This room is close to the elevator shaft, and in the attempts to put out the flames a window was broken open, bringing a draft of fresh air. The flames thus shot across the hall and up the elevator shaft in a moment, and cut off the escape of those who had delayed. A few broke through the stiffing smoke and scorching flame, but others sought escape elsewhere. Being at the south end of the building, while the only fire escape was at the north end, the printers found their way to the stairs as well as down them cut off. A number of them climbed out the windows and clung to the window ledges waiting for the help to the window ledges waiting for the help which in several cases came too late. Their piteous cries for help directed the firemen to them and a number were saved. Others fell off the narrow resting place or dropped from the telegraph and telephone wires, over which they had tried to escape, to their deaths on the frozen ground below.

The sight of the sufferings of the burning, struggling men brought tears to the eyes of the bravest, and women prayed and strong men breathlessly watched Associated Press Operator Igoe's brave attempt to escape. He had got clear of the building and was gradually working his way along the wires to safety, while the silent, prayerful crowd below anxiously and helplessly watched his brave attempt to save to his wife and four little ones their bread winner. But the wires cut his hands and his strength failed, and a grean went up from the upturned faces cut his hands and his strength failed and a groan went up from the upturned faces far below him when he was seen to slip from his slight support and fail to the roof of the boiler house. Men lifted him gently and started with him to a drug store, but on the way, after a last word of loving care for his family, he breathed his last. Other for his family, he breathed his last. Other heartrending scenes were witnessed, but no fight for life could have been pluckler than this, and its fatal termination was a

ter E. Miles leaves a wife and four children. Walter E. Miles leaves a wife and two children. The total loss is about \$300,000. The Tribune's loss is placed at \$50,000, with \$20,000 insurance; the Journal's loss is \$40,000, and it is half insured, and the Tribune job office lost \$60,000, on which there was about \$25,000 insurance. Other minor lesses make the aggregate as stated, and the insurance

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—The Daily News says, editorially: "When the list of heroes who have perished at the front shall be made up it will not be on the military field alone that duty will be found to have claimed its victims. Young Igoe, the Minneapolis Associated Press operator, who perished in Saturday night's fire in the Tribune building, seems to have met ness to leave his post of duty even in the face of extreme danger. All on the same floor with himself had fled and still he kept on receiving to prevent breaking the "circuit" which would have embarrassed a score of other cities. He waited a few moments too long and lost his life. In the face of every danger known to men the emissaries of the press are the first to arrive, and when duty calls the last to l avc. Epidemics, floods, fires, wars have no terrors for the chroniclers of the daily press. It is only when a peculiuly sid instance like that of the death of th young Minneapolis press operator occurs that notice is directed to a calling where risks are many, but where duty is its own

The Linnean Society.

The Linnean society met on Saturday, President Wickersham in the chair. The donations to the museum consisted of hundred fine specimens of minerals from the Yellowstone Park, donated by Joshus the Yellowstone Park, donated by Joshua Geiter, of Lancaster, a private in troop K, First United States cavalry, and who is stationed in the Park. The collection was donated by Mr. Geiter, per H. Z. Rhoads, jeweler. B. F. Rogers, U. S. N., donated a mask of the Japanese goddess "Benten," carved in wood and colored to life; also a carved cup made from a cocount shell, and used by the Samoan islanders and called a "cava" The Castle Pack Coal company donated, per its sectine specimens of lignite from Crownitz county, Washington, E. R. Baidridge, superintendent of the Blair Iron and Coal company, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., donated 14 specimens of foreign and native ores used in manufacture of Bessemer steel. C. D. Bowers, Hollidaysburg, Pa., donated a small collection of Colorado ores. On motion of S. M. Sener a vote of thanks was tendered each donor. The donations to the library were numerous and many of them valuable ones; among the donors being Hon, Marriott Brosins. The society will meet in special session at C. A. Heinitsh's residence on January 3d.

Milton S, Falck, of this city, left to-day for his future home, Tyrone, Biair county, where he has purchased a large drug store, which he will take possession of to-day.

The Cotton Mills Night Schools.

Lancaster Dispatch to Phi.adelphis Inquirer.

Reference in the Inquirer a few days ago to the property in this city belonging to the heirs of the Farnum state, now living in Philadelphia, directs attention to one of this best of the benevolent institutions of this town. It had its origin in the philanthropic impulses of Mrs. Farnum and her two daughters.

Hundreds of working boys and girls have, during the past 17 years received well grounded knewledge in the English branches in the hight schools founded here by these highly esteemed Philadelphis ladies. These children, owing to their parents poverty, were taken from the public schools at ages ranging from 10 to 15 years, and put to work in the extensive cotton mills operated here by the Farnum estate, which have made Lancaster ginghams famous in trade circles. Their lack of learning so excited the sympathy of Mrs. Farnum that, after consultation with S. S. Spencer, the superintendent of the mills, a free night school for mill boys only was founded. Tuition and books were slike free, and the great good the school secomplished soon made itself manifest.

