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Towanda, Pa., Thursday, March 6, 1879. INDECENT JOURNALISM AND THE LAW OF LIBEL

The law of libel has recently been construed by the Supreme Court of this State-(Judge MERCUR deliver- ill will and malevolence, envy, jealing the opinion)-in a manner which leaves no doubt about its construction so far as that tribunal is concerned. The case was one of great interest, not only to the editors of newspapers but to the public gener- columns of a newspaper, has any ally, and the principles laid down by will be endorsed and applauded by nor to gratify his revenge for real or the honest common-sense of all right fancied wrongs nor to include the treaty. injurious to the social standing of mar the columns of a newspaper. to have been justifiably made, is actionable as a false and malicious libel. Also that the section of the Constitution which provides that "no conviction shall be had in any prosecution for the publication of papers relating to the official conduct of officers or men'as to public capacity, or lic investigation or information, where the fact that such publication was not maliciously and negligently made shall be established to the satisfaction of the jury," Judge MERcun says refers only to attempted "conviction" in a "prosecution.". and in no wise applies to a civil action to recover damages. The incorporation of this section

in the new constitution was intended to promote the free and unrestricted investigation and commentary upon men than SAM RANDALL official action, and to allow the exposure of official profligacy or malfeasance, as tending to promote the integrity and efficiency of public servants. But all such strictures must be made in the interest of truth and the public welfare, and not from the promptings of a malicious and debased nature. It is true that occasionally the conscientious and careful editor becomes involved in prosecutions on account of truthful and proper exposures of official misconalted and proper idea of the duties and responsibilities with which they are blothed, do not look with favor. upon legislation or judicial decisions which give unlimited license to those either open lies or malicious insinuations, defame public or private repu-

shortcomings of prominent men, and the journalist for enterprise.

The vocation of the conductor of a newspaper is a high and responsible one. Conscientiously and honestly filled, the public taste should be elevated, and the public morals purified and conserved. In these days, however, of unlimited and multiplied newspapers, the high mission of the public journal is lost sight of or sunk in the petty schemes, the mercenary desires, or the miserable animosities of small and unworthy men. The petty politician, failing in all legitimate enterprises, seeks through the lever of a newspaper to retrieve his broken political fortunes, and straightway invests in press and types. Soured and misanthropic kindness in his breast (if he ever had any) becomes acid, and his heart is full of malice and uncharitableness. He looks with jaundiced and evil eyes upon those who have been more fortunate than himself, and endeavfortune to possess, because he has at his door. never been worthy of it. Having control of the columns of a newspaper the unfortunate instincts and improper impulses of the small, narrow. and jealous nature have full sway. As such a disposition is cowardly, though it may be cunning, the expression of its malignity may take nities present. It may be by

"Secret whispers, dark surmise, but on every occasion, the hand of the secret assassin, and the heart of the cowardly and vindictive libeller are apparent.

Such instances are not rare, though a blot and a stigma upon the profession of journalism. It is hardly necessary to paint the other side of the conductive and motives of a high-toned, independent, conscientions journalist of promote the cause of morality—

o promote the cause of morality—

about that they now formally assoult mining now and possess which if true, while a stigma upon the profession of journalism. It is hardly necessary to paint the other side of the follows believe that they now formally assail him by charges which if true, would disgrace him as a Judge and a citizen. Those who know Judge has a functional quarantine bill; the Senate bill was offered and was withdrawn; and though deeped and was withdrawn; and though deeped and was substanced to a number of promition to be extended to number of promitions possess and kidney conscientions journalist of the profession of journalist of the profession of the United States at the last would disgrace him as a Judge and a citizen. Those who know Judge HARDING, will not credit for a moral true, will participate. Invitations a custations which are so utterly at variance with his life-long reputation as an upright Judge and honorable of promote the cause of morality—

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about the stocking of saw logs.

An act to prevent the sale of any spir. The offers of the Welfare of the Wanding with the strain and custainties. The offers of cach others in the strain and claims, which are is all though designed and was substanted to be extended through Forest counts to be extended through Forest count to be extended through the welfare of the Wanding and the welfare of the Wanding and the provided and was substanted to be extended through Forest counts of the Wanding and the welfare of the Wanding and the

direct public opinion in the proper channel—guard the interests of the public—and advance the material welfare of the community in which upright and liberal minded, such a person must be, or he sadly fails in the requirements which give dignity and respectability to his calling. On the other hand, if greed and selfishness, disappointed ambition, personal ousy, and malice control, the result cannot be anything but disastrous to the morals and peace of a communi-

thinking men. In this case the emplitions caused by his disappoint-Pittsburg Post accused Mr. Moore, ments. "With charity toward all, who was chairman of the Democrat- with malice toward none," is a grand ic County Committee, of venal and motto for a newspaper, and it is an corrupt motives. In conformity with insult to the readers of a paper to no disguising the fact that John duce the pay of the employes thirty the general rulings of the Courts, suppose that they do not readily perboth domestic and foreign, Judge ceive the motives which govern when MERCUR holds that any publication personal spleen or individual envy

