CALIFORNIA is suffering from flood caused chiefly by melting of the snow in ern States. The common school is the the mountains. Nearly all the towns training place for Republicans. along the Sacramento river have been inundated, with great loss of property.

THE Commissioner of Pensions, M BEXTLEY, informs the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee that \$510,000,000 will be required to pay the arrears of pensions. If this be true it will be a long time before all the money will be paid.

The ceremonies attending the inaugu- and punished by disfranchisement for ration of General GARPIELD as President two or six years, as a jury shall deterpromise to be a grand success. The Pressimine. The same penalties in the same ident-elect will be escorted by a military guard of honor consisting of 20,000 militiamen and fourteen companies of regular troops and marines, marshaled by General SHERMAN.

SENATOR BLAIB, of New Hampshire, wants, an amendment to the constitution intoxicating liquors in the United States after the year 1900. Possibly Mr. BLAIR has the Presidential bee in his bonnet, and desires to be the Prohibition candidate in 1884.

THE reduction of the public debt goes steadily on. Last month it amounted to considerably over seven million dollars, and though this is less by three millions than the reduction made in the correspending month of 1880, it is quite large enough to afford abundant occasion for felicitation.

PEOPLE who are obliged to use the te egraph will be delighted to learn that i is announced from an official source that the consolidation of the American Union and Western Union will result in lower rates. There will, however, be still greater satisfaction when the lower rates are announced to go into effect.

Tine population of Pennsylvania, coiding to the schedules returned to the of 1880. Of this number 2,136,635 are structive than in Maine males, and 2,146,151 are females.

It is given out from the inner circles in which Mrs. GARFIELD lives, that she intends to render her stay in the White plainness in dress and the unostentatiousfor its temperance and moderation.

THAT great and good man, Representa tive DE LA MATYR, intends to remove to Florida at the end of his term in Congress, and he has issued a sort of farewell address to the Greenbackers of Indiana, reiterating his customary warnings to the people to beware of the money power, and against banks, manufacturing associations, insurance companies, and corpo-

GOVERNOR BLACKBURN, of Kentucky. fears a cholera epidemic next summe because such a scourge always follows an he advises his people to drink cistern wawater is almost unknown in Kentucky as a beverage, the governor-doctor must have wicked designs on the Democratic earty by advocating the abandonment of whisky to keep away the cholera.

In power the Democracy are as rapacious as pirates. Out of it they are all reformers. During their control of Confor contingent purposes, and created more ing planks invites tinkering. sinecures for their own benefit, than, was done by any three or four Congresses constrolled by the Republican party. This is the party which is now so anxious to have Congress in the future run on economica

THE agony of people having jobs before Congress increases as the days of the session decrease. It is a fact suggestive of the general inclinations of a Democratic majority that more propositions to appropriate money for private purposes were acted on favorably in the Commitat this session than were ever entertained by the same committee in any Congress. Four-fifths of these measures will fail of becoming laws.

given a majority of 6,832 on the popular vote, and have already begun to sneer at dent. But it turns out that the table is of 5,000 over HANCOCK.

THE census returns show that the black race is increasing more rapidly in the the comparisons are made between the be rigidly preserved. admittedly defective census of 1870 and sive. Outside of the cities there is hardly a doubt that the negroes are more prolific than the whites. The sanitary conditions filthy and unbealthy quarters.

THAT it is an ill wind which blows no one any good is illustrated in the effects of the fierce competition for the emigrant traffic from New York city to the interior, in which the great trunk lines are at presphenomenally low fares of from two to three dollars. This may be death to the railroad companies, but it is good fun to those who can profit by the occasion.

carrying on a system of swindling through thus defeat the GARCELON conspiracy. As Congress can tinke it

IT is a remarkable fact that in all the States where free education is most liberilly supported, the Republican party susains itself by standard majorities. Ohio erected four hundred and forty-five of these buildings last year—more than the total number put up during the same period in all the Southern States. It is this States uniformly so solid for Republican men and measures, and which is doing the same thing for the Middle and West-

If there should be no temperance legislation this session, it will not be for the want of bills looking in that direction. Among the number already introduced in the House, is one punishing drunkenness with a fine of not less than \$10 nor more more evenly divided, than they were than \$50 for a first offence, and an im- between the former candidates, there prisonment not less than ten nor more is no perceptable change in the situthan sixty cays for a second offence; a ation. All who read the very full third offence is to be deemed a felony, proportion are to be inflicted on such persons as sell liquor to persons who are in- the contest will have an ending, and

New YORK's Board of Health is now engaged, with the best medical skill of ate. That the struggle is engenderthe country at its back, considering the ing bitter feelings that will result in surest means to stay the spread of that weakening and injuring the party is prohibiting the manufacture or sale of loathsome disease, small-pox. The first trouble which confronts the board is the tenement-house system, which is a prolific source of the spread of all contagious diseases in any city. The board finds that squalor, intemperance, want of proper food, exposure, and over solicitude. conditions consequent to poverty in all large cities, are the causes which conduce to the spread of epidemics, and that as long as these exist, while amelioration can be afforded, contagion cannot be entirely counteracted.

