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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

E. M. Bruce, of *New York* City, died suddenly on Saturday last, from heart disease.

The Virginia Senate passed the House bill, postponing the payment of interest on debts, until the first of August next.

A party of notorious bushwhackers, under under command of Poole and Clemens, entered Lexington, Missouri, on Friday last. Col. Montgomery demanded their surrender, which being refused, a desperate fight ensued, in which Clemens was killed and several of the bushwackers mortally wounded. Colonel Montgomery has placed a number of the prominent secessionists of Lexington under arrest, and holds them as hostages for the safety of the loyal citizens.

A great snow storm visited St. Joseph, on Saturday last, covering the ground with a depth of fifteen inches.

Bids for supplying the Indian tribes with goods during the coming year, were opened by Commissioner Rogy, at Washington, on saturday. Twenty-five different houses put in their bids, but no decision will be made for several days. The bids widely varied and were from New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia and St. Louis.

Six hundred and seventy-five patents will be issued by the Patent Office for the week ending to-day.

Eleven thousand two hundred and ninety acres of land were disposed of in the month of November, eight thousand of which were taken for settlement under the provisions of the Homestead Law.

Gen. W. A. Pile, member of Congress elect, from First District of Missouri, preached last night in a new Methodist church. A member of Congress occupying a pulpit is a new idea.

The Congressional whisky fraud committee organized on Saturday in New York, but did not enter into their labors. To-day they will commence their investigations.

Gen. Gordon Granger was in New York on Saturday.

It is not expected that Congress will pass any financial measures till after the Christmas holidays.

The leading colored citizens of the District of Columbia are now arranging for a mass meeting of jubilee, to rejoice over the passage of the suffrage bill.

It is expected that Judge Fisher will to-morrow announce his decision in the Conover perjury case.

The Common Council of New York appropriated on Saturday last one half million dollars to be applied to the purchase of the new site at City Park for the proposed new Post-office.

The Senate Committee on Public Expenditure meets to-day, at New York, to ascertain the salaries and duties of Federal officers in the metropolis.

A subterranean distillery was discovered and seized by Government detectives on Saturday last, in Hoboken, New York.

A man was heavily fined on Saturday in Jersey City, for storing petroleum on his premises.

Senator Fowler's wife (of Tennessee) died in Washington, on Saturday last.

The special convention of delegates from the various orthodox Lutheran Synods, which has been in session during the past week at Reading, Pa., adjourned on Saturday. They provided for the organization of a new ecclesiastical union which will hereafter meet annually. The union will be styled, "The General Council of the Lutheran Church of North America." The convention adopted the unaltered Augsberg Confession as its doctrinal basis, and authorized the preparation and publication of new English and German hymn books.

Senator Roberts, of Texas, has written from Washington to his constituents, a letter, urging them to exercise their highest exertions to preserve law and order and show themselves to be worthy of a better fate than that which appears to await them.

The White House and various Departments were thronged with M. C.'s on Saturday last.

A letter received in New York from Fort au Prince, says that the city of Miragoane was almost totally destroyed by fire recently.

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## FIRST EDITION.

ONE O'CLOCK, A. M.

### LATE NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

### FROM EUROPE.

Fenians Keeping Quiet.

CLAIMS AGAINST FRANCE.

Rumored Arrest of Stephens.

ITALIAN PARLIAMENT OPENED.

Speech of Victor Emanuel.

BY THE CABLE.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Fenians keep quiet. No further arrests have been made.

Stephens' whereabouts is a mystery.

PARIS, Dec. 15—*Noon.*—The United States Government has ordered the payment of one hundred and fifty million francs into Court as security for the costs pending to recover the money paid for building rebel ships in France. Our Consul stated in Court that serious diplomacy was employed by obtaining heavy claims against England for building the state cruisers, and for depredations they had committed on American commerce.

LONDON, Dec. 15, *Evening.*—A report in current to-day that Stephens had arrived in England and was traced to Norfolk, and that the police had arrested him. The rumor is considered doubtful.

The Government have given up the steamer Hollyar, suspected of being a Fenian privateer, to the Colombian Minister.

ROME, December 15.—The Pope received the new minister to the Italian Kingdom very graciously to-day, and his mission to the pontifical will it be hoped prove successful.

FLORENCE, December 15.—The Italian Parliament was opened by Victor Emmanuel; he delivered a speech in which he congratulates the people of Italy on their deliverance from any foreign yoke and union under one government. He says he will respect the Popes territory and independence, and expresses the hope that the relations between the Holiness and Italy will be settled to the satisfaction of all parties.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 15—*Noon.*—Five-Twenties, 72¼.