ANYBODY who believes that the Democracy of this State is a harmonious party, would believe that the moon is made of green cheese On the contrary, there was never so little cordiality and good feeling amongst the unterrified as now. There is a to any other matter proper for pub WALLACE following, and a RANDALL party, and they love each other about as well as his Satanic majesty loves holy water. Senator WALLACE has the rank and file with him, as he deserves, for in the main, the Senator is a country, very decent man, and though an ultra partisan, means to be just toward all men. Speaker RANDALL has a held upon the party in Philadelphia, and is omnipotent in his own district. He is respected by his acquaintances,

and we suppose there are many worse Just now the impending trouble seems to be Tilden. To be, or not to be Tilden? that's the question. Shall the little man of Gramercy Washington, as the agent of TILDEN, duct, but such instances are rare, and withstood by the party managers in almond eyed adventurers would mainder of the day. In the House we feel certain that the conductors the State: that it was not that they crowd out the native population, fill- passed; the Republicans fought the shown, being "just too lovely for any.

who would use the newspaper to which represents that "Speaker RAN- of the Pacific slope, and we shall hear lican from Minnesota voted by a misgratify personal malignity, and by DALL and the ancient granger were their mutterings and complaints; but vania as the envoy and plenipotentary | remedy can be found consistent with | Unfortunately for the character of the Tilden movement in that sec- our treaty stipulations. of the newspapers of the present tion. PIOLETT also had conferences day, a demoralizing and pernicious before leaving with the more confidenhabit has grown up, created and fos- tial friends of Mr. Tilden in the city. tered by what is termed the independ and by the time he heard what they dent-(or, more properly styled, the had to say and what they thought licentious)-press, to pander to the he could do, the Colonel himself conworst passions and most debased in- templated himself with astonishment. stincts of the human breast, by exage as if he had the whole vote of the gerating the weaknesses, follies and northern tier in his breeches pocket." Another newspaper reporter teleby the gathering and elaboration of graphs to his paper that Col. PIOLETT. the most minute details of crime. dis- after settling the Presidetial question, gusting always, and often unfit for suggested Hon. Joseph Powell as the Eastern Penitentiary District. ed without action; Mr. Springer under the mistaken notion that the Treasurer. This is a much more sen- Lycoming people, to the location of Tax bill was reported from Conferpublic taste demands it, and that the sible proposition than the TILDEN more filthy and minute are the de one-but Mr. Powell's nomination tails, the more credit redounds to would be so much more creditable than that party is accustomed to

and Lackawanna counties, so far us concerns the Judiciary, is simply disgraceful. The people of that district have sown the dragon's teeth, and they are reaping a plentiful harvest. Judge HANDLEY was bad enough, but in no other County in the State could Judge STANTON have been intrusted with the judicial ermine, and no other community would have tolerated his unlawful, tyrannical and and outrageous conduct upon the bench. The movement to impeach Judge STANTON has resulted in his from repeated failures, the milk of resignation of the high trust he so fearfully disgraced and he thereby escapes a merited punishment. He now appeals to the public in a letter. in which he attempts to explain his resignation from the bench, as the result of persecution on the part of ors straight way to pull down to his his enemies, while he imputes to own level those who enjoy the public others the fault of the mistakes and phia, saving jurors, lawyers and were also nonconcurred in; Minister turn and stand trial. He refused to state confidence, which has never been his misdemeanors which have been laid

This miserable complication of judicial characters has already given occasion for libel suits, and has em broiled the bar and the community in an unhappy and personal warfare. Now, to cap the climax, a movement has been started looking to the impeachment of Judge Handing and it different shapes as different opportu- is announced that petitions to that effect are being circulated and signed in the two counties. Newspaper as- Noves, Sherman and others encourt the Senate passed the Sundry Civil saults in the interest of the corrupt combination which has overridden tificate from Louisians was forged as to work on the River and Harbor ice disappears, when it will be returned the powers and duties of the same. The law and morality, have been freely to two of its names, KELLOGO and bill; Mr. Edmunds and Mr. Conkto its old quarters—when caught. indulged in, at the expense of the judicial and personal reputation of Judge HARDING, and it is not a mat. Tilden and Hendricks received a as to save \$7,000,000 and prevent a ter of surprise to those who know true majority of the electoral vote, deficit, but they were defeated and tion of the United States, which gave the they may be discreditable. They are ablot and a stigma upon the profession of journalism. It is hardly nession of journalism. It is hardly nesson as Judge and a proper state of the profession of journalism as a Judge and a proper state of the profession of journalism as a Judge and a proper state of the profession of journalism as a Judge and a proper state of the profession of journalism as a Judge and a proper state of the profession of journalism as a Judge and a proper state of the profession of journalism as a Judge and a proper state of the profession of journalism as a Judge and a proper state of the profession of journalism as a Judge and a proper state of the profession of journalism as a Judge and a proper state of the profession of journalism as a Judge and a proper state of the prope

THE CHINESE BILL VETOED.

The President sent to the House on Saturday his message vetoing the Chinese bill. The action of the Preshe labors. Unselfish and forgiving, ident was sustained by a vote of 109 tive bills, and thereby creating the to, to 95 mays—two-thirds being nece gress, which, it is understood will be essary, the measure was killed. The decision of the President will be accepted by the country as an act of good faith and comity towards a nation to whom we are under treaty obligations. The President takes the correct ground, that the abrogation of one article would lead to the nulty. We take it that no person who, lifecation of the whole treaty, and the unfortunately, has the control of the abrogation of the treaty would at once deprive American citizens in right to use those columns for the China of all protection, and divest the learned Judge in his opinion, manifestations of his personal spleen, them of all the privileges and rights gnaranteed and enjoyed under the

country will uphold and applaud the the work done by private parties. President in placing his veto upon He says the change would prove disthe act passed by Congress, there is astrons to the public interest, and re-Chinaman has become a nuisance to per cent. In regard to the offer to the people of the Pacific slope, and make him custodian of the office, he that unrestrained immigration from says he will not be a party to any the Flowery Land has resulted in such arrangement. another, and not shown to be true, or | with uncalled for cowardly, malicious | bringing to our shores hordes of the

lowest and most deprayed population country, they are worse than valuethey are unrestrained by law or publie sentiment—they carefully refrain from citizenship, and finally stipulate that in case of death their very bones shall be carried back to their native

