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ACKNOWLEDG DMENT. - We tender scknowledgement to his Excellency Gov. Gary for a phamplet copy of his late Mersage.

Governor Geary's Message.

Just as we go to press we receieve copy of the message of his excellency Governor Geary. We have only time and space to notice the heads of contents which we give in the order that his excellencyput them. They are as follows: ofter a brief introductory, 'Finance," which comprehends receipts, di-burs ments, public debt, and reduction of same, "Constitutional Convention," "Re vision of the civil code," "Write of errors in Criminal Cases," "Apportionments," · Common School," · Soldiers Orphans' Schools, " "Agricultural College," " Mili tary," Military History," "Rights of French Citizen," National Cemeteries," · Immigration," "The Milford and Matamo as I'a ! Road," "Telegraph lines and Failroads," "Geological Survey," "Board of Public Charities" Pattle of Gettysburg," Delaware Boundary Line," "Fisheries," "State Library," "Statistics," "Land Department," "Mines," "Yellow fever, "In Memoriam of Hon. Wm. F Packer, and Hon. William W. Watt. "Pardons," general remarks, and pardon r ports, which comprehends report of pardons granted and death warrents executed during the year 1870.

President Grant on the Removal of the Capital.

On the 21st of December the Boys in Blue of Washington Fire Department serenaded the President. After speaker; James L Selfridge, chief clerk; thanking them he spoke of the removal of the Capital as follows:

It has always been my desire to see this great national capital built up in a P. Thomson, R. manner worthy of a great and growing republic like ours. As to the removal of the capital, I think that is improbable in the extreme, nor do i believe that the removal should be subject to a mere majority of the representatives of the people, relected for a single term. I think the question of removal, if ever presented, should go through the same process, at least, as amendments to the Constitutions, even if there be the constitutional power to remove it, which is not settled. This language may seem rather unpopular for a person coming bell. D. from that part of the country to which I belong, but is, nevertheless, expressed with earnestness and without reserve. Gentlemen, I thank you for your attention and kindness."

THE State Senate is composed of thirty-three Senators. The lower house is composed of one hun red members -Question for the next Constitutional Convention. Shall the mumber of members of both the Senate and House be increas-

Appropos-Forney's Press suggests that the following questions be put to the Convention: Ought not the power of divorcement to be lodged exclusively with the courts? Should legislators regulate Hall, p their own pay ? Would it not be cheaper Clinton, Cameron and M'Kean-A Con Noves, D. and fairer to make State elections concurrent with those of the nation? Is the pardoning power already too plenary, or should the privilege of transmuting liams, D. sentences in capital cases be added there to? Shall the franchise clause be remodelled so as to make it conform in lefter with the National Constitution, and Smith R so as to make expression by ballot easier and surer? Ought we to have separate Chancery Courts ? Should not the State support an effective militia system? Can the election of the State Treasurer by the Legislature be further tolerated !- Henry J M'Ateer D. Abraham Roh-Should education that is gratis be made rer D. compulsory ! Is trial by jury effectual ?

CHANGED.—The whole reading public know by reputation who Theodore Tilton is That gentleman has vacated Henry M Engle R. the Editorial Chair, of the New York Independent which he filled with honor to himself and profit for the paper. He has man M Fetter D. been succeeded by Henry C. Bower, pro- Wilson D. John Cummings D. prietor and publisher of the Independ- Young D. ent, and also editor. The change was not caused by any missunderstanding be- Williams R. Stephen H. Keene D. tween the gentlemen Mr. Tilton expects to contribute regularly to the paper.

THE Prussians have commenced the bombardment of Paris on a small scale The general bombardment well be commenced soon, despatches says, Their is great suffering among the troops in consequences of the cold weather.

THE great Spanish Gen. Prim was assinated at Madrid a few days ago .-His death may result in a revolt against the new king.

WM. M'MCLLEN's roughs cut a "high B. Beardslee R. A B Walker R. organization of the Senate:

The Present Legislature.

