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DURING the month of November last, the National debt was decreased to the amount of $3,005,249.58.

MR. BEECHER hit hard when he says he has no sympathy for an eight-hour man with a fourteen-hour wife.

JAMES G. BLAINE, JR., has become a reporter, on the Pittsburgh Daily *Times*. His father made his first reputation as a newspaper man.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is said to be suffering with the gout, and the office seekers are compelled to tread softly, when approaching his presence.

TREASURER is the only State officer to be elected in this Commonwealth next year, but we will probably have a lively local campaign, as the bulk of our county offices will have to be filled.

MR. CHARLES E. VOORHIS, the present resident Clerk of the House, has prepared a list of members, which shows that there is a Republican majority of eighty-three on joint ballot in our State Legislature.

VISITORS at the White House complain of the odor of boiled cabbage ascending from the kitchen. They should remember that the Nation was promised "a return to the simplicity of the fathers."

THE Dallas (Texas) *News* asks: "What shall it profit a President if he gain a whole world of Mugwumps and lose his own party?" It is very evident that the President has been asking himself the same question.

SPEAKER CARLISLE accounts for his narrow escape from defeat at the late election, by saying that the Democrats of his district were asleep at election time. So, so; the Republicans, for once, did "catch a weasel asleep."

REPRESENTATIVE H. K. BOYER, of the Sixth district (Philadelphia) claims to have the promises of more than a majority of the members of the House to support him for Speaker. If this be so, Boyer has a dead sure thing of it.

CONGRESS convened on Monday last, the 6th inst. This is the short session, and will end on the 4th day of March next. It is not anticipated that any important legislation will be perfected during the coming three months, other than the passage of the usual appropriation bills.

EVERY prudent business man will assent to the proposition, that it is foolish to pay another for doing a thing you can do equally as well yourself. Then, why pay a foreigner for doing that which you can have just as well done by paying your own countryman? Therein lies the whole tariff question.

OF the twenty Presidents of the United States who have died, four are buried in the State of New York, viz: Van Buren at Kinderhook, Filmore at Forest Lawn, Buffalo; Grant at Riverside Park, New York, and Arthur at Albany. Monroe was also buried in New York, but by act of the Virginia Legislature his remains were removed to Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond.

AT the recent election there were about 109,000 votes polled in Dakota, with a Republican majority of 20,000. The spectacle of Dakota, with two and a-half times as many votes as South Carolina, being kept out of the Union, because her politics do not suit the Democratic majority in the House, is one not calculated to elicit encomiums on the honesty and fairness of the party in power.

THE two cases of Benton and Stone throw a brilliant light upon the President's idea of civil service reform, which, tersely stated, amounts to this: Democratic officials may make Democratic speeches, if the time consumed does not interfere with their official duties; but Republican officials must not make Republican speeches. It must be clearly understood, that what is sauce for the goose, is not sauce for the gander.

A LATE decision of Judge White, of Pittsburgh, will act as an eye-opener to the bondsmen of liquor dealers, and will add largely to the revenues of the cities and counties of the Commonwealth. He holds, that when a hotel or saloon keeper violates the law and incurs a penalty of fine and imprisonment, that the fine can be collected from his bondsmen, instead of allowing him to serve it out by an extra imprisonment. This is absolutely sound law, as the bond given is conditioned for the good behavior of the party receiving the license, and any violation of the law forfeits the bond, and makes it collectible from the sureties.

DISCUSSING the vacancy in the office of State Treasurer which will be caused by the election of Col. Quay to the United States Senate, the Philadelphia *Times* mentions Hon. Jacob H. Longenecker as among the available candidates for the appointment, and pays him the following deserved compliment.

"As in the Congressional struggle in the Seventeenth district Ex-Senator Longenecker was unsuccessful, it is presumed he would be nothing loath to assume control of the State Treasury, and his name has been suggested for the appointment. No more palatable nor worthy appointment, in a large public sense, could be made, and the installation of such a gentleman the place would be in itself proof that the State funds were not to be used except as strictly provided by law."

We have had a deal of bluster from Morrison and other Democratic statesmen, who were turned down at the late election, about smashing the tariff, and doing other dire things, during this session of Congress. In view of the decided snub these gentlemen received from the people, we are of the opinion, that, after they have cooled off a little, they will conclude to go slow, avoid extremes, and give their attention to absolutely necessary legislation. The Democrats have not made a record during this Congress, upon which they can go before the country at the election in 1888; they will have a small, not a safe, working majority in the next Congress, and to neglect their opportunity now, is to sin away their day of grace. We apprehend, therefore, no trouble from the tariff smashers, and other irreconcilables, during the present session. Policy, if nothing else, will restrain the majority.