There is an intense feeling in Cal-

not confined to any class or condition of society. It is the almost unanimous verdict that the Chinese asserted, and generally believed, that | eloquent speaker and an able lawyer. a large proportion of these arrivals Park be the candidate, with his bar'l is made up of paupers, criminals and of money, and the opportunity to in- prostitutes, sent away from China by dulge in fraud-shricking? We notice the authorities of that country. The that our respected and venerable alarming feature of this immigration by 5 a.m. of Tuesday; the bill in refriend Col. PIOLETT has been in is the fact that the density of the gard to contagious diseases was population of China would only be and he is reported as saying that the partially relieved, should several for action the case of Mr. Corbin, TILDEN feeling was so strong among | millions be sent to the United States, the Democrats that it could not be and the influx of such a swarm of the Deficiency bill occupied the rea great principle was involved, and a olizing the business of the country. great wrong committed, and Mr. It is the dread of this anticipated irruntion and deluge which affrights The report of his visit and the pos- the Californians. The veto will be a bill, and would have left the House sible consequences is from the Press, sore disappointment to the citizens whithout a gorum had not a Repubvery earnest in their consultations, the evils of which they complain and he returns to Northern Pennsyl- must be endured, until some proper

The location of the new peniten. tiary for the Middle District has been fixed at Huntingdon and a remonstrance has been presented in the Senate by Mr. Jackson, signed by Hon. H. H. Cumming, President was finally passed; Mr. Sargent call-Judge of Lycoming county, and over 200 attorneys and prominent citizens of said county against the proposed site, and asking that Ly- the Census bill was passed; the coming county might be attached to Sugar bill was taken up and discuss reasons for remaining in the Eastern a colloquy with Mr. Tucker about county. Huntingdon is one of the make, that we doubt if it is practimost inaccessible places in the State cable—even with our endorsement. to the Sheriff of Bradford county, Senate, by a vote of 25 to 41 refused and can only be reached after a long to take up the Geneva Award bill and tedious journey, with several changes of cars, whereas the journey to Philadelphia can be made in a few hours without change. Sheriff DEAN ed for a committee of investigation. lately escorted seven persons to the penitentiary, and had his destination been Huntingdon, it would have been a very undesirable duty, attended with both risk and expense. Those of our people interested should move in the matter at once, and endeavor to be retained in the Eastern Dis

We are similarly situated as regards the United States Courts, was defeated; a letter was received Bradford county being in the Western district, consequently all persons for his seat; the Senate passed the Penhaving business in that Court are sion, bill and had a night session on obliged to go to Pittsburg, a two the Sundry Civil bill. In the House, days' journey, when, if in the Eastern District, a few hours would sufclients, much time and expense.

THE majority report of the POTTER Committee was presented on Saturday, and received the votes of the demand: Mr. Springer moved his six Democratic members. It deals imprisonment, but was defeated; the with all the points that have been be case was referred to the Judiciary man had died of reliow fever in New Orfore the committee, except the cipher dispatches, which will be embodied in a separate report. The report con- branches of Congress have been in quest. cludes with the finding that the full almost continuous session since Frieffect was not given to the electoral votes of Florida and Louisiana; that GLARK being privy to it, and that adopted, appropriating \$2,000,010, so

AN EXTRA SESSION OF CONCRESS. The forty-fifth Congress adjourned, sine die, on Tuesday, at noon, having man opposed to a session on Sunday. failed to pass the Army and Legisla-

called to meet on the 18th of March. All the annual appropriation bills, except the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial bill and the Army bill, were signed by the President and have become laws, together with the bill making the requisite appropriation to pay arrears of pensions. The last named measure reached the President a little before 12 o'clock and was promptly approved.

Mr. DEFREES, the Public Printer. has written a letter to the Chariman of the Printing Committee condemning the proposition to abolish the While the moral sentiment of the Government Printing-Office and have

THE Legislature of this State is of the Chinese cities. Industrious evidently preparing to make a session and patient they undoubtedly are next year inevitable. The provision but excepting as they contribute so of the new Constitution for biennial comed by the people as its most satless as citizens. They bring with isfactory feature But our Solons them the vices and demoralizing hab | seem disposed to make it nugatory. would make it unnecessary.

GLOVER'S last victory at investigation is like all his others. He has struck a Democrat, and this time it is Democracy to suppress Glover. His inquisitiveness thus far has been infornia over this question, which is jurious only to members of his own

HENRY W. PALMER, of Wilkeshave become an intolerable nuisance. Barre, has been appointed by Goverand that something must be done to nor Hoyr as Attorney-General, a selimit the landing of the undesirable lection which will meet the approbaimmigrants who come to the Pacific tion of the people of this country, to shores in such large numbers. It is whom Mr. P. is well known as an

