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In Town .- Quite a number of gen. tlemen from Philadelphia, Pittsburg. Boston, Eric and New York, are now in this place, anxiously looking for a chance to invest some of their spare "green backs" in this supposed rich oil territory. The attention of capital. ists is now being attracted in this direction, and we hope that the propcrty holders about this place, as well as those distant from the place, will succeed in making the necessary arrangements with them to have them assist in devel. oping our oil resources in such a way, that both will be mutually benefitted.

Der Our quiet and ever peaceable village, was somewhat surprised in see. ing a company of military men march through the streets. By some it was thought to be a rebel raid, by others a raid upon the so called, "copperheads." But when the fact of the case was fully developed, it proved to be a squad of pany, where his family easily passed in. which certainly was all right.

Captain John P. Short, (who by the by, on his arrival in town expected to can a single instance be shown in the der his command, which proved to be an entire failure, as no preparations had been made by the Provost Marshal .--The Captain cooly determined to take grace of the citizens of Ridgway was not to be found) but finding the article calces of early industry and toil to prove passing near his head. All these proled church, to be among the "things that himself to be a practical friend of the ceedings created an intense excitement should be," he took possession of the people, and to know their wants. In in the village. The civil authority were enjoying themselves as well as can be has always been of poor men. True, it is their lot to remain among us, they we ask at their hands is the same in return, of which we have no doubt.

SERVED THEM RIGHT .- We stated some time ago that the Curllsville Election Board would be tried this Court for receiving illegal votes. After a fair and impartial trial, and an able charge by his Honor, Judge Campbell, the board was convicted, and each member fined fifty dollars, and costs of suit. The whole election board were Abolitionists, and carried out their frauds and outrages, just as the election officers of that party did, all over the country. But in this county the ballot box is respected, and such rogues brought to justice. We believe this is the only election board in the county, composed entirely of Lincoln men. Were there more, we doubt not there would have been more itlegal voting. But these fines will teach such men that they must respect their oaths, and conduct elections fairly or suffer the consequences. The halls of justice are still open in this county and the Treasury will always be replen. ished by the fines of such election offi. cers, when they attempt to earry out the Abolition programme by receiving illegal votes. - Clarion Democrat.

Ter It has been discovered that the recent fiendish plot to burn 'the great city of New York was concocted by Abolitionists. The immense majority given to Gen. M'Ciellan by that city has inspired certain men with rage bordering on madness .- "Rule or ruin" is the motto of the Abolition party. Perhaps the following, from the New York World, may not be uninteresting in this connection :

"Some new and very remarkable de. velopments have recently come to light in connection with the late incendiary attempt upon the metropolis. Although the case is surrounded by mystery, there are now strong reasons for believing that the whole affair from its villianous commencement to its close, was an Aboli. tion shoddy plot, intended to destroy

the Democratic city of New York, or at Tragedy at Watertown, New least, and what seems more probable put it under the control of the Loyal Leagues." - Clarion Democrat.

Mone Draft .- Our readers, and especially those who voted for Lincoln, to stop the war," will be pleased to learn be made for the National service. Dur. sand men now in the army will be dis-

chanic, was never elogged in his efforts to rise among his fellow men, where his employment and the hardness of his mayor of New Orleans, the one who and every thing in readiness for the State where a man was helped into of. accommodation and comfort of mon un. fice by the reputation of being an "aristocrat" or a man of wealth, So in Missis. sippi ; its favorite Governor, Joe. Matthews, was a well-digger, Governor (which by the way and to the great dis- ing to high place in the affections of the people, had always to appeal to evidenand learned snobblishness among the will be treated with due respect, and all vulgar rich at Newport and Saratoga. Ask the merchanic, who has traveled over the Southern States and North alike, in which of them he was treated with most respect. It has been the fashion for years, for the Northern press to assert that labor was considered degrading to the white man in the South. The Southern people and Northern men living South did not deem the accusation worthy of a reply. When it is repeated of men who know better, we deem it our the death of young Neil. Among other duty, to reply to it with emphasis, that it is less true of the South and Southern people than of any other upon God's

