STATE HOUSE BURNED.

Serious Loss to the Taxpayers of Pennsylvania.

THE LOSS A MILLION AND A HALF

There Was Only \$100,000 Insurance on the Ruined Structure-The Inefficiency of the Harrisburg Fire Department Blamed for the Sweeping Destruction.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 2.-The legislative halls are in ruins. A new structure must rise from the ashes that has served as a meeting place of the legislature since 1820. The flames have eaten up \$1,500,000 worth of property. The inefficiency of the Harrisburg fire department is blamed.

There is not much over \$100,000 insurance on the building and contents, according to the statement of the treasury officials. There was \$400,000 on the capiitol building while the state library was in it. Since that time the library has been removed to another structure, and the insurance on the legislative halls has been reduced to \$60,000. In addition to this there is \$125,000 carried on all the state buildings. A portion of this is on the capitol, but how much the treasury officials are unable to say. They think that there is not over \$100,000 on the legislative building.

A report was in circulation that the fire was caused by the electric light wires. In an interview with the officers of the Harrisburg Electric company they stated that it did not and could not have originated in that way. The building was rewired several years ago at the time the insurance was placed. The wiring was installed under the rules and regulations of the board of fire underwriters, and was carefully inspected and approved. The odor of smoke was apparent to a number of the senators and employes from one to two hours before the fire was discovered. Had it been caused by contact of wires the fire would have been apparent in a very short time. The theory which has the most foundation in fact is that it originated from the open hearth fire in the lieutenant governor's room and burned under the floor along the joists to the hall partition where it was discovered.

The house was in session and the senate was about to convene after a few minutes' recess when the flames were discovered. Smoke could be seen in small volumes pouring out into the capitol grounds from the house windows. The members were not mindful of it until the great clouds rolled by the window. Instantly there was a motion to adjourn, and all was con-

In the senate the members were lolling about in their seats. The place began to smell of smoke, and soon dense clouds rolled down the rear elevator shaft. Senator John Grady, of Philadelphia, quickly warned the senators, and there was a general hustle to remove effects. Fire alarms were sent in, and soon the dignified senate was a mass of howling men. Desks were being jerked loose and carried out. The same work was going on in the house chamber.

Out in the grounds great crowds quickly gathered. The flames were then shooting out of the roof over the lieutenant governor's chamber, where the fire originated. The fire department was slow to arrive, and the hosemen about the capitol were doing their utmost to check the blaze. It was useless, as the fire licked up the little streams. At last the local companies started streams on the senate wing roof now a sheet of flames, but the water had hardly force enough to reach the blaze.

Rapidly the flames destroyed the roof and ate their way down into the senate chamber, and soon the men who were trying to recover property were driven The flames shot along the senate roof, wound themselves about the dome and on the roof of the house chamber. Although there was a heavy rain and snow falling the woodwork burned like kindling wood. Soon there was a fire in every portion of the building and there was no hone for the historic structure.

During the fire numerous people were injured by falling timbers and by several little explosions caused by different things, though no one was fatally injured. For a time it looked as though the adjoining department buildings would be destroyed, but a shifting wind saved them. The entire blaze was confined to the capitol building.

A meeting of Governor Hastings, Attorney General McCormick, President protem. McCarrell, Speaker Boyer, State Treasurer Haywood and Auditor General Mylin was held last night to arrange temporary quarters for the senate and house. It was agreed to hold the senate meetings in the supreme court room and the house sessions in the third story of the postoffice building. Both are well adapted for the

The destroyed building was built early in the century, but was nevertheless regarded as one of the handsomest specimens of Ionic architecture in the country. The building was of red brick, with white trimmings, surrounded by a park of ten acres, and stood on an eminence almost in the centre of the city. The main structure was two and one-half stories high, surmounted by a large dome, from which a fine view of the surrounding country could be had. The dimensions were Length, 180 feet; width, 80 feet. The building was finished in 1821, and was first occupied by the general assembly on Jan. 3, 1822. On each side was a wing, that on the north being occupied by the senate and the southern wing by the house. At each end of the building, separated from it by a narrow space, are located two buildings containing a state treasury department, the adjutant general's office and other state offices. About 100 feet south is the modern granite building known as the exof nearly \$1,000,000 for the accommodation of the governor, attorney general and secretary of state. This building also shelters the state library, and a portion of it is used as a state museum.