LONDON, Dec. 15—*Noon.*—Petroleum declined one-half pence.

LONDON, Dec. 15, 2 p. m.—Consols, 89¾; 5-20s, 71¼; Erie, 47¾; Illinois, 77¾. Cotton has advanced ¼.

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### FROM CINCINNATI.

The New Brighton Receipts of Hogs—Death of Gen. Parry—Burning of the Steamer Pike Bluff.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 16.—The Suspension bridge will be open to vehicles the last part of this week.

The receipts of hogs yesterday and to-day was 1,700 head.

Brig. Gen. Parry, recently elected Treasurer of Hamilton county, died in this city this afternoon. General Parry entered the war as Colonel of the 49th Ohio Infantry, and commanded one of the brigades that captured Fort McAllister at the mouth of the Savannah river.

A civil engineer reports Cincinnati as containing one hundred and fifteen miles of paved streets.

Three hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars were expended in Cincinnati last year for common schools.

The Auditor of the State reports the value of taxables in this State at eleven hundred and six million two hundred and eight thousand dollars. The amount of taxes raised in this State for 1865 was over twenty millions of dollars. Cincinnati alone pays two-thirds of the State tax.

The weather to-day is very unpleasant, the snow, sleet and rain falling thick and almost impassable. It is now snowing and growing colder.

The steamer Pike Bluff, bound from St. Louis to Pittsburgh, with iron ore, was destroyed by fire this morning at the mouth of Licking river. The boat was valued at twenty-thousand dollars.

### FROM LEXINGTON, MO.

Contradiction of the Fight with Bushwhackers—An Investigation of the Matter Ordered.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—The *Republican* of 16-day, on the authority of an eye-witness, denies that there was any fight with Bushwhackers in Lexington, as reported in a special dispatch to the *Democrat* on Friday night last. It says that a party of men left Lexington to enroll men for the militia; among them, Clemens remained in the town after the others had left, and was shot by the militia, and Alvin Mason, a resident of Lexington, was accidentally wounded. No cause is given for the shooting of Clemens.

The article further states that Major Montgomery arrested James M. Poole, sheriff of Lafayette county; Captain Wm. Vaughan, lieutenant United States Assessor; William H. Green County Attorney, and several other men, who alleged that Major Montgomery and his men behaved very badly, and in consequence of their threats, Green, Vaughan, Poole, United States Assessor, H. S. Davis, United States Revenue Collector, and several other citizens, were obliged to flee from Lexington. Colonel Kelly was sent to Lexington by General Hancock, to investigate the matter, and will probably make a report soon.

The weather continues cold, and the ice in the river increases rapidly.

### FROM BOSTON.

Sale of Wool—Death of a Physician—The Fenians are Addressed by the Black Legislature—Liquor Seized—Sold Attempts at Robbery.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Two million pounds of wool were sold here last week.

Adjutant General Schenkar has been removed, it is said, on account of his letter to Gen. Butler in a recent letter to Dr. J. J. Fales.

One of the oldest physicians here died yesterday of heart disease.

Large contributions of money were made to the Fenian cause by the Irish Democratic circles last night. A number of recruits were obtained. Among the speakers was Eli Walker, colored representative to the Massachusetts Legislature.

Five thousand gallons of liquor belonging to Abel Hunt were seized by the State Constable yesterday.

Commodore Rodgers has assumed command of the Charlestown navy yard, *vice* Admiral Stringham.

A bold attempt was made to rob the bank at Castleton, on Thursday evening, by three robbers, who were frightened off without getting anything.

Washington Items—Death of the Express Carlotta Announced.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A Washington special says: The majority of Congress are in favor of the early sale of gold.

It is expected the President will veto the district suffrage bill.

A private Cable dispatch states that the Empress Carlotta died at Miramar last night.

A Washington special says: The Senate Finance Committee will devote Christmas recess to the preparation of a tariff bill.

Colorado and Nebraska will have to expunge the word "white" from their Constitution to be admitted.

Paymaster Paulding threatens damaging disclosures.

Death of a Pioneer Preacher—Escape of Murderers.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 16.—The Rev. George W. Maley, of the Methodist Church South, one of the pioneers of Methodism in the West, died at Urbanna, Ohio, yesterday.

