

CLEARFIELD, PA., MARCH 2, 1859.

S. B. ROW. EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

THE PIKE'S PEAK GOLD MANIA. The Pike's Peak gold fever seems to be prevailing to almost as great an extent at the present time, as the California did in its palmiest days. From all quarters we hear of the formation of companies, preparatory to starting for the new Eldorado as soon as the season will permit; indeed, we understand, that our own county is not entirely tree from the contagion, and that quite a number of persons are talking about "pulling up stakes" in the spring, and going to the "diggin's."

We presume there is little use in telling the infected to "keep cool" about the matter, for once the excitement is up, but few will listen to advice of any kind. Nor are we surprised that the fever is spreading. Most of the accounts represent the gold as being plenty at the mines, and that digging pays from \$4 to \$10, and perhaps more, a day to the man. This may be all true, and yet nothing be made at it, for with the exorbitant prices at which the necessaries of life sell there, four dollars a day will litle more than keep a man. That there is gold of a superior quality in that region, is a matter of little doubt ; but since the disposed to regard glowing accounts of new gold discoveries with suspicion.

We have, from the start, been of the opinion that the intelligence from Pike's Peak, in most instances, exagerates the condition of affairs in that locality-that it comes through the hands or agents of speculators who have possessed themselves of lands, and expect, by the excitement, to realize immense profits, in one way or another. In this opinion we are strengthened by seeing an extract from a letter written to the St. Louis Democrat by Mr. H. L. Bolton from Auraria City, under date of Jan. 19th, in which it is asserted that diggers who have been most successful do not average three dollars a day-the majority not over fifty cents. Mr. Bolten then goes on to say :

"The gold is very fine. It takes from twenty to twenty-five particles to make the value of a cent. The largest speck which I have heard of, will not weigh more than twenty-five cents in value. All the large lumps that you have received in St. Louis, as Pike's Peak gold, re never obtained in this region-th long to California. All the accounts of gold findings of an extravagant character, are the fabrications of speculators. I wish to put you and others on their guard against these stories; especially Gen. Larimer's account. I will venture to say that he does not know any thing about the matter. I have not found a good prospect yet; and I am on the ground. I venture the prediction that few persons will make fortunes hunting gold in this country. But 'as seeing is believing,' let ali who wish to have a sight of the 'elephant,' come on. I am beginning to get a view of him. There are more than two hundred cabins built here, and two hundred more are to be erected before the last of March. Speculators are already busily engaged in laying off cities around the diggings, and they are the fellows who are sending to the States such glowing accounts of gold discoveries." John Bruce and John Kearns, St. Louis engineers, also write from the same place, confirming the above. Plenty of gold, they say, but scattered over a large surface, and very fine-can take a pick and dig it up any where, but it does not pay to work it-it only pays along the water courses. They state that some make from three to eight dollars a day. J. G. W. Coonce, writing still later from the same place, confirms the others. He says, "a man provided with good tools, in good weather, can make five dollars a day." He advises those at home doing well, to stay where they are, but if they must come, to take the route up the Platte, as the best and shortest. Such of our readers as have an idea of going to Pike's Peak, would do well to look at both sides of the picture, before they come to a final determination and allow themselves to be carried away on the waves of excitement. HIGH POSTAGE .- The U.S. Senate, by a vote of 30 yeas to 25 nays, passed a bill raising the postage of single letters from three to fire cents each, and the postage of newspapers carried out of the county in which they are printed to one cent per copy-in other words, doubles and quadrupies the postage on newspapers of general circulation. The bill refuses to aboland modifies it. This is Democratic reform. mountain. It is to be hoped that the House will put its foot on the neck of this bill, which is utterly at variance with the interests of the masses.

LETTER FROM HARRISBURG. Special correspondence of the Raitsman's Journal.

FFBRUARY 26, 1859. S. B. Row, Esq.-Dear Sir : The adjourning over of the Senate from Friday to Monday, and the House to Tuesday evening, puts me to my trumps to furnish you anything very interesting of a general nature, and the local legislation is like the Yankee's little end of nothing, whittled to a point.

creek a public highway. As I am unacquainted with its locality, may I ask if this law lumber.