BOTH houses of Congress convened promptly on Monday at 12 o'clock and three new members were sworn in. The Presidents message was received at 2 o'clock and was read. It is a long document, and covers a multitude of subjects. It favors the revision of the tariff as urged by Carlisle and Morrison, and urges that a reduction of the revenues is necessary, because all the public debt that is subject to redemption will soon be in, and the surplus then on hand will become a serious matter. On the silver question the President reiterates the views put forth by him in his message of last year, and asserts that all efforts of the Treasury Department to force silver into circulation have failed, therefore its coinage should be discontinued. He dwells upon the necessity for a new navy and vigorously urges the question of coast defenses upon Congress. A suggestion is made that some new general pension law be passed, so as to cover deserving cases, such as heretofore have been provided for in special bills, and devotes a brief space to generalities on the labor question. These are the principal topics of interest touched upon, the balance of the message being devoted to the usual topics embraced in State papers of this kind.

JUDGING from the statements of the press in different parts of the State, there will be a large amount of tinkering with the laws of the Commonwealth during the coming session of the Legislature. The liquor laws, the tax laws, the railroad laws and the laws governing county and city officials, will receive a large share of attention. The interests of labor, and legislation in behalf of its protection, and to prevent competition with convict labor will be perseveringly urged. The connaitee appointed by the late County Commissioners Convention, has also cut out a great deal of work to be pressed upon our law makers, the principal points of which are amendments relating to the collection of taxes, the repeal of the act fixing a bounty on the destruction of wolves, wild cats, foxes, weasels, mink, hawks, and owls, and in particular will they try to secure the alteration of the law governing the election of assessors, so as to provide that the triennial assessment shall be held towards the expiration of their terms, when they have acquired the experience and knowledge required for an intelligent re-assessment of property, and not immediately after their election as is the case now. Everything points towards an active and busy session and a call for the best brains and tact possessed by the members.

DURING the last Presidential campaign the Democratic press kept up an unceasing howl for the abolition of the internal revenue tax, with its "swarm of officials, eating up the substance of the people." Now, when it is proposed to reduce the accumulating surplus in the Treasury, by repealing, or reducing these taxes, we find these same journals railing against the suggestion. We find, also, that the most uncompromising opponents of repeal are the large producers of the articles taxed. There are two reasons for this hostility. The free traders want these taxes continued, so that the tariff on imported manufactures can be the more heavily reduced, and the large whisky manufacturers favor their continuance, because the tax operates to crush out the small producers, and helps them to maintain their manopoly. The latter get as much for their product as though the tax were off, while the small distillers cannot afford to pay the tax in advance of sales, and so are compelled to limit their production. One of the most blatant free traders is Senator Beck, of Kentucky, and the reduction of the tax on spirits has no more uncompromising enemy than he and his constituents, the distillers of Kentucky.

Over one hundred million dollars are annually collected from internal revenue taxes. If our present resources are too large, why not cut off these taxes on domestic products, and let the tariff on foreign-made manufactures, that compete with articles produced by our own people, stand? We have a vast deal of gabble from Democratic speakers and writers about the hateful "war tax," and yet, when it is proposed to wipe out or reduce it, these same gabblers are found in opposition. The statistics of the Department show that the increase or decrease of these taxes have never measurably affected the consumption of the articles taxed. A certain amount of spirits and tabacco are annually consumed, irrespective of the amount of tax, and so it will be if the tax is entirely removed. Here is a plain and easy solution of the problems of tariff revision, and the reduction of our surplus revenue. Let the internal revenue taxes be abolished in part, or as a whole, and the work is accomplished. Moreover, it will save our Democratic friends a vast deal of mental trouble, and laying awake o'nights, scheming "how not to do it."

Mrs. Cleveland Rebuked.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 4.—At their convention to-day the members of the St. Louis District Women's Christain Temperance Union adopted a resolution in reference to the recent dinner given by Mrs. Whitney, wife, of the Secretary of the Navy, at which were present eighteen ladies, including Mrs. Cleveland. "The papers," says the resolutions, "report that courses of different alcoholic drinks were served, and, therefore, the Women's Christain Temperance Union of Missouri express their deep mortification and regret that ladies in this high social position should themselves set this bad example to the people of this already drink-diseased country, and the Secretary of this convention is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Cleveland."