The Senate organized on the third and by a strict party vote 17 to 16 elected Mr. Wallace, speaker ; Jacob Ziegler, liam C Shurlock R. clerk; John A Cooliban. sergeant-atarms; John Deitrick, of this county assistant doorkeeper. We know of no emocrat that we would rather see instald there than the sheriff.

The following is a correct list of the pembers of both Houses : SENATORS.

City of Philadelphia-First District-

Robert P. Dechert, p. Second District-A. Wilson Hen-

Third district-David Nagle, D. Fourth Di-trict-George Connell, R. V. Chester. Delaware and Montgomery-Henery S Evans, R; H. Jones

VI Bucks-Jesse W. Knight, D. VII. Lehigh and Northampton-Edwin Albright, D.

VIII. Berks-J. Depuy Davis, D. IX Schuykill-Wm. M. Randall, D Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne Albert G. Brodhead, D. XI. Bradford, Suspuehanna and Wy-

oming-Peter M. Osterhout, R. XII. Luzerne-Samuel G. Turner. XIII. Potter, Tioga, M'Kean and Clinton-Author G. Olmstead, R. XIV Lycoming, Union and Snyder -Andrew H. Dill, D.

XV Northumberland, Montour, Co. umbia and Sullivan-Chas. R. Bucka

Mun ma, R. XVII. Lancaster-Esaias Billingfelt. ; John B. Warfel, R

XVIII. York and Cumberland-An drew G. Miller, D. XIX. Adams and Franklin-Calvin M. Duncan, D.

XX. Somerset, Bradford and Fulton-Hiram Findlay, D XXI. Blair, Huntingdon, Centre Miffiin, Juniata and Perry-R. Bruce Petriken, D. David M. Crawford. D XXII. Cambria, Indiana and Jeffe

on-Harry White, R XXIII Clearfield. Cameron, Clarion Forest and Elk-Wm. A. Wallace, D. XXIV. Westmorelan I. Favette and Greene-A. A. Purman, D. XXV Allegheny-James L. Graham

R. George H. Anderson, R. XXVI. Washington and James S Rutan, R. XXVII. Lawrence, Butler and Arm strong-James Kerr, R. XXVIII. Mercer, Vennango and War en-Harrison Alien, R.

XXIX. Crawford and Erie-Georg B. Delameter, R. Republicans.....

Democratic majority

The lower house reorganized on th third by the election of John H Webb. Wm J Owen, sergeant-at-arms.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Philadelphia-First district-Samuel Second district-George M'Gowan, D. Third district—Samuel Josephs, D. Fourth district—William Elliot, R. Fitth district-William Duffy, R. Sixth district-John F. Mooney, D. Seventh district-Robert Johnson, B Eighth district-Wm. L. Marshall, R Ninth district-George A. Quigley. Eleventh district-Sam'l M. Hager, R. Twelfth district-John Lemon, R. Thirteenth district-John Dumbell. Fourthteenth district-John Cloud, R Fifteenth district-Adam Albright, R. Sixteenth district-Wm. F. Smith. R. Seventeeth district-Joseph A. Camp-

Eighteenth district-James Miller, R. Adams - Isaac Hereter, D. Allegheny-Miles S. Humphreys. James Taylor, R. John H Kerr, R. David N. White, R. Henry Warner, R

John S. Robb, R Armstrong-G S. Putney, D. Berks-A. T. C. Keffer, D H. H. Schwartz. D. John A. Conred. D. Bucks-Samuel Darrah, p. S. C. Pur-

Bradford and Sullivan-Jas. H. Webb. R. Perley H Bu k, R.

Blair-B L. Hewit, R Cambria-W. Horace Rose, D. Carbon and Monroe-Wesley B Leon-

Centre-P. Grav, Meek, D. Clarion and Jefferson- : English, p Clearfield, Forest and Elk-John G

Chester-Jas. C Keech, B. L Priser, R. S II Hoopes R. Crawford—J II Grey, R. D D Wil-

Columbia and Montour-Thos Chal Cumberland-John B. Leidig, D.

