Bradford Reporter.

E. O. GOODRICH, EDITOR.

Towanda, Pa., Thursday, Jan. 23, 1879.

A CARD.

S. W. Atwood having disposed of his interest in the Reporter establishment, his connection with the paper has ceased.

From the above notice, the readers of the REPORTER will learn that Mr. Atwood has severed his connection with this paper. During the ten years in which he has published the REPORTER the readers will bear witness to the anxiety which he has manifested to make the paper a welcome and profitable visitor in every family, and a faithful and earnest exponent of Republican principles. If he has failed in any particular, it has been owing to the multitudinous cares and embarrassments which inevitably fall to the lot of every country publisher, and not to any disposition to be lacking in what was due to his patrons and his party.

Mr. Atwood takes with him in his retirement, the sympathies and good-will of a host of friends throughout the county, who remember his open-handed liberality, his affability, and uniform kindness to all with whom he was brought in contact. With "malice towards none, and charity towards all," exemplified in his daily life, he will always have the grateful remembrance of those who have experienced his readiness to befriend others, or have shared in his generosity.

The REPORTER will hereafter be published in the name of GOODRICH & HITCHCOCK. The editorial department will be unchanged. Arrangements will be made as soon as possible, to make the REPORTER a perfect newspaper in every department. In the meantime, we beg the indulgence of our readers until we can perfect the arrangements, and get the office in perfect working order.

U. S. SENATOR.

Both branches of the Legislature voted separately for U. S. Senator on Tuesday last, with the following result. In the Senate:

Cameron	27
Scott	4
Grow	1
Davis	1
Grier	1
Stone	1

In the House:

Cameron	99
Scott	1
Grow	1
Davis	1
Grier	1
Stone	1
Wallace	1
Speer	1
Grim	1
Lowry	1

CAMERON's majority overall, 21. St. Clair was absent from the Senate, and J. B. SMITH, of Luzerne, absent from the House. Both branches met on Wednesday to certify Mr. CAMERON's election.

The re-election of Senator CAMERON, while it is the consummation of the brilliant Republican victory of last fall, is also the personal vindication of the Senator from the vindictive and malicious attacks of his enemies. It is a proud recognition of his valuable services in supporting the organization of the party, and contributing by his sagacity and indomitable energy to its victories. To no man in the State is the party under obligations to such an extent for unceasing and faithful devotion to its interests, and unwavering firmness in bearing its standard through the fiercest contests.

Senator CAMERON has many of the admirable qualities of his father—qualities which have made the venerable ex-Senator such a host of devoted friends. Eminently practical in his ideas, trained to correct business habits, his knowledge of the resources and wants of this great Commonwealth is unequalled, and qualifies him to represent the material interests of the State, in the National Councils. He has already made a reputation as a useful Senator, wielding a powerful personal influence in that dignified body, and commanding the respect and confidence of the ablest Senators, without regard to party.

Gov. HARTRANFT Monday signed the pardon of HENRY F. LYNCH, of Pittsburg, who was convicted, during 1878, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for forgery. LYNCH is well connected, and his friends made desperate efforts to save him from the disgrace of imprisonment. LYNCH's career in utterly broke in downgrade he seems to be little better than an imbecile, the result of injuries received in a runaway accident since his trial. The death sentence of BLASIUS PISTORIUS, formerly a Prussian priest, convicted at Norristown of the murder of a neighbor named JACQUETTE, during a quarrel, was commuted to imprisonment for life. Warrants were issued for the execution, on March 18 next, of ALEXANDER B. SAYRE, of Philadelphia, and HEZEKIAH SHAFFER, of Franklin County. Both were convicted of wife-murder. SAYRE, having followed his wife into church, shot her to death during the service.

WORD comes from Washington that the Government has been appealed to to protect United States officials in Alabama from Democratic persecution. The late election was carried in that State by wholesale fraud, and the United States Marshal having obtained proof of the fact has been thrown into jail in retaliation. Other officers have been annoyed. Attorney-General DEVENS has taken steps for the protection of the Government officers.

THE cry of retrenchment has reached Massachusetts, and the Legislature of that State is engaged in considering what reduction can properly be made in the salaries of State officials, including their own, which generally comes last and is least in percentage.

THE GOVERNORS.

On Tuesday last was completed the term of office of Governor JOHN F. HARTRANFT, and his successor, HENRY M. HOYT, was inaugurated with a display of military and political clubs, such as has never before been witnessed at the capital.

Governor HARTRANFT has been continuously nearly thirteen years in the public service. From May 1866, to December 1872, he was Auditor General, and from January 1873, he has served two terms of three years each as Governor. Under the new Constitution the term for the Governor is four years, and the incumbent is not eligible for the next succeeding term.

