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#### DIED.

RURGIN—On the 23d instant, Ann Burgin, in the 76th year ofher age.

Friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral from the residence of her nephew. Jos. Burgin, Third street, above Cooper, Camden, on Thursday, 28th instant, at 2 o'clock.

CARPENTER—On the morning of the 28th inst., Wm. S. Carpenter, Jr., son of Martha and the late Wm. C. Carpenter, and grandson of Wm. S. Carpenter, aged 18 months. C. Carpenter, and grandson of win, S. Carpenter, and 18 months.

COOPER—On the 18th of Dec., of apoplexy, James Cooper, Jr., son of the late Gen. James Cooper.

DICKEY—On the morning of the 2rth instant, Elizabeth, widow of the late John Dickey. Due notice of the funeral will be given.

FORD—On the morning of the 25th instant, of congestion of the brain, Laura C. only child of Philip and Henrietta Ford, in the 6th year of her age.

Funeral on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her parents, No. 38 North Nineteenth street.

HARRIS—This morning, at 230 o'clock, from the effects of a full received on Monday, 25th, William Harris, in the 64th year of his age. Doe notice of the funeral wil be given.

HILL—Fell asleep in Jesus, on the 24th Instant, Jennie J., only child of Charles and Martha Hill, aged Jennie J., only child of Charles and Markus Hill, ages if years and I month.

The relatives and friends of the family, also the scholars of the Sabbath school of St. Juhn's M. E. Church, are affectionately invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 1488 North Second street, on Thursday, the 28th instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M. services at the St. John's M. E. Church. Third, above Benver street. Interment at Laurel Hill.

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HOPKINS-On the evening of the 24th instant HOPKINS—On the evening of the family, are respectfully invited to attend the fameral from her late redence, No 1618 Arch street, on Fifth day, the 2sth instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M., without further notice, Interment at South Lauriel Hill.

LYBRAND—On the 24th instant, Mrs. Isabella W. relict of the late Rev. Joseph Lybrand, of the M. E. Church.

Church.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to
the funeral from her late residence, No. 1310 attend the funeral from her late residence. No. 1216 North Eleventh street, on Thursday morning 28th instant, at 10 o'clock. Interment at Ronaldson's Cemetery.

ROBERTS—On the morning of the 27th instant William Cole Fife, son of Wm. H. H. and Martha F. Roberts, aged 5 months and 2 days.

SAUN DERS—Macpherson Saunders, on the 25th instant, (having been thrown from a carriage.) in the

Ash year of his age.

His friends and those of the family are invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 543 York avenue, on Fixth day, 29th instant, at 10 o'clock. A. M., Interment at South Lawer Hill.

SHOWELL—On the 15th instant, at St. Martin's, Worcester county, Md., William Showell, Sr., aged 76.

Van Bell.—Suddenly, on the 2sth instant, Harman Van Bell.—Suddenly, on the 2sth instant, Harman Van Bell, Esq., in the 5th years of his age.

The relatives and male friends of the family, Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186, A. Y. M., and the Order in general, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, 521 Franklin street, on Friday morning, the 29th instant, at 10 o'clock,

MELODEON, Plano and Table Cloths, richly em-broidered, a new lot just received for Christmas Presents. EYRE & LANDELL, Fourth and Arch sts MERRIMAC FAST COLORED PRINTS.—Full as-prising all the new patterns. EYRE & LANDELL.

### SPECIAL NOTICES. THE SKETCH CLUB,

## PRIZE EXHIBITION.

OPEN DAILY

At the Academy of Fine Arts. With 350 new Works by all the great American Artists. SCULPTURE, PAINTING & DESIGN

UNION M. E. CHURCH.—Organ Concer-postponed until sometime in January, of which due notice will be given. HOWARD HOSPITAL, Nos. 1518 and 1520 ombard street, Dispensary Department, Med ment and medicines furnished gratuitously

NOTICE TO LOAN HOLDERS—City Loans
Maturing January 1st, 1868, will be paid on and
after January 2d, 1866.

HENRY BUMM,
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City Treasurer. dez7-312

NOTICE—The Annual Meeting of the Penics sylvania Petroleum Company will be held on TUESLAY, Jannary 5th, at 12 o'clock M., at the office of the Company, No. 225 South Third street.