Dauphin-John E Parsons, R A. C Delawars-Tryon Lewis, p. Erie-George W Starr, R. I Newton

Miller R. Fayette-T B Schnatterly D. Greene - Robert A M Connell D. Huntingdon Mifflin and Juniata-

Sloan, D. Thos M'Mullin R. Audrew M Fulton R.

Lancaster-Adam C Reinoehl R .-John F Wiley R. George Whitson R. Lebanon-Jonathan Zerba

Lehigh-Adam Woolever D. Her Lycoming Union and Snyder-Sam'

Luzerne-George Coray R. Richard Mercer Lawrence and Butler-E Wheeler, R. Alex P Moore R. Saml D Clark R. G W Fleeger R. Montgomery-John J C Harvey D.

Oliver G Morris D. Northampton - Samuel David Engleman D. Northumberland-Robert Montgom

Perry and Franklin-D B Milliken D. George W Skinnner D Schuylkill —James Ellis D. Steele D. Francis M'Kean D.

Somerset Bedford and Fultonliam H Sanner R. Samuel P Wishart R Susquehanna and Wyoming-Edward shine" at Harrisburg the night after the Tioga and Potter-B B Strang R. John S Mann R.

Venango and Warren-I D M'Jun-

Washington and Beaver-D M Leath William A Mickery R. Wil

Wayne and Pike-David Wells D. York Lemuel Ross D. Frank J Magee D. Democrats

Senate, Democratic

Republican majority

Republican majority joint ballot9

A Night of Awful Fright and De-

struction of Property by Fire. One-third of Mifflin Destroyed.

SIXTY BUILDINGS IN RUINS

Thirty-one Families Homeless.

LOSS OVER \$200,000.

The closing hours of the old year 1870. and the opening hours of the new year 1871 cannot while life lasts be forgotten by the citizens of Mifflin Four hours more only to pass, and the "Old should introduce the New." The hours passed, they were hours of fiery destruction, and the new came in and lent three hours more to complete the carnival of fire. At XVI. Dauphin and Lebanon-David 2 o'clock in the morning the fire was spending its fury on the last house within its reach. Two whole squares were burned to the ground, except four houses and three stables. These squares were bounded as follows: first or lower one, on the west side by Water street, on the north by Bridge street, on the east by Main street, on the south by an alley; second or upper square bounded on the lower or west side by Main street, on the north side by Bridge street, on the east side by Third street, on the south side by a quarry. The houses that escaped the conflagration that swept over these two squares belonged to the following named persons. N. A Elder, Wm Allison, E. D. Parker, R C. Gallaber, and were located as follows, a large brick, the property of Noah A. Elder and situated on Water street on the southwest corner of the lower square; a large frame house on Water street, adjoining Mr. Elder's on the north side, owned by Mr. Allison: a large brick house, the property of E. D Parker, located on the northeast corner of Bridge and Third streets, being on the upper square; and a large brick house, the property of R. C. Gallaher, located

on Third street, and on lot adjoining E Parker's. Bordering on Water street and on the west side between the street and the canal is a long narrow strip of ted on its south end a large stone dwelling house, a tannery and bark house, all belonging to C Chamberlain. North of and adjoining the bark house stands a fire. North of the shop with an alley and lot between stood a large frame dwelling, owned by Sellers & Sulouff. This and occupied by T U Hamilton and Mchouse was burned. North of this frame Cachren, \$1,800. house stood the "Crystal Palace" and warehouse, bounded on the north by Bridge street, on the south by vacant space and the frame bouse just referred to, and on the west by the canal. These two buildings were owned by J. M. Sel lers, or Philadelphia, formerly of Mifflin,