The Colored Congressman's Contest.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 3.—Robert Smalls, the colored congressman who was defeated at the recent election by Colonel William Elliott, Democrat, is in Charleston to-day. He will contest Elliott's election and says he is confident that the House will seat him, although it has a Democratic majority. He says that the Democratic party would not dare to enter the campaign of 1888 after allowing Elliott to hold a seat fraudulently obtained from the famous black district of South Carolina with its 25,000 Republican majority. He thinks that it would strengthen the Democratic party at the North to put out a white man for a colored contestant, and that the party leaders will retire Elliott for effect.

General Beaver Takes Leave of the Centre County Bar.

BELLEFONTE, PA., Dec. 4, 1886.

At a special meeting of the Centre County Bar Association, held in the Court House at Bellefonte yesterday, Governor elect Beaver handed in his temporary resignation as an active member of the Association. The General said he severed his connection with the Association with regret, and he was assured that his departure would cause deep pain to his associates. Democrats spoke in highest words of praise and said that they had opposed his election merely from a political standpoint, but now that he was elected there was no one they would sooner see occupy the Governor's chair than he.

A River Steamer Burned.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 4.—The steamer Charles Morgan burned to the water's edge at 7 o'clock to-night, at the foot of Willow street, Fulton. The fire was discovered in the ladies' saloon, by the watchman. It is supposed to be the work of an incendiary as there was no fire on the boat except in a small stove in the cabin just over the boiler. The steamer had just undergone repairs, and was to have started for New Orleans next week. The U. P. Scenck which was tied to the Morgan at the time, was cut loose and drifted down stream about four squares and made fast to some coal-barges, and escaped injury. The Morgan was valued at $50,000 and had been recently purchased by the Southern Transportation company.

Dynamite in a Desk.

PITTSBURGH Dec. 5.—A most dastardly attempt at the destruction of life and property was discovered at the office of the Fairchance Furnace Company, at Fairchance, on Tuesday last. C. W. Finnell, the chief clerk of the Company, entered the office and in making preparations to begin the day's duties discovered that the top of his desk was slightly raised. Upon lifting the lid he found an immense coil of dynamite fuse, one end of which had been drawn to the edge of the desk with a huge dynamite catridge carefully placed upon it. The nerve of Mr. Finnell was taxed to the uttermost. The fearful danger of the position in which he stood dawned upon him, but he carefully removed the cap and placed the end of the coil in the bottom of the desk. Mr. Finnell states that the would-be destroyer of his life and that of the family who occupy another part of the building and the company's property, evidently entertained the belief that he would proceed with his work without opening the desk and that by leaning upon it the force would discharge the dynamite.

Underneath the desk there was secreted several pounds of the explosive material, so that when the explosion occurred the package below would follow. It is calculated that if the scheme had been consummated, with all the dynamite in the room, every life and all property in the neighborhood would have been destroyed. Superintendent Martin, Dr. Finnell and others in the company's employ are at a loss to know the motive for such action. Great precautions are being taken, and extraordinary measures were adopted to bring the fiend or fiends to justice. Two or three weeks ago a huge cobblestone was thrown through the window of the company's office, but luckily it did not strike any of the occupants.

Between Walls of Flame.

AUGUSTA, Ga., December 3.—From Sumter to Charleston, in South Carolina, a distance of 50 miles, the forests are a solid sheet of flame. The Atlanta Coast line passes through the stretch of fire. In many places the fire approached so near the track on either side that the train literally ran between walls of flame and through clouds of blinding, asphyxiating smoke. The fire is fiercely swept on by a swift breeze from the Northwest, and at some places leaps across the roadway, some of the tall pine trees resembling pillars of flame in motion as the train rushed by. At Monk's Corner several plantation houses have been burned with everything in them. Around the town of Early the scene is terribly grand. The woods all around are lit up, while the town nestles in the centre in imminent danger of being caught. The ground is covered everywhere with a thick coat of sedge, wire grass, and other lowland growth. After frost this growth dies, dries up and becomes very combustible. The inhabitants—men, women and children—are out shoveling away this growth in a circle, around the town, so that the fire may not have food upon which to eat its way in, but the task is almost more than they can accomplish.

Six Hungarians Killed.