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F. W. NEWBOLD, Secretary. de27 186,9.31\*

F. W. NEW BOLLE, SCHEEN,

ATLANTIC PETROLEUM STORAGE COMThe annual meeting of the Stockholders and an election for officers of this Company will be held on MONDAY, January 8th, 1886, at 3 o'clock P. M.

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ELIHU ROBERTS, Sec'y.

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KENSINGTON SOUP SOCIETY.—A meeting of the Courributers to this Institution will be held on THURSDAY EVENING, December 23, at 7% o'clock, at the Soup House, 247. Allen street below Mariborough, to elect Officers and Managers for the ensuing year.

CHARLES M. LUKENS.

MASONIO NOTICE—The Officers and Members of EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 186, A.Y. M., and the Order generally, are fraternally requested to meet at the Hall, Chestnut street, on FRIDAY MORNING next, at 10 A.M., to attend the funeral of their deceased Brother HARMAN VAN BELL.

"By order of the W. M." their deceased Brotner their deceased Brotner

GEO. P. LITTLE, SECRETARY.

SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA, FRANKFORD, Dec. 27, 1865.
The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank
for the election of Directors will be held at the banking
house on TUESDAY, January 9th, 1888, between the WILLIAM H. RHAWN,

OFFICE OF THE ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY, PITTSBURGH, Dec. \*\*22. 1865.

The coupons due 1st proximo on the first mortgage bonds of this company, held in Philadelphia, will be paid on presentation at the office of TOWNSEND, WHELEN & CO., No. 309 WALNUT street, on and cafter January 2d, 1866.

JOHN BALLANTINE

JOHN BALLANTINE. de27,t,ja32 OFFICE OF THE LEHIGH COAL AND
NAVIGATION COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA,

December 21st, 1885.

ICOAN FOR SALE.

IN SUMS TO SUIT PURCHASERS.

The Loan of this Company, due April 1st, 1884, interest payable quarterly, at the rate of six per cent. per sannum: annum.

This Loan is secured by a mortgage on all the Company's Coal Lands, Canals, and Slackwater Navigation in the Lebigh river, and all their Railroads, constructed and to be constructed, between Mauch Chunk and Wilkesbarre, and branch roads connected therewith, and the franchise of the Company relating thereto.

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Apply to SOLOMON SHEPHERD, Treasurer, de21-rptf?

122 South Second street. OFFICE OF THE GREAT WESTERN OIL COMPANY, NO. 414 Walaut street. Philadel-COMPANY, No. 414 Wainut street. PHILADEL-PHIA. Dec. 21st, 1865.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given, that a Special Meeting of the Stockholders of "The Great Western Oil Company," will be held at the office of the Company. No. 414 Wainut street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, the 18th day of January, 1866, at 20 clock, P. M., at which a proposition will be sabmitted to reduce the Capital Stock of the said Company from five Jundred thousand dollars (1500,000) to one hundred and lifty thousand dollars (1500,000).

[Signed] OHARLES WISE, P. J. HOFFMAN, Directors, C. O. O. C. O. CHLIDS.

OFFICE OF THE WATSON PETROLEUM
COMPANY, No. 414 Walnut street. PHILADEL-B—S COMPANY, No. 414 Wainut street. PHILADEL PHIA, Dec. 21st, 1857.
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SPECIAL MOTICE—Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Stockholders of the "Watson Petroleum Company," will be held at the office of the Company, No. 414 Wainut street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, the 15th day of January, 1866, at two o'clock. P. M., at which a proposition will be submitted to reduce the Capita Stock of the said Company from five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).

JONATHAN WATSON, Directors. OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER—PHI-LADELPHIA, Dec 27, 1855.
As the Banks wil be closed on the first of January, 1866. the interest on City Loans will be paid on and after January 2d, 1866. HENBY BUMM. City Treasur

The Exhibition at the Academy of Fine Arts.

NORTH GALLERY. The prominent feature is the large painting by Mr. Glew, entitled "Donnybrook Fair." We cannot think that this picture, though painted with facility and humor, deserves the important position claimed for it. Stripped of its color, (which is so impudently bad that the piece does not deserve to be called a painting at all,) the picture is

merely a design in the manner of the Illustrated News, a pell-mell of rather spirited sketches, without any desire for pictorial quality. We have a vast crowd of people and incidents, booths, games, tumblers, bumpkins, rogues and cockneys, all sharply individualized, but hit with such a profuse and untrained brush that we would gladly exchange them all for a single figure painted with gravity and conscience. To these Hogarthian situations one should

bring a little of the industry of Hogarth.

