THE MIDDLEBURGH POST.

T. H. HARTER, EDITOR AND PRO'R.

MIDDLEBURGH, PA., AUG, 2, 1888,

WORK AND WAGES. THE FIFTY-FOURTH SIGNER.

Standard Iron and Steel Company Accept the Amalgamated Scale.

The Standard Iron Company, of Bridgeport, O., with nine single pudding furnaces and six double ones, manufacturing steel and corrugated iron, is the fifty fourth mill to accept the Amalgamated scale. It employs about 500 men.

Secretary Joseph D. Weeks, of the Western Iron Association, sent out a circular to the members which contains a resume of the conflict between the Manufacturers' Association and the Amalgumated Association, and asks all members carefully to distinguish between the latter organization and the Western Iron Association, as the Iron Association has nothing whatever to do with wages, excepting that its card governs the basis upon which wages are computed. The circular deprocates the threatened desertions from the organization because of the strike, and calls op all manufacturers to maintain the integrity of the Western Iron Association, because it alone can keep up prices by preventing cutting.

Secretary Wm. Martin, writing of the trouble referred to in the circular mentioned. sovs: "In 1882, after a 16 weeks' strike for an a ivance in wages, the Amalgamated Association found itself in much the same dilemmass the Manufacturers' Association did prior to taking the above action. But instend of the Amalgaranted Association Conference Committee calling a meeting by itself, it sought a further conference with the manufacturers, and effected a settlement that embraced all association mills, so that when the conference adjourned there was no need for 'individual action.' Why this paying the way for individual action on the part of the manufacturers, when an example of united action was set them by the Amalgamated Association in 1882, is difficult to comprehend. One side or the other must lose in any contest, and no disgrace attaches to those who lose after having done their best to win. Can it be possible that any such action was intended to harrass the Amalgamated Association? The same tactics would have been played by the Amalgama'ed Assoc ation in 1882, as some mills would have run on at the advanced rate rather than have stood idle and run the risk of losing their trade. Therefore, to treat the Amalgamated Association thus after such magnaimous treatment being meted out to the other side in 1882 is hardly fair, even in war. It is establishing a precedent that may recoil at some future time."

On the night of July 24 the biggest run in the history of the converting department of the Edgar Thompson works was made-63 heats, or more than 600 tons of steel. The run was equal to any ever male in the Union steel Mill at Chicago, they having turned out a fraction over 1,200 tons of steel in a 24-hour run.

The strike which has been going on at Oliver Bros. & Phillips' South Fifteenth street mill, Pittsburgh, Pa., for some time, caused by the discharge of a man who carried the iron from the shears to the hammer, has been settled by the man being placed

THE KANSAS TRAGEDY. BUSINESS.

and a section of the section of the

CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT RE-

PORTED.

ficial to Trade.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly trade review

says: The improvement continues. The

collapse of the Western Iron Manufacturers'

