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### ONE MAN POWER.

The more the autocratic action of Speaker Reed in the contest between the majority and the minority in the House of Representatives last week is considered the more serious and outrageous it becomes. For a thorough illustration of the one-man power it exceeds anything ever attempted by any other man occupying | Morgan and Senator Butler never the seat he occupies, or by any other officer of the Government in time of capable of improvement." They peace. Andrew Johnson was charged have simply asserted what Mr. Inwhile President with an attempt to galls and other Republicans assert, constitute himself a one-man power, the representatives of the party to which he belonged and of which Mr. Reed is now a leading light, brought articles of impeachment against him and he escaped by the skin of his progress. If there be so many

himself dictatorial power and assume in defence of this procedure to interpret the constitution to suit himself, and differently from any otheradoption, in direct contradiction of a 1875, and in defiance of protests and appeals, proceed to exercise this dictatorial power, is more than a matter of mere partisan bearing, more than a matter in which the majority or minority of that House, or the no other reason can be given. Republican party, or the Democratic which the whole people of this country, regardless of party, are interested, for it is a fearful and a dangerous power when one man can by his sovereign will say what character of legislation shall be enacted and what not, what bill shall pass or not pass whether a proposed law may become a law or not, who shall who shall not, for all these and more are the logical sequents of this conspirator's autocratic assumptions. If under the Constitution of these United States he has the right and power to do what he claims, then is he the one-man power in this government, greater than Congress. greater than the executive, greater than the judiciary.

Why do we say this? Because the man who with iron will can with absolute power rule the House of Representatives is greater than a king. He absolutely holds the Government in his hands, and can clog its wheels at pleasure or stop them altogether. Nothing like this is probable, or to be feared, it may be said. No, we don't suppose it is. Until the American people are a great deal more unmanned and degenerate than they have yet become the life of a man cal work of colored men." And all who attempted that would be a bad this protesting against the failure to risk for an insurance company; but still it is possible and prudent people guard not only against the probable forms us, there are "hundreds" of cabut the possible disaster. If he can interpret one article in the Constitution to suit himself he can interpret all, and he can so interpret as to nullify all.

Congress is the law making power of this Government, the greatest of all because it is supposed to speak for the people, to represent the people, to act for the people and, as the duly accredited agents of the peoples executive which only administers the laws it enacts, or the judiciary which only interprets the laws when their meaning may be in doubt. By virtue of its authority war is declared, armies equipped and supported in seas, peace declared, and the moneys raised and appropriated by which the Govern mental machinery is kept running in war and in peace. This ment which Speaker Reed assumes the power to control by his ipse dixit, and which he has, backed by his fellow conspirators, controlled with absolute sway for the past week.

If Mr. Reed's assumption be correct that he can declare a majority Bly or Miss Bisland did, if you give present when the roll call does not clause of the Constitution which says that a majority shall constitute a quorum for the trasaction of business, and that a majority of the quorum shall be necessary to carry a measure, is absurd, for if he can count a quond not voting as present in law, as well as in person, and can thus with a manufactured quorum declare a measure carried by less than a majority of a constitutional quorum, he might in contingences, if all the balance of the members saw fit not to vote, declare a measure carried which received only one vote. He deliberarely knocks the majority requisite destroys it, reduces the minoriand the House of Representatives not

but a monstrous legislative despo-

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That's what it was all last week, while the autocratic Reed and his fellow conspirators were playing their desperate game for power; that's what it is now, and that's what it will continue to be while one man with the party whip sits supreme and rules the House at his will. If the people do not rebuke this they will be holding their liberty very cheap.

#### RISING IN PHILADELPHIA.

published in Philadelphia, in refutation, as it claims, of the assertions of Senators Morgan and Butler that the negro is "incapable of improvement and can never become a valuable citizen," remarks that there might be cited "numerous-hundreds of examples"-in that city to the contrary. The News puts up a figure of straw to knock it down. Senator have asserted that the negro is "inand what the Republican party asserts in practice, that the negro is not qualified to hold the reins of government, and to cope with the white man in the march of capable colored men in the city of That Mr. Reed should arrogate to Philadelphia as the News would have us believe, why are not some of them placed in responsible representative or other positions by the dominant Republicans of that city with pretation ever before given since its whom they so solidly and steadfastly act? Thus recognizing their capaformer interpretation by himself in bility and worthiness to hold office why ignore them? Is it because their skins are too dark to stand the test and meet the requirements for a nomination? It must be that for conceding capability and worthiness

As proof that they are coming, party is interested, it is something in however, it quotes from a paper published by a colored man an article headed "Tell 'em we are rising" which runs thus:

"Tell 'em we are Rising." Though the columns of this paper have never swerved from the advocacy of Republi can principles, we have been a chronic protestant against the reluctance of the local leaders to recognize the political work of colored men. We must now acknowledge that in the next political tion. The local government will be influenced to some extent by colored men. Con R. Hubert goes to Council from the Fifth ward. Mr. Hubert has been an aggressive worker in his ward. He has spent money and time in past contests leading forlorn hopes and demonstrating the negro's ability to stick. Stephen B, Gipson is remembered by our readers, and particularly by those in the Seventh ward, from his Legislative fight. He will go to Councils from the Seventh ward as a fit representative of the intelligence and ability of the rising colored youth.