A Victim of Hypnotic Experiments. JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 3.-James W. Epurgeon Young, a 17-year-old colored boy, died on Jan. 24 under circumstances that indicated his death was due to hypnotic experiments by irresponsible amateurs. Coroner Bowers ordered an inquest, which was concluded late last evening. The evidence disclosed the fact that the boy was first hypnotized several months ago by R. Louenstein, a Pitts-burg traveling man, and was subsequently experimented upon by several local amateur hypnotists. The evidence of physicians conducting the autopsy strengthened the theory that death was due to hypnotism, and the jury rendered a verdict that the boy came to his death from diabetis and nervous exhaustion caused by hypnotic practices performed by R. Louenstein and others.

CHANDLER AND BIMETALLISM.

Republican Senator Introduces His Inter-

national Agreement Resolution. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.-The feature of the senate proceedings yesterday was a very spirited debate on the conference report on the immigration bill. Mr. Gibson, of Maryland, opposed the report, and Mr. Lodge defended it. After two hours' struggle the report went over and the Nicaragua canal bill was taken up, Mr. Vilas continuing his remarks. Mr. Teller, of Colorado, also entered the debate in opposition to the measure. Early in the day Mr. Chandler introduced a resolution stating that the government should steadily direct its efforts to secure and maintain the use of silver as well as gold as standard money, with free coinage of each, under international agreement.

The day is the house was very dull, the whole day being devoted to appropriation bills. The diplomatic and consular bill was passed and considerable progress was made with the District of Columbia bill. The bill as passed carries \$1,673,708. Resolutions arranging for the formal canvassing of the electoral vote of the last presidential election on Wednesday next were adopted.

The Cruiser Brooklyn's Mishap.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.-The United States cruiser Brooklyn, the latest pride of a peerless navy calculated to withstand the flercest onslaught of shot and shell, today lies almost utterly helpless because of a narrow ledge of sunken rock in the Delaware, above Marcus Hook, Pa., on which she struck heavily Saturday afternoon. Her lower double compartments forward were completely stove in, and it was only by the merest good fortune that the big vessel did not sink. This would undoubtedly have been the result had not her inner compartments successfully withstood the shock. As it was she was pulled clear of the rocks, and is now tied to the big stone ice breakers at Marcus Hook, and is thus protected from the heavy ice gorges in mid river.

Three Friends Charged with Piracy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.-Attorney General Harmon has given instructions to the United States attorney at Jacksonville, Fla., to at once proceed against the alleged filibuster, Three Friends, under section 4,297 of the revised statutes, for engaging in an act of piracy. It is the understanding of the department that the Three Friends, some weeks ago, while on a fillbustering expedition, carrying arms and ammunition and a mounted cannon on her decks, was pursued by a Spanish vessel, and in making her escape fired one or more shots at her pursuer. Whether shots were actually fired or not, the contention s that she was so armed as to clearly bring her within the terms of section 4,297.

Premier Laurier Wants Closer Relations. ORILLIA, Ont , Feb. 3.-Premier Laurier has for the first time definitely stated as the present government's platform "better trade relations with the United States,' and explains his willingness to stand or fall with it. He said the government was not going to approach their neighbors to the south in a cringing manner, asking for favors, or as annexationists, but as Canadians and British subjects looking for friendly trade relations. In reference to the alien labor law, he thought it unworthy of any civilized nation, and he had hoped to see the United States do away with it this year, but instead he found they were making It even stricter.

Keeley Cure Declared Invalid.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 3.-The Keeley cure was declared invalid by the supreme court vesterday. The test case came from Milwaukee in the form of an appeal from the decision of the circuit court, which was favorable to the Wisconsin Keeley institute in a suit brought against Milwaukee country for \$130 for the treatment of a patient committed to the institute by the county court under the laws. The contention of the county attorney was that the law provides liability for the county. and directly taxed the citizens. It was therefore void

Growth of the Christian Endeavorers. BOSTON, Feb. 2.-The Christian Endeavor society is sixteen years old today, and meetings in celebration of that event are being held in all parts of the world. Secretary Baer stated today that the number of societies is now 36,237, with a membership of 2.174.230. In addition there are 11.374 junior societies, having 154,250 members enrolled. Besides this, the societies of other kinds foot up the grand total to about 38,000 Christian Endeavor societies, with a membership of 2,500,000. These societies exist in all parts of the world.

