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get much of a show for casting a shadow on Candlemas, therefore, if you believe in the old traditions about an early spring, we're bound to get it this year. Be that as it may, we're fully ready for it, and today make

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CAPITOL IN RUINS

Pennsylvania's State House Destroyed in a Big Conflagration. THE FIREMEN POWERLESS

They Were Slow in Arriving on the Scene and Were Unable to Be of Much Use—Many Members of the Legislature Obligated to Leap Through Windows to Save Their Lives—The Fate of a Number of Foolhardy People in Doubt—Capt. Delaney Rescues a Lounge.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 2.—The ancient capital of Pennsylvania is in ruins and its law-making body is without a home. A fire was started in the rooms of Lieutenant Governor Lyon some time this forenoon, but which was not discovered until a few minutes before 1 o'clock, is responsible for this condition of things. The lieutenant governor's apartments are on the second floor of the main capitol building directly over the senate chamber, and it was only a short time before the senate was to have reconvened that a gas hurried to the desk of President Pro Tem, McCarroll, who was about to take his seat preparatory to calling the body to order, with the information that there was fire in the rooms overhead. Bad news travels quickly and it seemed as though in a twinkling everybody on the floor knew of the fire. The senate was to have reconvened that a gas hurried to the desk of President Pro Tem, McCarroll, who was about to take his seat preparatory to calling the body to order, with the information that there was fire in the rooms overhead. Bad news travels quickly and it seemed as though in a twinkling everybody on the floor knew of the fire. The senate was to have reconvened that a gas hurried to the desk of President Pro Tem, McCarroll, who was about to take his seat preparatory to calling the body to order, with the information that there was fire in the rooms overhead. Bad news travels quickly and it seemed as though in a twinkling everybody on the floor knew of the fire.

EXPECTED TO CONFOUND EXPERTS. Lawyers in Fair Case Explain the Printing of Legal Blanks. San Francisco, Feb. 2.—The prosecution has been trying to prove conspiracy in connection with bribery charges now being had against J. J. Cooney, ex-notary public, who said he received ex-senator Fair's acknowledgment for deeds to property given to Mrs. Craven. The prosecution instituted an inquiry regarding the printing last week of quantities of legal blanks, the fac-similes of those used by Cooney. Sensational charges have been made concerning the blanks, with the intimation that the defendant was manufacturing evidence. Attorney DeLaney and Reddy, for the defense, were called to the witness stand, and told the prosecuting counsel that the blanks were not intended to deceive the court, but to confuse expert witnesses, and to test their expert knowledge. The witness further testified that the defendant, Cooney, knew nothing of the printing of the blanks, and that the case was not

FLOOD OF BILLS IN HOUSE AND SENATE. Mr. Vaughan Introduces a Supplement to Corporation Act. AN APPORTIONMENT RESOLUTION. Senator McQuinn Offers a Supplement to the Brooks High License Law Limiting the Number of Permits—Mr. Severt Introduces a Wholesome Life Insurance Measure Other Business in the House.



THE BURNED STATE CAPITOL.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 2.—President Pro Tem McCarroll called the senate to order at 11 o'clock this morning. From the committee in education Mr. Reddy reported, as committed, the bill authorizing school controllers to establish and

of assistant assessors at one year, and that of the principal assessor at two years. The measure as passed will make provisions for making triennial and other special assessments within the required time. In many counties at present assistant assessors have been nominated for election this month, and unless the bill becomes a law they cannot serve. After some debate the bill passed second reading as amended. WILL NOT REOPEN DU PONT CASE. Senate Committee Decides That It Has Been Finally Passed Upon. Washington, Feb. 2.—The senate committee on privileges and elections again today had under consideration the petition of Colonel H. A. Dupont for the reopening of his claim to a seat as senator from Delaware. Owing to the fact that some of the members of the committee were absent, although there was a quorum present, formal action was postponed until next Friday. All the members present expressed the

