ROBERT E. PATTISON, Governor

elect, was inaugurated yesterday. States Senator from Maine, died at Portland, that State, last week.

CONGRESSMAN MILLER has introduced a bill in Congress to pay Mrs. Mary M. Douthett, of Forward township, this county, \$600, for certain U. S. bonds lost by fire on March 3d,

NELSON P BRYDEN, Esq , formerly territory. of Franklin, Venango county, died in San Francisco, California, on Christmas day last. He had relations here who regret to learn of his early death at his new home.

THERE was but one application made at this term of the Greene county court for license to retail liquors and it was promptly refused. Greene county has not had a licensed house within her limits for six years.

Ir looks very much as if that Mercer county Poor House story, started by a correspondent of a Charleston, South Carolina paper, was intended as a joke upon Mr. Miller, our amiable member of Congress from this district.

Gov. Hoyr, who retired from office yesterday, during his term of four years signed 23 death warrants and granted 168 pardons. Gov. Hartranft, during his six preceeding years as Governor, signed 41 death warrants and granted 590 pardons.

THE Democratic State Treasurer of Tennessee, is a defaulter to the tune of \$400,000. He has fled the State. It is supposed that the money was lost in ing in stocks and bonds. The lefaulter's name is Polk, and he is a relative of the late President Polk.

was 735.653 and we may now count | tee. our population at something like 54,-81,000; Ireland 71,000; Scotland, 17,-000; Sweden, 59,000; Norway, 27,-000; Canada, 89,000; and all other countries, 160,000.

"N. G." from Bald Ridge was received too late for insertion this week, for which we are sorry. However, most of the oil well news there will be in our paper this week. We are glad to bill might pass the Senate now, but it have a school at Bald Ridge soon. this Congress or the next, because, al-This is always a good thing-better though the political friends of Porter

THERE is a sort of poetic justice in the proposal of Chicago to increase er police force to 500 men and make the saloons support them. The plan is to raise the license of each saloon to \$100 a year. It is argued that as silent as the grave, now.—Crawford tenths of the criminal acts are the Journal. result of liquor selling and saloon in-fluence, the saloons themselves should be made to pay for the protection rendered necessary .- Somerset Herald.

rascal of the most pronounced type.

FROM last week's Eagle it might be post office here. This is the second nstance in which it could be inferred sent from the CITIZEN office. There is nothing regarded as more sacred than correspondence through the mails. That community is in a very unpleasthere is incompetent or careless management of their post office matter. A post office, from its nature, as well as under and by the law, is the medium of public and other buildings. All presmuch that is strictly of a confidential ent laws appear to be of no avail. character, and no one has ever been deemed a proper person to control such office whose character for honesty and prudence was not above suspicion. Of all positions the post office is the are frequent complaints made by persons receiving their mail at the post of th office here is certainly not news to pleased to render the service. many of our people.

THE "BOOM" HAS COME.

There is now every reason to believe our oil "boom" has come to Butler "to stay," The late news from Bald Ridge is of the most encouraging character. The new well on the Dodds farm started off last Thursday at the rate of 600 barrels and which, since then, continues to flow at the rate of 300 per day. Being struck at night most of the first oil went to loss for want of tankage. Phillips Bro.'s well on Wallace farm also turns out a good The C. A. Sullivan well, near one. Everything looks favorable for

GOVERNOR PATTISON, it is said, has tendered the position of Adjutant General of the State, to Col. Pressley N. Guthrie, of Pittsburgh.

### The Legislature.

Several important bills have already been introduced in the Legislature: One to prevent the sale of liquors

on days of primary elections. One to check up the Standard Oil Company, by the appointment of a gauger to ascertain if they always they profess to have, etc.

One to make accepted orders for oil negotiable.

One to prevent and punish all assess ments in this State for political pur-

A member has introduced an Appor tionment bill, which places our county with Mercer and Venango counties for the next Congressional district. Another proposition on this subject joins this county with the northwest at once. part of Allegheny county and Beaver and Lawrence counties.

