The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY.....December 26, 1883.

WHO said we weren't going to have any winter.

FOR President—The nominee of the Chicago Convention.

SANTA CLAUS found the "Independent's" stockings chuck full of Pattison's reform gooddies.

THE Democratic National Committee will meet February 22d to fix the time and place for its Convention.

LINCOLN, Grant and Garfield were all nominated by Republican Conventions at Chicago, and so will the next President.

BOTH Houses of Congress have agreed to adjourn for the holidays from Monday, the 24th inst., until Tuesday, January 3d.

WAR has actually been commenced by France on China, and the result of the first attack shows that the Celestials are going to stand up stoutly for their own.

DISCUSSION as to the probable nominee of the Republicans for President, is now opening up. Our opinion is, that the fellow who gets the votes of a majority of the delegates, is likely to be nominated.

WHILE the wool growers are making an effort to have the present duty on wool raised, it is understood that a bill is to be urged by the Democrats to reduce the tariff twenty-five per cent.

THE Democrats of the House are rapidly dismissing the Republican officials and replacing them with their own partisans, while the Senate last week elected Republican officials and turned out the Democratic incumbents, all of which goes to show that civil service reform is held by both parties to be a good thing for you fellows, but not for us.

SINCE the election of Carlisle as Speaker, the leading Democratic free trade organs are doing their best to crawl out of their recent utterances against protection. They have discovered that upon the tariff question their party is by no means a unit, and that there is a probability of a strong Republican revival among the manufacturers of the Southern States, who are benefitted by a protective policy.

IT is not generally known that the Government Printing Office at Washington is the largest establishment of the kind in the world. The annual report of the "Public Printer" just issued, shows that it employs 2,200 men, and that last year $2,861,273 was expended in the printing of 216,448,629 blanks, envelopes, &c, 12,894,916 pamphlets and books, and 326,166 blank books. During the year, 79,237 extra books were bound, and 159,130 memorandum books were printed and bound.

OUR mephitic contemporary, the Meyersdale *Commercial*, announces itself as favoring the nomination of James G. Blaine, as the next Republican candidate for President, and at the same time asserts that it sees "an effort on the part of such servile papers as the HERALD to boost our accidental President for a second term." Its right to advocate the nomination of Mr. Blaine, is undisputed. Its right to misrepresent us, is denied. The HERALD has never in the slightest particular disparaged Mr. Blaine, nor has it ever in the smallest degree, urged the nomination of President Arthur. It has differed with some of Mr. Blaine's views (lately as to the distribution of the surplus revenue) and it has commended the conservative administration of Mr. Arthur, which has so won upon the country as to silence all hostile criticism on the part of former Republican cavilers. Notoriety is to the *Commercial* the breath of its nostrils, and it hopes, by provoking a controversy with the HERALD to have itself advertised. In this it is likely to be disappointed. The traveller who stops to cast a missile at every dog that barks as he passes by, is simply wasting his time. The HERALD recognizes the great gravity of the situation in the coming Republican Presidential nomination, and the succeeding contest. It thinks that the fate of the industries of the country, and therefore the prosperity, the comfort, if not the bread of the wage earner, is dependent on the result, and it knows that it will require all the best efforts of a united, harmonious party to ensure success. It believes further that the people are looking for a broad, trusty National candidate, whose loyalty, honesty and statesmanship cannot be questioned. That is the kind of man that ought to be, and will be nominated in June next, and no matter whether he hails from Maine, Vermont, New York, Indiana or Illinois, the HERALD expects to give him its hearty and unstinted support. To professed Republican journals like the *Commercial*, who are largely responsible for the Democratic free trade majority in the House and the consequent peril of the industries of the country, this may appear like servility, but allegiance to Republican principles, which can only be enforced by fidelity to party candidates, has always been a characteristic of the HERALD, and has won for it the confidence of the true Republicans of Somerset county.

AT the Democratic primary election in New Orleans, a few days since, three men were killed and a dozen or more wounded. This was a little family skirmish, without a "nigger" or a Republican in the lot.