and D P Sulouff, of this place Graybill Brothers were on Saturday are the warehouse. The latter they intended -in the event of them becoming its warehouse that the fire originated .- \$1 500. Whether it was kindled there by the hand of man, or whether it came by spontaneous combustion is not known About 8 o'clock a young man, whose name we have forgotten, from Lewistown. in passing the front of the building on Bridge street, noticed smoke issuing from the front door of the warehouse cellar. of Wright owned by Wright and unoc-He entered the storeroom of Graybill & cupied \$250. Shelley and stated the fact. Of course an effort was made to get at the fire, but the smoke rolled out with such a volume when the doors were opened that it was causes the body to tingle with deep and fearful emotion. The people poured into being scarcely able tocarry their unstrung bodies erect. The engine was out of repair-in a word, was useless. Men ent it will be issued from Wm. Allison carried in buckets what water was used at the warehouse. The fire did not con- building not including contents of res warehouse. The whole building was soon on fire, and the "Palace" also. Citizens could do nothing there but look on. kept wet by the citizens with buckets. If this building had caught fire, the chap- ner of Bridge and Main streets, owned

smouldering ruins, perhaps the whole of it. The flames from the 'Palace' soon contents, \$3 000. sped across Water street to the store and march at one and the same time down Water street and up the south side of Bridge street. The work done with the E S Parker, contents not included \$5 500 buckets in saving Mrs. Belford's property on the north side of Bridge street. Water street, seemed like super-human work. The scene beggars all descrip-

tion. The whole population of the Henry Goshen, contents not included, town south of Bridge street was making \$1,800. a berculean effort to carry from the burning buildings to the Court Yard their household effects. In some cases the \$3,000. goods were only got to the street outside of the buildings and there burned. number of families saved little more than the clothing that covered their persons. The thief was also at work, many goods of different kinds are missing .-May the justice of heaven be strictly meted out to the wretches who pilfered from the unfortunate ones on that night

Shortly after the fire broke out the citizens realized that the destruction of property would be great, unless aid could be obtained from Lewistown or Harrisburg The fire departments of these towns were dispached to, and nobly responded, the Penna Railroad Company funishing transportation for the Lewistown company and engine, which reached Mifflin about midnight, and immediately proceeded to throw water on the houses of Mrs. Dolen and E D Pa ker, but their good work was soon brought to an end by the bursting of the engine nozzle .-The railroad company also furnished transportation for the Friendship and Citizens steamers, Goodwill Company's hoes carriage, and Mount Vernon Hook and ladder company, from Harrisburg to Mifflin, but they arrived too late to be of any service Our citizens can never forget the kindness extended to them by the Penna Railroad Company, and by the citizens of Lewistown and Harris burg on last saturday night.

It is not claimed that the estimate the loss that here follows is an entirely correct one; it is made too, on the houses alone, not including their contents, excepting in two cases hereinafter mentioned, on which the loss of con' its is estimated We commence to estimate first at the 'Crystal Palace," the long store room which traversed the entire length included, \$3,000 of the building was used by Graybill & Shelly for a sale room, while the entire \$140,000. No account has been kept of second story was used by the firm for the loss of the contents of the houses. storing dry goods in. In the same such as furniture, bedding, goods, &c building on the west side of the room in in any of the buildings excepting in that which Graybill & Shelly disposed of of the Palace, Warehouse, and Hoffman their goods to customers, was another and Harley's store and dwelling. No store room occupied by Waream & Co., account of loss of stables, outbuild hardware dealers. The third story of ings, and fences is regularly attempted, the palace was used as a lodge for Iro- but it is beleived that on furniture, on quois Tribe No 42, I. O. R. M., Lost stables, outbuildings, on fences, &c , will Creek lodge of Odd Fellows, and Pat- swell the whole over \$200,000. terson Council of U. O. A. M. The Patterson Council was in their lodge st ry was the the Mesons hall. Adjoin ing the Palace on the west side was a large four-story brick ware house the used by the firm of Grasbill & Shelly. Waream & Co, and D. P. Sulouff, and the stories above were used by D P Sublacksmith shop. These all excepted the jouff grain dealer. Loss here, palace,

ware house and contents \$60 000. Frame dwelling house, south of pa ace building, owned by Sellers & Sulouff

Frame dwelling house and clothing store on the northwest corner of Bridge and Water streets, contents included. owned and occupied by Hoffman & Har-

Frame dwelling house on Water st., south of Hoffman & starley, owned and occupied by J see Howe, not including contents \$1 500.

