

Our distinguished neighbor over the way appears to be terribly fearful that President Grant will enthrone this country in a war with Spain.

It is shrewdly suspected, however, that "unworthy ambition" is not the real cause of our distinguished neighbors' outcry.

President Grant entertains no intention of war with any country. His only desire was to call attention to the weak state of our coast defenses.

The Civil rights bill passed the House of Representatives at Washington, on Friday last. Before it becomes a law of the land it has yet to pass the Senate.

We have before us the annual catalogue of Mapewood Music Seminary, East Hadam, Conn.

The pecuniary value of a lady's ankle has just been determined by a Crawford county jury.

"It is never too late to do good," says the old adage, and we are glad to see that our distinguished neighbor over the way is of that thinking.

If the testimony in that case is correct Congressman Storm was not offered a bribe for his vote or influence.

Taking the whole case together, and stirring it up and then averaging it, and we conclude, that there is a little "white fib" lying around here somewhere loose.

We are glad that our distinguished neighbor ventured on this defence, for it is right that Congressman Storm should stand right and bright before his constituents.

SCRANTON has been agitated over an "oil barrel case," which grew out of the efforts of a couple of smart New York State chaps.

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REAL ESTATE SALES.—H. R. Ransbury, Administrator of the Estate of John Ransbury, dec'd, sold the farm of said deceased.

The extreme cold weather of this winter has resulted in considerable damage to fruit trees.

Be patient—the blue birds will soon be around.

DON'T forget the gas project, for there is both money and safety in it.

We had quite a chilly spell of weather for a week past.—Cold, as the saying is was no name for it.

WE regret to learn that Mr. Wm. Flory, is confined to his bed from injuries received in slipping on the ice, last Monday.

NOT much hanging on the gates these nights. Love cannot stand the pressure of so many degrees ranging below and in the neighborhood of zero.

WHO says the newspaper business is not paying? It certainly must be, for our friend AMANDUS has lately invested in one thousand dollar "planar."

AND now there is another aspirant for "Eggs-traordinary" fame. It is J. E. M. Keller, and the species of fowls "White Leighorn." Alas! poor Cochin.

THE Stroudsburg Building and Loan Association of this place, at their meeting on Friday last \$200 at a premium of 42 per cent.

COLLECTOR McCARTY paid his first official visit to Wayne and Pike counties last week.

OUR young married friends Tammy Angle and Fred Norton, are the happiest larks in town.

"WHAT we heard and saw," next week. Until then, adieu "Tempest," "Sunshine," "Hoop-la," and all ye members of ye happy band.

REV. W. B. WOOD, the Presiding Elder of Lehigh District, preached a very interesting and eloquent sermon in the M. E. Church last Sunday night.

WE learn that Mr. Samuel Overfield, of Stroudsburg, Pa., has rented the store room now occupied by Joel Mann.

ON Sunday the 14th inst., the Rev. Gladhill a Lutheran minister of Maryland, will preach in the Hamilton Church.

COLD. The thermometer at Tobyhanna Mills, 26 miles north of this place, indicated 18 degrees below zero.

At this place, on same morning the thermometer indicated 6 degrees below zero.

KEEP uppermost in your thoughts those cisterns as adjuncts to our fire department, we came very near learning the value of such appendages to our town last week.

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ON Wednesday last January thaw—on Thursday thermometer below zero—on Friday cold enough to freeze one nose off—and on Saturday still cold enough to enable one to keep cool without much effort.

WE regret to be called upon to announce the fact that our townsman, Richard S. Staples lost a very interesting daughter on Friday last from scarlet fever.

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Jacob Ruth sold his dwelling house and lot, on Sarah street in this borough, to John Appenzeller, for \$2,000.

J. S. WILLIAMS, Esq., has rented the basement and second floor of his Hall building, situated on the corner of Monroe and George streets, in this Borough.

WELL, you know that next Tuesday is election. Well then lets look around and select out the best men, and at a meeting, without distinction of party, on Monday night nominate them, and elect them on Tuesday.

OUR town had two very narrow escapes from fire last week. The one at the Y. M. C. A. room where a lamp was turned up too high and exploded the chimney.

OUR little puzzle which we published a couple of weeks ago, and the answers received, formed quite an interesting little episode in the Juffs career.

It looks as though our distinguished neighbor over the way, (see his article headed "Hell" in last week's Democrat, was trying to make us believe there was no hell.

THE Winter is fast drawing to a close and still we hear of no move towards the establishment of that dancing school under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

OUR sporting characters herabouts, who have been contesting for the champion aboutists belt for several weeks past, on Saturday last removed the scene of their exploits to Tannersville.

Charles Brown, Harry Burnett, Joseph Shaffer, Abraham Azar, Sam. Buckley, Hiram Shiffer, George Allegor, U. Younkins, John Selwood, John H. Lesh.

PIERSON & SIGAFUS' Allegorical entertainment, to be given in the M. E. Church at East Stroudsburg, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Feb., 17 and 18, promises to be of an unusual interesting character.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—Ezariah Hunt, son of Ebenezer Hunt, a resident of Stroud township, employed as a brakeman on No. 10 Freight train, Del. Lack. & Western Railroad, met with a terrible accident above Forks station, a few miles north of this place.

The Philadelphia City Item names, among the probable candidates for Governor, next fall, Gen. Charles Albright, of Mauch Chunk; Winthrop W. Ketchum, of Luzerne; Charles Thompson Jones, of Philadelphia; Young S. Walter, of Delaware; Gen. Negley, of Pittsburgh; Judge Schofield, Gen. Todd, and John W. Killinger.