During the years Gov. HARTRANFT has occupied the executive office, troublous times have come upon the Commonwealth, bringing financial disaster, and depression to all business circles. With monetary depression came the unlawful scenes of violence and mob rule in the localities most affected, calling for the exercise of calm judgment and courage and decision on the part of the authorities. That the exigencies were well and prudently met, is admitted by all, saving the disturbed portions of the State from anarchy and bloodshed, and restoring peace and quiet. The *Press* pays him a just tribute when it says that in the ordinary routine of official duty, he has been pure in his great office; and he hands it to his successor unstained and without reproach. During his administration the Commonwealth has passed under the operation of a new organic law; the charities of the State have been largely extended; its reformatory and penal institutions have been enlarged and improved; its school system has been strengthened; in the whole machinery of administration, abuses have been reformed, and careful consideration has been given to others yet needed for the safety of the people. On no subject has Governor HARTRANFT given an uncertain sound. He has been faithful, and watchful, and honest; and deserves all the pleasure which he can derive from the consciousness of having the respect of the people of the Commonwealth which gave him birth and twice chose him to its first office.

Governor HOYT takes the chair of State under very favorable circumstances, and with an army of friends such as few young men possess. The magnetism of his personal presence was powerfully felt in the late campaign, and his intercourse with the people aroused their enthusiasm and established him firmly in the respectful friendship of all with whom he came in contact. In Luzerne county HENRY HOYT is known as the embodiment of all that is genial, honorable and manly. His executive abilities are admitted, as his integrity is unquestioned, and he brings to the Executive chair more of the elements of popularity than any man who has preceded him. That he may not disappoint the high expectations of his friends requires the exercise of unbounded courage and tact, firmness and decision—all of which we have every confidence will be found in him—and that at the end of his term of office, he will receive the plaudits of the people, and stand still higher in their confidence and affections.

BY a very provoking blunder, the notice of the incoming and outgoing county officials, published in the REPORTER of the 16th inst., entirely ignored the County Treasurer. Perhaps our readers accounted for the omission on the principle contained in the old adage that "good wine needs no bush,"—and certainly that would be satisfactory to those who know personally, the retiring Treasurer, JOHN C. ROBINSON, or the new incumbent, JOHN H. GRANT.

We hope it is not too late to bear cheerful and hearty testimony to the correct and prompt manner in which Mr. ROBINSON has faithfully managed the county finances. The collections have been made as thoroughly as the depressed condition of business would justify—the orders promptly paid, and the balances honestly accounted for. Mr. R. has made himself a good reputation as a correct, prompt and obliging officer.

The unanimity with which the nomination was given to Mr. GRANT, by the Republican Convention, was an evidence to his standing as a Republican, and his fitness for the place—a selection which the people endorsed most strikingly at the polls. He will follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, and retire at the end of his term, having added to the reputation he already enjoys.

A VIRGINIA Legislative committee has submitted a report regarding the alleged usurpation of the State's rights by Federal Judge RIVES, who interfered and assumed jurisdiction in the trial of two colored men. The resolutions declared that all acts of Congress, and particulary those known as the civil rights bill and the enforcement act, which attempt or profess to attempt to provide for the performance by the United States of duties belonging to the State, are unconstitutional and void. They also instruct the Attorney General to institute proceedings before the United States Supreme Court and demand protection and redress.

THE McGARRAGHAN claim again figures in the Washington news. After a quarter of a century of litigation the persistent claimant has been dismissed from every court which by any stretch of jurisdiction could take cognizance of his case. He now appeals to the equity of legislative power.

U. S. SENATOR FROM CONNECTICUT.

The Republican caucus nomination for U. S. Senator from Connecticut has been given to O. H. PLATT, of Meriden. Thirty-seven ballots were taken, and the vote on the 35th was 73 for Mr. PLATT, and 72 for General HAWLEY.

Mr. PLATT who gains this honorable position, will be remembered by many of our citizens as a former resident of this town. Like Governor HOYT, who on Tuesday took the chair of State in this Commonwealth, Mr. PLATT "taught the young idea how to shoot" in one of our schools. While residing here he studied law in the office of Judge MERCUR, married a daughter of the late JAMES P. BULL, and removed to Connecticut. He is a man of ability, has held several important offices in that State and will be a worthy and useful Senator.

NAVIGATION OF THE SUSQUEHANNA.—S. AYRES, Jr., of Wilkes-Barre, has sent us a circular intended to awaken public interest as to the feasibility of improving the navigation of the rivers between Nanticoke and Elmira, so as to permit the running of steamboats. He says that trips have been made by the largest of the boats of Wilkes-Barre, as far up the river as Tunkhannock.

In view of these facts, it is proposed by persons interested in steamboat navigation on the Susquehanna and Chemung rivers, residing in Wilkes-Barre, Pittston and elsewhere, to agitate the subject of improving the navigation of the rivers between the Nanticoke dam and Elmira; a distance of one hundred and thirty miles, and secure, if possible, an adequate appropriation from the National Government for this purpose. Boats run between Wilkes-Barre and Nanticoke eight months in the year, with but little difficulty, and during the past season have carried upwards of 50,000 passengers.