Frame dwelling house on same street, south of Howe, owned by T U Parker ranging to purchase both the palace and and occupied by Myers Troup, contents the warehouse. The latter they intended not included \$509. Plastered dwelling house on same

street, south of Parker, owned by John owners-to convert into a steam grist Huzzard and occupied by J C Moser mill. It was in the lower story of the and Wm Noble, contents not included

Frame dwelling house on same street, south of Huzzard, owned and occupied by Samuel Stimeling, contents not included \$700. Frame dwelling house on same street,

south of Stimeling, owned by John Wright and occupied by Mrs. Greer, contents not included \$700. Frame dwelling on same street south

Frame dwelling house on same street

south of Wright, owned and occupied by Mrs Reese, contents not included \$1 100 We go back northward to Bridge street and thence eastward along said street to an impossibility to enter the cellar. The John Hollobaugh's building in the basecry of fire was given. The Lutheran ment of which was a restaurant, and on church bell was rung in that peculiar the floor above, a billiard saloon, both manner that unstrings the nerves and managed by Hollobaugh. In the second story Bonsall & Jackman, editors and proprietors of the Demo rat and Register, published their paper. The books, the streets and down to the "Palace," files, and a few forms, and a lot of type some carrying buckets, others nothing, were taken out before the flames reached the building The Democrat and Regis ter like the fabulous bird, the Phoenix. will rise from its ashes. For the presoffice, above the Republican. Loss of

fine itself long to the lower story of the taurant, saloon and printing office \$1,800. steps and succeeded in reaching the low-The Odd Fellows Hall, a large three story brick building on Bridge street east of Hollobaugh's, the first and sec and floors of which were used by Tilten It was only by heroic work that Mr. & Espenschade merchants, and on the Wilson's residence on the north side of third floor was the lodge room for Mif-Bridge at cet, directly opposite the "Pal. flintown lodge LO O F. Loss of building contents of store or goods, and was so much overcome that dge. \$5,000.

ter of disaster would be fearfully longer by George Jacobs and Robert Parker -another third of the town would lie in and occupied by Simon B Albright, hotel keeper, and Fasick & North, shoemakers. Loss of building, not including Frame dwelling house on west sid

Large plastered hotel on the

dwelling of Hoffman and Harley, and to of Main street, south of Jacobs & Parthe dwelling house of Jesse Howe, and ker. owned by W Wilson and occuthence took up its seemingly fiendish pied by Wm Egolf, contents not included, \$1,000. Brick dwelling house on same street, south of Wilson, owned and occupied by

Brick dwelling house and office on same street south of Parker, owned and and the Allison and E'der property on occupied by E S Doty, contents not in-Frame dwelling house on same street.

south of Poty, owned and occupied by county.

Brick dwelling house on same street, south of Goshen, owned and occupied by Amos G Bousall, contents not included

Frame dwelling house on same street south of Bonsall, owned by Doty and pecupied by Wm Ellis and Alfred Steel. ontents not included, \$1,500 Brick dwelling house on same

south of Doty, owned by H A Stambaugh and occupied by his mother and Brick dwelling house on east side Main street, owned and occupied by John Wright, contents not included, \$5 000

Frame dwelling house on same side of Main street and north of John Wright, owned and occupied by Cornelius Mc Clellan, contents not included, \$1,500 Frame dwelling house on same street

laher and occupied by Mrs Oswald, con-tents not included, \$890 Stone dwelling house on same street north of Gallaher, owned by Mrs Fasick and occupied by Mrs Fasick and Wm. Wise, contents not included, \$1,800 Frame dwelling house on same street.