The bill for changing the time of holding the courts in Clearfield county, has passed both Houses.

There is one bill now pending in the House into the merits of which every person must see at a single glance. It is a bill to publish the local laws in the papers in such localities in all the papers. Now, sir, I think I can not only convince you, but all your readers of the entire justness of such information being given to the many who find the pamphlet laws inaccessible. It was only a day or two ago that the Legislature was called upon to pass a bill releasing a Collector of Militia taxes in Lancaster county who did not comply with the provisions of the law, simply because he did not know. How many violations of the law are committed through ignorance ?---and how far could these violations be prevented by giving publicity to laws through the columns of a newspaper ?

Company has passed the House, and will of course pass the Senate.

The bill for the relief of James T. Leonard has also passed.

On Tuesday last Mr. Miller, the young and talented Senator from Washington offered the following, which may be regarded as very apbursting of the Frazer River bubble, we are propriate to the day on which it was offered : WHEREAS, A number of our citizens, under the name of the "Mount Vernon fund association," are engaged in the patriotic and noble

work of raising funds for the purpose of securing the possession of the "home and tomb of Washington,31 and of making them, like his fame and deeds, the common property of the whole country : AND WHEREAS, A profound sense of gratitude for the inestimable principles of civil and religious freedom, secured to us and our posterity in the Federal Constitution, and achieved for us by the wisdom, virtue and patriotism of "Washington," has at all times, in the most solemn manner, been recognized by the citizens of this entire Commonwealth, and therefore impels us, as their representatives, to re-express their sentiment, and for them and in their behalf, at this time, to pay a becoming and substantial tribute to the memory of him with whose name is blended whatever belongs to the present, the liberty, the free institutions, and the renown of our country ; therefore Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the sum | in a week. Several cases proved fatal. of two thousand dollars be and is hereby ap-

PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

PREPARED FOR THE "RAFTSMAN'S JOURNAL." CAMBRIA COUNTY .- John Burkett and J.Fitzgerald, with a car and horse, were precipitated off a bridge into the canal, near the rolling mill at Johnstown, on the 20th February. The horse was killed, and the men were seriously injured. Mr. Burkett had his right arm broken. . . . John Hutchings, an ore-digger, had his eyes and face badly burned a few days since, by the premature discharge of a blast. ... On the 19th February, a little son of The House has passed an act declaring Pott's | Bartle Morley of Johnstown, ran against a tub containing hot water, and upsetting it, he was badly scalded. A man named Skeen had his left hand nearly cut through from the right will have any effect in reducing the price of side of the wrist to the little finger, and a gash up his arm, whilst playing with a circular saw at Ashtola Mills a week or so ago. The Ebensburg Sentinel says the prospect of the construction of a Railroad from that place to Cresson are every day growing brighter, and thinks the work will at least be commenced during the present year. On Tuesday night the 22d, the shoe shop of Benjamin Reighert, about five miles from Johnstown on the Ebensburg road, in Jackson township, was robas are effected thereby, and the general laws bed of two pairs of boots, a lot of tools, a pair of pantaloons and some eight dollars worth of leather. Mr. Reighert afterwards recovered one of the pairs of boots, which the rogues had dropped behind an adjoining school-house. No clue to the perpetrators of the theft.

INDIANA COUNTY .- A hog that for four years has been running wild in the woods in Centre township, was captured recently, and is now secured in a strong stye on the premises of Mr. Devinney. The animal is of large size, and will weigh when fattened, at least 500 lbs. It is said that no less than four dogs, four cows, five calves and some twenty head of sheep were killed by this animal during the time he was at large in the woods. . . . A surgical operation was performed on the 19th by Drs. St. Clair and Reed of Indiana Borough. for the removal of an ovarian tumor, which The bill incorporating the Clearfield Gas weighed 50 or 55 lbs., on the person of a girl named Huston, of Cherryhill township, aged about 20 years. The operators, it was thought, accomplished their work skillfully, but on the evening of the 21st she died. Mr. Isaac Ackright, a soldier of the war of 1812, died on the 16th in Shelocta Borough, at the advanced age of 80 years. . . . A lover of blackberry brandy has been paying private visits to the cellar of the American House in Indiana borough, and helping himself, without so much as troubling the landlord to take any pay for the same. CENTRE COUNTY .- Daniel Roush, of Madi-