Mrs. Farnum then urged that the mill girls be given equal educational advantages with the mill boys. Strong objections were made to this on the ground that something ill might befall them while going home late at night. But, finally after persistent urging on the part of Mrs. Farnum, the experiment was tried, with the result that the school now includes a fine class of girls and is more successful than ever. Though Mrs. Farnum has long since passed three-score years and ten she is tircless in looking after the comfort and wall being of the mill employes. About \$10,000 have been expended on the night school and the working boys and girls of Lancaster freely acknowledge the debt due the thoughtful and philanthropic Philadelphia ladies.

LIMITED LOCALS.

Nathaniel Ellmaker contributed \$15 to the woup fund.

Fiss & Doerr, of this city, have given \$100 to the New York world's fair fund.

The estate of the late J.H. Schoenberger, of Pittsburg, is valued at \$4,000,000. Among the relatives are Julis H. Twells, of Watts' Station, niece: John S. Watts, Paris, nephew; Charles A. Watts, Philadelphia, nephew; Ethelbert Watts, Philadelphia, nephew; M. Meredith Watts, Philadelphia, nephew.

On Saturday next, at 10 o'clock, jurors for the January quarter sessions and common courts will be drawn by Judge Livingston and Jury Commissioners Bones and Clark.

Viewers have been appointed to assess damages caused by the proposed opening of North Marshall street, and they will meet on December 18, at 10 o'clock.

Joseph Kellert was arrested on Saturday night by Constable Price, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Alderman Barr sent him to jail for five days.

Milton Swope was sworn in as night clerk at the postoffice to-day by Postmaster Slaymaker, and will go on duty to-night.

Congressman Brosius voted for Reed for Speaker of the House.

Barney Dougherty, an old offender, was sent to jail by the mayor this morning, for twenty days. John Wehner, a tramp, was sent to the almshouse and three lodgers were discharged.

Empire Council No. 120 had a package party on Saturday night and had a good sized crowd. The principal prizes given out were an umbrella, opera glasses and a bird and cake.

The commission of Major Elwood Griest as postmaster of this city, has been received by him. He will take possession of the office on Monday.

Dr. Geo, R. Rohrer removed a cutaract from the eye of Catharine Dommet West Vine street, on Saturday; Dr. Roland assisted.

Janes Stewart, co'ored, has been prosecuted by the Demuth Brothers, for malic-Nathaniel Ellmaker contributed \$15 to

assisted.

James Stewart, co'ored, has been prosecuted by the Demuth Brothers, for malicious trespass. The allegation is that the defendant removed some ornamental trees from Rocky Springs. Alderman Barr will hear the case on Thursday.

The jury in the suit of Mary E. Spiehlman vs. the borough of Strasburg, retired to deliberate on Saturday afternoon at o'clock. They agreed on a verdict on Sun-day morning at 9 o'clock. They found in favor of the borough. A. J. Eberly, H. Clay Brubaker and J. W. Denlinger for plaintiff; D. G. Eshleman and J. Hay

Brown for defendant.

The second week of the Movember common pleas court was opened at 10 o'clock this morning, with Judge Livingston presiding in the upper court room and Judge Patterson in the lower court room. Of the 30 cases on the list 19 were declared ready for trial.

for trial.

An issue was framed to try the ownership of personal property levied upon by the sheriff, in which Lydia Doersom and Frank R. Everts were made plaintiffs, and B. F. Davis, defendant.

Jacob G. Shearer, of West Donegal, was was appointed guardian of the infuci children of Daniel P. Shearer, late of West

Donegal.

There was almost a big fire at the build There was almost a big fire at the building owned by John Faegley, on North Christian street, which is used for storing bones, iron, &c. on Sunday afternoon. One apartment, which is entirely of frame, is used as an office and in this George Luckenbach, the hostler, sleeps. The bed was rather close to the stove, which was very hot, about two o'clock, and the clothing upon it took fire. The smoke was seen by John Getz, a neighbor, who alarmed the folks in the neighborhood. They extinguished the fire with buckets of water, but not until the bed clothing, a gum coat and seen blankets had been hursted. The ceiling of the office, which was of boards, was pretty well scorched and the bed, which was of iron, was damaged.

Three Killed By An Explosion
Five tons of nitro-glycerine exploded
while being unloaded from a boat at Oii
City, Pa., on Saturday, James Fisher, aged
18; Charles, 16, and Elward Hoffman,
aged 23 years, were killed. It was during
the temporary absence of the men who
were unloading the boat that the explosion
took place. The young men killed were
hunting, and were seen to approach the
boat. It is supposed that one of them falling caused the explosion. An ice house,
300 feet square, near by, was blown into
atoms, and neighboring farm houses and
barns were shattered. Windows two
miles distant were smashed by the shock. parns were shattered. Windows two miles distant were smashed by the shock

An Error Corrected. Some time ago Patrick McKenna, a well Some time ago Patrick AlcKenna, a well known stationary engineer of the Pennsylvania railroad at Mill Creek, had a law suit with two men named Barry, who he charged with assaulting him. Counter charges were brought and it was stated in this paper that at the hearing Mrs. McKenna said that she would have settled the whole trouble if she had had a club. This was a mistake. Mrs. McKenna was not at the hearing, nor did she make any such remarks. ing, nor did she make any such remarks.