That the improvement of these rivers would be a great public benefit cannot be doubted. The rivers would become a thoroughfare, the transportation of both freight and passengers would be increased, as the produce of the upper Susquehanna, designed for consumption in the vast coal regions, would be freighted at much less cost than at present, and the cabins of the steamers be much more comfortable and attractive than the present railroad accommodations.

According to the opinions of our best engineers, this work can be accomplished at an expenditure of one thousand dollars per mile.

HON. HENDRICKS B. WRIGHT is pledged to use all honorable means to procure a sufficient appropriation, and we have no doubt the scheme would command the respect of Hon. HARRY WHITE.

THE Supreme Court of the United States has confirmed the decision of the lower court affirming the constitutionality of the law against polygamy, and the "peculiar institution" of Utah is without any legal prop whatever, and in open defiance of the law of the land. The condition of affairs in Utah, however, is such as to call for careful and judicious action on the part of the government, and is well calculated to awaken the sympathy of all charitable men and women. There are hundreds of families in which polygamy exists, where, if the law as it stands were executed, women who never meant to violate in this respect the laws of God or man, would become helpless outcasts and their children be declared illegitimate. It would seem more in accord with Christian charity to enforce the law only against violations in the future, and let the past be treated as something for which there is no adequate remedy, but the evils of which can be mitigated by kind and careful treatment.

NEW YORK CUSTOM HOUSE.—There is again trouble concerning the appointments at the New York Custom House. On Wednesday the Secretary of the Treasury, by direction of the President, communicated to the Senate in a document of considerable length his reasons for the removal of Collector ARTHUR and Naval Officer CORNELL. The paper was read in executive session, and replied to by Senator CONKLING, who denied many of the charges, and took occasion to make some severe charges against the administration. Reports state that a majority of the Senators side with Mr. CONKLING, and it is probable that the President's appointments will not be confirmed. In that case the present incumbents will hold their positions only until the close of the present session of Congress.

LOCOMOTIVES have been built from time to time in the United States for Russia for some years past, and lately forty were shipped from Philadelphia. They are so much better than those built in Europe, especially those built in Germany, where Russia generally orders her locomotives, that the government and the companies are generally ready to pay something additional in price.

THE production of pig-iron in the United States in 1878 was about 70,000 net tons (2000 pounds) in excess of the production of 1877. In 1877 there were produced 2,314,585 tons, and in 1878 the production was 2,382,000 tons. Pennsylvania shows an increase of over 100,000 tons, while Ohio shows a decrease of over 30,000 tons. In 1878 Pennsylvania made more than fifty per cent. of the total production of pig-iron in the United States.

PENNSYLVANIA CONGRESSMAN.

Governor HARTRANFT on Friday issued a proclamation declaring the following named persons elected at the last general election to represent this State in congress:

1st district, Henry Bingham.
2d district, Charles O'Neill.
3d district, Samuel J. Randall.
4th district, Wm. D. Kelly.
5th district, Alfred C. Harmer.
6th district, Wm. C. Ward.
7th district, Wm. Godshalk.
8th district, Hiester Clymer.
9th district, A Herr Smith.
10th district, Reuben K. Bachman.
11th district, Robert Klotz.
12th district, Hendrick B. Wright.
13th district, John W. Ryan.
14th district, John W. Killinger.
15th district, Edward Overton.
16th district, John I. Mitchell.
17th district, Alex H. Coffroth.
18th district, Horatio G. Fisher.
19th district, Frank E. Beltzhoover.
20th district, Seth H. Yocum.
21st district, Morgan R. Wise.
22d district, Russell Errett.
23d district, Thos M. Bayne.
24th district, Wm. S. Shallenberger.
22th district, Samuel B. Dick.
27th district, J. H. Osmer.

In the Eleventh district, the only one in which more than one set of election returns were filed at the State department, the Governor declares ROBERT KLOTZ (democrat) elected. Gen. CHAS. ALBRIGHT (republican) was certified to as elected by part of the return judges, but the governor thought that Mr. KLOTZ was entitled to the certificate, and so declared.

U. S. SENATORS ELECTED TUESDAY.

NEW YORK.

Roscoe Conkling, Republican, was elected U. S. Senator at noon to-day.

CONNECTICUT.

Orville H. Platt, Republican, was elected Senator here to-day.

MISSOURI.

The Democratic senatorial nominees were elected—Gen. Shields for the short term, and Cal Vest for the long term.

ILLINOIS.

Gen. Logan was to-day elected Senator, receiving the entire Republican vote of both houses.

PENNSYLVANIA.

J. Donald Cameron is elected U. S. Senator, receiving 135 votes.

FLORIDA.

The Legislature have elected Wilkinson Call U. S. Senator.

INDIANA.

Voorhees is elected U. S. Senator for both the long and short terms.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Gov. Vance was elected U. S. Senator, receiving every Democratic vote.

ARKANSAS.