sonburg, captured a Black Wolf, two weeks ago, by means of a poisoned bait which he had set for the purpose. A fox got hold of the bait first, ate part of it and carried the remainder off a short distance, when he fell dead from the effects of the poison : the wolves soon got upon the trail and followed after, and devoured Reynard and the bait, and next morning Mr. Roush found one of the wolves near by, unable to get away, and dispatched him with a few blows. This flock of volves number some six or seven, and have thirds), Nays 77. The Bounty Land business lately killed several dogs and sheep in Brushvalley. . . . A little daughter of David Shank, Esq., of Boggs township, on the 18th Feb., fell against the glass in the school windows. severing the muscles and ligaments of one of her arms, and otherwise injuring it so much that it is feared she will lose the use of her hand. . . . The Typhoid fever has been raging fearfully in Millheim, within a few weeks. As in confusion, adjourned. many as twenty-five cases have been counted

BERKS COUNTY .- The graveyard in Boyer-

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

THE RAFTSMAN'S JOURNAL,

hold evening sessions was repealed. A report the Tariff. was presented relative to the Old Soldiers' Pension bill. The Diplomatic Appropriation bill was taken up, and Mr. Pugh's amendment, to consolidate the smaller Missions, was agreed to. Mr. Simmons moved and carried an amendment restricting the rate of exchange on Ministers' salaries to 10 per cent. For the China Mission, it had been as high as 42 per cent. The vote, however, was reconsid-Mr. Fessenden got in an amendment limiting Consular certificate fees on the Canada line to 50 cents, and to nothing where the the House, a resolution was adopted, declaring that all extra copies of books and documerts divided equally among members, are intended for gratuitous distribution to libraries, and among the people, and that any other disposition of the same meets the unqualified disapprobation of the House. The Army bill was taken up in Committee. Mr. Bryan of Texas wanted to put in \$1,000,000 to pay a Texas regiment for fighting Indians, but failed. Several amendments were acted upon. but no definite action was taken on the bill. the Senate a substitute for the Cuba bill. quietus. We trust the substitute will prevail, and the bill then be put to sleep. No to have taken anything by his motion. question taken. Mr. Collamer of Vt. pro-

ceeded in a sound and able argument against the bill-against land-stealing in general and Cuba-stealing in particular. Slidellism does not seem to be making headway in the Senate. The House directed some practical reforms in Post-Office management, which, if they be not evaded, cannot fail to save large sums annually to the Treasury. On motion of Mr. Sherman of Ohio, the advertisements of Mail Lettings are henceforth to be published only in two journals in each State which must be those of the largest circulation, not printed in the same city. Post-Office Blanks are henceforth to be printed by whomsoever will supply them cheapest, and Wrapping Paper is henceforth to be procured of whomsoever will supply it cheapest. On motion of Mr. Blair of Mo., the Wells & Butterfield Express Company were authorized to carry the California Overland Mail on any route they may prefer, instead of being required, as heretofore, to run it through Arkansas and some undreds of miles south of Salt Lake. Mr. Reagan of Texas made a voluble harangue against this proposition, but was voted down. FER. 22 .- The Senate postponed the \$30,-000,000 for Cuba bill by the close vote of 33 to 32-every Senator_present and voting but Mr. Sumner. Mr. Slidell intimated that he should consider such a vote equivalent to a declaration of hostility to the bill, as in fact it is. Congress will appropriate no \$30,000,-000 toward the acquisition of Cuba till it sees where the money to pay current expenses is to come from. The House refused to take up the bill granting bounty lands to privateers men in the War of 1812-Yeas 90 (not twowould seem to be about played out-and it is high time. The Post-Office Appropriation ill then came up and cheited a great many words. Nothing was decided. Finally, it was laid aside, and Mr. Hughes tried to get in a bill restoring the Tariff of '46; Mr. Howard of Michigan moved a recess for evening debate, but the House after waiting some time