Senator McCracken, of Lawrence county, is at the head of the Committee on Congressional and Legislative apportionment of the State, and Senator THE total number of strangers who Greer, of this county, is at the head of came to this land to stay last year the Judiciary apportionment commit- powerless to render aid. Exit by way

Senator Davies, late defeated candi 000,000. Of the emigrants, Germany date for Lieutenant Governor, when he moved to elect a whole lot of minor officers for the Senate, evidently disregarded the popular belief that there are many useless offices in that body.

SENATOR CAMERON got off the

he opposed the restoration of Fitz John Porter to the army by saying that the from "N. G." that they are to would not pass the House, either in might have a large majority in the next House, the members would have heard from the people in the meantime, belief that the late reverses of the publican party were blessings in times afraid to meet their constituents aguise, and that the party will be all when they had done some unpopular the stronger for that reason in 1884 thing. Senator Cameron bustled up He thinks that either Benjamin Harriand added: "and demagogues always of Indiana, Robert Lincoln, of are." How proud the Senator's friends

## Law Demanded.

The details of the fire horror at Mil-DICKSON, the foreman of the first waukee, Wis., again cry aloud for leg-Star Route jury, has been held in \$2,- islation and law in regard to the con-500 bail to answer to the charge of em- struction of large buildings, in which bracery, the legal name for an attempt | many persons may be. Large hotels | to influence a jury by promises, per- and manufacturing buildings, as now sussions, money, etc. There is a constructed are mere death traps in strong impression abroad that this man, case of fire. From them there is no while making great professions of escape. To be suffocated and perish gave away and with an agonizing honesty and charging that an officer of in the fire or to leap from upper story shriek they fell backward into the the Department of Justice tried to windows and be dashed to death, are bribe him by vote for the conviction of the only choices. The terrible Mil-Dorsey, Brady, et al., is in reality a waukee case is not the first in large hotels, but the law-makers of every It is reported that Dukes, the slayer the last. More ways of escape from this morning. His wife struck on the would be appointed. If a dishonest heretofore unblemished reputation tute widow sixty-three years old. Deof Capt. Nutt at Uniontown, Fayette fire happening in all large buildings county, intends taking his seat in the should be provided for. And if this is that she only survived her husband Legislature, to which he was elected impossible in the construction of such about an bour. last fall from that county. We can buildings, in which human beings have hardly believe this to be true, but to sleep or work, then the laws should should be attempt such an outrage provide for other means of saving life. upon public decency, and upon the It seems strange that no better device has been found than the mere holding preserve its own dignity if it fails to re-fuse him a seat. The idea of a man charged with murder sitting among the fall of frightened beings leaping from high windows. From its nature that device is hazardous and unsafe. Could not the law compel the owners of all such houses where people rest.

The fall of frightened beings leaping from high windows. From its nature that device is hazardous and unsafe. Could not the law compel the owners of all such houses where people rest. As the terrible roaring and the oil country, as appears from a politicians, one for \$50,000 and the of all such houses, where people rest inferred that its editor, Mr. Thomas or labor, to have on hand other mate-Robinson, has access to or information | rial, on which, if persons are cempelled of correspondence passing through the to leap from high windows, they can ing from the dizzy heights to the fall without falling upon the hard pavement or ground? Such soft material, he had knowledge of correspondence of sufficient depth and width, it would seem could and should be provided in all cities and towns, by some department of the same. The recent Milwaukee hotel fire should attract the ant condition which has reason to fear attention of the Legislature of our and all the other States to the necessity of hand. For a moment the long unbaving some efficient laws passed on wieldly thing poised in mid air and then the subject of fires and escapes in large

Under this head come all those articles so necessary to every well regu lated household, and so ornamental to the home table. We have an elegant and varied assortment of Kuives. one in which there must be carefulness Forks, Spoons, Sugar-bowls, Creamers, and certainty in the service. That there Butter-dishes, Syrup-pitchers, Salvers,

A TERRIBLE FIRE.

