



On Wednesday last, Hon. Wm. B. Allison, (Republican) was re-elected U. S. Senator by the Iowa Legislature.

The impression appears to be growing in Washington that Senator Logan is fast developing strength as a Presidential candidate.

A number of Democratic newspapers in this State are trying to work up a boom for Samuel J. Randall as a candidate for President.

The Democratic State Committee has fixed upon April the 9th as the time, and Allentown as the place for holding the State Convention of that party.

The record of the Board of Pardons shows that but eight convicts were pardoned in this State during the past year. One hundred and one cases were considered.

At a meeting of the State Central Committee held in Philadelphia on Wednesday last, it was determined to hold the Republican State Convention at Harrisburg on Wednesday, the 16th day of April next.

The roll of the Grand Army of the Republic is said to now contain the names of two hundred and twenty-five thousand members, and it is expected in another year to increase the number to three hundred thousand.

A resolution has been adopted by the Senate—the vote being 35 to 19—providing a clerk for each member of that body. These clerks are to be paid six dollars per day, their employment to last during the session only.

This duty to be performed by the next Republican State Convention will be to select six delegates-at-large to the Chicago Convention, agree upon three electors, and nominate a candidate for Congressman-at-large.

On Thursday last the House, by a vote of 270 yeas to 1 nay, passed the bill making an appropriation for the payment of the rebate on tax on tobacco. Dealers in this State are interested in this bill to the amount of \$300,000.

In arranging a proper form of government for the Territory of Alaska, the Senate last week agreed to a clause prohibiting the importation of intoxicating liquors into that sterile country, except for medicinal and scientific purposes.

On Thursday last Governor Pattison appointed Wm. N. Hirst as Comptroller of Philadelphia, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of E. Harper Jeffries. Thus again, the Republican city of Philadelphia has a Democratic comptroller.

An action was brought in New York last week by a seamstress for four dollars, the price for making eight dozen shirts. The second wife had bargained to give this poor woman at the rate of four cents each for making shirts, tried to cheat her out of that pitiful sum.

Our neighbors in Uniontown are having quite an animated struggle over the appointment of a new postmaster. The applicants are editor Sturges and Charles H. Rush, both of whom have influential friends laboring with the President. We hope to see our brother chip win.

E. HARPER JEFFRIES, who was elected Comptroller of Philadelphia by the Republicans last fall, died suddenly on Monday last week, having occupied his office for only fifteen days. The Governor will appoint his successor who will hold the position until the first of January, 1885.

We suppose there is still enough money in the State Treasury to pay for another extra session of the Legislature, if the Governor wants to ascertain whether the Republican members have changed their views on the apportionment question.

The dead-lock in the Kentucky Legislature still continues, and it appears almost certain that Senator Williams cannot be re-nominated. In that event, it is probable that Speaker Carlisle will be successfully urged as a candidate against Blackburn, who is new in the lead.

SOME of our enterprising contemporaries apparently forget that persons can be libelled by pictures as well as by words. The cheap, villainous-looking wood-cuts, that are gained off on the public as portraits of distinguished or notable men, are the worst kind of caricatures, well calculated to hold up to contempt and ridicule the persons they pretend to represent.

THE rumor has gained extensive circulation, that Governor Pattison has determined to call yet another extra session of the Legislature, the only question yet to be determined being the time at which it shall assemble. Senator Gordon, of Philadelphia, the Governor's fast friend, is given as authority for the statement. It is hard to believe that the Governor will be guilty of this folly, but past experience shows that he is no counting upon his being controlled by prudence, or the advice of the level-headed members of his party.

The famous "iron clad oath" will probably soon be a thing of the past. A bill repealing it passed the House last week by a vote of 185 to 11. It was a perpetual reminder to the Southern Democrats of their treason to the Government of which they are now professional wet nurses.

COL. JOHN L. RITCHEY, formerly Collector of Internal Revenue for this district, and for several years past, Auditor of the Cumberland Valley Railroad, died at his residence in Mercersburg, on Thursday night last. Col. Ritchey was a gallant soldier, and a most estimable citizen, whose death will be lamented by a large circle of friends.