Mr. Perry, the able colored gentleman who so exultingly exclaims and proclaims "Tell 'em we are rising" starts out by telling his loyal white brethren in the good Republican city of Brotherly Love, that although a true dyed in the wool Republican from wayback, he has been a "chronic protestant against the reluctance of the local bodies to recognize the politirecognize them was in the good city of Philadelphia, where, the News inpable, good colored citizens. Why is this thus? Why this Ignoring of capable men by a party which don't believe in drawing the color line? This is a puzzle harder to solve than the race problem. The only way we can account for it is on the ground

that there must be some sneaking race prejudice among the good Republicans of that city, which is a rather hard thing to think about to pass laws governing the people them. But if any of this sneaking as citizens of the Republic. It is the race prejudice does unhappily exist source of power, greater than the in that presumably colorless burg it is vanishing, vanishing slowly, it is true, but nevertheless vanishing; slow but sure. The toad is not remarkable for speed. He moves rather with deliberation and caution, thinks before he hops and then does the field, navies put upon the high it methodically. When he jumps he jumps with a view to landing on the earth, and not to staying up in the air, and consequently he comes back to earth according to calculation. is the mighty branch of the Govern- That's the reason why he moves with such deliberation, and goes slow. He does not travel at the rate of 1,000 miles a day, but give him time, point him in the right direction and he will get around the world, although not as fast as Nellie

him time enough and deep water show a majority present, then that don't come in the way. So after ever so much chronic protesting, twenty-three years after enfranchisement, in a Republican city which claims a population of about 800,000, where stacks of speeches have been delivered asserting and rum when he pleases, regardless of maintaining the political equality the record, and count those present of colored men with all the other men on the face of the earth, where there are, according to the News, "numerous" capable colored men, they are "rising," going up with a mighty boost and bound, their political work has been recognized, their "sticking" capacity discovered, and the grand result achieved over which the colored brother exultingly exciaims, "Tell 'em we are rising!" of the constituton into flinders, utterly These colored Republican workers actually to go into the town council. ty to a practical nonentity (save They are the "rising" statesmen of for the purpose of making up the wards in which they live, and one the fictitious quorum) makes the par- of them, by the way, this coltisan Speaker and his pals absolute, ored brother tells us, has "spent

sense its founders intended it to be in this instance seems somewhat to have offset his colored skin. The man who "spends his money in leading forlorn hopes" has presumably a good claim on the Republican party for ward recognition, especially if there happen to be a good many negroes in that ward.

The colored editor quoted by the News tells us further as an evidence that they are "rising," that two colored men have been put on "city committees," that is party committees, and remarks that "these selections will do much to prevent the threatened growth of a colored Dem-The News, a Republican paper, ocratic vote in this city," which shows the milk in the cocoanut, and explains at once this sudden recognition after twenty-three years of freezing out, of a few colored men. It was to "check the threatened growth of a colored Democratic vote in this city." This accounts for the "rising." The white Republican bosses were getting scared and decided that they had better throw out a tub, though a small one, to the colored whale, which was threatening to flap its tail around in the political waters and "rising," and there is hope that within the next thousand years, at this rate the colored brother will be fully re cognized as a component part of the Republican party,

The President has recognized the claims of the colored people by appointing Blanche K. Bruce recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia. to succeed Trotter, black, resigned at the request of the President. As Blanche is not only Blanche in name but pretty blanch of skin being nearly white, this is not so much a recognition of the negro after all. It is a sort of a compronise on the color line.

The protectionists have driven American ships from the high seas, and now they are running to Congress with hat in hand begging for bonuses to build up more ships to take the place of those they have destroyed. What cheek!

ALLEGED ROBBERY.

Henry Stone of New York Loses \$550

Which He Claims Was Stolen Mr. Henry Stone, of New York, made complaint yesterday before Justice R H. Bunting that he had been robbed Monday night last of \$550; two hundred dollars being in two checks for \$10 each on banks in New York city, and the remainder consisting of seven bank bills of \$50 each. A warrant was issued for the arrest of a man named Gray, a stranger who had been in the city several days, and search warrants were also issued, and the rooms occupied by two white women, named Sadi Hamilton and Lilly Johnson, living on South Fourth street, were searched, but the missing money was not found. Stone alleged that he had the money on his person, and was in company with Gray and the women named at a dance in a house on South Fourth street, Monday night, and upon returning to his lodgings at Mr. Koch's restaurant, corner of Second and Princess streets, discovered that he had been robbed. A witness named Barney Snaa testified that Gray made a proposition to him a week ago to rob Stone; but there was no other evidence against the accused; the women testifying that Gray did not put his hands on Stone at any time during the evening. The magistrate, after hearing the evidence, dismissed the case, and required the prosecutor to pay the costs.

FEBRUARY WEATHER.

Forecasts as Published by the U.

