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HARRISBURG.

At the session of the House, last Thursday quite a number of bills were introduced, and just before adjourning for the day a motion was made by Keyser of Philadelphia to recall the Mitchell resolution...

It is not the fault, Mr. Stewart continued, of the present state treasurer that abuses exist, that have come down to him through a long succession of predecessors...

On Monday Rep. Dingler introduced a bill appropriating \$14,000 to the Commonwealth Hospital Association. In the house that night there was a spirited debate over the Treasury Investigating resolution...

On Tuesday quite a number of bills were introduced in the House, and the Senate was waiting for the resolution to come over, when the building was discovered to be on fire, and both houses hastily adjourned.

The question of finances is the most important that confronts the State Legislature. Two years ago, when the State Treasurer Hastings found it necessary to send a special message to the Legislature...

At the close of December showed a balance in the general fund of \$3,728,820. Out of this the money for the school districts, the penitentiary and the salaries of the State officials must be paid when they come due.

There will be a festival in Union Hall here, Friday night, got up by our public friends. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the school children of the city.

BURNING OF THE STATE CAPITOL.

Shortly after noon of last Tuesday the Senate wing of the State Capitol building in Harrisburg was discovered to be on fire. The Senators had not moved there until two years later.

The alarm was given, and the city fire department made its appearance, but could not check the progress of the flames which soon spread to the dome and the whole building was doomed.

The roof and dome timbers were "as dry as powder," a stiff breeze was blowing, and in less than two hours after the fire started it had given the whole thing a mass of ruins.

Several firemen were injured by falling timbers and a number of capitol employees were hurt. There were many narrow escapes from death. A large crowd of people gathered to witness the burning of the capitol.

It is hard to tell whether there was any loss of life or not, there was a large crowd of people gathered to witness the burning of the capitol. The fire started in the dome and spread to the rest of the building.

Without at present noticing the evidence tending to show the township did not repair the bridge, it is necessary to consider the duty of the township in this regard.

The court below was of the opinion that the township of Penn township did not repair the bridge, and that the duty of the township was to repair it.

History of the Burned Building. The corner stone of the Capitol building was laid by Governor William Findlay on May 31, 1819. On January 1, 1820, Governor Joseph Redden, with the heads of the State Departments...

the body decided to go to Harrisburg, but that was reconsidered, and in 1793 Carlisle, and in 1798 Wrightsville, York and Carlisle were successively selected for the House for the seat of government.

Seventy-one regular and special sessions of the Legislature have been held in this capitol and 11 Governors have sent their messages to them. The most important business was transacted within the walls and the building has witnessed the most important events of our history.

We published the gist of the decision of the State Supreme Court in a recent issue of this paper. At the time of its appearance, but have been requested to publish the full text of the opinion, and do so. It reads as follows:

A county bridge known as Gallagher's bridge spans Muddy creek in Franklin township, Butler county. The bridge is a simple beam bridge, built of stone and wood, with elevation above the water at ordinary stages of six to ten feet.

Another old citizen of this place passed away Saturday afternoon, the 28th of January. He was John E. Latta, of New Brighton, was the father of his sister, Mrs. Chas. Kerr, on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Beatty are on the sick list. Mr. Beatty has been the guest of his cousin, Miss Florence and Mrs. Beatty, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barnes, were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, on Sunday. Mr. Walker of Erie attended the funeral of Mr. McGill, on Monday.

Mr. Kithlinger was home over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barnes, were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, on Sunday.

DEATHS.

TRUBY—At his home in Butler, Jan. 27, 1897, Charles, son of William Truby, aged 3 years.

CONWAY—At her home in Middle town, Jan. 29, 1897, Mrs. Conway, wife of Wm. Conway, aged 73 years.

McELHANEY—At his home in Cherry town, Jan. 29, 1897, R. B. McElhanev, Esq., aged 8 years.

Whitefield—At his home in Butler, Jan. 29, 1897, Anna daughter of Andrew Whitefield, aged 8 years.

George Todd of S. Buffalo, twp., Armstrong county, died Friday, in his 80th year. George B. Roberts, President of the P. R. Co., died at his home in Philadelphia last Saturday.

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Our fine sleighing is disappearing. Mrs. Tille Sweeney, of Birchfield is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Bella Criner.

Edward Westerman of this place in tends going to Butler in the near future to spend a week or two.

Miss Esther Thompson, who was spending a few days in Pittsburgh has returned home.

There is no frosty smile about Wm. Trimble—"his gig" and Wm.'s smiles are as pleasant as May.

Mr. C. Johnston and Edward Westerman took a trip to Butler, last Thursday. They are company, three in a crowd, four in a sleigh is not allowed.

Edward Parks is learning to pump in the oil field under the supervision of W. J. Seaton.

Geo. W. Hoyt and daughter Ida, are in Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. Graham leaves a very large circle of relatives in this county, and several of his near and dear ones are living here. His remains were interred in the North Cemetery to-day, where the bones of his worthy father, Mr. H. S. Graham, were largely attended.

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