To the right of it hangs the only landscape by Bierstadt in the collection. It is one of his many tributes to the glory of the Rocky Mountains. The longsierra notched against a pale sky in peaks of snow, stretches across the middle of the scene. One preeminent mountain in the centre is cloven into the likeness of a crown, enamelled with blinding snow, and girt with the sun. From its base the land descends in one green table after another to the foreground, where reposes a lake occupied by drinking deer in various attitudes of shyness and attention; and shaded by the immemorial trees of the Southwest. It is only right for a painter to repeat over and over again this poetical landscape, so new to all the world where the country lies in immense staircases; each mesa, that "from level meadowbases of deep grass, suddenly scales the light," floating back, flat as a shelf, to the base of the next platform, and so on in indefinite repetition. This abrupt accentuation is characteristic of Oregon and California, and there is no more impressive landscape-

To the left is a picture by D. C. Fabronius of a girl seated by a shaded light, in which, by a clever trick, the illusion of candle light is made startlingly real. NORTHWEST GALLERY

motive in the world.

No. 153, "Forest of Fontainbleau," by J. E. Galvan. A picture wrought out to a great degree of finish, representing a solitary path in the woods. From the loss of proportion here and there, we are forced to infer that all this elaboration took place in the studio, rather than in the place depicted.

[Another landscape composition (not quite finished at the opening of the exhibition) is now in Mr. Galvan's studio, on Walnut street. It is also a forest scene: but differs from this in embracing a number of figures. In the foreground a little girl with a basket is resting on a mossy seat, with a dog anxiously awaiting his share of the basket's contents; beyond, a yoke of oxen hitched to a log, are also at rest, while the driver refreshes himself from a suspicious-looking bottle. A black teamster looks on with personal interest at this latter operation—forming, perhaps, a sort of pendant to the child's canine satellite. The picture possesses a happy choice of subject, and has evidently been painted in an earnest and appreciative

spirit. No. 154. Allegorical composition by J. C. De Vries. This is the only bit of burlesque art in the collection, and is the largest and most elaborate caricature we ever saw. It is an irresistible take-off upon the dreary court allegories with which painters of a century or two back were fond of smearing palace walls and exhausting the patience of beholders. This picture reduces all that class of mooning bores to absurdity. It has treated us to many happy moments. Some placid and rather pious-looking females (it was a neat joke to place the heads of Davis and the rebels upon some of these figures,) are pressing towards an inviting grotto at the left, looking round as they dance away to invite a drunken Mars, who limps after as quickly as he can. Our national fowl, in an attitude of profound dejection, looks after the party, profoundly believing that they will be too many for their solitary beau; to relieve whose embarrassment, perhaps, Mercury stands handy with a gunny bag full of nickels. Great use is made throughout the composition of the now historical petticoats of Jefferson Davis; but though we love a pleasantry we must denounce the freedom of robing the forms of our sincerely mourned Mr. Lincoln and hardly-recovered State Secretary in those habiliments of shame. We should, even in our pleasures, imitate the convict and "remember what's due." Apart from this, the witticism is de-

lightful. No. 170. "Oberon ond Titania," by Geo. F. Bensell. This is an ample sylvan scene, crowded with figures of fairies, two of whom in the centre wear crowns, and are arranging a reconciliation, to which the rest pay no attention. The forms of the small people are usually drawn with fancy and taste. No. 183. "Columbus at the Court of Spain," by E. Leutze. It is a treat to have this valuable picture exhumed and brought once more before the public as a testimony to abilities once possessed and now apparently forgotten by the artist. No recent work would do him half the justice. It is a most elaborate and ingenious composition, covered with study and research, and though somewhat hard and Germanesque in manner, an admirable lesson on the whole to young American historical painters. The group immediately around the throne, including the eager Queen, Ferdinand, smiling a false smile, and the melo?) dramatic Colum bus, all imbedded in a mass of varied and gorgeous drapery, is one of the best examples of the art ever achieved by Leutze.

No. 204. "Dead Girl," by Miss Davis. A morbidly careful treatment of a revolting subject. It is not within the domain of the Beautiful Arts.