Hydrographic Bureau "Stormy weather will prevail off the Atlantic coast of North America and Europe, especially off the American coast along the course of the Gulf Stream, and over the Atlantic to the northward of about 35° North latitude. Along the transatlantic routes fresh to strong gales, principally from the westward, will be encountered about once a week. Northers will occur less frequently in the Gulf of Mexico, but will be of greater violence than earlier in the season. The NE. Trades will begin to extend further north. Icebergs and field ice will be encountered off Newfoundland and over the Grand Banks. possibly as far south as the 42d parallel. between longitudes 43° and 53° W. Little fog will be met with on the

# RAILROAD NOTES.

- Officials were busy yesterday at the C. F. & Y. V. sheds receiving freight for shipment to stations along the line of

- Railroad men connected with the A. C. L. report that the passenger travel is about as usual at this season of the year, while the freight traffic is rather above the average.

- With the W. O. & E. C. railroad completed and in operation, we shall have business facilities for each cardinal point of the compass-North, South, East and West.

- It is expected among railroad people that before the present year has passed away, through connection by rail will be made with the West, via the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railroad. There remains now only about 30 miles of road to be built to make the connection complete, and surveyors have already determined on the line. It will but a short time to finish nection when work is once fairly begun

The Pulpit and the Stage.

Rev. F. M. Shrout, Pastor United Brethren Church, Blue Mound, Kan., says: "I feel it my duty so tell what wonders Dr. King's New Discovery has done for me. My Lungs were badly diseased, and my parishioners thought I could live only a few weeks, I took five bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery and am sound and well emining 20 lbs. and am sound and well, gaining 20 lbs. in weight.'

Arthur Love, Manager Love's Funny Folks Combination, writes: "After a thorough trial and convincing evidence, I am confident Dr. King's New Dis-covery for Consumption, beats 'em all, and cures when everything else fails. The greatest kindness I can do my many thousand friends is to urge them to try it." Free trial bottles at ROBERT R.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Proceedings of Regular Meeting of the Board-Jurors for March Term of the Criminal Court.

The Board of Commissioners of New Hanover county met yesterday in reguar session. All the members were present, and Mr. H. A. Bagg, Chairman,

The County Treasurer submitted his eport, showing a balance on hand to the credit of the general fund amounting to \$21,098.64, and a balance to the credit of the educational fund amounting to \$4,-

The Register of Deeds submitted a report of marriage licenses fees received during the month amounting to \$15.20, and exhibited the Treasurer's receipt fo

On motion, the petition of B. F. Tur ington asking the remission of tax or wo dogs, listed through misunderstand-

ng, was laid on the table. Reports were received from the follow ng magistrates: J. D. H. Klander, John Cantwell, T. B. Harriss, W. M. Har-

The following were drawn as jurors

for the March term of the Criminal

Court, viz; Amos Perry, S. H. Mintz

F. W. Ortmann, J. H. Strauss, Aaron Greenwald, J. W. Dicksey, Sr., John stir things up some. Verily they are | D. Southerland, T. B. Harriss, John T. Platt, William J. Smith, H W, Malloy, Ward W. Ring, F. A. McMillan, J. D. Mallard, C. C. Covington, Louis L. Sheridan, W. B. Berry W. G. Fowler, C. B. Mallet, Ino. H Thees, Coleman Twining, W. H. Pickett, Wm. Herring, G. R. Smith, G. W. Frederick, D. D. George, Jas. D. Smith, Jos Atwood, M. G. Chadwick, Jas. W Hodges, J. G. Craig, J. H. King, J. D.

## A NEW WATER FILTER.

Geo. R. French.

Sellers, Jas. Bland, W. H. Turlington

New Water Filter on Trial Here for which Encouraging Results are Promised Mr. W. W. Whidit, of Newburgh, N Y., is in the city with a filter that he has invented, which, if it will accomplish all that he claims for it, will be of incalculable value to the people of the South and especially to those who suffer for the want of pure water. It is a "Combined Charcoal and Re-carbonizing Filter," and with it the inventor claims that he can completely clarify and purify common river water, so that it will be perfectly clear and healthy. A STAR reporter saw one of the filters in operation yesterday, when the vertow dirty water taken directly from one of the pipes of the city water works was made to look as clear and taste as sweet

as any pure well water, The process of purifying by the use of charcoal is old and well-known, and this principle has been utilized in the filter, with improvements by which the inventor claims the contents of the filter may be thoroughly cleansed as often as may be desirable. If this can be done the filter is invaluable. It is hoped that those having the water works in charge here will make a thorough test of its powers, and if through its use, pure water can be obtained it will be a great blessing to our people

Pender County Jurors. The Board of County Commissioners met at Burgaw yesterday. Present: J. T. Foy, chairman; H. A. Bland and A. C. Moore. The following is the list of Jurors drawn for the March term of the Superior Court: T. E. King, R. E. Garris, D. W. Mott, Frank Malpass, J. L. Atkins, H. T. Corbett, W. B. Player, J. G. Mahn, G. W. Thigpen, K. F. Powers, E. S. Boney, C. W. Her-A. E. Burton, G. W. Bonham. Hardy Fennell, Daniel Futrell, J. B. Davis, J. B. Scott, J. L. Atkinson, Wiley Moore, R. M. Croom, R. W. Rivenbark. Jesse Hansley, W. C. Croom, Samuel Newton, H. J. McMillan, J. B. Johnson, Robt. Nixon, Daniel Murphy, G. W. Murray, J. F. Lee, J. K. Sanders, A. J. Moore, W. J. Flynn, R. S. Moore, J. T.