FEB. 23 .- Mr. Hale's bombshell thrown into the Senate last evening has done terrible execution to-day. The Tariff appropriations, Loans, Treasury Notes, thirty million bribery ion bribery and corruption schemes, and all other questions, have been crowded from their stools by the reappearance of Kansas with her gory locks. Messrs, Brown and Davis of Miss, Clay of Ala., Hunter of Va. Green of Mo., Gwin of Cal., and Benjamin of La., have given notice to the country that they not only repudiate the Squatter Sovereignty platform with which they cheated the people, and elected Buchanan, but they shall in future deny the right of the Territories to legislate Slavery out of their limits, and demand Congressional intervention to keep it there. They have constructed the following new plank in the Democratic platform, that under the Constitution and the Dred-Scott decision, property in slaves in the Territories must have adequate and positive protection by Congress, if such protection is denied by Territorial legislation, either through nonaction or unfriendly action. As to the States, only the right of reclaiming fugitive slaves and the right of transit are claimed at present. Douglas, Broderick, Stuart and Pugh repudiated the doctrine, the former declaring that no party embracing it can carry a single State north of Mason and Dixon's line. Mason and Jeff. Davis informed Douglas that no man with his Squatter Sovereignty platform can obtain either an electoral or any other vote south of that line. Mr. Bigler prononneed a Jack Bunsby opinion on the whole subject. He warned Southern Senators not to press this subject, or it would prove disastrous to the Democratic party in the North. Stuart, one of the repudiated, exterminate them. Acting upon this horrible A. Briggs made information before Esq. lectured Southern gentlemen for asserting obnoxious doctrines in the South, which have whom he charged with robbing a store, &c., been received in the North as the real sentiments of the party, and consequently has ary and his wife, whilst others despatched the produced a terrible slaughter of the innocent. Mr. Broderick expressed his surprise that his the honse to the ground, destroyed the fences colleague should attempt to force Slavery into California after having voted in her Consti- facts have been laid before the Senate in a tational Convention to exclude it. Mr. Clingman begged Senators to stop debate and go to business. Mr. Fessenden, at 8 o'clock tho't as the Democrats had consumed seven hours in their family quarrels it would be fair to adjourn and let the Republicans have to-morrow. The Senate refused to adjourn. Mr. Hale then made a characteristic speech which created much merriment. The House gave the day to action on the Post-Office Appropriation bill. An effort by Mr. Montgomery of Pa. to restore the Tariff of 1846 by way of amendment was ruled out by order of the Chair, which the House sustained. Little progress was made, and an early adjournment had. Things looks more and more like an Extra Session. FEB. 24 .- In the Senate the Post-Routes bill was taken up, and, in reply to a question, Mr. Yulee said it was the intention of the Post-Office Committee to amend the bill by increasing the rates of postage, and to make such other changes as might tend to increase the revenue of the Post-Office Department. A long debate ensued, and one important amendment was adopted-that raising the postage on letters from three to five cents. At a late hour no decisive vote on the bill had been taken. In the House, the Post Office Appropriation bill was taken up. On the motion to give the contractors for the California Overland Mail the right to choose their route, the vote was : Yeas 99, Nays 102. The proviso to advertise mail-route lettings in each State in papers having the largest circulation in such State was rejected-91 to 104. So the Administration sucklings may still expect so severely as to cause her death next day. their pap. Some other amendments were adopted ; but, after all, the whole affair went overboard, the bill being rejected by Yeas 86, Nays 119. Mr. Bocock presented a majority report from the Select Committee to examine into frauds in naval purchases and contracts. Mr. Sherman presented a minority report. Will the publisher be kind enough to for- last. Mr. Long's loss is \$1000, over and a. Mr. S. also reported a bill to regulate the navyyards. The House then went into Committee | Governor.