No. 212. "Hollyhocks," by Louis Rondel. A richly painted picture, of a singular oblong shape, accommodating, at full length the handsome plant which names it. No. 237. "Farmer's Daughter," by E. B. Bensell. A pretty little girl, with difficulty

clasping a huge wooden tray, coming out among her chickens and turkeys, and appearing to meet their views. The picture indicates a very pure and tasteful fancy. Nos. 148, 149, 241 and 242, portraits by Geo. Linen, on miniature scale, painted with considerable care and finish,

#### [Correspondence of the Evening Bulletin.] Letter from Erie.

ERIE, Dec. 23d, 1865.—Since the passage o the bill by the Pennsylvania Legislature, authorizing the construction of a line of railroad from Erie to Philadelphia, great expectations have been entertained in regard to this place. Many indulged the hope that it would outstrip both Buffalo and Cleveland, and speedily become one of the largest cities upon the chain of Northern lakes. Real estate, in the way of lots, consequently advanced to a high rate, and sober sensible citizens fondly imagined themselves transferred from a condition of comparative poverty to abundant wealth. But the confidently-cherished anticipations of rapid growth were not realized. The important thoroughfare for which a charter had been granted, lingered in the bands of those who granted, impered in the names of those who assumed to build it, and finally seemed to die a "natural death." The boasted harbor advantages of Presque Isle—advantages unequivocally asserted by government engineers, and freely admitted by all lake sailors—failed to confer the desired benefits, and Frig apprecial destined to be bestered. and Eric appeared destined to no higher position than that respectfully acceded to her by rival places as the "Sleepy Borough."

But a marvelous change has taken place —a change resulting to a considerable ex-tent from the discovery of vast wells of oil in neighboring counties, the trade incident thereto finding at this point one of its principal inlets and outlets. The final completion of the Philadelphia and Erie and Erie and Pittsburgh Railroads, proved material aid in the now witnessed development, espe-cially as they have served to furnish necessary means of transit; but the present state of prosperity is chiefly derived from local resources and local advantages, added to the newly-inspired energy and enterprise of the citizens. The population has suddenly increased from 8,000 to 15,000; new buildings have gone up, as it were by magic; extensive manufactories have been erected and put in successful operation; mercantile houses have been opened which, in taste, elegance and variety, compare favorably with similar establishments in Eastern cities, and a spirit of activity and zeal con-

stitutes the distinguishing characteristic of business circles. The most important of the improvements in progress is the "Reed House,"—a hotel going up on the site of the old one of the same name, destroyed by fire in the spring of 1864. It is a monstrous structure, occupying 165 feet square and being four-stories high. It is also a creditable specimen of architecture, or rather promis men of architecture, or rather promises to be, when completed—entitling both the enterprising proprietor, Gen. C. M. Reed, and the accomplished builder, John Hills, to much praise. It is designed to entrust its

management only to a man of first-class reputation as a hotel keeper. Its cost, exclusive of furniture, will be about \$185,000.

A direct line of railroad from Erie to the oil region is projected, and will probably be built at an early day. Indeed the citizens would be derelict to their local interests if they failed to extend thereto adequate encouragement and support. The present means of transit fall far short of the imperative demands of established trade, and therefore I shall be disappointed if the opcortunity presented for improvement J. B. G. his respect is disregarded.

### Facts and Fancies. The late Mr. Thackeray had a nose of s

most peculiar shape, as may be seen by his portrait. The bridge was very low, and the ostrils extremely well developed. On one occasion, at a party where Douglas Jerrold was present, it was mentioned that Mr. Thackeray's religious opinions were unsettled, and that a lady of his acquaintance was doing her best to convert him to Romanism. "To Romanism?" exclaimed Jerrold. "Let

us hope she'll begin with his nose! They manage things funnily in California -military funerals for instance. After burying the deceased the band comes back and serenades the widow.

The most difficult operations in the practice of surgery is said to be "taking the jaw out of a woman." The fellow who said that must be an old bachelor, of the large blue sort.

A secesh female publishes a pathetic address to the "Jacket in Grey" in the Louisville Courier, beginning: Fold it up carefully, lay it aside: Tendery touch it, look on it with pride— For dear must it be to our hearts evermore, The jacket of grey our lov'd soldiers w. re.

