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DEMOCRATIC BOONOMY. There is no sort of doubt that the new Congress will save to the coun try in various ways heaps of money with which to pay off the National debt and lift burdens from the shoulders of the people. In the language of Col. Mulberry Sellars, "there's millions in it." Already there has been consultation among the Committee on Appropriations, of which Mr. Randall is chairman, and the members of that important commit tee have expressed the determination to reduce the expenditures heavily, and keep them reduced. The Republicans might have done this while they held the House, but Republicans are not the most economical and honest people in the world when they get control of appropriations and hold the money bags. They talked about reform until the people wearied of their buucombe and palaver and indignantly put them out. of alders of

The Sumter True Southron depre cates the way newspapers have of al luding to the newly-elected Judge in South Carolina as the "Robber Ex-Governor," holding with apparent justice, that it is a decided misnemer. "Robbers take by force," it explains "the goods and property of others. "There is some manly courage shown " by robbery-great danger some "times accompanies it. New, how " innocent little Frank is of anything " of this kind! We have never known "the little fellow to put himself in "danger even for money! But s " more consummate, and industrious " sneak-thief, we suppose it would be "hard to find on the continent," Certainly this is a flattering portrait of a Judge!

We agree with the Baltimore Ga zette in the opinion that the New York Tribune is mistaken in counting Morton out of the fight Presidential next year. Despite his constant flaunting of the tattered "bloody shirt? the Indiana leader will have a good following in the Republican convention from the West. But the Gazette is wrong, we think, in making small of Bristow's chances. The whiskey, revelations are bound to give him strengthie Blaine, bowever, at present is the strongest of Grant's rivals apparently.

The New York Sun contends that Grant is not discouraged at all by that vote of 283 to 17 in the House of Representatives. He expected it. and made his schedule to run a train carrying only religious bigots, it is true; but as sure as be wants to be President after 1877 he will ditch that train before it reaches the nomination switch or afterward,

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The next morning after Speaker Kerr's appointments were announced we expressed our gratification at the prominence given to the South-escially to a part of the North Carelina delegation. We said nothing then of the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee, the most important gift in the Speaker's hand. Mr. Wm. R. Morrison represents the Seventeenth district of Illinois, and is resident of Waterloo, Monroe county. He was a member of the last Congress, but did not serve on any of the more conspicuous committees. He was a member of the 38th Cones (serving on the Committee on porter wind disagifferent balls itia) and was an phsuccessful cap-of the Illinois House

of Representatives. In that position he displayed ability. Mr. Morrison's appointment was due not to his particular fitness for the place but to two things that struck Mr. Kerr as important considerations in the matter of distributing his favors. First, Mr. Morrison was the leader before and in the caucus of the Kerr column. To him more than to any one else is Mr. Kerr indebted for his election. In the second place he wanted to take away from the North and East, for a brief space at least, that dominancy in the House those sections had arrogated to themselves for many years. Mr. Kerr as a Western man felt that he could do no better thing for the country than to put a safe Western man at the head of the leading committee. Then he justly reflected that for reasons of the utmost argency he should give to the Mississippi Valley and its tributaries all the assistance possible. We commend Mr. Kerr for doing this, though the selection of Mr. Payne or Mr. Sayler or some other Western man of superior parts would perhaps have been fitter than that of Mr. Morrison. Still, as the latter is a man of respectable ability and strong character it is likely he will make a good Chairman for the Ways and Means. This is enough to expect.

REMARKABLE THINGS.