WILKES BARRE, Dec. 1.—Three Hungarians, John Cobollick, John Werner and Andrew Kosko, who were employed in the mines near Pittston, left the town about 6 o'clock this evening to walk to their homes, about two miles up the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western road from that town. They had been drinking heavily during the day, and when they left had three pints of whiskey with them. They must have drank much of this whiskey, and becoming stupefied, laid or fallen down on the track. The 7 o'clock passenger train came up the road, and when about one mile from Pittston, running at forty miles an hour, the engineer saw by the light of his headlight three prostrate forms on the track

He whistled hard and tried to stop his train. One of the men staggered to his feet, but before he could get away the locomotive struck them. Two were literally crushed and torn to pieces, and mangled portions of their bodies were scattered along the track. The third man, Kosko, was picked up alive, but so frightfully injured that he cannot possibly recover. They had but lately landed in this country, and had no relatives or friends here.

Thrown Forty Feet by an Engine.

SHENANDOAH, December 2.—Thos. Reddy, a man of 65, was walking towards his home at Deanesville, on the Ashland branch railroad, last night, and had reached a small bridge over a stream. At this point a mixed passenger and freight train came thundering along. The old man either did not notice the approach of the train or thought he could cross the bridge before it, but before he reached the other end the engine struck him. He was thrown about forty feet and instantly killed. When the engineer saw Reddy on the bridge he reversed his engine so suddenly that a passenger named Hugh McGinnis, under the belief that a collision was about to occur, rushed from his seat to the door of the passenger car, jumped from the train and in falling to the ground struck his head against a stone, sustaining injuries from which it is thought he will die.

Chinamen Tortured and Robbed.

BIG SPRINGS, TEX., Nov. 30.—A most daring robbery was committed at Morita, the first siding on the line of the Texas and Pacific Railway, ten mines west of here, at midnight last night, the only inhabitants of the place are a gang of fifty Chinese section hands and a white foreman. At about midnight the Chinamen were waited upon by fifty masked men who demanded their money. Upon refusing to give up their hard-earned cash they were one at a time hung up by their ears until they complied. The robbers, thinking they had not got all the cash in the camp, returned and tortured one of the Chinamen by holding him on a hot stove, until his comrades gave up the balance of their money, some $500 in all. One Celestial had his ear cut off and was otherwise horribly tortured. No arrests have been made.

A Supposed Meteor in Dakota.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—A dispatch from Bismarck, Dak., says that at Coal Harbor, fifty miles north of there, in the coldest hour, day before yesterday, the heavens seemed aglow with brilliant fire, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon an immense shower of fire fell through the frosty air, its passage being accompanied by a loud hissing noise. As the flame descended a breath of warm air passed over the country. When the flame reached the earth it was attended by an explosion, which sounded like the firing of a cannon. An examination of the spot where the fire seemed to fall was made but the only evidences of an explosion were the shattered ice and a slight depression in the earth. The phenomenon is believed to have been caused by a meteoric fragment. Its direction was from northeast to southwest.

Masked Lynchers

ARKANSAS CITY, ARK., December 2.—Early yesterday morning a party of masked men surrounded the jail at Monticello, the county seat of Drew county, and demanded from the jailor the surrender of Buck Hunter, colored, who was charged with assault with intent to kill two respected citizens of that county. Finding that resistance would be worse than useless, the jailor surrendered the key to the cell in which the man was confined, and the mob seized Hunter, placed a rope around his neck and led him out in the suburbs of the town and strung him to a tree. To make sure of the work, they then emptied their shot-guns into the suspended body. They dispersed so quietly that very few of the citizens of the town knew that the lynching had been done until daylight, when Hunter's body was found when the mob had left it.

A Contested Election in Cameron.

LOCK HAVEN, Dec. 3.—Judge Mayer today ordered a special term of court for Cameron County upon a petition of forty-four electors—nearly half Democrats—to contest the election of George W. Warner, Democrat, declared elected to the State Legislature by a majority of eight. George A. Barclay, Republican, the present member, is the contestant.

Mrs. Garfield's Persecutor Arrested

CLEVELAND, Dec. 3.—Since last August Mrs. Garfield has been greatly annoyed at her country home in Mentor by the receipt of letters of advice from a person signing himself S. A. Bodle. Some time ago a man went to the house, coolly walked into the hallway, and inquired for Mrs. Garfield or her daughter Mollie. A servant asked him his name and business, and he presented a card bearing the name of the letter writer. He was persuaded to leave the house, and promised to write no more letters, but as he went he turned and cursed every member of the household. For some time no letters were received, but recently the fellow began writing again. Yesterday he once more appeared at the Garfield farm house, and, permission to see Mrs. Garfield being refused him, he swore as before. He was followed from the house, and was arrested at Painesville. Bondc is 38 years of age and a native of Holland. After an inquest in lunacy the Judge decided that Bodde was not of sufficiently unsound mind to warrant his incarceration in an asylum. He was therefore sent to the county poorhouse for safe keeping.