An Onslow County Sailor Lost,

The Newbern Journal publishes a letter received by Judge A. S. Seymour, (through the Collector of Customs at New York,) from Port of Spain, Trini-

"The German bark, 'Peulan" arrived here from Wilmington, N. C., and her captain reports to the Consulate that on the evening of the 34th of November last, while in latitude \$7.40, longitude 69.40, the articled seaman, George Morton, of Onslow county N. C. was found missing on board,

The said seaman had been behaving in a strange manner for some days previous, making it appear as if he was not quite sound in his mind, and it is presumed that he must have fallen or jumped everboard without anybody no-George Morton having been an Ameri-

can citizen, I now beg to forward to you his trunk and note its contents. There are no wages due him, as he drew an advance when shipping at Wilmington, The trunk is now, probably, with the Collector of Customs at New York.

The salary of Mr. Sol. Haas, of Richmond and Danville railroad system, is said, by the Buffalo Courier to be \$15,000 per year. And the Charleston News and Courier says he "stands at the head of his profession," and that there is not a more accomplished and brilliant railroad manager in the United States," His salary is conclusive proof hat he is a valuable man to his employers. The thermometer is away down below the freezing point when uncle Solomon gets left.

The Postal Telegraph Co.

Mr. W. B. Scattergood, of Birmingham, Ala., arrived here yesterday to take charge as manager of the office of he Postal Telegraph Company, and at once entered upon his duties. Mr. Harris, who was temporarily in charge of the office, will return to Charleston, S. C. The other employes of the company here are Mr. R. J. McIlhenny, operator; Mr. T. M. Turrentine, bookkeeper, and Mr. B. W. White, clerk.

The Telegraph Line to Southport Will Not be Sold, The Board of Managers of the Pro-

duce Exchange, at their meeting held yesterday, passed resolutions expressive of their gratification at assurances which had been received from the Signal-Bureau at Washington, that the Government telegraph line between Wilmington and Southport will not be sold to private and the House of Representatives not a House of Representatives in the leading forlorn hopes," which fact Store. Regular sizes 50c. and \$1.00. † parties, as had been intimated that it would be some time ago. A TERRIBLE CALAMITY

SECRETARY TRACY'S HOME BURNED IN WASHINGTON.

His Wife and Daughter and a Servant Burned to Death-Three Others Badly Injured, Including the Secretary-Heart-Rending Scenes.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star, WASHINGTON, February 3 .- A terrible calamity visited the household of Secretary Tracy this morning, whereby three persons lost their lives, and three others were badly injured. It is impossible at this writing

state the exact details. The house, a three-story and basement brick, is situated on I street, between Connecticut Avenue and 17th street, and has recenty uudergone extensive improvements. Persons passing the house at 7 o'clock this morning saw smoke issuing from the front windows, and at once gave an alarm of fire. The Fire and Police Departments responded promptly. premises were almost concealed by a dense smoke, which was thickened by a heavy fog which was just lifting. It was soon discovered that the house was all ablaze inside, and that the main stairway was burnt, thus cutting off communication with the sleeping apartments on the second and third floors. Several streams of water were played on the flames and every effort was made to check the fire and to rescue the inmates.

A scene of the wildest confusion enued, when it was known that all of the nembers of the family were in the louse. The firemen behaved like heroes in the emergency, and went through fire and smoke in searching for them in the lifferent apartments. Mrs. Wilmerding, the Secretary's daughter, and Miss Wil merding forced their way through the blinding smoke and jumped from second story window front, Ladders were raised for them, but in their excitement they failed to see them. Mrs. Wilbroke her left wrist and was severely bruised. Her daughter was badly injured about the lower limbs, but broke no bones, They both suffered severely from the shock. They were taken at once to the residence of Dr. Baxter, near by, and restoratives ap-

While this sad scene was being enacted in front of the house, firemen were engaged in the sad task of removing the other members of the family from the rear. Chief engineer Parrish forced his way into Mrs. Tracy's bedroom and found her lying on her bed overcome by suffocation. He carried her to the win-

dow, and with the assistance of others carried her almost lifeless body down the ladder and up an alley to the house of Mrs. Rhem, on 18th street. She was then entirely uneonscious, and although every effort known to medical science was used, it was impossible to save her life; she died within a few minutes after her rescue. She was not burned, but died from suffocation. Her body was removed to the residence of Attorney General Miller. Almost at the same time two more bodies were taken from the burning building of the Secretary's daughter, Miss Marie, and the other was one of the servants. Both bodies were burned to a crisp, and were unrecognizable by their features. Miss Tracy's body was distinguished from the other only by the superior texture of what remained of her stockings. The charred remains were taken to an undertaker's establishment n the vicinity.