The Richmond Earthquake. On Wednesday night shortly before mid night Richmond was thrown out of bed by a severe earthquake shock, or rather quick succession of shocks. We learn from the Enquirer that all the day previous had been ppressively warm and sultry. Towards night, however, it blew up a little chilly, though still very damp, but near midnight the few stragglers on the streets were conscious of an unusual stillness and heaviness in the atmosphere, and at 20 minutes to 12 a distinct and severe earthquake shock was felt throughout the entire city. The duration of this shock was estimated at from 10 to 20 seconds and the movement north and south. The first intimation was a heavy detonation followed by a rapid rocking and low rumbling. A cessation of about four seconds, and then another distinct move ment travelling east and west was felt Throughout the city the wildest consterns tion prevailed. People turned out in their night clothes in many instances. Every body enquired of his neighbor, next?" The shocks were felt in a lesser degree of intensity at other points in the State. In Petersburg the horses were vio lently shaken. In some of the buildings or Sycamore street the shock was se violent as to cause positive fright. The Index-Appeal building trembled from roof to founds tion, and a very rapid exit to the street was made by all the compositers. The large ron front buildings in which is situated the News office was greatly shaken. At other points the shocks were much lighter, though its force as an earthquake was unmistakable at Alexandria. So general a quaking has never been felt in that State before, we learn by the Richmond Dispatch

The explosion of a gas main in a thronged street of Bosion Wednesday evening was an incident as extraordinary in its character as it was lamentable in its results. | Over a hundred and fifty feet of the pavement was thrown into the air, many persons were in jured by the debris, one was instanly killed and others were thrown into the river and drowned. The cause of the disaster is a far a mystery, but it is suggested that the pipes may have been impaired cent intensely cold weather, causing the gas to escape, and the ground becoming saturated the gas ignited from some cause with the result reported. The main pip about five inches in diameter, passes under Federal street bridge and along the Causeway, leading from it up to Dorchester ave-nue, the continuation in South Boston of Federal street. This causeway is composed of three feet or more of dirt and gravel, with pavement resting on a foundation of piling, and on either side for seventeen feet or more is the river. Eye-witnesse state that the first intimitation was a bright flash about midway the causeway, followed by a sharp explosion, paving-stones, gravel and debris flying in all directions and almost immediately thereafter the causeway on the right-hand side, under which ran the

The Boston Gas Main Explosion.

but it is feared several were buried under debris at the bottom of the river. The svement was completely form up for a stance of one hundred and seventy-five feet from the wooden portion of the bridge to Crosby's warehouse, which is built upon piling at the end of the causeway on the Bouth Boston side This building battered and shattered. Had the I life would have been far greater, as the draw of the bridge had been up for some time, and a crowd of three hundred or four hundred persons on their way from the city to their homes in South Boston had collected on this side, and in a few minutes yould have swarmed upon the causeway?

with the discoveries of the New York Herald concerning a recent and danger-ous politico-religious order called the Order of the American Union, the purpose of which is to control the politics of the country exclusively in the interest of Protestants. The order is believed to be in the hands of Blaine and Grant, though it has been stoutly denied that Grant is a member. He undoubtedly sympathizes with its sims, however, if we may judge from his recent speech and suggestions to Congress in his message. The Herald says Grant will be run by the Order for a third term as a political necessity. Most of the men employed by the government in the postoffices and custom houses are believed to be members of the Order. Plenty of money has been obtained to carry out the operations. Chief Justice Dunn, of Arizona, was removed, it is alleged, by command of the American Union, because he was a Papist. The total membership throughout the country at present is said to be 76.811. The largest number in any one State is found in the State of New York, the strength of the Order being 21,217. New Fork State has forty-three Councils, Ohio wenty-one; New Jersey, nineteen; Illinois, sixteen; Pennsylvania, thirteen; Connecticut, seven; Maine, four; Vermont, two: New Hampshire, three; California, five; Michigan, seven; and the Order w increasing rapidly in every State. Hunreds are being initiated every day. There are subordinate bodies of lodges, for the purpose of spreading membership. become a member of the Order one must be proposed by an active member in good standing in the Council. His name is handed over to a Committee, who make the most searching inquiries, about his probable antagonism to, or sympathy for, Romanism. If reported favorbly by them to the Council the candidate is ballotted for and initiated if elected. The grips, signs and pass words were all discovered and published by the Herald, but for those we have no room. The following is the oath: "I the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Consti tution of the United States and of this State; that I will keep inviolate the secrets of this Order American Union, That I will obey the Constitution and laws; that I will not knowingly vote for, recommend, nor appoint, nor assist in electing or appointing a Romanist or Papist or any person sympathising with the Romish Church to any political office of honor or trust whatsoever; that I will oppose to the utmost of my power all attempts to use the public funds for any sectarian purpose whatever, and will ever maintain the great principle of one general unsectarian free school. That I will not permit my children to be brought up in a Romish school for secular instruction; that will never propose, nor second the propostrion, nor initiate, or cause to be initiated into this Order A. U., a Romanist or Papist, knowing him to be such; will never reveal nor betray any secret that may be atrusted to me in the workings of this Order A. U., or that may be entrusted to me by any brother of the same; that I will never use any of the signs, grips, words, passwords, or other mysteries of O. A. U., whereby any knowledge of it may be made known to the uninitiated. All this I volun-tarily promise, declare and swear, without esitation or mental reservation. So help me God." A detailed account of a session of Bunker Hill Council No. 2, in New York city, is given in the Herald of Thurs day. The reporter passed in unsuspected, giving the password, &c;, and with great difficulty wrote in his sleeve, his hat before him, the record of the proceedings,