Mr. McKenna said he did not care to have any law suits at the beginning and he paid the costs afterwards for the purpose of

Death of Rev. J. J. Pomeroy.

Rev. John Jay Pomeroy, D. D., of Chambersburg, Pa., aged 55 years, a trustee of Lafayette college, Easton, and Wilson college, Chambersburg, died on Sunday. During the war he was chaplain of the Third Regiment of Pennsylvania Reserves from October, 1862, to June, 1864, and of the 198th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers from September, 1864, to June, 1863. He was elected chaplain of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States at its organization in Philadelphia in 1866.

Contract for Coal Awarded. The water committee on Saturday eived proposals for all the coal for the water works that may be needed up to June I. The bidders were: C. J. Swarr & Co., \$2.50 per ton, and Sener & Sons, \$2.48 per ton. The contract was awarded to Sener & Sons.

Received a Gold Watch Miss Sadie Sultzbach, a contestant for a gold watch at Admiral Reynolds post fair, was awarded the watch on Saturday even-

A SUNDAY TRAGEDY.

CHRISTIAN RELLER. A RETIRED PARNER OF DENVER, KILLS WIMSELP.

He Pires a Bullet Into His Stomach At the Tannery Of His Son-in-Law. No Cause For the Deed.

The usually quiet town of Denver, which is on the Reading & Columbia railroad, was startled on Sunday morning by a terrible tragedy. Christian Keller, a prominent citizen, etther took his life or was accidentally killed.

Mr. Keller was a retired farmer, over 70

defentally killed.

Mr. Keller was a retired farmer, over 70 years of age, and made his home with his son-in-law, E. R. Stark, who operates a grist mill, owned by Mr. Keller, at Denver. Sunday morning about nine o'clock Mr. Keller, Mr. Stark and Samnel Weisser were in the mill together. The first named picked up a gun from the office and said he was going over to the tannery, which adjoins the grist mill, to shoot rats. The weapon which he took with him was a shotgun, but it was loaded with a ball.

He had not gone long until Stark and Weisser heard the report of the gun and they started to go over to the tannery to see what the old gentleman had shot. When they reached an entry, which runs between the grist mill and tannery, they were surprised to find the dead body of Mr. Keller. He was in a kneeling position and one of his shoulders was against the mill. In front of him on the floor lay the gun and ramrod. The supposition is that he took the ramrod from the gun and with it pushed the trigger sufficiently far to cause the gun to discharge. The ball entered the man's stomach and must have killed him almost insismity.

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the gun to discharge. The ball entered the man's stomach and must have killed him almost instantly.

Deputy Coroner Harry Gemperling, of Ephrata, was notified of the man's death at once. He went to the place and empanelled a jury consisting of A. R. Royer, D. S. Lutz, Howard Miller, A. J. Ream, J. H. Hartman and John B. Hacker. They examined the body, and after hearing the evidence of the witnesses, found that the man came to his death at his own hands.

What cause the man had to take his life is not known. Some say that he seemed to be depressed at times, of late, while others denythis. On Sunday morning he ate a hearty breakfast and seemed to be in good apirits. It is declared by many that the shooting must have been accidental as they say Mr. Keller was not the kind of a man to take his own life.

Mr. Keller was a highly respected citizen and was a farmer for many years but retired some years ago. Hesde the tannery and grist mill he owned a farm at Denver, another in Wisconsin and a third in one of the other Western states. He leaves one son, Samuel, a farmer, and six daughters, all of whom are grown and married. One of these is the wife of Jefferson Florey, now

all of whom are grown and married. One of these is the wife of Jefferson Florey, now of Lancaster but formerly of Denver.

FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE. Its Claims Advocated by the President, the Rev. Dr. Stahr. From the Philadelphia Ledger.

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Rev. John F. Stahr, D. D., president of the Franklin and Marshall college, Lancaster, occupied on Sunday the pulpit of Christ Reformed church, Green street, above Sixteenth, the Rev. James Crawford D. D., pastor. He took for his text the 21st chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, verses 15-17.

He said the words of the text were susceptible of a double application. In proportion as the church professes His love comes the injunction to go into the world and do missionary work, to provide for Christian education.

