# The Bloomfield Cimes.



#### NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A.

Tuesday, February 8, 1870.

SENATOR McINTIRE has our thanks for Public Documents.

THE State, last session, paid \$2,592 00 for Digests and Manuels for the use of the members of the Legislature, and yet, this session they vote each member a new supply.

A DECISION has been rendered by the United States Supreme Court in the case of Frank Blair, in which the sovereignty of a State in respect to the right of suffrage is affirmed. The Court was not unanimous.

A VERY interesting investigation was commenced at Harrisburg last week, being no less than a thorough examination of the manner in which the funds of the State have been managed by their custodians. The Committee having the subject in charge wisely sent for the persons who can give the most reliable information. namely, those who have had the care of the moneys of the Commonwealth.

THE Speaker of the House at Harrisburg, pronounces investigating committees a farce. No doubt he speaks advisedly, as he has had experience on different committees, and the public will generally agree with him, as usually these committees are mere whitewashing concerns, who seem to think their duty lies in concealing what wrong they may discover, instead of making such evil known. that the perpetrators may receive their just dues.

THE Supreme Court of this State has recently decided, in an appeal taken from the Orphans' Court of Philadelphia, in the matter of Barclay's Appeal, that a partial payment on account is an unequivocal admission of a present existing debt; but where such payment is relied on to take the debt out of the bar of statute of limitations, it must be clearly shown, first, that a partial payment was made, and, secondly, that it was on account of the debt sued on.

The opinion was delivered by Judge Sharswood,

THE report of the Secratary of the Treasury for February 1st, shows that the total outstanding indebtedness of the United States is \$2,010,856,816, being a decrease for the month of January, of nearly four millions of dollars,

This goes to prove that, the income tax might be removed without doing any harm to the government.

A smaller monthly decrease of the debt, with a removal of some of the taxes would be more to the interests of the Country and would be no damage to the national credit.

TWENTY-EIGHT STATES-the number required to make the amendment validhave ratified the Fifteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States .-Below we give the exact wording of the

"Article XV, Section 5. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any State, on account of race, color, or previous condition of

"Congress shall have power to enforce this arti-

An opinion seems to generally prevail wote at the next fall election. We do not sequently discharged.

see how that can be done, unless the Constitution of the State is amended by striking out the word " white" which is used now in specifying the qualifications of voters; and of course it is impossible to have any amendment to the Constitution of the State this year.

#### A Destructive Fire.

On Tuesday morning between two and three o'clock a destructive fire occurred at Beck's Run , opposite Hazlewood, Pittsburg, resulting in the destruction of sixteen tenement houses. The tenements were double houses, each two stories high, and occupied by the miners employed in the works of the above firm. They were built in a row, there being a space of six or eight feet between each house.

The fire originated in a house located about the middle of the row, and the building being of frame, it was soon caveleped in flames, the family occupying the house having searcely time to make their escape. The fire did not confine itself to this building, but spread rapidly, and at one time it was feared that the whole row of buildings and those in the immediate locality would be destroyed. This was prevented only by the superhuman efforts of the miners, who, as soon as the fire was discovered, made prompt efforts to extinguish it.

Attempts were at once made to tear down the buildings in the row next to the house on fire, but this proved unsuccessful. They finally succeed, however, in tearing down a small one story school-house, and this left a sufficient gap between the houses to prevent the further spread of the flames. Althought the fire spread very rapidly, yet, through the exertion of the miners, no one was injured, and all the families-save the family residing in the house where the fire originated-succeeded in saving the greater part of their furniture.

#### The Wynockie Mystery.

The mystery of the disappearance of the three children of Joseph Wyble, of Wynockie, in Passaic country, N. J., and which has occupied considerable public attention for some weeks, was solved on Wednesday morning.

It seems that a man named William Ramsey, with a companion, was walking through the wilderness in the morning. about two miles from the hut of the Wybles, when their attention was called seending at a point near the foot of a mountain. Proceeding to the spot they discovered, near a large shelving rock, the three lost children of Joseph Wyble.

Their bodies were considerably de-composed, but still recognizable. Their wan, pinched countenances give unmistakable evidence that their death had been caused by starvation. The bodies of the two younger children were found under the shelter of the shelving rock, while that of the oldest was found about ten feet distant. The bodies were also slightly injured by the crows.