and then went, out still undiscovered. Pandemontum to south Carelina. ler county: [Franklinoism], by largel M.

A high old carnival on our streets, last Saturday, the third day after Whipper and Moses were elected to the Bench, into which white and black entered freely and regardless of law. Knives, pistols and clobs were drawn and brandished in the air, and drawn and brandished in the air, and blood flowed freely from the face of some and from the head of others. Curses and vile and profane language deafened the ears of those in the neighborhood and at one moment hell itself never presented a more disgraceful scene than our public square. If all the demons in the infernal regions had got on a bust, after a ten days debauch on tangled leg, lightning whiskey, they could not have rendered the public square of Pandemonium more disgraceful, disgusting and repulsive than was the public square of our town, last Saturday evening.

on the right hand side, under which ran the

gas main, fell over into the river, carryiny over with it several persons, who were

That must be horrid zone.

but all such should reflect that it is observed in honor of an event in the world's history which brought with it and scattered to the nations "glad tidings of great joy, which hall be to all men." We should all pre les on this day, to look only at the bright side of things, doing away for the nonce with all useless repinings, whether they be on account of beddy ill heath, engendered whether they be tracester to other and more scrious cause or elected. Det us resolve, at least, to be as happy as we know how, or as the peculiar

we say: "Be merry as the day is long," but refrain as much as possible from the use of powder, swivels and pop-guns, and, in fact, from all instruments and missiles of a dan-

gerous character."

We tender to our many patrons and friends the compliments of the season.

New Year's Dinner for the Cotton Pactory Operatives. The ladies of the Benevolent Society propose to assist the industrious poor by giving the operatives in the factory a New Year's dinner. They want to assist and shootrage those who are trying to lielp themselves. Care shall be taken that no unworthy objects shall be the recipients of these benefactions. They therefore solicit donatious of food, clothing and money to be received before the first of January. All giving may rest assured that none living

all cases there must be positive evidence that the object shall be deserving. I no mi The donations will be received at Mrs. George Chadbourn's corner Front and Nun

in habitual idleness shall be assisted, and in

streets, was then and good because air After New Year's the ladies propose to continue their good work by supplying the factory operatives with hot coffee each morning before entering the factory, and with a hot and wholesome meal at noon, consisting of soup, bread and vegetables, It is to be hoped that encouragment will be given to a cause so worthy in itself. If any of the New Year's donations lafter the factory operatives are supplied) be left, they shall be given to the sick poor.

LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Christmas Treat for the Prisoners Sheriff Manning will treat the prisoner n the county jail to-day to a sumptuous Christmas dinner, not leaving out the allmportant turkey, with its accompaniments. It is well that they should have a taste at least of the joys and happiness that prevail around us from realization of which they must of necessity be to a great extent debarred. It is to be hoped that all who are not utterly depraved and hardened in iniquity and crime may be induced to form new resolutions for the coming year and determine to be better men and better women for the future.

Christmas at the Poor House. The inmates of the County Poor House are much elated, we understand, at the pros pect of a big dinner, including refreshments. &c. Which Superintendent Scott proposes to give them to day. We are glad to hear that so many stricken hearts are to be made happy this Christmas day, and hope examples of sympathy and consideration on the part of our officials may be productive of good results.

Prisoners from Pender.

named Henry Woodcock and Owen Castin both colored, the former sentenced to 3 wears in the penitentiary for larcepy, were ought down Thursday night. Woodcock was lodged in jail and Castin was refeased upon giving bond for his appearance at the next term of the Superior Court, as re-

- A merry Christmas? Xes! with all our heart was wish hit to every reader, great or small, to whom through all the life scenes of the years that are gone we have daily drawn near through our paper. We have rejuced with you in your lights of gladness, we have mourned with you over the sakes of hopes and dearer buried things even than hopes: can you not believe, then, that your face, with the others, comes before us as we wish "A merry Christmas to the folk of gentle will?"

- We felt disturbed in our mind when we found last night that our front gate was gone, and when the darkness was made to how! with the notes of the shrill fish-horn and the excruciating tin-pan we felt moved to get mad. But then we re-membered how we once had been a boy and sawed the horse fiddle at midnight with case unless Plymouth Church confelt moved to get made But then we rea rosined fence rail on front gates and twanged the squeduck with the bravest under the windows of sleeping dignity, and our anger was in a measure appeased

For some reason of its own or for just no reason at all the New York Herald is lashing itself into a fury over the Speaker's appointments on the Committees ... It heads an article "Have Northern and Eastern Democrats any rights which Southern and Western Democrats are bound to respect? The restoration of the Bourbons. The New York press, is apt to imagine their city the United States. The Herald is particularly afflicted with this monomania, It is York, has delivered a lecture ossilared

Apples, (dried) 121 cents per pound; dried peaches 25c per pound; walnuts, 25 cents per peck; pickles, 20 cents per dozen lard, 18 cents per pound; butter, 40@55 cents per pound; clieese, 25 cents per pound; grown fawls 50@60 s pair; geese \$1 50 per pair; heef 10@16ic. per pound; heef, (cor ed) 121@15c. per pound; veal, 121@16i-per pound; mutton, 121@16i cts. per pound nam. 18@20 cts. per pound; shoulders, 1240 14 cents per pound; tripe, 20 ets. per bun clams, 25 cents a peck; open clams, 200 cts a quart; soup bunch, 5 cts; eggs, 25@36 potatoes, new Irish, 40c a peck; new sweet 20 cents a peck; fish-trout 25c. per bunch mullets 10@25 cents per bunch; turnips, head; bologna 20 cents a pound; wild-

ducks 50@75 cents a pair; parcley, cents a bunch; onions, 50 cents a peca; carrots, 5 cents a pound: rice 10@20 cents quart; crabs 15 cts dozen; green field peas 10c per quart; apples 50 to 60c per peck liver pudding, 20 cents # fb; blood pud ding, 25 cents # Ib.; oysters (New River \$1.25 per gallon or \$1 a bushel; do. Sound 20 cents a quart; cauliflower, 10@25 cents celery, 25 cents per bunch.

BATAL ENCOUNTER WITH A CAT AMOUNT.

