

The Illinois Tornado.

[From the Chicago Press, June 2.]

Through a gentleman who left Monmouth yesterday morning, we learn many interesting particulars of the sad tragedy attending the destruction of the village of Ellison by a whirlwind.

Fourteen persons were killed almost instantly, one more than was stated by the telegraph, ten more it was supposed were mortally wounded. Of these latter, two died next, three on Monday evening, making nineteen in all.

Among the dead are a Mr. John Hand, his son about ten years of age, and a babe, the latter of whom is supposed to have been drowned. The whole family appear to have been whirled with the fragments of their dwelling quite up into the air and deposited a considerable distance from where the house stood near a sloop. Mr. Hand was carried about fifteen rods, and in his terrible flight received a frightful wound in his side from a timber. He survived till next morning. Mr. Hand had her infant in her arms when she struck the ground, but the concussion compelled her to let go her hold upon it, and it was tossed some distance into the sloop, where she heard its cry, but owing to her severe injuries, was unable to attempt its rescue. There remained all night, her person partly in water, and in the course of its dreary watches the dead body of her infant was drifted to the shore, and she had it in her arms when discovered in the morning.

Another family named McWilliams suffered terribly. Miss Mary Ann McWilliams, about twenty-two; her sister Harriet, aged about sixteen, and her brother Thomas, about fourteen, are among the dead, and the poor old mother, eighty years of age—the only remaining member of the family, except some older children, who were living at a distance—was very badly injured. The boy Thomas was not at first conscious of having received any hurt, and rescued the body of his elder sister from the ruins soon after the catastrophe, but he was so badly injured internally, that he died the next morning.

W. E. Thompson, his wife and child; Mrs. Brazleton and her two children, a son and daughter; Martin Wentworth, Levina Lacey, Hiram Johnson and child, and two other persons whose names were unknown to the informant, made up the list of the fourteen instantly killed, comprised in a special dispatch to us from Monmouth last evening.

As near as can be ascertained in the confusion which prevailed, about fifty persons were very seriously and many more slightly injured. The tornado struck the village about half-past five o'clock, and during its continuance no rain fell. The houses were frame structures. There was a tavern stand and three stores, those of Samuel Johnson, Joseph Knowles and another. The appearance of the dwellings and structures after the passage of the whirlwind is described by one eyewitness "as if one should tear to pieces and scatter a lumber yard." Of roofs and walls, and the various structures there was seen in many instances scarcely a trace, as if a giant's hand had reduced and torn them to shreds and splinters. They lay scattered over the fields. Here a piece of broken furniture, and there a shattered door, and beyond an undistinguishable mass of timbers and boards, floor beams, ceiling and rafters. Even the bodies of the sufferers were torn to pieces.

As an evidence of the fearful force of the tornado, it is mentioned in the telegraph from our special reporter last evening, that of the victims, fragments of the bodies were scattered in all directions.

An iron safe weighing nine hundred pounds was taken from Johnson's store and carried thirty feet.

Horses, cattle and hogs were taken up by the wind, carried in the air and dashed to the earth, killed by the fall.

One cow was taken up, carried several rods, and killed by the fall. Her body lay at a distance from anything that could have indicated wound or injury upon her.

A heavy cut stone door-step the dimensions of which are given to us as being some seven feet long by three in width, and several inches in thickness, was torn from its site and carried more than its length, or about twelve feet.

The first trace of this violence is noticeable in Ellison timber, about a mile west of the village, the place described by John McWilliams as "the meeting of the clouds," thence on through the timber, the evidences of its force were astounding.

The trees do not seem to have been prostrated. They were only so in fact when released from the grasp of the storm King. They were pulled up by the roots, twisted, turned about simply, and in places noticed by our informant, it seemed as if they had been torn up by groups, as a child would wantonly twist the tops of adjacent weeds and tear them from the ground. Trees a foot in diameter were thus made the sport of the tornado, and were dashed crushed and broken to the ground.