Sallaher and occupied by John Dietrick, contents not included, \$1,000 Brick dwelling house on same stree north of Gallaher, also owned by R C Gallaher, unoccupied, \$5 000

Brick building used for dwelling house

orth of Mrs Fasick, owned by R C

cabinet shop and wareroom, on same street, north of Gallaher, owned and occupied by James Robinson, contents not included, \$4,000 Store room on the corner of Bridge and Main streets, north of Robinson owned by George Jacobs and occupied

by Wm Egolf, as a confectionery store, Frame shops and offices on Bridge st. east of the corner of Bridge and Main streets, owned by Geo Jacobs and occu pied by Caveny & Auker, workers in marble, George Heck, shoemaker, Cor nelius McClellau, harness maker, G L Derr, dentist, and Jeremiah Lyons, law-

yer, contents not included, \$2 000 Frame dwelling house on Bridge stree east of Jacobs' row, owned by Mrs Dolen and occupied by Mrs Dolen, John Wimer and Wm Jackman, contents not town and Harrisburg and to the P R R

This estimate swells the loss to over

Messrs Sellers & Sulouff insurance when the fire broke out. The fourth on Palace and warehouse in the Enter-Franklin of Philadelphia \$5 000 D P Sulouff, insurance on grain

Frame house south of Palace owned Insurance on contents of the lodge

room of Iroquois Tribe No 42 I O R M Lycoming \$400 Insurance on contents of Masons' Hall North American of Phila \$1,000 Waream & Co insured in Lebano

mutual and - \$10,000 Hoffman & Harley insured in Mutual of Lebanon \$4,000 and in York Mutual

Jesse Howe insured in Perry \$1,200 John Wright insured in Lebanon on property on Water street \$800 John Hollobaugh insured in the Mutu-

al of York \$2 000 Odd Fellows' Hall insured in Perry Tilten & Espenschade, dry goods

calers, insured in Lebanon \$5,000 Jacobs & Parker's hotel insured in Perry \$2,500 E S Parker, personal property insured

in Franklin, Phila \$1,400, and house in sured in North American of Phila \$3,000 Henry Goshen insured in the Columbia Amos G Bonsall insured in Perry

H A Stambaugh insured in Perry John Wright insured in Girard, Phildelphia \$2,000, in Lebanon \$700

Capt M'Clellan insured in Lebas house and personel property \$1 200 R C Gallaher insured in Perry \$1440. n York \$500, in Lycoming \$4.500

Geo Jacobs insurance on offices hops in Perry \$1.000 J .. yous contents of office insured in the Cumberland Valley

Mrs Dolen insured in Lebanon \$2,000 No lives were lost in this awful fire, and no persons seriously injured. a number narrowly escaped with their lives, John Hollobaugh made an effort to reach the Masons hall on the fourth-story of the palace for the purpose of secureing the books and charter of the order, feeling That be could not reach the hall, the smoke being to dence he retraced his er flight of stairs from the head of which the fresh air quickly restored him C. Chamberlain entered the store room of he fell to the floor. He crept out on his hands and knees. The order of American Mechanics was in session on the third-story when the fire broke outthe other members had gone down. When they attempted to leave the building hey could not do so by the stair-way .-

They escaped by means of a rope. Dumas, the great French novelists, is dead. He was of negro extraction, and the most prolific writer of the age.

elect members to the United States Sen-

Meeting of Citizens.

The following proceedings of a meeting of citizens on Monday evening carries its Lives and Property Destroyed in Richmond, Va. own explanation:

January 2, 1871, Pusuant to an announcement by hand- mas morning just as the porter commencbills, the meeting of citizens to relieve ed waking passengers for the Southern

After a brief statement by the Presi dent of the object of the meeting. Edmund S Doty Esq, read the following telegram :

January, 2d 1871.

To E S Doty. Esq : Draw on Win Painter, & Co. Bankers, biladelphia, for five hundred dollars be spent for the relief of needy sufferers from the late fire. Mr. Sellers will come up to-day to represent our committee,

A K M'CLURE, Wm PAINTER.