THE Democrats of Virginia, having obtained a good round majority in the Legislature, are now soothing their injured feelings by passing a resolution calling upon Senator Mahone to resign. Perhaps one of the causes moving Governor Pattison to convene another extra session of the Legislature of this State, is to give his party friends an opportunity to extend a similar call to Senators Cameron and Mitchell.

SENATOR EDMUNDS has introduced a bill providing for the investigation of the political murders in Virginia and Mississippi last fall. Of course a host of "bloody shirt" politics was raised by Senators Butler of South Carolina and Lamar of Mississippi, and the Democratic press of the country is lending volume to the cry. If Southern Democrats will recite the shot-gun as a persuasive political argument, there will be fewer bloody shirts at the polls, and no necessity for further investigations.

The Philadelphia Press says: "This is a good year to vote the straight Republican ticket. Parly because the straight Republican ticket is good, and partly because the straight Democratic ticket is not." Will the Press say that two years since, the straight Republican ticket was not a good one, or that the straight Democratic ticket was? And yet it gave very different advice at that time, the fruits of which are now gathering.

A member of Congress from Wisconsin, named Deuster, has attempted to name the prohibitionists on the ground, and has introduced into the House a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting Congress and the various Legislatures from "enacting any law prohibiting or abridging the manufacture or sale of any article composed or prepared in whole or in part of any product of the soil."

DEUSTER'S idea is to head off amendments in State constitutions prohibiting the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors, by prohibiting the States from prohibiting it. If he isn't a little careful, he will butt square up against the doctrine of "State rights," so dear to the Democratic heart.

It is announced that in fixing an early day for their convention, the Democrats of this State have in view, "the settling at the earliest moment the questions that are dividing and distracting the people." This is a huge joke, in view of the fact that the Democracy of Pennsylvania are not to be consulted in any of these "distracting and dividing questions." They may "resolute" till the cows come home, but all the same, they will have no voice in the settlement of the issues of the coming campaign. All the world knows that the tariff issue was settled for them by the election of a free trade Speaker. Watterston, the editor of Carlisle's home organ, has announced, in language more emphatic than polite, that the Pennsylvania Democrats may go to the Devil. The party at large have given the State over to the Republicans, and Senator Wallace, the most sagacious leader they have, has openly declared that the "Southern and Western leaders will take the reins." The State convention can meet, and it can appoint delegates, and adopt resolutions, but when the National Convention assembles, these delegates must take back seats and dance to the music that the Southern and Western free trade leaders provide. It matters little, therefore, when the State Convention is held, the feast, to which its delegates are to be admitted is already spread.

SUPERINTENDENT MACALISTER has been giving the common school system of Philadelphia a shaking up, that meets with the approbation of the intelligent, thoughtful people of that city, and can be studied with profit by the people of the entire State. He commences with the true theory that the common or primary schools are intended for the education of the children of the people, and not, as is the old idea, that they are merely preparatory departments for the high and normal schools. This is a common sense view, because a large proportion of our children receive no other schooling, and because children who go up higher are thoroughly grounded in the elements. It is a patent fact, familiar to all, that many of our normal school graduates, while masters of the more showy branches, are sadly deficient in thorough elementary knowledge. But one of the most salutary reforms proposed by Superintendent MacAlister, is the lightning of the burdens of the younger scholars, and the breaking up of the old cramming machine system, which makes the exercises consist of a recitation of lessons learned by rote. As most of our schools are now managed the teachers do not teach; they simply hear recitations of lessons learned from parents at home, and committed to memory,

