

ABSTRACT OF A LECTURE DELIVERED BY PROF. J. F. STODDARD Before the "Penn. State Teachers' Association," at Indiana, Dec. 29, 1887.

Mr. Stoddard: I cannot decline the invitation extended to me by my fellow laborers in the cause of education, to make a few remarks regarding the progress of the Normal School movement in our State, and the consequent elevation of the Common Schools and the Common School Teachers; in the estimation of the intelligent part of the community.

The three most important objects which this Association has labored to accomplish, and which it has kept in view ever since its organization, are the establishment of a "Common School Department," (independent of other departments of State), the Office of County Superintendent and Normal Schools—Schools for the professional training of Teachers; The first two objects have been accomplished. And I heartily congratulate the friends of education on the fact, that the establishment of the Normal School movement, is receiving from these two sources, (a separate State Department of Common Schools and the County Superintendent, wherever this office is filled by one who has the tact, talent, and the disposition to properly meet its responsibilities,) an fully equal to the expectations of the friends of education.

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Notice.—No paper sent to a distance unless paid for strictly in advance. Notices will be given when the terms of prepayment expire, when the paper will be discontinued, unless a remittance be received.

Democratic Meeting.
The Democrats of Susquehanna County will meet in mass Convention at the Court House, in Montrose, on Monday evening, Jan. 15th, 1888, to choose delegates to the next Democratic State Convention. A full attendance is desired.
WM. K. HATCH, Chairman.

State Committee.
The Members of the Democratic State Committee are requested to meet at Buchler's Hotel, Harrisburg, on TUESDAY, January 19th, at 7 o'clock, P. M.
C. R. BUCKALEW, Chairman.
J. N. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.
R. J. HALDEMAN, Secretary.

Magazines for 1888.
We would say to those wishing to subscribe for either of the following named Magazines, that we have arrangements with the Publishers by which we can furnish them (in connection with the Democrat) at the lowest club rates. For cash in advance we send Godey's Lady's Book and Democrat for \$3.50, Peterson's Magazine " " " 2.75, Home Magazine " " " 2.75.

For the benefit of those not now receiving our paper, we make the following liberal offer:
For five dollars cash, we will send four copies of the Democrat until January 1st, 1889, to the same or different addresses as may suit the parties. Bring on the names and money during Court week. We will take farm produce in payment of subscription if brought soon.

The uncollected letters are advertised in this paper, it having a larger circulation within the range of the delivery of the Montrose P. O., than any other paper.

The card of Dr. Smith & Son, dentists, will be found in another column.

Mr. A. MERRIMAN makes a liberal offer to the public, through our advertising columns, to day.

To Correspondents.
"X. Y. Z."—We cannot publish your communication. We doubt the facts upon which you base your charges, and were they true, you seem more inclined to attack the party implicated, from personal motives, than to obtain redress of grievances.
"M. L. T."—Why not send your name in full? Even though we publish an article without the writer's name, we always expect to know, (in confidence,) who the author is.
"TWO'S ON WINTER," are too cool for the season. Try again.

The Governor elect has made the following appointments:
Wm. M. HINSHER, of Berks county, to be Secretary of the Commonwealth.
H. L. DREYER, of Clinton county, to be Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The New York Legislature is not yet fully organized. In the Senate, a "Republican" Speaker was elected, by a portion of the "Americans" voting for him, and the others declining to vote at all.

The Republican accuses us of uttering a falsehood in saying that all the leading "Republicans" declined being candidates for Speaker of the House, but admits the truth of our statement in the same paragraph! The "Republicans" claims ninety-two members in the House, but Grow received eighty-four votes only.

Gov. Pollock's last annual Message came too late for the outside of our paper, and we could not insert it inside on account of its tedious length. We have been so busied with copying books, balancing accounts, &c., that we could not possibly prepare a synopsis of it for this week; we therefore let it pass, rejoicing that it is his last; the people suffer him to fall into deserved obscurity, to give place to the man of their choice.

