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Auction Sales. TO-DAY. By WALTER B. WILLIAMS & Co.—Sale of \$20,000 worth of gold and silver watches, jewelry, etc.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1884.

Quite an extensive fire is reported from Meadville, Pa. It involved the loss of the Callum block, one of the finest and costliest structures in the western part of the state.

Our bright contemporary, the Baltimore Herald, gives evidence of a merited prosperity. Yesterday it appeared in a brand new dress, and is now one of the best and best-looking papers in the country.

ADMIRAL CORNETT having halted long enough to recuperate the losses sustained at Sontay, it is now announced that the advance will be resumed and Mac-Nish attacked on Friday of this week.

SENATOR EDMUNDS'S proposition to disfranchise the women of Utah has drawn down upon him the wrath of the woman suffrage party of the state of New York.

TRIBULATION has overtaken several soldiers of the Salvation army in Bridgeport, Conn., a stony-hearted judge having fined them for dancing in the street and otherwise making themselves nuisances of the first magnitude.

THE most astonishing piece of news published in the daily papers yesterday was an account of a "quiet election" in Mississippi the day previous.

MR. PENDLETON has been defeated, and the Standard Oil company has given another evidence of its activity and far-reaching power.

IN this issue will be found the report of the general agent of the department of justice, in which is very fully presented the subject of the compensation of court officers, both as to present law and practice and proposed changes.

PROMPT to the call of time, our own esteemed Robinson smilingly took the mark and gives our desperate foreign foes a rib roaster.

THE debate in the senate yesterday over the proposed rule providing that appropriation bills for the expenses of the District of Columbia shall be referred to the committee on the affairs of the district illustrates how little the material interest of the people affected weigh in the minds of some members when they come in conflict with the iron clad rights of control which the committee on appropriations claims and exercises.

give the subject in question over to the district committee for consideration and save their dignity by having the result of the minor committee's inquiries reported back within a specified time.

A Lunatic's Legacy. The half truth on which Mr. Calhoun grafted his false theory was the single fact that the south failed in keeping progress with the north.

The session so far has been marked by the introduction of an unusual number of proposed amendments to the constitution. Mr. Deuster yesterday introduced one prohibiting congress or the state legislatures from enacting any law prohibiting the manufacture or sale of any article of merchandise composed in part or whole of any product of the soil.

It has been before remarked in this column that Tom Coakley, assistant doorkeeper of the house, is disposed to save Col. Jim Winter-smith, the doorkeeper, from annoyance by the hungry crowd who come to him to beg for places.

It was about the next presidential election that Congressman Lacey, of Michigan, was asked, and he replied: "Four months ago I should have answered that there was danger, but if this democratic majority in the house carries out its programme it will alarm the whole country."

It seems a very fine thing just now to suppress the ballot box by bulldozing, because thereby power is retained in the hands of the minority, and almost enough electoral votes are secured to make a president of the United States; but it is done at the awful sacrifice of the only remaining chance of the south to become a thrifty, intelligent, and great community.

It appears, "said a congressman who sits on the left side of the house, that Randall and his following will oppose the whisky bill. When J. D. White made his absurd motion yesterday that the bill be referred to the committee on education and labor, Randall leaned over toward Willis and said it didn't make any difference which committee it went to for it would never see daylight anyway.

"Well, I declare," exclaimed the privileged Penamite visitor, as his eye caught the telegram about the destruction of the Meadville opera house in the proofs, "that building has a history. It was purchased by Col Oil Johnny, when that genius was sitting in luxury on the crest of the highest wave of his prosperity."

The postmaster general has decided to permit the establishment of 100 postal stations in New York city, and will allow an expenditure of \$24 per annum for the maintenance of each station.

to bottom, but good for nothing save to show where lightning struck twenty-five years ago, or as nests for crows, who hang to their limbs in the hope that something in the way of crumbs may before long turn up.

THE MAN ON THE AVENUE. Small Talk About Men and Measures. "The whisky men don't ask for a dollar of the government's money," said Mr. Willis.

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CURRENT GOSSIP. We met in the springtime of life, And pledged many vows to be true; I've ever yours, promising through strife Dear Mary, can I say this for you?

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