Secretary Tracy himself had a most miraculous escape and is now lying a somewhat the residence of Hon. J. C. Bancroft Davis, on H street near Eighteenth Street. Like all the others he was overcome in his sleep by the smoke which filled the house and rendered him completely helpless. He was discovered i his condition and with considerabl difficulty was removed to a place near one of the windows. Cries for a ladder was quickly answered, and many willing hands were raised to assist him to the ground, He was at once removed to eighbors house and was soon surrounded by physician's, including Drs. Wales and Ruth. He was suffering from asphyxia. The doctors applied artificial means to induce respiration, and suc ceeded after an hour's work in restoring him to semi-consciousness. It was then thought safe to remove him to Judge Davis' house. He improved slowly from that time on, and soon regained consciousness, regognizing friends who called to inquire in regard to his condition. Among the first of these were the President and Vice President and several members of the Cabinet, The full extent of his tarrible affliction is withheld from him for the present. His first inquiry upon recovering consciousness was in regsrd to the safety of his family. He is gradually gaining in strength, and his friends are very sanguine of his complete recovery.

The house was completely gutted by fire. The walls are standing, but the interior presents a picture of ruin and desolation. The residence of Judge W. S. Cox, of the District Supreme Court, which adjoins it on the left, was badly lamaged by water.

Chief Parrish, of the Fire Department, told his story as follows: "I paid no attention to the fire when I heard there were people in the house, I felt my way through the smoke to the second floor, and found a man in bed in a room. tried to pick him up, but he was almost too heavy. I managed to drag him into the back room, where there was more air, and then I broke the window out and called to Lowe, who was in the alley, to run up the ladder; then they took the man out and it proved to be the Secretary. I couldn't move him any further, for I was exhausted and full up to the neck with smoke. Then I went back into the smoke and fire again and found a young lady; Miss Mary Tracy, they tell me it was, and as I caught hold of her wrists to lift her up the flesh came off her burning hands. I got her out, but she was dead

Dr. Ruth, at the solicitation of friends visited the undertaker's establishmen and identified Miss Tracy. He made hurried examination and found she had died from suffocation, Mrs. Tracy was found to have died from the rupture of blood vessel,

A gentleman who saw the fire sai never in his life did he see or hear of such a sight. "It seemed," he said, "as though hell had broken loose and sent its firey tongue to the earth. The whole building seemed to be one seething mass of flames bursting from eyer point. Scream followed scream, each one more horrible and blood-curdling than the other, from the interior of the building. Only a few people were passing at the time, and they seemed lost and bewildered. The engines suon

rived, and you know the rest." R. C. Turner is a footman at the Tracy residence, He was an eye-witness of a part of the fire. He was up and dressed before 7 o'clock, and was prepared to go up stairs to clean the silver. He slept in the basement. "Just as I was starting up stairs," said he, "a colored man rang the bell and told the butler, who answered it, that the house was on fire. The butler ran up-stairs and immediately rushed back, shouting, 'My God! the house is on fire!' The entire first floor was in flames; we ran out the front door; Mrs. Wilmording and her daughter were at the front second story window, scream-

ng for help; both ladies jumped; neither fell on their feet, but on their side." The house of E. S. Rheem, No. 821 17th street, itself almost captured by the fire, was thrown open for the reception of the dead and dying. Mrs. Tracy, still alive, was brought in by a couple of firemen, and was placed on a sofa in the dining room. Here she lingered for

about an hour, fully conscious and apparently suffering but little. It was a little after 8 o'clock when she spat up a little blood, hardly enough to be term-ed hemorrhagic; she closed her eyes and

without a moan ceased to breathe.

The cook, scorched and blackened until she had an Ethiopian appearance, but not seriously injured, was the next brought in. She was provided with an up-stairs room. Secretary Tracy was the third sufferer

o be sheltered under Mr. Rheem's roof He was placed on mattresses in the kitchen, whether he was taken through an alley, for it was not deemed proper to bring him through the room in which his wife lay dying. The President walk-ed over from the White House as soon as he heard of the tragedy. He was weeping as he came out of the house where the Secretary lay unconscious and where Mrs. Tracy was dying. WASHINGTON, February 8 .- Later .-

Mrs. Tracy endeavored to escape by dropping herself from her bedroom win dow, and in her to effort to decrease the distance to the ground, she grasped the narrow window-sill and lowered herself as far as she was able. Those who saw her in this perilous position shouted to her to hold on, but either she did not hear or her strength failed, for after thus hanging for a moment, between life and death, she fell forty feet into an area-way. She was immediately taken to the house of a neighbor-Dr. Rhom-and placed upon a lounge in the sitting-room. She was perfectly conscious and did not seem to suffer pain. Occasionally she complained of oppression in the neighborhood of her heart, and found difficulty in breathing. She conversed awhile, coughed slightly, and then became silent. The physicians looked at each other significantly, Mrs. Fracy was dead. The immediate cause of her death was snpposed to be from njuries to her heart, sustained in her fall from the window, which flooded her

lungs with blood. Her body was soon removed to the residence of Attorney General Miller on Massachusetts avenue. Almost at the same time two bodies were taken from the burning building one was the Secretary's daughter, Miss Mary, a young lady, and the other was that of French maid, Josephine. That of the former was found by Chief Parrish lying on the floor in the second floor hall at the hehd of the stairs. The body was not greatly disfigured. She had evidently died of suffocation. The Chief ifted the lifeless body in his arms, and although the stair case was ablaze, he

brought it safely out into the street. Of the French maid little is known, save that her dead body was found in her room, on the top floor of the house, burned beyond recognition

The bodies of Miss Tracy and her maid were taken to an undertaker's establishment in the vicinity. It is believed that the fire originated n the parlor, near the open fire-place. Whether it originated from a grate or heating pipes is not known, as no one could be found who could tell whether there was fire in the grate last night or not. The frame-work adjoining the mantel was where the fire started, and it no doubt burned some time before it was discovered. The furnace is in the basement; directly beneath where the fire started, and the hot air pipes leading the upper stories pass the wood-work. The firemen generally think the wood-work was ignited by the overheated air-pipes.