Association has set nearly all the mills at

work and makes pig iron firmer, but bar iron

weaker. Stocks have been strengthened

by a decision arresting the enforcement of

the Iowa rates. Wars of rates do not cease,

and inter-State decisions on many

important cases are d-ferred. The net carn-

ings of 82 roads in May showel a loss of 8.4

per cent., though their gross earnings gained

6.4 per cent., and the gains in gross earnings

for July have been less than half as large,

Statements show that 2,428 miles of roads

have been placed in the hands of receivers

during the half year, with \$153,650,000 bonds

and stocks, against only 428 miles and \$28,-

200,000 bonds and stocks for the first half of

last year. But the average price of stocks

has risen about \$1.40 per share, though they

Reports of domestic trade are almost uni-

formly encouraging, for, though duliness yet

points. The clearings at all cities exceed last

plaints of slow collections increase, however,

especially in connection with the distribution

of manufactured goods. At Philedelphia

and Pittsburgh a better feeling appears in

the metal branches, and at Baltimore and

Detroit in dry goods and boots and shoes, but

The foreign trade for June showed imports

exceeding exports by \$18,206,840, and for the

half year the excess was \$61,463,230. Against

this the net exports of gold and silver for the

half year were \$17,488,831, so that when

interest and undervaluations are considered

the movement of foreign capital this way

appears to have exceeded \$100,000,000 for the

half year. Exports of merchandise from

New York in July show a decrease of eight

per cent. in value, against one per cent. in-

crease in imports, and for the past year er-

ports have been smaller than any other since

1878, except the year 1885-6, while imports

have only been exceeded in one year, 1881-2,

Speculative markets are not active, and

wheat has changed but little. Crop pros-

pects have cause I corn to decline 11% cents

and oats 16 cent; but lard, pork and live

hogs are stronger. Oil is 11 couts weaker,

and cotton and coffee are unchanged. The

treasury has taken in during the past woek

\$2,600,000 more money than it has paid out,

but reports from all interior points represent

money in ample supply for all legitimate

business, with a general deficiency of de-

Once more the country closes a crop year

with a surplus of over 51,000,000 bushels

of wheat on hand unsold, and the

latest reports indicate that the supply for ex-

ports during the coming year will exceed

145,000,000 bushels, exports for the past rear

ments have been numerous; for four week

the number in the United States has been 618

The failures attending half yearly settle-

having been less than 120,000,000 bushels

and then less than \$1,000,000.

mand.

Eastern manufacturers are still uncertain.

prevails, improvements appear at many

are less strong of late.

How the Men at Woodsdale Were Murdered.

Colonel Sam Wood, an old resident of Kansas, and in whose honor the town of Woodsdale was named, has arrived from the The Iron Association Collapse Benescene of the Stevens county trouble. The Colonel said the present fued started at the

bond election in Voorhees on the 221 of June. Sam Robinson, city marshal of Hugotown, knockel down James Garrand, Deputy Sheriff of the county. He also committed an assault on G. T. Byers, of Lafayette. Byers went to Woodsda'e and swore out a warrant, charging Robinson with assault with intent to kill. "ois warrant was placed in the hands of E. E. Short to serve. Short, with Under Sheriff Garrand, went to Hugotown to serve it. Robinson resisted arrest, and men with Winchesters drove the Under Sheriff and constable out of town, firing some 40 shots at them.

He explains how a pursuit was organized, and the feud grew until Thursday morning, when J. C. Price arrived at Woodsdale and stated that Sheriff Cross and his party, who were after Robinson and his gang, had been waylaid at Haymaker's camp, 35 miles from Woodsdale, Cross' men picketed their horses out and lay down outside their tests and went to sleep. Two hours afterward a party of 30 men, headed by Robinson, surprised Cross and his posse asleep, took them prisoners and disarmel them. They were then stood up in a row and deliberately riddled with bullets. The'r arms and valuables were taken by Rebinson and his party, and they departed, leaving the men where they fell, The names of the dead men are: T. M. Cross, sheriff of the county; W. H. Wilcox, lately from Toledo, Ohio; C. W. Eaton, a real estate egent at Woodsdale, formerly from Illinois, and Herbert Tanney, formerly from Flora, Illinois,

The whole northern part of the county is arming, and they have declared their intention to wipe out Hugotown. The attempt will be flercely resisted and their will be more bloodshed.

INVESTIGATING IMMIGRATION

The Congressional Committee Finds that the Existing Laws are

Inefficient.