In every instance the principal literary institutes of the day were founded and grew up under the inspiration of the Christian church. Franklin college was founded in 1787, largely through the instrumentality of Henjamin Franklin. In 1835 the Reformed church founded a theological school in Carlisle. It was found necessary to establish a college, and in 1836 Marshall college was founded at Marshall college was founded.

to establish a college, and in 1835 Marshall college was founded at Mercersburg. After repeated efforts and a precarious struggle, a way was opened for a union of the two institutions at Lancaster in 1843. There are about 800 living alumni of the in-There are about 800 living alumni of the institution. The institutions at Lancaster are in a more prosperous condition than ever before. At Lancaster there are buildings and grounds and endowments worth \$450, 500. There are 16 professors and teachers, who stand together shoulder to shoulder, and work together in a spirit of harmony. The number of students is larger than ever before. In the college alone are 107. The institutions at Lancaster need very soon \$250,000 if they are to do the work the Reformed church means them to do. Franklin and Marshall college does not mean to run into debt. The scope of the work must be enlarged and better appliances and facilities provided. The scientific course has been greatly reorganized, but the first thing which ought to be done is the completion of the endowment of the presidency as a memorial. Dr. Stahr state I that three-fourths of the sum necessary for this endowment had been titution. The institutions at Lancaster are Stant state that three-fourness the same necessary for this endowment had been raised, and that the amount in hand is \$30,000. The total number of students, in-cluding the theological and preparatory departments, is 180.

THEIR THIRD ANNIVERSARY. Millersville Knights of the Golden Engle

Castle No. 147, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Millersville, celebrated their third anniversary on Saturday evening by holding an entertainment in Union hall. The crowd was so large that many persons were unable to obtain admission. Among those present were remarked. Hold a Successful Entertainment. were unable to obtain admission. Among those present were representatives of Blue Cross Castle, 46, of this city, and Rawlins-ville Castle, No. 215. The entertainment was a great success in every way and the audience was pleased with it.

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The opening prayer was made by Rev. Lauer, of St. Paul's Lutheran church. Daniel Smith, jr., district grand chief for southern Lancaster county, made the opening remarks, in which he gave a history of the castle from the time that it was instituted, showing that it now has a membership of 82 and is worth between \$1.600 and \$1,700. J. D. Barnes, of Philadelphia, grand master of records for the state, spoke at length and gave the people some idea of the objects and workings of the order. Ned H. Frailey sang a song and gave his venthe objects and workings of the order. Ned H. Frailey sang a song and gave his ventriloquial act with success. Recitations were delivered by Misses Nora Deither, Sallie Levenite, Christie Henry, Alice Snyder, Susie Ulmer, and Messrs, John Henry and H. H. Snyder, Prof. Kendig's parlor orchestra, with Miss Minnie Cogley, played a number of selections. The choir of St. Paul's Lutheran church, under the leadership of Daniel Smith, jr., with H. G. Deither at the organ, gave a number of fine selections. The closing prayer was made by Rev. J. P. St.in, of the Reformed church.

The committee to whom much of the success of the entertainment was due consuccess of the entertainment was due con-sisted of J. F. Miller, chairman, Aaron H. Deither, Cyrus Smith, D. B. Levenite and

Daniel Smith, jr.

A Woman's Sudden Death. Sophia Martin, wife of Henry Martin, of 459 Lafayette street, died very suddenly on Sunday morning. She had been com-plaining a little, and about ten o'clock on plaining a little, and about ten o'clock on Saturday evening while sitting on a chair she was taken with a terrible coughing, followed by a hemorrhage, which caused her death at half-past one o'clock. She was 22 years of age, and besides a husband leaves four small children.

The family of Mr. Martin is destitute and without the means to bury the deceased. A subscription paper for their benefit was not out this morning.

A Farmer's Accident.

Ephraim Rohrer, a farmer who reside Ephraim Rohrer, a farmer who resides about a mile east of Mountville, met with a serious accident on Sunday. He was on his way to church and, while driving along the road, his horse frightened at the Mail train going west, on the Pennsylvania railroad. Mr. Rohrer and his wife, who was with him, got out of the wagon and he tried to hold the horse. The animal was terribly frightened and reared up, striking the man with his hoofs, breaking one of his arms in two places. His chin was also badly cut. Dr. Lehman attended him.

ADVICE FOR YOUNG STATESMEN. DEMOCRATS GET TOGETHER.

LANCASTER, PA., MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1889.

ADVICE FOR YOUNG STATESMEN.

Rx-President Cleveland's Views of the Part Men Should Take in Politics.

Rx-President Cleveland was interviewed by a New York World reporter on Saturday. Here is what he said on the subject, "The obligation of young men to go into politics":

"The warmth of my desire to see good American citizenship more prevalent and the value of it better appreciated by our people, arises in a great degree, I suppose, from my recent experience in discharging the duties of an office which afforded an opportunity of observing the motive power and strength of selfish interests in governmental affairs; and in comparison how weak, if judged by their accomplishments, are disinterested love of country and dutiful solicitude for the public good.

"Ours is not a government which operates well by its own momentum. It is so constructed that it will only yield its best results when it feels the constant pressure of the hands of the people. This condition suggests the importance of patriotism and devotion to the general and public welfare in all branches of the government. But this is impossible if the representatives of the people in the state or nation look no higher than the promotion of personal benefit, or the local interest of their immediate constituents, or the accomplishment of some purpose in aid of their own retention in place. The man who enters upon a legislative cureer having charged himself especially or exclusively with the passage of measures in which he or his personal supports are alone interested, or with the success of some private enterprise, is apt to be false to himself and untrue to his trints. His mind is precompled to such an extent, and his selfish purposes assume such large proportions in his sight, that a scheme for a new public building for his town or district, or for the right of way for a railroad, or for the silowance of a claim against the government, crowds out all consideration on his part of great and broad general subjects. Thus he furnishes no intelligent aid in legisla

schemes.