Alexander Plummer and James Brown, convicted of murder and under sentence of death, in Pendleton county, Kentucky, for killing Leonard Hoe, a year ago, escaped from Falmouth, Ky., jail this morning.

From San Francisco—Indictment of Assessors.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 14.—The Grand Jury found an indictment against the Assessors of sixteen counties, who continue to make returns to Avery, at Sacramento, instead of Bigler, President Johnson's appointee.

Seventy whalers arrived at Sandwich Islands this season with an average cargo and oil.

California wheat is quoted to-day at $1.90@2.

President Roberts Seeks to Pecuniarily Aid the Fenian Prisoners in Canada.

TORONTO, December 15.—President Roberts sent two hundred dollars to Bishop Lynch to procure necessaries for the Fenians in jail here, but the bishop returned the money and declined to have any thing to do with the matter.

The Trial, Conviction and Sentence of Mullin.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The trial of Mollie Truesall for the killing of George Truesall, was concluded to-day, and a verdict of manslaughter rendered. She was sentenced one year to the Penitentiary.

Lady Killed at Oil City.

OIL CITY, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Clark was run over by the cars on a street crossing to-day and instantly killed.

## SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

### VERY LATEST TELEGRAMS.

### FROM WASHINGTON.

Arrival of a Protesting Committee from North Carolina.

ALTERATIONS OF THE RECONSTRUCTION BILL.

A Bill to Repeal the Charters of Washington and Georgetown.

THE LOUISIANA LEVEE COMMITTEE.

BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Gov. Worth, Judge Ruffin and ex-Governor Swain, of North Carolina, the Committee appointed by the Legislature of that State to present the order of General Sickles prohibiting the infliction of corporeal punishment by sentence of the Courts, and the correspondence on the subject, to the President, have arrived. It is understood they will have an interview with the President to-morrow.

The Committee on Territories of the House have under consideration some very material alterations of Julian's Reconstruction bill. It will probably be modified by the Committee so as to omit some of the most onerous restrictions as to the qualifications of voters and substitute in a modified form a clause in respect to Mr. Stevens' North Carolina bill.

The House Standing Committee, for the District of Columbia, have determined to bring in early next week, a bill to repeal the charter of the city of Washington and of Georgetown; abolish the existing municipal government and substitute Commissioners to be appointed by the President, with the exception of the Senate, who also shall appoint subordinate officers and have control of all machinery of the city governments.

A storm of snow, sleet and rain prevailed to-day.

Judges Hirsteand and Bloomfield, Commissioners on the part of Louisiana, to have been to ask Government aid in repairing the levees of the Mississippi river, will urge the endorsement of the Government of the bonds issued for that purpose, based upon the recovery of swamp lands. It is stated that the lands thus to be recovered in Louisiana, will amount to forty millions of dollars worth of timber.

PRESIDENTIAL PARDONS ISSUED.

Additional Bounty Being Paid.

DEFALCATION OF A BANK CLERK.

A Nest of Gamblers.

INFORMATION AGAINST MORRISSEY.

The Tilton Revenue Fraud.

SAULSBURY PRISON RECORDS FOUND.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The President last week issued pardons to P. J. Wilkinson, of Washington, D. C., and Jos. Missouri, J. J. Smith, and H. Perry, of Texas, S. D. Lewis and John Crittenden, of Alabama, and some others.

The additional bounty is now being paid to the Ohio regiments at Washington.

A young clerk of J. Monroe & Co., on Wall street, has disappeared with ten thousand dollars.

An order of arrest has been issued by Judge Morris, on a charge of bribery, in the suit of Odell, against John Morrissey, John A. Morris, Wm. Fraser, Charles Devlin, Jas. Simmons, Wm. L. Simmons, Jacob Blanvelt, Jno. Morris, A. Nathan, William Ward, William Grant, and others, who are ordered to appear, and if not the sheriff is directed to field in bail of three thousand dollars each. Odell deposes that he has lost over thirty-five thousand dollars in the past year in patronizing the lottery policy shops, the owners and keepers of which are parties.

There was a heavy snow storm all day until five o'clock this evening, three inches having fallen, but turned to rain.

In the Derby and Tilton Revenue Fraud Case in Brooklyn, yesterday, a witness testified that he had been offered five thousand dollars a month to keep quiet.

In the Supreme Court yesterday decided finally in favor of L. P. Christy's first wife, as his legitimate spouse and heir.