without the pupil understanding the subject or the matter which he is professedly taught. People who pay high taxes for the maintenance of public schools do not think that they ought to do the teaching also, or may not have the time, and hence the children do not receive the benefits they are entitled to. Too much is attempted in many of our schools. Children of tender years are daily sent toddling to school with a slate and half a dozen books, from each of which they are expected to recite a lesson, which of course costs hours of labor at home to memorize. Thus the hours of study are unreasonably prolonged, and the child suffers both in bodily and mental health. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is an adage as wise as it is old. The ambition of the parents as well as that of the teacher, is often to blame for the over-work of the child. Slower progress and more thorough knowledge will in the end be most profitable. We believe with Mr. MacAlister that out of school study should be dispensed with, at least among the younger pupils. The hours allotted for school are sufficient for study. What cannot be learned one day can be postponed till the next, and when school is over, the child should be allowed to play, and go to bed and enjoy peaceful sleep, undisturbed by dreams of unmastered lessons, and other chimeras of a wearied brain. Under this reform the teacher will have to do something more than book in hand, to hear the children recite the lessons they have learned by rote. They will have to teach and satisfy the intelligence of their pupils, by means for which no provision has yet been made in our school rooms. To accomplish this will be vastly more difficult than hearing recitations, and will require in some instances, better qualified teachers. To secure this better work the classes must be fewer and smaller, and more teachers must be employed. We are getting as much out of the teachers now as we pay for and we do not cure them because, by reason of the large number of pupils, and the multitude of studies they can do little else than hear recitations. Superintendent MacAlister has opened up a wide field of study for parents and school directors, and we believe we will find a service by calling their attention and thoughts to it.

A HEARTRENDING SCENE. Many of these are married men and leave families. A number of the families reside in Denver. At present everything is in such confusion that it is impossible to give details. A special train left here at 2 o'clock last afternoon with surgeons and a number of citizens ready to do all the aid possible. The town of Crested Butte is in mourning. Crowds of women cluster about the entrance to the mine, wringing their hands and crying piteously, presenting a most heartrending scene. It is said that at the time of the explosion the men were working hard on powder in chambers 1 and 2, where the men were working and where the explosion is supposed to have taken place. The mine has three miles of drifting, consequently it is impossible to definitely locate the accident, at least until rescuing parties can gain admittance.

Why Postmasters are Resigning. WASHINGTON, January 23.—Since the beginning of the present session of Congress eighteen postmasters of the Presidential grade have resigned their office, six resignations having been received in one day last week. Officials at the postoffice department declare that such a number of resignations in so short a time is unprecedented. The reason given for the resignations are dissatisfaction with the recent readjustment, resulting in some cases in lowering of salaries, and with the small allowances made by the department for clerk hire, office equipments and other items, which compel the postmasters to spend their own means in the maintenance of the postal service. In the case of third-class presidential post offices no allowance is made for clerk hire, office rent or other expenses, and returns received at the department show that up to October first last presidential postmasters, numbering 1,000, have paid \$100 from their own salaries during the fiscal year for clerk hire alone.

The Preparations. WASHINGTON, January 21.—The Executive Committee appointed by the late Republican caucus to perfect the organization of the Republican Congressional Committee met at the Arlington to-night. Mr. Hixcox, of New York, was elected chairman of the committee, but he declined that honor because he could not spare time to properly discharge the duties of the office. Senator Hawley was then elected chairman, and the following Executive Committee was appointed: Messrs. Hawley, of Conn.; Allison, of Iowa; Davis, of Ill.; Washburn, of Minnesota; McKimley, of Ohio; and Hixcox, of New York. Campbell of Pennsylvania; Goff, of West Virginia; Pettibone of Tennessee; O'Hara of North Carolina; Miller of California; Peelle of Indiana, and Aldrich of Rhode Island.

Sudden Death. LOCKPORT, January 24.—J. F. Wilbur and Miss Katie Burke were married at the Cathedral in Rochester on Wednesday last week, in the presence of a large gathering of friends, and on their bridal tour they were en route to visit Joshua Wilbur, editor of the Lockport News, and his wife, parents of the groom. This afternoon at four o'clock, just as they were bidding the parents good-bye and about to enter their carriage for the train, the young bride was seized with a fit, threw up her hands and expired in the arms of her father-in-law. Cause, heart disease. The deceased was but twenty years of age, and though in delicate health, had not complained of feeling bad previous to her death.