The Congressional Committee appointed to investigate the immigration affairs of the country, met at Westminster Hotel, New York, with Chairman Ford of Michigan; Morrow, of California, and Guenther, of Wisconsin, being present, Castle Garden was not represented. The first witness was E. L. Boos, passenger agent of the Hamburg line of steamers. He said that his company had 3,000 agents over; the country and about 40 per cent, of their sales were prepaid passages for friends in Europe. He never knew of any quantity of tickets being sold to one person or an agency. About 75 per cent. of the passengers of his line were emigrants and during the past five years 305,-315 had been landed at Castle Garden from Hamburg steamers. The line sells tickets from any point in Europe to any point in America, but before purchasing every man has to pressent a passport showing that he is allowed to emigrate and has not committed any crime. He a knowledge i that the principal point was whether the man was liable for military duty. No tickets were allowed

to be sold on the installment plan. Mr. Covely, of the Anchor line, told of Italian immigration and its growth. Italian ticksts were usually bought by bankers in New York, and 75 per cent. of the immigrants stopped in New York, One party could only purchase ten blank tickets. The examination of Mr. Ledgerer, of the Red Star Line, concluded the session. The testimony indicates insufficient legislation. At the afternoon session a number of witnesses testifie I that the emigrants who came in large numbers from the south of Europe, generally come on prepaid tickets, and that these were often purchosed by New York employment agents in quantities,

FIG IRON PRODUCT.

The Output for the First Half of the Year Shows a Falling Off.

The American Iron and Steel Association has received from the manufacturers complete statistics of the production of pig iron, ssemer steel ingots and bessemer steel rails In the United States in the first six months of the present year; also complete statistics of the stocks of unsold pig iron in the hands of manufacturers or their sgents, on the 30th day of June last.

The total production of pig fron in the United States in the first six months of 1888 amounted to 3,389,503 net tons of 2,000 pounds, or 3,020,902 gross tons of 2,940 pounds. Our production in the last six months of 1887 was 3,771,996 net tons, or 3,367,853 gross tons. Our decreased production in the first half of 1885 was wholly in Bessemer pig iron. The production of foundry and mill pig iron in the first half of this year was slightly in excess of that of the last half 1887.

All the important Northern and Western pig-iron producing states show a decreased production in pig-iron in the first half of this year, as compared with the last half of last year, except Ohio, which production in the last six months was the highest attained in the history of the State in a similar period of time. The production of pig-iron by the nine Southern States of Alabama, Teanessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia, Maryland, Texas and North Corolina in the ast year's by 10.3 per cent., and outside of dirst half of 1888 was 443,796 gross tons, New York 5.5 per cent., with large gains at against 432,330 gross tons in the first half of Boston, Chicago and New Orleans. The com- 1887.

> The stocks of pig-iron which were un sold in the hands of manufacturers or their agents on the 30th of June last, and which were not intended for the consumption of the manufacturers, amounted to 358,273 gross tons, against 301,903 gross tons on the 21st of December last. The production of Bessemer steel logots in the United States in the first half of 1888, including 36,070 net tons of Clapp-Griffiths ingots, was 1,334,238 net tons, or 1,235,971 gross tons, against 1.650,785 net tons, or 1.473,915 gross tons in the last half of 1887, a decrease of 237,944

gross tons. The production of Bessemer steel rails in the first half of 1888 was 775,351 net tons, or 692,197 gross tons, against 1,146,117 net tons,

or 1,023,330 gross tons in the last half of 1887. DEALT IN DYNAMITE.

Another Anarchist Plotter in Jail-

Infernal Machines Ready for Deadly Work.

The drag net of the law enmeshed another of the Anarchists who sought revenge upon the representatives of the law in the persons of Bonfield, Gary and Grinnell, of Chicago, A gunsmith, named Rudolph Sebic, was arrested in Chicago, and is now behind the prison bars under bonds of \$7,000. He is charged with being the individual who furnished dynamite to the conspirators who intended to assassinate the three law officers most prominent in the Haymarket prosecution.