Wholesale Murderer Captured.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.-The Swanhilda from Newcastle, Australia, arrived yesterday. Frank Butler, the Australian murderer, was arrested and brought ashore. Butler is accused of a number of crimes which cannot at present be proved against him, although evidences of his guilt are being unearthed every hour. It is known beyond doubt, however, that at least two men, Arthur Thomas O. Preston and Captain Lee Weller, met death at his hands within the past four

Sickles May be Pension Commissioner. CHICAGO, Feb. 3.-An Illinois man, who has been an applicant for the position of pension commissioner under the McKinley administration, says that he has good reason to believe that General Daniel Sickles, of New York, will be given the appointment. It is said that although General Sickles is not an applicant for the place, the appointment will be offered him, not as a recognition of the sound money Democrats, but on the ground of his personal fitness for the place.

Prince Chimay Gets His Divorce. BRUSSELS, Feb. 3 .- The action for divorce brought by the Prince of Chimay against his wife, formerly Clara Ward, of Detroit, Mich., who eloped from Paris last fall with Jansky Rigo, a Hungarian gypsy fiddler, came up in the court at Charleroi yesterday for the pronounce-ment of judgment. The court, after half an hour's deliberation, announced that a decree of absolute divorce was granted to the prince upon the ground of abandonment and infidelity.

"Exiled Royalists" Return to Russia. St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.-The czar has cordially received and has restored all of the rights of the Grand Duke Michael Michaelovitch, who was banished from Russia and deprived of his uniform by the ate czar for a messalliance. Grand Duke Michael Michaelovitch was pardoned a year ago by the czar. He was exiled for marrying the Countess Von Torby, a daughter of Prince Nicholas of Nassau by his morganatic marriage with PushA WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Thursday, Jan. 28. Ex-State Senator William M. Rapsher, died at his home at Lehighton, Pa., Tues-

day night. Henry Heitfeld, Populist, was elected United States senator from Idaho, to succeed Senator Dubois.

John E. Sullivan was found guilty of murdering Mrs. Eliza Dutcher at Dorchester, N. B., yesterday.

The congregation of the propaganda in Rome have proposed the Rev. Father E. P. Allen, president of Mount Saint Mary's college, Emmitsburg, Md., for appointment as bishop of Wilmington, Del. Friday, Jan. 29.

Lyman J. Gage, the Chicago banker, announces his acceptance of the treasury portfolio in President McKinley's cabinet. Surgeon General McPartlin, U. S. A., retired, died at Annapolis yesterday at an advanced age. During the late war he was surgeon general of the army of the Poto-

George F. Turner was elected United States senator from Washington state. Though a Republican, he supported Bryan in the late election

Sykes Brothers, lumber manufacturers and general storekeepers at Newtonburg, Clearfield county, Pa., confessed judgment for \$42,000 yesterday. Executions were issued for that amount.

Saturday, Jan. 30. Ivory, the dynamite suspect, recently acquitted in London, was awarded \$50,-000 for his arrest by the British govern-

The comptroller of the currency has

authorized the organization of the Union National bank of Newport, Ky. Capital, The "Tomboy" mine, of Colorado, was

formally bought yesterday by the Rothschilds, of London. The price given was \$1,500,000. A bill was introduced in the Missouri senate yesterday providing for the aboli-

tion of pool selling or book making in any part of the state The Tammany Hall committee on organication met last night in New York and elected William Sohmer as chairman

to succeed Henry D. Purroy. Monday, Feb. 1. A London syndicate is negotiating for the purchase of Cincinnati breweries,

they to invest \$9,000,000. Indications are that Judge Goff, of West Virginia, will decline a place in Major Mc-Kinley's cabinet.