Another "Split."
Our Republican contemporaries have discovered another terrible "split" in the Democratic party, and seem to believe that we are "hopelessly divided." Of course their only hope for success, is in a division of the Democracy, but they may as soon look for the final blotting out of the Sun, because some trifling cloud of vapor chances to move across its face, as to a hope for a dissolution of the National Democratic party, because some individual gets dissatisfied with the policy of the party, and kicks up a little dust. When Wilmot left us, he vainly flattered himself that the party must die of course, as he had split it into fragments; but an incident which happened on the 13th of last October convinced him that he had only succeeded in badly splitting himself.

A gentleman complains that we discontinued his paper, and claims that we did wrong in doing so. He says that he has paid nothing for two or three years; but "intends to do so," and that his "ability is not to be questioned." The question for a newspaper publisher to settle with himself is, not whether A, B, and C, will pay for the paper after being trusted for several years, but can he afford to borrow money to buy paper, pay for labor, &c., and wait for years to realize it, understanding it will be finally lost. Suppose the gentleman to whom we refer had been in the habit of sending to this office the amount of his subscription regularly every year, but that the publisher had always told him that he could not send his paper just yet, but would after a while; for how many years would our friend continue to send the money without receiving the paper? Should not the rule work both ways?

We learn from the Indiana Independent that the next meeting of State Teachers' Association will be held in Soranton in August. Tickets are to be furnished to members at one-half the usual rates of fare over the railroads. Prof. Stoddard was elected President at the last meeting.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.
HOUSE.—The House met at 11 o'clock this morning.
The returns of the election were presented by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and opened and read by the Clerk of the previous session.
The House then proceeded to the election of a Speaker.
Mr. G. N. Smith nominated A. Brower Longaker, of Montgomery county.
Mr. Isaac Benson nominated Thos. Struthers, of Warren county.
Mr. Longaker was elected by the following vote:
A. B. Longaker, 67.
Thos. Struthers, 28.
Three members were absent.
On taking the chair, Mr. Longaker returned his thanks for the honor conferred upon him.
The oath of office was then administered by Mr. Struthers.
The members were then sworn in.
Jacob Zeigler was elected Clerk, receiving 93 votes, there being no opposition candidate.
The Clerk appointed Wm. H. Pickering assistant, and Evans R. Brady, George Sharrett, John A. Magill, and Edward H. Flood, Transcribing Clerks.
SENATE.—All the members being present, were called to order by Hon. Seward.
The Secretary of the Commonwealth presented the returns of the election of new Senators, which were read.
William H. Welsh, of York, was elected Speaker on the first ballot, which stood as follows:
For Mr. Welsh—Messrs. Ball, Brown, Buckalew, Craig, Cresswell, Ely, Evans, Fetter, Ingram, Knox, Lambach, Marselis, Miller, Randall, Schell, Steel, Straub, Tenner, Williams and Wright, Democrats, and Finney, Republican—21.
For Darwin A. Finney—Messrs. Baldwin, Coffey, Francis Gazzan, Gregg, Harris, Myer, Rutherford, Schaffer, Schofield and Souther, Republicans; and Welsh, Democrat—12.
Mr. Welsh was declared elected Speaker, and being conducted to the Chair, addressed the Senate.
Mr. Finney administered the oath of office to the new Senators, by whom, adopting the rules of the last session, were passed.
Committees were appointed to inform the Governor and House that the Senate was organized and ready to proceed to business.