Sebic acknowledges that he has been ille gally dealing in dynamite, and that he has sold over fifty pounds of the explosive to various persons within a year. He will only admit having sold ten pounds to Chicagoans, and asserts that he cannot remember who they were. Inspector Bonfield says he has proof that the ten pounds, if not more, went to Hronek, Chapek and Chleboun.

against 594 last year, but in Canada only 89, It is definitely known that Sebic bought against 95 last year. The business failings on May 20th, from the American Powder during the last seven days number 221, as Company in Chicago, twenty five pounds of dynamite. It is ten poun is of this purchase that has been traced to the recently arrested assassing. Set ic claims that ten pounds of the twenty-five went to a farmer in Nebraska. On the 31 day of June he purchased 25 pounds more, which he claims to have sold to a farmer in Minnesota, but is unable to give his name or to locate him. Inspector Bonfield is positive that Sebic was in league with the three dynamiters arrested a few days since, and sold them the explosive with which they expected to destroy Judges Grinnell and Gary. Sobie is a Bohemian, 28 years of age, and of intelligent appearance. He understands and speaks but little English. Inspector Bonfield also capture | several infernal machines. They are made of zinc, four and a half or five inches in height, of cylindrical shape, two and a half inches in diameter. These inside cylinders are tilled with dynamite, and between them and the outside covering the space is filled full of cut glass, lead slugs and broken iron. In the tops of the inside cylinders fulminating caps are placed with fuses attached. Inspector Bonfield will not say whether or not these machines were found in Sebic's house

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

A fight between the McCoys and detectives took place in Pike county, near the West Virginia line, a few days ago. John Dotson, of the McCoy party, was killed. It was also state I that fourteen were wounded, but the names are not given. The detectives were unhurt.

The Minnesota State Prohibition Conveni n nominated the following ticket; Gover nor, Hugh Harrison; Secretary of State, Peter Thompson; Treasurer, John H. Allan, No nomination was made for Lieut. Gov. The Engineers' Brotherhood has issued an-

other appeal to to the American people, urging all workingmen to shun Burlington. It eminds the public that the strike is not off, and that the road is losing all the time. The appeal concludes: 'Our boys are all opposed to any boycott being sprung against the 'Q' road. They believe that if the strikers employ only moderate measures the company will soon 'be glad to them back on moderat; terms. The best men on the 'Q' road are ta Illinois. Other lines of the system, where the inferior men are working, suffer so many accidents that the company will not much longer endure their expensive ignorance,

The 900th anniversary of the Introduction of Christianity into Russia was celebrated at Kief with great pomp. A number of bishops and deputations from Asiatic and Euronean Russia were present. The leading eccledastics of the Greek Church were also in attendance. Gen. Ignatieff, as President of the Slav Society, took a p. ominent part in the proc.edings.

The postage rate on see is and plauts has been reduced from one cent per ounce to one cent per two ounces. The former rate discriminated against American seedsmen and in favor of Canadian, as the postal regulations permitted seeds to be mailed in Canada and forwarded to any part of the United States for one cent per ounce. The new rate prevents such undue competition.

The banks of the Skeena river, British Columbia, are reported by people who have escaped from Hegleton, to be lined with In. dians, armed with Winchester rifles, awaiting the appearance of the force sent out to quell the uprising at Skeena Forks. The Indians have threatened to massacre all the white settlers at Hazleton.

The discovery of a rich quartz mine six miles from the mouth of Ruby creek, and 50 miles from the town of Palouse, W. T., has caused much excitement in that neighborhood

A theif stole an entire wagon load of brick at Indiana a day or two ago.

Two men were badly burne by an explosion at the Sharpsville furnace last Saturday night.

The barn of Soloman Keister, near Scottdale, was burned. Loss, \$2,000.

By the explosion of a lamp Oliver Spang ler's boarding house, Johnstown, was destroy ed by fire, entailing a loss of \$4,000.

The twenty-third annual reunion of the One Hundredth Regiment, P. V. (Roundheads), will be held at New Wilmington on August 29.

The extensive sawmill of Williams & Forse man, of Williamsport, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$50,000; Insurance, \$25,000.