Production of the Western Whisky Pool.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—At a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Western Export Association yesterday, the rebuilt house of Bush & Brown, in Peoria, was admitted to the association as a closed concern. The assessment of 3 cents a gallon was not changed, but the time of payment was changed from the first day to the 15th and last days of each month. No changes in the capacity or prices were made. Of the ninety-one distilleries in the association forty-five are running. The capacity under the present arrangement is thirty-three and one-third per cent. of the running houses—consuming 35,000 bushels and producing about 150,000 gallons of spirits a day. The production is sold as fast as it is made and no surplus is on hand. The production and sale for October was a trifle over 4,000,000 gallons. The prices are fixed upon the basis of $1.14 for low spirits. The product for last October was 500,000 gallons less than that of the same month last year. This was because of the entire loss of the export trade.

Mr. Vanderbilt's body Removed.

QUARANTINE, Staten Island, Dec. 4.—The body of William H. Vanderbilt was removed yesterday (Friday) from the receiving vault in the Moravian Cemetery at New Dorp to its final resting place in the massive granite mausoleum on Lighthouse Hill, Ocean Terrace, the highest point in the Moravian Cemetery. The greatest precautions were taken to preserve secrecy in the removal of the body, and only the Pinkerton detectives, who had been guarding the vault, the cemetery employees, and three members of the Vanderbilt family were present. When the vault was opened the coffin was withdrawn, and solemnly, but without religious ceremonies, it was carried to the mausoleum, where it was put in its destined place. The three members of the Vanderbilt family present were William K. Vanderbuilt, Frederick W. Vanderbilt, and Cornelius Vanderbilt.

The detective guards were removed from the receiving vault to the mausoleum, where they were seen on duty at midnight. Capt. Tobin of the detective force was seen by a reporter, but he said he was not at liberty to give any information.

A Man of Sixty Years and a Baby Girl Burned to Death.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., Dec. 3.—This morning shortly after midnight the house of John Powley, in Franklin township, this county, took fire from a defective flue. Powley and his wife, who were sleeping down stairs, were awakened by a sense of suffocation and barely escaped into the open air when the building fell. Four, of their five, small children who were sleeping up stairs immediately above where the flames originated, escaped with but few injuries by jumping from the second story window, but the youngest daughter, aged sixteen months, perished in the flames. John Barr, aged sixty years, a boarder, was also burned to death while vainly endeavoring to rescue the children. When he met his death he had $500 on his person. The family lost all their household goods and are being cared for by their charitably disposed neighbors.

A Dam Wrecked by the Earthquake.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 30.—The new dam which has just been finished at new Langley cotton mills, on the line of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta railroad, gave way yesterday afternoon and again is almost a complete wreck. The water rushed through in a flood from the pond, swept away half a mile of track of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta railway and badly damaged the tracks of the South Carolina railway. All the new expensive work recently completed on the former road is totally ruined, and it will be at least a week before the damage can be repaired. The accident is ascribed to a violent shock of earthquake, which is reported to have been felt in that locality Sunday night. It is believed that this shock was sufficiently strong to shake away the foundations and cause the structure to break loose. The wafers flooded all the adjacent country and did much damage.

Barn Burners in Montgomery Co.

NORRISTOWN, Dec. 4.—The large barn of W. A. Wood, in Horsham township, Montgomery county, was destroyed by fire last evening, entailing a loss of about $6,000, which is covered by insurance in a local company. The building ignited from a rick of fodder, which was doubtless fired by an incendiary. This is the third barn burned in Horsham township within two months. About two weeks ago a paper was found at Springhouse containing the following inscription: "Two barns have already been burned in Horsham township and two more will follow." The fact that the threat has been partially fulfilled causes a deep feeling of anxiety among the Horsham township farmers, one of whom remarked this morning that if the fire fiend is captured his case will be disposed of without going into court.

Texas Lynchers at Work.

BRENHAM, Dec. 3.—At an early hour yesterday morning an armed mob came to town, overpowered the jailor and took out Shea Felder, Alfred Jones and Ephraim Jones, three of the negroes implicated in the killing of Dewees Bolton, at Flewellyn's store, in this country, on the night of election, and lynched them. It was so quickly done, that the town was not aroused. The bodies of the three menwere found hanging to a tree in the morning. It was thought that the feeling against the men had subsided so that further trouble would not occur, and Sheriff Dever had brought them back from Houston, whither they had been sent for safekeeping. There is no clue to any of the perpetrators. It is feared the lynching will cause a renewal of trouble between the black and white residents.