It certainly was the dearest suit of clothes ever worn by mortal man. "Mrs. C. A. Ball" (which spells cabal, by the way) won't get her jackets folded up before they were

evening, to sing "The Three Fishers," but he excused himself because he hadn't run over his scales lately. Mr. Styles, Internal Revenue Collector for Prince William county, Va., has been indicted by the grand jury of that county,

A friend of ours was asked, the other

for alleged mule stealing. He claims the right tosteal mules, as a Government Ass-:880r. The latest fashion in Paris is for ladies to be accompanied, in the drive or promenade, by immense dogs. It is an old fashion here, only we do not usually call them dogs. We

use a synonym. Maximilian, of Mexico, has written to Paris, requesting that the statues of the Theatre Français may be forwarded to him, with a view to applying them to the organization of a great theatre in his capital. It would have been judicious to have imported a pair of wings from the same establish-

ment. He will want them soon.

A contemporary says: "It is funny to see a young lady with both hands in soft dough nd a mosquito on the end of her nose. Not at all—if she kneads it.

Anybody can tell you about the daily rate of gold, but who, now that the Evening Ex-change is closed, can tell about the nitrate of silver? The Chicage Republican said that. It is a curious fact that the rebel soldiers were discharged on parole, and the Union soldiers on pay-rolls.

THE FENIAN FEUD.

Further Developments---Another Letter Indorsing the Senate---The Approaching Congress--Stephens Probably Not Coming to this Country.

[From to-day's N. Y. Tribune.] The troubles in the Fenian camp will eviand the troubles in the Fenian camp will evidently culminate in a few days and come to a conclusion, much in the manner of a large bubble, which expands and bursts. And yet it is still difficult to safely conjecture whether the final victory will perch on the banner of the O'Mahony or take up a final abode in the halls of the Fenian Senate.

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But though the atmosphere of the controversy continues to remain decidedly murky versy continues to remain decidedly murky the adherents of both factions are confident that very shortly there will be a general clearing up. What the dispersion of the angry clouds will reveal it is difficult to determine. It may disclose merely the calm blue sky of the peace-loving Mahony, or an unmistakable thunderstorm may reform in the shape of the triumphant was rejoining the shape of the triumphant war principles of the Senatorial policy. We can only hope that the change will be of a positive character, whether of sun or storm, so that the distracting dissensions may at last terminate and some harmonious action be pursued with respect to Ireland, Canada, or what-ever other portion of the globe may occupy

the consideration of the Brotherhood. The Fenian Senate are not at present in session, and probably will not meet again for several weeks. In the meantime, however, the Executive headquarters at the Jones House continue to present a scene of active business.

Letters continue to be received by the officials, strongly indorsing the course of the Senate in deposing O'Mahony, and recognizing Col. Roberts as the real head of the Brotherhood in this country. One of these letters we give below, as it is the first that has been received from the quarter whose Fenian sentiment it pretends to represent. TUCKAHO CIRCLE F. B., DISTRICT OF TUCKAHO CIRCLE F. B., DISTRICT OF MANIATTAN, Dec. 23, 1895.—(3)1. W. R. Roberts, President, F. B.—SIR:—At the last regular meeting of this Circle, held on Friday, the 22d inst., Matthew Horan, Centre elect, in the Chair, it was

Resolved, That we will, to a man, support the Constitution of the F. B., as revised and adopted by the Philadelphia Congress:

Resolved, That we will be untiring in our efforts as a Circle to aid and assist the Secretary of War toward the carrying out of his

Resolved, That we abide by the recent action of the Senate in deposing Col. J.
O'Mahony, and pledge ourselves to work
with renewed vigor, as true Fenians and
lovers of liberty.

MARTIN HORAN, Centre Elect.

John K. Reilly, Secretary. Your address, etc., to the F. B., with copy of Constitution inclosed, has been received by this Circle, with the assurance that you will hear from us at the end of the month in the form of dollars and cents, to be donated for the prompt action of your administra-tion, which has so far characterized it. I remain your devoted adherent in fraternity,

JOHN K. REILLY, Secretary Tuckahoe Circle F. B. It will be seen from the above that the Senate and President Roberts have, at least, the unbounded confidence of their Fenian correspondents.

It is reported by some of the Fenian members that there may shortly occur even another presidential change, from the fact that Col. Roberts is weary of the heavy responsibilities which his position as president of the Fenian Brotherhood in America causes him to labor under, and owing to the fact that his private business has suffered materially during the time which his public duties have occupied.