John Wingrove, a miner, employed at John Etting's private coal mine, Bullskin ownship, Fayette county, hal one leg cut off by a fall of slate.

At Thompsonville Ky., a boy named Hamilton shot and instantly killed two companions, aged 14 and 12 years respectively.

BURIED ALIVE.

HE WILL NEVER FORGET IT.

John Anderson Tells How He Lived Nine Days in the Well.

John Anderson, of Johnstown, Neb., who was imprisoned in a well nine days and was released, says that when the boards and sand closed in over him he was crowded into a box about two feet square and with not enough room for him to stand erect.

He could not get on his knees or sit down but had to stay in a crouching position during the whole of his imprisonment.

'For the first three days,' said Anderson, 'I got along very well, but after that I began to want water badly. The fourth day, when it rained, I heard what I thought was water slowly dropping. Feeling around I found it and holding my mouth open managed to get about a dozen drops of water, which gave me much relief. I had no difficulty in breathing until the well below me came so near being filled by sand occasionally coming in, caused by the diggers above. I had broathed the air over so much that it had be was impure, causing me to feel a smothering sensation but about this time the rescuers got near enough to me to let in air from above,

"By having a good supply of chewing tobacco I did not suffer so much for food as might have teen expected. From the teginning I could hear considerable that was said and done above. I heard the wagon when it started to town for lumber, and heard some one say the man is dead and the order given to try to pull my box out. When they began to pull I knew there was great danger of the boards giving way and crushing me, and for my own safety and to give evidence of leing alive, I cut the ropes and heard the exciting talk that prevailed when it was discovered that I was alive. It was music to me, and from that time on I was hopeful of being rescued.

"About the sixth day I felt something crawling on my hand and found it to be a fly. I thought by this an opening had been made from above. I was correct, for soon a wet rag was passed to me. In reaching it to me it became covered with sand, but no honey ever tasted better than that wet rag. Soon a bottle of water and a piece of bread were given me, and I was truly thankful. "From this time on I began to gain strength, and by helping my rescuers the time passed quicker than one could suppose. When my feet, which are badly swollen, are better, and I dare eat a square meal, I will be all right."

ON THE WAR PATH.

The Cassadars Indians, Near San Carlos, Arizona, are Creating Trouble.

General Howard has telegraphed to San Francisco, conveying a dispatch he received from the commanding offics at San Carlos, Arizona, concerning the Indian troubles there. Captain Lee, of the Tenth Cavalry, was sent out with his troop to look for a small body of Indians who were entrenched, but they had fled when the troops arrived, About 5 or 6 p. m., agency cutt e on a grazing camp, were attacked by a party of Indians, 15 miles from San Carlos. The scouts and berders fled, and what became of the cattle is as yet unknown. There may be serious trouble. The bands are those of the Cassadars and the Chilchuana.

TORNADO IN ILLINOIS.

back in his old position.

The National Tube Works is shipping a large quantity of 4 and 6-inch pipe to Bellevernon, Pa , which will be used for the piping of several miles of the streets of that town.

The District Executive Board of Assembly No. 3 K. of L., donated several hundred dols Inrs to the strikers at the Pittsburg Forge and Iron Company's plant. The Brickmakers' scale for the Salina Works was adjusted. The salesmen matter was laid over, as the proprietors have Leen given until August 1st to sign the scale.

LIKE CURES LIKE.

The White Caps Get a Dose of Their Medicine.

At last, after years of uninterrupted lawlessness and outrage, the White Caps of Crawford county, Ind., have been met by a few res. olute men and punished in a manner befitting their own bloody actions. Oa last Moaday night a crowd of these lawbreakers visited the home of two girls named Wiseman, living near Marietta, a small hamlet in the hills of Crawford county, six miles from the Air Line Railroa t. The girls, who are necused of being unchaste, were taken from their home, tiel to a tree and brutally whipped. Their screams aroused some of their friends living in the vicinity, who imm diately took measures to avenge the outrage on the persons of the regulators.