The hour of meeting was fixed at 1 o'clock P. M., and the adjournment at 1 o'clock P. M.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 6.
SENATE.—A communication from Samuel Hazard, relative to the publication of the Colonial Records of the Pennsylvania Archives, was presented and read. He asks an appropriation for the completion of the work.
A resolution was adopted to appoint a committee to contract for the publication of a daily Legislative Record.
The Governor's message was received and read.
The election of officers of the Senate was then proceeded to.
Mr. William H. Miller, of Harrisburg, was elected Chief Clerk, by the following vote:
Wm. H. Miller, 21.
The various candidates nominated by the Democratic caucus were elected by the same vote, as follows:
Assistant Clerk—F. M. Hutchinson, of Philadelphia; Transcribers—J. Simpson Africa, of Huntingdon; Jacob B. Davis, of Montgomery; and Nelson Heiser, of Lehigh; Sergeant at Arms—Theophilus Snyder, of Blair; Doorkeeper—Lewis Frank, of Berks; Assistant—Samuel D. Brobst, of Luzerne, and John Farrell, of Philadelphia; Messenger—A. C. Worthington, of Bucks; Assistant—David I. Spear, of Fayette.
Captain William P. Brady, Assistant Sergeant at Arms, received a unanimous vote. The Republicans voted for the officers of the previous session. A resolution to pay the salaries of the retiring officers was passed.
A tabular statement by the Auditor General of the condition of the banks of the Commonwealth on the 1st of November last, was received and laid on the table.
HOUSE.—The Secretary of State presented the Governor's Message, which was read.
The House then proceeded to the election of a Sergeant at Arms, Doorkeeper, and Messenger, with the following result:
Sergeant at Arms, Jacob Glassmayer; Doorkeeper, Samuel Taylor; Messenger, James Dradley.
The following Assistants were elected:
Assistant Sergeant at Arms, Isaac McClure and Charles C. Hibbs; Assistant Doorkeepers—William Carey of Monroe; John Little, of Philadelphia; Stephen Holland, of Montour, and John Maguire, of York county. Assistant Messengers—Curtis W. Gare of Clinton, Peter Esterday, of Philadelphia, and G. W. Frick, of Westmoreland.
The House appointed two additional Doorkeepers by resolution, viz: Adam L. Hornog of Schuylkill, and Isaac Cloughson, of Huntingdon.
A resolution to print ten thousand copies of the Governor's message, was discussed.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 7.
SENATE.—The Speaker presented the annual reports of the State Treasurer and the State Librarian.
A few petitions were presented.
Mr. Straub read in place a bill relative to the currency and finance.
Mr. Coffey read a supplement to the Relief Law passed at the extra session.
Also a bill concerning proceedings in action of ejectments.
Mr. Brewer read a bill to revive and continue the act graduating the price of lands on which there is money due to the Commonwealth.
Mr. Harris read a supplement to the act establishing a Land Office.
Mr. Buckalew read a bill to repeal the act separating the State and School Departments.
Mr. Wright read a bill to incorporate the Girard College Passenger Railroad Company.
A resolution was passed authorizing the Clerk to appoint two pages. Also a resolution appointing Henry Wenold an additional doorkeeper.
A message was received from the Governor announcing that the following bills passed at the last session became laws without his signature, not being returned within three days of the meeting of the extra session, viz:
To incorporate the Octorara Bank; to incorporate the Monongahela Valley Bank; a supplement to the act to incorporate the Easton Bank; to incorporate the Milton Savings Bank; to incorporate the Bank of Phoenixville, and to incorporate the McKean County Bank.
Also announcing that the following bills were signed by him during the recess, viz:

A supplement to the Delaware River Railroad Company; to change the name of the Bank of New Castle; to incorporate the Bank of Fayette County; and supplement to the act consolidating the wards of Pittsburg for educational purposes.
Mr. Gazzan pronounced a brief eulogy on the late James B. Backhouse, member from Allegheny county, who died since the election in October.
HOUSE.—The Annual Reports of the Auditor and State Treasury were presented.
The report of Mr. Hazard, the Compiler of the State Archives, was also submitted.
The Doherty direct resolution calling upon the State Treasurer to report where the money of the Commonwealth is deposited.
Mr. Yearsley of Philadelphia, said that painful rumors were in circulation in relation to the public money, and he was anxious to give the State Treasurer an opportunity of vindicating himself and he also believed that that gentleman was anxious to do so.
The proposition was discussed by Messrs. Jenkins, Calhoun, Johnson and Mills, but the House refused to suspend the rules so as to adopt the resolution.
The death of J. E. Backhouse, member from Allegheny, was announced by Mr. Veoghtly, his colleague, who doted resolutions of condolence.
He was succeeded by Messrs. Foster, Struthers and Calhoun, who severally paid glowing tributes to the memory of the deceased.
On motion, the House adjourned till Monday.

XXXVth Congress—First Session.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5, 1888.
SENATE.—On motion of Mr. Seward, a resolution was adopted that the position of Mr. Maillard, which was presented yesterday, be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the consideration of the President. The petition sets forth various grievances inflicted upon Mr. Maillard, an American citizen, by British agents, James G. Thompson, and others, by which he claims to have lost a large number of valuable cattle taken from him by a mob.
Mr. Fessenden introduced the French Spoils bill and invidious reference to a Select Committee of Seven.
After debate the motion was agreed to, and Messrs. Crittenden, Cullamer, Toombs, Hamlin, Hunter, Davis and King were appointed said committee.
Mr. Sibley introduced a bill amendatory of the coinage act, relative to the half dollar and smaller silver coins.
Mr. Gwin submitted a resolution, which lies over, instructing the Committee on Foreign Relations to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the appointment of a Minister Plenipotentiary to Japan.
HOUSE.—The House went into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, on the President's Annual Message.
Mr. J. Glancy Jones in the House submitted a series of resolutions referring the various branches of the Message to the appropriate committees.
Mr. Quitman moved an amendment referring that part of the Message relative to the enforcement of the neutrality laws to a select Committee of five members.
Mr. Stephens concurred almost entirely with the argument of Mr. Quitman. He wished this matter inquired into by some Committee who would report.
SENATE, Jan. 6.
Messrs. Toombs and Hunter asked, but the Senate refused to excuse them, from serving on the French Spoils Bill Committee.
The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the Message.
Mr. Cameron presented one hundred and six petitions from citizens of Philadelphia, remonstrating against the location of the City Post Office in the building lately occupied by the Bank of Pennsylvania.
Mr. Pugh presented a petition from Edwin M. Chaffee praying for an extension of his patent for preparing India rubber and applying it without the use of a solvent.
Mr. Pugh also presented a petition from citizens of Portsmouth, Ohio, praying for a charter for a National bank for thirty years, with a capital of \$60,000, and an increase of the tariff.
ADJOURNED.
HOUSE.—Mr. J. Glancy Jones from the Committee on Ways and Means reported the bill for appropriations for the support of the Military Academy.
Mr. Washburn from the Committee on Commerce reported a bill to further amend the act providing for the better security of the lives of passengers on board steam vessels. Its consideration was postponed till the first Tuesday of February.
Mr. Cingman from the Committee on Foreign Affairs reported a series of resolutions, which were adopted, calling on the President to inform the Senate of the names of the Secretary of State and the Government of Paraguay and New Grenada, in any way affecting our differences with those Governments; also between the Secretary of State and Brazil, relative to the opening of the River Amazon and the negotiation of a reciprocity or other treaty; and all correspondence on the subject of our relations with Spain, not heretofore made public.
The House went into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union on the President's Message.
SENATE, Jan. 7.
Mr. Hammond, Senator from South Carolina, a place of Mr. Butler, deceased, took his seat.
Mr. Seward presented a petition from the citizens of Canadaigua, New York, praying for the adoption of some practical measure by which the people of the North may cooperate with the people of the South for the extinguishment of Slavery by making fair and honorable compensation to slave owners for the full value of their slaves. The petition was ordered to lie on the table.
On motion of Mr. King, a resolution was adopted requesting the President to furnish, if not incompatible with the public interest, copies of the correspondence and dispatches from our Ministers at the Courts of England and France, and other powers on the subject of the dangers to emigrants arising from contracting with irresponsible parties for their inland passage.
On motion of Mr. Foot, a resolution was adopted calling upon the President to communicate all of the official correspondence of Robert McLane and Peter Barker, late Commissioners in China, with the State Department.
On motion of Mr. Gwin, the Committee on Foreign Relations was instructed to inquire into the expediency of making appropriation by law for the compensation to our Ministers Plenipotentiary to the Empire of Japan, and for the other officers of the United States Government in Japan.
HOUSE.—A select Committee was appointed to inquire into the circumstances attending the sale of Fort Sumter. It consists of Messrs. Burnett, Morrill of Ill, Morrill, Faulner and Pettit.
To morrow being the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, it was agreed that