Tuesday :- In the Senate the night session of Monday lasted until nearfinally passed; in the following day session the Senate refused to take up who contests the seat of Mr. Butler the Legislative bill was taken up and play the spring styles, some of the goods section repealing the Federal Elec- thing." Solomon in all his glory couldn't tion law both in Committee of the hold a candle to the modern lady, who atof course, out-voted; they then filibustered against the passage of the take; being unable to recall his act,

the bill was then passed. Wednesday :- A good deal of routine business was transacted in the Senate; the Internal Revenue bill being reported from Conference Committee and passed in the course of it; the Deficiency bill was then taken up; gines. debate took place on the clause for paying the expenses of prosecutions for election frauds, the Democrats objecting to the item; the item was retained by a vote in which the Republicans had 1 majority; the bill ed attention to a paragraph in the Tribune, and made a personal explanation; a night session was held on bills on the calendar. In the House

reached on the report. Thursday: __In the Senate, a good deal of business was done; the the Arrears of Pensions bill was dis cussed, and amended, but not finished. In the House, Speaker Randall made a personal explanation and askwhich was ordered; the measure to improve the ventilation of the House was passed, and a special commission was appointed for the purpose; Mr. Springer presented Minister Seward to the House for contempt, and after the debate the appearance of Mr.

Friday: -In the Senate, the Pension Arrears bill was debated; the new system of examinations, etc. from Senator-elect Corbin saying that he withdrew from the contest by a vote of 89 to 157 after a debate of two hours; the other Senate

private books to Mr. Springer but der and the present time. said he would show them to the proper Department officers on their Committee, and Mr. Seward was released on his own recognizance. Saturday and Sunday:-Both day; recesses were occasionally taken on Sunday, but both houses transacted a great deal of business ling desired to have a substitute

matter there was much excitement

Monday. A remarkable episode took place over the effort to rule out Jef ferson Davis from the Pension bill Mr. Hoar and Mr. Blaine spoke, and Mr. Chandler made a speech which electrified the whole Senate; the Shields amendment was then defeat ed; all of the Appropriation bills have been passed or are in a fair way to be, except the Army and the Leg slative: the houses cannot agree on the political amendments to the bills. The House spent all day yesterday and all last night discussing Srringer's motion to impeach Mr. Seward; the severely. proceedings were continually interrupted by conference reports and the | tinental and Girard hotels than it was a

Election Investigation.

PHILADELPHIA, March 2, 1879.

that the average number in the cells dur- firmed as Naval Officer, he finds himself ing the year 1878 was 1,029, and the number of prisoners received during the year | The Postmaster is obliged to furnish sewas 478. Since the establishment of the curity to the amount of \$250,000, while institution in 1828, Bradford has contrib- he never has control of more than \$30,000, uted to the number of occupants 239 con-Two new wings have recently been com- who has millions in his charge, enters a pleted, adding quite largely to the capa- bond of only \$100,000. city of the building, and it may be intermuch to the laboring capacity of the sessions of the Legislature was wel- their quarters there to know that all the pipe, which he had stolen, on Wednesday, latest improvements in heating and ven- and was taken into custody. It was found its of the lowest grades of society- by neglecting to enact the laws which to that place, unless some change is made ing, there being neither coal nor a morsel ontinuing your county in the Eastern

A Miss Dods, late of the Edirburg given his family. school of Cookery, is giving a course of Speaker RANDALL. It would pay the and mystery of cooking, which are at the police made 2,330 arrests during Feb. on the stage a couple of gas stoves, and the value of \$1,265,718. all the necessary utensils and arrangellustrates her lectures with practical de-'bake and brew," and "make a pudding | previous occasions. too." As much of the misery of domestic life proceeds from bad cooking. Miss er but as a philanthropist.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is a corporation doing an immense business. ing the gross earnings to be \$31,636,734earnings \$13,167,741. The latter immense bravery. sum is absorbed in the payment of interest and the floating debt, leaving for the Surgery held its 23d annual con stockholders but two per cent. of the di-

The leading retail dry-goods houses are preparing for the spring trade, which they anticipate will be unusually heavy. Many of the shop windows already disvided for the female form.

The Pennsylvania and the Reading R.R. mile or so of track in West Philadelphia, which is a connecting link for the Southmer road, and they refuse to allow the engines of the Reading to be used over it. The Reading in retaliation forbids the use of its track by the Pennsylvania en-

ment. Large orders for bar and pig iron are being given, and furnaces are put in operation. The orders for steel rails tax the utmost capacity of the mills. The price of steel rails is so low-842 to \$45 per ton-that they are used almost exclusively, but few iron rails being made. The demand for rails comes from the necessity for re-laving tracks.

The Market Street Passenger Railway during the Centennial year tried the ex- on Tuesday sent to the Senate, by the Senate on Thursday. The bill grants a periment of using steam upon their road. publication. This seems to be done the Democratic candidate for State The same objections made by the tried to make a report on the Seward with five cent fares. The experiment was ed. Mr. Palmer is one of the youngest who own less real and personal estate abandoned after a few months trial, for men who has ever been appointed to this than \$1,000. some reason, probably the five cent one. position, being about forty years old, but the new penitentiary and the same ence Committee, and Mr. Conger had Now the Company is testing a new steam possesses all the qualifications necessary motor. The engine and boiler are in a for a most satisfactory discharge of the was one repealing the present Jury Comdistrict apply more forcibly to this the tax on matches; no action was small car, coupled to the cars in use on new duties which will devolve upon him. missioner law, which after considerable the road. The new motor promises to He is a graduate of the Kingston Semi- discussion, passed that reading by a vote

health, writes from Egypt, that he is so much improved, that he believes "he could run a foot race." P. R. Ferguson, was the chief local

agent of the post office department in this city, and being detected in opening letters and purloining their contents, was arrested and committed to the County prison. On Monday he committed suicide by taking prussic acid. How he The deceased was some 43 years of age, Seward before the bar of the House had made himself a reputation as an efficient officer, and not a breath of suspicion had previously been directed against him. to be the murderer, and has not been heard from since the occurrence, until the Brazilian Mail item was defeated Tuesday, he walked into Magistrate Me-Clintock's office, and surrendered himself, saying he could prove himself innocent of fice to reach the Court at Philadel- amendments to the Post Office bill the charge, and he had concluded to re-Seward appeared before the bar of where he had been during the seven years the House and refused to give up his which have intervened between the mur-