It is the custom of the White Caps, after administering punishment to ride up to a house near and then notify those living there of the action they have taken, and commanding them to inform the neighborhood. The friends of the girls, knowing this, formed an ambush in a dense wood beside the road, and when the gang rode by, fired into the party, putting them to flight. Next morning it was found that one of the White Caps, a man named Sandars, had been wounded and that Brair Gregory, who keeps a store at Marietta, must have been hurt also, as bloody tracks had been found leading to his residence, and he himself had not been seen Smea

This is the first time any opposition has been shown this band of law-breakers and there is much excitement in the neighborhood as to what the outcome will be. Some of the people predict dure punishment for the daring mon who had the nerve to attack the so-called regulators, while others say the White Caps have been taught a lesson and will not be out again soon. It is a little hard to get information, as one cannot tell whether he is talking to a plain citizen or a White Cap.

Sad Experience.

At Newburg, N. Y., Nellie Sharp, a thirteen-year-old girl, started in charge of a picnic party to Washington's headquarters. Instead of remaining there she went to the Vale of Avoca, on Quassack creek, and with others enjoyed wading. The hat of her brother blew off in the water, and to recover it Nellie went beyond her depth and was drowned in sight of a score of children. The body has been recovered.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The steamship City of Pekin, from Hong Kong and Yokohama, has arrived at San Francisco. She will be quarantined on sccount of the reports of cholers in Hong Kong. She brings a lvices of particulars of the emeute in Seoul, the capital of Corea, which occurred on June 20. It originated in the revival of the absurd rumors directed against foreigners.

The Gazette states that some Chinese sproad a report that a lot of Corean children had been purchased by American missionaries, put to death and boiled for medicines. This report greatly excited the natives, and the Government, in anticipating an outbreak, took the precaution of calling in the missionaries from the country districts and placed them in an out-of-the-way place for safety. Nine Corean officials, who were charged with consummating the side of the children, were siezed by the infuriated populace and put to death by decapitation. The executions took place in the public strests.

News of the outbreak was sent by the for, eign residents at Seoul to Chemulpo, to the commanders of the foreign war vessels there, and assistance requested. On the night of the 19th inst., the man-of-war Essex and the Aspin, French, and a Russian cruiser, lan 1ed three detatchments of men, who proceeded in seperate bodies to Seoul to protest to the authorities there. Meanwhile the Corean officials had sent bodies of troops to guard the foreign consulates. Further details are lacking. The American man-of war Juniata starte i from Chemulp on June 21st to procood to the scene, but went ashore near Gough Island. She was got off safely on the following day and proceeded on her way. During the week proceeding July 24 ninety deaths from cholera occurred at Hong Kong,

Fatal Fire at Maynard.

The fire at Maynard, O., by which William Prosser, his son, and a boarder named John Morgan were burnel to death, is now supposed to have originated by a match thrown away by one of the intoxicated boarders, as the entire crowd were having a spree, Wednesday having been their payday. Prosser leaves a wife and six children. Evan Davis escaped death, as did Evan Morgan, by jumping through a second-story window; the latter, however, had one of his legs broken. The three-story house occupied by Ace Bronton, adjoining Prosser's was destroyed. The houses were owned by the Cleveland, Loraine and Wheeling Railroa I Company, and were not insured. Loss, \$1,800. The remains of the victims were interred at St. Clairsville,

and the second second

mpared with 228 last week, and 240 the week previous to the last. For the corresponding week of last year the failures numbered 184.



The Output Last Year the Largest in History.

Mr. David E. Day, chief of the division of mining statistics, has submitted a summary of the mineral products of the United States in 1887 in advance of the official report. The total value is \$535,056,845. It shows a won derful gain over 1896, and is \$100,630,000 greater than the output of 1885, The United States leads the world in the production of minerals. The principal gains in 1887 were in the production of metallic ores and the fuels necessary for melting them. The production of pig iron alone increased more than \$35,. 000,000.