when the House adjourns to day it be till Monday.
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Dr. Baumback in his travels on the Cape of Good Hope says: I found very frequently among the Dutch Boers of the back country, *Aperys Cherry Pectoral*, which they keep hung up by a thong around the neck of the bottle to a peg over their hammocks. In deed this seems to be their sole protection against the throat and lung disorders which are quite prevalent among them. I thought it a speaking comment on the practical genius of the American people, that they should furnish the staple, believe me, only remedy for this people by use. Asking if they used anything else, they grow all around them than any body could prepare.
As a remedy for Dyspepsia and Indigestion, we think the Oxygenated Bitters unequalled. They are free from alcohol, and contain judiciously combined with other hygienic substances—oxygen, the chief vital remedy.
The Accounts from Kansas are such as leave no possible doubt that the recent excitement and war were base fabrications, made up and forwarded by partisan agents of the so-called Associated Press, with a view to promote Black Republican interests in Washington. The same system has been pursued for years. A lie is caught up at St. Louis and forwarded, even after it has been proved a fabrication, and the public mind left to feed upon it until the slow course of the mails proves its falsity. The rumor set out from St. Louis on Monday last, and was thus falsified in that city on Tuesday. It was thus falsified on Sunday morning, the 3d inst.:
A dispatch from Captain E. N. Tracy, of the steamer Isabella, dated at Booneville yesterday, says that he left Fort Leavenworth on the 31st ult., some days after the news of the engagement is reported to have been received at Leavenworth City, and that "all was quiet in Kansas Territory." It there had been such an engagement of Lane and Roberts had been "mounted and completely armed," "much excited" and addressing a crowd, "and the people of Lawrence were prepared to take the field," and that Governor Denver had called for three additional companies of dragoons, certainly it could not be said that "all was quiet in Kansas Territory."
It suited the interests of the agent to forward the bogus news; but the genuine, reliable "quiet in Kansas" was of too little importance to claim attention. It is by these constant and never-ending fabrications that the public mind is kept excited concerning Kansas—for the lie is often read where the truth never reaches.—*Pennsylvanian*.

THE WESTERN TERRITORIES.—A whole brood of incipient States, on the Western frontier, are approaching maturity, and several will be clamorous during the present session of Congress for admission into the Union. The noise of preparation is heard where the surf of the Pacific breaks on the shore, and nothing but the water wastes there interposed to finally and effectually check the westward course of the Empire. South of Kansas, Oregon and Minnesota secure admission this winter, the number of States in the confederacy will be increased to thirty-four, and more than five hundred thousand square miles of Territory be added to that now embraced in the Union, or an area equal to eight States like New York, or sixty nine like Texas, or nearly equal to the area of the United States as a whole. (comprising 1,300,000 square miles) and by such as may be formed from divisions of California and Texas, forty-five stars will emblazon the flag of the great American Republic.
The superficial areas of the new Territories is thus represented:

Territory	Square Miles
Kansas Territory	136,000
Minnesota	141,000
Oregon	227,000
Washington	113,000
Utah	187,000
New Mexico	210,000
Nevada	528,000
Montana	78,000
Idaho	187,000
Square miles	1,807,000