The Death of a Famous Deer Slayer After Thirty Years as a Hunter and

T MARTINSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 21. Jackson Frailey was killed in contest with a catamount near Tamarack Swamp, on Welsh Mountain, on Wednesday last. His body was found on Friday. A large bear was seen on Monday in the mountain not far from this village, and on Wed nesday morning Frailey, accompan-ied by Joseph and James Bloom, went out to hunt. The Welsh Mountain is heavily timbered, surrounded by great swamps and ravines, in which, bears, catamounts, and other wild animals are plenty. The hunters expected to return on Wednesday night. They took no dogs, as it was feared that they might go off on the track of deer. They did not return and on Thursday morning a snow storm set it. On Thursday night i cleared off, six or eight inches of snow having fallen. The hunters did not return that night, and their friends determined to dispatch search ers to find them if they were not back by Friday morning. On that morn ing fifteen or twenty stalwart woods men started to search Welsh Moun tain for the missing men. At about 10 o'clock the body o

Frailey was found covered up in snow drift, near the foot of the moun tain, only half a mile from Frazer's clearing. His clothing were torn off from his throat to his knees, and his face, neck, breast and abdomen was terribly lacerated; seemingly by the claws or teeth of a wild animal. As near, nor tracks in the snow, it was inferred that after the fatal struggle in some other part of the wood before the snow storm, he had made his way thus far in search of aid, and that he perished in the cold.

Nothing further was found unti

the party reached Tamarack awamp The body of Frailey was taken back to Martinsville by three of the party. While going about the swamp, one of the men found Frailey's rifle standing against a free! Both barrels were empty. A short distance to the right, in a hollow, was the body of an enormous catamount. It was covered with wonnds one being made by a rifle ball and the rest plainly by a knife. The snow being scraped away about the tree against which the rifle stood, the buster's knife-allieng clasp knife with a buck-born bandle found. It was evident that there had been a fearful struggle, for the ground was covered with blood for several feet around, and the under

bush was bloody and broken.

Frailey leaves a large family. He had followed hunting and trapping for thirty years, beginning before he was ten mears old . In those thirty years, he killed over 2,000 deer, 24 bears, 25 catamounts, 3 panthers, and unnumbered wolves and foxes. He was known throughout the State as the Nimred of the Conawago and which has been so successful during the Deer Slayer, sand skuldt al

ment Moulton's Determination. The New York Tribune learns from an authoritative source that Mrs. senta to the holding of a mutual oouncil based upon the question proposed by Mrs. Moulton in her las letter, as well as those set forth b the church, I She will this week coinmunicate with the church to ascertain whether it will accept her final offer to hold a mutual council upon these questions, and in case that is rejected she will have a council of her own she is informed are the best mem-bers of the Congregational Church in the United States. Mrs. Moulton will however, probably await the re-Plymouth Church to meet January
11, before calling her ex parte council, as she is said to be in no haste
about the matter! Broms nothing

How many "Gil" Havens, make a "pint?" inquires the Boston Post.

Mr. Longfellow has written a much admired and somewhat absurd poem showing how a youth toted into all manner of impossible places a banner bearing the device "Excelsior," and whenever he was questioned, besought of commanded, whether by strange or maiden, by foe or native, he answered with a voice "like a falling star" "Excelsior." It is a pretty sentiment, and the poem has been sung and quoted by numberless youn people as being an expression of the the American Ideal. But in point of fact D. H. or Dead Head is in these times your true Ideal as realized in the Real (vide Bulwer, Passim).

Spell it with capital letters and it conserve much of American politics, and even states manufactures.

dest piece of mandacity shbootsub The Credit Mobilier throve by means of D. H. The Franking Privilege was a grand D. H. The Pacific ads got the government to give them so much land as built them D. Har Man Grant was on such terms with Fisk, Bonner and A. T. Stewart as amounted to D. H.; they say that of all the presents that have reached him, only one, the famous bull pun failed to reach him D. H.; and when the President drives over a stray child or two, with a fast trotter, the police declare it shall be D. H. Crooked whiskey, again, is a case of D. H. And now the great Hawley and the funeral Childs swoop down upon Congress and the Capitol with a drag net of D. H., and carry off the whole Government on an excursion to Philadelphia, by means of D. H. in order to make the Centennial Show