WHAT HOOPS CONCEAL.—At Battle Creek, Michigan, the other evening, two gentlemen and a lady—one of the real skirt expanders—got aboard the cars for Chicago. One gentleman and his wife had through tickets, while the other paid his fare only to the first station. From certain manifestations, the conductor concluded it was the intention of the trio to dead-head one of the party through. On arriving at Augusta, the gentleman did not get out, and on search being made, he was found secreted in the ladies saloon. He was brought forth and directed to leave the train at the next station, but on arriving there he was not to be found. After a long and diligent search, in which everybody had become interested, it was concluded he had leaped from the train while in motion. Speculation was then rife as to his fate, when a gentleman sitting near the lady of big dimensions hinted that those hoops might have "a mystery unfolded." On producing a light, four feet were seen protruding from her petticoats, which it was unreasonable to suppose belonged to one person, and the lady being requested to rise, which she did after some hesitation, revealing the lost passenger.

A young man about sixteen years of age, a son of Mr. Henry Hess, of Springfield township, York county, Pa., met with a serious accident on Saturday afternoon last, while out on a gunning excursion. Upon discharging his gun the nipple was blown out and struck the young man upon the forehead with such force as to break through the skull bone, and stuck so tight as to render it a difficult matter for his brother, who accompanied him, to extract it. After the nipple was removed, the brain is said to have oozed from the wound—His one eye is already dead, and it is the opinion of the attending physician that he will also lose the other one. "The poor sufferer is lying in a very critical situation."

Horrible Affair.

A clergyman in Des Moines, Iowa, writes to his friends in New York the following account of a horrible tragedy in that town:

Des Moines, Iowa, Monday, May 24, 1858.

A tragical and frightful affair has just occurred in our midst. Last evening, about dusk, while sitting in my library, I heard a series of agonizing shrieks, and on running out to the gate saw Elizabeth King, a young girl whose residence is near ours, running towards the house, covered with blood. She fell before reaching the gate; we picked her up and conveyed her to her house. The only words she uttered were, "Oh God! Chandler and Rossiter are both dead!" My son was off with my horse, by the time she had told this, and several men at once followed him. My son went more swiftly than the rest, and when on the hill which slopes down from the chapel, near the brick-yard, his horse shied suddenly into the copse, almost leaping over the body of Chandler, who lay there stone dead. I reached the spot five minutes later, with a lantern. Chandler was stark dead, and Rossiter lay near him, soaking the soil with his blood, and moaning with a convulsive gasp now and then. I called for water, and flung it in his face and questioned him. His only reply was, "Let me die, and be afterwards added that 'he was a great sinner.'" I said, "Ask God's forgiveness, Charlie; man will never forgive you." He was taken into a house.—The news spread like wildfire. The Methodists at meeting heard of it, and crowds commenced to fill the woods and adjacent copse.—Chandler was borne on a board to K—'s house. But Rossiter still lives, but only, of course, to die by the law, if not by his wound or popular violence. It appears that Elizabeth had a long time since rejected Rossiter's suit in favor of Chandler, and he thirsted for revenge. A week ago to-day, I accosted him in the street, and expostulated with him on his reckless intemperance—a new vice with him. He declared that his rival should never marry Elizabeth, and said that he would give him more favor with King—the girl's father. I said, "Remember, Charlie, the judgment of the great day, and God's punishment." He replied, "There is no more hell than I now endure; I now suffer the worst I can suffer."—It is supposed that he has been nursing himself by brandy for six or seven weeks for this deed of murder. He slept with his victim, who was a generous, open-hearted fellow, a brick-mason by trade. He ate with him last evening. After tea, Chandler and Elizabeth walked out together. Rossiter hid himself in the copse, stepped into the path behind them as they were coming home, and fired at Chandler, with a pistol placed within an inch of his head. Chandler fell dead. Rossiter then fired at Elizabeth. She fell, but rose again. He presented his pistol again at her, when she seized it, exclaiming "Oh, Charlie, don't kill me!" He fired, but the ball went through her hand, struck her shoulder, and passed in and out between her skull and the scalp, making two holes in her bonnet. Rossiter then put the pistol to his own head, and fell with a horrid wound in the right side of it, from which blood flowed in great quantities. Chandler was buried from the church this afternoon.