At a meeting of the Health Board. on a person who wanted to bring the body of his nephew to this city. The young

A common seal escaped from its quar- share of the appropriation. It was passters in the Zoological Garden, and reach- ed after a pretty thorough discussion, by ed the Schuylkill river, where it feels at a vote of 121 to 62. home amongst the ice in the fore-bay of The other bill that passed finally, is an the old West Philadelphia water-works, act to provide for the appointment of aged this result: that the second cer- and the Legislative bills, and went It will be suffered to enjoy itself until the trustees, durants absentia, and defining

. The anniversary of the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitu-

and uprour; the House was vester, terest to your readers. The homicides day addressed from the gallery by a are caused principally by rame and the thefts, ontside of the operations of the session Sunday night until 7:20 a. m. and want. It is ismentable, that in a yeas for passing the bill over the ve- necessity for an extra session of Con- of Monday; it met again at 1 p. m. city like Philladelphia, where there is such all must admit that it would be a great an accumulation of wealth, any one should and wonderfully beneficial stroke in the be driven by the desperation of hunger the police records show daily the commitby the alternative of stealing or starving. The great social problem of how best to

> A prisoner in the County prison, a few of comparatively rare occurrence. days ago, becoming insane, tried to kill wall. He succeeded in injuring himself Travel is one-third heavier at the Con-

take care of the poor, is as yet unsolved.

passage of appropriation bills; Mr. month ago-mainly brought about by the Potter presented his report on the arrival of country merchants on a layingin-spring-stock expedition. Gov. Hartranst entered upon his duties

is Postmaster, Saturday evening. Col. nowden takes charge of the Mint to-day. One peculiarity about these changes is he Eastern State Penitentiary, shows that as Gov. Pollock has not been conoccupying the post of a private citizen. owing to a system of daily returns to the sub-treasury. The Director of the Mint

James Morley, a resident of Brussel esting to those who design taking up court, offered to sell a quantity of lead

Dealing in statistics, the exports from lectures in Association Hall, on the art this city last week amounted to \$956.173: tracting the attention of the ladies, and ruary; the Philadelphia Mint coined durare consequently well attended. She has in the past month, 1,810,340 pieces of

> The extensive cracker bakery of W. G. Nelson & Co., North Front street, was burned Saturday evening. The same es-

Policeman Wynne, of the Fourth district, did a daring act, on Friday, night, Dods may be classed not only as a reform- by carrying a woman from the second story of a burning building. He broke into the room where she lay suffocated, carried her out upon the bulk window, and descended to the street by a ladder from an adjoining bulkhead. He was sent for and the expenses \$18,468,993—the net by the Mayor and complimented for his

The Pennsylvania College of Dental ment at the Academy of Music Friday ev ning, and sent out into the world 42 young gentlemen qualified to repair and preserve the teeth of the community, They were from all quarters of the globe.

FROM HARRISBURG.

rrespondence of the REPORTER. HARRISBURG, March 1, 1879. The legislative work of this week was commenced by a session of the House on devoted to the consideration of bills on Whole and in the House, but were, tires herself in the glowing colors of the Monday evening, but no business of genstriped and variegated raiment now pro- eral or special importance was transacted. asking for the passage of the local option Companies are in a row over the use of a law, were presented, and about twenty bills was one repealing the Jury Commisern traffic. This track belongs to the for- sioner law of April 10, 1867, and another providing for a tax on pianos and cali-

> net organs. A resolution to print 10,000 copies of the report of the agent commissioned by made and carried out a month ago, much Governor Hartranst to inquire into the labor question in Europe, especially with reference to arbitration of disputes and quite spicy little debate. In the Senate on Tuesday, a joint reso

> lution appropriating \$4,100 to pay the ex- delphia, caused by the death of Judge penses of the inauguration of Governor Cadwallader. Hoyt, was reported from the Committee on Finance favorably.

The nomination of Henry W. Palmer Governor, and was unanimously confirmnary, an educational institution of note, of 116 to 55, which is an indication that Col. Thomas A. Scott, who is making in which Governor Hoyt was at one time it will pass finally. a foreign tour, for the benefit of his a teacher, was admitted to the bar of Lu- Another was also passed second reading zerne county shortly after attaining his amending the usury law, providing that majority, and has closely applied himself where more than the legal rate is contracto the profession of law ever since, ob- ted for the debtor may refuse to pay both tailing a prominent place in the front | the excess and legal rate, or if he reserved

of the State. Two bills of a general character passed or has heretofore, or may hereafter have the Senate finally on Tuesday, and were voluntarily paid the usurious rate be sent to the House for concurrence. The shall not recover it back, unless he sues first of these provides for the change of | within six months of the payment. The obtained the deadly poison is a mystery. location of public highways, where the act, by proviso, excepts negotiable paper location of lateral railroads makes it nec- in bona fide business transactions. essary or convenient. This bill received just the constitutional number of votes | Senate on Friday, were the following: required to pass it, twenty-six. The oth-Seven years ago a serious disturbance er bill is a supplement to the act of March | ceedings under requisition upon the Gov occurred in the Fourth Ward, in which 18, 1869, in relation to fraudulent debt- ernor for the apprehension of fugitive ors, providing for the examination of a from justice. was murdered by Democratic roughs. A debtor in order to discover whether he man named Reddy Dever was supposed has property, rights in action, stocks, moneys, etc., in cases where a sheriff has returned "no goods." This passed upan-