The Newhall House, Milwaukee,

elapsed since the great hotel fell in blazing ruins, it is impossible to give cheers. anything like a full list of the killed. with every indication of being a good grounds, to be of incendiary Kirkly House and stores on East origin. The building has long been known as a "death trap." The Fire Bald Ridge yet coming out first class Department could effect little except in assisting to save life and preventing the spread of the fire to neighboring

THE FIRE. Since the ill-fated steamer Lady gers down to graves beneath the waters of 1 ake Michigan nothing like to-day's five minutes after four o'clock this morning a telephone message was received at the Fire Department Headon fire. Three minutes later an alarm was turned in from box 15 and four minutes after the entire department have the amount of oil on hand that was summoned to the scene of destruction. Shortly before the Newhall House alarm part of the Fire Department was called to a small fire about three miles distant, and tefore the engines were in working order the hotel was one blazing pile. The fire aught by the basement and shot with ightning-like rapidity up the elevator shaft burst forth in terrific volume rom the roof, the flames spread out in the different stories as they were reached, and in a few minutes after the first alarm the floor on the south end of the building was a sea of fire, all burning

> DEATH ABOVE AND DEATH BELOW Then began the terrible tragedy Guests awakened from their sleep the terrible heat or the bursting of the the win ows, where their heartreading eries rang in the ears of the vast conourse of people gathered in the street of the roof was cut off by the fire, an the two stand pipes, with the fire ladlers, were not available for the same reason Men who in the daily welks of life have been accounted heartless and unfeeling wrung their bands in despair, running about utterly bewildered, exclaiming "My God! My God! This is horrible!"

Then a black object would appear on be outside of the window, driven out by the smoke and flames. Piercing eams would rend the air and a heavy thud would announce that a human b ing had dropped from the dizzy height o meet death on the pavement below. At one time there were six persons hanging from one window sill at the fifth story, crying in agonizing tones One after another they loosed their grip and met their fate.

A DESPERATE BUT VAIN EFFORT. One man by letting himself down at arm's length from a fifth story window, put his feet through the window below and reached the fourth floor in safety The operation was repeated until the could reunite the party and be este. How proud the Senator's friends must feel of his great speech, and how courteous, dignified, and Senatorial it was, to be sure. By the way, he is the bystanders. As he was putting his feet through the top of the second story. to restore Porter to the army. Suppose it was Senator Mitchell who was doing this, and Cameron was voting against it, how the postoffice and revenue collector and soldies. beyond recognition.

JUMPS TO DEATH and bones. A number of people drop- Public schools, "School Government." jumping canvas, but in a majority of tained injuries from which there is little especial interest, will be discussed.

hope of recovery.

During the progress of the fire two men appeared at a window in an upper story and as they looked down upon the scene below the floor of the room

vortex-of flames TOGETHER IN DEATH.

telegraph wires, bounded over and was

SERVANTS DASHED TO PIECES. While these horrors were happening on the Broadway and the Michigan sides of the burning building a still greater was occurring in the alley at the rear. The servants' quarters, where eighty-six of them were lodged, were in the north-west quarter of the buildeight of them followed each other, leapground in the alley. The jumping canvas was held for them, but it was powerless in the conflict with death and was clotted over with the victims'

THE HERO OF THE FIRE. At this juncture the cool headed hero of the night appeared upon the top of a building directly opposite the servants' quarters with a ladder in his descended with a crash through a window of the hotel. It formed a bridge across the alley, however, and before it became steady in its position the man had crossed over into the hotel. Then, amid the cheers of the multitude below, the man dragged the helpless creatures across the slender bridge until fully a dozen were rescued. were all of them in their night clothes and many were badly frozen before they could be taken to shelter.

GOD BLESS HIM. A woman in a dead faint, unable to

ing over, clear of the ladder, while the

brave man held her by one of her ankles. The crowd below held their Burned to the Ground.