on the Naval Appropriation bill, and several FEB. 19 .- In the Senate, the resolution to members spoke for and against a revision of

FEB. 25 .- The Senate devoted the day to the Cuba bill, on which many able speeches were made. Last advices left the debate still in progress, with the understanding that the Fillibusters meant to sit it out and have a vote on the bill before adjourning, if they should be oblidged to sit till Sunday noon. (There is no Previous Question in the Senate.) In the House, the first fruits of the Naval Corruption Reports were realized in the cutting down of the appropriation for Repairs of Ships, Fuel, &c., from \$3,300,000 to \$1,900,000, on value of goods is under \$200. After much motion of Mr. Sherman of Ohio. Mr. Colfax talk about economy, the bill was passed. In tried to introduce an item paying Com. Paulding's expenses in defending himself against the prosecution of the Nicaragua Fillibusters; but the Chair ruled this out of order, and was sustained on appeal by a majority of ten. The House (in Committee) finally found itself without a quorum, and resorted to a call, which consumed several hours, extending far into the evening. The Post-Office Appropriation bill was reconsidered in the morning but not decisively acted on. A smart skirmish took place between Mr. Phelps of Mo. on one side and Messrs. Phillips, Owen Jones and Mont-FER. 21 .-- Mr. Mason of Va. submitted to gomery of Pa. (all Democrats) on the other-Mr. Phelps being displeased at the votes of which in effect gives the Ostend project its his Pennsylvania brethren against this and other Appropriation bills. He does not seem

THE FRY DIVORCE CASE.

Mr. Horace B. Fry, a respectable broker. was married last Summer to Miss Emly L. Grigg, daughter of Mr. John Grigg, a retired bookseller-all of Philadelphia. Mr. Grigg is understood to be wealthy ; Mr. Fry in moder ate circumstances, but unembarrassed, and doing well. The lady had no property in her own right, but was young and beautiful. The engagement was deemed a fit and happy one. and was made with the entire approbation of the lady's parents. The acquaintance was not a recent one; the marriage was understood to be one based on affection purely, and, judging superficially, none ever seemed more likely to result in the lasting happiness of the parties. They were married at the house of the bride's father, whence they immediately set out on a wedding tour, which terminated at West Point, where they remained some two weeks, when circumstances were brought to the knowledge of Mr. Fry which impelled him to insist on an immediate return to Philadelphia. A correspondence ensued between the lady and a cadet whose acquaintance she had made at West Point, which incited or aggravated a difference between the husband nd wife, which ended in the abrupt withdrawal of the lady from her husband's to her father's residence, and the termination of all amicable intercourse between Mr. and Mrs. Fry, whose married life had lasted a little less than a month. Mrs. F. thereupon prays the Legislature of Pennsylvania to grant her a divorce, alleging that her case is peculiar. and not one that could be maintained in a Court of Justice, though she charges Mr. Fry with manifestations of ungovernable temper. threats of violence, acts of harshness, &c., during their remarkable honeymoon, which, if substantiated, would prove him either insane or a demon. Mr. Fry, in his answer, solemnly and calmly denies these allegations. except that (he admits) in a single instance he was provoked by his wife to use a rude expression, for which he immediately asked (and obtained) her pardon. He protests against any action by the Legislature in the premises. insisting that he alone is the injured party, and that the case is one of conflicting statements of fact, which can only be properly sifted by a Court of law, to which he purposes in due time to appeal.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A SCHOOL WANTED, in Clearfield Coun-ty, by a well qualified teacher, who can pre-sent good recommendations. Address the Post The Masler at Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., Pa. school to commence in April next. mar2-1t

CAUTION .- All persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing or meddling with a span of horses-one bay and one sorrel mare-a twohorse wagon and harness, and two tons of hay, fow in the possession of Henry Schull in Union township, as the same belongs to me, and is subject to my order. LEONARD GILE. Union tp., March 2, 1859-3t-p.