Kansas has followed the example of Maine by incorporating in its constitution a clause forbidding the sale or manufact last week, in the counting of the Electoral ture of distilled or fermented liquor within the State. That the public welfare would be advanced by a general disuse of intoxicating liquors is unquestionable, but that | developments which it was expected by the desired result can be reached by the the statesmen of 1787-would cause it to operation of prohibitory legislation is not | belooked forward to by the whole people of so certain. Men cannot be made virtuous the Union as the only satisfactory ascerby an Act of Assembly, and no legislation | tainment of the choice of a President and ac- will keep those people sober whose tastes | Vice President. In the first place, under run in the opposite direction. But the Census Office by the enumerators, is effect of the step taken is one well worth 4,282,796. Forty-eight more than is watching. In Kansas, where there is a given by Superintendent WALKER in his greater influx and a freer circulation of statement to the country on the last day people, the experiment will be more in-

A SOLEMN DUTY. The venerable saying-' Speak wel of a bridge that carries you safe over."-is not as good as it is venerable. The better way is never to ness of her domestic and state displays. speak well of a poor bridge. For if Her ambition is to set a true republican it becomes the custom to speak well f defective and even dangerou things it will not be long before the

ideal of excellence in that community will be lowered, and its institutions will tumble down from sheer decay. Of course this is not a disto speak of the law and precedents entire country within two days. No specwhich have come to control the count of the electoral vote. But it may be likened to a bridge spanning the gulf of Presidential - succession. The country has just crossed that bridge once more, and, as we are glad to say, in safety. But it is not a good bridge. Its approaches are defective ter in order to keep it off. As the use of and dangerous. Its roadway is but

little elevated above the strong curalong its passage. These hiatuses came near sending the country into the gulf beneath in 1877. But dangerous as the bridge may be because flinchingly sustained his party, right or of the missing planks, it is still more wrong, and as chairman of the Commit-The country has had a specimen of

this tinkering in the effort of a Demoeratic Congress to force the Mongan-BICKNELL, resolutions through that body. It did not succeed, but the dangers it disclosed imposes upon that Congress shall be able to rise to the level of the occasion there will never again be any occasion for public concern touching the Presidential succession after the votes have been Republican party of the country, and es- unity. He said that since the proposition mitte of Ways and Means of the House cast. The duty of the forty-seventh Congress will relate to the preparation and digestion of an amendment to the constitution which shall be discharged their duties to their constitudirectory and mandatory, and which encies, and stood firm in upholding the shall render any interference by Con- measures of their party. From beginning a great deal of comfort from the table in gress illegal. That amendment should the Baltimore Sun, in which HANCOCK is direct in plain language how and by whom the electoral votes shall be counted. The constitution already directs who shall open the certificates. and 4,700 in Texas. With these correct certificates, if any, shall be defective,

GARFIELD of over 6,000 votes in Louisians | what action shall be taken where the | and to the gallant and devoted men who | was to the effect that the Independents tions, Garrield would have a majority or when more than one certificate from the same State shall be presented. It should further declare that the autonomy of the States acting Southern States than the white race. As through their electoral colleges shall These points cover all the ground. There is no doubt whatever of the right of the States, as such, to deal with their own electoral votes. Hence,

in the cities operate against the colored the amendment should provide for people, who usually dwell in the most the return of all disputed, or object-Judges of the highest State court for attempting to cast more than one ballot. their decision. As the electoral law | Such a law would undoubtedly answer a dred or a thousand miles westward at the ed after such submissions should be we hope Mr. Landis may be successful finally wound up with three cheers for count of the vote in controversy. Whoever may be designated to count to this important subject. the votes and declare the election in T. B. Swan, a member of the Maine Washington, should have no option House of Representatives, is accused of as respects the mandate of the State

purely public charities and exhibit from THE LOCKED LEGISLATURE. Since our last issue the Senatorial the act of 1874. If the decision shall be situation at Harrisburg has changed exempt from taxation many institutions somewhat, but the dead-lock seems as strongly fixed as ever. OLIVER in Pennsylvania which are now held as taxable by the State authorities. and Gnow both withdrew from the

That the contest will soon end in

the election of an able and worthy

man, is the hope of every min who

dulged in by anybody as to the probable

action of the Electors, nor were there any

surmises after they had held their mect-

ings in reference to what might be dis-

HON. FERNANDO WOOD, member of

closed by the count of the 9th instant.

have to be held to fill the vacancy.

WHEN the Forty-sixth Congress a

BEAVER 31, PHILLIPS 1.

contest last week, and immediately THE Albany Journal kindly offers the following Cabinet to President-elect GARed the name of Gen. JAMES A. BEA-VER, of Centre county, while the Secretary of the Treasury-Anna Dicknson, of Pennsylvan a. GROW strength was transferred to Secretary o' War-Susan B. Anthony, Col. T. M. BAYNE, of Allegheny county. Several ballots have been

Secretary of the Navy—Mary Walker, f the District of Columbia. Secretary of the Interior—Helen Hunt had since the withdrawel of OLIVE ickson, of Colorado. and Grow, but, with the single ex-Attorney General-Elizabeth Cady Stan ception that as between BEAVER and ton, of New Jersey.
Pos:master-General-Mary Anderson BAYNE the Republicans seem to be And adds: "What we claim for this Cabinet is, that differing from the 53,486

aircady before the public, it is an ideal Cabinet report of the proceedings, as given THE election in Philadelphia on Tuesby our Harrisburg correspondent in another column, will be as compedent, for Receiver of Taxes, and WEST, tent to judge as are we, as to when voier ' was evidently ahead by a large among my proudest remembrances. For who will be the successor of Mr. WALLACE in the United States Sen-

It is run ore I that General GRANT will esign the Presidency of the World's Fair Commission, as other duties demand his the State, no sane man can doubt.