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MILWAUKEE, Jan. 10, 1883.—The

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MILWAUKEE, Jan. 10, 1883.—The mappalling calamity which has occurred the ferroite strain. In the terroite strain. In the appalling calamity which has occurred the man, however, was equal to the emerthere in the burning of the Newhall House at four o'clock this morning has resulted in the loss of at least sixty placed her out of danger, while the many formulation in margins. It is to the effect that a general terroite strain. In the the rapid progress of Christianty in the the tapid progress of Christianty in the many speculations in the many formulations. It is to the effect that a general terroite strain. In the many formulations in the many formulations in the many formulations in the many formulations in the many formulations. It is to the effect that a general terroite strain. In the many formulations in the many formulations in the many formulations in the many formulations in the many formulations. It is to the effect that a general terroite strain. In the many formulations in the many formulations in the many formulations in the many formulations. It is to the effect that a general terroite strain. In the many formulations in resulted in the loss of at least sixty placed her out of danger, while the ives, while at least thirty are seriously crowd, which had endured the most injured. Although many hours have painful suspense for fully ten minutes, burst forth with round after round of

The dead and a portion of the woundmissing and injured. In the confusion ed were conveyed in the first instance New Testament which had been al- or contracts. even a list of the saved is difficult to to the American Express office, while ready published and widely circulated; the Dodds one, is expected in this week obtain. The fire is believed, with some the wounded were cared for at the of the evils which would ensue if the

### IN THE MORGUE.

The Morgue, to which the bodies were conveyed, presented a hideous Two small biers were soon filled with bodies, tightly packed, and then bodies of girls, women and men Eigin carried its hundreds of passen- flags, almost in a heap, as the patrol brought in the bodies three or four at a Thirty-two bodies were soon in scene of excitement has presented itself a ghastly heap on the floor of a small upon the streets of Milwankee. At room. It was heartrending beyond human power of description. A strong police force was necessary to keep anxious inquirers in line. quarters that the Newhall House was bodies have been indentified and eight bodies are beyond recognition.

NIGHT SCENES AT THE RUINS. At this hour (nine P. M.) engines are still playing on smoking ruins and an immense crowd of people linger in a driving snow storm, mingled with fumes of fire and a sickening smell that comes from burning bodies of the unfortunate dead not yet taken from the and must awaken the most profound ruins. Relatives of the lost are rushing about the ruins anxiously inquiring for the missing, and the agonizing shrieks of mourners are heard in all directions. In spite of the efforts of police to keep them away, people with lanterns insist on groping the ruins, whose remaining walls may fall at any mement, looking for bodies The scenes here have beggard description all day, and awful solemuity in creased with deepening of night. Every minute intensifies the horror of the flames into their rooms were forced to dead and missing is now fifty, and it is believed the list will be swelled to seventy or eighty when the ruins are cooled, so that search may be made.

## Teachers' Convention.

Arrangements have been completed o hold a joint Teachers' Convention of the surrounding counties at Emlenton, Pa., on April 1st and 2nd. All the teachers are most earnestly requested to be present. Directors and parents should likewise attend as subjects of especial interest will be discussed. The large Presbyterian church has been secured for the occasion. The hotels have kindly reduced their rates to 25 cents per meal. The following is the FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

A. D. Glenn, Superintendent of Armstrong county, "Causes of Failure in Teaching;" Rev. J. R Bowling, of death and he trying to save himself Emlenton, "National Science in the Public Schools;" S. D. Owen, of Pittsburgh, "Geography;" E. C. Gibson, of Emlenton, "Map Drawing" FRIDAY EVENING.

Lecture—"Educational A.J. Davis, ly used up man. All Superintendent of Clarion county; showed he had only received some Lecture—"Education," S. H. Prather, very severe bruises. His escape from a most horrible death is indeed mirac-Lecture-"Educational Exhibits at

J. Collier, Superintendent of Oil City schools, "The Merit of a Lesson :"

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Question Box. F. M. Kendall, of Many other educators not on the programme are expected to be present.

G. A. WALKER, E. C. Gibson, J. B. Fox,

After the Standard Monopoly.