We do not know how true these reports may be, but we are certain of one thing at least. If such a change shall be effected it will be only through the repeated requests of President Roberts himself. It is even doubtful that he could persuade his brethren to permit him to relinquish an office which he has thus far filled with such marked ability and such an earnest, nervous desire that something more than talking and circle forming should be done toward carrying out the objects of the common Brotherhood

In this respect there is a striking contrast between Roberts and ()'Mahony.
The latter moves with an air of mystery, and believes in the efficacy of intrigue.
Roberts prefers to do everything above board, and believes that more can be ac-

complished by sturdy action than subtle heming. O'Mahony seeks to elevate himself above the rank and file of his brethren, whom he would apparently have to blindly follow

his lead, with absolute trust in his chieftainship. Roberts, on the other hand, wishes the humblest, the most unreasoning of his brethren to comprehend, in their fullest meaning, the designs of the leaders, and would sooner lead them as a beloved pub-

These excellent qualities have greatly enhanced President Robert's popularity and his genial presence and unassuming address have also served to endear him to all.

lic servant than as a blindly trusted dic-

It is, therefore, most likely that the Fenian Senate and the Fenian Brotherhood would not listen to any proposals for his resigna-tion. Deprived of his strong sense and executive ability for their guidance, the chances of the Senate, in the fight with O'Mahony would be of a very uncertain character. For even the foes of O'Mahony generally accord to that magnate the possession of considerable long-headednes bined with fair executive ability; and, as the present controversy is of a diplomatic nature, with pen and ink and mental shrewdness for weapons, the intrigue-loving, mysterious working Dictator of the Seventeenth street Headquarters would be as much in his element as a fish in water, while the blunt faction of the Jones House would be liable to flounder about like a stranded

As the case now stands—as near as we can make out, the O'Mahony "Convention," called to meet in this city on the 2d prox., will tell the tale of that chieftain's real

It is true this "Convention" will be composed almost entirely of O'Mahony's friends. But how large will it be? If the demonstration be a small, feeble affair, the members composing it may be discouraged at their own paucity and feebleness, and go in a body to the side of the Senate, or become so weakened by desertions as to be entitled to no consideration in the future. If, on the

other hand, the Convention proves to be a grand gathering of determined, earnest men, strong in their attachment to O'-Mahony, and sincere that they have espoused the side of justice, he may be enabled to prove Roberts an usurper, and gain a decided victory over his opponent.

The "Convention" from the Senate standpoint is simply nothing at all. They contend that the constitution, as amended, makes no provision for the calling together of a Conprovision for the calling together of a convention under any circumstances. It simply provides for a Congress, to be composed of a Senate and a House of Delegates. As the Senate will have no participation in the coming gathering, of course that convocation will not be a Congress; and, as such a thing as a "Convention" is unconstitutional. thing as a "Convention" is unconstitutional of course—according to the Senate—any action of anybody on the 2d of January will

have no weight nor value whatever. Rumors regarding Stephens continue to e far more numerous than trustworthy. It is, however, at present the opinion of those who would appear to be best informed, that Stephens has relinquished the idea of coming to America, if he ever entertained such an intention. They say that Stephens is "all right," and that he will be enabled to accomplish more good where he is (wherever thas may be) than in this country; but hey are also confident that his opinion of the dissensions in America will soon be received, and that it will operate powerfully

toward restoring harmony.

A Senator for the Congress—Very Grave Charges Against the Senate and President Roberts.

WORCESTER Mass., Tuesday, December 26, 1865.—P. A. Sinnott, President of the Fenian Brotherhood dealers before 1865. Fenian Brotherhood, declares himself for a Congress. He alleges that the Senators who impeached the President were under arrest five days previous to their act of impeachment; that Roberts has been guilty of alsehood and malfeasance; that Meehan must clear himself of a direct charge of complicity with the English Government, and that every extravagance committed has been by the contract of the Senate. Genral Sweeny appears in a new light pecuniarily.

Fires in New York-Loss Over \$69,000

From To-day's N. Y. Herald. Between eight and nine o'clock on Tuesy morning a tire broke out in the cellar of building No. 188 Pearl street. From a tatement made by the porter to Assistant ire Marshal H. O. Baker, it appears that opened the cellar door from the outside, and while engaged in putting on his overalls he saw a light at the back part of the cellar. on going to see what it was he saw a small blaze between the turpentine barrels, and apparently on the floor. He tried to extin guish the fire by removing some of the barrels, but the heat and smoke soon became so strong that he was compelled to leave. On reaching the street he immediately gave the alarm of fire. He cannot account for the fire, and says no one had been in the cellar since Saturday, when he locked it up, and has had the key in his pocket ever since.