SPEAKING of "President making" the Lancaster *Inquirer* well observes:

"Anybody who expects to secure the nomination of a candidate at the next Republican National Convention by "booming" him, will be wofully disappointed. Such things are too thin. The delegates who go to that convention will make up their minds that the best and strongest man is the only safe one to nominate. It will not do to let personal preferences rule, nor to allow booms got up by designing men to have any weight in the decision. Such things might carry the day under some circumstances, but the political parties are just now too evenly balanced for that kind of nonsense.

No faction in that convention can make anything by forcing, or attempting to force the nomination of a favorite. The day for such things has, for the present at least, gone by. There must be real union, or else defeat."

There is another thing to be considered in regard to this matter, that will, in a large degree, prevent the "booming" of candidates into nomination. Each Congressional district is entitled to select its own delegates to the National Convention, and as these will be immediately responsible to their respective constituents, and will scarcely dare violate the sentiments or preferences of the Republicans of the district they represent, there is not much margin left for booming an undesirable candidate.

The great question now before the country is one affecting its industrial interests.. The election of Carlisle as Speaker was such an evident victory of the free-trade Democrats, and caused such an alarm among the manufacturers of the country that an attempt is being made to create the impression that conservative counsels will prevail, and that there is no imminent danger of a radical reduction of the present tariff being urged. That this is a mere blind intended to conceal the real intent of the free-traders controlling the Democratic party, until after the coming presidential election, admits of scarce a doubt.

Mr. Carlisle has established for himself the reputation of being an able, honest, fearless enemy of protection, and that this fact was perfectly understood at the time of his election is shown by the following extracts from some of the leading Democratic papers of the country. Thus, the Louisville *Courier-Journal*, the leading Democratic paper in his own state says:

"Democrats must now enter upon the work of tariff revision." It invites the fellows to "go to the rear" who do not like that policy. The Eastern gentlemen who failed even to compliment Carlisle with a vote are to be taught a lesson, and they are expected to take their drubbing as meekly as a lot of school-boys. Possibly some of them may kick.

The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* defines Mr. Carlisle's position in the following brief paragraph:

Carlisle is nearly six feet high and every inch in favor of the reopening of the tariff question and reducing the duties to as nearly a free trade basis as possible.

The Macon (Georgia,) *Telegraph*, published in a State whose infant industries are in a prosperous condition, foresees the rocks ahead and says:

"The Democratic party will be forced to fight on a platform of tariff for revenue only. It was badly whipped on this platform, and seems not to have learned wisdom from defeat. It is quite safe to say that the voting power of the country will not accept the platform. The financial power of the North, the East, and the West, in our judgment, is equal to the task of defeating any candidate for the Presidency who shall adopt Watterson's cry as the shibboleth of the party."

The Doylestown *Democrat*, one of the leading organs of its party in this State announces its convictions as follows:

"The election of Mr. Carlisle is in opposition to the conservative masses of the Democratic party and, we may as well add, for we think it, to the business interests of the country. If he shall do aught to disturb these interests, just recovering from the recent change in the revenue laws, he will be buried deeper than plummet ever sounded. What we write seems the natural inference to be drawn from the election of Mr. Carlisle."

The Philadelphia *Times* expresses its disgust in this pithy sneer:

The following would be the logical Carlisle Democratic ticket for 1884: President, Joe Blackburn, of Kentucky; Vice President, Billy Morrison, of Illinois. Platform—Abolish all factories and custom houses. Music—The rebel yell.

While the Philadelphia *Record*, an out and out free trade journal boldly says:

"A tariff for revenue only!" is the only proper tariff. The point of difficulty is to conduct the country safely out of the protective mire in which it flounders with as little injury, as possible to industries which stand on a tariff bottom. We are in sight of the other side of Jordan, and in good time we will get across. The country will not listen to those insidious advisers who desire to camp permanently where we are, nor to those rash advisers who would push into the flood unprepared.