The bill providing for the appointment of an official oil gauger, introduced at Harrisburg yesterday, is another Mr. Allen Johnson and his wife sprang-from a fifth story window. He Standard monopoly. Whether good he used the money in Wall Street specbotels, but the law-makers of every was caught in the jumping canvas, but will result if the bill pass, depends upstate should strive to make it about sustained injuries from which he died on the bonesty of the official who on the honesty of the official who person were selected the bill would caused the announcement of his dis public, for the State gauger would in through the whole city. The venerreality become the Standard gauger, able widow of James K. Polk, feels

terests of the Standard. The Standard monopoly is not accustomed to permit any opposition that affairs of Polk's office have been loosely money can buy over to its support or administered, he having served two to silence. It has practically out all opposition among the refiners. which had expired. Suspicion points It controls the pipe lines, and produccrackling of the flames came to their the oil country, as appears from a politicians, one for \$50,000 and the ears they became panic stricken, and special telegram from Oil City this other for \$85,000. morning, which quotes an article from Treasurer Polk is fifty-one years old. that spicy little anti-Standard daily, a graduate of West Point, and served her dower under the intestate laws. the Blizzard. This has been known to many for some time, but the state. eaptain of artillery in the Confederate ment has not been given plainly to the army, in Cheatham's division. He

Mr. Rockafeller, Mr. Flagler and other eral Leonidas Polk, to whom he was gentlemen of the Standard monopoly, related. After the war he resided on a have the right to acquire all the power farm near Bolivar, Tennessee, until they can, legally, by the use of money and business cunning. Waiving this question of personal right, it will, of Polk. He has a large family, and cocourse, be recognized, on the other cupled a high social position in this hand, that it is the business of the city and in the State. sylvania will have many interesting not straight, but the friends of Treas-phases, and the public at large will urer Polk succeeded in having killed a

The Bible in Japan.

Recent letters from the Agent of the work of translating the Old Testament. at a future time, stocks, bonds, secur They speak of the translation of the in its consequences; of the blessings chandise, and to provide for the recovremaining work was not wisely done; and of the want of uniformity in style plan, the substance of which is as fol-

1. That the whole work be given to one translating committee instead of sold or agreed or contracted to be

2. That the committee be composed of eight members, four of whom shall foreigners and four Japanese.

3 That the Japanese members chosen by Japanese Christians. 4 That the foreigners and Japanese members have equal rights in vot-

5. That means be furnished to enable the members to devote their whole When it is remembered that it is

only a few years since Christians were permitted even to enter Japan, such action as this is truly astonishing, grattitude.

### A Terrible Fight.

Some weeks since Mr. Eli B. George. of Helaware township, made a very narrow escape from a most horrible For some time he had been keeping a two year bull which he was fattening for the market, in a log

It was his custom to feed the animal, and although it was very cross, vet as he always carried a short stick with him when in the barn, he never felt afraid of any injury. One morning just after he had entered the barn. the bull appeared to be unusually cross, and came towards Mr. George bellowing and acting in a very savage man-Mr George was unable to get out of the barn, but proceeded to de-fend bimself with the stick he was armed with. He succeeded in keeping the animal away from him for a short time, but the stick having broken, it made a savage attack upon him. Mr George caught It by the horns, and was tossed up some distance in the air. He came down, and in an instant the bull was upon him and attempting to gore him, but he again caught it by the horns and was again tossed up into the air Thus the battle wa-ged for over half an hour, the animal endeavoring to gore Mr. George to At last he was tossed near the door of the barn, and making a final struggle, he succeeded in getting out of the building and closing the door. There he remained until assistance arrived and he was carried to his house a bad-

