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A FIRE in the 8th avenue Railroad stables in New York, destroyed the buildings and one hundred horses.

NORWICH, CONN., Nov. 25. - Mrs. Samuel F. Ticknor was burned to death in her house at Columbia yesterday. The house took fire in some unknown way, and when the neighbors reached it she was found in a sitting position in a chair, with all the clothing below her waist burned off.

COTTON has made a tremendous leap upward within a fortnight, and there's notelling where or when the rise will end. As a consequence-cotton fabrics of all kinds have advanced. Those who have not laid in their winter supply of muslins, will do well to make a note of the rise.

SAMUEL J. NELL, of Washington county, died in 1876, leaving considerable property, which his wife claimed, as he was an illegitimate child. The act of 1833 provides that in the absence of known competent heirs the estate goes to the widow. Mrs. Thompson, mother of the deceased, claims the property under the act of 1855, which says that illegitimate children shall be known by the name of their mother, and that they shall have capacity to inherit from each other. The auditor appointed decided in favor of the mother, and the wife appealed.

WHAT THE BRITISH did with their cottons the French, it seems, are doing with their silks. The Manchester men exported calico prints, which were so heavily sized to increase the weight that the fabric upon being used would be found rotten and worthless. Now it transpires that the Lyons makers of silks steep their goods in some chemical preparation to give them greater body, and the steamship companies have been obliged to refuse fabrics thus prepared because of their liability to spontaneous combustion. In the 'meanwhile our native manufacturers at Patterson and elswhere are constantly improving the quality of their products.

and, to add to the terror, the railings in the front of the gallery gave way, precipitating the occupants on the heads of those below. The ministers present endeavored to allay the panic by calling out :

"For God's sake keep quiet, there is nothing wrong," but their voices could not be heard for the cries and groans which came from hundreds of voices .---Strong men seemed to have lost all selfcontrol and joined in the mad rush from the fancied danger ; women were either trampled upon or fell fainting from terror, and children were unthought of in

the general melee. Not until the building had almost been emptied and the people realized that at no time had there been any cause for alarm, did they begin to think on the effects of the panic, and on an examination being made it was found that many were seriously injured, although, fortunately, no lives were lost. 'The majority of the congregation were from the country districts, and left for home as soon as possible. Amongst the injured were the following : Mrs. Weagly, arm broken, and otherwise injured; Mr. Richardson, of Smithsburg, Maryland, trampled upon the arm and injured; Mr. Shank, of Smithsburg, arm broken ; Miles Comar, shoulder bone and several ribs broken ; Mrs. Mers and two sons, severely injured ; Rev. S. W. Owen, of Hagerstown, badly bruised ; Henry G. Fink, seriously hurt; a lady, name unknown, taken to the hotel, where she now lies in a critical condition. The sad affair has created intense excitement in the village. The damage to the church is estimated at \$500.

#### An Iowa Town Destroyed.

CEDAR RAPIDS, November 26. - The town of Bondalia, Fayette county, between Cedar Rapids and Portville, was burned yesterday. The fire broke out in the rear of a saloon owned by C. H. Silman and spread rapidly. But one business structure remains. The postoffice was also burned. There was but little insurance on any of the property burned and many will be financially ruined. The fire is supposed to have been started by a rival saloon-keeper living in the upper section of the town, and the indignation runs high.

### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 26, 1879. Before this letter is seen by many of your readers, the President's Message and accompanying documents will have been placed before Congress, and will be in the hands of the public printer.

Whatever may be the result of the session, the disposition on all sides at this time is to make it a short one. The recommendations of the heads of Departments, so far as made known at this writing, are in the direction of economy. I do not mean that less is asked for than formerly, but that, considering the growth of the country, and the marvelous increase of business, the estimates of the year are less than was to be expected. The Secretary of War is to be specially commended for moderation in his requests.

Of the subjects for consideration, outside of the regular appropriation bills and the never-ending subject of politics the Indi ans, the tariff, and aid to our ocean commerce will be prominent. The contest over the Indians will be spirited, and its interest will centre on the proposition to transfer the Indian Bureau to the War Department. There will also be the question-now exciting interest in the West -of opening the Indian Territory to general settlement.

very enjoyable. An unusual number of Sonators and Representatives will have their families here, numerous people of distinction and Wealth will be among us, and the "good times" will enable resident socisty people to extend hospitalities which have been unknown in the city for years. OLIVE.

#### Miscellaneous News Items.

137" Walter Mitchell, a prominent citizen of Pike county, is wanted for land swindling.

Miners in the Ohio mining regions will probably strike against a reduction of pay.

139" Eight thousand miners held a meeting on Saturday to consider action to obtain higher wages in this State.

137 Lancaster has had a sensation in the shape of a cowhiding affair. The cowhider is under bail on a charge of assault and battery.

BOSTON, November, 27 .- W. A. Heeney of Cambridge, while intoxicated, fell down a flight of stairs this evening and broke his neck dying instantly.

IT James Woods, of Greenfield, Mass., while shoveling sand was buried alive by an embankment giving away above him. It took an hour to dig the body out.

137 Charles Stevens, a bachelor farmer, of North Pond, Mass., aged 45, was found insensible in his barn with his skull fractured. It is supposed he fell from a scaffold, He died about noon.

137 A subscriber to a southern paper died recently, leaving four years' subscription unpaid. The editor appeared at the grave and deposited on the coffin a palm leaf fan, a linen duster and a thermometer. Reader take warning.