The joint vote in the legislature for U. S. Senator was, J. D. Walker, 39; R. W. Johnson, 32; M. L. Bell, 22; E. Baxter, 17; scattering, 9. Necessary to elect, 61.

THE NEW PENSION BILL.—Under the House bill for the payment of arrears of pensions, which have been urged upon Congress for several years, and which passed the house last session and the Senate Thursday, should it be approved by the President, all pensions, whenever granted, will commence from the date of the death or disability of the claimant or the surviving relatives. Mr. INGALLS thinks that the maximum sum required will not exceed $20,000,000, which will be paid to the wounded and disabled soldiers and to the widows and orphans of those who fell in the service. This bill will benefit directly not less than half a million people. The bill now requires nothing but the signature of the President to become a law. No fees are to be allowed to claim agents or attorneys for services in collecting arrears. All necessary information and blanks will be furnished without charge upon application to the Commissioner of Pensions. It might be added as evidence of the military power in the United States that but four Senators voted against the bill.

THE course of the Republicans in Congress on the resolutions to raise the Potter Committee, was the best that could have been taken and has been amply justified by the results of the investigation. The Republicans from the first contended that any inquiry, after the Presidential dispute was settled, that would have the appearance of an assault on the President's title, would be prejudicial to the business and government of the country. But the resolution was adopted after the Republicans had exhausted every effort to defeat it and the committee went to its work only to resuscitate a crop of liars and perjurers. After the Republicans have assumed this commendable position they cannot change it when a proposition is made that the Potter Committee shall investigate the Tilden ciphers. The ciphers have been translated, published and a verdict of guilty rendered against Mr. Tilden and the co-parceners by the public. Any investigation of the Potter Committee can only be to break the force of Mr Tilden's disgrace, and in such case it being a purely Democratic funeral, the Republicans should stand aloof, as they have done during the entire agitation.

SOME of the malcontents are finding fault because Mr. GROW is in favor of sustaining the caucus nominee for U. S. Senator, and decidedly refuses to lend himself to the factious parties who oppose Senator CAMERON's re-election. Mr. GROW is too wise a man to be concerned in any such scheme, and too good a Republican to lend himself to the plotters against the integrity of the organization. No man in the State contributed more to our brilliant success last fall, than Mr. GROW, and no one knows better than he, that the victory of the Republicans was a decision in favor of Senator CAMERON's re-election. The enemies of the latter forced the issue upon the people, and as the triumph was Senator CAMERON's, Mr. GROW believes it should be respected and carried out.

FROM HARRISBURG.

Special Correspondence of the REPORTER.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 16, 1879.

There is no change worthy of special note at this time, in reference to the coming election of United States Senator, except that, as the day when the choice is made approaches, the indications all continue favorable to the success of the regular Republican nominee, notwithstanding the efforts of those who would for personal mercenary considerations of the "basest sort," disorganize the party and give to its opponents the results of the victory so gallantly fought for and won in November last. As the result will probably reach you by telegraph before you go to press next week, it is needless to further speculate upon it here.

The Senate and House of Representatives were both in session on Thursday, the 16th inst., pursuant to the resolution passed previous to adjourning the week before, but no business in the way of legislation was attended to, nor will there be until after the inauguration of the new Governor.

The law requiring candidates for United States Senator to be placed in nomination at least two days before the election, this formality was "numerously" attended to in both branches of the Legislature on Thursday, as the following list of nominations will show:—In the Senate Mr. Lamon nominated J. Donald Cameron. Mr. Ermentrout nominated Heister Clymer, of Berks. Mr. Jackson nominated C. R. Buckalew, of Columbia. Mr. Nelson nominated Daniel Agnew, of Beaver. Mr. Schmattely nominated John Latta, of Westmoreland. Mr. Kauffman nominated Edward McPherson, of Adams.

The nominations here closed, and Mr. Gazzam was appointed teller on the part of the Senate.

In the House Mr. Gillespie nominated J. Donald Cameron. Mr. Henes nominated Daniel Agnew. Mr. Nakel nominated Heister Clymer. Mr. Vanderslice nominated Charles R. Buckalew. Mr. Mapes nominated Glenni W. Scofield. Mr. Rhodes nominated Jeremiah S. Black. Mr. Walker nominated Henry M. Hoyt. Mr. Leigh nominated Ellis B. Phips. Mr. Hulin nominated Nathan Syering. Mr. Landis, of Lancaster, nominated Galusha A. Grow. Mr. Hallowell nominated Henry P. Ross. Mr. Frager nominated Thos. M. Marshall. Mr. Smith, of Luzerne, nominated John F. Hartranft. Mr. Fulton, of Indiana, nominated Harry White. Mr. Noble nominated R. Milton Speer. Mr. Davis nominated M. S. Quay. Mr. Sherwood, of Northumberland, nominated S. P. Wolverton. Mr. Kochesperger nominated Wm. S. Stokley. Mr. Petroff nominated John L. Hill. Mr. Long nominated James K. Moorhead. Mr. Provins nominated James N. Hopkins. Mr. Gantz nominated J. P. Wickersham. Mr. Donahue nominated Wm. McMullin, *alias* "Mulley" Fourth Ward, Philadelphia. Mr. Wolfe nominated Edward McPherson. Mr. Graham nominated Alfred C. Harmer. Mr. Fulton, of Chester, nominated J. P. Everhart. Mr. Sellers nominated Wm. Bigler. Mr. Gephart nominated A. G. Curtin. Mr. Gehring nominated M. S. Humphries.