IT IS NOW ALMOST A NEW TREATY. The Senate Changes After the Arbitration Convention. ENTIRE TEXT GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC. The Scope of the Instrument Is Very Much Restricted—Sharp Resentments of the Senate's Hindering Policy—Sarcasm of the London Press—Important Changes Made.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The text of the changes made in the general arbitration treaty by the senate committee on foreign relations today are given below: Assent to the senate article one, read as follows: "The high contracting parties agree to submit to the arbitration in accordance with the provisions of and subject to the limitations of this treaty all questions in difference between them which they may fail to adjust by diplomatic negotiations." The senate committee to this added the following: But no question which affects the foreign or domestic policy of either of the high contracting parties, or the relations of either to any other state or power, by treaty or otherwise, shall be a subject for arbitration under this treaty except by special agreement. Article three is amended by giving each government two, instead of one, jurist of repute. In article five the following has been stricken out: In case they shall fail to agree upon an umpire within three months of the date of application made to them in that behalf by the high contracting parties, either of them, the umpire shall be selected in the manner provided for in article 10. Wherever the word "person" is used, meaning the fifth member of the tribunal, "person" is stricken out and "umpire" inserted. Article 7 in the original treaty reads as follows: "Objections to the jurisdiction of an arbitral tribunal constituted under this treaty shall not be taken except as provided in this article. If, before the close of the hearing upon a claim submitted to an arbitral tribunal constituted under article 11, or article 8, either of the high contracting parties shall move such tribunal to decide, and thereupon it shall decide that the determination of such claim necessarily involves the decision of a disputed question of principle or grave general importance affecting the national rights of such party as distinguished from the private rights of individuals, it is hereby understood that the jurisdiction of such tribunal shall cease and the same shall be dealt with by arbitration under article 11." Article 7 in the original treaty reads as follows: "Objections to the jurisdiction of an arbitral tribunal constituted under this treaty shall not be taken except as provided in this article. If, before the close of the hearing upon a claim submitted to an arbitral tribunal constituted under article 11, or article 8, either of the high contracting parties shall move such tribunal to decide, and thereupon it shall decide that the determination of such claim necessarily involves the decision of a disputed question of principle or grave general importance affecting the national rights of such party as distinguished from the private rights of individuals, it is hereby understood that the jurisdiction of such tribunal shall cease and the same shall be dealt with by arbitration under article 11."

HAVANA'S DESPERATE CONDITION. If the War Continues Nearly all the Merchants Will Be Ruined. Havana, Ind., Feb. 2.—Hugh J. Dougherty, returned from Havana, where he has been a guest of Consul General Lee, says the business situation in Havana is so desperate that a panic will sweep two-thirds of the merchants into ruin if the war lasts a few months longer. About all the money they get is from the soldiers and the Spaniards take most of that away in the shape of taxes. The situation of the merchants is desperate. They are not able to pay their taxes, and they are being driven out of business. The situation of the merchants is desperate. They are not able to pay their taxes, and they are being driven out of business. The situation of the merchants is desperate. They are not able to pay their taxes, and they are being driven out of business.

QUEEN'S FAREWELL TO BAYARD. The American Ambassador to Dine With Her at Windsor. London, Feb. 2.—The Daily Chronicle says that Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, the United States ambassador, is now confined to his home with a severe cold. The queen has commanded Mr. and Mrs. Bayard to dine with her upon her return to Windsor Castle. The Daily News is authority for the statement that when Ambassador and Mrs. Bayard pay this visit to the queen the function will be of the nature of a farewell as the queen will be on the continent when Mr. Bayard leaves the American embassy.

DOUBLE SHOOTING IN CHICAGO. Chicago, Feb. 2.—J. H. Mitchell and W. S. Worth, clerks in the freight department of the Wabash railroad, were shot down at the corner of Twelfth street and Michigan avenue at 3 o'clock yesterday morning by highwaymen. Both are expected to die. The men who did the shooting escaped.

LOUIS F. PAYS CONFIRMED. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Despite the strong opposition against Louis F. Payson for the position of superintendent of insurance of this state, which office he was nominated last night by Governor Black, the senate this afternoon confirmed the nomination by a vote of 27 to 20.

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HOUSE BILLS. When the house met this morning Mr. Schrank of Schuylkill, moved a resolution which was adopted, on the death of Hon. D. D. Phillips, of Schuylkill county, an ex-member of the house and providing for a committee to attend the funeral.

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FINLEY'S Annual Linen Sale

Saturday, Jan. 30, will commence a Linen Sale that will be of special interest to housekeepers. We will not enlarge on the Extraordinary Bargains we offer, but submit quality and prices for your personal inspection, feeling assured that the goods will do the best.

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6 pieces 64-inch Damask, all linen 2.50
5 pieces 66-inch Damask, all linen 2.50
5 pieces 72-inch Damask, all linen 2.50

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