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THE CLAIM OF PENNSYLVANIA. The United States Government owes the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania \$800,000 for expenses incurred in repelling the rebel invasion in 1863. To meet the emergency, Governor Curtin called out, armed and equipped ten thousand men, who rendered important service. After Lee's retreat, some of the regiments were retained in the service to aid in preserving order and enforcing the draft in the copperhead districts of the State. A loan to pay the expense of these troops was negotiated by the Governor and afterwards legalized by the Legislature. In the last Congress a bill to pay this claim was passed by the House, but it was not acted on by the Senate, and it is now presented again.

If there is a State that deserves to be

generously treated by the Federal Government, it is Pennsylvania. She raised more men for the war than any other State. Her people suffered more by the war than those of any other free State. Her citizens contributed many millions for bounties, and they have been noted above all others for their liberality and kindness to the troops in transituand for their contributions to the charities of the war. Pennsylvania was the rock on which the tide of rebellion, which threatened to sweep on to New Jersey and New York, was broken and turned back. She suffered that her sister States might be saved. The expense of raising and maintaining the troops referred to was incurred with the faith that the National Government would reimburse the State. We trust that Congress will speedily show by its action that this confidence was not misplaced.

THE LINCOLN APPROPRIATION. It will be seen by the report of the Congressional proceedings yesterday that the Union League of New York has memorialized Congress on the subject of the appropriation for Mr. Lincoln's family, asking that it be made equal to the salary of the office for the full term. This is as it should be, and

action of Congress.

absolutely requisite to secure to the family of President Lincoln their father's home. But powerful as this consideration is, Congress should be actuated by a still higher motive. The national honor is concerned in this matter, and we have a right to expect that Congress will not make us mean in our own eyes and the object of contempt and derision to all Europe. The considerations that were allowed to control the action of the Special Committee upon this subject were unworthy of the representatives of a great nation, and we earnestly hope either that the matter will be reconsidered, which would be the proper course, or that an additional appropriation will be made, making the whole sum one hundred thousand dollars, free from all restrictions and abatements.

FIGHTING FIRE.

If it were not for the Fire-alarm Tele graph and for steam-fire engines fire would often assume a supremacy among us that is now denied it. Our lofty buildings, often with single apartments sweeping over a space of a hundred and fifty or two hundred feet, and generally with apertures in the centre for skylights, are favorable for the spread of flames and unfavorable for their extinction. The fire at Edwards's building on Chestnut street, above Fifth, ten or twelve years ago, demonstrated this fact and had a large share of influence

in bringing about the introduction of steam-fire engines. In the case referred to a fire broke out in a very large building, which had apartments sweeping uninterruptedly over a great space, and when the fire got into the centre of these large rooms, particularly in the upper stories, it was utterly impossible to reach the flames with the appliances. then in use. The consequence was that the flames spread until they reached the open street, or buildings that could be got at with streams from hand-engines, and then, and not until then, the fire was mastered; but not until vast destruction had been wrought. Steam-fire engines effected a revolution, and many a fire has occurred since their introducttion that, bad as it may have been, would have been much more destructive but for this powerful instrumentality. The recent destructive fire on Chestnut street, above Sixth, is a case in point. The buildings in the vicinity of that which was destroyed and those that were damaged, are all deep and lofty, and but for the agency of steam several noble structures, that still adorn the thoroughfare, would now be in as un-

ing in which the fire originated. The Fire-alarm Telegraph, which communicates with the houses of nearly or quite every fire company in the consolidated city, and enables the police and fire authorities to summon just such aid as they need without the delay of a moment, is scarcely less important in its way than are the means actually employed in the extinguishment of conflagrations. On Thursday afternoon a fire broke out among some sheds used for storing coal at the Point Breeze Gas Works. From the sheds the flames communicated to the coal stored under them and a serious fire was the result. The roads were bad, no water was to be had except by drawing it from the river, and under the system which prevailed before the days of steam fire engines and telegraphs, not only all the immense stock of coal, but the very works themselves would have been destroyed or greatly damaged. When the fire broke out on Thursday the telegraph at once notified the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department and the Chief Engineer of the Gas Works of the fact. By means of the same instrument certain steam fire engines were immediately ordered to repair to the spot, and with horses ready harnessed they were soon dashing forward to the rescue. Many thousands of dollars of valuable property were saved by their arrival; while the same agency that had called them to the spot had brought the Chief of the Fire Department and Chief of the Gas Works to the ground to superintend and direct the power that had been summoned.

We can recall many de-tructive conflagrations that have taken place in Philadelphia within our recollection that would have been but comparatively trifling fires had there been steam fire engines in service to secure the mastery of the flames at their outset, and there are many other serious fires in the past that will occur to the mind of almost every reader, that were only serious because of the want of adequate means for their extinguishment at the start. The great fire at Chestnut street wharf in 1839, which swept away between sixty and seventy buildings, and a vast quantity of merchandize, would have heen confined within one or two buildings had there been a few steamers at hand draw water from the convenient river and pour it in floods upon the in-

and we doubt not that a prompt and | conflagration at the National Theatre in respectful demonstration in favor of a July, 1854, is another case in point. It more suitable and liberal recognition of. was not in the power of steam or any the distinguished services of President other known agency to have saved the Lincoln will meet with the favorable tinder-box of a theatre after it had once taken fire; but steamers would have We happen to know from private confined the flames to the building sources that the appropriation which where they commenced, and the Chinese every one expected Congress to make is | Museum and the block south of the theatre, would have been spared from the

destruction that swallowed them up. We have made huge strides in the way of extinguishing fires, and their prevention should engage more attention. A better plan to be observed in the construction of buildings; the use of fire-proof material as far as possible in structures; and in respect to combustible merchandize, the storing of it in detached lots, seem to us to be steps that might be taken in the right direction. Sagacious underwriters, who make a study and a business of the subject of risks, refuse to insure to a very large amount upon any single piece of valuable property; they go upon the principle of dividing their risks as far as possible. The merchant, less wise, stores many thousands of barrels of coaloil with in the same enclosure, where a spark to a single barrel is destruction to the whole: or he stows within the same four walls hundreds of thousands of dollars of valuable combustible property. The homely adage that "it is not good to have too many eggs in one basket" holds good in such cases as these.

The Italian Opera. There has rarely, if ever, been a finer performance of Verdi's great opera of Ernani, in Philadelphia, than that given last even ing in the Academy of Music. Although Mme. Zucchi's voice lacks the flexibility required in some of the florid passages, its quality is so rich, and she sings and acts with such energy and intelligence, that she makes an admirable "Elvira." Signor Irfre, in the difficult and rather ungrateful rôle of "Ernani," was excellent, and Signor Antonucci made a very good "Silva." But the best sustained part of all was that of "Carlos," in which Bellini's noble voice, splendid singing and manly bearing make a great impression. In solos and concerted pieces he was equally good. The finale of the third act was so splendidly given, that it had to be repeated, and the artists were three times called out. The audience was large and unusually enthusiastic.

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