In the House on Tuesday several local bills were passed finally, as were two of a Treasurer, elected on years when the

An act providing for the completion of the equipment of the National Guard of opposition, is a compromise, and will no Pennsylvania, and making an appropriaion therefor.

purchase of such equipments as may be the National Guard, and provides that all six members of the House, the Senators organizations who have already provided and Members of the House to be selected leans, and the Board is in a quandary as themselves with equipments as serviceable to what disposition to make of the re- as those furnished by the State, shall receive in lieu thereof their proportionate

> lawyers will understand this. Among the bills reported favorably

from Committees in the Senate, on Wednesday, were the following: An act to enable laborers to secure and

I (and Advertiser.

of late years that mania-a-polu or delirium tremens have carried so many unfortu-

The Senate on Wednesday morni himself by butting his head against the passed finally a joint resolution providing siness of the Senate, which has largely in town was in ashes. The only strucreased in keeping up the record of ap. pointments, demanded an additional officer for that purpose. The resolution was passed by a vote of 29 to 17, several Demcrats voting in the affirmative, and was

this awful disease, now so common, we

was also passed finally in the Senate on

anti-discrimination: After two hours dohate, and the voting down of motions to indefinitely postpone, amend, etc., a motilation have been added. When the new that he had been driven to the act by pov- tion in effect to sustain the former action the distressed. A train has just arpenitentiary at Huntingdon is completed, erty, his wife suffering from a broken of the Senate, in favor of general instructhe convicts from Bradford will be taken limb, and his four children almost stary- tions to the U. S. Senators, was adopted by a vote of 30 to 12. During the discusof food in the house. Moriey was held sion Senator Davies made an able speech for a further hearing, and temporary aid in which he severely criticised the course of various corporations which had been

In the House on Wednesday the chaplain. Rev. Mr. Beck, put in a word for John Chinaman, by praying that the Lord would direct and guide the hearts of those in authority at Washington, unto the end that there may be no abrogation of the solemn treaty made between this constrations, showing the ladies how to tablishment has suffered from fire on two which have been committed may be cor-that they have secured the convicrected before it is too late. This little offort of the worthy servant of the Lord, is regarded here as something of an inno

> Among the reports of committees made affirmatively to the House, on Wednes day, was the resolution noted in my last on the subject of Chinese emigration, introduced by Mr. Waters, from the Committee on Federal Relations.

Among the dozen of new bills introduced in the House on Wednesday, was one by Mr. Hewitt, of Blair, to prevent the adulteration of food and drink, and creating the department of scientific and the Potter committee, swearing that agricultural chemistry, with a State chem- they had previously committed perist, to be appointed by the Governor. with a salary of \$3,000 a year. This is warning against a class of irresponcontemplated by the Senate bill, above noted, and it is earnestly hoped some not to be blackmailers and tempters found. good in the cause of reform may be accomplished. The most of the session wa

second reading. In the Senate on Thursday, Senate A number of petitions, including several Hall, of Elk county, offered a very sensible resolution, which was adopted by a decided vote, declaring it to be the sense new bills were introduced. Among the of the Senate, that it was impolitic, unwise and unnecessary to occupy any more with a woolen string. On opening it escaped, of the remainder of the session in the discussion of resolutions of instructions i relation to measures pending before Congress. If such a resolution had been

valuable time would have been saved. The Senate on Thursday unanimously confirmed the nomination of J. Smith Fustrikes, was indefinitely postponed after a they, as Judge of Chester county, in place of Judge Butler, appointed to fill the vacancy in the U. S. Court, in Phila- to the mystery has been obtained.

ving veterans of the Mexican war, and to the widows of deceased soldiers and sail- this place, and one of the earliest of Luzerne, to be Attorney General, was ors of said war, was passed finally by the pension of \$75, but confines it to soldiers was engaged in the blacksmithing

Among the bills considered and passed second reading in the House on Thursday,

rank, among the most eminent lawyers in advance he may deduct both from the debt when paid; in cases where the debt-Among the bills passed finally in the An act to repeal an act to regulate pro

> An act to authorize the judges of any court of record, civil or criminal, to ex cuse jurors from attendance. 'An act which provides for the estab

lishing of a returning board to count the

votes for Auditor General and State

Legislature does not assemble. The bill as passed finally in the Senate, without settlement of her war claims under the The Governor, the President Judge of the 11th (Dauphin) Judicial District, the President pro tem of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, four Senators and on the last Tuesday of the session, each Senator by a viva voce vote naming two naming three members of the House." The judges' salary bill, with several others, were also passed on second reading in the Senate on Friday. As the sal-

The business transacted in the House on Friday was of a routine character and not specially important, the session i being short. Senate and House both adjourned

ary bill will be sent back to the commit-

tee for revision, it is not necessary to say

more about it now.

meet on Monday evening next.

A TERRIBLE FIRE.