A Blizzard and no Mistake.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3. Last evening orders to raise the cold wave flag signal were received here. This morning a genuine Monitoba wave came over Minnesota and at 6 o'clock the temperature was ten degrees below zero at St. Paul. This morning at St. Vincent it was twenty-two below; Moorhead 18 below, and at Garry and Bismark 17 below. At Brainerd last night it was 28 below, freezing over all the swamps and producing exodus of lumbermen for the woods. The Signal Service observer says the month of November in the Northwest was colder than any November since 1880 and two and one-half degrees colder than the average of November for 22 years.

A Great Mine Disaster.

LONDON, December 2—A terrible mining accident occurred to-day in the Lemore Colliery, at Durham. The miners composing the day shift had just descended to begin their work when an explosion of fire damp occurred. Thirty corpses have thus far been taken from the pit. It is claimed that a number of others perished and that many have been more or less injured.

Robbed by a Tramp.

NEENAH, WIS., Dec. 4.—This morning at 3 o'clock two burglars entered the house of E. M. Hulce, who lives just outside the city. They chloroformed him and proceeded to ransack the house, but Mr. Hulce awoke and had a battle with them. In the struggle he pulled the mask off one of his assailants and identified him as a tramp who had hung around the house for a week past. Mr. Hulce was alone in the house. The burglars got about $50 dollars in money and afterward set fire to the house, burning it to the ground. Mr. Hulce narrowly escaped burning to death. He crawled out and laid down in the snow, dazed from the effects of the chloroform. His hands were badly frozen. He laid in the snow about half an hour when he was picked up and carried to a neighbor's house. The house and contents were worth $10,000, and were insured. Mr. Hulce is quite wealthy, having been up to a short time ago a member of the brickmaking firm of E. C. Hulce & Co. The burglars have a good start and will probably not be captured.

A Hospital for Animals.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5.—The will of Mrs. J. W. Ryerss, of 922 Walnut street, who died 10 days ago at her county residence at Fox Chase, was presented at the office of the Register of Wills yesterday. The will disposes of personal property and real estate valued in the aggregate in the neighborhood of $400,000. Among the bequests is one of $70,000 to the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, of which her son Robert W. Ryerss, is President. The sum is to be used in the erection and endowment of an infirmary for animals sick and disabled. A clause of the will provides that $30,000 shall be used in the erection of suitable building for the purpose, and the other $40,000 shall be used in endowing it. The infirmary, though not to be under the direct control of the society, will to some extent be directed by it.

An Ohio Bank Robbed and Three Policeman Shot.

CHILLICOTHE, O., Dec. 4.—Last night a man hired a carriage at this place, and, being joined by three other men, drove to Waverly. There they overpowered the night watchman, carried him to James Emmitt's bank, which had been broken open, and tied him to a chair while they broke the door of the safe. They found $2,000 in this and drove off. About two miles from Waverly they met a party of officers from Chillicothe, who had suspected their intentions and followed them. Twenty shots were exchanged between the burglars and the officers and three of the latter were seriously injured. The burglars escaped and this morning the horses and carriage were found tied in the woods near Three Lock Station, on the Scioto Valley Railroad. It is not known whether any of the robbers were injured in the battle with the officers. An active search is being made for them.

Beheaded By His Wife.

HELENA, ARK., Dec. 3.—Particulars were received here to-day of a horrible tragedy. Lavina Brown, the wife of Jackson Brown, living near Trenton, Ark., had some words with him about some trivial matter while at breakfast Wednesday morning. The husband did not pay any more attention to the occurance, and was sitting down fondling his children, when his wife went to the wood pile, picked up an axe, slipped up behind her husband and almost severed his head from his body. The woman made no attempt to escape, and is now in custody.

Will Lose Their Hands and Feet.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 3.—Eight negro roustabouts, a part of the crew of the river steamer Mattie Bell, arrived at the Union Depot last night with badly frozen hands, feet and faces. They had been working on the boat at Pearl Isle, on the Illinois river, all day Tuesday and Wednesday, during the blizzard and became so badly frozen that they were sent by rail to this city with instructions to apply for admission to the Marine Hospital. Four of their number are in such a serious condition that their hands and feet will have to be amputated.