THE DEMOCRATIC CITY CONVENTION of Pittsburg met in that city on the 2d ult., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the Assembly, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. B. Gurnsey, and also to choose several delegates to the State Convention, which meets at Harrisburg, on the 4th of March. Captain HARRIS CAMPBELL was chosen as Chairman. JAMES SALISBURY was nominated as a candidate for the Legislature, and the delegates to the 4th of March Convention were instructed to sustain Major DAVID LYNCH as a candidate for Canal Commissioner. JOHN C. DENN, Esq., Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, then reported the following, which were adopted unanimously:
Resolved, That the administration of President Buchanan has, thus far, met the highest expectation of the Democracy of Allegheny county; we confidently rely upon his character, experience and integrity, which led us to victory in 1856, for an honest and faithful administration of our national affairs, and for a fair and impartial settlement of all public questions entrusted to his care.
Resolved, That the election of Wm. E. Packer to the gubernatorial chair of Pennsylvania was a signal and triumphant condemnation of sectional fanaticism, represented by his opponent, and we entertain the sanguine hope that his administration will be distinguished for wisdom and economy worthy of the purest day of our Commonwealth.
AN ATTEMPT TO SNOOT A BRIDEGROOM.—A desperate attempt to shoot a bridegroom was witnessed in the railroad cars at Fairmount, Va., on Thursday week. Mr. Sandford B. Hall, of that place, married a wife at Cumberland, took a bridal tour to Wheeling, and returned home with his wife on Thursday. As the train stopped at Fairmount, a widow lady, Mrs. Boggs, (to whom Hall has paid his address, and report says, he was engaged to marry her, and she was determined to shoot him down at his wife's side.) The bystanders interfered, by persuasion and main force, and Hall, thinking he could be put to a better use, escaped, while his frightened bride was duly taken care of. The widow, it is said, still goes armed. Is there not danger that marrying men of ordinary nerve will be afraid of her?

THE LEGISLATURE OF MINNESOTA has fixed the term of Mr. RICE in the United States Senate at four years, and Mr. STRULES at two. The same body has decided that of three Democrats declared to have a majority of votes as Members of Congress, Messrs. PATZER and CLAWAUGH shall have the two seats which belong to the new State. Against Mr. Beckers, the third elected candidate, having had more votes than PATZER and CLAWAUGH, decidedly objects. He will bring the matter before the House of Representatives.

A New Counterfeit Detector.
About the most useful thing that any person in business can have in these times, is a correct and reliable Counterfeit Detector and Bank Note List. This want is now to be supplied. Messrs. T. B. Peterson & Brothers have just commenced the publication of the Twenty-third edition of the Counterfeit Detector and Bank Note List—a monthly paper publication which contains all the information that can be obtained in regard to all Counterfeits, Broken Banks, and the rates of discount on all the Bank Notes of the country. Messrs. Drexel & Co., the well known Bankers and brokers, of this city, will supervise it and make the corrections in each number of the list, that it may be perfectly correct while the well known house of E. W. Clark & Co., Commission, Stock and Exchange Brokers, will correct the Stock List. Not being intended to supersede the purpose of any bank or other publication, as most of the Detectors do, it will be a useful and reliable publication to the whole business community, and we would advise all our readers to remit the price of one year's subscription to the publisher at once. The price is but \$1 a year for \$7; or four copies for \$3; or ten copies for \$17. Address all Orders to T. B. PETERSON & BROTHERS, 300 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

HOARDING.—Now is the time when gold dollars are hid in old stockings. Now is the time when sixpences are tucked away in subterranean drawers, and when the silver coins of the so-called Associated Press, with a view to promote Black Republican interests in Washington. The same system has been pursued for years. A lie is caught up at St. Louis and forwarded, even after it has been proved a fabrication, and the public mind left to feed upon it until the slow course of the mails proves its falsity. The rumor set out from St. Louis on Monday last, and was thus falsified in that city on Tuesday. It was thus falsified on Sunday morning, the 3d inst.:
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DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.—The announcement that Henry L. Diffenbach Esq., has accepted the appointment of Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, tendered him by the Governor elect, is received with pleasure by all who are familiar with the worth of that gentleman. He will need much strength to the new administration. As the head of the School Department during the administration of Governor Bigler, he contributed a great degree by his energy and talent to place the Common Schools of Pennsylvania upon a firm and secure basis and to elevate the general standard of education. His general intelligence and familiarity with all the departments of our State Government, in an eminent degree for the responsible position to which he has been called. Governor PACKER has already by his selection of Mr. Heister for Secretary, and Mr. Dieffenbach as Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, shown so high an appreciation of personal worth, that we can already promise a safe, honorable, and successful administration.—*Patriot and Union*.

THE AREA OF UTAH.—It may be a matter of some interest to our readers to know something of the comparative extent of that Territory of the United States, whose chief officer is bidding defiance to our government. According to Cotton, the area of Utah is 269,170 square miles. To engineers, and a few others, this will give a just idea of its vast extent, but the majority of people will form a better estimate by being told that it is as large as the whole of the New England States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky and Tennessee. Or to compare it with European countries, it is equal in extent to Great Britain, Ireland, Sweden, Prussia and Denmark, with the Ionian Islands, Jersey and Man, and the Ionian Islands added.