> HARRISBURG LETTER. pecial Correspondence of THE REPORTER.

desires the supremacy of the Repub-HARRISBURG, February 12, 1881.—Oce lican party in the future. The ballot 'dead-lock' has been broken but who the successor of Mr. Wallace in the U. S. _the 28th_on Tuesday resulted as follows: BAYNE 36, WALLACE 31, Senate is to be has not yet been determined, and no one hereabouts falthough there are a great many smart people, sagacious politicians and emment statesmen WHAT was regarded by the framers of to be met on the hill and about the hotels) the Constitution as an occasion that would can tell just who it will be. To keep up every four years excite the profoundest the connection, or "the run of the story." popular interest occurred Wednesday of as the old lady remarked it was bard to do with the new dictionary at which she votes. The count was a mere formality. was looking. I will commence with the solemn and suggestive indeed, but entiretwenty-first ballot, which was taken on ly free from the element of doubt as to its Wednesday the 9th inst., and resulted as follows: Oliver, 79; Wallace, 72; Grow. 55; Wolfe, 12; Agnew and Curtin, 1 cach Beaver, Hewit and Shiras, 2 each; Mac-Veagh, 4; Phillips, 3. The following Democrats changed from Wallace to Wolfe: Senators Gordon, Groff and Nel the old theory the several States were to appoint Electors, who should debate the son, and Representatives Ackley, Ammer man, Boland, Coolbaugh, Lockwood. claims of various distinguished citizens, M'Cachran, McNulty and Woodruff and select the two whom they considered

best fitted for the high dignities to be Bierly changed from Curtin to Wolfe; I Brown changed from Wallace to Curconferred. The result of these deliberations of the Electoral Colleges of the dif- tin; Hazlett and Yarge; changed from ferent States, it was presumed, could only Oliver to Beaver; Peterson changed from be guessed at by the general public until Wallace to MacVeagli. Immediately on the official announcement, to be made in the announcement of this ballot, Senator Stewart, of Cumberland county, moved the presence of the Senate and House of to adjourn, and was seconded by half a Representatives on the second Wednesday dozen voices, but the yeas and nays were in February following. There could be no stronger illustration of the disparity called, and being taken the motion pre-

between what is anticipated and what vailed-yeas 154, nays 79. During the afternoon and tually happens than is found in the practical working of the Electoral system. While General Garfield was technically at by Messrs. Grow and Oliver that they should both withdraw and give their elected on the first day of last December the date on which the electors, met—he friends an opportunity to unite upon some had, to all practical intents and purposes, other candidate. The first step in this direction was taken by Mr. Oliver, who been elected on the second of the precedcourse upon bridges. We are about ing month, and the fact was known to the about 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening sent to Mr. Grow the following note: ulations or conjectures were anywhere in-

Hon. Galusha A. Grow : DEAR SIR: Being satisfied that a proongation of the contest for United States Senator will work irreparable injury to Republican members of the Legislature advising them of my withdrawal. I have thought it possible that early information of my action may have some influence upon that of yourself and your friends.

Congress from New York city, died at Respectfully yours, H. W. OLIVER. Hot Springs, Ark., at ten o'clock Sunday This note was delivered to Mr. Grow night, in the 69th year of his age. He by Senator Newmyer, of Allegheny counwas repeatedly elected to Congress, his rents of popular passion. And there first term being from 1841-3, and was ty, and was followed by a somewhat are missing planks here and there all twice elected Mayor of New York, the lengthy letter addressed to Lieutenant Governor Stone, President of the joint first time in 1855 and again in 1861. His strong sympathics for the South were conconvention, withdrawing from the contest spicuously manifested throughout the and giving his views on the subject. war. Always a strong Democrat, he un-The selection of new candidates to be

supported by the friends of the two gengress, now closing, they spent more money dangerous because the fact of miss- tee of Ways and Means in the House, he the contest was the next thing on the protook high ground for free trade. His op- gram, no effort at all appearing to be position to the Greenback craze, and in made to get the opposing elements tofavor of keeping the obligations of the gether with a view to arranging a comgovernment in the payment of its bonds in promise. The supporters of Mr. Grow, gold, did much to keep his party in the in view of the announced withdrawal of right channel on the money question. His their leader, concluded to hold a cancus, death will make a conspicuous void in po- and to carry out this idea met at No 10 litical circles in New York city. As he Market Square, on Wednesday evening the next Congress a solemn duty. If was a member of the incoming House of between 8 and 9 o'clock. Fifty-six mem-Representatives, a special election will bers were in attendance and Senator Lawrence presided. Mr. Grow was present. and thanking his supporters in eloquent terms announced his withdrawal from the

journs sine die, remarks an exchange, the fight in the interest of harmony and party pecially of the North, East and West, had been made by Mr. Oliver, his leading ought in some manner to recognize the opponent, there was no other honorable efficiency and devotion with which its course left for him to pursue, and he de-Senators and Representatives in Congress clined to continue a hopeless struggle with no ultimate result but an ignominious backdown. Mr. Grow's remarks made a scathing reply, in which he critito end of this Congress the Republican minority really did the business of legiscised the course of the chosen leader of lation, watching the requirements of the the independent Republicans in deserting Executive Departments, shielding the them in this crisis. The caucus then took army and navy from impairment, and up- action on the name of General Beaver, which was quickly tabled. A number of holding the honor of the Government behave thus distinguished themselves to acwould stick together and fight it out to knowledge their illustrious services in the bitter end. A ballot was then taken

some manner that the world may see on the name of Mr. Wolfe, which was how truly patriotism is prized in our submitted by Representative Law, but he and his friends objected to letting any of the members present vote save the forty-REPRESENTATIVE LANDIS, of Lancaster County, has introduced a bill into the three signers of the original compact. Legislature intended to prevent fraud and | This caused a spicy scene, out of which harmony was eventually evolved. The the improper influencing of votes in the nination of candidates. It punishes caucus then proceeded to take action on with fine and imprisonment any and all the original list of seven names submitted attempts to bribe voters, directly or indi- by them to the regulars. That of Colonel quired for the government of the joint asrectly, either by the offer of money or Thomas M. Bayne, of Allegheny, coming other valuables, or place, preferment or first was first submitted and received gether for the purpose of electing a United to, certificates to the Governor of assistance now or in the future. It also forty-three votes, after which Bayne was the State from which they come, to punishes severely any one voting at a pri- declared the choice of the caucus as a be by him promptly submitted to the mary or delegate election who has not a candidate to be supported in the joint legal right to do so, or any one casting or convention until further orders. After making an effort for Bayne's election the caucus will take action on the name of is always a State law no court is com- good purpose if it could be properly en- George Shiras, Jr., which stands next on sage of the equalization bounty bill. Reent engaged. Pat and Fritz now have pent to administer it save the proper forced; but as things are the prospect for the list. The meeting lasted until midthe opportunity of proceeding eight hun- State court. And judgments render- this does not look very cheerful. Still, night and was at times quite stormy, but tions.