Fred Douglas. WASHINGTON, January 24.—Fred Douglas, the well-known colored leader, was married in this city this evening to Miss Helen S. Pitts, a white woman, formerly of New York. The wedding, which took place at the house of Dr. Grinke, of the Presbyterian church, was private, only two witnesses being present. The first wife of Mr. Douglas, who was a colored woman, died about a year ago. The woman he married to-day was employed as a capitalist last summer, was taken from jail on Saturday night by a mob of masked men and shot to death. His body was horribly mangled.

A Murderer Lynched. GALVESTON, January 22.—A report has arrived here from Lockhart which says that Sam Brown, who killed an old man named Martin last summer, was taken from jail on Saturday night by a mob of masked men and shot to death. His body was horribly mangled.

FIFTY-SEVEN MEN KILLED. A Reign of Terror. Youstow, January 22.—Berlin Township, this county, has been infested for years by a gang of lawless murderers who have from time to time engaged in various outrages against law-abiding farmers and citizens. Whenever persons appeared against members of the gang they were subsequently to become the victims of some atrocious deed, or else to have their property destroyed. The gang has been engaged making counterfeit money, and government deceives have occasionally captured one or more of the counterfeiters, but the illicit money moulding was still kept up, while horses were stolen, barns burned and other outrages were perpetrated. Of late the law-abiding class of residents organized to wipe out the gang and measures have been taken toward that end. Instead of quieting the effect has been to make the gang more defiant and desperate.

THE CITIZENS' CODED. Last Thursday night the Post Office at North Lima, the principal village of the township, was plundered and every thing in it was taken. While the citizens know full well who were the guilty parties they are afraid to either complain or appear against them. Absolute terror has taken possession of the peaceable citizens, who are offering to sell their farms and personal effects at an advance price and to leave the country. Last night the largest barn in the township, belonging to Noah Blesser, was burned to the ground, with its contents, including machinery, grain and hay, valued at \$4,000.

A SCOUNDREL'S REVENGE. Blesser on Saturday had appeared as a witness for the state and identified one of the gang as having participated in the burning of Charles Graham's house last week. Land worth \$130 an acre three years ago is now seeking a buyer at \$40 or less. The lawless company is reigning as supreme as ever the Klu Klux Klan did in the South.

The State finds the greatest possible difficulty in dealing with the members of the gang, and the violence of the citizens, who will not testify against these high handed outlaws. A Vigilance committee, organized last night, have given notice that they propose to stop lawlessness, and have warned the gang on penalty of death to leave. What the result will be is a matter of conjecture.

A Miller's Frightful Death. COLUMBIA, Pa., January 16.—Irwin I. Eckert met with a terrible death this morning while attending to his duties at the flouring mill of Joseph Strickler, which is located about two miles south of Wrightsville. His lifeless body was discovered between 10 and 11 o'clock this morning by two men who had gone to the mill on business. When found it was wrapped around a horizontal shaft of one of the bolts. The men were unable to stop the machinery and were obliged to go half a mile to procure assistance. The machinery was then stopped and the mangled remains removed. Both legs and arms and several ribs were broken and the skull fractured.

It is believed that the clothing of the unfortunate man who was slain at the time, was caught by the shaft while he was attending to something about it, and that he was whirled around on it until life was beaten from the body. Deceased was only twenty three years of age and unmarried. He has relatives residing in an amount of Harrisburg. The news of the accident was carried by the men who discovered the body to the farm-house of Jacob Strickler.

Six Deaths from Milk Sickness. LAFAYETTE, January 24.—Ten well known members of the family of Benjamin Fulk, a farmer in Shelby Township, Tippecanoe County, this state, were taken ill with a strange malady, attended with extreme nervousness. The family consisted of Mr. Fulk, his wife, six children and a young lady friend member of the family. They had used freely the milk and butter of the cows on the farm. The first death was of a daughter nine years old, which was followed by the deaths of a son, aged thirteen and a daughter, aged eleven. The death of Miss Rettenour, a young lady living with the family, followed next. Then an infant died and on last Tuesday night Mr. Fulk died. Mrs. Fulk's now lying at the point of death. The facts have just commenced attracting attention here, since the physicians that have attended the patients pronounce their malady milk sickness.