THE Crawford Democrat in in a miser.

ocrats, and thus secure the victory for

A LADY residing in Bethlehem the

and strong, and correctly shaped in every

respect, save that its right arm terminates

joined. The left arm has its regular

enoth, and is correctly formed save the

ion of the neighbors, and also of a few

ture or malformation. It is a sigular case, and all the neighborhood has been

greatly exercised about it. Various causes

THE following are the Pennsylvania

postal changes for the week end ng Feb. ruary 22; Post offices established—Dug.

Ilvain, Eldredville, Bullivan county; W. A. Coulter, London, Mercer county;

W. L. Harbaugh. Merceraburg, Franklin county; Samuel Walker, Mount Healthy,

Hills, Scott Lackawanna county; R. Mc-

Farland, Shirland Allegheny county; M. W. Balsford, Unityville, Lycoming county; R. J. Belt, Wellsville, York

GENERAL NEWS.

THE Ohio Rebublican Convention will

A FIRE at Paoli, Ind., Friday destroyed

At Cooperstown, N. Y., Feb 27, Myrot

Ruel was found guilty of the murder o

THE Grand Jury at Bridgeport, Conn.

GEORGE BURNETT was killed by a fall

of coal in the Big Vein Mine, near Lona-coning, Md., last Thursday morning.

PROFESSOR MORDEGAL YARNELL, of

the Naval Observatory, died of apoplexy, in Georgetown, D. C., Feb 27. He was

In the U. S. Circuit Court of Baltimore

tion in the Fifteenth Ward, was convicted

The manufacturing property of the

Atlantic Delaine Company in Providence, R. I., which originally cost over \$5,000.

000, was sold at auction last week for

der of his wife Mary on the 2d inst.

neet in Cincincati on the 26th of May.

Albert Hotel.

52 years of age.

Port Kennedy, Mongomery county;

I the medical fraternity, who have called and verified by examination this lucus na-

MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF PROP. HOMELESS AND INJURED."

effort, for whenever they do so they stir up the Greenbackers to divide the Dem. RENO. Nevada. March 2 .- This morning a fire commenced in some long as the Greenbackers refuse to help wooden buildings in the west end the Democrats to defeat the common to violate the laws, in order to procure could be put to the abominable system of of the business streets, back of enemy." Can't the Greenbackers see lodging and food, yet such is the case, as liquor drugging or poisoning. It is only the Masonic block. There was a how they are cruelly breaking the Demofearful wind blowing, and before wa- cratic heart? ter could be got on the fire it was benates down to early, premature graves, youd control. The finmes leaped twenty or thirty years ago deaths from from house to house, from block to block, with lightning rapidity. Panic at the elbow, where the hand, which also stricken, half clothed people grasped a handful of valuables and left all cise to destruction. The firemen for an executive appointment clerk. The were helpless, the flerceness of the attempt to make a party question out of wind and intensity of the heat renthis was a failure, and after full discus. dering it impossible to get close sion of the proposition it was carried on enough to do any good. In three its merits, the fact appearing that the bu. hours all of the business part of the ture escaping being the Masonic are assigned for the wonder, but none of building and one other. Five lives them are considered reliable. The child

were lost-Mrs. Jno. Beck, Jno. Ri-

ley and three tramps. A number re-

ceived injuries. The gale was the

flercest known for many a day. It carried blazing pieces of timber for miles. Several farm houses two E. M. Walton, Postmaster. Discontinue miles down the meadows were burned of actions of ejectment on titles acquired by this means. Among the buildby sheriffs' sales and limiting the time ings destroyed were three freight dewithin which such actions may be brought pots, bank, postoffice, eight stores, three-hotels, two telegraph offices, railroad baggage rooms, Baptist and A special session of the Senate was Catholic churches, Academy of Muheld on Wednesday afternoon, from three sic, and two or three railroad trains. to five o'clock, to consider the subject of The loss is estimated at a million dollars. Houses are in great demand, and the citizens are throwing open their doors to the homeless and

rived from Truckee laden with supplies and clothing.

Two "Private Detectives" have recently been arrested in Massachusetts, charged with setting fire to a railroad depot and attempting to wreck a passenger train, the suppos ed motive being that of making business for themselves. Now that they have been arrested, attention has been called to some of their other work as detectives, and evidence great country and China, and that errors collected which excites suspicion tion of an innocent man for murder that they might obtain the reward offered for the detection of the murderer. The principal witness in the of having stuffed a ballot box. murder case now swears that these detectives arrested him, charged him with arson, and agreed to drop the prosecution for this offense if he \$300,200. would consent to swear that he had been compelled to commit the mur-

GEORGE WATSON was arrested in Allenbeen compelled to commit the murtown, Wayne county, lowal last week, der by his employer, the man for for counterfering. His "pall," George Baker was arrested at the same place whose conviction the "detectives" were rewarded. The whole case is a few days ago. In the U.S. Court Danville, Va., Thursmysterious one, the witnesses, like day last, Judge Rives presiding, five county court judges were indicted by the those from Louisiana examined by iurors to serve." jury, but it should serve as another THE mutilated dead body of a woman was found in a trunk, near Lynn, another step in the same direction as that sible men, who, under the title of Massachusetts, on Thursday afternoon

A "Village Blacksmith" Dead.

MILFORD, Penn., March 1.-Solo-

mon Newman, a prominent citizen of

settlers, died vesterday at the age of

business, but for the past few years

he lived retired. About 15 years ago

he and his quaint establishment were

the subject for the "Village Black-

smith," a painting by Eastman John-

son, which recently brought \$1,900

STATE NEWS.

