

This question is discussed at length in next Sunday's DISPATCH by a number of the most prominent clergymen of two continents.

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MANY MEN DOWNED BY IT. Assignments Becoming a Matter of Daily Occurrence.

CAUSED BY GREAT GULLIBILITY. Some Peculiar Methods of Transacting Business Developed.

LIVELY TIMES IN THE NEAR FUTURE

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JEFFERSON DAVIS DEAD. HE EXPIRED AT AN EARLY HOUR THIS MORNING. The Daily News Says He Died at the Age of 81.

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THE OTHER SIDE. The famous old hostelry landmarking its location, the Monongahela House, was attacked by fire at noon yesterday and badly damaged. Guests were forced to vacate hurriedly and the flames spread to rapidly that it was impossible to save the building.

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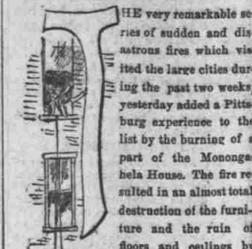
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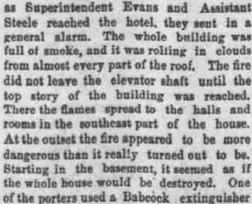
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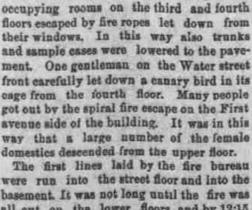
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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MAN WHO WAS ARRESTED FOR THE BEFESTRACK COOKING ITSELF.



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PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MAN RESCUED FROM AFRICAN WILDS.

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THE TEXAS IDEA. Roger C. Mills felt that the miserable reputation that has held the country in its blighting grasp for a quarter of a century can stand in the light of the day.

THE CANDIDATES TALK. Hon. John McWeney's address was one of the wildest efforts ever made in the city.

BOLOGNA OF HORSES. A Newtown Health Officer Makes an Astonishing Discovery—A Sausage Made of Horse Manure.

END OF A FAMOUS CASE. A Housekeeper Recovers \$5,364 30 for Lost Labor for Thirty Years.

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SILCOTT SKIPS OUT. The Cashier of the House of Representatives Not to be Found. ABOUT \$72,000 IN CASH MISSING. Sergeant-at-Arms Leedom Ruined by the Man He so Greatly Trusted. A NUMBER OF CONGRESSMEN ALSO HIT. The Capital Struck as Hard by a Sensation as if Hit by a Bomb.

C. E. Silcott, Cashier of the House of Representatives, is missing from Washington, and about \$72,000 of the House funds cannot be found. Sergeant-at-Arms Leedom, whose appointment Silcott was, is ruined financially, as well as being nearly distracted upon the alleged defalcation.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. WASHINGTON, December 5.—A bomb had been exploded in the Capitol this morning. It could not have caused a more genuine sensation than did the news, quickly bruited abroad, that Mr. C. E. Silcott, Cashier of the House of Representatives, had absconded with nearly \$100,000 of the House funds.

MANY MEMBERS INTERESTED. As soon as they heard of it, members of Congress hurried to the Capitol to ascertain the truth for themselves. Nearly all of the Representatives were personally interested, since but few had drawn their salaries for the last two months, and some of them had the Sergeant-at-Arms' office as a sort of bank account, and made personal deposits in the safe.

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