The records of the Saulsbury prison have been found. They contain the names of over two thousand of the prisoners, who were reported missing. The records are at the Deaths and Burial Bureau at Washington.

LIBERAL SUCCESSES IN MEXICO.

Imperial Force Gone Over to the Liberals.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The Mexican Consul Gody has officially notified Governor Low and General McDowell of liberal successes in Mexico. The latter responded that he had received and read the accounts with great interest.

Private letters from Acapulco say that the Imperial General Castiglez, arrived at San Blas from Guadalajara with the intention of marching to the City of Mexico with the troops recently driven from Sonora and Sinaloa, but the movement was prevented by defections of Lazada, the Imperial commander at Tepic, who had gone over, with his forces, to the Liberal side. Castiglez, on his return, sent by Corana from Mazatlan to attack the French column in overwhelming numbers. Our informant distinctly states that under Maximilian would eli-ounite in the attack.

It is believed that Consigney would sail for France from the Pacific coast.

The American schooner Dreadnaught, had arrived at Acapulco with a cargo of goods for the French fleet, of which three were in the harbor and another soon expected.

MORE ABOUT SURRATT.

He Always Protested His Mother's Innocence and Denied that Jeff Davis Knew of the Assassination Plot.

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—A Minerva newspaper has an article on Surratt which says he was on his way to Washington when he heard of Lincoln's assassination and he immediately returned to Canada. The original plan was, to carry off Lincoln and hold him as a hostage, but the plan was altered because of its impracticability, and Booth offered to assassinate Lincoln. Surratt says he knew nothing of this change of the plan, always protested of his mother's innocence, and asserted that Jeff Davis knew nothing of the conspiracy.

From New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—The receipts of customs at New Orleans on Thursday last were $41,000.

The United States District Court here still requires the test oath from all lawyers practicing before it.

Rev. Bollard S. Dunn, the Brazil emigrant agent who went out from Alabama with a colony to the Amazon, is here. They met with little encouragement in their enterprise.

The planters of Vermilion parish are hesitating about planting sugar cane, having heard that Congress had determined to repeal the duty on foreign sugar.

Liquor Siezed in Baltimore—Death of Judge Cochran.

BALTIMORE, December 16.—Several large and important seizures of liquor, were made here during the past week, for evasion of the Revenue laws.

Elias Norris Cochran, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals, died to-day. Governor Swann has no power to appoint a successor, until next election.

Maximilian and Mexico.

NEW ORLEANS, December 15.—The *Times'* City of Mexico correspondence, under date of November 20th, says: That Maximilian never intends to leave Mexico; he only went to Orizaba, on account of his health; he was then in health, and all classes of Mexicans were preparing to support him, when the French troops are withdrawn.

Burning of an Iron-Clad Steamer.

PHILADELPHIA, December 16.—The iron-clad "New Ironsides" was destroyed by fire at League Island last night. Her 9-inch guns were damaged. The cause of the fire will be investigated by a Court of Inquiry.

From North Carolina.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 16.—The Legislature, yesterday passed a bill granting pensions to soldiers of the rebel and Union armies for offences against the criminal laws while under military rule.

## CITY AND SUBURBAN.

(ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS ON THIRD PAGE.)

Attempted Suicide.

Yesterday afternoon some gentlemen passing along Factory street, near Adams, in the Fifth ward, were considerably startled by meeting a man with his throat cut, and the blood oozing in considerable quantities from the wound. The man was at once taken in custody by them, and conveyed to Lang's drug store. There an investigation of his injuries revealed the fact that he had received two gashes on the wind pipe. One was very small, made apparently with the point of a pen knife, and penetrated only the skin and flesh. The other, a little below the first was much larger, being a hole nearly half an inch in diameter, made apparently, by working the pen knife blade back and forth. This wound penetrated the cavity of the wind pipe. The injuries were attended to partially and the sufferer was conveyed to the Mayor's office. There, by the aid of an interpreter, it was ascertained that the injured man's name was John Schneider, that he arrived in the city two days ago from Philadelphia, where he has a wife and child residing. He was in search of employment, but had met with no success. On Saturday night he slept in Shoonberger's mill, and said that on getting up some one accused him of stealing an overcoat, and that several persons were in pursuit of him to hang or shoot him, so he thought he would forestall them all by cutting his own throat. He did not seem like a man labboring under *mania petu*, but was, apparently the victim of insanity. On his person was found a discharge from the army. It appears from this discharge that Schneider was born in Baden, Germany, that he is thirty-eight years old, and enlisted at Wyneteka, Cook county, Illinois, in September, 1861, as a private in the Fourth Indiana Battery, in which he served until November, 1862, when he was discharged. Among his papers was an insurance policy against fire for property in Philadelphia to the amount of $200, and a policy in an Accident Insurance Company for $2,000. Throat cutting, however, was not among the accidents contained in the policy.