SUCCESSORS.—In Cincinnati, thirteen of the young lady teachers in the public schools, as appears from the report of a very special committee appointed to examine minutely into the mysterious disappearance of approaching matrimonial alliances.

RICE IN CALIFORNIA.—Measures are taken in Stockton, California, to test the cultivation of rice on swamp and overflowed lands, through the employment of Chinamen. Little doubt is entertained as to the success of the experiment.

When the Royal Baby of Spain was born, his enraptured papa, putting him upon a golden platter, passed him around the room for the inspection of the assembled courtiers, like a delicate morsel they might look at but might not eat.

Jack did you carry that umbrella home that I borrowed yesterday?
Jack—No, father, you often told me to lay away something for a rainy day, and as I thought it would rain before long I have laid it up.

The man who caught a glance from the eye of beauty says that it slipped through his fingers and went right through his heart, inflicting a dangerous wound.

A thief broke out of jail the other day, but being captured told the constable he might have escaped, but he had conscientious scruples about traveling on Sunday.

Young men who would prosper in love should be gentle. It is not fashionable for young ladies to take "ardent spirits."

The papers say that the Illinois River has lowered a foot. When it lowers the other foot, we suppose it will cease to run.

A young lady who was urged to study French, replied that she thought one tongue sufficient for any woman.

General Jackson once told a man who came to him to complain of hard times, "go home and talk less and work more."

MOVEMENT TO DR. KANE.—The Freemasons of New York, propose to erect a monument in honor of Dr. Kane—a snow peak of immense height—in the park of the Cooper Institute, to be of white marble, of irregular shape, with four tables in the base, approximately inscribed.

Punch asserts that it requires an earl start now-a-days for a man to get round his wife.

SAGACITY OF THE BEAR.—Several anecdotes which were related to me by my guide, concerning the habits of the bear, would seem to entitle him to a higher position in the scale of animal intelligence and sagacity than that of almost any other quadruped. For instance, he says that before making his bed he digs down, the animal invariably goes several hundred yards with the wind; at a distance from his track, he makes approach with the wind; and with the besic keen sense of smell, he is almost certain to be made aware of his presence, and has time to escape before he is himself seen.

He also states that when pursued, the bear sometimes takes refuge in caves in the earth or rocks, where the hunter often undervalues him, but instead of coming out when the smoke becomes too oppressive, he very deliberately advances to the fire, and with his fore-feet beats upon it till it is extinguished; then retreats upon the cave. This, he assured me, he had often seen in Alaska, though these statements seem more than mere animal instinct, and evince a conception of the connection between cause and effect, yet another anecdote which was related to me would go to prove this curious quadruped one of the most stupid fellows in the brute creation.

My informant says that when the bear cannot be driven out of the cave by smoke, it sometimes becomes necessary for the hunter to take his rifle, and with a torch to enter the cavern in search of him. One would suppose this a very hazardous undertaking, and that the animal would soon get the presumptuous intruder; but, on the contrary, as soon as he sees the light approaching, he sits upright on his haunches, and with his fore paws covers his face and eyes, and remains in this position until the light is removed. Thus the hunter is enabled to approach as close as he desires, without danger, and taking deadly aim with his rifle, poor Bruta is slain. These facts have been stated to me by three different Indians, in whose veracity I have much confidence, and I have no doubt are strictly true.—*Captain Nary's Expedition*.