ANDREW TRACY, who killed Mary

Reily in McKean county in September last, is now on trial at Smethport.

WILLIAMSPORT tax-payers have begun

o hold meetings to deteminate what shall

NIMBOD SPATTENHOWER, convicted of

the murder of John Eveson, in Lebanon, was sentenced Monday to be hanged.

York, Monday morning. His wife was

Mr. George F. Ross, who has for

everal years very acceptably filled a

has been retained by the new Attorney

due the State of Pennsylvania on special.

MR. G. CLINTON GARDNER, General

Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Rail-

A COMMITTEE of five citizens of Brad-

ford has been appointed to solicit sub-scriptions from people of that place with

Leg, for the reason that it has but one rai

Tue trial of George Frady of Marietta,

road, at Altoona, has resigned that posi-

nconscious, but may recover.

at a public sale in New-York.

e done about the bond tax.

londay.

A stage containing four passengers stopped near Peg Leg Station, Texas, by two highwaymen, on Wednesday of last week. The passengers were robbed of their valuables and the mail The Ghastly Contents of a Trunk Boston, February 27.—About 4.45 this afternoon Michael Daly, while at bags rifled. work on Western avenue, about two THE house of J. M. Lungford at Val. sonville, Ohio, was burned at midnight on Thursday last, and Mr. Lunsford and six of his children were either smothered or miles outside of the city of Lynn, found a trunk, from which a human hand protruded. The trunk was tied burned to death. His wife and one child

a horrible sight was presented, being DR. J. II. DETMERS, Inspector of Catthat of the body of a young woman, tle at Chicago, reports to Commissioner Le Duc that contagious pleuro-pneumon a about twenty-four years of age, nude, oes not exist in the Northwestern States with the arms and legs distorted and and Territories tributary to the Chicago the nose cut off. The trunk also contained two champagne bottles and

AT North Andover, Mass., Thursday several bricks. An autopsy was held. orning, George Rextraw, being drunk, elled his daughter to the floor with a It was the opinion of the doctors that the woman had been dead two or ooker, and then dropped dead. daughter has been insensible since, but three days. Up to midnight no clue may recover.

THE New England Commissioners of Inland Fisheries have adopted resolutions commending that the taking of salmon n Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachn the 1st of July, 1882.

A coal oil lamp exploded last Thurssettlers, died yesterday at the age of day evening in a house occupied by color-76 years. During his early life he ed people in Baltimore. Clara Sharp and her son were burned to death, two other persons were severely injured, and the CHARLES W. ANGELL, the thieving

ecretary of the Pullman Palace Car Company, pleaded guilty at Chicago last week, and was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the penitentiary, the full extent of the law. THE house of J. R. Caulson, of Coolrille, Iowa, was burned on Thursday

rom three to nine years of age, who had a neighbor, perished in the flames. TOMPKING, the pricipal witness for the whisky and tobacco cases at New Orleans, died suddenly in that city Feb. 27, of neuralgia of the heart. His death will

of those cases. FIFTY persons were arrested on Thurs-WM. KAUFFELT, aged 19, was killed by being caught in the halting of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Works at York, day last, at Pekin and Peoria, Illnois, under indictments charging them with complicity in whisky frauds. Some of hem are "prominent and wealthy citi-JACOB LEOKRONE, aged 87, was suffoo be the disinherited son of John McInated to death by coal gas in his room, at tyre, the heaviest distiller in that part of

he country. All those arrested were taken to Springfield. JACOB MALIN, of Port Royal, a brake-THE steamer Aberfeldy, of West Hartepool, England, from Philadelphia for Ips-which, has been abondoned at sca, too silled Thursday last by being caught crew of twenty-one persons were saved and taken to Port Medway, N. S. The Aberfeldy experienced very severe weather and was disabled. The boats were stove and the crew, after working three days and nights at the pumps, threw overboard a portion of the cargo of corn. When found and rescued by the schooner Came-In the sundry civil appropriation bill s at an item of \$823,656 to pay the amount

niac they were completely exhausted and were saved with nothing but their clother The steamer was abandoded in the Gulf INTELLIGENCE from Rio de Janeiro, dated February 9th, states that a severo outbreak of yellow fever has occurred among the shipping there. The health of the people in the Northeast provinces improving. The Government has already contributed thirty million milreis to relieve their distress, and asks for a purpose. A riot occurred at Massar of

a view to purchasing and completing the Warren and Bradford Railroad. The the 4th inst, the military expelling the stock amount to \$200,000 and is wanted commander and chief magistrate from the town. Wine persons were killed, and many public and private stores were SALE OF THE PEG LEG RAILROAD.—The sacked. Bradford and Foster Brook Elevated A LARGE party of Mennopites from Southern Russia is to arrive in Car running from Bradford city to Derrick city in the spring, on its way to Manitoba The authorities are already getting ready to establish a quaranting to make the McKean county, was Friday of last week sold at Sheriff's sale, Dr. E. P. ALLEN, of Athens, and T. J. SKIDMORE, of Fredonia, N. Y., becoming the purchasers. country secure against the introduction of the plague by these emigrants. More than thirty years ago thousands of em-They will organize a new company, and basings will be resumed as soon as the exploded locomotive can be repaired,

lied on a quaranting island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, or on their way thither, and the same island is to be again fitted up as quarantine station through which the Mennonites from Russia will be required was begun at Lancaster February 17. Mennonites from Russia will be required He is charged with having killed his to pass before they begin their land jour-brother, John, on the 4th of July last.