The Senate and House met in joint convention at 12 o'clock on Thursday, (that being the day fixed by law for that purpose) to open and count the votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Internal Affairs.

In the Senate, on Thursday, several bills were introduced, but were laid on the table, there being no committees to which they could be referred. One of these was a joint resolution by Senator Lawrence, of Washington County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution having for its object the wiping out of the Board of Pardons. This court of last resort, as the pardon board is now called, it is contended does not in any way subserve a good purpose in doing justice to criminals, and that the dividing of the responsibility in granting pardons has been found not to work well. It is thought the proposition will be favorably entertained in both branches of the Legislature.

A resolution was offered in the Senate by Mr. Ermentrout, of Berks, and in the House by Mr. Sherwood, of Northumberland, on Thursday, to limit the expenses of the coming inauguration to $1,000. In the absence of standing committees the resolution was laid on the table. In the meantime the inauguration will go on just the same, probably, as if the aforesaid resolution had not been offered. If Brother Dill were in Gov. Hoyt's shoes it is more than likely that such a proposition would have emanated from some other source.

The Senate after the conclusion of the joint session, returned to its Chamber and adjourned until Monday evening.

The House held a brief session on Friday, when about two dozen bills were read in place, when it adjourned till Monday evening.

The preparations for the inauguration, which are on the most magnificent and elaborate scale, are about completed. Five thousand soldiers of the National Guard will be here to participate in the ceremonies, and it will no doubt be the grandest demonstration ever witnessed in Harrisburg.

The old members of the Legislature predict a long session, covering the full constitutional limit. With an empty State Treasury, and large expenditures assured for the present year, it will be the duty of the Legislature to devise some scheme for replenishing the coffers. New taxes it is claimed must be placed, and where to place them is the question. The shortest way out of the difficulty seems to be a tax on petroleum in some shape; but this will arouse the united opposition of the oil-producing interest, and occasion a lively fight, as well as a long session.

There is still considerable talk about the appointments of the new Governor, and while Mr. Quay is silent in regard to giving up the Philadelphia Recordership for the position of Secretary of the Commonwealth, it is thought by many that his action at times betrays the fact that he is not by any means settled as to his future movements. Indeed, there are those pretending to know, who predict to know that Quay will take the Secretaryship. It is alleged that he is ambitious to be a United States Senator at some future time, not too far off, and in order to gratify that ambition, he is willing to make any sacrifices.

The latest rumor as to the Attorney General appointment, indicates that Mr. Bartholomew, of Schuylkill County, will receive it. CUSSEWAGO.

HUMOR OF THE SNOW BLOCKADE.—Some of the passengers on a railroad train during the recent snow blockade in Northern New York were detained at Sandy Creek for eight days. One young man from California was on his way to Gouverneur, St. Lawrence county, where he was to be married. "What shall I do?" was the young man's agonized query. "Do," repeated they; "why, telegraph your situation!" And he telegraphed; and the answer came back: "We are already and waiting for you." Then the agonized young man remarked. "Well they ain't waiting any worse than I am!"—[*Lockport Union.*

INFORMATION has been received at the Department of Justice of the arrest in Alabama of United States District Attorney MAYER and United States Marshal TURNER, the latter being in prison. The warrants of arrest were issued by the judge of a State court at Selma, in consequence of the failure of the officials to produce certain ballot-boxes, which were in the custody of the United States Circuit Court at Montgomery.

MR. WILLIAM KRICKBAUM, elected Prothonotary of Columbia county last fall, and sworn on the first Monday of this month, has been summoned to appear before the Attorney General of this State at Harrisburg, to answer charges of corruption in procuring his nomination and election. The taxpayers are moving in the matter. He is a Democrat, and has been Clerk for the Commissioners for ten or eleven years.

THE House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, at its session on Saturday, authorized the preparation of a bill for the redemption of the trade dollar at par, and to prohibit its further circulation in the United States. The question whether its coinage for export shall be permitted in the future was not finally acted upon, but will come up at the next meeting.

NOBLE A. HULL, Lieutenant Governor of Florida, has been indicted by the United States Grand Jury for conspiracy with others in obtaining false returns of election in Brevard county. HULL was the Democratic candidate for Congress at the late election from the Second District, and holds a certificate of election from the Governor.

CONGRESS.