Owing to the combustible character of the goods in the cellar, consisting of one hun-

dred barrels of turpentine and a quantity of rosin, the flames spread rapidly and defied all efforts of the firemento extinguish them. The flames spread up the rear staircase and soon reached a quantity of cotton stored on the third and fourth floors. In about half an hour after the fire was discovered a ter-rible explosion took place, supposed to have been caused by the bursting of the turpentine barrels. The window sashes and glass, and bricks and pieces of broken stones, were scattered into and across the street. severely cutting the faces and otherwise injuring several persons. Fortunately, however, no one was dangerously hurt. The firemen worked well and succeeded in preventing the spread of the fire to the adjoining buildings. Commissioner Pinckney aud Brown were on hand and in their new uniform. They rendered the Chief Engineer and his assistants such aid as was required. The character of the burning material made the extinguishment of the fire very difficult. Several steamers were at work all day, and up to the time of our going to press were still at work; but the further spread of the

fire was checked soon after it broke out. The basement, where the fire started, and the second, third and fourth floors, were occupied by C. B. Dibble, commission mer-chant. Mr. Dibble estimates his loss at about \$40,000. He is insured for \$35,000. The first floor was occupied by Henry Clucas, dealer in cordage and twine. His loss will be about \$10,000; insured for \$12,000, in the Brevoort, International, New England, and another insurance company.
The building is owned by the Lorillard estate. It is damaged about \$5,000, and is

insured in the Lorillord and Knickerbocker Insurance companies.

Some slight damage was done to the stock of M. P. Brown, dealer in beds, at 186, and also to the stock of M. Marcus & Co., in the same building, dealer in glue, varnishes, &c., all of which is insured. Yerance & McMahon's restaurant, No, 190, is damaged

considerably, and many of the neighboring cellars filled with water. About twelve o'clock there was a fire re-Exchange place, under a stairway. Several steamers were ordered away by the Chief Engineer; but on their arriving in Exchange place the fire was found to have been extin-guished by the police and citizens. No damage of any account was done to the premises. The police of the First precinct, under Captain Warlow and Sergeant Cherry, aided by a force from the Second precinct, under Sergeant Hutchison, ren-

Internal Revenue from the Piano Trade. The records of the Internal Revenue Bureau contain chapter after chapter of attractive facts showing how unexampled is the prosperity of the industrial interest of the country at the present time. An instance going to show the increase in the demand for costly articles of luxury is afforded by the Assessors' returns of pianoforte sales made by the famous firm of Steinway & Sons during the month of November, 1865.

The records demonstrate that this house alone paid for the period named a tax of six per cent. on the sum of \$110,196 87, that amount being the proceeds fron the sale of 203 instruments, of which 28 belonged to the expensive class known as grand planofortes. Among these latter was an immense concert grand, expressly ordered by the celebrated European pianist, Herr Alexander Dreyschock—the court pianist to the Czar of all the Russias.

The amount of tax collected was \$6,611 82.

This indicates an annual sale of one and a quarter million dollars' worth of pianos, on which the revenue amounts to over \$75,000. The history of piano manufacture, the world over, shows no parallel to this such a prosperous rate, it is not only im-probable that the present members of the firm may live to turn out their hundred thousandth plano, for the production of 2,500 instruments a year counts up very

Among the purchasers of Steinway Grands

last month were Admiral Dahlgren, Mr. Harlan, Secretary of the Interior, and General Stephen Van Rensselaer, the "Patroon" of Albany. Eight instruments were shipped to Europe.—N. Y. World.

BIOTING AT ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Four Whites and Six Negroes Killed ---A Number Wounded --- Disturbances at Washington.

[Correspondence of the New York Tribune.] Washington, Tuesday, Dec. 26.— The City of Alexandria, Va., yesterday was the scene of rapine and murder, the result of bad whisky and traditional and diabolical hatred of the received. of the negro.

The reports this afternoon relative to the affair are conflicting as regards the number murdered, but from the most trustworthy information it is inferred that at least six information it is interred that at least six negroes were brutally killed by the rioters, whose wholesale assaults were entirely unprovoked. So great was the mob of drunken chivalry that the police and military were powerless to stem their devilish work of death, and until long after nightfall they held high carnival to the torrest the more state. high carnival to the terror of the more res-

ectable inhabitants of the town. This city was also the scene of a large number of acts of violence against unoffending colored men and women, who were brutally assaulted by drunken white brutes who thus far have been permitted to go un-whipped of justice—even such as is dispensed to negro-haters by the magistrates of Washington.