These are the opinions and declarations of but a few of the Democratic papers of the country, that have come under our observation, but they are certainly sufficient to show that despite its present professed conservatism, the Democratic party, if it again obtains national power, will wipe off our statute books every law intended to protect the manufacturers of the country from ruinous competition with the under paid laber of foreign lands.

ON motion of Mr. Reed, of Maine, the House has agreed to raise a special committee to investigate the traffic on alcoholic liquors. The committee will also inquire into the question of the power of Congress to pass laws for the restraint and prohibition of the liquor traffic in the United States.

GLEANINGS.

The Democratic party in Massachusetts is now taking its punishment for getting into the same bed with Widow Butler. It will hardly get more than it deserves.—*Record.*

A cordial invitation is extended to all Democratic mourners to come to Chicago June 3, and look again upon the grave where Democracy has three times been buried. We are going to bury it this time with the head down, so that if the animal ever appears again it will be by way of China and the Suez Canal.—*Inter Ocean.*

If the success of Arthur's administration is to be the test for his fitness for another term as President he will be nominated by the next Republican convention with little dissent. The country has not been favored with as good an administration for many years. If the Republicans are anxious not to disturb business by a change of government their course is obvious.—*Record.*

"At last we have a Democratic party," says the New York *Herald*. Is it not the same one that shot at the old flag and made the Nation's life blood flow on a hundred battle fields twenty years or so ago? Would it not have been better to have said, the old thing that was shot to death and buried has come to life and is kicking? That would be a solid fact.—*Inter Ocean.*

Senator Sabin, of Minnesota, says his election as Chairman of the Republican National Committee has no more significance than the location of the convention at Chicago. Speaking of the chances of the nomination of President Arthur, he said: "He has made a most excellent record, and is very popular throughout the South and West. He would be stronger than any other man from the East, and with Arthur in the first place and a popular Western man in the second place, the Republicans would have a ticket which would be elected by a larger majority than the ticket of 1880. The Democrats will undoubtedly name a Western man."—*Inter Ocean.*

Facts That Cannot be Gainsaid.

The Indianapolis Journal, Rep.

It is the Democratic party alone that will not let sectional issues die. It is the Democratic party that is unwilling that the majority should rule in the South. It is the Democratic party that by murder and fraud has solidified the South so as to make it possible for a desperate minority to capture federal control. It is the Democratic party that denounces all Southern Republicans as "knaves," and that regards them as the lawful prey of the fellows who carry elections by the aid of lash and shotgun. It is the Democratic party of this country that dares not pronounce against the assassination of reputable Republicans, murdered because they dare to vote in open election.

Don Cameron's Health.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—The *Sunday Herald* says:

"Late letters from Mrs. Cameron state that the health of Senator J. D. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, is showing marked signs of improvement, and with care and the superior medical attention he is receiving he may entirely recover. He is limited to a very few articles of food, and wine is absolutely forbidden him. This regime, though hard, is beginning to produce good results, and his strength increases and he sleeps well. He takes great interest in affairs at home and eagerly peruses the American newspapers, of which he receives vast batches by every mail. His young daughters are greatly pleased with their school, which is just out of Paris, at Nenilly, and are progressing finally with their studies. They have readily acquired enough of French to be able to hold an ordinary conversation in that language with fluency and accuracy."

One Farmer Shoots Another.

WELLSVILLE, December 19.—Two wealthy farmers, William Allison and James Tarbert, living in West Virginia, across the line from here, quarreled yesterday, and Allison shot Tarbert in the head, producing a wound that will probably end in death. Allison was out hunting and met Tarbert, when a dispute arose over the right of way to some coal property. The men came to blows, clinched and fell, giving Tarbert the advantage over his adversary. Tarbert forced Allison to retract a remark made by him, and then let him up. Allison picked up his shot gun, took deliberate aim, and sent the whole charge into Tarbert's head, tearing off a portion of his scalp and producing a frightful wound. The injured man instantly sank to the ground, when his savage assailant walked up to him and dealt him a terrific blow in the face with the butt of his gun. Allison is still at large.