WHAT WILL THE PEOPLE DO?—Great anxiety is now felt by the opponents of the Lecompton Constitution throughout the States, embracing the entire Republican platform and the great body of Anti-Lecompton Democrats, as to the result of the action to be taken by the people of Kansas on the Lecompton bribery bill. The repeated inquiry is made, what shall be done to prevent the people of Kansas from accepting this bribe? The Democracy at Washington—the Lecompton, Pro-Slavery, Buchanan Democracy, regard it as a foregone conclusion that, with the present inducements held out, and with the control of the election in its own hands or in the hands of its corrupt minions, Kansas will come into the Union a slave State, under the Lecompton Constitution. We must say as well to our friends as to the miserable, mercenary minions of the Administration. You mistake the character of our people, when you imagine there is possibility of any such result. The masses of our people will spurn with unmitigated scorn and contempt any attempt to approach them with a bribe; and they have been so well educated in the devices of Democracy in Kansas, as to be fully against every attempt to overcome them by intrigue or fraud. The people are fully posted as to the action of Congress with regard to this matter, and we have as yet found but one Judas in the whole Free-State party, and he only conditionally so—the condition being that CALHOUN first issue certificates to Free-State officers. This condition complied with, and he would rest under an additional bribe—that of being called to exercise the highest official functions known to a State Government. There are but few positions of that kind under Lecompton, consequently but few can be influenced by any such considerations.—Lawrence Repub. May 20.

SAD AFFAIR AT ALBION.—We are pained to hear of an unfortunate occurrence at Albion, yesterday, which resulted in the sudden death of an estimable lady of that village. Mrs. HIRAM SICKLES lost her life in consequence of taking poison by mistake for wine. As we are informed, Mrs. SICKLES went to a closet and poured from a bottle what she supposed to be wine, and drank a considerable quantity. She was immediately seized by illness, and told a lady who was in the house that she feared she had drunk something else than wine. The lady gave her vinegar to drink and a physician was sent for. Dr. NOBLE came and soon ascertained that she had drunk acetic, a powerful poison used in the homoeopathic practice. The Dr. applied such remedies as he could command, but with no avail; the lady expired in about two hours after taking the poison. It is supposed that the bottle was brought from a drug store in haste by a son of deceased, who was visiting the family, and had a sick child.

The unfortunate occurrence caused much excitement in Albion, where deceased has many relatives and friends.—Rochester Union.

A large elk passed through Tunkhannock, Pa., one day last week, destined for Philadelphia, where, we understand, it had been sold for the sum of \$1000. The owner represented its weight at SIX HUNDRED POUNDS, (nearly as heavy as a small horse,) and would trot a mile in two minutes and a half. It was broke to the harness and would drive well in a buggy. We learn that it was taken from the wilds of Nebraska, and is only two years old.

Bradford Reporter.

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TOWANDA:

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FOURTH OF JULY.

We are gratified in being able to state that the coming anniversary of our National Independence is to be celebrated in this place, in a manner worthy of the great event it commemorates, and of the public spirit of our citizens. The display to be made on that day promises to be one of the finest ever witnessed in this section of the country. Invitations have been extended to Fire Companies in Birghampton, Owego, Waverly, Elmira and Athens, to a portion of which favorable responses have been already received. The "Fairchild Guards" a fine artillery company of Waverly, has promised to be present.

It is now many years since the birth day of our National Freedom has met with an appropriate greeting in this place, and we rejoice to know that this year, at least, the proper manifestations of the spirit of '76 will be exhibited by the descendants of those who achieved our Independence, or those who are enjoying the blessings secured by that glorious struggle.