A Horrible Murder.

[From the Detroit Tribune, Dec. 20th]
A terrible murder was committed in the lumber camp of Charles McBride, on Pineriver, Midland county, Mich., last week, the details of which are most shockingly are looked for the county as man employed in cruel. John Conart, a man employed in the above camp, was found dead and fear-fully mangled, under the roots of a tree, having been murdered by a man employed in the same camp, whose name is Camden. The details are substantially as follows—About a year and a half ago, Conart made the acquaintance of Camden's sister, whose parents are Candiens and highlands. parents are Canadians, and highly respectabel, and, on promising to marry her, succeeded in seducing her, after which he left for parts unknown. About six months since, her brother, who has been a soldier in the United States service, returned home, and, learning his sister's disgrace, vowed vengeance on its author, who, by the way, he had never seen. Accordingly he started in quest of the object of his vengeance, and succeeded in tracking him to Saginaw, where he learned that a company of where he learned that a company Canadians had just gone to the woods, employed by Mr. McBride, a Canadian lumberman. He then started for the lumberman. He then started for the place and soon learned the location of Mc-Bride's camp, where he found the object of his search, whom he knew from description and then feigned want of work and easily hired out for the winter, and went to work with Conart for his partner. Matters progressed thus for a time, till one afternoon Conart and Camden were sent to cut timber some distance north of the shanty, Camden came up at night as usual, but not his companion, who he said, had gone to a lumber shanty a short distance across the woods and would not return before 9 or 10 o'clock. After supper Camden went from the shanty unnoticed. Being missed in the morning, and Conart not having returned, suspicion became aroused, when two men were sent to where the two had worked the day before. There they found traces of blood, and, in ooking around they discovered an upturned tree, which had been cut off and let back to its former bed, and on digging under this they found the remains of the missing man, they found the remains of the missing man, the head being horribly mutilated as if done with an axe. Camden was immediately pursued, but as yet not the slightest trace of im has been discovered. The above ticulars of his sister's wrongs, and the object of his search, Camden related to a man of whom he inquired the way to McBride's camp.

Bishop Rosecraps Shot at and Slightly Wounded. On Saturday evening last Bishop Rosecrans left the Cathedral about 9 o'clock, for the purpose of going to his home at the Catholic Seminary, near Sedamsville. He had left orders with his servant to have his carriage at the Cathedral at 10 o'clock, but being ready to go home before that time, concluded to walk. Just after having passed the track of the O. and M. Railroad, on the Sedamsville pike, he was accosted by two men, who demanded his money. He made no reply, but hastened his pace into a run, one of the men then drew a pistol and fired at him, the ball taking effect in the left leg, just above the knee. Even this did not stop the Bishop, who succeeded in making good his escape. The wound, upon exami-nation, proved to be merely one of the flesh, and, although painful, is by no means serious. No clue has yet been obtained to the perpetrators of the outrage. - Cincinnati

THE Reading Railroad Company, it is stated, contemplate placing four tracks on their road—two for passengers and two for freight. They have now three tracks over it good position of the road. The company have recently made valvable purchases of property at Bridgeport, opposite Norristown, at Conshohocken, Pottstown, and other way stations, with the intention of erecting large passenger and freight depots at the points. Very heavy purchases of real estate have been made in Reading, and the erection of very extensive shops is now in progress and in part completed. When all the shops are completed they will extend a full mile in length.

THE President has, through the Secretary of State, relieved Judge Sharkey of his trust of Provisional Governor of Mississippi, and recognized his duly elected successor, in the person of Judge Humphreys. The letters addressed to them are similar to those written to the Provisional Governors and Governors of the other Southern States, remitting to the constituted authorities chosen by the people the care and conduct of their proper affairs. Texas and Florida are the only States now remaining to be relieved of their Provisional Governors.

## AMUSEMENTS.

Our advertising columns give full notices of holiday amusements. At the Chestnut to-night "The Sleeping Beauty" will be the attraction. At the Walnut "Faus: and Marguerite" and "Brother Sam." with Roberts and Marguerite" and "Brother Sam," with Roberts and Barton Hill in the main parts will be given. At the Arch "Lost in London" will be given to night. The circuses are in full feather. At Concert Hall the Miltonian Tableaux will be presented all this week Signor Bilts will hold forth at Assembly Bailding during the week. Heller, the magician and musician will open a season at Concert Hall on Monday evening.