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THE bill authorizing the election of females who pay taxes, as school directors, has passed the Senate.

A bill has passed the House to exempt real estate occupied as parsonages throughout the State, which do not exceed \$3,000 in value from taxes.

has decided that the mere name of a year. person on the back of a promisory note does not hold such inderser responsible for the payment of the same. He must write over the signature "I guarantee the payment of the within when due," or something to that effect. This, however, does not apply to the person to whose order the note may be drawn.

Der Col. McFarland on the 3d inst., sent to the Governor his resignation as Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphan's Schools. In accepting it, Governor Geary pays a high compliment to the re-tiring officer for the faithfulness and efficiency with which he uniformly discharged the onerous duties of the office. Now that this gentleman has retired from the public service, it is to be hoped that he will no longer be made the subject for attack by those whose names would be greatly honored by even the least of his acts in the service of the nation and the State. The name of Hon. J. P. Wiekersham has been sent into the Senate as the nomince for the vacancy. Mr. Wickersham is Superintendent of Common Schools, which office he will continue to hold should be be confirmed as Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphans' Schools.

Stageing in the West.

The San Joaquin (Cal.) Republican of January 23d gives the following:

The stage running between this city and Murphy's was robbed again this morning, and Wells, Fargo & Co.'s ex-press box captured. The account as received from the driver, Billy Cutter, is about as follows: He left San Andreas about 15 minutes before 5 a'clock this morning, and had proceeded about one mile in the direction of Stockton, when he was hailed by a man on the side of the hill, who said he wished to get on the stage. Billy pulled up and the fellow came down and commenced unbuttoning the curtains of the stage.

all to himself, as there were no passenteam started up, and some one said, "I utes afterwards the whole structure fell, wouldn't go yet." Looking around Billy carrying with it the Chicago car, and shot-gun presented at his head. They ordered him to pass out the express box, and told him to wait a few minutes and they would hand it back to him. One of the robbers then commenced pounding the box with a hatchet, remarking that it appeared very solid, to which Billy answered that the company made them

strong to keep such fellows out of them. One of the party asked Billy if he had any money; he said yes, he had \$350 or \$550, he could not tell the amount.— Robber said he must shell out, which he did, and found the sum to be \$550. He told Billy to take off his boots, as one of his fellows was almost barefooted. Billy explained that it was rather rough to fy them, as in many cases the faces were leave a man there in the rain without boots, and the brake to manage. The robber said he would give him the fellow's old ones, which Billy refused to put on, until induced to do so through the persuasion of the shot-gun. Meantime the bare-footed boy tried to get Billy's boots on, but could, and they were given back to him. They demanded his watch, but, on his explaining that it was a present from his mother, they said: "Well, you are a pretty good fellow, and out of respect to your mother you may keep the

While this part of the play was going on, the other man had been pounding at the express box with the hatchet, finding he could not open it, he told Billy he had concluded to keep the box, and he might drive on. The driver does not know the value of the contents of the

In Crawford County, Iowa, Mrs. Hunter has brought an action against Miss Sarah Moran for seducing her husand dollars damages, and as the case is pretty clear, and as Sarah has considerable property, it is thought that the lady plaintiff will recover.

The married state first, and if he did dictment for outraging the daughter of C. Courters, was shot and killed by the father baye been open to him. But perhaps he have been open to him. But perhaps he of the girl at New Orleans on the 30th of knew young widows were dangerous things in a community. Mrs. Hunter claims three thous-

The Legislature.

Several bills of general interest have been introduced in the Legislature.— Among them are the following:

Mr. Warner read a bill providing for compulsory education of all children of sound mental and physical health, be-tween the ages of 6 and 11 years, in this commonwealth.

It makes it unlawful for parents or others in charge of children between the above ages, and sound in body and mind to cause or willingly permit the absence of such children from the common schools or other sources of regular and and competent education. Violation of the act will be a misdemeanor, punishable with a fine of \$1 for each child, and imprison-ment for one day for each day the child is so absent. Persons aiding or abetting such absence, when unknown to the parent or guardian, are liable to the same penalties. School boards are required to furnish necessary books and appliances gratuitously to children whose parents are pecuniarily unable to supply them; and the money received from fines under this act shall go to the treasury of the board, and be applied as other school moneys. All children are required to at-The Supreme Court of this State tend school at least three months in the

A Terrible Railroad Accident.

A terrible aecident occurred near New Hamburg, on the Hudson River Railroad, on Wednesday night last. The first ac-

The express train came along and ran into the oil train, catching fire also. The oil train set fire to the bridge, and com- to have changed its dress, position, etc., bined weight of the two trains broke the bridge in two, and the ears fell through in a mass of wreek and confusion. Several persons, unable to get out of the ears when the erash occurred, were burned to death or drowned.