The 4th coming on Sunday, this year, the day previous, Saturday, has been selected upon which to hold the celebration. We have not yet learned the name of the orator of the day, but that, with the programme, will shortly be announced to the public.

We publish in our advertising columns, a proclamation from the President of the Sunbury and Erie R. R., announcing the sale of the North Branch to a company.

The Managers of the New North Branch Canal Company, are G. M. Hollenback, John Laporte, G. F. Mason, H. M. Fuller, H. B. Wright, Col. Charles F. Welles, Jr., is President, and Col. Hollenback Treasurer of the Company.

We mentioned last week, that an injunction had been applied for to restrain the Sunbury and Erie from consummating the sale. The bill and affidavit are filed by John J. Slocum, Esq. The hearing was set down for the 7th.

A second bill was filed upon which Court enjoined the Company from further proceedings and the Treasurer from negotiating Bonds until after hearing.

In the meantime the Company is proceeding with the necessary repairs upon the Canal. It is expected that by the 1st of July water will be in the entire distance.

VIGILANCE COMMITTEE IN NEW ORLEANS.—A revolutionary movement occurred in New Orleans on Tuesday night, 2d inst., after the fashion of San Francisco, which resulted on Friday in the complete triumph of the Vigilance Committee, the Mayor having resigned the municipal authority into their hands.

Great preparations were made by both parties in the morning, in anticipation of a collision, though the Mayor seemed to have some difficulty in organizing his forces. Those of the Committee were under the command of Maj. F. K. Duncan, late of the U. S. army, and were well organized and drilled. The excitement was much increased as the day advanced, through various causes, one of which was the issue of an order by the Mayor for the arrest of John Maginnis, Esq., editor of the True Delta, and the threat of the opponents of the Committee to hang him if taken. At 1 o'clock P.M., a company of 50, understood to be composed of men marked by the Committee for punishment, took possession of Canal-street with two cannon but at 2 o'clock, when the announcement of the Committee's triumph was made, the crowd in Canal-street immediately withdrew and everything settled down in quietness.

At a regular monthly meeting of Naiad Fire Company, No. 2, held at the Engine House, on Friday evening, June 4, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Foreman—L. D. MONTAGNE. 1st Ass't—CHARLES MERRICK. 2d Ass't—CHAS. H. ALLEN. Pipeman—WM. CONNELLY. Ass't Pipeman—EDWARD BRITTON. Secretary—O. D. GOODENOUGH. Treasurer—F. B. CARY.

This is a fine Company, composed of the youth of this place, and will, undoubtedly, "shine" on the coming 4th.

At a regular meeting of Franklin Fire Co., No. 1, held at Fireman's Hall, on Saturday evening last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—

Foreman—H. A. CARY. 1st Assistant—WM. B. DODGE. 2d Assistant—H. D. ROCKWELL. Treasurer—ALLEN MCKEAN. Secretary—J. H. NEVINS. Pipeman—GEORGE BRITTON.

JAMES K. MOORHEAD has been nominated for Congress, by the Republicans of Allegheny county.

A telegraph dispatch was on Friday received from General HARNEY by the Secretary of War, confirming the statement in a dispatch from St. Louis, to the effect that Governor CURMING was reported to have been driven out of Salt Lake City. The intelligence, however, does not obtain full credence at the Department, for the reason that General HARNEY merely repeats a report, and does not communicate it as from direct intelligence to himself. Governor CURMING, it is believed, has returned to Fort Scott, as when he left there he intended to return in a fortnight.

H. A. BURBANK, in addition to the many good things manufactured and kept at his Bakery and Confectionary establishment is receiving every day from New York, fresh supplies of fruit, pine apples, bananas, oranges, lemons, &c.