# SUPREME COURT.

an investigation into the origin of the Polygamy Declared a Crime and Not fire. He says the escape and explosion of gas seems the most probable cause, as Within the Constitutional Provision immediately under the point where the Guaranteeing Freedom of Religion. fire started there was located in th base-

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, February 3.—The Sureme Gourt of the United States to-day rendered an opinion affirming the constitutionality of the Edmunds-Tucker Idaho test oath, intended to prevent Mormons from voting. The case comes up upon application for a writ of habeas corpus made by Samuel D. Davis, who is in jail in Idaho, having been sentenced for unlawfully taking the prescribed test oath when he was a member of the Mormon Church. The Court denies the application for a writ of habeas corpus, holding that polygamy is a crime, and that the Constitutional provision guaranteeing freedom of religion is not intended to prevent the punishment of any person who in the name of religion commits a crime in the eyes of the law.

# REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

New Code of Rules for the House of Representatives Considered and Ex-

By Tulegraph to the Morning Star. Washington, February 5.-The pur-

pose of the Republican House caucus this afternoon, was to consider the new code of Rules which was completed by the Committee on Rules this morning, The caucus was called together immediately after adjournment by Mr Henderson, of Illinois, its chairman. The reason for the call was stated, and

each member present was furnished, in Mr. McKinley then took the floor and proceeded to explain in detail the scope and purpose of each of the rules. The reading consumed a great deal of time The code was read in extenso, and as each rule was read its provisions were explained by Messrs, McKinley and

Cannon. There were frequent inquiries by the members for more detailed information as to the effect of changes and for the reasons therefor; so that the work of the caucus progressed slowly. Generally the report of the committee was adopted without material amendment, but there was at least one important addition, Mr Atkinson, of Pa., offered an amend ment placing pension legislation in the privileged class, and making reports from the Committee on Invalid Pensions in order at any time, There was lively opposition to this amendment and some members of the Committee on Rules sought to prevent its adoption; but the amendment was finally incorporated by a vote of 76 to 24.

The full code as it emerges from the eaucus differs from the old rules in the following material points; Under rule 15, a new clause is added as follows; On demand of any number of members present, but not voting on any call by the Speaker, the yeas and nays shall be noted by the Clerk under supervision of the Speaker, and shall be recorded in the Journal and Record immediately after the names of those voting in the affirmative and negative, under the head of "present and not voting," and shall be followed by the names of absent members, which shall be entered under

line with Speaker Reed's ruling.) The caucus remained in session until 7 o'clock. Most inviolable secrecy in regard to the proceedings was preserved, and every effort was made to prevent the action of the caucus becoming public. While it was stated that on every question presented the caucus is harmonious, the length of the session and the known opposition of several prominent Republicans to any radical change in the rules render the accuracy of this statement doubtful, In fact, it has been gathered that far from being harmonious, the caucus at times was strongly worked up by expressions of totally divergent opinions; and that this proposition is the more probable one is evidenced by the great care which was taken to prevent the facts being known.

the head of "absentees." (This is in

Whate'er besides you chance to want, Ne'er fall short of SOZODONT, But keep it always in your sight, A source of beauty and delight, To cleanse your teeth till with your smil-The most fastidious you beguile,

# THE TRACY TRAGEDY.

CAUSE OF THE FIRE STILL MYSTERY.