"I do not indulge in the statement of an imaginary case. And what I have said is but an illustration of the perversions that are creeping into every branch of our public service. Thoughtful men will not deny that danger lurks in the growing tendency of to-day to regard public office as something which may be sought and administered for private ends instead of being received and held as a public trust.

"Now I plead for the cultivation of a sentiment among the people which will condemn this conduct and these ideas, and which will impress upon those who act for and represent us in every official capacity the truth that their duty is only performed by activity for the public good and by the utmost care that the spirit of our institutions suffer no impairment.

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"As a stream will not rise above its source, so it is manifest that to reach this better condition, selfishness and listness-ness among the people themselves must give way to a sincere and earnest desire for the preservation and increase of that sentiment of true American citizenship which recognizes in the advancement of the entire country something more to be desired than the direct and immediate at-tainment of purely private ends.

desired than the direct and immediate attainment of purely private ends.

"Here is a field in which all can labor and find plenty to do. Those active in the work will have their love of country enlivened, and they will not fail to receive encouraging response to their efforts. It will be a mistake for us to relax efforts because we cannot reach the highest points of useful activity or because we may not be able to deal directly with evils in the highest places. A good beginning is much when communities and individuals are led to properly appreciate the value of public to properly appreciate the value of public spirit and unselfishness in matters con-nected with their home affairs and with the interests of their neighborhoods. The men who have learned the lesson of good citizenship as related to the concerns of the school district, the village or the city, will soon effectively strive to impress that lesconcerns of the state and of the nation. oncerns of the state and of the nation.

"I am sure that we can none of us confidently say that oven here in this grand and busy city there is no room for an increase of public spirit or that too much attention is paid to the cultivation of American citizenship. I do not mean to say that we are behind in these things, but intend merely to intimate that we should far excel in this direction as we do in every other.

"Nor is there the least danger that we shall have among us too many reminders."

in this direction as we do in every other.

"Nor is there the least danger that we shall have among us too many reminders that our city is something more than a swint-running mill which grinds the grists of fortune, and that we have in our history and traditions things well worthy of commemoration in palpable and lasting form. Thus the project now on foot to build in an appropriate location a permanent and beautiful arch, to replace a temporary one which added so much to our splendid centennial display, should not be allowed to miscarry. Such a structure will lead the minus of our citizens away from sordid things and will suggest to them not only the impressive thoughts connected with our first president's inauguration, but will constantly remind them how grandly the event was celebrated in their city one hundred years afterwards. By such means is public spirit fostered and the way opened for a wider prevalence of good citizenship in its highest and broadest sense.

"I would say, therefore, on the threshold of a new century, charged as we are with the maintenance in our day and generation of the integrity of our government, let us pledge ourselves to labor, each in his own

of the integrity of our government, let us pledge ourselves to labor, each in his own sphere, for the revival of pure and simple patriotism and for the increase of that unselfish love of our entire country in which

Shocked to Death. Shocked to Death.

Henry Harris, 36 years of age, was killed by an electric shock in New York on Saturday. He, assisted by Lawrence Hughes, was carrying into a store a large show case. In raising it the upper portion came in contact with a Brush electric light wire overhead. The current was passed down the metal bars with which the show case was framed to a roint where Harris case was framed to a point where Harris had hold of it. He uttered a piercing shrick and fell to the ground. His companion felt

Supposed to be Stolen. George Ellison, of No. 549 Green street. reported at the station house on Sunday that he had seen a bag containing several balls of wrapping yarn in Zion's ceme-tery. Officer Messenkop was sent out, and found the twine at the place designated. The bag contained 15 pounds of twine, and it is at the station house awaiting an owner. The supposition is that it was stolen and placed in the cemetery until the thief had a chance to remove it.

The Lodge of Sorrow.

The Grand Lodge of B. P. O. Elks at its last meeting designated the first Sunday in last meeting designated the first Sunday in December to be observed by all lodges of the order as a day set apart to celebrate the services of the Lodge of Sorrowfor their de-parted members. The lodge from this city held their services on Sunday afternoon in their room; although they have no de-parted members they held ceremoties for the departed of the whole order.