The engineer, conductor and brakeman of the express train are known to be killed. The scene at the track was fearful. Three sleeping cars are among those destroyed. Eighteen persons are known to have been killed outright, and many more are injured. Later despatches say that the oil train was bound south, and when passing New Hamburg an axle of the oil car broke and dragged along the ground till it reached the drawbridge. when, striking the timbers, it threw the car off its track and upon the up-track in face of the second Pacific express. An attempt was made to stop the express train, but not in time enough, and it struck the oil car, and fragments of the oil car were scattered in every direction, and at once ignited, enveloping the entire express train in flames.

The express train was composed of a locomotive and one baggage car, one express car, and five or six sleeping cars.-The locomotive was at once hurled into the river and the engineer killed, and the baggage and express cars were piled on top of the engine. At the same time the Chicago sleeping car was one sheet of flame, and though desperate attempts were made to rescue the passengers, it is "As soon as he could look inside he said not one got out alive. Two of the cessful in securing the above named remarked that he would have the stage other sleeping cars next to it were also amount of money. Desperate efforts gers, to which the driver said yes, he was them all got out safely, and then the proof safe, inside the vault, which consaw a man on each side of him with a burying it and its inmates out of sight under the water, and among the ruins of the locomotive and express cars.

As soon as the intelligence of the disaster reached New Hamburg, two fireengines were hastened to the scene, and by their aid the flames were soon subdued, and search was begun for the bodies of the inmates of the Buffalo car .-Horrible, indeed, was the spectacle as one after another of the charred and mangled bodies were brought forth. By 12 o'clock all the bodies had been found except that of Simmons, the engineer .-They were placed in a baggage car, and a fire was built to thaw the frozen clothing. It was almost impossible to identiso burned that scarcely a feature remain-

The conductor of the sleeping car could only be identified by the diagram containing the names of the passengers. When among the rest, the body of a woman, with a child grasped closely to each arm, was drawn out, a gentleman who had been walking to and fro since the disaster at once recognized them as his wife and children. He said that just before the collision he left his family to go to the smoking car, and had hardly stepped into the adjoining car when the shock came, and separated them from him for-One of the children was wrapped closely in a shawl and was not burned at all, though it had been drowned. The other, as well as the mother, was badly burned about the face and breast.

A youth named Hagerman has shot himself dead at Hamilton, Ohio, rather than fulfill a marriage engagement. We wonder why the fellow didn't try the married state first, and if he did A Strange Story.

A correspondent of a Cincinnati paper, writing from Richmond, Ind., tells and vouches for the truth of the following curious story:

About two years ago, Mr. A. married. In due time he became a father, but his wife died when the child was a few menths old. On her death-bed she exhibited intense anxiety as to the fate of the little one she was to leave behind her, and earnestly besought her husband to confide it, after her death, to the care of one of her relatives. He promised, and, I believe, did for a while let the child stay in charge of the person whom the mother had designated. Some weeks ago, how-ever, Mr. A. again married, and at once reclaimed the child, who as yet had nev-er learned to speak a word, and was unable even to crawl. One day this child was left alone for a few moments in its stepmother's bedroom, lying in a crib or cradle some distance from the bed. When Mrs. A. returned, she was amazed to see the child smiling and crowing on the middle of the bed. In her astonishment, she involuntarily asked:

"Who put you there, baby?"
"Mamma," responded distinctly the child, that had never beretofore spoken a

On a strict inquiry throughout the household, it was found that none of the family had been in the room during Mrs. A.'s brief absence from it. This, it is solemnly averred, was but the beginning of a series of spiritual visitations from counts received report that an oil train bound north caught fire near the bridge, at that place at a late hour. the dead mother. Whenever the child was left alone it could be heard to laugh and crow, as if delighted by the fondlings and endearments of some one, and on these occasions it was frequently found in a manner quite beyond its own unaid-Finally, as the account is, the first Mrs. A. appeared one night re-cently at the bedside of Mr. A. and his second wife, and earnestly entreated that her darling should be restored to the relative whom she had indicated as the guardian of the child on her deathbed. The apparition, which it is declared, was distinetly seen and heard by both Mr. A. and his wife, promised to haunt them no more if her wish was complied with .-Both Mr. A. and his wife were too much awe-stricken to reply! but the next day the child was carried back as directed by the ghostly visitant. Such is the story as seriously vouched by the principal parties concerned, who are most respectable and intelligent people, and no spir-

Kensington Bank Robbery.