footstool .- New Orleans Picayune. \* BIGANY.-There has been quite an excitementraised among the gossipping leaving one of the soldiers fired at him, our county jail charged with the crime of them, but which we will not record. bigamy. Severa! weeks ago a man made his appearance at several places in this county, calling himself Royal Sutton, or Dr. Sutton, attending to the business of extracting or curing corns and bunions. He became generally known as the "Corn Doctor." At Reidsburg some three or four weeks ago, he made the acquintance of a young lady, attending the Seminary at that place, and after a couple of week's courtship, married her. They visited among their friends -the lady being very respectively connected-and were spending their honeymoon quite pleasantly, when the new bride was horrified by the appearance of another wife of the corn doctor's hailing from Clearfield county, and accompanied with a constable, who had a warrant for the arrest of the gay Lothario. This wife who was married but a few months | ning on Wednesday. On Tuesday ago, had along with her a child, several years old, which the Dr. had brought her a short time since, representing it said had died a year and a half ago.

The Dr. was arrested and is now in iail awaiting his trial. He is no doubt wives over the country.

York .-- A Drunken Sergeant Orders Men to Shoot A Peaceable Citizen.

A squad of soldiers, eleven in num-er, belonging to the 16th U. S. regular that a draft will be made in a few days infantry, in charge of Lieutenant Houlato fill the State Guard, the term of ser- for Oswego. They arrived about noon. vice too for the brief period of three During the afternoon they indulged in years. - As soon as it is over, a draft will drink quite freley and became quarrelsome. About 8 o'clock, while in the lower saloon of the Woodruff House, ing 1865, at least seven hundred thou- maltreated a member of their company -quite an old man-they were expos. charged—the five hundred thousand tulated with by Alexandria Neal, From abusive words, the soldiers soon resorted one year's men called for last July, and to blows. Neil in self defence knocked the three years' men of 1862. To fill several of them down. The bar-tender their places and to keep the army up to came to assistance and soon the room the requisite strength, it will be neces- was cleared. This, it was thought, the requisite strength, it will be neces-ary to call for at least one million of would be an end to the affair; but in a few minutes two of the soldiers appeared men during the next twelve months. at the door with muskets. Neil and the These of course will have to be raised bar-tender apprehending more serious by drafting, if they can be raised at all. the saloon. Just then the Sergeant To do this we feel safe in saying that the public will be favored with a draft every month for the next four years shoot him." One of the soldiers fired. What a cheerful prospect !- Clarion The ball struck Neil in the left breast near the nipple, and passed through his heart and lungs, and entirely through LABOR NOT THOUGHT DEGRADING his chest. The death-dealing missile ATTHE SOUTH .- We cannot conceive lodged in the rear of the bar, breaking how any man who has ever lived both some bottles in its course. Neil walked to the hall, a distance of about fifteen North and South, can give place to the rediculous idea that labor was ever re. Thus tragically ended the life of Alex. garded as more ignoble at the South; or Neil. His age was about twenty one or as degrading a man in the estimation of two years. He bore an excellent repucither the rich or the poor, the slave- business, and for his habitually quiet detation for sobriety, strict attention to his holding or the non-slaveholding. On measur. His presence in the saloon the contrary, the only place where the was on a matter of business. He was in laboring man, and especially the me- the employ of F. B. Schran, Esq., who was a witness of the tragedy, and sincerely mourns his untimely death.

The soldier who fired the fatal shot was soon arrested, handcuffed and im. hands never gave exclusion from com- prisoned. The balance of the squad took possession of the sidewalks on the north side of the public square, and unmen ordered here by the government, to the charmed circle of good society, der the direction of their licutemant, a to assist the Provost Marshal in carrying when their accomplishments suit them number of our citizens were assaulted, out the orders of the war department, therefore, was the South. The favorite one arrested and placed under guard, and a genuine reign of terror inaugurated. It being near the time for the train Captain John P. Short, (who by the by, proves to be very much of a gentleman,) longest retained his position, was a journeymuch of a gentleman,) neyman batter, another a painter, nor depot, of which they took possession, and defied any one to arrest them. In the meantime the train had arrived -

