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Maniac's Last Leap-The End of a once Affluent Merchant-The Paithful Wife who Watched Day and Night over a Wrecked Intellect.

Lafayette R. Fish committed suicide in his house, at Hicks and Fulton streets, Brooklyn, Wednesday morning. Mr. Fish was 47 years of age, temperate and indus-trious, but of weak mind. Five years ago he was a prosperous wholesale grocer in this city, but so prodigal that ruin overtook him. He removed to Brooklyn and for nearly three years was a conductor on a railroad. The loss of his property prayed upon his mind, and the apparent slights which he sometimes received from old associates stung him deeply. He frequently complained to his wife that his pair felt brain was burning, that his hair felt like threads of molten lead. He made three several attempts to take his life, but was always frustrated by his wife's sleepless vigilance. His morbid fancies assumed a torm so alarming that his wife feared to share his room, and slept on a lounge near the door, her ears ever on the alert for his slightest movement and her eyes watchful of all his actions. Last Thursday Mr. Fish complained of feeling unusually ill and from that time up to the morning of his death he rapidly grew worse. Yesterday his wife left him for a few moments, not without misglvings to procure medical assistance. When she returned a great crowd was collected about her house, which fell back at her approach and disclosed to her gaze the mangled corpse of her husband. It appears that Fish had availed himself of her absence to carry out his cherished planand, climbing to the root of the house which is four stories high, took the fatal leap, dashing out his braing upon the sidewalk .- N. Y. Sun.

## Assassination in Tennessee.

One of the most cold blooded assassinations in the annals of crime was perpetrated last Thursday week on the Hender-son Ferry road, about twelve miles from Brownsville, resulting in the death of an honest and well-to-do farmer of that county by the name of Elias King. The States says that about 6 o'clock in the evening, while he was bring down to be says that about 6 o'clock in the evening, while he was lying down on a lounge reading to his wife, he was shot through the window without a word of warning; he did not dream of danger, nor did his wife. He was reading to her from some lavorite book, and the candle stand was between them. The acresin, storing the window too high, built a small platform from the ground, and taking deliberate aim at his heart with an Enfield rifle, tired, shattering Mr. King's left arm and shooting him through the heart. He never rose from his recumbent position, and died without speaking a work. His death was almost instantaneous. His wife saw nothing but the flash of the gun. She was overwhelmed with consternation and on the same of and died without speaking a work. His terror; her screams brought the neighbors to her assistance, but not until the unfortunate man had breathed his last and the murderer had escaped. Circumstances point unerringly to a negro named Edmond, who was a laborer on the place, as the guilty party. The stable door was broken open a little while after the murder, and Mr. King's fine stallion taken out, and neither the horse nor the negro has been seen since. - Memphis Press.

## The Next Presidency.

The report that the Democratic leaders are in correspondence with regard to the propriety of abandoning a nomination for President, with a view of supporting a Conservative Republican candidate in opposition to Grant, has not, on inquiry in New York and of members of the Democratic committee in Washington, assumed positive shape. That quite a number of Democrats here favor such a course is openly admitted, while Senator Schurz and other Republicans, who are opposed to a continuance of the present Administration, declare that the only hope of success is found in that programme. How such a convention is to be called,

and who is to call it, are questions, it is stated, that must be left for the future to decide, as there is time in which the Democrats of all sections can discuss it. The National Democratic Executive Committee, appointed by the last National Convention, will meet in Washington in January, earlier than usual, to decide on the time and place of holding the next Convention. By that time the policy of the Conservative Republicane and the extent of the co-operation of the Democratic party will be fully developed and the committee can decide whether it is the wisest course to issue a call, pure and simple in national council. A statement that the Greeley faction of the Republicans intend to bring forward Mr. Colfax for the Presidency turns out unique. The Vice President writes that he is not a condidate for any office but was and the extent candidate for any office, but favorathe reelection of Grant, and adds that for himself he adheres to his resolution to retire
to private life at the and of his term of office.—Wash. Cor. Balt. Sun.

The War in Mexico Movements of Government and Insurgest Troops.

The New York Herold has advices from Monterey to the 4th instant. Two hundred cavalry sallied from Saltillo on tores. The government troops were driven back with loss of half their number. Two regiments of cavalry soon after arrived at Saltillo. Gen. Troving, the rebell leader, has carefully fortified his position at Hellos Muertus, communiting the road between Monterey and Saltillo. Escobed has placed at the disposal of the government of San Louis. His cavalry is now at Comment forces from Tamanlipas, under Gen. Cortina, have advanced into Neuvo Leon. Cortina is now at Camaloo, having advanced twenty leagues toward Monterey. It is said that Carnanal will head the revolution in Tamanlipas. rey. It is said that Carnanal will head the revolution in Tamaulipas at the proper time.

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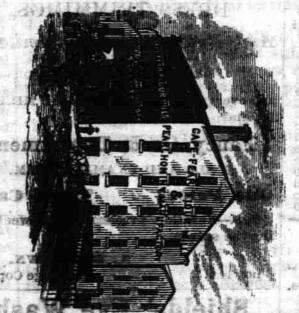
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