Dr. Colley was summoned to attend to his injuries, and did so as far as possible, after which he made out a permit for the unfortunate man, to enter Passavant's Infirmary, to which place he was conveyed. Dr. Colley considers the injuries not necessarily dangerous. The wound he said, seems to have thought better of his project by the time the doctor reached him, as he immediately commenced offering large sums as a reward to the physician for saving his life.

Destructive Fire in Birmingham—Loss Between $30,000 and $40,000.

At about six o'clock on Saturday evening, a fire broke out in the packing house attached to the glass manufactory of Messrs. Scott & Fry, at the foot of Perry street, Birmingham. The fire originated in some straw in the second story, and spread with great rapidity, so that almost before it was discovered, the end of the packing house farthest from the manufactory was in flames. The alarm was given, and the Mechanics' and Walton's hose companies, belonging to the borough, and the Duquesne, Vigilant and Neptune engines from this city, were speedily on the hand. As soon as possible to be done for the extinguishment of the fire was done, but the difficulty of obtaining access to the fire plugs was such that the engines could not get into service. The Mechanics' and Walton's had an insufficient supply of hose, but by adding the two companies together they reached the fire and eventually extinguished it and also rescued the manufactory, the remainder of the packing house and the adjoining buildings from destruction. The burning building was directly in the rear of McKnight's rolling mill, which was in some danger at one time, but damage was done to it, however. Parallel with the packing house, was a row of tenement houses known as Wray's Row. It was feared that the entire row would be destroyed, but it escaped with only a slight scorching. The division of the packing house in which the fire originated was entirely destroyed, together with its contents. An immense amount of finished glassware, stored in the building, was also destroyed. The building was wholly ruined. The loss, on ware alone, is estimated at two thousand dollars. The loss on the building may reach $2,000. There was a partial insurance on the property destroyed, though to what amount, or to what companies, we did not learn.

The origin of the fire has not been definitely ascertained, but there is little doubt that it was the result of incendiarism, as the workmen quit work at two o'clock and the fire seer did not leave until four, at which time everything was right. Moreover, the fire originated in a portion of the building where there was no need of needles. It is high time that something was done to check this flood of incendiarism.

Another Incendiary Fire.

At about two o'clock yesterday morning the watchman on Grant street, near Fourth, discovered a considerable volume of smoke issuing from the cellar window of No. 62, the residence of Col. A. Slaughter. The alarm was promptly given from box No. 25, and shortly afterwards from No. 61, and the Duquesne and Neptune promptly responded and checked the fire before it had effected serious damage. The joists of the floor over the premises at one end, a portion of the parlor door was torn up and the contents of the cellar. No further damage resulted. The furniture from the parlor had been almost wholly removed previously to the removal of the premises, otherwise much damage might have been done by water. The fire was an incendiary one. The incendiary evidently went into the cellar, went to the yard, and gained access to the cellar window, by means of a pile of kindling lay in the front part of the cellar, and in this the fire was kindled, the original escaping through the front cellar window. One gate had been fastened on the inside by the incendiary, but the other was open, thus preventing as long as possible assistance from the outside. Had the fire not been discovered promptly it would, in all probability have been attended with fatal results. Mr. Boyes, a nephew of Mr. Fulton, was sleeping in the apartment directly above the fire, and would thoroughly suffocated with the smoke that it was with difficulty that he was awakened. We sincerely hope that the villain who endeavored to perpetrate so grave and terrible a crime as this will be apprehended and made to receive the fullest penalty of the law.

Attempted Burglary in the Tenth Ward.

A few nights since the residence of Mr. W. H. Devore, the undertaker, on Grant street, was entered by some person unknown and transacted with tolerable thoroughness. Entrance to the house was gained through the front door, a false key or a pair of nippers having been used to force the lock. After a somewhat prolonged examination below stairs, the nocturnal visitor made his way to the sleeping room of Mr. D. That gentleman heard the door open and saw a man enter his chamber. He comprehended the situation at a glance. The fellow was no doubt after the pocket-book which was in the pocket of Mr. Devore's pantaloons, which hung on the chair beyond his bed. In order that the intruder might have the chance to take a bint, the disturbed gentleman moved slightly in bed. The would-be thief drew back and waited until all was quiet when he took another step forward. Another symptom of unrest was the signal for another withdrawal. This continued for over an hour, when the burglar withdrew finally, utterly disgusted with the unaccommodating spirit shown by his unwilling host. The latter had no weapon of any kind, and so prudently abstained from attack. He distinctly saw the face of his visitor, however, and would be able to recognize it again.