Messrs. Hixcox & Co. call special attention to the fact that after April 16, 1885, the name and style of this preparation will hereafter be simply Parker's Tonic. The word "Ginger" is dropped, for the reason that unprincipled dealers are constantly deceiving their patrons by substituting inferior preparations under the name of Ginger; and as ginger is an unimportant flavoring ingredient in our Tonic, we are sure that our friends will agree with us as to the propriety of the change. There will be no change, however, in the preparation itself; and all bottles remaining in the hands of dealers, wrapped under the name of "PARKER'S GINGER TONIC," contain the genuine medicine if the signature of Hixcox & Co. is at the bottom of the outside wrapper.

Attempt at Suicide. MEADVILLE, January 24.—On Tuesday evening last Mrs. Robert A. Hume, the mother of children between the ages of three and fourteen years, residing in Woodstock township, near this city, attempted suicide by shooting herself in the forehead with a revolver. The bullet struck a rib, glanced off to the left and passing around lodged back of the left shoulder. The act was committed in the presence of her husband and oldest daughter. Mrs. Hume has been subject to epileptic fits for some time, and that is the only reason assigned for the act. It is feared now that the wound will prove fatal.

A Frightful Death. BLOOMSBURG, Pa., Jan. 25.—A young man named George Supplee, aged seventeen years, son of Squire Supplee, of Jerseytown, Columbia county, met with a horrible death at State Normal school here this morning. He was a student at the school, and roomed in the third story building on White street. He fell down to that of an adjoining room, lost his hold and fell to the ground, being instantly killed. His neck was broken. A sister of young Supplee is also a student here.

Snowed In. ERIE, Jan. 23.—Eighteen young ladies, gentlemen, who left Erie on Monday, in a large sleigh on their way to Harbor Creek, in attempting to return the same night, arrived here yesterday after passing through a fearful experience in a snow-drift. The party left Erie on Monday afternoon to accept the invitation of Hon. John Cox, who lives 10 miles from the city. The young people arrived after a couple of hours ride and were entertained with refreshments and amusement after midnight. Then a start was made for home, but while they had been dancing a terrible snow storm had commenced and the roads were made impassable by the drift. The sleigh was overturned and the party found themselves in a snow-drift. The snow was up to their necks and a few more steps would have buried them beneath it. It was now 3 A. M. and the storm was still raging. The air was piercing cold, and some of the terror-stricken girls were huddled under a blanket in great distress. Among the party was a school teacher with several of her scholars, for whom she held herself responsible. The anguish of the ladies was pitiable.

That they would all be frozen to death before sunrise came was the opinion of many, and the violence of the storm was made more awful by the shrieks and cries that were added to the howling blast. Several chivalrous young men removed their coats and wrapped them around the girls and were frosted themselves. The first to succumb was Miss Annie Lewis, who fainted from exposure and fright. In a short time her sister, Miss Lizzie, lost consciousness. All seemed lost, when lights were seen coming. The sturdy farmers had been aroused and soon shovels and axes were at work breaking down fences and clearing away the snow from the buried party. The inmates of the girls and frozen folks were removed to various farm houses, and at 8 o'clock A. M. another start was made. The storm had subsided, but it took nearly a day to get over the few remaining miles.

Dancing on a Coffin. KINGSTOWN, January 22.—When an undertaker was putting the body of Catherine Maloney, who died in a severe fever in an illness that was a daughter of the deceased, Mrs. Gray, if she desired to have the corpse dressed, Mrs. Gray said, "No; chuck her in the way she is." When the lid was screwed on she helped on the coffin and danced like a maniac, and only ceased her antics when compelled to do so by the constable. The whole family were intoxicated.

Burned With Vitriol. BRIDGEVILLE, N. J., January 23.—Mrs. Joseph Vandigert, of this city, was the victim Monday evening of a fiendish assault with vitriol. She has been robbed and assaulted before; this time her enemies came near killing her. About 7 o'clock, as she was going to a store for provisions, a heavily armed man threw a liquid into her face, which she described as feeling very cold at first, but which immediately began eating into her face, neck and hands, and proved to be oil of vitriol. No clue has been discovered to the ruffian.