On Friday morning the 3rd inst., the Kensington Bank, Philadelphia. was robbed of funds to the amount of \$65,000. The burglars came disguised as police officers, informing the private bank watchmen that there was a plot laid for robbing the bank that night and said that they were sent from the police headquarters to assist in keeping watch. The pretended policeman were then admitted, when they cooly proceeded to gag the two watchmen, and then admitted a number of confederates, who were armed with burglars tools. The robbers were sucwrapped in flames, but the passengers in were made to break open the burglar belonging to the bank. The robbers were foiled in this attempt. The police were notified of the affair, but up to the time of going to press have found no traces of the robbers. The loss falls entirely upon the depositors.

Apother Bank Robbery.

On Saturday morning the messenger of the Chatham National Bank, N. Y., had stolen from his pocket a wallet containing notes and drafts to the amount of over twenty-three thousand dollars.

The messenger does not exactly know when the theft was committed. He stopped into the post office to make an inquiry, and while in the lobby some person passing through the throng rushed by and jostled him, and shortly afterward he was jostled by two or three persons together while passing along Dey street.

In a little while afterward he discovered that his wallet, containing the notes and drafts was missing. Payment was immediately stopped, so that the bank loses nothing and suffers no inconvenience, except the trouble of obtaining duplicates of the lost papers.

new In the town of Newbury, Mass., is a dwelling which was creeted in 1682. It is a genuine cariosity, and is so heavily timbered that it will stand five hundred years, unless pulled down. It was used for a garrison in the time of the Indian wars. The stairs are made of blocks of oak ten inches wide and ten inches thick. What is quite as remarkable as anything about it is the fact that the dwelling is now occupied by the seventh generation of the family that built it, the Christian name of each owner being Benjamin

ta E. H. Mass, colored, under an indictment for outraging the daughter of C.

Wanted the Owner of \$700 Dollars.

On the 6th of July, 1865, John White wrote from Memphis, Tenn., to George S. Thompson, claim agent at Springfield, Ill., requesting the latter to collect the back pay of himself and brother William as soldiers in the Eleventh Illinois Regiment at the same time enclosing his discharge papers. The letter stated that they had been in the hospital a long time, and closed thus: "We start for home this evening, in company that will help us along: so I want you to get our money as soon as possible, and send it to Capt. James K. Martin, Bunton House, Terre Haute, Ind., and he will fetch it to us." The letter miscarried so as not to reach the agent until a month later, when the money was collected, amounting to about \$700; and sent by the American Express Company. Neither the Whites nor Mar-tin could be found, and the Express Co., after advertising the package for some time, sent it to their principal office in

Mr. Thompson, the agent, then demanded the money, offering to pay all costs and charges, and to indemnify the Company against any claim of the consignees. The demand was refused, and Thompson brought a suit in the Supreme Court. The referee, T. Sherwood, before whom it was tried, decided in favor of Thompson, though he confessed that it was a matter of great embarrassment to him to say which party was right in its claim. His decision was based upon a statement in Angell on Common Carriers, that where the consignee cannot be found then a new contract arises whereby the Company is bound to deliver to the con-

The Express Company appealed, and on the argument yesterday it was contended that Thompson having no property in the package or lien upon it, he had no status to maintain an action for its delivery to him, and that the Company was responsible only to the actual owner. Decision reserved.

The New York "Tribane" mentions a couple of incidents honorable to human nature. One, the story of a poor serobat out West, who was dashed from 1 5 ly his giddy height to the ground; and who. when the crowd gathered around bim, raised himself mangled and bleeding, to gasp out entreaties for them to save the two girls left unsupported on the trapeze] He refused to be lifted until they rescued, and in the agony of his fall and shattered limbs directed how they should be brought down. When they were safe pain got the better of him, and he was carried as dead off the stage. The women were strangers to him. The other is of a little girl who wandered on to the track of the Delaware Railroad as a freight train of nineteen cars was approaching. As it turned the sharp top of the grade opposite St. Georges, the engineer saw the child for the first time, blew "Down brakes," and reversed the engine

But it was too late to slacken its speed in time, and the poor baby got up, and laughing ran to meet it. "I told the conductor," says the engineer, "if he could jump off the engine, and, running ahead, the child up before the engine reached her he might save her life. though it would risk his own, which 'he The engine was within one foot of the child when he secured it, and they were both saved."

McDonald's Illustrated Annual for 1871. has been received. It is of large quarto size each page illustrated with elegant engravings and contaids original and selected articles o and contaids original and selected articles of great merit. Among the contributors are Grace Greenwood, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Joseph P. Thompson, D. D., Frederic W. Cozzens, Henry Wardsworth Longfellow, John B. Gough, etc. A beautiful song, "Come Home, Father," words and music by Henry Work. New York: R. H. McDonald, 32 and 36 Commerce Street, For sale by all Eews Agents. Price ten cents.

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