A SERIOUS AFFRAY.—We learn that on Saturday last an altercation took place in the Village of Springville, Susquehanna county, between a Mr. Bullard and a man by the name of George Wilson, which resulted in the severe of not fatal wound to the latter. The particulars, as near as we could learn, are these: It seems that Bullard had taken a pique at Wilson from some cause, and had previously expressed a desire to avenge Wilson. This opportunity was presented on Saturday, in a blacksmith shop of that place, when some words passed between the parties, and Bullard seizing a pair of blacksmith's tongs, struck Wilson upon the side of his head cutting a large gash therein. No sympathy appears to be expressed for Bullard. He was arrested and is now confined in the Jail of that county, to atone to the offended law. We understand they would not admit him to bail as the life of his victim is despaired of.—Tunkhannock Dem.

DROWNED!—Two little children, a son and daughter of Mr. IVES, residing in the neighborhood of Bennett's Mills, Middlebury, were drowned on Saturday, 29th ult., at about noon. It appears, from the best information we can gather, that the little ones attempted to cross a small stream much swollen by the rains and, as it is conjectured, becoming terrified fell in. The crossing was by a single plank. The bodies were recovered by the sorrowing parents about 30 minutes after the children were missed from the house. They were buried on Monday.—Toga Agitator.

DISTRESSING AND FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday afternoon last, about 4 o'clock, a little child of Mr. H. W. WARNER, who resides on the corner of Fox and Franklin Streets, was run over by a train of cars, while playing on the track near the Depot, and both of its legs and one arm were crushed and severed from its body. The little sufferer, who was but 18 months old, lingered in the greatest agony till about 9 o'clock Tuesday evening, when death terminated its sufferings.—Owego Times.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Saturday morning last, about 7 o'clock, Mr. FREDERICK DENNIS, a young man about 23 years of age, while engaged in felling a large tree, about three miles south of this village, was struck by another tree, which was broken off and leaning against the one which he was felling, killing him instantly. His head was literally crushed to pieces.—Owego Times.

W. H. LEONARD, M. D., writes us from Oremt Creek, Pa., that the wife of PATRICK LEARY, who resides near Johnny cake Dam, gave birth to three living girls, on Saturday, May 30th, all of which are doing well. The weight of the three, is about Twenty Four Pounds!! Patrick and his wife can beat the world, we think, on the weight of living babies. Where is Barnum? He must inaugurate another Babies' show.—Waverly Advocate.

We learn from the Scranton Republican that a man named MALOY, attempted to overtake a locomotive, with his horse. He watched an approaching train when near Scranton, and as it passed he rode his horse upon the track, and with whip and spur tried to catch up with the train. He had run his horse nearly a mile when the animal failed to leap clear of one of the cattle-guards, lost his footing and fell upon the track. The drunken or foolish rider tumbled off unharmed, but not so with the poor horse. The former scrambled up, and in the bluster of a moment tried to arouse the prostrate horse by kicks and jerks, but in vain—the spirit of the horse had departed—the fall had broken his neck.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—The Old School Presbyterian annual meeting, held in New Orleans last month, comprised about 250 delegates, and adjourned to meet next year in Indiana polis, Ind. The New School shareholding faction asked for a union, on condition that the O. S. church should say nothing about Slavery; which modest dictation was promptly and unanimously declined, and the Pro-Slavery Presb. Ch. stands in unenvied, isolated independence.

The New School organization met in Chicago and will meet next year in Wilmington, Del. The seceding Pro-Slavery Presbyterians sent in a very strong request for the return to them of some funds of which they had contributed say 2 1-2 per cent, but their application was postponed.

THE NEW BISHOP.—The Rev. Dr. Samuel Bowman, who has just been elected Assistant Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church for the diocese of Pennsylvania, was born in Wilkesbarre in 1800. His father was Major Bowman, of the Revolution. He has been for thirty three years the rector of St. James Church, in Lancaster, and noted for his piety, zeal, learning and eloquence. He was nominated and supported by what is known as the High Church party, but he is regarded as a man of liberal, broad church principles. Since the Episcopal Church of this country separated in its organization from that of England, there have been but three Bishops in this State.—The first was Bishop White, who was elected in 1787. The next was B'shop Onderdonk, who was elected Assistant Bishop in 1827, and succeeded Bishop White in 1836. Bishop Potter succeeded B'shop Onderdonk, being elected in 1845. It is presumed that Dr. Bowman will be consecrated and immediately enter upon the duties of the office, as Bishop Potter has gone to Europe.