ter - Messages of

Condolence.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

house during the morning and were in-

formed that the Secretary was getting

along nicely. His son, Frank B. Tracy,

is now with him, having arrived here

about 1.80 o'clock this morning, on a

the awful calamity of yesterday morn-

bereaved parent. The President sent

after the Secretary, and Private Secre-

tary Halford called in person about 10

o'clock to consult with him in regard to

the Secretary's removal to the White

The physicfans attending Mrs. and

their patients passed quite a fair night

and are better to-day, Mrs. Wilderming

suffers a great deal from her bruises

and at times this morning was hysteri-

cal, as she began to realize the extent of

her terrible loss. At ten o'clock the doc-

tors succeeded in quieting her nerves,

and she then fell into a quiet slum-

ber. She is necessarily much exhausted

and suffers more from the nervous shock

than from her arm, but the doctors say

Miss Wilderming is decidedly better

Mr. Frank B. Tracy called early this

morning, but was advised by the physi-

cians not to see his sister, for fear the

meeting might excite her. No one, save

the nurse and physicians, is allowed to

WASHINGTON: Feb. 4.-Funeral ser-

vices will be held over the remains of

Mrs. and Miss Tracy, in the East Room

of the White House to-morrow morn-

ing at 11 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Douglass,

Rector of St. Johns P. E. Church

will conduct the religious services; The

bodies will be temporarily deposited in a

neceiving vault at Rock Creek Cemetery

until final disposition is determined upon

Secretary Tracy was this afternoon

taken to the White House, where he

will remain for the present. He has re-

ceived a great many messages of condo

lence from individuals and organized

bodies. Among these are message

from Queen Victoria through the Brit

ish Minister, and from the Lord Mayo

of London, the Common Council o

Brooklyn, officers of the "Alliance" and

G. A. R., of Chattanooga, and Rev. Ly-

man Abbot, of Plymouth Church, Brook-

The funeral of Josephine Morrel, the

the Tracy mansion, took place from

French maid who perished in the flames

St. Matthew's Church this afternoon

The girl had no friends or relatives in

the city, and Mrs. Harrison took charge

ment a pump run by a Bunzen gas

burner, and it is possible that this may

have been out of order, allowing gas to

escape to the room above, behind

wooden pannelling which extended all

around the rooms on this floor, and that

it then took fire. There is no absolute

WASHINGTON.

Stormy Scene in the Colored Men's Conven-

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The Colored

Men's Convention was in session until

an early hour this morning, and after a

stormy scene finally elected Bishop A.

W. Wayman as permanent President.

His chief competitor was ex-Senator P.

When the Colored Convention met

this morning the vote by which Bishop

Wayman was declared elected perma-

nent chairman was challenged, and the

claim was made that ex-Senator Pinch-

back had been the choice of the Con-

Pinchback called the meeting to order

and the committee on permanent organ-

ization was appointed. The committee

ing Rev, J. C. Price, of North Carolina,

as President; Wm H. Dupree, of Massa-

ehusetts. Vice President: R. A. Dawson,

of New Jersey, and W. Calvin Chase, of

Washington, Secretaries; Wm. Lively

and Miss Mattie Jackson, of Ohio, As-

sistant Secretaries. The report of the

committee was adopted unanimously

confirming these nominations, A list

of honorary Vice Presidents, one from

THE LAST OF EARTH.

Funeral Ceremonies and Burial of Mrs

Coppinger, Secretary Blaine's Eldes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.- The remains

of Mrs. Alice Coppinger, wife of Col. J

Infantry, and eldest daughter of Secre-

tary Blaine, were to-day laid to rest in

consecrated ground in Oak Hill Ceme-

tery, beside those of her brother Walker.

the residence of her father in Madison

the solemn rites for the dead were per-

formed. Rev. Father Thomas Sherman

son of Gen, Sherman, and nephew of

the Senator, celebrated requiem mass.

Cardinal Gibbons read the burial ser-

At the conclusion of the ceremony o

olessing the body, the Cardinal an-

nounced that, agreeable to the expressed

wishes of the family of the deceased, no

remarks would be made. The bearer

then took up their burden, and followed

by the stricken and weeping family pass

The very fact that a number of Re

publicans are timid about following

Reed, only adds strength to the sugges-

tion that there ought to be indignation

trict in North Carolina to protest against

the Representatives supporting Reed.

Such meetings would not be in vain; for

if they were not successful in causing

the members to change, they would be very wholesome in effecting a change of

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dical Discovery. Remember, this is an old established remedy with a record!

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dical Discovery-world-renowned and

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members.-Charlotte Chronicle.

held in every Republican dis-

vice and blessed the body.

d from the church.

each State, was also chosen.

H. B. Pinchback.

evidence that determines the cause.

Building Inspector Entwistle has made

of the burial arrangements.

The services will be private.

that with absolute repose she will soo

having passed a restful night.

enter the sick room.

Secretary Tracy Taken to

the White House Arrangements for the Funeal of His Wife and Daugh-

Graves and Mr. W. M. Kivett, two well known citizens of Carthage had an altercation on the streets of that town Wednesday. Mr. Graves is reported to have been pretty badly hurt. - On Wednesday the firm of McPherson & Weatherspoon, doing general merchandise, made a deed of assignment, of all their joint stock in trade, &c., to Mr. Sidney Weatherspoon. The liabilities are estimated at \$3,000, the assets at WASHINGTON, February 4.—Secretary Fracy continues to improve slowly Many prominent people called at the

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

- Sanford Express: Mr. G. C.

- Charlotte Chronicle: There will be a meeting of bee-keepers in Charlotte on Thursday, February 13th, for the purpose of organizing a bee-keepers' association in the interest of bee culture. All who are interested in the honey bee in this section of the country, both in North and South Carolina, are invited special train. He is the first member of to attend. The meeting will be in the his family the Secretary has seen since hall of the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Herndon, the mother of E. A Herndon, who has been connected with ing, and his presence was an unmistakathe Chronicle's editorial department for ble source of joy and hope to the over a year, died on Saturday, at her home in Danville.

over early in the morning to inquire - Lumberton Robesonian : In Oc. tober last Turner Campbell, an industrious colored man, who farmed last year on the plantation of Capt. J. L. Inman. came to Lumberton with a load of cotton for market. He left his wife and Miss Wilderming said this morning that son, a lad about 12 years of age (they constituted his family); at home picking cotton. He returned about night, and from that day to this he has not been able to find a trace of them. Campbell has tramped in every direction endeave oring to find them, and has spent whahe made during the year.