United States Senatorship. DES MOINES, January 22.—The Senate balloted for a United States Senator to succeed Mr. Allison with the following result: Allison, Rep., 28; Hall, Dem., 17; Kinne, Rep., 1. One Senator, Mr. Glass, Rep., was absent.

The ballot of the House was as follows: Allison, Rep., 52; Hall, Dem., 38; Clark, Greenbacker, 10. Four Democrats voted with the latter who number only 6.

Fatal Leap. YORK, Jan. 26.—At 7:30 this morning Adam Luckabaugh met a horrible death at Stricksoner's ore bank, on the Hanover and Hamburg Railroad, 12 miles from York, by jumping into the shaft of the mine, 100 feet deep. He was employed as a laborer, and while emptying a bucket of ore into the car, and not knowing of his neglect to close the mouth of the shaft, jumped into the yawning abyss. His body was horribly crushed. He was 28 years of age and had a wife and two children.

Smallpox. INDIANAPOLIS, January 23.—Ten days ago a prisoner in the county jail was attacked by smallpox. He was removed to the pest house but not before other prisoners had contracted the disease. Yesterday and today sixteen other prisoners developed symptoms of the disease and were removed to the pest-house. There are 150 prisoners in the jail, and it is expected that others will be attacked by the disease. There are no cases in the city except at the jail and the pest house.

A Southern Outrage. AUBURN, Ky., Jan. 24.—George Harrison and Harry Bronson were killed by each other in a street fight to-day, the result of a family feud dating back sixteen years, when James Harrison, the father, killed Bronson's father with a broadsword. The intestines of both men were cut. Both men belonging to wealthy families. More trouble is expected.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE. Estate of John P. Putnam, dec'd., late of Middleburg township, Somerset County, Pa. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate to present them, only such notices as will be published in the Somerset County Advertiser, on or before the 25th day of February, 1884, at the late residence of SAUL P. PUTNAM, Executor.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE. Estate of Lazarus Hochstetler, dec'd., late of Jefferson township, Somerset County, Pa. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authorities, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate to present them, only such notices as will be published in the Somerset County Advertiser, on or before the 25th day of February, 1884, at the late residence of the Executor, in New Centerville, Pa. DAVID RUMEL, Executor.

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Paynes Ratification. COLUMBUS, January 22.—The result of the election for Senator, which took place in the House yesterday, was declared in a joint convention to-day amid cheers by the Democrats. Later a resolution was offered from the Republican side of the House to investigate the charges of corruption in securing the nomination. This was defeated only half of the Republicans voting for it.

Mr. Payne arrived to-night and was escorted by a committee to the Capitol, where the Democratic caucus was in session, and made a speech approving the caucus decrees on all matters political. To-morrow a banquet will be tendered by members of the Legislature, State officers and others.

330 Convicts Removed from a Prison. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 26.—A fire broke out at the State Prison at Stillwater, Minn., last night, and all the buildings were destroyed. The prisoners—including the Younger brothers—were taken out and placed under a strong guard in the yard. The fire caught under the main office of the car company, and at 1 o'clock it became evident that the prison was doomed. Company K, of the State militia, was called upon to assist in removing the convicts, about 330 of whom were shackled together by means of long, fine chains and removed to different points in the prison grounds. The loss is about \$500,000. All the property was owned by the State.

A RAVING MANIAC. ERIE, Pa., Jan. 28.—Gustave Baumgartner, a young man of good parents, yesterday, in an insane condition, was raving maniac in the county jail as the result of injuries received in a bar-room fight a few months ago. Last night he tore every stitch of clothing from his body and then attempted to take his life by hanging himself, and latterly by butting his brains out against the iron bars of his cell door.

An attempt was made by Warden Rathbun to-day to put a suit of clothes on the maniac but he resisted and attacked the Warden with such desperate ferocity that the official was glad to get the bars between them.