in getting his bill through. It may do Bayne. final and conclusive as regards the some good, and will serve a useful pur- While this conference was going on a In the Senate, on Tuesday, the 8th, inpose in keeping public attention directe JUDGE WOODWARD, of Luzerne, recent- State streets. Fifty one Senators and use of the House. y gave a decision that materially affects Representatives were present, and Senator various institutions of the State. Follow- Herr, of Dauphin, presided. Senator discussion, as the law fixed the number err. the mails and an investigating committee court. The certificate returned from ing the decision of the Supreme Court in Cameron addressed the meeting in a ring- of copies to be printed. It was contendhas been appointed to consider his case, that court as legal must be accepted an orphan asylum case, which exempted ing appeal for party unity. He disclaimed ed by Mr. Lawrence that this law could Swan has been a fusion leader in Maine and counted. With such an amend- the institution from taxation as a charity, having any personal interest in the fight, not be amended by resolution. The resoand was last year a prominent candidate ment adopted the bridge would be- although it confined its beneficiaries to and said when the proper time came he lution was referred to the Committee on for a Congressional nomination. He is come a substantial structure, giving female orphan children of the Protestant could take care of himself; but now the Public Printing for investigation. one of the two fusionists in the last Legislature who alleged that a Republican

Come a substantial structure, giving the oldest editor and publisher in the the wheels.

Episcopal faith, Judge Woodward has life of the party was at stake, and in this decided that the society of the Sisters of crisis its true friends would be tested. ably from committees, in the House, on Friday. Rowell appears to be in good State. approached them with an offer of \$1,400 certainty possible to be secured. It Christian Charity, the Catholic congrega- Four names were then submitted to the Tuesday: each to vote against the fusionists and can never be a good bridge so long tion of St. Mary's and the German Cathmeeting, namely, the Catholic congregation of licenses for into training for the match on the 7th of licenses for into training for the match on the 7th of licenses for into training for the match on the 7th of licenses for lice

was voted down almost unanimously, taxation under the new constitution and after which Representative Boyce, who presented it, withdrow from the caucus. sustained by the Supreme Court, it will General Beaver was then made the unantnone choice of the meeting amid cousid-

tion was the general appropriation bill, and one fixing compensation of members of the general assembly and the number duties and compensations of the officers On Thursday morning, it being generand employes thereof. This lill provides ally known that Grow and Oliver were off the course and that new candidates were for the employment of a clerk whose speto be voted for additional interest was cial duty it shall be to call the ayes and taken in the Senatorial fight, an immense payes. The consideration of the bill consolida

ers of theatres and places of amusemen

Limiting the hours of labor to eight:

Among the bills introduced at this ses

of their husbands or wives in all cases

wherein the defendants are competent

To amend an act allowing parties in ir

To prevent the statute of limitation

unuing during the pendency in courts of

writs of certiorari to justices of the peace.

Relating to the acceptance of bilis of

exchange and orders for the payment of

Regulating the collection of taxes

the several boroughs and townships of

Among the appointments by the Gov-

ernor was that of L. W. Hall, of Harris-

burg, a member of the geological survey-

The House on Wednesday passed final-

y, the Philadelphia tax office bill : yeas,

In the Senate, on Thursday, the 10th,

that the celebration of such a great his

torical event should be observed in a be-

founder of our Commonwealth.

executions.

The following bills were reported favor

Relating to testimony in criminal cases.

ably from committees, in the House of

keepers of places of amusement.

An act for regulating the payment of

costs on appeal from justices of the peace.

telegraph companies in this State," with

amendments, providing that if any one

suspects such intention to consolidate he

and persons; also grants the purchasers

of such companies at auction to reorgan

An act allowing parties in interest to

An act to enable operatives and labor

An act authorizing the State Treasurer

o pay Benjamin F. Bentley the balance

due him of the salary of president judge,

under his commission as such of the sev-

eral courts of record of Lackawanna

In the House on Friday, the following

bills were reported from committees fa-

To establish a State Board of Health.

with respect to liens and executions.

adulterations of drugs.

about \$4,000.000.

tions, and

An act relating to decrees of courts

An act relating to collateral inheritance

An act to regulate the practice of phar-

macy and sale of poisons and to prevent

Regulating the election of overseers of

ported affirmatively by Mr. Hall. It pro-

vides for the payment of the legislative.

executive and judicial expenses for two

years from June 1, 1880, appropriating

Mr. Long (Jefferson) offered the follow-

WHEREAS, There are numerous surviv-

ing soldiers and sailors of the recent war

of the rebellion who were exposed to the

privations and hardships of an extended

the South, and whereby their health was

destroyed and their physical condition

them from following their usual voca-

WHEREAS, They are debarred from

sion laws by reason of their inability to

Resolved, By the House of Representa-

requested to exercise their influence in se-

risonment in the military prisons o

The general appropriation bill was

County, passed the Senate finally.

regular periods and in lawful money.