## Half a Million Stolen.

Marshall T. Polk, State Treasurer of Tennessee, has been absent from his post for three days. A committee of the Legislature on investigating the affairs of his office, reported to the House that they believed that there was a defalcation of \$300,000 in his accounts. The House thereupon ordered was a defalcation of \$300,000 in his accounts. The House thereupon ordered Another man jumped from the fifth story window, struck the telegraph School Work; J. C. Bryner, of Clarion partment should be suspended, and that partment should be suspended, and that wires on Michigan street, bounded up schools, "The Teacher, Pupil and the payment on all checks signed by and came down a mangled mass of flesh Parent;" G. A. Walker, of Emlenton the Treasurer should be stopped. The committee continued its investigation and at a late hour Friday night severa discrepancies had been discovered. cases they were killed outright or sus- Other subjects, not mentioned and of One of the committee stated that the defalcation would exceed \$500,000 Treasurer Polk's bonds are for \$100,-000, and it is said that his bondsmen are not secured. It is believed that the Treasurer is in Texas. Some of the largest holders of the bonds in New York were greatly surprised, It was suggested that Mr. Polk in using the money might have acted for a ring, in-

operate against the producers and the grace to send a thrill of excitement and his reports would all be in the in- keenly the blow, especially since the Legislature, while scaling other bonds, has decided to pay hers in full. The crushed years without renewing his bend. strongly to other prominent men being burial at her death.

lost a leg at the battle of Shiloh. It may be thought, probably, that afterwards served on the staff of Gen-

State to give equal protection to every A year ago, in view of the extraordione of its citizens. This it has failed nary large amount of money on hand, to do, or the Standard would never an effort was made to increase the have been able to practically crush out Treasurer's bond. The bill passed the all rivalry and to manipulate the speculative market to suit itself. The Legislature, with its anti-speculation bills, its gauger bills and its anti-discrimina found. As the Legislature was then tion bills, appears to be bent upon a on the eve of adjournment for the wrestle with the great monopoly. A session this killed the bill. Who stole contest between the Standard Oil the bill has never been ascertained. It Company and the Legislature of Penn- was then suspected that affairs were help herself in any particular, was dragged across in safety. But at one time the whole of her body was hang
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watch anxiously to see which is the legislative resolution providing for an investigation into the affairs of his office. The Speculation Bill.

As was stated yesterday, a bill hes

ties, grain, fcod, provisions, cotton Bible as a great work and far-reaching sugar, oil, or any other article of merwhich had come to them through the ery of money paid on such agreements

SECTION 1. Be it enacted, &c. That from and after the passage of this act all agreements or contracts to sell for delivery at a future time any which would be sure to mark a trans- stocks, bonds, or other securities, or lation which was produced by the la- any grain, food provisions, cotton subors of many different scholars work- gar, oil or any other article of mering apart. They therefore submit a chandise by any person who is not at the time of entering into such agreement or contract to sell, the owner, assignee or trustee of the property the different books to individual trans- or the authorized agent of such owner, assignee or trustee, shall be absolutely null and void.

SEC. 2. That all money paid upon agreements or contracts, as are specified in the first section of this act, whether it be payment in full or partial payment or a margin, shall be re coverable from the person to whom it s paid by the party paying, the same as like amounts are now recoverable at law, provided suit be brought to recover the same within six months from the time of paying said money.

With some amendment this bill will probably, if it became a law, accomplish all that can be accomplished in the direction of prohibiting gambiing with stocks, grain, oil, and so forth. One amendment that ought to be made is to impose a severe penalty for the promulgation of deceptive news intended to affect the market of any of the articles employed in illegitimate speculation. If this deception can be proibited, one of the fine arts of the gambler in margins or futures will proba-

bly be lost.