The high price of copper caused a notable expansion in that industry. The product of coal is the largest ever record d. Taken as a whole, the report shows great prosperity for the mining is dustry. The grand total value of more than half a million dollars, the re port says, resulted not only from an increase in the quantity of minerals mined, but also from a great advance in the prices of metals. It may be several years before this total is exceeded, and the year 1888 will fall consider ably below it. Among many reasons for the decrease this year is the decline in railroad building.

OIHO'S BIC CORN CROP.

A Prospect That the Yield Will Reach Over 85,000,-000 Bushels.

The farmers in Ohio are feeling good over the promising indications for one of the largest corn crops in the history of the State This crop has been a partial failure for a number of years and high prices have ruled, while wheat has been ridiculously low. Owing to the drouth last fall and the injury re ceived by the thawing out and freezing during the winter a large percentage of the wheat fields were plowed up in the spring and corn substituted. The increased acreage devoted to corn makes the area larger than ever before, while the favorable weather of the past few weeks indicates that the yield will reach a full average.

It is now estimated that the crop will not fall short of 85,000,000 bushels, and it may exceed that estimate by one or two million bushels,

Vendetta on a Train.

On the Ohio Valley Railroad train, nea Blackford, Ky., Wm. Cardwell, a passenger attempted to shoot a man named Nichols, of Blackford, Ky., with a shotgun. Nichols se cured the gun and mortally wounded Cardwell in the abdomen. + am Nunn, of Marion, Ky., a friend of Cardwell, then opened fire on Nichols with a revolver. Nichols returned the fire, but neither was hurt. The cause of the affray was a lawsuit.

A Rare Verdict.

The coroner's jury assembled at the acen

of the recent collision on the Norfolk and Western railroad rendered a verdict as follows:

"We, the jury, find the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company guilty of neglect in sending complicated orders not easily understood by the employes of the company, as shown by the evidence adducted before this jury, and for its failure to designate engine No. 3, which would have prevented this collision; and it is the opinion of this jury that the Norfolk and Western management should be held responsible for the results of this disaster."

Echoes Of The Flood.

Colonel E. P. Roberts, of the Monongahela Navigation Company, has returned from a trip up the river as far as Lock 9. "The newspapers," he said, "did not get hold of all the loss occasioned by the recent flood. Above Brownsville there is no telegraph telegraph communication, so you could not learn of it. Whole barns were swept away, large gardens destroyed, fences carriel away and whole crops destroyed. The flood was the biggest known in the history of the river. It was fully two feet higher than that of '52. Our locks suffered little damage and within a day after the water went down we had our machinery working again."

War Claims Allowed.

The Senate Committee on Claims has recommended that \$2,500 be allowed to the German Evangelical Church of Martinsburg, W. Va., on account of the distruction of the building and its furniture in 1863 while in posession of the army. It also recommends that C. M. Chaffer, of Berkley county, be allowed \$1,500 for rent of his warehouse in Martinsburg during the war.

The boys were playing 'Indian fighters' and Hamilton was snapping a gun, not knowing it to e loade I, when it was d scharged with the above results.

The daughter of a Liverpool, England, merchant, and heiress to \$100,000, Miss Lucy Rostron, eloped last Thursday with a stable groom nam st Aspin, who is married and th father of five children. Her father and broth er overtook the runaway couple as they were about to embark for America.

Four railroaders of the Ohio & Mississipp road were poisoned at West Cairo, Illinois, by some drug being accidentally put in their coffee. It is feared their lives cannot be saved.

Samuel Haynes, who is serving a life sentence for murder in the Massachusetts Penitentiary, is said to be the murderer of W. B. Elliott, a citizen of Glenburn, Maine, on February 5, 1879.