- Maxton Union: This term of court is one of the largest, criminally speaking, that has been held in Robeson for a number of years. — A colored boy on trial for stealing a coat from Mr. Rotholz last Friday, stated he had taken a drink or two and it so affected him that he stole the coat under that influence. — Judge Bynum adjourned court Saturday, and left for home the same night. He continued two capital cases and a fellony, till next term, and in the meantime the criminals are held at expense of the county. All the civil cases were continued by common con-

- Newton Enterprise: | We learn from good authority that the big ore bank, Lincoln county, has been sold for the sum of \$16,000. - The flies have not made much progress in the wheat fields lately. The frosts, we presume, have exterminated them by this time. - Mr , B. Little, of Gline's township, recently killed a Poland China hog that weighed 750 pounds. It is too big for any scales in that part of the country, so it had to be cut up and weighed in sections. -An attorney for the Northern iron company that has been leasing mines in this county, has been here this week making this an extensive investigation in the Register's office of the titles to the

lands they have leased in the country. "Petrel" at Norfolk; Mission Ridge Post - Goldsboro Argus: The exodus gents are having a hard time of it in New Berne. It seems that they have been meddling with the laborers, causing them in some instances to leave their situations and then failed to keep citizens interviewed one of the agents Tuesday night and advised him to leave on the first train. He did so, but soon returned, and this time was sent off in a hurry. — The railroad company, in the Denmark case, in which the plaintiff was awarded, \$5,000 for the loss of a limb in 1875, vesterday moved for a new trial. The court overruled the motion, where-

apon an appeal has been taken to the

Supreme Court. So it seems the case is

not yet settled - Charlotte News: Mr. Coat Brimer, of Mount Holly, was out hunting cedar birds yesterday and brought down eighteen birds at one shot. A minister saw the slaughter and counted the birds. so there can be no mistake about it. The birds were shot on the wing Pneumonia is following the grip in quite a number of cases in Charlotte. D. Frazier of Wilkes county, George Murray of Rutherford county, and Ber Loughter, James Blackwell and Ben Puckett of Polk county, who have been in Mecklenburg jail undergoing imprisonment for violation of the revenue laws, are to-day tramping homeward. They appeared before Esq. D. G. Maxwell, U.S. Commissioner, and took the insolvent debtor's oath, as required by law, and were released. None of them

had a cent of money, and they struck

out on foot for their respective homes. - Winston Daily: Messrs, M. I. & I. C. Stewart, of this city, desire information of the whereabouts of one Abram Rencher, who was at one time a resident of this State. - Maj. Ham Scales has received the sad intelligence of the death of his brother, Dr. R. H. Scales, who died at Paris. Texas, on the 24th, ult. - A gentleman from Walnut Cove informs us that work has commenced upon a large suspension bridge at that point, to extend from near the Roanoke and Southern depot to a point near the Cove hotel, Teague yesterday filed the required 3,000 bond as acting sheriff of Forsyth county, to cover the emoluments of the office should the Supreme Court confirm the decision of the court below. - During the month of January the obacco manufacturers of Winston shipped one million, three hundred and thirty-seven thousand two hundred and twenty-six (1,337,226) pounds of manufactured chewing tobacco. And

on yesterday, (Monday, February Srd).

there was shipped eight car loads - Raleigh News and Observer: There were twenty-seven deaths in the city during the month of January, fifeen whites and twelve colored. . Coppinger, of the 18th United States There were forty-eight marriage licenses issued for this county during the month of January. Twenty-five white, and twenty-three colored. - Geo. Alston. colored, who was appointed by Postmaster Shaffer as janitor when he took A brief service was held at 10 o'clock at charge of the postoffice, was removed yesterday and Stewart Ellison was ap-Place, and the body was then taken to pointed in his place. Is this a chop of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, where the axe of Surveyor Harris? terday morning between one and two o'clock, the Temple store and dwelling, located in the suburbs of the city on the Hillsboro road, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$4,000; insurance reported at \$3,000. ernor yesterday refused to commute the death sentence of John Wilson, under death sentence for murder in Yancey county, to be hanged February 7th, - We are reliably informed that the Greensboro Bessemer Company will go right ahead with the work of inaugurating the enterprise. Greensboro is on a boom correspondingly.

> - Charlotte News: A series of revival meetings have been commenced at Philadelphia Church, in this county, by ces are held day and night and much interest is being manifested. — About four years ago P. B. Key, Esq., of Statesville, and the late V. Q. Johnston, met in Florida, and while there were attracted by a piece of land which was regarded as a fine tract for trucking purposes. It was offered cheap and they bought it. The tract contains 2,460 acres, and is located in Citrus county, near Ocala. It looks now like this purchase is to turn out a real bonanza; and as it is located in the very centre of the recently discovered phosphate beds in Florida, about which there has been such a great excitement lately. Fabulous prices are being offered for this and adjoining lands. Capt. H. P. Johnson is now in Florida looking after the interests of himself and Mr. Key. The excitement over the phosphate discoveries there is said to be intense, and the truck farm being in the centre of the phosphate area, is inbigdemand, and is expected to bring a big ger sum than would be paid for a gold