The case of Edward Callaghan against V. Powderly, J. R. Byrne and Peter Wine, for alleged conspiracy, came up on Saturday before Justice Merritt, at Scott-dale, Pa. After hearing Callaghan's evi-dence Justice Merritt decided that it was not sufficient evidence to hold the de-fendants for court and the case was dis-

Simon P. Eby, attorney for John Lefever, entered a suit for damages in the court of

Sued for Damages.

common pleas against Henry B. Groff.
Mr. Groff is the owner of a mill at Fertility and the allegation is that he raised
his dam, causing the water from the creek
to flow on the land of John Lefever, doing John Tugar killed his 15-year-old son, near Celina, Ohio, on Friday night and threw the corpse into a large bonnire. Fear-ing discovery, he then shot himself. It is thought that he will recover.

upon him. The swearing in of the members elect was then proceeded with. As

they ranged themselves in squads of 20 at a time in front of the clerk's desk the oath was administered by the speaker. The or-ganization of the House was then comson as clerk, A. J. Holmes as sergeant-atarms, C. A. Adams as doorkeeper, and Rev. Charles B. Ramsdell as chaplain.

IN THE SENATE. There was little or no excitement on the senate side of the capitol attending the opening of the Fifty-first Congress. lie curiosity seemed to be largely transferred to the House side. After swearing ourned until to-morrow.

FATALLY INJURED.

Harry B. Cooper, a Brakeman, Has Both Legs Cut Off.

Harry B. Cooper, a freight brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad, whose home is near Salunga, met with a terrible acci-dent in Philadelphia, on Sunday. He was standing on the top of a box car when his train passed under the Forty-fourth street bridge. The young man probably forgot about the bridge and his head struck against it. He was knocked off the car and he fell under the wheels which passed over him, cutting off both legs. He was taken to the Presbyterian hospital, where he died in a short time.

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The decased was but 20 years of age. He was a son of David Cooper, who is a black-smith and resides at Chiques, one mile west of Salunga. The young man had been on the road but three months, and he had probably not yet become well acquainted with all of the overhead bridges.

The father of the unfortunate young man was notified of the accident early on Sunday morning. The telegram stated that he was seriously hurt. Mr. Cooper hastened to Philadelphia where he arrived in time to see his son who recognized him. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon with interment at the old Mennonite church near Landisville.

The funeral of Thos, Jones last Sunday from his late residence near Eldora was largely attended and was a good evidence of the high place occupied by Mr. Jones in the estimation of his community. Deceased was a black-smith by trade and one of the finest in the county. He died in his 50th year. The burial service at Penn Hill was conducted in Wolch. Welsh. Mr. John Bleecher, of Fairfield, and Miss

Jennie Stevenson, of Pleasant Grove, were married last week by Rev. Langley. Two hundred and fifty dollars reward is offered for the arrest and conviction of the person who burned the warehouse at Hen-ton station recently.

The Drumore band will hold a fair in Fairfield hall the first three nights in Jan-

Belle Shenk, a girl seventeen years of age, dopted daughter of Christian Shenk. who

attends the toll gate at the end of North attends the toil gate at the end of North Prince street, has been locked up on com-plaint of her father, before Alderman Del-lett. He charges her with being incorrigi-ble and also with assault and battery. The old man says that the girl will not remain at home but insists upon running away at night and associating with the worst kind of company. When he remonstrated with her she struck him on the nose with an umbrella. She will be heard later.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

Tracy Says We Have No Navy-Noble
Needs More Money For Pensions.

Hon, B. F. Tracy, secretary of the navy in his annual report to the president, says the effective force of the United States navy, when all the ships now authorized are completed, excluding those which by the process of decay and the operation of law will by that date have been condemned, will comprise 11 armored vessels, of which only three are designed for fighting at see, and 31 unarmored vessels, making a total of 42. England has 76 armored and 291 unarmored vessels, France 57 armored and 263 unarmored, Russia 49 armored and 119 unarmored, Germany 40 armored and 79 unarmored, Germany 40 armored and 79 unarmored, Italy 19 armored and 67 unarmored, Italy 19 armored and 68 unarmored, Unkey 15 armored and 68 unarmored, Unkey 15 armored and 68 unarmored, Even when the present building programme is completed the United States can take no rank as a naval power. With the additions to the navy authorized, the United States will be absolutely at the mercy of states having less than one-tenth of its population, one-thirtieth of its wealth and one-hundredth of its area. Any one of the powers mentioned could, without serious difficulty, even after the completion of our fleet as now authorized, secure in a single raid upon our coust an amount of money sufficient to meet the expenses of a naval war; an amount, one-half of which, if judiciously expended over a series of years, would be sufficient to afford this country a guaranty of perpetual peace.

Naval wars in the future will be short and sharp. It is morally certain that they will be fought out with the force available at the beginning. The nation that is ready to strike the first blow will gain an advantage which its available at the beginning. The nation that is ready to strike the first blow will gain an advantage which its available at the beginning. Says We Have No Navy-Noble

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Secretary Tracy reviews the work already done, and says the result sustains the reputation of American mechanics. The speed of the Baitimore is unparalleled by any warship of her displacement.

The necessities of our position demand the immediate creation of two fleets of battle-ships, of which eight should be assigned to the Pacific and twelve to the Atlantic and guif. In addition the country needs at least twenty vessels for coast and harbor defense and at least ten torpedo boats.