137 For stealing government property M. J. McCann, an Indian supply contractor, has been sentenced at Cheyenne to pay \$1000 fine, restore the value of the stolen property and undergo an imprisonment of eighteen months.

13 A stranger of forlorn appearance rescued a boy from drowning at Davenport, Iowa, the other day, and when asked his name, replied ; "No matter what my name is, it isn't the name I go by," and walked up the levee his clothes dripping.

IT The other night in Des Moines a burglar visited the house of Mrs. Meeks, raised her bed room window, seized the bed clothes and tried to pull them off the sleeping lady. She awoke, jerked them back screamed, shut the window and thus ended the chapter.

Two mites of boys were arrested while asleep in Fairmount park the other night and returned to their parents. The youngsters had with them a couple of condemned army muskets, which they had purchased at a junk shop, and said it was the first night of their career as intended highwaymen.

tor A young daughter of John Drummond, of Du Bois Clearfield county, was run over by the local freight train : place on Thursday of last week. She was standing on the track unconscious of the approach of a train, when the tender struck her and knocked her down under the wheels of the train, mutilating her body terribly. 137 On Friday morning at an early hour a number of large wild ducks were seen passing over the residence of the late Rev. Wm. Davis, of Hepzibah, Ga. One of the number was caught by a hawk, but being too heavy for his hawkship, both fell in the yard attached to the premises, when the duck was caught, the hawk making good his escape, minus his breakfast

taken sick on the cars and put her head out of the window for relief. While in this position she dropped her false teeth out of her mouth, and as the train couldn't stop just there she was obliged to gum it to Harrisburg. Her husband sent a telegram to the nearest station where the jaw-extension was dropped, and it is to be hoped the lady may yet be happy in securing them.

Nonwich, Conn., November 23 .- While a little girl named Pierce was being punished by her teacher in one of the schools here a fortnight ago she attempted to back away and run home. The teacher caught the girl's bead between the door and the jamb, inflicting severe bruises. The hurt was not believed to be serious by any one though the child was taken out of school. Last week she died and a post mortem examination by a Montville physician, is said to have revealed clots of blood on the brain believed to have been the results from the accident. There is a good deal of excitement in the district.

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139" At Belle Plain, Scott county, Minn., J. W. Cottier was shooting at a mark put up on an out-house, not supposing any one to be therein, and was horrified to find that he had shot and instantly killed a little girl about eight years old, who chanced to be in the building.

The Bribery Cases.

A bitter Legal fight took place last week over the bribery cases at Harrisburg. After three days argument on different quibbles, the indictment against Salters was quashed on the ground that twenty-four jurors voted on the bill while the record showed that but twentythree were sworn.

The course taken by the defense will, in the public estimation amount to a plea of guilty, for if innocent they would prefer to have a fair trial rather than to escape temporarily on a mere technicality.

#### Panic Stricken.

A special dispatch from Waynesboro', Pa., dated November 26, says : A panic occurred in the Lutheran church at this place last night, which resulted in serious injuries to a number of persons,-Both the floor and galleries were densely packed, while scores of people outside struggled to gain admittance. Shortly before seven o'clock a bench in the church broke, making a cracking noise, and at once some one in the congregation called out, ' the building is falling.' A scene of the wildest excitement followed, the screams of women and children mingled with the shouts and exclamations of men. A general rush was made for the doorways, which were soon blocked up by the frightened crowd,

The tariff laws, though changes will be advocated, will doubtless remain substantially as they are. Thore is overwhelming evidence that business men regard stability in this respect as of infinitely more importance than the particular character of the laws.

Upon the subject of assistance to our commerce there is less general information in the country perhaps than on almost any other. The proposition made a year ago to grant to a line of American Steamers about the same proportionate rates for carrying our mails to Brazil as were being paid some of the railroads of the country for carrying them was voted down by an overwhelming majority, when the giving of the small sums asked would have insured the building in the United States of several steamships of the largest class, and the opening of a very extensive commerce with South American countries .--The proposition was beaten because the cry of "subsidy" was raised against it. But in connection with such truly National works as the improvement of the Mississippi river, the improvement of New York harbor, and kindred affairs, the project will be again revived and considered.

Among the other subjects which will come up will be the Chartering of a Nicaragua Canal Company, the creation for General Grant of the office of Captain General, and, last but not least the retirement of the outstanding greenbacks. This last measure it is supposed will be recommended by the administration. It is sure to meet with determined opposition.

Socially, the Washington winter will be

IF A couple of young children of respectable families in Fayette, Iowa, made up their minds to elope last week, and the male hooked \$100 from his father to pay the expenses of the wedding trip. His ondeavors to get it changed into smaller denominations led to an exposure of the intended elopement, and it was nipped in the bud. The lad then took laudanum, but was pumped out.

A dress made entirely of one material is never seen nowadays, but the combination of two fabrics in one dress is differently arranged from the " patchy" make up of last season. Now, as a general rule, the waist, paniers and part of the train, if not all, are figured goods, while plain material is used for the petticoat and apron drapery and for the very narrow platings that edge trains and form their only flounces.

12 A Marcellus, Mich., paper says : A lady, living in the knobs, called on one of our jewelers recently with a clock pendulum which she wanted fixed, remarking that it would not go. He could not convince her that the trouble lay with her clock, and she retired with her pendulum under her arm, denouncing jewelers who could not make a clock pendulum go without the clock.

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