Crimes Confessed

JOLIET, December 19.—George Freestune, 23 years of age, one of the boarders of the Auburn House, entered the room of the head cook, Jane Haycock, last night. He bound her head to prevent her screaming, and then outraged her. When he started to leave the room the woman gave an alarm, when Freestune returned and cut her throat with a knife and fled. He was arrested while his hands were still covered with the blood of his victim. He afterward confessed the deed, and declared he was intoxicated at the time. The woman is unconscious and will probably die. Her assailant was taken to jail amid threats of lynching.

Fearful Death.

PITTSBURG, December 19.—James Weaver, aged 60 years, employed in Hussey, Howe & Co.'s steel works, had his arm caught in the belting of an engine, and was drawn into the machinery. He was torn limb from limb, portions of his body being scattered a distance of a hundred feet.

Judge Black.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—An adjourned meeting of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States was held in the court-room at the Capital to-day for the purpose of taking action upon the death of Hon. Jeremiah S. Black. Mr. George F. Edmunds, chairman, called the meeting to order, and after remarks by Mr. Edmunds, the committee appointed at the last meeting, through Mr. Richard T. Merrick, its chairman, submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the members of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States have received with a sense of profound regret the intelligence of the death of Jeremiah S. Black, of the Supreme Court of that State, Attorney General of the United States, and eminently distinguished as a practitioner at the Bar and as a jurist of unsurpassed ability.

Resolved, That the memory of the deceased deserves to be cherished with the utmost veneration by the members of this Bar as that of a lawyer profoundly versed in the science of the law, and worthy to be ranked with the greatest and ablest of our age and country; a statesman illustrious for his public services; a ready scholar; a vigorous writer; unexcelled as a logician, and in all the relations of life an eminent and most worthy citizen.

Resolved, That the Attorney Gen. of the United States be requested to communicate these resolutions to the Court, with the request that they be entered on its records.

Resolved. That these resolutions be also communicated to the family of the deceased, with the expression of the sympathy and condolence of the members of this Bar.

After eloquent remarks by Messrs. R. T. Merrick, Thomas F. Bayard, Z. B. Vance, A. H. Garland, J. H. Hopkins, W. H. Smith, J. H. Embry, J. H. Ashton and J. Randolph Tucker, the meeting, on motion of Mr. Thomas F. Bayard, adjourned.

Destroyed by Fire.

PITTSBURG, Pa., December 16.—A dispach from Dubois, Pa., says: Just as the people were returning from church this morning flames were discovered in the second story of the American House. The fire Department was promptly on hand, but before the engines could be got to work the fire had gained such headway that nothing short of a miracle, it was thought, could save the town from utter destruction the buildings being mostly of wood.

In a short time the fire spread through Ford's drug store and commenced to burn the Post Office building. By this time one of the engines got a stream of water on the fire, but it was feeble, and little progress toward staying the flames was made. The fire spread rapidly, and every person for half a dozen squares hastily loaded their goods on trucks and moved them out of the borough limits. There seemed to be an utter lack of confidence in the Fire Department, and a reign of terror prevailed.

The wind soon changed, and the buildings, on the opposite side of the street took fire.

The brick block of D. L. Corbett stopped the progress of the flames on the west side of the street, but on the opposite side the frame buildings furnished fuel for the flames. The fire raged until in the afternoon, when the American Express building was reached. As there were no adjacent buildings the progress of the flames was checked, not, however, before $75,000 worth of property was destroyed.

Boiler Explosion.

PITTSBURG, December 18.—Two boilers in Richard's oil refinery, on Fifty first street, exploded to day at noon with terrific force, scattering the debris in all directions, and injuring a number of workmen. Two of them named Wisher and West are believed to be fatally hurt. Others are still lying in the boiler house, and the extent of their injuries is not yet known, owing to the distance. Reports received are very meagre.