An act to prevent the consolidation of

in place of Henry W. Oliver, Jr.

also introduced.

erest to be witnesses.

throng being attracted to the hall of the House during the session of the joint con- ting the offices of collector and receiver vention. The convention-was called to of delinquent taxes in Philadelphia, occuorder at noon, when Lieutenant Governor | pied the greater portion of the session of the House, on Thursday, when it was Stone, presiding, directed the clerk to passed second reading. read Mr. Oliver's letter of withdrawal. The following bills passed the Senate This being done, -Senator Davies presentfinally, on Wednesday, the 9th instant: ed a letter from Mr. Grow, which was To parmit husbands or wives of defendread as follows: ants charged with crime to testify in behalf

HARRISBURG, Feb. 10, 1881. Hon. W. T. Davies : DEAR SIR: Please withdraw my name as a candidate for United States Senator in the joint convention of the Legislature.
To the Senators and Representatives who have given me their support I return my day resulted in the election of King, Democrat, for Mayor, Hunter, Independing tenacity with which they have main tained their position in vindicating the right of the people to have their expressed Republican, for City Solicitor. A heavy and well-known will respected by their vote was polled, and the "Independent assumed political leaders will be treasured

> the personal kindness and generous supt accorded me in this contest I am un ler lasting obligation.
>
> Very respectfully yours GALUSHA A. GROW. The twenty-second ballot was the

taken and showed a very considerably mixed state of affairs, the fact clearly manifesting itself, however, that the dead-lock " was still as stubbornly set as ever. The vote was announced to the 180; nays, 6. A number of bills were large and excited crowd as follows : Wallace, 86; Beaver, 63; Bayne, 62; Boker and Shiras, 3 each: Welsh, Phillips, Mac-Veagh, Curtin, Newell and Oliver, 2 each; preamble and resolution, which was Snowden, 7: Hewit, Kirkpatrick and adopted: Ruddiman, 1 each—total, 239.

A number of petitions were then pre sented from citizens of Philadelphia asking for the election of Hon. Jno. Welsh. and one from citizens of Armstrong county asking for the election of Hon. Jno. M. Thompson. A motion was made and carried, that hereafter nothing shall be in order in the convention but balloting, motions to adjourn or take a recess.

The convention then proceeded to the twenty-third ballot, with the following result : Wallace, 86 ; Beaver, 68 ; Bayne, 60; Boker and Phillips, 3 each; Welsh. Newell, MacVeagh and Shiras, 2 each; nowden, 6; Hewit, Kirkpatrick, Oliver and Curtin, 1 each. As soon as the result of this ballot was announced a motion was made to take a recess until 7:30 in the evening, but this was crowded out by a notion to adjourn, which was carried by a vote of 426 to 103, the Bayne-men and the Democrats generally favoring the ad- reading.

iournment. On Friday the galleries were again rowded, more so than at any previous | Thursday: session; the aisles were full of people, and the spaces at the sides of the speaker's chair were packed. A number of ladies. who couldn't be accommodated with scate, stood up through the whole of the intense by the commissioners of the several countor by everybody. The twenty-fourth A number of bills were introduced, and ballot resulted as follows; Wallace, 85; the following passed second reading: Beaver, 74; Bayne, 62; Snowden, 4; Oliver, Welsh, Curtin, Shiras, Young, Phil- to represent himself of full age to procure lips, Boker, Hewit, Beat and Mitchell, 1 intoxicating liquors.

each; Newell, 2-total, 237. No person receiving a majority the roll was ordered o be called for another ballot, and for the nous liquor and defining the punishment twenty-fifth time the calling of the long therefor. list of names was begun and concluded with the following result: Beaver, 80; have written a communication to the Wallace. 85; Bayne, 62; Newell, Shiras, McGrath, Phillips. Boker, Hewit, Stone bills were reported from committees afand Beale, 1 each-total, 235. Paired and firmatively: A bill to provide for the absent, 13. Immediately on the announce- printing and issuance of certificates of nent of the ballot Senator Stewart moved | naturalization on parchment only, and to adjourn. This met with a storm of providing penalties for wiolations of the noes, and on a division being called was same. apparently defeated. On a call of the | An act to provide for fixing compensayeas and nays, however, the motion pre- tion for boarding prisoners in counties vailed-yeas 129, nags 102-and the joint where the same is not provided now for

convention adjourned until noon on Sat At the meeting of the joint convention to-day, 162 Senators and Representatives were present, the other 80 of the 248 being paired and absent. / Only one ballot was taken to-day, the 26th, which resulted as follows: Beaver, 37; Bayne, 49; shall apply to the court, who may appoint Wallace, 51: Ruddiman, Shiras, Phillips, a committee of discovery to ascertain the McGrath and Boker, 1 each-total, 162. facts and with powers to send for papers There is no probability of au election before Wednesday or Thursday next, if then, and who will be elected seems to be

ize the same. as much in doubt as ever-It may be stated, as one of the facts he witnessés. about which there appears to be no dispute, that Mr. Wolfe did all he could to from committing children between the kill off Mr. Grow as a candidate, in order | nges of two and sixteen to the almshouse, to be made Senator himself. This calami- and providing that local charities shall ty, however, it is a satisfaction to know, take charge of same. will not befall the country just yet. ers in coal mines to secure their pay at

Among the new bills introduced in the house, on Monday evening, the 7th inst., were the following: Mr. Bierly, reducing the salaries of the everal State officers, the number of clerks to be employed in the several departments, and I roviding for the incidenwere well received, but Senator Stewart tal expenses of said departments; also, reducing the compensation of members of

the Legislature. The following resolutions were effered: Mr. Peterson, that if the Senate concur the Senators and Representatives in Conrather unreliable, as the Sun has robbed Further, the amendment must direct fore the world. The party owes to itself speeches were made, the tenor of which gress from Pennsylvania he requested to use their utmost endeavors to sustain the amendment to the constitution of the tax. United States providing for the election of the President and Vice President by a direct vote of the people, recently proposonly received eighteen votes. Mr. Wolfe ed in the United States Schate, and to use every effort to secure its ratification by the Legislatures of the several States. Referred to the Committee on Federal

Mr. McCachran, that the committee on judiciary general be requested to inquire it some additional legislation is not resembly of the two houses when called toed States Senator, and if such is found to be the case to report by bill or otherwise. Agreed to

Mr. Lee Thompson, that Pennsylvania Senators and Congressmen be requested to use all honorable means for the pasferred to the Committee on Federal Rela-

A large number of bills were read the first time. neeting of the "regulars," or supporters | stant. Mr. Sill offered a resolution providof Oliver, was being held at the residence ing for the printing of 1,500 additional of Senator Cameron, corner of Front and | copies of the agricultural report for the use of the House.