To insure the thorough efficiency of the corps of enlisted men in the navy three things are necessary: That it should be composed of American citizens, that they should have adequate training and, that the system of enlistment and discharge should be regulated.

the hands of the clock pointed to the hour 12, Clerk Clark called the House to order and proceeded to read the roll of membersshould have adequate training and, that the system of enlistment and discharge should be regulated.

The secretary recommends the creation of a naval service. He does not approve the report of the boards favoring an outlay of \$14,000,000 at the League Island navy yard and of \$8,000,000 at the Brooklyn yard, but would put those yards in good repair. The appropriation for the year ending June 30, 1889, amount to \$12,928,624.58. The estimates for next year amount to \$25,599,233.79.

In conclusion he says: "It must not be forgotten that the fleet has only a nominal existence. Until the United States has a fleet of twenty battleships with coast-defenders, cruisers and torpedo boats in suitable proportions for efficient defense, and an establishment in such working order as to administrative machinery, officers, men, reserves and vessels that it can be brought without delay into effective action, the country cannot consider that it possesses a navy, and a navy it can never afford to be without."

Secretary Nobie's Report. Ninth and Twenty-seventh districts of closed nominations for speaker were in order and Mr. Reed was placed in nomina-

afford to be without."

Secretary Noble's Report.

Hon. John W. Noble, secretary of the interior, in his annual report reviews the opening of Oklahoma, the successful negotistion of a treaty with the Sioux Indians of Dakota, and the advent into the Union of the four new states. The taking of the eleventh census will require 42,000 enumerators, 2,000 clerks, 800 to 900 special agents, 175 supervisors and 25 experts. The patent office granted 22,941 patents.

The secretary says the improvement of the Indian service in all its branches has been an earnest purpose of the present ad-

age. There are already 239 Indian schools supported by the government, with 15,781 pupils enrolled. The number of Indians in the country, not including Alaska, is about 250,000. They occupy or have control of 116,630,106 acres. The total expenditures during the year for the Indians were \$6,109,028, of which over \$3,000,000 were for food, blankets, clothes, modicine and implements.

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The secretary recommends an increase of the appropriations for pensions for the education and training of Indian children. The contract for Indian sapplies have been made under the most vigilant inspection of all samples offered, and the delivery of the goods is being watched with all the care the department can give it. The estimate of \$80,000,000 by his predecessor for the year beginning July 1, 1888, he says, is inadequate, and will result in a deficiency. The secretary also recommends that a pension be grant d to every soldier and sailor who did suistantial service during the war in the army or navy and was honorably discharges, and who, being dependent on his daily labor for his support is now or may hereafter be disabled.

Mr. Noble roviews the correspondence between himself and Corporal James Tanner, in which the secretary disapproved the corporal's methods, and the corporal replied that he alone, and not the secretary, had the power to call a halt when it was held that the claimant had been granted too much pension. The secretary maintained that he had the power to correct any abuses.

held that the claimant had been granted too much pension. The secretary maintained that he had the power to correct any abuses in the pension office as in any other bureau of the department, and that increased pensions cannot be ordered at the mere will of the commissioner. Such increase is not a matter of sentiment, it is a question of law. No objection was expressed to an increase of pension, the increase to commence under the pending claim as the law directs, and upon evidence to support it, to be considered in due course and with proper regard to the right to be heard belonging to the thousands of other claimants for pensions. The secretary also recommends that the amount granted to a widow on account of each child of the soldier should be increased, and the pensions of minor children in their own right also; that the act providing that those engaged against the United States in the civil war, and who afterwards voluntarily enlisted in the army of the United States, may receive nearsons, shall be made to a wind to the army of the United States, may receive nearsons. listed in the army of the United States, may receive pensions, shall be made to ap-ply to the navy.

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Miss Anna Elizabeth Sweitzer and Mr. Charles Augustus Gruger, both of this city, were married at noon on Thursday last. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. F. Kaul, at St. Anthony's parsonage. The maid of honor was Miss Kate A. Gruger, sister of the groom, of Columbia, and the best man was John F. Sweitzer, brother of the bride. Mrs. Henry Gensemer, sister of the bride, entertained the party at dinner at her home, 28 East Frederick street.

Took Possession of Hotel Veteran John A. Snyder, the well-known hotel keeper, to-day took possession of Hotel Veteran, on North Queen street opposite the postoffice, which he will keep in the future. He will tear down the building early in the spring, and put up an entirely new one. The hotel will hereafter be known as Hotel Snyder.

Prosecutions Withdrawn Abraham S. Kauffman was prosecuted on Saturday before Alderman Barr for obtaining several bushels of corn from Daniel E. Rice, by false representations. Kauffman went to the alderman's office, paid the claim and the suit was withdrawn.

Lewis Kopp, a blind man, charged Pasquel Viginott, an Italian, with whom he boarded, with stealing his accordeon. This suit was also withdrawn and the costs paid.

A letter from George Duchman, of this city, now on a visit to East Naut-meal, Chester county, states that he has received word of the death of his son Augustus C. Duchman at Los Angeles, California, on November 20. The deceased was well known in this county and was 46 years of age.