Departed.—On Thursday afternoon Wm. Scott and Geo. W. Scott, the two brothers who were arrested in this city, for robbery of Adams Express Company in Greensboro, departed from Pittsburgh under the escort of officers Wilson and Hazen for Waynesboro, Greene county. They had had a hearing before Alderman Strain, and were committed to the Greene county jail for trial. Their trial will probably come up next week. Wm. Scott acknowledged to the officers that his brother stole the money. Whether George acknowledged the same thing respecting William we do not know.

Working on Sunday.—On Saturday Mayor McCarthy had before him one Frank Wray, a resident of Two Mile Run, charged, on oath of Jesse Crosland, a neighbor, with pursuing a worldly occupation on the Sabbath. The deponent alleged that the defendant fitted a window frame into a new house on Sunday. In the defense it was asserted that the sash was adjusted merely for the purpose of protecting the defendant's hens from cold. The case was held for a further hearing on Wednesday next.

Fortunate.—The managers of the Central Skating Park have been peculiarly fortunate in securing the services of Mr. E. J. Young as ticket agent for the season. No better selection could have been made. Mr. Young is gentlemanly and accommodating, and will prove a favorite with all frequenters of the Park. He is an old member of the press, and was at one time mailing clerk at the office of the GAZETTE. We recommend him to the regard of all who skate.

Ladies' Committee Meeting.—This afternoon at two o'clock, the Ladies' Committee of the Boys in Blue, will hold a meeting in the committee room in City Hall, to take into consideration arrangements connected with the erection of a Soldier's monument in the Allegheny Cemetery. It is stated that the choice of a lot has been offered to the committee for the erection of such a monument.

Skating Accident.—On Saturday morning a lad named Thumm, while skating on a pond on Van Braam street, in the Eighth ward, accidentally fell on the ice with such force as to fracture his left leg below the knee. He was carried to his residence near by and medical aid procured.

Incendiarism.

The crime that just now seems to overtop all other crimes among us, is the very grave and dangerous crime of arson. Two or three fire alarms are sounded every twenty-four hours, and the conclusion to almost every fire report is, that "the fire was the work of an incendiary." The perpetrators of this most cowardly of crimes, are becoming bolder and bolder in their cowardice, as they see that their work is done with comparative impunity, and execute their designs almost in daylight. There seems to be an organized gang of them, and we cannot resist the belief that they are working to secure a series of first class conflagrations. Their favorite base of operations is a stable, A fire kindled among the hay and straw of a secluded stable will get under good headway before it is discovered, and the stable once nicely in flames, there is a prospect of a good sized blaze among the surrounding buildings. Happily, with the exception of the large fire in Birmingham on Saturday evening, the calculations of the miscreants have for the most part been foiled, partly by fortunate circumstances and partly through the vigorous efforts of the fire department. But such good luck is a perilous security. If we don't take care, a fire kindled in some little stable near an oil wharf or warehouse will repeat the tragedy of '45 for us some night.

Some extra vigor should be exercised in some quarter to catch some of the villains and make such examples of them as the uncaught villains will be slow to follow. Loud calls are beginning to be sent up from business men and householders to the police to stir themselves up and hunt down and capture the men who endanger the city. That is very well, but the stirring up must not end with the police, who, so far as we know, have done in this matter, all that could be expected of them. A little action referring to this subject is at this time required of the Police Committee, the Councils or the private citizens. We think money to work up these important cases, and the men who control it have up have to spend the money. Policemen, we believe, are not allowed to arrest on suspicion; they can, perhaps, arrest all the drunken men, and the "idle and disorderly" and stop the fights and disturbances in the streets, but the prevention of incendiarism, we have found, those who undertake say very emphatically, is a job on their own account. Give the police time to look for the villains and we believe the men who have composed the fraternity will be considerably. This is a serious emergency and it calls for serious action. Let the Councils salarize the officers permanently, or the thing be done, or else, through action of the Councils or some other agency, let the citizens raise a special fund for the time to stir the police organization, adding a force of volunteer detectives. At all events take some prompt and vigorous measures to stop incendiarism.