a D. H. blessing to the City of Brotherly Love. I'wo hundred and fifty Congress men, the President and almost the whole Cabinet with a half legion of reporters were all conveyed the other day to Philadelphia, and put through the whole trip, D. H., for the avowed purpose of persuading the Congr to grant to the Centennial a million and a half dollars so that Centennia stock may rise and the city of Phila delphia may ride on national money to a world famous D. H. Abracadabra was once a word of power, now it is spelled D. H. "Open Sesame was useful in Ali Baba's time, but he would never have coveted the treasures of the Forty Thieves if he had only had a plenty of D. H. The wishing carpet of the fairy tale was a useful thing in its way, and nothing at all to D. H., and the lamp of Alad din pales its ineffectual fires by the side of the new-born magic, D. H. By D. H. you shall span continents, make presidents, escape convictions, whitewash characters, live illustrious and die famented. All hail D. H., mystic cabala of modern times and wondrous weapon of manifest destiny! Westward the Star of Empire takes its way-D. H. After-Thoughts About Oakey Hall's

[New York Correspondence of the Phila

delphia Times, l The debut of Mr. A. Oakey Hall apon the stage is still somewhat the talk of the town. Despite the flattering notices which the ex-Mayor re ceived in Sunday's papers, the fact of his having made a dismal failure wa pretty generally understood, and when the Tribune appeared with a column and a half of sorrowful rhetoric in Wm. Winter's best style, there was a general expression of concord in the critical judgment. Not that or Hall succeed in his new venture. They would He is and always has been, a great favorite, and whether he is making a post-prandial speech at the Manhattah Club, win se in hand, or drinking beer wit the Bohemians, in a Broadway cellar, he is always the suave, polite bril-liant, warm-hearted gentleman. But he is not an actor, and hever will make one if He is associated with Mr. Stuart in the management of the Par Theatre, and we would suggest to him as a brilliant initial bit of mana gerial diplomacy to take the 'Urucible off the boards. If he does not it will melt away whatever money he ha managed to accumulate.

people at Springfield, Mass., known as the Industrial Works, for the manufacture of toys and household goods, its brief existence of a year that it is attracting considerable attention. All citedly investigating. niely a small amount of capital, and vestment in the capital stock. The women furnish no capital at the start lish admirer.

but are required to contribute one-sixth of their wages as their share.

The association is governed by a beard of directors, which fixes the hours before, nearly frozen to death. It was with much difficulty that she was aroused. isave one fourth of their wages for in-The association is governed by a board of directors, which fixes the rates of individual wages. The members live in one large "home," and own two new factory buildings, with water power and machinery. They began business a year ago with five hands, and now have forty-five. The success or failure of such co-operative success or failure of such co-operative secreties depends chiefly on the business ability and honesty of the directors. There is the advantage of lessened expenses in comparison with individual enterprise, but there is too often a want of harmony in managepolitical are venily becoming them

Mr. Bayard Taylor is making elaborate studies for a combined biography of Goeths and Schiller, which will occupy several volumes, and will not be ready for some years to come.

for the benefit of all .

— The Toisdot tournament was a pleasant affair. Capt. R. W. Joyner delivered the address OT SMAST

A negro woman in Yanceveille locked up her child and left it to burn to a crisp before she returned. - The Milton Chronicle tells how Doshey Link, colored, was burned so hadly her life is almost despaired of.

- Rumored Cebe L. Harris has displaced Hearne in the superintendency of the U. S. Government building at Raleigh. -Hon Burton Craige, of Salis bury, who has been ill at the reside his son-in-law in Concord, is muc

The latest occupation of the infamous J. G. Hester was delivering a series of readings from Milton's "Paradise

This surpasses the brazen front of the Miltonic devil himself.