NEW WORK FOR AGENTS.-THE LIFE SPEECHES AND MEMORIALS OF DANIEL WEBSTER, containing his most celebrated Orations, a selection from the Eulogies delivered on the occasion of his Death, and his Life and Times. - By SAMUEL M. SMUCKER, A. M.-This splen lid work is just published, in one large volume of 550 pages. It is printed on fine paper and bound in beautiful style; contains excellent tint illus-trations of his Birthplace and Mansion at Marsh-It is printed on fine paper and bound held; and a full-length, life-like, Steel Portrait. The Publisher offers it with confidence to the American public, and is convinced that it will supply an important want in American literature. No work was to be obtained heretofore, which presented, in a compact and convenient compass, the chief events of the life of Daniel Webster, his most remarkable intellectual efforts, and the most valuable and interesting eulogies which the great men of the nation uttered in honor of his memo We present all these treasures in this volume ry. at a very moderate price, and in a very conve nient form. Subscription price, in cloth, \$1.75

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CARD.-MISS CONSTANT, late from the East, C respectfully announces herself to the citi-zens of Clearfield, and the County generally, that the is prepared to give instruction in Music-Piano, Melodeon and Guitar-and also in the French language-it being her native tongue She refers all who may be interested in the abovato the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. McLeod. TERMS, \$8 in advance, or 510 if not in advance. Dec. S. 1858.

DHILIPSBURG AND SUSQUEHANNA TURNPIKE ROAD COMPANY. - Notic hereby given to the Stockholders in this road, that in election will be held at the house of J. Shadman. in Philipsburg. on the first Monday of March next, between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock, P. M. to elect Managers for the ensuing year. E. F. LLOYD, Secretary.

Phillpsburg, February 9, 1859-3tpd.

FIRST IN, FIRST SERVED. Boots & Shoes always on Hand, four own make.)-JOSEPH GOON, thankful for aast favors, and grateful for future prospects, de res to inform the citizens of this vicinity and his old friends and patrons in particular, that he has removed to the FIRST ROOM in the EAST END of SHAWS NEW ROW, the first door west of the Mansion House, where he has on hand constantly, a large assortment of every variety in the BOOT AND SHOE line. Custom work attended to with dispatch. The very best of stock will ic used and no pains spared to make neat fits and durable work. All of which can be obtained of said J. Goon, very low for the Ready Rhino. Clearfield, August 14, 1858.

RON DEPOT, KEPT B MERRELL & CARTER, ON SECOND STREET, CLEARFIELD, PA., KEPT BY

Is the place where all the following articles can be had at reduced prices: Bar Iron of all sizes by the small or by the quantity; Cast Steel, of vari-ous sizes and best quality; a large as-ortment of Stores, among which will be found the NEW WORLD COOK, OAK PREMIUM, GREAT REPUBLIC, BUCKS PATTENT, and the Elevated Minnesota. ALSO, a large assortment of Nine plates and Parlor Stoves, and Air Tights of various patterns. ALSO, Plows of the best and latest patterns. ALSO, of their own man-ufacturing a large assortment of Tin-ware, Stove

We have received the 3d No. of the "Falls City Broad Axe," published at Falls City, Nebraska Territory. The name of our former townsman, E. S. Dundy, Esq., appears as Corresponding Editor. The paper is edited with spirit, and is illustrated with a couple beautiful cuts. We should like to know whether the one under the local head is taken from a photograph of our friend Dundy ? It is quite a handsome affair, and we intend having it framed and hung up in our sanctum.

The Elk County Reporter has changed hands. J. A. Boyle has sold the office to Lebbeus Luther, Esq., and it is announced that P. W. Barrett, Esq., of this county, is to take charge of the editorial and publishing departments.

& Geo. W. Wood, a member of the Legislature from the 12th ward, Philadelphia, died a few days since in that city.

ation," to be applied to the purpose for which that association was organized, and the State Treasurer be authorized to pay the same to the proper officers of the said association out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated.