Hon James M Sellers, being present by request, stated that the money was raised by a self constituted committee of five persons that assembled in his office in Philadelphia, consisted of Col A K M'Clure himself and three others, each of whom contribued \$100. The commit-

tee expected to raise \$2500 or \$3000 On motion it was resolved that the thanks of the citizens of mifflintown be and they are hereby tendered to Col A K M'Chre, Hon James M Sellers, and other friends for their liberal contributions to releive the necessities of our unfortunate neighbors who lost so heavily in the disastrous conflagration which oc cured in this town on the night of the 31st ult.

On montion L E Atkinson, Thomas A Elder and John T L Sahm were appointed a committee to draft resolutions ering the thanks of our citizens of Mifflintown to the Fire Department of Lewis-Co. and others who came to the rescue during the late great fire. The same

THE committe to draft resolutions

thanks make the following report : WHERAS an all wise Providence saw fit to let a great disaster in the form of a terrible conflagration come upon the borough of Mifflintown, and the destruction the greater part of the town seemed

And Whereas, Upon the first intimation of need, the Fire Pepartment of the city of Harrisburg and the Hope fire nished much needed assistance; there-

Resolved. That the most Graybill & Shelley insured in four thanks of the citizens of Mifflintown be. numorous friends who came to our assist

THOMAS A FLORR. LOUIS E ATKINSON. JOHN T L SAHM.

Committee On motion E S Parker was elected Treasurer to receive contributions for the

relief of sufferers. On motion James North, Amos H Martin, John Yenkley, Jacob Christy and Noah A Elder were appointed a comthe benefit of those left in actual want will amount to \$100,000. by the late fire, and to draw orders upon the treasure for that purpose.

On motion the secretary was instructed to publish the proceedings of the

On motion motion the meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. Barnitz. JOHN T L SAHN, Secretary. THE following communication explains

itselfs. LEWISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 3d 1871.

Editor Sentinel :-We have collected nearly \$350 for the relief of the sufferers by the late fire in your place. The committee have no canvassed the entire town yet but expect to finish this evening or to-morrow morning. As one of the collecting committee write to know who are the committee to receive the funds in your place, please

inform by return mail. Fraternally Yours. GEORGE R. FRYSINGER.

Gen T. F. McCoy, (chairman,) Col J. B. Selheimer, Geo. R. Frysinger, Com-

GAMBETTA, who is only thirty-five years of age, is thus described : "A burnette (Napoleon brownness, we presame). a Hebrew face, short in person, nervous, but clear-headed and practacle, commanding and dominant, and resolute he rolled to the bottom nearer dead than daybreak to sun-setting, and, if all were to save France-a man who works from known, perhaps long after the stars are

THE news that flashed across the cable on Christmas eve doubtless thrilled the heart of the Fenian brotherhood. The wire clicked the news that all the Feni to the English prisons at Portland, beautifully luminous in a dark room. Joseph Pannabaker and Isa ac Kauffman Chatham and Millbank were liberated emained in the room a short time after by order of the English government -What will Train say?

sanity being held to be simply a disease. France.

GENERAL SCHENCE, of Ohio, has been

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.

At a quarter past two o'clock, on Christthe wants and sufferings of those render- train, the Spottswood Hotel in the city ed destitude by the late fire, which des- of Richmond, was discovered to be on troyed a large portion of Miffliutown on fire in the lower floor. An effort was imthe night of the 31st ult, convened this mediately made to wake the guests, and evening in the Presbyterian church of the scene became indiscribable. Men were this place, and organized by electing W rushing about trying to save their bag-W Davis, President, and John T L Sham gage, and the woman, nearly naked and bare-footed fleeing into the snow-covered

streets. The steam engines were promptly on hand, but the water being frozen, it was some time before it could be thrown on the building. In twenty minutes the flames spread to such an extent that escape by the staircase was cut off. The guests then commence leaping from the windows, and lowering themselves by ropes made from blankets into the streets. P. P. Clark, of Philadelphia, the steward of the hotel leaped from a third-story

window, receiving mortal injuries. The most painful scene of the disaster was the appearance of Mrs. Emily Cornelius, of Baltimore, the housekeeper, at a window on the fifth story, with one or two other ladies, screaming for help.