It is doubtful, however, if this or any law that can be framed, will pro- the remedy imitiated is of the bighest hibit such injurious speculation. Ail value. As soon as it had been tested laws against maintaining places for and proved by the whole world that gambling are partially inoperative. But that such a law would be a severe blow to illegitimate speculation can earth, many imitations sprung up and hardly be doubted. Though it might began to steal the notices in which the be evaded in some measure, speculators who respect themselves, but had expressed the merits of II. B., and who have engaged in the business because it was made respectable by the wealth of Wall street, would doubtless seek other occupation, rather than continue in a calling which was under the names in which the word "Hop" or ondemnation of the law, even if the "Hops" were used in a way to induce law cannot be made to apply to it in people to believe that they were the its most delicate distinctions from leg- same as H p Bitters. All such preitimate trade. The passage of such a tended remedies or cures, no matter law would also assist to render such what their style of name is, and esspeculation odious to society, and thus pecially those with the word "Hop" or tend to induce those engaging in it to "Hops" in their name, or in any way tend to induce those engaging in it to 'Hops' in their name, or in any way seek new avenues for the exercise of connected with them or their name, their genius for money getting.—Pitts. are imitations or counterfeits. Be-burgh Dispatch, Jan. 11. ware of them: Teuch none of them. burgh Dispatch, Jan. 11.

To the Pastors of All Churches with a bunch or cluster of green Hops in Butler County.

We, the undersigned, pastors of the churches We, the undersigned, pastors of the churches indicated below, send greetings in the name of our common Lord and common cause, we desire to call your attention to the following important facts: The Legislature of this Commonwealth, now in session, will be asked to allow the people to vote on the adoption of a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating liquor to be used as a beverage. That our legislators may know the will of their constituents on this matter, petitions should be signed and presented to them requesting the passage of the bill authorizing and directing the question to be submitted to a vote of the people. As we propose to see that our congregations are urged to sign these petitions, we request you to do the same, in whatever way you may deem hear. There are true high of retitions.

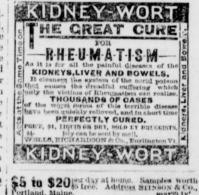
ble. We sign ourselves your co-worker HOMER J. SMITH, Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church;

Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church;
R. G. FERGUSSON,
Pastor United Presbyterian Church;
W. E. OLLER,
Pastor Presbyterian Church;
W. H. McKinney,
Pastor Baptist Church;
J. Q. Waters,
Pastor English Lutheran Church:
T. F. Stauffer,
Pastor Reformed Church.

An Ante-Nuptial Contract,

The Supreme Court last week, in the matter of the appeal of Ephraim Ludwig, an heir-at-law of Abram Ludwig, late of West Salem township, reversed the decree of the Orphans Court of this county. The facts in the case, briefly presented, are as follows: In 1867 Abram Ludwig, fitty-seven years old, a widower with eleven adult children, and possessed of property to the value of about \$15,000, proposed marriage to Mrs. Eva Rickert, a destisiring to secure his property to his children whose labor had assisted him in obtaining the same, Mr. Ludwig, three days before their marriage, entered into a written contract with Mrs. Rickert, by which she relinquished, remised and quit-claimed all her right of dower in his estate in case she survived him, he agreeing to provide for her a comfortable maintenance and support during life, and a decent Christian

They were married and lived happily together until the death of Mr. Ludwig in 1881. The value of his estate at his death was nearly \$30,000. A short time after her husband's death Mrs. Ludwig refused to accept the provisions of the ante-nuptial contract and claimed Appraisers were appointed and proper-ty to the amount of \$300 set apart for her. Mr. Ludwig's heirs filed exceptions, setting forth the marriage contract as a bar to such proceedings, but the Court overruled the exceptions. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court which, as stated, reversed the decision of our Court and affirmed the validity of the contract.—Mercer Dis-



McCLELLAN-MORRIS.-On January 9, 1883, by Rev. Samuel Kerr, Mr. John McClellan, of Venango county, and Miss Nancy J. Morris, of Butler county.

STARR-BESTER - Dec. 14, 1882, by Rev. J. H. Marshall, Mr. Perry M. Starr, of Hooker, Pa., and Miss S, M. Bester, of Greece city, Pa DUFF-ROBB -On Jan. 10, 1833, by the san e.

OCHRAN-CUMI ERLAND-On January 11, 1883, by the same, Mr. Amos F Cochran and Miss Mahala A. Cumberland, both of Hooker,

McCASLIN-PATTON .- On January 11, 1883, by the same, Mr. D. H. McCaslin, of Glade Mills, and Miss Mary A Patton, of Hooker.

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