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recommendation, but I still have hopes that it will pass.

The Pennsylvania Railroad men are here in full force, showering in their petitions for the repeal of the tonnage tax. You may remember it was stated by some newspaper some time ago that the company had determined to resist the payment of the tax, in obedience to competent legal opinions. This has been so, in part, as is shown in a letter from the Auditor General to the Legislature, in which that officer sets forth that the Pennsylvania Company is indebted for tonnage tax from the 20th day of July, 1858, to the 1st day of December. in the sum of \$87,375 22, and that the Company have expressed a willingness to pay that ted to jail to await the result of the blows inportion of the tax on "local tonnage," that is, flieted. On Saturday a-week the stage the freight carried within this Commonwealth. as soon as the amount can be ascertained ; but that they refused to pay the balance for legal reasons assigned by counsel, and all the payments made were made under protest. They might have chosen a more apprapriate time to resist payment than when on the eve of asking for legislation.

The Harrisburg and Lancaster RailraodCompany is in arrears from the 10th day of March to the 1st day of December, in the sum of \$23,394 42; but the Auditor General remarks is brought against the worthy Lyman A.Briggs, that they have agreed to pay the same within a short period.

The appropriation bill is up in the House, and is undergoing a pruning. Among the appropriations asked for is \$5,000 for the "Penn Widows Asylum" and the "Howard Association." Both these appear to be a sort of refuge for the broken down aristocracy, who have a delicacy about hanging up their bon- of the 22d Feb. nets in poor houses. According to the expenses, the bill of fare must be considerably aish the franking privilege, though it restricts head of the provender we use up about the

> the Monument to the memory of those who His head struck first, dashing out his brains lost their lives in the Mexican war, is meeting with opposition, and I would not be surprised to see it floored.

> The bill in relation to evidence has been killed. Some of the members only nursed it throwing Mr. Dane upon the ground with so the more effectually to kill it.

The petitions for, and the remonstrances against "Pine" are about equally balanced. Yours, SPECIAL.

THE AMERICAN FREEMASON for February is on our table, filled as usual with interesting matter. The more we see of this publication, the better are we pleased with it, and take pleasure in recommending it to the favor of the fraternity everywhere. In the March No., it is designed to commence a series of Illustrated Tales and Sketches of Masonic Life and Character in America, which will doubtless prove highly entertaining to the reader. ward us a copy of May No. 1858, if re-printed ? | bove his insurance.

the scene of considerable excitement on Thursday a-week, caused by the exhuming of the body of Samuel Oxenford, who died in Pottstown, in the latter part of December last, of consumption, and was by his request, buried there. For some time, since The committee reported it with a negative his interment, his wife and daughter have been laboring under some strange hallucination that his spirit appeared to them daily, and commanded them to remove him from the place he was buried to a remote corner of the grave yard, as he could have no rest where he was. This superstition had worked so strongly on their minds as to leave them no rest until the removal was accomplished. When taken up. and the soffin which was saturated with water, opened, the body was found all right, but bearing evidences of decay. The case is a strange one, and has been the theme of considerable gossip.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY .- Two men, named resectively Patrick Sweeney and Manassa Sheridan, were arrested, in Kittanning, last week, charged with a deadly assault on a Mrs. Mulligan. Rum was at the bottom of the trouble. running between Kittanning and Brady's Bend was precipitated into Sugar creek, in consequence of an abatment of the bridge across it giving way. The passengers miraculously escaped, but were thoroughly ducked. One of the horses was drowned.

BUTLER COUNTY .- A few days ago Lyman Roessing in Butler borough, against two men in Ohio. They were committed, and after word being sent to the injured parties, they appeared here, and failed to identify them as the robbers. After which an action of slander who was therenpon committed to the county jail, in which he now resides.