A Lively Sleeper.

On Saturday morning a man named George Bender, proprietor of a saloon on the corner of Union and Fifth street, made an information before Mayor McCarthy, against Nicholas Sleeper, charging him with felonious assault and battery. It appears that Sleeper entered the saloon and demanded a drink of whisky. On refused him, the proprietor seeing that he was already in an intoxicated condition. Sleeper then used some insulting language towards Bender, when the latter stepped him on the mouth. Sleeper was put out of the saloon, but returned shortly afterwards, and began acting in a disorderly manner. He was ordered out, and the proprietor came from behind the counter for the purpose of putting him out. Sleeper then drew a revolver and cocked it, but before he could use it, he was called, and Sleeper was arrested and conveyed to the lock-up. At the hearing an examination of the revolver revealed the fact, that there were no balls in it, and the charge reduced to the degree of the crime to a simple assault and battery, for, in default of bail Sleeper was sent to the jail to repose until the time for his appearance at Court.

The Snow Storm.

Nature had her white apron on yesterday. Snow commenced falling rapidly during the morning, and continued the whole of yesterday and last night it continued to fall quietly on the streets and roofs. By three time yesterday morning the cold purity had attained such a depth that locomotion was a matter of some difficulty, and we have no doubt many a Christian, said quietly at home and worshipped comfortably in dressing gown and slippers rather than wade through the snow to the sanctuaries, else crawled slowly along, behind horse teams, in sorry contrast with swift sleighs with merry jingling bells, that dashed so cheerily by them. Irrepressible boys were at every corner of every street, running along between, pelting each other and inoffensive passengers with partly fully well directed snow balls. Towards night the wind arose and continued to blow until this morning, drifting the fine falling snow into heaps in all the corners, and in all the alleys. Altogether yesterday gave us a first class snow storm, the first of the season.

Cited to Appear.

On Saturday morning in the Court of Quarter Sessions, H. Woods, Esq., presented three petitions, all emanating from the Board of Directors of the Allegheny County Home, setting forth that Joseph Harrison, Louisa Key and Nancy Falkner are inmates of the Home, and are maintained at the expense of the county. The petitions further set forth that the relatives of the persons named are fully competent pecuniarily to take care of them. The petitions further set forth that the relatives of the persons named are wilfully neglecting to do so, to the county's great injury. The petitioners therefore asked the Court to issue citations to the relatives, directing them to appear and show cause why they should not refund the amounts already expended by the county for the maintenance of the said inmates, and also why they should not be compelled to provide for their support in the future. The petitions were granted, and the parties cited to appear on the fifth day of January next.

Horse Stealing in Reading.

The Reading *Dispatch* has the following: "Last Wednesday, a man representing himself to be an engineer on the Reading Railroad, came to the livery stable of Snyder & Hendricks, Allentown, and inquired at what price he could engage a horse for a few days time, returning the horse every noon and remaining with it overnight. The bargain was being been named, the bargain was concluded, and the fellow started off, he failed, however, to report himself, and Mr. Hendricks started in pursuit, and has failed to find the man or the horse. He was traced to Bethlehem, Nazareth, where he offered the horse for $30—$40 less than the price he paid for it. The balance. The offer was not accepted and he passed on. The animal stolen was a dark sorrel, about fourteen years old, sixteen hands high, about ten years old. The carriage was a full top buggy, painted black, with buffalo robe and blankets. Fifty dollars reward is offered for the recovery of the property and the detection of the thief."

Fatal Accident.

On Saturday morning a terrible accident occurred at the spring factory of Hallman & Hahn, in the Fifth ward, by which Allen Cooper, a lad about fourteen years was instantly killed. The lad, it appears, was standing a train of "pointing rolls," when by some means his clothing was caught in the pinion wheels. Before the machinery could be stopped, his body was drawn in among the cog wheels, and was crushed in a horrible manner. He died almost instantly. The body was removed to the residence of an uncle, residing at No. 72 Penn street, and from thence to his mother's residence on Factory. Coroner Clawson held an inquest, and a verdict in accordance with the facts above stated was rendered by the jury. The mother of the deceased was formerly a resident of Allegheny, but has removed to this city some three months since. The boy was not engaged in the department in which the accident happened.

Cost of Street Cleaning.