Later intelligence states that six men were injured. The boiler house was demolished, and a portion of one boiler was carried over 100 yards. Samuel Henderson and West Roup were very seriously injured, and may die.

Judge Elliott's Murderer.

FRANKFORT, December 20.—Tom Buford, who shot Judge Elliott dead here in March, 1879, and who, after trial and commitment to an insane asylum, escaped to Indiana, has returned to Henry County, this State, and is making threats against the remaining judges of the Court of Appeals. He is without money, his clothes are threadbare and he is in a desperate state of mind. He claims that the judges have money of his in their possession. The judges were warned to-day and are uneasy, believing Buford would shoot them on sight. There is talk of lynching Buford. He would not live long if he came to Frankfort.

Attempt to Break Jail.

GREENSBURG, Pa., December 19.—About 2 o'clock this morning John Herholtz, a burglar, John Noble, a would be murderer, and Taylor, Brown and Venney, robbers, made an unsuccessful attempt to break jail. Their plan had been revealed to the Sheriff and he shackled them. They broke the shackles and attacked the guards, but after a sharp fight they were overpowered and held in their cells under revolvers until daylight, when they were securely manacled.

Nail Mills Closed.

PITTSBURG, Pa., December 19.—The Western Nail Association met to-day, and after a session lasting several hours it was unanimously agreed to shut down all the mills for a period of six weeks, beginning December 29 and ending February 11. The meeting was the largest one ever held in the nail business and the situation was fully discussed. This action will throw out of employment several thousand men. They feel very despondent, as by similar suspension they have lost four months within the past year.

The Holiday Recess.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—The House during the day adopted a resolution to adjourn for the holidays to-morrow, to convene again on the 3d of January, but an amendment of the Senate was accepted to adjourn on Monday next and reconvene on Monday, January 7. The committees will be announced Monday.

The Advance on Sontay.

PARIS, December 20.—A Hong Kong dispatch says the French forces have captured the principal outposts of Sontay, embracing five strongly fortified villages. The enemy made a stubborn resistance. The French loss was two hundred men and fifteen officers killed and wounded. Admiral Courbet, who commanded the expedition, had 7,000 men, in which 4,000 engaged in the action, the rest being held in reserve. The Chinese still hold the fortress of Sontay, which is surrounded by French forces. The French found the position reinforced from Bac Ninh, which was almost deserted. The garrison of Hai Dzuong reconnoitered to within a mile of Bac Ninh on the 9th, without opposition. Reinforcements of 6,300 troops will be sent to Tonquin within the next fortnight.

Admiral Peyron, Minister of Marine, has received the following telegram from Admiral Courbet, dated before Sontay, December 16: The expedition left Hanoi on the 11th instant and captured Fort Phusa and all the earthworks erected on the bank of the Song Koi (Red River,) opposite Sontay. The assault was carried out by the marine infantry and Algerian sharpshooters. The flotilla rendered very efficient assistance. The enemy were very well armed and resisted desperately. The condition and spirits of the French troops are excellent. To-day we commence the attack on Sontay."

Bold Burglars.

NORRISTOWN, December 20.—While the family of Joshua B. Heckler, a jeweler, and a few hired men were seated at the supper table after dark in Heckler's house, in Mainland, last Tuesday, three masked men suddenly rushed into the room and presented loaded revolvers at their heads, threatening death should any outcry be made. The evident intention of the desperadoes was to take possession of the jewelry store, which contains a large stock of valuable goods.

The masked burglars were well provided with ropes, gags and other paraphernalia to commit a bold burglary. Mr. Heckler, however, made a lucky escape from the room, but outside encountered a fourth masked burglar, with whom he had a desperate struggle, but by his loud cries for assistance the bold quartette were frightened off. In the supper room, however, in the meanwhile, there was a struggle with the robbers, during which Mrs. Heckler was knocked down with a chair.