CLINTON COUNTY .- A man by the name of William Wichte, in walking towards Mr. Loeb's house, in Lock Haven on the 16th inst., fell against the sharp edge of the board walk, breaking his leg. He is now doing well. ... The Shingle Mill, recently purchased by Messrs. Stine, near the Foundry, Lock Haven, was entirely consumed by fire on the evening

GREEN COUNTY .- On Thursday last a young man named James Bradford was fatally injured at the coal shaft of M'Kahn & Dodd, near Waynesville. He was pushing the car up to the shaft to receive coal; the car leaped over The proposition to appropriate \$24,000 to the rails into the shaft, carrying him with it. and causing instant death.

M'KEAN COUNTY .- On the 15th February, as Mr. Conrad Dane was driving thro' the streets of Smethport, with a span of horses, the sleigh struck the corner of a board pile in the street, much force that the knee-pan of one of his legs was broken, besides being badly jammed.

UNION COUNTY .- The store of M. Kleckner, in New Berlin, was burglariously entered entered on the night of the 14th February, but failing to force open the safe, the robber succeeded in getting only about \$5 or \$6 in change, which was in the drawer.

LANCASTER COUNTY .- On the 16th February, a little daughter of Mr. Heasly, living in Pollock District, aged about four years, was burnt During the absence of the mother from the room, her clothes caught fire.

DAUPHIN COUNTY .- The drug store and furniture ware-room of Mr. Long, in Middletown, and an adjoining frame building, with their contents, were consumed by fire on Thursday

For the "Raftsman's Journal." SURVEYOR GENERAL.

FRIEND Row :-- I see the question of who shall be our next candidate for Surveyor General, is being spoken of in several of the Opposition paper of this State, and some good men are named for that important office. But there is one good name left out-that of the Hon. George V. Lawrence of Washington county. Mr. Lawrence is one of your practical men, capable of filling any branch of the Governmeht the people may place him in. He has served one term in the State Senate ; is now a member of the lower House, and ranks among the foremost of that body. He is kind, unassuming and a good debater, and is well calculated to carry strength with any thing he undertakes, and if nominated will be elected. and when elected will do honor to the State and those who elected him. UNION.

HORRIBLE MASSACRE OF A MISSIONARY FAMI-Ly .- The Rev. Mr. Klitman, a Methodist Misslonary who had been preaching to the Indians of Oregon since 1838, was recently murdered with his family, under singular and appalling circumstances. The small-pox broke out among the savages ; the missionary's family not being attacked, the Indians thought the pestilence had been introduced by the whites to suspicion, a bold chief was selected, who stole into the sleeping chamber of the family and buried his hatchet in the brain of the missionchildren, male and female employees, razed and every vestige of a once happy home. The communication from the War Department.

A DANCING CLERGYMAN .- The Cincinnati Gazette, in describing the inauguration, on the 22d Feb. of the magnificent Opera house, erected by Mr. Pike, of that city, mentions the fact'that a distinguished clergyman, "led off in the first dance" with such success as to convince all lookers on that "there was no better dancer in the city. He was very carefully "done up" in a suit of black, tipped off with pretty white slippers. The festivities were prolonged until the "small hours of the morning," when the giddy throng separated in joyous mood. By what name shall this rare preacher of the gospel be designated ? This "white-slippered" clerical dancer ? How would he take in Clearfield ?

"Pioneer," the Washington correspondent of Forney's Press, under date of Feb. 20th, says :---- Mr. Senator Bigler's vote, by which the homestead bill was laid aside in order to take up the civil and diplomatic appropriation bill, ought to be placed to his credit when he comes up for re-election, or when he becomes the candidate for President, which he is now exceedingly anxious to be ! It is well known in Washington that he was hostile to the appropriation of public lands to agricultural colleges and schools, notwithstanding the fact that the great farm school of Middle Pennsylvania is located within a few hours' ride of his own residence in Clearfield county.

The Democratic State Central Committee have fixed upon Wednesday, the 16th day of March, for the State Convention of Pennsylvania to assemble and nominate a ticket.

----A writer in the Pittsburgh Gazelle favors

the nomination of Dr. E. D. Gazzam, of that city, as the next Opposition candidate for

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