The fire companies' ladders were put up, but failed by two stories to reach the window. While the firemen were making efforts to lengthen the ladders the cry. ing women disappeared in the thick smoke and were lost, the room brighten ing up a moment after with the flames Another account of how the Mrs. Cor-

neilus, the housekeeper of the hotel. vain was she urged to by the proprietor. Mr. Luck, to escape ; but she wanted her trunk. This she got, but then she wanted to have something else, and at last all the avenues of escape were cut off, and she was swallowed up by the devouring element.

It is a noticeable fact that the fire. committee was instructed to forward the after destroying the block, left one store everal resolutions of thanks to parties on the corner, the same building that stopped the conflagation at the evucuaion of Richmond.

The weather was so intensely cold that the telegraph wires in front of the burning building were covered with ice While the fire was raging the fire steam-

ers were encased in ice an inch thick A corespondent of the N. Y. Herald notices a chivalrous act as follows : Here I saw the wife of Capt. M'Phail in her company of Lewistown, through the bare feet, with a blanket wrapped around good offices of the Pennsylvania railroad her, while her bushand, half dressed, company, responded at once, and fur carried their infant child, whose piteous cries could be heard above the din of the grateful falling timbers and cracking floors. But empanies. North American of Philadel and are hereby tendered to the Hope fire mention. A young man named Towers phia York, Lycoming, and Home, New company of Lewistown, to the Fire Desprang forward, pulled off his shoes and Haven, Conn., \$5,000 each, total \$20, partment of Harrisburg, and the Pennsylvania railroad company, and to the lady, and divesting himself of his overcoat, wrapped the by Sellers & Sulouff in the Lycoming ance, and that we shall ever hold them child in it and carried it a distance of sevin grateful remembrance for their kind eral squares to the house of a friend of M, Phail's. Eight persons are known to

have perished. An incident of the fire was the appearance of a man at the upper windows, paralyzied by fear, who sat tearing paper into small pieces and throwing them out the window till he fell back into the

On the same morning a destructive fire broke out at Harrisonburg, Va. No lives mittee to disburse the money received for lost here. The destruction of property

Since that date fires have prevailed in Cornwall, Canada, loss \$150,000. Over two hundred persons were thrown out of metting in the several papers of the employment. At St. Thomas, Canada; \$80,000 worth of property destroyed. It is believed that two lives were lest here. And a fire in Bultimore, in which \$15,-000 worth of property was destroyed : also a fire in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., at which place \$75,000 worth of property was destroyed; besides other places thorughout the country too numerous to-

> The New York Commercial, noticing the recent removal of an eminent lawyer from Troy to New York city, mentions the fact that, with here and there an exception, the most eminent legal talants of the metropolis graduated in the rual dis triets, Evarst, Fields, Stoughton, Seward, Choate, Shafer, Fullerton, &c., were not to the pavement bred. On the contrary, they were "nurtured on fresh clover, huckleberries, pork and beans, and reared to manhood in linsywolleey pantaloons," Country air and farm work serve to develop to their fullest capacity both mind and body.

The Journal of Microscopy says :-Open an oyster, examine the liquor in the lower or deep shell, and, if viewed through a microscope, it will be found to contain multitudes of small oysters, covered with shells and swimming nimbly about-one hundred and twenty of which extend but one inch. Besides these young oysters the liquor contains a variety of animalculæ and myriads of three distinct species of worms. Sometimes their light represents a bluish star about ans that had been convicted and east in- the centre of the shell, which will be

The oldest couple of Pennsylvania, if not in the United States, are living about nine miles southwest of Tionesta, Forest THE United States Circuit Court, of County, Mr. and Mrs. Allio, aged respec-New Jersey, has decided that in case of tively one hundred and six and one hunsuicide from insanity, by a person insured, a life insurance must be paid, in-

At a conflagation recently in an Iowa confirmed, Minister to England. It is town, a company of ladies hauled a hook believed generally that he will inaugu- and ladder truck to the fire, and were rate a vigorous policy in regard to the foremost in every effort to extinguish the