— The counter of Bobbitt & Nash's store, near the centre of the town of Henderson, and some 1,200 yards of cloth were burned Monday night. Only hoge ourned Monday night. Only hige one saved the place from again being

Advance. The gin house of Mr. Jest Jones, on the Stantonsburg and Snow Hill road in Greene county was destroyed by fire on Monday last, entailing a loss to the owner of the building, machinery and a lot of cotton, valued at \$4,000. The building and machinery were insured for only \$900. Cause of the fire, sparks from

The earthquake was felt at Greens-boro and Raleigh. The Sentine of Thurs day says. Some of our citizens, who hap-pened to be awake at 18 minutes after 12 o'clock last night, were startled by two sharp earthquake shocks. The shaky wave seemed to move from dast to west. Windows and crockery were rattled, and some buildings are said to have swayed percept-

- Raleigh News of Wednesday: We learn from Durham yesterday event We learn from Durham yesterday evening that on Monday Mr. James Ray shot and kille dMr. Wm. S. Terry, both of Orange county. We learned nothing of the particulars further than the difficulty is said to have been occasioned by a dispute over the tearing down of some fences. Ray is said to have been captured yesterday morning and lodged in juil.

- The Robesonian gives the particulars of the murder of Amos Taylor in Robeson county, a few days ago: About dark while he was eating supper, three armed men with masked faces, entered his humble cabin and after felling him to the floor, dragged him to the road, a distance of about three hundred yards, and beat him unmercifully with steels and large switches, his wife being present, imploring them to spare his life. His wife, who is said to be an idiot, secured the arrest of three sons of Rev. Farney Prevatt: Joseph Prevatt, Rev. F. A. Prevatt and A. N. Pre-vatt. They were released as there was no evidence and no belief that they had committed the horrible crime

- From the report of the Secretary of State, Howertonit, is seen, says the News, that 23 life and 60 fire insurance companies doing business in the State have submitted their sworn statements and have complied with the law requiring an investigation of financial condition; 7 insurance companies have failed during the year, and 1 is doing business without having complied with the law. Six banking institutions have submitted their statements and come within the provisions of the law, while four others, considered perfectly reliable, failed to show the \$100,000 assets required; four banking institutions have not sworn to their statements, while the four national banks of the State refuse to comply with the law, claiming the protection of the national Whatever does not swal guidad

A Female Chost that Yells When its

Mr- Jacob Livingston and his wife, of Reading, Pa., have fer some time been living with a son, at 628 South Tenth street, Reading, and the wife has been troubled at nights with a woman-form that would enter the room and lay cold, clammy hands upon her, so that her blood was ourdled and sleep driven from her the chairmen are truly ustileye

When the father moved to the son's house the old lady slept on the outer side of the bed, next the stove. But the ghost drove her to the other side and the old man took her place. He thought held find out something about it. Thus three weeks passed and no spectre lay hands on Mr. Livingstone. But a few nights since, after all the doors had been looked and all the inmates of the house were in and Mr. Livingstone was yet awake, he felt the cold, clammy hands on his face. He instantly seized one wrist of the ghost, but it was ferked way; then the other; But a hand sought his throat, one or two fingers of which he afterwards got between his teeth, and held on. With that the spectre shouted in a weman's voice, Betz, Bets, Bets I (Mr. Livingstone's wife's name) louder and louder. The son cando running, but before he could reach the room the mysterious woman pore ther langers way from the father's mouth and, disappeared, and no traces of her have as yet been found. The Livingstones are respectable and reliable people; their story is believed, and Reading is ex-

- One reason for Charles Bradjaugh's sudden return to Europe is said to be that be has fallen hair to a large proper-

- Merry Christmas I Merry Christ-

Heavenly voices sound the strain, —
5 Peace on earth, good will from Heav Send the eche back again of notice

man of the Committee on Weights and Measures we hope may not reduce the avoir-dupois of sugar, or shorten the measure of

- Mr. Fox leaves his wife and child, a daughter seven years of age, almost entirely destitute. Dr. Hammond, the emithat he had examined Mr. Fox very carefully; that he is afflicted with that form of insanity known as general paralysis; that he is incapable of taking care of himself, and that his recovery is not probable.

libel. We quobat