The Canadian cabinet is considering the juestion of allowing citizens of the United States to use the Welland and other Canadian canals on terms of equality with citizens of the Dominion.

Bartley Campbell, the dramatist, who has for some time been confine I in an asylum for the insane, died of general paresis,

CONTRACT LABOR LAW.

A Bill Making Important Changes Recommended.

The bill introduced by Senator Blair at the equest of the Federation of Lubor, to amend the law prohibiting the importation of fors signers under contract, makes a number of minor changes in the phraseology of the law as well as one or two changes of a somewhat important character. The first section, which made it unlawful to assist the "importation of foreigners" into this country under agreement or contract to perform labor, is amonded by making the paragraph read: 'The importation of any alien or foreiga laborer, mechanic, artist or artisan, under agreement to perform labor.' This amendment does away with the provisions authorizing the Secretary of the Treisury to enter into a contract with state Commissions to take charge of the execution of the provisions of the act within the boundaries of their respective States and designates the Collectors of Customs at the various ports of the United States as the persons upon whom shall devolve the duties heretofore authorized to be entrusted to State Commissions,

Said to Be in Canada.

George F. Howell, the young bank clerk of Patchogue, L. I., whose accounts were recently discovered to be short over \$3,000, hearing that the sheriff was after him with a warrant for his arrest, drove over to Medford station and boarded a train for New York. The friends of young Howell male up the deficlency, but it was too late, as District Attorney Smith had procured a warrant for the young man's arrest. It is said that Howell has gone to Canada,

Trees Uprooted and Grain Destroyed -Hot Weather in Dakota.

A tornado, cutting a swath about two hundred yards in width, and going to the

Northwest, barely missed Fairmount, Ill. It swept everything before it, tearing down fences, trees, etc. The grain over which it passe i was literally torn out by the roots. The residence of T. J. Davis, two miles distant, was demolished and his orchard uprooted and carried away. No loss of life

is reported. Special dispatches from Grand Forks, Aberdeen and Sioux Falis, Dak., say that the heavy rains and extremely hot weather of the past week have seriously damaged wheat. At Sioux Falls the temperature was 100 in the shade.

A FATAL EXPLOSION.

Tramps Supposed to Have Been Blown Up in a Nitro-Glycerine Factory.

The Rock Nitro-Glycerins Company's factory, two miles south of Lima, O., was set on fire and soon after exploded with great force. The building was reduced to splinters, and pieces of flesh were found some distance away. It is supposed several tramps were killed, as a number of them were seen around there a few minutes before the explosion,

PENNSYLVANIA NOTES.

Throughout Centre, Blair, Huntingdon, Clinton, M.flin and Clearfield counties the grain crop just harvested shows a larger yield than any previous crop for 25 years. and the grain is all of a superior quality. The fruit crop is equally abundant, and it is thought that by the first of October apples will not bring 25 cents per bushel.

Henry Wersing, living near Ursina, Pa., die i July 26, in his 88th year. He leaves five children, thirty grandchildren and sixty-nine great-gran tchildren.

The South West Pennsylvania Pipe Line Company will lay a three inch line from Washington to Nineveh, a distance of about 20 miles, at once. They will commence to distribute pips Wednesday, This makes the claim that the well is a good one an assured fact. The Western Atlantic Company is alsotalking of laying a line.

A train on the main track of the Pennsylvania railroad ran into a freight backing out of a siding at Cresson, wrecking eleven cars of the train, together with their valuable contents.

Burglars entered the furnishing store of Charles Ruger, New Brighton, and carried off campaign goods, sleeve buttons, etc.

A rattlesnake was killed by a party of surveyors, near Williamsport, which had 45 rat tles, the reptile being less than three feet long.

THE Bost Journal ligures that the annual honey product of North America is about 100,060,000 pounds, and its value is nearly \$15,000,000. The annual wax product is about 20,000 pounds, and its value is more than \$100,000. There are about 300,000 per-sons keeping bees in North America.