FIVE PERSONS BURNED

A WOMAN AND FOUR CHILDREN PERISH AND FOUR ARE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Which Destroys Three Members One Family and Two of Another

about 2:30 o'clock this morning in three-story brick building at the corner Second and Huntingdon streets. pasement and first floor were used by tave Gross as a bake shop and s spectively. The second floor was one pied as a dwelling by Mr. Gro his wife and four childs a second floor was one pied as a dwelling by Mr. Gro his wife and four childs a second floor dwelt Joseph Bitner which started in the basement, burrequickly through the upper floors and following persons were burned to despect to the before aid could reach them: Mrs. And Bitner, aged 35: Ida Bitner, aged 36: Ida Bi

before aid could reach them: Mrs. Annie Bitner, aged 35; Ida Bitner, aged siz George Bitner, aged P months; Gustave Gross, jr., aged 11 iyears; Brune Gross, aged 5 years.

The following were seriously injured Mrs. Minnie Gross, aged 33; Hattie Gross, aged 22 years; Joseph Bitner, aged 46; John Ellanson, a Journeyman baker, aged 32. The other members of the two families escaped without serious injury.

A fireman climbed into the second-story A fireman climbed into the second-story window and carried out little Gusta Gross, but the lad died soon after from hi

John Ellansou, a journeyman baker pleyed by Gross, was asleep on the this floor, as likewise were Joseph Bitner, German weaver, his wife, Annie, ar their six children. When Ellanson realis that escape by means of the stairway cut off, he looked about him for some of getting out of the reach of the flan A corrugated iron awning protected grabbed the mattress from his bed a threw it on the awning two stories beld Happily it rested there. Then the children of Bitner, Martha aged Hettie 12 and Paul 10, jumped a were lowered to the ground without injuburned somewhat. Next followed the who had provided this means of each fie is now in the hospital, being be burned about the back.

The wife of Bitner and two of their c babe of nine months,—were in the il story front room and were suffocated smoke. When found by the firemen a the flames had been subdued, the mo-and her children were huddled togethe the floor. Mrs. Gross and her child the floor. Mrs. Gross and her child were asleep on the second floor. clasped her 2j-year-old danghter Mattisher arms and hurrying to the third if jumped from the window to the street low. She was immediately conveyed wher child to the Episcopal hospital as distance away, where the child died after being admitted. Mr. Gross is to bly hurned. She is about to become mother and the hospital physicians there is no hope of her living.

After the fire the firemen found the body of Bruno Gross, agod 5 years, in bath-room, burned almost to crisp. For Gross, aged 7, and Clara Bitner, aged jumped from the second-story wand were caught in the arms of Mr. these two escaping without injury.

jumped from the second-story and e excitement in the neighborhood, a vicinity was soon crowded with from surrounding streets. Those wi caped from the burning building we almost naked, but they were not allow to remain in this condition, as kind neigh

ors soon provided them with elothing.

An Association Desires That E. Union Soldier be Given It. CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—A dispatch from dianapolis says: As president of the I vice Pension association of the Uni States, Gen. Alvin P. Hovey has issued address entitled, "Soldier's rights; an a peal to loyal people of the United Stat and their representatives in Congress." The address explains that the Servi

Pension association does not mean to in fore with the system of disability pensi-now in operation, but asks independent it a pension for every man who ser-sixty days or more in the Union are This is not meant to be only for the s port of survivors, but for a mark of h something as the Victoria Cross and the French Cordon of Honor. The address says: "The soldiers of the

Revolution, of the war of 1812-15, Mexico and with all our Indian wars, generously given lands by millions acres and pensions for life; for those w fought last in the rebellion lands and l pensions have been refused with billion of acres of public domain and a surplus our treasury that the ingenuity of o In conclusion, the address says: "B

no representative to Congress who will not honestly and earnestly supp

One Gullty of First Degree Murd BALTIMORE, Dec. 2—The jury in Navassa case brought in a verdict morning. They find George S. Key gu iams, alias Dakota, not guilty, and a agreed as to the other sixteen prisons This verdict does not release the sixte for trial on other indictments. Key he appealed. The trial of Henry Jones and Caesar Fisher, for the murder of Foles, is set for December tenth.

BUFFALO, Dec. 2.—The large dry store of Rowland & Austin at Ma Cattaraugus county, was burned had night. The loss is not stated, but it is PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—The failure announced this afternoon of Lewis S. Co. & Co., retail dry goods, ladies' suits, see

No. 1,220 Chestnut street. Judgmen gregating \$185,000 were entered against WEATHER FORECASTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.— Eastern Pennsylvania: Warm

The crossing of two electric light uset fire to a seven-story office building Chicago on Saturday. The flames confined to the upper floors, and the dage is estimated at \$33,000.

The Foot Ball Game To-morrow. If the weather is as fine to-morrow a has been to-day, there will be great crowd of people at McGm park to-morrow to witness Franklin and Marshall college footclub's last game of the season. Their ponents will be the eleven from St. Jecollege, New York, and a fine game is pected.