Wednesday.—In the Senate the Military bill was passed as agreed on in Conference. Committee; at the suggestion of Mr. Voorhees, the Government was called on for information about the Cheyennes, now at war; the patent bill was discussed at some length, but not finished. The House spent the whole day in discussing the bill for the reception of savings deposits and the issue of bonds therefor in aid of the refunding policy; various amendments were offered and defeated, and without final action the House took a recess until evening; in the evening the bill was passed. In an executive session of the Senate, the New York Custom House appointments came up, a letter was read from Secretary Sherman; Mr. Conkling replied to it; the letter was referred.

Thursday.—In the Senate, Mr. George Bancroft was admitted to the privileges of the floor; Mr. Windom offered a resolution for a special committee of seven to consider the subject of the migration of colored people to some special State or Territory; the bill to grant arrears of pensions was debated for a long time and finally passed; after an executive session, the Senate adjourned until evening, to attend the memorial services in the House. In the House, the bill for the exchange of 5-20s directly for 4 per cents was passed; the bill organizing a Mississippi improvement commission was debated, and the vote on it ordered to be taken on Thursday next. In the evening, the whole Congress met in the hall of the House, and exercises took place in memory of Professor Henry.

Friday.—In the Senate Mr. Saulsbury offered a long resolution calling for minute information about the commissions paid to the syndicate and the banks; the Patents bill was discussed; several calls of the Senate were necessary to get a quorum to do business; Mr. Wallace and Mr. Bayard asked to be excused from the Teller Committee, and after some debate the request was granted. In the House the time was chiefly spent in arguing the war claims of the Protestant Episcopal Seminary; it was opposed as a war claim; no final action was taken.

Saturday.—The Senate was not in session on Saturday. The House spent the day on the Geneva Award bill; the majority bill was rejected and the minority bill was passed; the insurance men intend to renew the fight over this bill in the Senate.

Monday.—In the United States Senate, yesterday, a communication was read from Attorney General in answer to a resolution of inquiry as to whether certain land grants to the State of Indiana, in aid of the construction of the Wabash and Miami Canal, had not been forfeited by the abandonment of said canal as a public highway. The appointment of a Commissioner is suggested to ascertain the facts, and should he report that the canal has been abandoned, then Congress can declare a forfeiture of the land grants. The Senate took up the tiresome bill for the amendment of the patent laws, but just as a vote seemed imminent, went into executive session and adjourned. The oill will come up again as unfinished business.

In the House of Representatives the roll of States was called for bills, and a number were introduced. Mr. Potter tried to have the rules suspended so as to permit him to offer a resolution authorizing the committee over which he presides to investigate the cipher despatch scandal and appropriating $10,000 to pay the expenses, but Mr. Butler objected. It was agreed that the resolution should be offered Tuesday. Mr. Butler and Mr. Reed will make speeches. A bill providing for the payment of certain debts owed the District of Columbia was passed. Mr. Springer introduced a bill which provides for minority representation in the popular branch of Congress.

IT is now asserted that A. T. STEWART's body has positively been found, and that the body is now in Greenwood cemetery, where it will remain until the crypt at Garden City is finished. A gentleman occupying a position of honor and trust, and a personal friend of the family, when questioned regarding to the truth, said: "You may depend upon it, the search for the body is at an end, and has resulted successfully."

ALLEGHENY county is now holding its annual dog and poultry show. It is a very fine one, and attracts a large attendence.

"DIED from drinking too much whisky," was the verdict brought in by a conscientious jury at Milton.

STATE NEWS.

PITTSBURG is felicitating herself on a prosperous season for her manufactures.

HENRY WATTERSON, of Louisville *Courier Journal*, will lecture in Lancaster shortly.

CHARLES SHARP, the Mollie Maguire who was hanged in Mauch Chunk on Tuesday, was buried at Wilkesbarre on Thursday.

CHARLES A. RUHE, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Allentown, and a veteran of the war of 1812, died our Tuesday evening, aged 85 years.

MAYOR LIDDELL, of Pittsburg, has vetoed the ordinance allowing the Imboden motor, recently built at Hollidaysburg, to be tried on the city street car lines.

THOMAS CANON, a tramp, who was admitted to the Bedford County Almhouse with his feet frozen, had 5,500 in the First National Bank of Hollidaysburg.

THE *Union* and *Leader*, of Wilkesbarre have been consolidated. The former paper was established in 1848, and the latter in 1876. The Democrats of Luzerne now have an organ of which they may be proud.

THE authorities of Westmoreland county have erected a temporary building in which to care for the insane who were burned out of the asylum some time ago. They have been quartered at the Court House and various other places since the fire.

THE Pottsville *Miners' Journal* yesterday said: The weather in this region has not been favorable to active work at the collieries, and the shipments in consequence are small. The product of this region for the week ending January 11 was 72,402 tons against, a total for the corresponding week of last year of 283,873 tons.

FRIDAY and Saturday all trains coming into Pittsburg were from ten to twelve hours late, having been delayed in the mountains by ice and snow.