Precautions were at once taken to prevent their pessession of the cars and engine, by locking the doors of the former, and uncoupling the latter and sending it down the track. While they gers and citizens around the depot, and carried their threat into execution by lodge I in the cells of the country jail. millions of dollars the coming year. Our community then experienced a feel. ing of relief; but their indignation was strong indications that "Judge Lynch" summary proceedings. But respect for law and order prevailed, and the offenauthorities, by whom they were arres-

ted, and are to be tried. We understand that the soldiers or their way here from Sackett's Harbor' manifested the same reckless disregaracts, we learn that on stopping at the old respectable collored man, living in that vicinity, they proposed to entry into affect certain proceedings which he escaped by mounting his horse and putting him to the top of his speed. As he was portion of the community, recently by but missed his sim. There are rumors the arrest and imprisonment of a man in of other desperate deeds committed by Such are the outlines of the most reckless, lawless, tragical affair that ever oc. curred in our village. It would not, of judicial proceedings, to characterize the | merce. erime which resulted in the death of Mr. Neil. While we are writing this (on Wednesday afternoon,) the coroner and his jury are holding an inquest on the body of the deceased. We expect before going to press to announce the in a great measure, the character of future legal proceedings .--- Watertown Union.

From the Warren Mail

MILL BURNED .- The steam saw mill of H. Baxter, in Mead township burned just been refitted with new saws, belting &c.. with the intention of starting it run. fire was made in the lower part of the mill to thaw out the pipes, but was put out about 3 o'clock of the same day, At 24 o'clock Wednesday morning the to be the child of his first wife, who he building was discovered in fiames, and had gained such headway that it was impossible to extinguish it. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been from a spark from one of the pipes lodging in derangements and distempers which a regular knave, and there is no telling the dry saw dust in the building. Mr. | pervade the system at this season will Joseph Wilhelm.

From the Clinton Democrat. FIRE.—The elegant residence of Mr. S. G. WRIGHT, at the corner of belief-that there are hundreds of thou. main and 2d Streets, was entirely destroyed by fire on Thursday night last. Tuesday who will sorely regret it before The fire is supposed to have caught from the furnace in the cellar, but was first discovered breaking out of the roof about 11 o'clock. p. m. Almost the entire upper stories of the house were wrapped in flames before assistance arrived, hence no furniture, bedding or clothing was saved from that part. Nearly all the furniture, carpets, &c., on the first floor was saved, but some of it in a damaged condition. Many things are also supposed to have been stolen. Mr. WRIGHT's entire loss is about \$13,000, of which only \$4,656, is covered by insurance. The house was only finished about one year ago, and was one of the finest residences in town.

An hour or two after the fire cammenced, and when the house was nearly burnt up, some thoughtful citizens discovered the whereabouts of the Cataract nion, and for peace and a prosperous Steam Fire Engine, and under the vigils country—our belief, under existing cir-Steam Fire Engine, and under the vigils and regulations of the Bonougu FATH. Ens succeeded in dragging it up to the scene of destruction. It was not stopped there, however, but was run off to a place of safety in Simpson & Co's, boardyard. When it arrived there it was discovered that the eventful Fathers had forgotten to supply it with fuel, and the hose was so firmly tied up with strong wire that no one undertook the job of loosening it! By the time the fire had almost entirely subsided, one of the Fathers was discovered on the track of his Cataract Engine with an arm full of fuel, but after great deliberation it was decided not to put the thing in motion lest it might set fire to the balance of the town. The machine was therefore abandoned for the night, but the next day one of the Fathers hauled it away and hid it again. It might have induced a riot, too, for there was a strong disposition to run it either into the river or the fire. It is proposed now to get'up a match between it and Col. JARRET'S Hydropult, to test which can made the most effective at a fire. So far as "practical results up to this time are concerned, the little machine, (with one man to work it and a boy to carry water,) has eclipsed the steam concern! The Colonel's establishment cost ten dollars-the; Borough Fathers' Cataract cost several thousand! (subrosa-who knows exactly what it did cost?) Vive la Borough Fathers!

Petroleum. Seven years ago, Venango county, l'ennsylvania, was regarded as one of the poorest, as it is one of the smallest coun ties in the States of Pennsylvania. More than one third of its entire surface could Matthews, was a well-digger, Governor held the depot, was at the peril of life have been purchased for less than three that any one entered it. They threat dollars per acre. Its best improved possession of one of the Churches, Henderson, a shoemaker. A man aspir. ened to fire into the crowd of passen-farms would bring little if anything over thirty dollars per acre, and its entire industrial products did not exceed three hundred thousand, dollars. Choice oil lands sell now readily at from three to five thousand dollars per acre, and they have been sold as high as forty-five Court House where he and his men are truth, the "aristocracy" of the South powerless to arrest those armed reckless thousand dollars per acre. The yield of desperadoes Finally a file of twenty oil from the county during the last year expected under the circumstances. The there were some who affected to despise the command of Lieutenant Dimmick, or than the entire coal and iron trade of Captain, as well as those under his com- labor and laboring men, but these were upon the requisition of the sheriff, the entire State of Pennsylvania, and mand may rest assured that, so long as invariable such as had traveled North marched to the depot and arrested them. should the present price of oil be sustite is their lot to remain among us, they and learned snohhlishness among the tained, the produce will be nearly eighty