Will do justice to this deserving class of the Nation's brave and patriotic defend-

olic congregation of Wilkes-Barre, are Bayne and Stone. The name of Bayne the sale of intusicating liquors to manag- March.

STATE NEWS.

-The trial of Ovear Bisenbart, for murder of Patrick O'Brien, was begun at Sunbury on Saturday. -M. Cook Hall, who shot Esua For-

ter in a Pittaburg baguio, is held for murder, the girl having died. -Charles Smith, a violent 1 caped from the insane asylum at Norristown on Thursday evening. -Lewis McCorkle, aged 10, fell into a

esspool at Chester on Saturday and was dead from suffocation when discovered. -John Mease, Sr., living near Mifflin, is insured for more than \$100,000 in a number of companies. He is 85 years

-Storekeepers in the oil regions cities run free excursion trains once a week from the rural sections for the benefit of their customers.

... The Slatington News reports that the

slate trade of that section in 1880 greatly improved over the year previous. The production was over 90,000 squares. -Benjamin Seidel, a resident of Shoe makersville, Berks county, ruptured a blood vessel on Wednesday evening, while coughing, and died almost instantly. -The Reading Railroad bridge over the Loyalsock fell in on Thursday night, owing to the washing out of one of the piers, and the bridge over Lycoming Creek was in danger.

ford on a charge of bigamy, having deserted one wife in Bradford and having another, it is said, in Parker City. He is under \$700 bonds for trial. -About forty tramps in the jail at Lancaster tried to escape about 2 o'clock on Saturday morning. A watchman fired into the crowd, wounding three of them

-Mart Steen is in the lockup at Brad

slightly. Only one escaped. instant, Mr. Jones offered the following -The Scranton agent of a scurrilou publication called The Oul. who proved to be a hotel porter, was arrested and WHEREAS, His Excellency, the Goverlocked up, but has been released on promor, in his message has suggested that in ise of abandoning his dirty business.

-A meeting was held recently in Yardcompleted since William Penn landed at the place where Philadelphia now stands; leyville, Bucks county, at which it was advised that the Deleware River be damitting mauner, and that the city councils med to facilitate industrial enterprises. of Philadelphia and the historical society Resolutions to that effect were adopted of Pennsylvania have already taken steps and ordered to be sent to the Legislature. -Mrs. Mary Jane Moody, of Shrewsbury. York county, aged 61 years has

Resolved, That (if the House of Reprejust died after being tapped 167 times for sentatives concur) a committee of seven Senators and nine members of the House dropsy, and in that time 835 gallons of be appointed to confer with committees water were taken from her. The first appointed by other bodies throughout the State, and that said committee report at operation was performed fourteen years an early day to the present general as-sembly what action should be taken by -Allison Powell, of Jennerville, Ches. the Commonwealth to commemorate such er county, committed suicide by cutting an important event as the first arriva

his throat on Wednesday afternoon of last and residence here of the distinguished week, with a razor, rather than suffer ar-The bill to consolidate the offices of rerest by an officer of the law who visited his residence to serve a warrant for wife ceiver of taxes and collector of delinquent taxes in Philadelphia was passed second beating.

-Incendiaries set fire to Gerz's pottery at Lancaster, on Friday night by putting two-gallon can of coal oil inside and setting fire to it. The building was so much damaged that it will probably have to be torn down. This was about the

To exempt homesteads from levies and sixth attempt to destroy the pottery. To provide for the selection of jurors -On Thursday evening three men went up into the dome of the Capitol at Harriswatchman. Failing to make themselves heard, one of them climbed out over the Making it a misdemeanor for a mine roof of the library, and by means of a scaffold standing by a chimney he got to the ground and hunted up a watchman.

To prevent the game of pool or any The feat was very perilous. other game of chauce being played for vi--The body of Joseph Penrose, 24 years old, who had been missing since Christmas night was disclosed on Saturday by To prohibit the granting of license to the melting snow in the meadow within 100 yards of his father's house, in Goshen township, a mile from West Chester. The young man had been sleighing with his sister, and, leaving her at the liouse, went to the barn to put the horse away, and was never again seen alive, notwithstanding a close and continuous search it is supposed that he was kicked by the horse. and in his bewilderment from the effects

lost his way, fell on his face in the snow, and was surfocated, and next day his body was buried beneath a deep snow.

GENERAL NEWS. -The paper-stock warehouse of M. T. Horner & Co., at Baltimore, was burned Sunday. Loss, \$29,000. -The toy shop of A. B. Ruggles, in Birmingham, Conn., was destroyed by the government alike forbid his adopting fire on Saturday. Loss, \$10,000. -Peter Cooper, the New York philanthropist, on Saturday celebrated the ninetieth anniversary of his birth.

-It is now believed that ex-Governor Miller, of Worthington, Minn., will survive his recent attack of paralysis. -B. Westley Titus, for many years leading merchant of Trenton, N. J., died suddenly Sunday from lieart disease. -The flouring and grist mill of Langridge & Martin, at Muscatine, Iowa,

was burned on Saturday. Loss, \$12,000. n Canada, but only 38,585 remained, the others going through to the United States. -Horation Stenear, of Fort Ann, N. has been arrested on a charge of murdering Mrs Cynthia Sargent, at that place, last September. -The Southern Oil Works at Memphis,

Tenn., were burned Thursday. The loss s about \$200,000: insured in forty comonies for \$125,000. -The Michigan Avenue Baptist Church

night. Loss, \$50,000; The janitor was M. Pinkerton, of Boston, left by his will tor of the Foxborough Times. \$200,000 to the academy in Derry, N. H.,

founded by his grandfather. -At Deckertown, N. V., on Saturday in incendiary fire destroyed the Con block, John B. Decker's dwelling, a tin shop, two barns and four houses. Loss.