We give below a statement of the amounts expended during the past ten months by Street Commissioners Hunter and Flinn, of the First and Second districts, for cleaning and sprinkling the streets:

| | 1st District. | 2d District. |
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| February | $6,148 | $ 313.40 |
| March | 693 [illegible] | 768.99 |
| April | 1,761.13 | 1,421.35 |
| May | 3,100.47 | 1,778.56 |
| June | 2,344.71 | 1,171.23 |
| July | 3,636.85 | 1,099.54 |
| August | 1,907.78 | 3,068.55 |
| September | 1,533.32 | 1,095.53 |
| November | 1,582.85 | 1,136.17 |
| Total | $15,676.39 | $11,055.85 |
| | | $26,732.24 |

The amount expended during the year 1865 was $27,128.92.

Outrageous Meanness.

About two weeks ago, a cattle dealer named John Eich, who was bringing a drove of cattle from Ohio to Berks county, in this State, hired a boy Samuel Theodore Sanders, at Georgetown, Columbiana county, Ohio, to assist him, promised to pay him, well for his trouble. When Eich, a day or two since, reached Kutztown, Berks county, he sold his cattle, and gave the boy Sanders the paltry sum of ten cents, telling him his services were not needed any longer. Eich then left for parts unknown, leaving the boy entirely destitute, without any money but the ten cents he had given him. Through the sentence of some of the good people of Kutztown, the boy got to Harrisburg on his way home.

Mere Cost Stealing.—On Saturday morning at about ten o'clock, some adroit rascal of good clothes visited the clothing store of Messrs. Abler & Bayne, merchant tailors at No. 55 Smithfield street, and "carried away" a sack coat worth thirty-three dollars. Neither coat nor thief has been discovered.

Attempted Murder in Erie County.

One night last week a desperate attempt at murder was made by a burglar in North East township, Erie county. Mr. George Hall, hearing a slight noise in his cellar at about 9 p. m., took a candle and went down stairs to discover the cause. He there discovered a man crouched in the corner. His hail of "What do you want!" was answered by the man springing at him with a hatchet in his hand, with which he aimed a murderous blow at Mr. Hall's head. Mr. Hall dodged *under* the blow, closing in with his antagonist and keeping his head as much as possible under the would-be assassin's arm, while he endeavored to disable him. Seeing that he was likely to be overpowered, Mr. Hall shouted to his daughter to bring the gun, which was always kept loaded.

The burglar tore away from Mr. Hall and escaped just as the girl came down with the weapon, leaving his hat and the hatchet in his hurry to escape. The hat was picked up and immediately identified as belonging to a German named John Rosh, who rented a farm, the property of Stephen Hicks, about three miles distant. Rush was captured and made a confession, implicating Hicks as an accomplice. According to his statement Hicks planned the whole matter, and was to be at the scene of action with a wagon and horses to take away the booty that might have been obtained. Hicks was then arrested and the pair were put under $1,500 bail each. Hicks procured bail and was released, but Rush, in default was brought to the jail in Erie. Mr. Hall was so severely cut about the head and face by half-warded blows from the hatchet that he was unable to attend the trial. His injuries though serious, are not supposed to be dangerous.

Low Priced and Good—The Emerson Piano.

To meet the wants of the great number of persons who desire to possess a piano, but do not feel able to pay the money for the dearest make, and yet would have only a good substantial one, we have made a most careful examination of all the lowest priced pianos made in the United States. The result of this examination is, that we have found those made by W. P. Emerson, to be the best pianos for the price, and the cheapest good pianos that are made. They are most substantially built, on the soundest acoustic principals: the tone is sweet and musical, quality properly sensuous, the tone rich and powerful, and the touch easy and elastic; and to all this is provided with the full iron frame, and overstrung bass. They stand well in tune and wear well in every particular; this we speak from actual experience. The difference in price between the Emerson Piano, and the more costly makes, is caused by the most rigid economy in the manufacture—consistent with excellence, and by selling for cash. We offer these pianos which neither effect the tone or durability, but reduce the price of the "Emerson" to the lowest priced piano made; many can be purchased at less price. Such pianos we do not keep, having found by our own and others experience that being so poorly made they soon give way, lose their tone, become harsh and discordant, and give no satisfaction to the owner, but are a constant source of expense and annoyance. A piano of this kind is a bad investment, and really the dearest piano any one can buy. We do not, and will not keep them for sale. Finding the "Emerson" such a desirable piano, we at once secured the exclusive agency for them for Pittsburgh and surrounding country, and having made special ter