It is now quite evident that all sus picions against the parents of murder were without foundation, while at the same time it is somewhat strange that, after the deligent searches made for the children, and the rewards offered for their recovery, they should be found within a distance of two miles from the house.

An exchange makes the following statement, which if true, is hard on the congressman:

There is a lot of Bohemians in Wash. ington who make a precarious living by writing speeches for illiterate congress men. They write for any party and on either side. One related recently, in great glee, how he had prepared a speech for an honorable member, and a few days after was employed to answer his own argument by a gentleman in the opposition, which he did with decided success. This is not a joke but an absolute truth. There are some members of Congress who can neither make nor write a speech and cannot spell some of the commonest English words. Such are not only a disgrace to themselves but to every man who voted

in a house in Virgin alley, Philadelphia, occupied by the family of David M. Adams, and when the neighbors entered Adams, and when the heighbors entered they found Mrs. Adams lying on the floor, dead from burning. The husband was present, and, though intoxicated, was able to explain that he and Mrs. Adams had been drinking, and that she

#### Three Children Burned to Death.

Particulars are to hand of the recent catastrophe near Cambridge City, Ind., by which three children lost their lives. appears that Thomas Van Syckle, who lives two miles west of Brownsville, on the Connersville pike, was in his house with the Assessors making out the proper returns, and left the house to go to the barn; at the same time the Assessor departed for a neighbor's residence.

They had not gone from the house above twenty minutes when it was discovered to be on fire. Mrs. Van Syckle was away from home, and the father well knew his dear children were alone in the house; hence he made every exertion to reach them before the cruel flames would devour them. Rushing into the house, he gathered the youngest, about cleven months' old, and carried it into the yard. As he was raising it from the floor, another, aged about five years, rushed towards him, and he tried to reach for that one also; but a fierce flame rushed between them which drove the child back, and Mr. V. took the youngest child to the yard, where it soon died, having already breathed the flames until almost suffocated. On rushing back, nothing could be seen of either the child which he had at first seen, or the one three years old, which was also in the

Mr. V. was driven from the house by the fire, which had then grown furious.-He, along with those who had gathered from the neighborhood, thought to secure the bodies of the children before they were entirely consumed, and begun tearing down the house, which was of logs. They succeeded in getting out the bodies, but they were then defaced and almost solid cinders. Everything in the house was entirely consumed. It is said one thousand people soon gathered around to look upon the frightful scene and assist the sufferers

Ber Eunice Redman, the daughter of Jaskson county, Ill., farmer, was awakened the other night by a peculiar noise under her chamber window. Peering out she saw a man slowly ascending a ladder which he had placed in position with the evident intention of entering her apartment. Being a young lady of spirit and resolution she instantly decided on her course of action. Keeping out of sight and very quiet until the man was some to a large flock of crows ascending and de- fifteen feet from the ground, she leaned out, grasped the top of the ladder and instantly threw it over. The fellow gave a yell of horror which awoke the male members of the family, who, on rushing to the scene of the midnight disturbance, captured a stranger with a broken leg and having upon his person sundry burglars' tools and deadly weapons.

## A Good Season.

The past season has been a most pros-While business has been dull in the cities, and embarrassed, the fruit and grain crops have been abundant beyond measure, and it looks as though our country friends are to have all the money this winter. If so, we assure them that they can find no better way of spending a small part of in destitute circumstances. their spare cash than putting it into a suit of fine new clothes from the great clothing establishment of Wanamaker & Brown, Philadelphia.

Dr. Cyrus Ramsey of New York, married a beautiful girl, one of his patients, three years ago. She induced him to make over to her half of his property. worth some \$72,000, then she went to Cuba for her health. Soon afterward her mother wrote that she was dead. The corpse was forwarded to the doctor, who buried it in Greenwood. The mother then came on, showed her daughter's will, and entered into possession of half the doctor's property, Since then the doctor has learned that his wife is still in Cuba, and that he has been imposed upon through a spurious corpse. The case will come up in the courts,

On the 31st ult., a fire was discovered Y., has discovered, residing in a very common little plant found growing by the roadside, a medicinal principle, which surpasses everything heretofore known for the cure of all severe Coughs and for Minister's Sore Throat, Laryngitis, Bronchitis and Consumption, in its early stages. It is called Dr. Pierce's Alternative Extract, or Golden Medical Discovery, and is sold by druggists or send that this will necessarily add the vote of the colored population of this State, to the purpose of destroying herself. Adams three and quarter dollars, to the discovery at the next full election. We do not charges.