\$8000. -Senator Wallace Friday addressed to Senate on his proposed constitutional amendment abolishing the Electoral Colleges, and was listened to with close at-

-John N. Edwards, a telegraph opera

tor at Paris, Tenn., fatally shot James Champion, Thursday, because the latter had made an insulting proposal to his (Edwards') wife. -At Richmond, Va., Friday, Oscar E Perrigo, found guilty of bigamy in mar-

resentatives of our State in Congress be Lake. No cause is known.

—John B. Carrington, proprietor and a perilous position. Twenty-seven editor of the Journal and Courier, died cars containing eight tons each have

Zeitung, and a prominent member of the Potomac river Saturday morning, Descon Skins...

National Guard of the State of New York. shot himself by accident Sunday at his

home, and died in a few minutes. -The schooner John Bright, which left San Francisco in May last for Bonham islands, with nine men aboard, has never since been heard of, and the insurance companies have settled with her OWDERS.

-On Thursday night one portion of the Rock Island Railroad bridge at La Salle, Ill, was swept away by the ice and the high water, making it impossible for ably reach \$100,900, and in Georgetrains to cross. The passengers and bag- town, along the wharves and in the gage were transferred.

-At Waterbury, Conn., Sunday, the button factory of the Scoville Manufacturing Company was destroyed by fire, inuring Company was destroyed by are, in-volving a loss of \$175,000, and throwing 200 hands out of work. Shortly afterward the factors of Maigra & Trott was par-the factors of Maigra & Trott was parthe factory of Meiggs & Trott was partially destroyed, causing a loss of \$12,000. -The linseed oil works of Archibald & Schurmer, at St. Paul, Minn., were destroyed by fire Thursday, the tanks explodng with sufficient force to wreck the Hamilton have been carried away building. John Murt, the superintendent, and a laborer were killed. The loss tially destroyed. s \$20,000.

New York, was Thursday arrested chargd with stealing 300 dozen silk handker-He confessed his guilt.

-At Troy, Ohio, Friday, a hydraulic reservoir burst and the town was inundated, doing much damage. The Tustearas are overflowed, and many families were obliged to leave their homes. -At the Soldiers' Home, near Milwau- country.

kee, Henry McMakin and Samuel Langner, two inmates who have been missing room suffocated by the gas from a coal emained so long undiscovered.

by jumping into a well at Carthage, Mo., on Wednesday. She was a sister of Miss Hogg, of Bloomington, Ill., who committed suicide at Mrs. Nicholls' house some time ago. She had twice before attempted to take her life. Her father also met death at his own hands.

-The entertainment given at Booth's Theatre, New York, Friday, for the purpose of raising funds toward purchasing n'statue of the late Edgar Allan Poe, to be placed in Central Park, near the Museum of Art, was a great success, every that the country is flooded. Great seat being filled and the aisles crowded. damage has been done to lumber. The receipts are estimated at between \$5000 and \$6000.

-A fire at Dennison, Texas, on Wednesday of last week, damaged the wholesale grocery stock of Marx Kulin & Co., to the amount of \$20,000; Louis Goodsell Co., dry goods, \$15,000; J. M. Burson, proprietor of the Herald, \$6500: Sculler Gann, owners of buildings, \$15,000. Scales & Rhea, dentists, and Gerseman & Co., grocers, suffered losses.

-The Book Committee of the Methoist Episcopal Church held its meeting Thursday at New York. The total net assets of the New York and of from 100 to 200 miles from the Cincinnati concerns and their depositories city. The Chicago, Burlington and amounts to \$1,355,068.16. Total sales of Quincy Road attempted to start a books and periodicals amounted to \$1,- train for Chicago last night, with a 576,261.28 during the past year, showing gang of fifty men, to shovel the snow. an increase of \$1,126,128 over the previous

-A dispatch from Wellington, Kan., states that fifteen inches of snow fell pended, and coal dealers say they during Thursday night and the storm continued Friday. The Kansas City, Lawrence and Southern passenger train was stuck in a snow bank during the night, about two miles from Wellington. Two engines were at work all night to extricate it, and a third engine was buried in a snow drift and abandoned Friday morning. The passengers were removed

-The New York Chamber of Commerce Friday received a reply from the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the report of the committee in reference to alleged illegal collection of duties on sugar. The Secretary states that the department i fully aware that sugar is colored for the purpose of deception, and that it must be stopped. His duty and the interests of Congress in joint convention, on the suggestion of the resolution and withdrawing the pending suits.

-James K. McCormick, traveling salesman for Adolph Meyer & Co., of Cincinnati, was shot and instantly killed on Thursday night, at Hustonville, Ky., by reading in full of certificates, that W. I. Moore, Jr., his brother-in-law. Mc- had been abandoned after Alabama Cormick had arrived on the afternoon train, and was heard in the evening quar- manded by Mr. Springer. relling with Moore. He threatened to cut Moore's heart out, and at the same time 8th of December, 1880, the 11 votes put his hand in his pocket and asked if of Georgia were cast for Hancock he was ready. Moore answered "Yes," and English. The Vice President -Last year 85, 856 immigrants arrived and, drawing a revolver, shot McCormick then said : "It appearing from the

-As the steamboat train from Providence over the northern division of the Old Colony Railroad was crossing the New York and New England Railroad-it was struck by a freight train on the latter road. One car of the Old Colony train was wrecked and three passengers were lution under which this count proslightly injured. W. Daniels, the fireman of the freight train was killed. . A misapprehension of signals by the New York votes will change the result of the at Chicago, was burned on Saturday and New England train is said to have election." caused the accident. The injured are Mrs. Aaron Cutler, of Walpole; C. Ful--It is understood that the late John ler, of New Bedford, and Mr. Macy, edi-

FEBRUARY FRESHETS.