THE late Owen Jones was reported to be the wealthiest man in Montgomery county, his estate being variously estimated from two to three millions dollars.

A NEVADA man drove 28 miles to attend a funeral, but reached the house to find the deceased alive and recovering. He therefore brings suit for $20 damages.

THE Orr & Painter stove works, of Reading, have started work after a lengthy idleness. A number of hands will be employed, and several large contracts are on hand.

MR. WESLEY CHAMBERS, of Oil City, has sold his valuable oil lands, comprising about three hundred and seventy acres, near Duke Centre, to Mr. F. W. Mitchell, also of Oil City, for $59,000 each.

IN the neighborhood of Forster and Red Rock, in the northwestern oil fields, the pipe lines have been frozen several days, and the transportations of oil very much interfered with thereby.

AT Pittsburg, on Sunday, Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., late of Chicago, was installed as pastor of the Third Presbyterian church and Rev. R. W. Pearson, of the Fourth avenue Baptist church, preached his farewell sermon.

PITTSBURG is to try the experiment of communication between its station houses by telephone.

WILD geese have recently been seen in Berks county, feeding on the bank of the Schuylkill.

THE tower of the Lehigh university at South Bethlehem, is to be a hundred and ninety feet high.

THREE cows, owned by one man in Chester county, each gave birth to twins since last March.

The National locomotive works at Connellsville, were sold by the sheriff for $5,500 some days ago.

J. K. Pryor, an old newspaper publisher, died at Mauch Chunk, Monday.

EDWARD CLARK, an old citizen of Catawissa, was killed by falling into a furnace at the Crane Iron Works.

EDWARD BAUER, who lives at Barto Station, on the Colebrookdale Railroad, has lost five children within two weeks from diphtheria.

A WORKMAN named Peter Hamilton, was crushed by a fall of ore at the Cornwall mine, near Lebanon, and so badly injured that he cannot live.

MR. CHARLES PARRISH's proposition that his men work at a ten per cent reduction until the first of April has been generally accepted, and work will be in progress at all points this week.

THE Pennsylvania Railroad Company has 16,000 stockholders.

SHOOTING matches are becoming all the rage throughout Schuylkill county.

OVER $1,000,000 of the new four per cent. loan has been taken in Pittsburg within a few months.

THE Wyoming *Democrat* says Peter Carlin is the boss fox hunter of that vicinity, he having shot eight of the bushy-tailed "varmints" already.

GLEANINGS.

THERE were 193 cases of scarlet fever in New York city last week and 68 deaths, against 274 cases and 54 deaths the week previous.

THE popular vote throughout Switzerland resulted in a large majority in favor of subvention to St. Gothard and other Alpine railways.

MICHAEL CASEY'S house in Southampton, Mass., burned Saturday. A seven year old son burned to death.

E. GOODRIEY & SONS, New York manufacturers of boots and shoe uppers have failed. Liabilities over a hundred thousand dollars.

COLORED cavalry recruits are being secured for the Ninth Cavalry at Trinidad, Colorado.

REV. DR. H. N. BRINSMADE, a well known divine, died suddenly in Newark, Saturday, aged 80 years.

THE commission of L. Bradford Prince as Chief justice for New Mexico was signed by the President Saturday.

THE Democrats of the Wisconsin Legislature Friday nominated Chief Justice Ryan for the United States Senate.

THE ice blockade in the Ohio river being removed, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad has resumed running all through trains.

THE liabilities of Daniel S. Lamonte, of Albany N. Y., who made an assignment some days since, are $33,955, and his assets, $17,550.

A WASHINGTON paper publishes to-day an article on the New York Custom-house which is claimed to be "an Administration view of the situation."

THE blasting fuse factory of Troy, Beckford & Co., at Simsbury, Conn., was blown up on Thursday. Three young women were killed, and two or three persons wounded. Loss about $10,000.

ROBERT ANDERSON was convicted yesterday at Louisville of the murder of his wife, on the testimony o. his little son who witnessed the killing.

CHARLES DEMOND, treasurer of the Massachusetts Home Mission Society, has resigned by request, on account of the discovery of misuse of funds. It is said that he has been speculating somewhat extensively, and the amount at risk ranges from $50,000 to $100,000.

KATE MCCONN, who was convicted at Norwich, Conn., on Thursday night, of murder in the second degree, for the poisoning of her husband, was sentenced Thursday to imprisonment for life. The trial of Wesley Bishop, her accomplice, was postponed to the March term.

A MINING difficulty at Deadwood, Friday, culminated in the shooting, not fatally, of Alexander Frankenberg.

MOSES L. DEWITT of Roundout, had his skull fractured by falling timber Saturday. He leaves a wife and five children.

THE United States ship Constitution is apparently uninjured and will sail in a few days from Portsmouth for New York.

EIGHT prisoners escaped from the Owensboro, Ky., jail Friday. One named William Sawders, was killed by the jailor's brother.

THE amount of property of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society appropriated by its treasurer, Charles Demond, is about $20,000.