JACKSON COURT HOUSE, O., January 23.—Luke and Bill Jones, who have been in jail here awaiting their hanging, February 23, for the murder of Anderson Luckey last month, tried upon their cell door at noon to-day and found themselves in the corridor, where they captured the revolvers of the guards. They then rushed into the court of the jail, when they met Frederick Reed, the jailer, and, putting revolvers to his head, overpowered and tied him. The coast was now clear for the escape of the two men, who rapidly climbed the roof of the jail, and, as they were in citizens garb, had gone through several streets from the jail before the alarm was given.

The guards and a large body of citizens started in pursuit. The escaped murderers ran for the hills and hid in a thicket of trees, which they rapidly climbed. Five hundred citizens armed with guns and revolvers, gave chase and brought the murderers to bay in a ravine, where they opened fire on their pursuers. Luke Jones was so badly wounded in the melee that it is feared he will not live to be hanged; both prisoners then began to quarrel and were taken back to jail.

The Lotteries and the Mats. WASHINGTON, January 24.—The Postmaster General was in consultation with the Senate committee on post offices and post roads this morning in relation to the use of mats by lottery companies. A subcommittee, consisting of Senator Sawyer, Wilson and Jackson, was appointed to consider the matter at greater length and to further consult with the postmaster general. Informal opinions expressed by members of the committee lead to the belief that they will favor the exclusion from the mails of all newspapers containing lottery advertisements and registered letters addressed to lottery companies. The committee ordered a favorable report upon the House bill making all public highways post roads. The committee decided to devote its next regular meeting to the consideration of the postal telegraph bill. Dr. Norvin Green, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and Mr. Gardner G. Hubbard are expected to be present.

Terrible Death. DANVILLE, January 21.—Two children of Samuel Mottern, while playing on the frozen river this afternoon, fell into an air-hole. The youngest child was drowned. The two boys floated down stream about ten yards, the eldest holding on to his brother with one hand and clutching the edge of the ice with the other. When they reached the lower edge the smallest boy was sucked under the ice by the current the other avoiding the same fate with difficulty. An alarm was given and a crowd of men broke the ice all around, but the body has not been found.

A Lock Up Fired by Tramps. ASHLAND, Pa., January 24.—The stone building in which the station house and Council chamber are located took fire early this morning, and before the fire department arrived, was almost destroyed. The lower room was used for lodging tramps, and as several of them found their way into the building, they were removed to the pest-house. It is supposed, though their carelessness it was set on fire. One of them has been arrested and will be held for trial.

Shot by Her Brother. PETROLIA, Jan. 14.—Thomas Walley accidentally shot his six-year-old sister this morning while carelessly handling a revolver. The ball entered the base of the brain and lodged under the left ear. The child will die.

A Leak in a Pipe Line. WEST MILTON, Jan. 24.—The Tidewater Pipe Line passing through the place, nearly here last night, and it is estimated that 1,000 barrels of oil have been lost. To-day a large force of men have been engaged shoveling ashes and earth upon the escaping oil to prevent it from taking fire.

# RED LETTER SALE OF OVERCOATS!

There is now in progress at our store a great Sacrifice Sale of Overcoats. We want to dispose of our stock before the season ends, and have reduced our prices from 10 to 20 per cent. Some Overcoats will be selling at Less Money Than They Cost.

The object is to get rid of our Winter Stock to make room for other goods. Those requiring Overcoats will get real genuine bargains. Calling On Us.

This is no humbug sale. The old tickets and old prices left on the goods and the new and greatly reduced prices marked in red ink underneath, so that the simplest can see everything is straightforward. YOU WILL MISS IT If you fail to visit us before making your purchases.

L. M. WOOLFS, The One-Price Clothier, Hatter, Furnisher. NEW STORE, MAIN STREET, Johnstown, Pa.

## ANNUAL Financial Statement OF THE FARMERS UNION ASSOCIATION OF SOMERSET COUNTY, Pa. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1883.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Cash, Real Estate, and other items. Liabilities include Debts and other obligations. Total Assets and Total Liabilities are both listed as \$66,000.00.

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