Explosion Caused by a Parlor Match

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 2.—There was a terrible explosion of powder in the store of Robert Hall, six miles west of here this afternoon, fatally injuring three persons and seriously bruising and burning four others. The explosion was caused by some one stepping on a parlor match that was lying on the floor when a spark ignited the powder in a keg and blew the whole end out of the store. Five men and two boys who were in the store were injured. Those fatally hurt were Robert Hall, Jacob Geiss and George Williams. Clarence Neff and three others whose names could not be learned received painful burns and bruises, but will recover.

A Plucky Old Lady.

HUNTSVILLE, Ark., Dec. 1.—Three masked men went to the house of Stephen Pierce, an old and feeble man, and hanged him until he was nearly dead, hoping to discover the hiding place of a little money he was believed to possess. Mrs. Pierce, his aged wife, recognized one robber and told him so, when he made at her and received a blow in the face from the old lady with a corn knife. Mrs Pierce then escaped from the house and aroused some neighbors, who arrived in time to save the old man's life and cause the robbers to beat a hasty retreat with only eighty cents of his money.

Killed Each Other.

IRONDALE, Ala., Dec. 1.—W. A. Baldwin, a railway supervisor, recently married Miss Ella Moore. The lady's brothers opposed the match. On Sunday Bernard Moore visited Mrs. Baldwin, and tried to induce her to leave Baldwin. She refused, whereupon her brother began to abuse her. Baldwin appeared at this juncture and ordered Moore out of the house. Moore drew a revolver and Baldwin drew his, and the men began a duel. Mrs. Baldwin rushed between the men and received three bullets in her body. She died soon afterward. Moore was finally shot dead by Baldwin, and Baldwin is now dying, having been shot twice by Moore in the melee.

The President Has the Rheumatism.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The President has been confined to his room for two or three days by a slight but annoying attack of rheumatism, and has for this reason been obliged to deny himself to all callers except Cabinet officers. He is feeling somewhat better to-day. The President has suffered from rheumatism before, but this is the first attack he has had since he entered the White House.

More Earthquakes in South Carolina

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 2.—There were eight slight shocks of earthquake at Summerville last night and this morning. There was a severe shake at Columbia at 8 o'clock this morning, and two slight disturbances in Charleston, one about 1 o'clock and one at 8 this morning. The shocks in Charleston made more noise than shakes. No damages are reported in any quarter.

Allen Gets It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The President has announced the appointment of George A. Allen, of Erie, as United States district attorney at Pittsburgh to succeed William A. Stone, suspended for offensive partisanship. The appointment was made solely at the request of Congressman Scott.

Fancy Cattle Burned to death.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., NOV. 30.—Several barns on the stock farm of I. W. Allen, at East Syracuse, were burned this morning. Fifty-seven head of fancy cattle were burned to death and a large amount of grain and hay and a number of farming implements were destroyed. The loss is $40,000.

An Old Lady Frozen to Death.

READING, Pa., Dec. 2.—Polly Stump, aged 55 years while returning to her home last evening fell and broke her leg, near Lenhartsville, this county. She vainly endeavored to crawl home, and this morning was found frozen to death.

Cattle Raising Overdone in Wyoming

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The statement is made here that as the result of an arbitration among certain Chicago cattlemen at Laramie, Wyoming, last week, over a series of accounts which had been rendered by the manager of the huge ranch in Wyoming Territory, the fact was shown that the expenses of feeding the cattle had, in a single winter, cost about half what the beeves were worth. The tenor of all the evidence given at the hearing was that cattle raising in Wyoming was in a measure doomed; that the grass was gone, and that cattle alive on the ranches next spring would have cost as much as they would sell for. The pastures have year by year grown smaller and smaller and the herds larger. The grass has meanwhile been eaten closer and closer, until last summer the bunch grass grew only to the height of a few inches. At Laramie the Englishmen say that overcrowding has eaten the grass so fast that seed, root and all has been devoured, and that it simply means a tremendous curtailment in the size of the herds, and more or less of loss and hardship to owners.

Used to big Glasses.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The following incident comes up from a south side village Long Island where temperance agitation has made the life of the average saloon keeper a burden. The revenue law allows a dealer to sell liquor in quantities not less than five gallons upon payment of the State license fee. The dealea in question was arrested for selling liquor without the local license. It was not disputed that he had paid the State license. The case proceeded to the satisfaction of the prosecution. It was proven beyond question that the accussed had sold liquor by the glass. The jury retired, and, after deliberating several hours, returned a verdict of not guilty. Being questioned, the foreman answered: "We admit it has been proven that the defendant sold liquor by the glass, but it does not appear in evidence that the glasses do not hold five gallons."