THE Cincinnati Exposition fund is being rapidly paid in. A call for ten per cent. has in many cases brought in the whole subscription.

THREE fires, respectively from Cincinnati, West Brookfield, Mass., and Haverill, Mass., occurred Saturday, involved a combined loss of $17,000

THE grand jury in the case of Henry Felters, editor of the Bloomington (Ind.) *Courier*, charged with the murder of Mr. Rogers, county attorney, on New Year's evening, have indicted Mr. Felters for murder in the second degree.

A STORY comes from Fountain county, Indiana, of meteoric stone which fell Tuesday night piercing through the roof of a farm house and killing the farmer in his bed.

WESTON has undertaken to walk 2,000 miles through England and deliver 20 lectures on the route in 1,000 hours. The judges accompanying him in a conveyance.

THE Teller Committee concluded its labors in New Orleans on Saturday, and the members left the city in the evening.

AN order for the arrest of Jacob H. Fannington, a director of the First National Bank Safatoga, for obtaining money under false pretense immediately before the bank suspended.

CHARLES ULRICH and Henry Cole have been arrested at Fanwood, N. J., for issuing $50 counterfeits on the Tamaqua and Hanover bank of Pennsylvania. Ulrich was caught engraving the counterfeits.

WM. FOREWOOD and Thomas Cook, judges of the election in the Seventh ward, Baltimore, were fined $5 and costs, amounting to about $150, for refusing to admit an United States deputy marshal in the room on election day.

THE proposal to extend the functions of the commissions for the organization of Eastern Roumelia has received the assent of all the Powers. The Russian Administration of the Government in Eastern Roumelia is thus prolonged.

THE disappearance of Col. Gola, the Italian member of the Servian Boundary Commission while traveling through Roumelia, is a mystery which is exciting spirited discussion in the Italian Chambers. The Roumelian Government is likely to be held responsible.

THE Cheyennes have assumed the most inaccessible position possible. Five soldiers, detailed to scout for the main body, were fired upon by the Indians, killing private Barber of Company H. His companions were unable to rescue his body. Newman & Chalk, cattle men, report the loss of forty head of cattle. Agent Irwin and Red Cloud arrived Friday at Fort Robinson.

THE Erie Railway on its general line has been more seriously blocked by the present storm than by any preceding ones. Altogether the present winter in its severity on the railroads has not been equaled in many years.

GEN. LOGAN had it all his own way in the Illinois caucus. He had eighty votes against twenty-six for the other man. If there are no reform bolters he will be chosen Senator.

A LAD named James McMahon was burned to death at Tamaqua, Pa., on Friday night by his clothing taking fire from a stove.

THE Democratic members of the Wisconsin Legislature have nominated Chief Justice Ryan as their candidate for United States senator.

MISS SOPHIA KEMPER, aged 102, died at Easton, Pa., yesterday. She was the daughter of Colonel Kemper, of the Revolutionary army.

THE widow of Benjamin Nathan, the New York banker, whose mysterious murder caused no little sensation several years ago, was buried yesterday.

THE Louisiana House, by a vote of sixty-three to twenty, has passed a bill to repeal the charter of the State Lottery. The action of the Senate is in doubt.

THE condition of Judge Hunt, of the United States Supreme Court, was rather worse last Monday, but his physician did not consider his life in immediate danger.

A MEMORIAL to Congress is being extensively signed by leading merchants and manufacturers in Chicago, asking for early and favorable action on the Texas Pacific Railroad bill.

THE annual meeting of the Berks county Agricultural Society was held at Reading on Saturday, and was largely attended. Jacob G. Zerr was elected president for the ensuing year.

IN a wrestling match at Detroit Saturday night between J. H. McLaughlin and a French athlete named Christol, for $500 a side, the latter was thrown heavily on the first round, and his collar-bone was broken.

WM. E. COFFIN, for many years the receiving teller of the Lafayette (Ind.) Bank, who has been missing for nearly three weeks, is reported to be a defaulter. The missing amount is variously estimated at from $10,000 to $20,000.

IN the case of R. M. Speer, Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, against the editor of the Huntingdon *Globe*, for libel, the jury has returned a verdict of not guilty, the prosecutor and defendent each to pay his own cost.

"MOLLIE" EXECUTIONS.

On Tuesday, January 14th, James McDonnell the "Hairy Man" and Charles Sharpe, convicted of the murder of George K. Smith, in November, 1863, were hung at Mauch Chunk, and Thursday, at Pottsville, Martin Bergin was executed for the murder of Patrick Burns, in April, 1870.

The principal witnesses against McDonnell and Sharpe were the "squealers," Mulhearn, Kerrigan and "Kelly the Bum," although their testimony was corroborated in a degree by creditable witnesses. When the doomed men were conducted to the scaffold, the sheriff asked them if they had anthing to say. Both declared their innocence of the murder of Smith, and expressed regrets that they left the Catholic Church