TRIAL LIST—Jan. Term, 1888.
FIRST WEEK.
Ward v. Griswold,
Lath. S. Dis. vs. Lenox S. Dis.
SECOND WEEK.
Smith vs. Wilbur, et al.,
Taylor vs. Connor,
Shiffert vs. Hollister,
Berritt vs. Whitney,
Fraser vs. Mitchell,
Gavit vs. Dennis,
Grow & Bro's vs. Case,
Tyler vs. Fowler,
Bennett vs. Hollister,
Bennett vs. Barnes,
Westfall vs. Fritchley,
Commlth vs. Hickey,
O'Loughlin vs. Thompson,
Bennett vs. Carmalt,
Mars vs. Millard,
Skinner vs. Pope,
Brackney vs. Gaige,
Newcomb vs. N. Y. & E. R. R. Co.,
Wells vs. Bennett,
Green vs. Bronson,
Wilbur vs. Hollister,
Williamson vs. Pratt,
Jewers vs. Dunmore,
Drinker vs. Whitney,
Burch vs. Burch,
Weeks vs. Hoimann,
Nivel vs. Reardon,
Commlth vs. Brackney.

January List
To serve at January Sessions, 1888.
GRAND JURORS.
Araat—James C. Bushnell,
Apollon—Peter Clifford,
Bridge-water—Josiah Boyd, Jca. Jameson,
Edwin Stone,
Clifford—John Gore,
Dimock—H. Tyler,
Franklin—Henry Smith, Edwin Sumner,
Gibson—Albert Barnes,
Harford—Alonso Abel, Jacob Clark, Loring Gates,
Liberty—B. Jones,
Middletown—J. S. Davis, J. L. Ross,
Montrose—M. S. Wilson,
New Milford—H. C. Baker, Norman Tingley,
Springville—Albert Bardsley, O. B. Hickox,
Rush—Abiba W. Gray,
Susquehanna—Thos. Carr,
Silver Lake—Terry Gaige.

TRAVELERS JUDGES.
Those marked with a star (*) second week.
Auburn—E. S. Coggswell, D. O. Cooley,*
E. H. Lyman,*
Araat—Wm. Carpenter,*
Bridge-water—G. Allen, D. F. Austin,* M. Mott,* R. Moore,* M. M. Mott,* B. McKenzie,* R. Wells,*
Brooklyn—G. Chapman, G. W. Ely, R. T. Ashley,* C. Oakley,* Amos Tewkbray,* D. M. Yeoman,*
Clifford—J. C. Decker, Ashton Hawver, Joel Stevens, R. Burritt,*
Chocoma—J. Stanley,
Dimock—G. Stevens, J. Kellogg,* M. Tingley,*
Dundauff—Thos. Arnold,*
Forest Lake—M. Birchard, J. Brown, T. Meahan,
Franklin—D. Davis,
Gt. Bend—G. W. Brown, P. Decker, M. Gilman, P. W. Messick, W. Smith,
Gibson—J. Denny,
Harmony—B. Comford, J. Taylor,
Harford—L. T. Farrar, M. Oakley, N. Brainard,*
Herrick—Henry Lync, E. Churchill, J. Miller,*
Jackson—T. Butterfield, J. Mann,* A. Page,* Jessup—L. Smith,
Lenox—C. Harding,
Liberty—J. Webster, J. Comstock,* A. A. Fish,* A. Truesdell,
Lathrop—E. Lord,*
Montrose—D. Dunn, H. J. Webb, W. B. Dean,* J. P. W. Ely,*
Middletown—E. James,
New Milford—W. Harding, W. T. Moxley, J. Brand,*
Oakland—C. Bebe,
Rush—L. Huan, I. Hancock, A. Lung, A. Picket, R. Sitcoemaker, N. Hillis,* Wm. Sherwood,*
Susquehanna—L. T. Clark, E. O. Wilson, R. Wallace, H. Hall,* A. J. Seymour,*
S. Lake—M. Gaige, Jr., M. Hill, E. Hoog,* B. S. Jackson,*
Springville—D. Sheldon, H. P. Loomis,* S. Quick,*
Thomson—J. Vanhorn, T. Whitner,*

Notice.—The Susquehanna Association of Universalists will hold a conference at Cliff'd Court, Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 30th & 31st.

Notice.—A meeting of the Susquehanna Agricultural Society will be held at the COURT HOUSE in Montrose, on Tuesday evening, the 2d week of Jan. Court. The annual election of officers for the ensuing year will take place. The reports on grain crops, &c., should also be presented at that time. Wm J. TURKILL, Secy. Jan. 11, 1888.