That oil, as an article of commerce and exportation, is to become of the first not appeased, and for a time there were importance is very certain. Its uses everywhere are daily multiplying, and would establish his court, and order the demand for it augmenting in the same proportion. It is rapidly displacing other substances as a lubricator. As ders were left in the hands of the civil an illuminator outside of the cities and towns, where there is no gas, it has taken the place of everything else here. tofore employed for that purpose. In time the same will be true of Europe. Predictions are made that it will be exin our midst, and through the sufferance | ded of human life which enlminated in | tensively consumed in the production of gas, especially in towns remote from coal mines, as there will be a great saving in Blanchard House, Mr. Terry a highly the difference of the cost of transporta. tion. Nor is it at all unlikely that it will be applied to generating steam in ocean navigation.

There need be no fear of the failure of the supply. The extent of the oil bearing territory and the richness of the de. posits, is such that it may be considered inexhaustible. Since the original discovery in Pennsylvania; oil has been found in Western New York, Western Virginia and Ohio. Fine surface indications are also said to have been discovered course, be proper for us, in advance of on the Pacific coast .- Journal of Com.

Moss and ELM Candy .- This is an entirely new preparation manufactured by Berner and Burgess, Eric Pa., for the relief of Coughs, Colds, Throat diseases, Hoarseness &c. It is far superior to the vergiet; but it has not at the present writing been rendered. Upon the na- and convenient packages, and is just the ture of the verdict will probably depend thing for the masses. Everybody will try it and after once using will never be without it. The great demand for it wherever introduced is a sure indication of its good qualities. It can be had of all dealers in confectionary.

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pm. The Hartford Times believesand we fear it has good reason for the Tuesday who will sorely regret it before the end of 1865.

We most sincerely believe the reelection of Mr. Lincoln prolongs the war. Adds vastly to our National debt. Brings further drafts of men.

Will weigh with crushing force upon the resorces and welfare of the free

Will result in a dissolution of the Union And will not secure the abolition of

slav ry at the South. This is our belief, and we ask our readers, Democratic and Republican, to

remember what we say.
We hope that a better fate awaits the nation-that our fears for the Union may prove groudless; for desolution will be a sad result. But still, though our feelings and hopes are for the U.

cumstances, and in view of what the policy of Mr Lincoln, does not accord with our desires.

#### A Settler

A teacher in a western county in Canada, while making his first visit to his constituents, came into conversation witl. an ancient "Varmount" lady, who had taken up her residence in the backwoods. Of course, the school and former teacher came in for criticism; and the old lady, in speaking of his predecessor, asked: 'Wa'al, master, what do you think he

larnt the schollards ?"

"Couldn't say, ma'am."
"Pray, what did he teach?"

"Wa'al he told 'em that this here airth was, reound, and went areound, and all that sort of thing !"

"Now, master, what do you think of sich stuff? Don't you think he was an ignorant feller ?" Unwilling to come under the category

of the ignorami, the teacher evasively "It really did seem strange, but still there are many learned men who teach

these things.' "Wa'al," says she, "if the airth is teound, and goes reound, what holds it

goes around the sun, and that the sun holds it up by virtue of the law of attrac. tion."

The old lady lowered her "specs" and, by way of climax, responded: "Wa'al, if these high larnt men sez the sun holds up the earth, I should like

to know what holds the airth up when the sun goes down ?" Mar An Irishman being asked which was oldest, he or his brother? "I am

oldest," said he, "but if my brother lives three years, we shall both be the NEW ADVERTISEMENTS Furniture.

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STORE LICENSE. St. Mary's St. Mary's Fred, Rudolph, GEO, ED. WEIS, Clerk. Ridgway, Dec'r. 10th 1864.

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which it owns no rivalry.
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