The Work of Destruction by the Tur-bulent Streams. The damage at Long Island City

The damage in Monroe, Mich., will Mich., the flood destroyed several still rising. The Flood in New Jersey.

BORDENTOWN, N. J., February 13 .between Trenton and Burlington city are under water. Canal boats are lying on the track on the Trenton As far as the eve can reach the l'ent is not much ice but a heavy body o

The Damage in Washington. WASHINGTON, February 13 .- The

submerging the lower portion of the city for nearly twenty-four hours, has subsided. The damage already to vessels, wharves and property along the river front is variously estimated at from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Most of the wharf owners to-night are of

the opinion that the great danger is yet to come when the immense field of accumulated ice moves past the city. The damage to property and merchandise in that portion of the city which was inundated will probstore house, the damage will probably amount to \$75,000. HUNTINGDON, February 13.—The

flood of the past few days has been peing \$50,000. Two spans of the bridge at Alexandria, Diehl & Co's boom at the mouth of Paystown branch, four road bridges over the branch and the bridge at Newton and the bridge at McVeytown par-

CARBONDALE, Pa., February 13 .--Samuel Traitel, 17 years old, an em. The ice in the Lackawanna is movploye of Solomon Brothers, dealers in gen; ing rapidly and fears of an ice gorge tlemen's furnishing goods, 508 Broadway, in the channel above the city are making the residents uneasy. Should the river continue to rise and the icechiefs from that firm, valued at \$2000. break up through the northern country a great flood is predicted and the residents of the valley are fearful that it will do greater damage than the floods of 1874, when thousands of dollars worth of property was deriver is higher than it has been for thirty stroved and lives were imperiled. years. Thousands of acres of farm lands The streams emptying into the river are being replenished with three feet of melting snow in the surrounding

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 14. The Ohio river at this point is now on a tear. since Monday, were Friday found in their and slowly climbing into houses on the river bank. Marks this moving stove. McMakin is dead and Languer show forty-six feet and the river still will die. It is singular they should have slowly rising. The lower stories of Rat row, Sausage row, and other -Mrs. J. E. Nicholls committed suicide water-front places, are partly submerged and the inhabitants are flocking to higher ground. Very heave ice from above passed down last night, but the stream is so widened that no serious damage was done. Ice from the Allegheny is just begining to pass.

MILFORD, Pa., February 13. The rain storm has ceased. The Delaware river is falling slowly and the ice is moving out rapidly. It is reported that a small gorge has formed t Bushville, below this place, and hay, fences and movable property. The loss by the flood is fully \$50.000. Rowland, Pa, Feb. 14.—The bridge crossing the Lackawaxen iver was carried away yesterday.

 \mathbf{Loss} \$10.000. COUNCIL BLUFFS, February 13 -The severe snow storm of Friday and Saturday has completely isolated this city from the outside world, no trains having arrived or departed since Friday night, and all travel has been abandoned. Trains which lete bound all day yesterday at a distance None of the delayed trains were expected until this afternoon or Monday. Other business, is almost sus-

have not a ton of coal on hand. St. PAUL, February 13 -The new blizzard has aggravated the snow blockade that has prevailed in Southern Minnesota for the past two week-On the Sioux City Road the snow is four feet deep on a level, and the drifts in some places are higher than the telegraph poles. Great efforts have been made to break the blockade. 'A train at Mountain Lake has been blocked for ten days. Other

----THE ELECTOBAL COUNT. The votes for President and Vice

roads are almost as badiy off.

President of the United States were officially counted by both Houses of Wednesday of last week! The convention assembled at noon in the House, the Vice President occupying the Speaker's chair. One after another the certificates were opened and counted until the vote of Georgia was reached. The

and Arkansas were counted, was'de-The certificate shows that on the certificate just read that the vote of the State of Georgia was east on a day other than that fixed for casting such votes by act of Congress, in pursuance of the Constitution of the United States, the result of this certificate will not be recorded, until in the language of the concurrent reso-

ceeds, it will appear whether the

counting or omitting to count such

After this the votes of the States vere counted in regular order. The result showed 214 votes for Garfield and Arthur and 155 for Hancock and English, counting the vote of Georgia, and 144 not counting said vote. Mr. Thurman in making the report of the tellers said that it was immaterial whether the vote of Georgia was counted or not

as in either case James A. Garfield has received a majority of the votes of the whole number of electors ap-Chester A. Arthur. The result was which the joint convention adjourned. The whole session lasted but one hour and a half. TOWANDA MARKETS.

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The resolution passed unanimously. Cussewago. -Charles Rowell and Henry Vaughan, at New Haven, Conn., Friday, of erysipe. | been placed on it to hold it in posi the pedestrians, and two attendants, with las. He established that paper, and was tion. The water is at the axles of

condition. He said he would at once go | -General Herman Uhl, formerly busi

amounts to several hundred thousand reach \$100,000. In Port Deposit, pointed. The same was true for houses; at last report the water was received with loud applause, after

The freshet has done considerable damage here. The railroad tracks rying a lady at Richmond when he had road. All the small buildings near already two wives, was sentenced to five the Delaware and Raritan canal locks are partly under water. The old -Miss Ann Reed, a medical student of | Camden and Amboy shops are inun-Ann Arbor University, Michigan, com- dated. The steam forge of McPhermitted suicide on Thursday night by son, Willard & Co., near here has drowning herself in an inlet of Orton had its fires put out by the floods. -On Thursday the storehouse of the sylvania shore is inundated. There curing the passage of such legislation as Stark Paper Company, at State Line, water is running. Since midnigh Bennington, Vt., was burned. Loss, \$10,- the water has been on the railroad 000; no insurance. Most of the contents bridge. On the main line between were finished paper ready for shipment. here and New York the bridge is in