Insane Jona McCarthy fled from the Schuylkill county (Pa.) almshouse and was frozen nearly to death before he was recaptured. More than 64,000 men, with 3,000 carts,

comprised the snow brigade that swept the streets of New York city after the recent storm. Annie Lee, 8 years old, was found in a cellar near her home, in Brooklyn, where

she had been taken by an abductor. Her mind is gone and she is expected to die. Tuesday, Feb. 2. A report from Frouenfeld, Switzerland, announces the death at that place of M.

Martini, the inventor of the Martini rifle. Great alarm is felt in Constantinople because of the approaching Ramadam, the great annual feast of the Mohamedans. Charles G. Dawes, of Evanston, Ills., has been selected by President-elect Mc-Kinley as comptroller of the currency to

Count Muravieff, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, who has recently been visiting France and Germany, has started from Berlin for St. Petersburg.

Mark Ellsworth and wife, a young married couple of Genesee, Pa., are under arrest charged with drowning their 2months-old baby because of their poverty.

Peter Wassail was yesterday sentenced at Wilkesbarre, Pa., to be hanged for killing Anthony Cooper. At Brookville, Pa. Joseph Aiolla was sentenced to death for killing Louis Scalzo.

Wednesday, Feb. 3.

Sensational charges of bribery have resulted from the election of Senator Turner in the state of Washington.

George S. Griscom and H. E. Anderson have been appointed receivers for the Pennsylvania Lead company, of Pittsburg. Explosion at a street railway power house in Chicago seriously injured three men. Chief Engineer A. S. Murphy may

A bill introduced in the Nevada legislature provides that the admission to any glove contests held in the state shall not exceed \$1.

A series of game bills introduced into the New Jersey legislature make it unlawful to take deer at all until Jan. 1. 1900, and thereafter only fifteen days of each year.

STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Closing Quotations of the New York and Philadelphia Exchanges. New York, Feb. 2.—Heaviness and dullness

characterized the dealings on the Stock Ex-change throughout the day, and prices sagged apparently from almost total lack of interest in the market. The day was without any special feature, except as it was in contrast with the activity and buoyancy of the latter part of last week and the comparatively large dealings of yesterday. Closing bids:

Baltimore & Ohio. 151/2 Lehigh Valley. New York Cen... 93 Chesa, & Ohio. .15134 Pennsylvania. Reading..... D., L. & W. Lake Erie & W ... St. Paul 40% W. N. Y. & Pa. "All ass'ts paid.

General Markets, PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.-Flour weak; winter

superfine, \$2.55/82.80; do. extra, \$2.90/83.20; Penn sylvania roller, clear. \$4.10@4.25; do. do., straight. \$4.25@4.40; western winter, clear, \$4.10@4.25 city mills, extra, \$3.05@3.30. Rye flour inactive thoice Pennsylvania, \$2.75 per barrel. Buck wheat flour dull at \$1.10@1.30 per 100 lbs. Whoat dull; spot, 861/2687c.; February, 861/268 87c.; No. 2 Pennsylvania and No. 2 Delaware, Die. Corn firmer; steamer corn, 25/3/25/4c.; do. No. 2, mixed, 25/3/25/4c.; February, 2882714c.; do. March, 257422014c.; do. April, 2782714c. Oats inactive; No. 2 white, car lots, 23@23\\\40.\; No. 2 white, spot, 23\\\40.\; do. February, 23\\\40.\; do. March, 23\\\40.\; do. April, 23\\\40.\; do. May, 23\\\40.\; do. \$14.50@15 for large bales. Beef quiet : beef hame \$18@18.50. Pork easier; mess, \$8.25@8.75; short clear, \$8.50; family, \$9.25@9.75. Lard easier; clear, \$8.50; family, \$9.2059.75. Lard easier; western steamed, \$4.64.05. Butter steady; western creamery, 13.621c.; do. factory, 7.614c.; Elgins, 21c.; imitation creamery, 11.616c.; New York dairy, 10.615c.; do. creamery, 13.619c.; fancy prints jobbing at 22.625c.; extra prints, wholesale, 21c. Cheese steady; large and small, \$2.6215c.; areat with \$6.6215c.; full skips, \$2.6215c. 8@12c.; part skims, 5@9%c.; full skims, 3@3%c. Eggs steady; New York and Pennsylvania. western fresh, 1314@18c.; southern, 14@

Live Stock Markets.