News from all Nations.

The old and new School Presbyterians of Harrisburg are each preparing for the erection of a new house of worship.

A Baptist church of 13 members was formed in Selingsgrove on the 16th ult.

The Harrisburg papers notice the killing of a mad dog—also the horrid death in that town of a man with mania potu.

COMMOROR THOMAS A. CATESBY JONES, for a long period connected with the United States Navy, died on Monday night at his residence, near Georgetown, D. C., in the 69th year of his age.

The great Bell crevasse above New Orleans is said to have overflowed forty plantations, and destroyed cane enough to make 23,000 hbls. of sugar.—The Herbert crevasse has been stopped, but not until large amounts of property were destroyed.

Maryland has expressed a decided objection to any alteration of her Constitution. Official returns, so far as received, of the vote cast on Wednesday last, indicate a majority against calling the Convention of eight or nine thousand.

St. Paul papers contain an account of a fight between a band of fifty Sioux, encamped near Shakopee, and two hundred Chippewas. The battle resulted in favor of the Sioux. Four of the Chippewas were killed and six dangerously wounded, while two of the Sioux were killed and twelve wounded.

Counterfeit five dollar notes on the Hadley Falls Bank, Mass., are in circulation. The vignette is a mechanic in a machine shop, standing before a cog wheel of a large lathe. In the counterfeit the left foot of the mechanic is not visible, while in the genuine note it can be seen on close inspection.

The saw, shingle and lath mill of Henry S. Smith, near the Sullivan County line, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday fortnight, and with a large amount of lumber. Supposed to have originated from the stove.

At a banquet in Kingston, C. W., recently, Dr. Mackay said: "I consider you have more liberty here than on the other side. Your Government can not go on ruling the county against the wishes of the mass of people, as the United States can, and does."

Prof. Harvey, of Madison University, Hamilton, N. Y., baptized on the 7th ult., Samuel Schra, a native Japanese. He is a young man who is the relic of a Japanese crew who were wrecked in the North Sea Pacific. It is in contemplation to make him a missionary to his own people.

The following banks of this State are set down among the list of discredited ones, in Peterson's Detector; Bank of Crawford county, Meadville Pa.; McKeon county Bank, Smethport, Pa.; Shamokin Bank, Shamokin, Pa.; Tioga county Bank, Tioga, Pa.

It is said that hundreds of gallons of milk are daily returned to the distilleries, in New York, unsold, and that the question now put to the vendors of doubtful milk is, "Do you sell the long-tail or stump-tail milk?"

In Milltown, on the Juniata, last week, three houses were entered and robbed, in one night. Attempts were made to rob several others, there, and in Lewistown, also in Williamsport. There are gangs of burglars taking tours through the country.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has decided that the premiums, over 6 per cent, interest, taken by building associations is usurious, and that all contracts to pay or be charged with more than lawful interest, are void.

Some miners near Pottsville, and bratmen at Sunbury, recently undertook to raise their wages by riotous strike, but were taken in the safekeeping of the strong arm of law, and thwarted in that direction.

Several fields and patches of wheat, grown the present season at Montgomery, Ala., have been harvested recently and the yield was fine and of the best quality.

A Dr. Dorsey, of Hopewell, Bedford county, Pa., while in a state of intoxication, on Monday last, swallowed a dose of laudanum, which produced his death in a few hours. His remains were forwarded to Huntingdon.

William A. Bell, a well-known citizen of Boston, was accidentally killed in that city on Friday evening, by falling out of a window at his residence.

Mr. Jacob Landis, of New Britain township, Bucks county, Pa., lost three fine horses, which died of inflammatory sore throat, or choking distemper, as call by some. As yet, there has been no remedy found for it.