Newfangled Hog Disease.

LIMA, O., Dec. 3.—The ravages of the peculiar and fatal hog disease thought to be cholera has became fearful in this section. The disease is radically different from the old-fashioned hog cholera, which affects the bowels of the animals. The new malady strikes at the lungs, brain and eyes, and appears to be incurable. Hogs stricken with this plague have been found with their eyes fairly pushed out and their eyeballs cracked open.

It is estimated that fully 3,000 hogs have died in this county in six weeks, and a like number in Miami county, and that farmers throughout the Wabash valley will lose from $86,000 to $100,000 by the scourge. The attention of the State Board of Health was to-day called to the peculiar form of the malady.

Natural Gas at Buffalo.

BRADFORD, Pa., Dec. 4.—McKean county gas will in a day or two be a Buffalo, N. Y., luxury. The gas, which comes from 20 wells at Wilcox, goes through 87 miles of pipe before it reaches Buffalo. The line was completed yesterday. This afternoon the wells were connected and at 6:50 P. M. the gates were opened. Twenty minutes later a flame 70 feet high shot out of the stand pipe at Buffalo, and for the first time in its history Buffalo was lighted by natural gas. The volume of gas would have reached Buffalo sooner, but by a misunderstanding the foreman at Salamanca opened his gate before he had orders to do so.

The gas was shut off at 9:20 and will be turned on again some time to-morrow. The National Transit Company, which controls the line, has laid 40 miles of pipe within the city limits of Buffalo.

Cute Little Men.

LONDON, Dec. 5. A Brussels dispatch states that the explorer Ludwig Wolff, just returned from Congo, reports having met in the Salkouron region many tribes of dwarfs, generally measuring less than four feet, beardless and with short woolly hair. They live by hunting and are wonderfully agile and good tempered. Many thousand of them are dispersed over this wild region and are known under the name of Batonas. They mix very little with the full grown population.

This, says Wolff, confirms the ancient conjectures of Herodotus and Aristotle as to the existence of a race of pigmies in Africa. "These African Liliputians received me very hospitably," said Mr. Wolff.

The Governor's Fall Hunt.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 3.—Gov. Pattison has returned from his hunt in the Allegheny Mountains, near Tyrone, with Dr. Hugh Pitcairn, of this city, and J. W. Bradley, of Philadelphia. The party were quite successful, securing considerable game. One night the Governor watched a runway in a foot of snow, waiting for a deer to come along and be shot, and he almost froze. Two deer were killed and there is venison at the Executive Mansion.

Three Thousand Miners Strike.

COALTON, O., Dec. 1.—All the miners in this, the second district, numbering 2,500 to 3,000 came out this morning on the refusal by the operators to grant an increase of five cents for mining. A long siege is expected, as both sides seem determined.

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By Order of the Board.

D. J. BRUBAKER, Secretary. PHILIP HAY, President.

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Valuable Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE of the authority given in the will of Harriet Snyder, late of Stonycreek Township, Somerset County, Pa., deceased, the undersigned Executor will sell at public outcry on the premises, on

WEDNESDAY DEC 22 1886

at 1 o'clock P. M., the following described Real Estate, late the homestead of said Harriet Snyder, deceased; A certain tract of land situate in Stonycreek Township, Somerset County, Pa., adjoining lands of A. A. Stutzman, Jacob W. Glessner, Charles Shank, Samuel J. Snyder, and others, containing one hundred and six acres, more or less, with a good one and a half story plank

Dwelling House,

new frame barn and other outbuildings thereon erected. Good water and some fruit. The whole is underlaid with valuable minerals. This is a valuable property, situate about one mile Northwest of the village of Shanksville, convenient to schools and churches.

Terms made known on day of sale. Ten per cent of the purchase money must be paid on day of sale.

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J. L. PUGH,

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COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Honorable WILLIAM J. BAER, President Judge of the several Courts of Common Pleas of the several counties composing the 16th Judicial District, and Justice of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, for the trial of all capital and other offenders in the said District, and WM. COLLINS and SAMUEL SNYDER, Esquires, Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas and Justices of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery for the trial of all capital and other offenders in the County of Somerset have issued their precepts, and to me directed, for holding a Court of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and General Jail Delivery, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer at Somerset, on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1886.

NOTICE is hereby given to all the Justices of