New York, Feb. 2.—Cables quote American steers at 116/113/c., dressed weight; sheep at \$1/603/c.; refrigerator beef at \$1/603/c. Calves steady; veals, \$568.15; barnyard calves, \$3% 3.50; common westerns, \$2.75. Sheep and lambs slow; sheep. \$364.25; lambs, \$565.35. Hogs steady at \$3.00%4.

A GARDEN SEAT.

Mounted on Wheels It Can Be Easily Moved From Place to Place. In most large gardens and lawns there are solid rustic seats suitably placed either for the enjoyment of some distant view or the near prospect of bright flowers. We are glad of these rests for



GARDEN SEAT CLOSED.

them for a time, but the wish will often arise that we could move them to the exact spot where we desire to sit. On sunny days we often covet a shady corner, or it may be a little coterie of friends wish to sit together for awhile to enjoy the pleasure of a chat in the fresh air, and then comes the need of a movable garden seat, and such a one is here depicted:

Reference to the diagrams will make apparent the case with which even a child can wheel the seat along on the lawn or footpath in a garden. Another decided advantage possessed by this special device is its hinged back, which folds over the seat and preserves it clean and dry and ready for use at any time.

This style of garden seat may be constructed of common deal or any durable



MOVING THE OPEN SEAT.

wood. If given two coats of paint, it will last for years, especially if housed under shelter when not required for use during the winter months.

When and How to Sow Millet.

Millet, which may be sown any time after danger from frost has passed, is frequently deferred until the middle of June, or even a little later; but, says Rural New Yorker, it is best when sown rather early. What is known as Hungarian grass, or small millet, does not grow so large as the German millet, but the fodder produced from it is finer and more palatable, though less in yield than from the larger variety. Early sowed millet is really better than that sowed late for hay, as it ripens in warm weather, when it can be cured to perfection. Millet loves a rich, moist soil, though it will grow on almost any kind of land. Dry, gravelly soil is perhaps the worst for millet, as it is a rapid STATE :-: NORMAL :-: SCHOOL grower and takes up large quantities of

As the seeds are small, the land should be well fitted and rolled after the seeds have been put in. It starts slowly at first, but makes a very rapid growth as soon as it is well established and the weather becomes hot. It is not likely that you would succeed in seeding to clover and timothy with this crop, except in rare cases. The grass seeds would start nicely, but the millet tillers so profusely, grows so rapidly and shades the ground and robs it of moisture to such an extent that it usually crowds out the grasses and clover.

The Spinach Leaf Maggot.

This is the most injurious pest known to infest the spinach crop in the market garden district of Long Island. It at tacks not only the fall crop, but also the spring crop-at least the late spring crop. It has been known for a number of years that this pest infested the leaves of beets, and it was suspected that it also fed within the leaves of lamb's quarters. According to a bulletin from the New York station the only feasible plan of controlling this pest is clean cultivation, to destroy all lamb's quarters or pigweed, combined with late fall or early spring plowing of old spinach fields. There are probably six broods of the spinach leaf maggot throughout the season, the last brood passing the winter in the pupa or resting stage.

Here and There.

The growing of spinach for market is an important industry on Long Island and in other sections of New York state. At the Massachusetts Hatch experiment station crimson clover has not proved hardy.

Deposits of mineral phosphates have been found in Pennsylvania, and it is probable that there is enough of the material close to railroads to make phosphate mining a profitable industry.

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The peach crop in the eastern and middle states will be light. In spite of the great glut of old pota-

ones are high and the demand good. At the Maine experiment station an effort was made to hasten the heading of cabbage by tying up the outer leaves The result was that maturity was no hastened, while the tied up leaves hel the water and produced decay, so the

not a single head was fit for market. Governor Morton has appointed Mr. Charles Augustus Wieting of Cobleskill. commissioner of agriculture for New York, to succeed Mr. Schraub, whose

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