The company who own "the Leviathan," are about to issue preferred shares to the amount of \$172,000 to complete her works. This will make the total cost of the vessel \$204,202—about four millions of dollars.

A German barber named Conrad Hassinger, committed suicide in Newark, N. J., on Monday, by hanging himself in a room over his shop. Domestic troubles the cause.

Henry W. Pratt, the teller of the Grafton Bank, who robbed that institution of \$12,000, has been sentenced to the house of correction for eighteen months.

One of the best "gold diggings" in Iowa is said to be on a small stream emptying into Skunk river a short distance below the mouth of Crooked creek.

The great Barnum, the "inimitable Phineas" is out in a card in the City papers, proposing to bring over the Opera and Ballet companies of Her Majesty's Theatre, London, with manager Lumley, Orchestra, and all, for a short season in New York, Philadelphia and Boston. The estimated cost is only \$300,000.

A fire broke out in the large public school house, Cattawissa, not long since, which was got under by the old fashioned engines, men and women with full buckets of water. The Bloomsburg Republican says there has been no great calamity by fire in Cattawissa in her history of sixty years. A happy exemption!

A man, by the name of D. C. Tiffany, from the green hills of Susquehanna, was swindled out of \$25 in New York, last week, by the patent safe game.

A colored child of Lewis Thomas, about four years of age, was drowned in Kishacoquillas creek, Lewistown, on Friday week, by falling from a skiff. The body was recovered, a short time after falling in, but life was extinct.

Another tornado has visited Illinois, more disastrous in effect, even than the one previously reported. The village of Ellison, about twelve miles south of Monmouth, containing about five hundred inhabitants, was entirely destroyed, every house in the place being blown down, and fifteen persons being killed, and several others fatally injured. It is believed that not one of the inhabitants escaped some personal injury.

Rufus Choute is suggested by a Democrat in paper as a candidate for Governor of Massachusetts at the next election. To reconcile the party to the nomination, the suggestion is accompanied with a hint that the Democrats will probably fail to elect their ticket this year, whoever is run. There is little or no probability that he would accept any office which can be offered him.

It is understood, however much the President may desire to visit the West during the recess of Congress—publication having been made that such was his intention—that the pressure of public business will prevent him so doing.

A senator of the United States will be chosen at this session of the New Hampshire legislature, in place of John P. Hale, whose term of service expires with the present Congress.

No man believes in nonsense, although he often speaks it.

Hear the other side.

The only British outrage which General Cass has thought worthy to be made the subject of an official representation to the British minister, so far as Congress and the public mind are advised, is that of the Cortes. We published the correspondence and testimony in that case a few days since. The witnesses asserted that no flag was flying at the time of the attack, and the American Consul says he saw her papers. Per contra, a correspondent of the Herald writes from Kingston, Jamaica, (see another column,) that the Cortes had been brought in there to be tried as a slaver, and that there were no papers or other documents on board to indicate her nationality. Now here is an important difference in regard to facts. Mr. Blythe, our Consul at Havana, is from the state of Mississippi, and is entirely ignorant of what lawyers term "a willing witness" of the slave-traders. Should it turn out that the Cortes had no flag flying, nor papers in her possession, the circumstance will go far to direct suspicion to the source of this extraordinary assertion, and to the inviolability of our flag. At the same time, our readers will do well to keep eyes open for those who wish to divert public attention from Kansas, upon those who wish for an increase of the navy; upon those who wish to strengthen the arms of the President, with a view to ulterior designs upon Mexico and Central America; upon those who want contracts; and lastly, upon those who desire to commend themselves to that large and useful portion of our adopted citizens, who believe that England is the natural enemy of the human race.—Evening Post.