The Wilmington (Del.), Every Evening says Pennsylvania "always disgraces itself in choosing a United States Senator."

JURY LIST--FEB. TERM-1876.

GRAND JURY--FIRST WEEK. Chestnut Hill--Felix Storm, Chas. Hufsmith, Abraham Mengel, Eldred--Paul Gower.

PETIT JURY--FIRST WEEK. Barrett--Geo. B. Williams, Geo. W. Ink, Chestnut Hill--Simon Trach, John Merwine, R. West, Joseph Heller, Charles Eberle.

PETIT JURY--SECOND WEEK. Barrett--Stephen H. Peters, Emery Price, Eli Utz, Chestnut Hill--James Everitt.

Last month New England lost \$1,023,475 by fire.

The Philadelphia police arrested 2,053 persons, during January.

Mr. Isaac Kupp, of Union township, Berks county, has a ewe that gave birth to four lambs.

The number of German-speaking children attending schools in this State is estimated at 144,000.

In Womelsdorf, Berks county, lives a man sixty years old, who has never tasted fish, flesh or fowl.

There is an old log house standing in Jonestown which is one hundred and forty-two years old.

The Baltimore petroleum trade have large orders for oil to be shipped for Europe in the next two months.

A cheery business. A New York barber claims to have shaved 4,414,628 customers during the last fourteen years.

A few days since four coal trains of one hundred and fifty cars each passed over the Lehigh Valley Railroad to Philadelphia.

Two brothers and a sister in Berks county are respectively, six feet four and a half inches, six feet two inches, and six four inches in height.

The total value of the silver and base coinage at the Philadelphia mint last month was \$402,855. There was no gold coinage during that period.

The witty division of the human race into three classes--men, women and the Beecher family--is almost daily vindicated in the great scandal trial.

Miss Way, of Unionville, Chester county, found a way to put together two quilts inside of two years, one containing 7,270 pieces and the 2,173 pieces.

Two young men of Sugar Run, Clinton county, recently ran a barefoot race a distance of a half mile, for a half bushel of apples.

The other day, in Jersey City, in broad daylight, with the roar and bustle of life around it, and pedestrians upon the sidewalk brushing against it, a corpse stood leaning against a lamp-post unnoticed during the day.

The Tamqua Item tells of a German in that place who, on a wager, ate one hundred and fifty frozen oysters, and still lives. The Carlisle Herald supplements this story with another, about a colored man "getting away with" thirteen bowls of mush and milk, at a festival in that place.

The Johnstown Tribune states that one of the messengers in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, is Theophilus Snyder, Democrat, of Blair county.

The Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held its annual meeting in Philadelphia last week. The annual report shows that the receipts for the year 1874 were \$3,449.72.

Near Allentown, Pa., recently, a little boy of nine, named Meyer, was inhumanly treated by a male teacher. The child had committed some trivial offence, and as a punishment therefor was seized by the unfeeling teacher and placed in a straddled posture across two desks--that is, he had to maintain himself in an upright position between two of the school desks.

At present there are no soldiers' orphans applying for State care and protection in Pennsylvania. The total number of such orphans now supported by the State is 2,987, while 7,398 have been supported in this manner since the plan was adopted.

A heart-broken youth in Wilmington, N. C., nine years old, has lately found relief by inditing the following letter to a playmate of the other sex:

MY DARLING LUCY: I must leave you to-morrow, you used to love me but your love for me is gone but my love for you is just the same just think Lucy how your words cut my heart I would give you things too as well as Robert but if you want to sell your love for two or three apples go a head I dont care a straw Lucy I love the ground you walk on I would die for you I love you Lucy please receive my vow.

P. S. If you hear of me being dead you drove me to it R says be dont care a fig for you nore the rest.

The venerable for the old honors, just thrown off by Senator Wallace, has commenced in good earnest. In Centre, P. Gray Meek, of the Watchman, and Adam Hoy are named. Hay's friends accuse Meek of being a "Moooc," and Meek's friends retort by calling Hoy a "balby Democ." In Clearfield, Jeff. Boyer and T. M. McCullough, who belong to the "Mooocs," are named, while here in Clinton the Democracy are ready to present our friends, S. R. Peale or C. S. McCormick, either of whom would represent the district as ably and faithfully as the parties named from other counties. It may be in their eager haste for position and power, they will leave a ray of hope for Republicans to hang their hats on.

Tumor says that Wallace does not propose resigning his seat in the State Legislature, and thereby save his friends the annoyance and expense of an extra election.

The water famine throughout New England and Western New York is assuming a really alarming character. Not only have many of the large factories been obliged to suspend work, but there is great distress among farmers and stock breeders, who in many cases are obliged to transport their stock or bring water from a great distance? In the towns and in the country alike, the supply of water from cisterns long since failed. The wells are almost all dry, and those from which some such as a dipper full of water can be obtained at a draught are jealously watched and guarded.

A Swindler Victimizing the Pennsylvanians. There is a swindler going about different counties of Pennsylvania, passing himself off as a Government officer on the lookout for counterfeit money. He has succeeded in obtaining money in some instances from the credulous and unwary, and in one case robbed a widow of Northumberland county of \$2,000.

On Thursday evening, says the Erie Dispatch, the wife of John Sheridan, living on the Lake road a mile or so east of this city, gave birth to four female children, three of whom were alive at last account. Paterfamilias is absent, having gone west last fall and has not returned. It would be worth something to see the look of astonishment on his face when he learns of this alarming increase in his family.