Pension Swindlers.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The grand jury of the District yesterday handed to United States District Attorney Corkhill a presentment against N. W. Fitzgerald, S. C. Fitzgerald and A. B. Webb, for fraudulent use of the mails and for defrauding claimants for pensions. Colonel Corkhill is overwhelming with the accumulation of evidence of the wide extent of pension frands. The attention given the matter by the press, has put him in possession of several thousand cases where petty frauds have been committed upon the poor and infirm.

Evidence has been discovered of a persistent attempt to influence the grand jury in the case of Fitzgerald. Every number of *The Critic*, containing an open letter from Fitzgerald, attacking District Attorney Corkhill and charging that he was pursuing Fitzgerald on personal grounds. The foreman of the grand jury received twenty marked copies of this paper. On being told of this Colonel Corkhill said he should call the attention of the court to-day.

Steamer Burned.

LONDON, December 20.—A portion of the crew of the Spanish mail steamer St. Augustine, bound for Manila from Liverpool, have arrived at Dartmouth. They report that the steamer took fire on Sunday last in the Bay of Biscay. Eighty of the crew and passengers took to the boat. The first boat reached an English brig; the second boat returned to the burning vessel the third boat has not been heard from; the fourth boat contained fourteen persons, who landed at Dartmouth. When the latter left the St. Augustin there were thirty people on board. It is hoped that they were rescued, as a steamer was seen to be bearing down towards the burning vessel.

A Fighting Dog's Grip on His Handler.

PITTSBURG, December 19.—A dog fight took place here to-night for $250 a side between a Pittsburg dog named Nell and an imported dog known as Jim. Three rounds were fought, lasting forty-three minutes and ended in a victory for Nell. At the end of the third round Jim sank his teeth into his handler's hand. All efforts to break his hold proved futile, and, seizing an offered knife, his trainer cut the dog's throat, after which an iron poker had to be used to open his mouth and release the hand. The wounded man may yet lose his life from the bite.

Successful Roadmen.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 19.—A special dispatch from Huntingdon, Baker county, Oregon, reports a number of highway robberies at that place by a gang of seven men. At the point of a pistol they robbed a merchant named J. Tyfer of cash and drafts to the amount of $15,000. The paymaster of the railroad construction company was robbed of $12,000. Other persons were relieved of sums ranging in amount from $200 to $500. There being no constabulary force in the county it is thought that the highwaymen will escape with their booty.

Policeman to be Hanged.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Ex-police Officer Wm, Conroy, who killed Peter Keenan with a club and pistol on the night of November 3 last, and was convicted of murder in first degree on last Saturday, was to day in the Court of General Session sentenced to be hanged on the 6th of next February. A motion made by the prisoner's counsel for a new trial was denied.

James Nutt's Case.

UNIONTOWN, December 19.—Judge Wilson ordered yesterday that Jas. Nutt be removed to the Allegheny county jail on the 12th of January next, which will be just two days previous to his trial. The Commonwealth has compelled a number of its important witnesses to give bond in the sum of $100 each that they will be in attendance at the trial.

Frank James Released.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—Frank James passed through the city this morning *en route* from Gallatin in charge of the Sheriff of Davis county. At independence he was delivered into the custody of his bondsmen in this county in accordance with the order of the Gallatin Court. This afternoon he came here and acknowledged the service of a warrant charging the robbing of United States paymaster at Mussle Shoals in Alabama in 1882. A motion was made before Judge Krekel, of the U. S. Court in Chambers, to deliver the prisoner into the custody of his bondsmen, on the ground that the State prosecutions must be disposed of before the trial in the Federal court. The Court deferred decision until to-morrow, and meanwhile admitted the prisoner to temporary bail in $3,000, and to-night James is at home with his family at the residence of his wife's father near Independence.

Coniackers Caught.

VINCENNES, December 21.—This morning Chief of Police McBride and Sheriff Kackley arrested a gang of counterfeiters, James Summers, leader of the gang, belongs in Sullivan county, where he manufactured spurious coin. He came here yesterday with a woman named M. E. Sanders, ostensibly to marry her, but failed to get a license. They registered at the hotel as man and wife and took a room together, where the officers arrested them. John Kilfoil and James Hart, ex-convict, both of this city, were arrested for passing counterfeit money, which they had bought of Summers. Summers had $134 of the coin on his person when arresled.