TERRIBLE SITUATION.—A correspondent at Halifax, in this county, narrates the following thrilling incident: "One day of last week," he says, "a man named John Morson was in the vicinity of this place, while out hunting on the mountains below town, was obliged to one place to mount a high rock, by scrambling up the side. When he arrived near the top, he threw up his hand, and caught hold of a laurel bush on the top, and then laid his eyes beside the laurel. Directly after doing so, he heard a loud buzzing, rattling sound, which he knew at once to be a rattlesnake, and clamping his head, he saw a large reptile immediately by his hand, ready to jump. This was a terrific situation—to let go of the tree, he would undoubtedly be dashed to death on the rocks below; to proceed further, an equally fearful calamity awaited him. He was a man of extraordinary nerve, however, and having reflected a moment on his dreadful position, thought betook him, which he was not slow to execute. Taking his hatchet, which he carried by his side, from its belt, with the one hand he raised his body sufficiently over the top of the rock, and with one well directed blow, he cut the savage reptile in two, just as it had prepared to make the fatal spring towards his person. The one portion of the snake immediately fell down the side of the rock, while the head still remained beside his hand fast to the tree, and it was some time before life was entirely extinct or he could move his hand, for fear of its fangs. After the snake was fully dead, Morson took up the pieces, and after wrapping them up in a paper started for home, satisfied with the adventure of that day." This incident is one of the most thrilling we have ever heard, and our nice mail vouchers for its correctness.—Harrisburg Herald.

MR. MINN:—I sit down with a sad heart to communicate to you the melancholy death of the Rev. Joseph Barlow, of Franklin, Susquehanna county, but formerly of Providence, Luzerne county, where he was pastor of the Presbyterian church for a number of years.—His death occurred on Saturday night the 22d inst. The family had retired at the usual hour when about midnight Mr. Barlow and his wife were awakened by a cracking noise and the smell of something burning. Mr. B. immediately rose from his bed and proceeded to an adjoining room from whence the noise seemed to proceed, and upon opening the door he was met with fire and smoke. He perhaps inhaled the flame instantly, as he fell to the floor, still clenched the handle of the door by one hand.

Mrs. B. rushed to him and finding him unable to use all her power to drag him away, but such was the death-like grip with which he had taken hold of the handle of the door that she found it impossible to move him. His screams aroused the other members of the family who had only time to escape before the house was completely filled with fire and smoke.

The fire was early discovered by one of the neighbors, who rallied all the assistance possible, but to no purpose, as the house and its contents were entirely consumed, and but a portion of the body of Mr. Barlow was recovered.

Strange indeed is the Providence that moves a servant of God from the Church and his family so suddenly and so terribly. Mr. Barlow was a venerable man, perhaps 70 years of age, and as I learn had served the Church faithfully a large number of years.—Record of the Times.

ROBBERY BY WHOLESALE.—On Thursday night the dwellings of Maj. Perkins, Mr. John White and Mr. E. S. Lowe were entered by burglars, and robbed. At each place, we understand, the thieves entered the sleeping rooms of the occupants and carried away the clothing of the sleepers to other parts of the house, where they rifled the pockets at their leisure. Mr. White lost about twenty dollars. Maj. Perkins from ten to fifteen and Mr. Lowe about ten. The thieves also made an attempt to rob Mr. Samuel Torbett, but were disappointed and driven away. Mr. Torbett says there were two of them—a large and a small man. They seem to be armed with all the appliances necessary to carry on their business—such as nippers for turning from the outside keys sticking in the inside of the doorlocks, India rubber shoes to prevent noise, &c. On Saturday night two men, supposed to be the same fellows, entered the dwelling of Mr. George Maag, near Jersey Shore, by turning the door-key with their nippers. Mr. Maag was aroused by the noise, and on coming down stairs, met them in the hall. His description of them corresponds with Mr. Tarbett's.

On Saturday night the smoke-house of Mr. John K. Hays was robbed of a considerable number of hams and shoulders. Mr. J. S. Runyan was also robbed, a short time ago, of a large quantity of meat.—Lycorning Gazette.

A woman's body has been found in the flame of the Washington Mills, Rochester. There are circumstances known to the coroner which make it probable that city will soon add another "horrible tragedy" to its growing list.