## Endorsement of a Note on Sunday.

The Newtown (Md.) Gazette and Record

· Quite a novel case was argued before the Circuit Court of Worcester county at its recent session (Monday and Tuesday last) as to the binding effect of what is usually tormed a "Sanday transaction." It seems that some year or two ago a couple of gentlemen endorsed a note for a third party, on which he drew a given sum of money from another party; but as the note was executed on Sunday, and the gentleman who borrowed the money having since failed, the endorsers went into court and claimed exemption from the payment of said note on the grounds that they had signed it on Sunday. The case was ably argued on both sides and much interest was felt in the result; but the Court settled all speculations by deciding that the securities were liable."

pen, A riot occurred at Birdville, Misissippi, on the 2d, between negroes and whites, growing out of a youth named Farmer shooting and wounding a negro who assaulted him, which at one time threatened to involve the whole section in bloodshed and strife. The negroes, who were armed, forcibly took Farmer from the constable and threatened to kill him and burn the town. A messenger was dispatched to Columbus for the assistance of fifty armed men, who returned in the train, and who arrested seventy-five negroes. The others fled. At last accounts juiet had been restored.

#### Miscellaneous News Items.

A bill making drunkenness in public officers a misdemeanor, and punishable as such, has been introduced into the Tenessee Legislature.

€ Crosby's Opera House had a narrow escape from destruction by fire on Wednesday night. A panic ensued, but fortunately no one was hurt.

ΔΨ Λ bran new sensation was caused at Pittsburg, recently by a young lady leaving a line of bran along the sidewalks as she was enjoying her afternoon promenade. 表 O. N. Bostwick, of the firm of Bost-

wick & Co., dealers in hats, caps and straw goods, committed suicide at his residence, Brooklyn, last week, by taking strychnine. The public debt statement for Feb.

1st, shows that during the month of January our National indebtedness was decreased by \$3,933,664. The Louisville papers assert that a

nurderer recently hung in that city, was, after being taken to the operating room of the surgeons, restored to life by the use of the galvanic battery, and was afterwards removed from the city. The story is a little hard to believe.

John Dial, recently convicted of the murder of Richard M. Harlen, was sentenced to be hanged by Judge Wood-ward. The prisoner received his doom without any manifestation whatever, and conducted himself with the same unconperous one for farmers all over the land. cern that characterized him throughout the

> 137" John Phillips, a mechanic, aged 54 living in South Baltimore, committed suicide by shooting himself, on the 3rd inst., because a creditor was pressing him for a claim of sixty dollars, which he was unable to pay. He leaves a wife and five children

The trunk of William E. Gray, the person who, in company with S. H. Pratt, swindled a number of Wall street brokers by means of altered bonds, has been found at the Whitney House. The trunk contained Gray's clothing and a large number of counterfeit dies and implements for altering Government bonds. It is said that Gray has gone to Europe.

Lay" At two o'clock, on the 3d inst., a kerosene lamp exploded in the house of Nicholas Bliss, in Phila., setting fire to the furniture in the bedroom occupied by the family, consisting of Bliss and his wife and two children. All were burned in a dreadful manner. One child died immediately after the flames were extinguised, and the other is in a very critical condition.— Bliss and his wife will recover, but they will be much disfigured.

(著"A motion has been made by the prosecution in the Court of General Sessions to remove the trial of Daniel McFarland for the murder of A. D. Richardson to the Court of Oyer and Terminer, on the ground that the case would occupy too much of the time of the rormer court. The motion was time of the rormer court. The motion was strongly opposed by the defense as prejudi-cial to the interests of the prisoner. De-

The most intense excitement prevails in Clark county, Illinois, in consequence of the discovery of gold on Big Creek. A lately returned California miner—a miner of eighteen years experience—has been for some days prospecting in the ravines along the creek, and in every handful of earth he has found gold in paying quantities. The people of that section are wild with the gold mania, and are leaving all other business to search for the precious metal,

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