Murderer Captured.

DENVER, December 21.—The negro, Big Ike, who murdered young Bruck Hunt, son of ex-Governor Hunt, of Durango, last week, was captured on Wednesday on the Southern Ute Reservation. As his pursuers came suddenly upon him about day light, sitting by a fire he had just made, he jumped and ran like a frightened deer to a precipice forty feet high, over which he leaped, and was found at the bottom terribly bruised but alive. He was brought to Durango last night. Among the pursuers were 75 Indians. The Negro says he had two accomplices in the bank robbery, but refuses to give their names.

Found Dead.

ATLANTA, Ga., Debember 20.—This morning Mrs. Steel, alarmed at the prolonged absence of her father, D. R. Wadley, brother of the late President Wadley, of the Georgia Central, went to his room and effecting forcible entrance, found him dead. On his person was found in money and railroad stocks over $70,000. The inquest developed heart disease as the cause of death.

Whirled to Death.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., December 22.—John Brookover, an employe of the west Virginia Fibre Company while adjusting a belt this afternoon was caught and whirled about a shaft with frightuful velocity. When found he was hanging in mid-airwith his neck broken. No one witnessed the tragic occurrence. Brookover leaves a wife and two children.

Fire in a Mabhouse.

NEW YORK, December 21.—One of the wings of the lunatic Asylum on Word's Island caught on fire this morning. With the aid of the firemen from this city the flames were suppressed before any one was injured. There were 1820 male patients in the building. The fire caused great excitement among them, but they were all removed to places of safety. It is thought that the loss will not exceed $25,000.

Forgery Cases.

WHEELING, December 22.—In the preliminary examination of Leon Van Walt, charged with forgery in seven instances, to-day three of the charges were dismissed because of the nonappearance of witnesses, and the accused was held for the next term of the circuit court on the other four cases. Bail was fixed at $1,200.

McGugan Gas.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 22.—Gas from the McGugan well may be conveyed to Philadelphia. It is authoritatively stated the negotiations are now being made with the Niagare Oil Company with a view to that end. It is estimated that the gass from this well is in sufficient quantities to light several cities as large as Philadelphia.

State Farm and Dairy Products.

HARRISBURG, December 19.—Proof sheets of the forthcoming report of the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture shows the value of dairy products the past year to be $49,648,196, grass crop. $84,349,620, cereals, $72,401,736. Number of horned cattle in the State, 1,740,227; value, $51,989,100.

Killed by a Snowslide.

PETERSON, Utah, December 19.—Two men, named Harrington and Robinson, who left here Monday on a shooting expedition, were caught in a snowslide and instantly killed. Harrington's body was found today.

Run Wrought n the Forest.

How depressing it is to see acres of trees cut down in the midst of a noble forest. How saddening it is also to see that thin spot in the midst of your otherwise abundant hair. Stop it at once by the use of Parker's Hair Balsam. For actual efficiency this famous article stands at the head of its class. Elegant for the toilet, delicious in odor, and restores the original color to gray or faded hair. Economical, as a slight, occasional application keeps the hair and scalp in perfect order. jan2.

A handful of hay in a pail of water neutralizes the smell of paint.

Turpentine applied to a cut is a preventive of lockjaw.

A few days ago a man carried a challenge to mortal combat to a Jacksonville brewer, who, as soon as he read the message, turned to and whipped the bearer in a rough and tumble fight, and said: "Maybe some more of dem vants to make droubles mit me."

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NOTICE

Is hereby given that the undersigned has made application to the Secretary of Internal Affairs for a warrant for six acres of partly improved land situate in Jefferson Township, Somerset Co., Pa., adjoining lands of David Shaulis, on the North, Abraham Morrison the South, Jacob Kooser on the East, and William Mull, on the West.

WESLEY D. BARCLAY.

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