SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 23, 1884

THE wheat in Indiana and Ohio is said to be looking unusually well and has not been damaged during the winter.

LOUISVILLE and Cincinnati are considcred out of the ring in the fight for se euring the National Democratic Convention.

THE gas company of Lafayette, Ind., has beaten three electric light companies in getting a three years' contract for lighting that city. Its bid was \$1,400 and the lowest.

In addition to a very generous contribution of provisions sent a few days ago, Charlottesville, Va., through Mr. W. O. Watson, has sent to Dr. John P. Phister, Chairman of our Relief Committee, the sum of \$87.75. A considerable part of this fund was contributed by the ladies and children. God bless them.

It is evident that the investigation of the Danville riots by the congressional committee will be a fruitless labor. The witnesses on each side will contradict each other, the two parties will make different and conflicting reports and the country will be none the wiser, though the treasury will be poorer to the extent of the enterprise.

During February the days beome an hour and ten minutes longer. Of this large increase, 36 minutes will be credited to the morning side-which is gaining fast now-and 34 minutes to the afternoons, which have been increasing fall through January at a much faster rate to enter. The procession crossed over the than the mornings. During the month bridge shortly after I o'clock in the afterwhich has just ended the increase in the earlier beginnings of the morning to the eastern gate of the navy yard, amounted to only 13 minutes, all told, through which it entered. The hearses amounted to only 13 minutes, all told, while the afternoons increased 35 minutes. The sun rises now about 7 o'clock and does not set till some time after 5.

THE recent discoveries of the extent to, which fraudulent divorces are obtained will have the effect of increasing the liveliness wherewith the expediency of A salute was fired at noon at Fort Green having a common divorce law of the by the Gatling Battery. whole United States will the discussed. It is incredible that in a country suppos ed to be far advanced along the road to civilization, divorces acknowledged as legal, should be obtained with extre ease, while rascals flourish by making a " profession" of securing secret divorces which are notoriously illegal. Certain parties who have made it their business to do this have lived in prosperity for years and furnish a forcible illustration of the transitory glow and vigor presented by the grann bay tax. To-day the United States remains singular and notorions among civilized nations for the facility with which her marriage and divorce laws may be eluded or utilized, as the case may be. It is only occasionally that the muddy stream is, sufficiently stirred to rivet public attention.

The Great Floods of the Ohio Valley,

Dr. C. C. Graham, the centenarian, writes the Courier-Journ 1:

Full fifty years ago I gave notice in Amos Kendail's Argus, at Frankfort, that this flood, with those previous and to come, would take place, and told the people how to build their houses cheaply on the low ground of the Ohio as well as other streams; to move out in high water and go back in low. The cause of such destructive floods (all at the hands of man), was given in detail and republished a few years ago in the Courier-Journal, in which I predicted that all the lowlands in Louisiana and New Orleans, w thout greater caution, will be swept like chaff to the great deep, the rendezvous of the world's waters, should all the waters of the upper streams rise at once. A little over 100 years ago the vast region from the Cumberland Mountains to the Pacific ocean was a tangled forest, where the sunlight, a flake of snow, or a drop of light showers never reach the earth, and when and where never a drop of the heaviest rain ever ran from the steepest hillsides. The millions of rotting logs and limbs and roots of trees made thousands of little ponds to detain the water, while loose leaves to the depth of a foot covered the loamy earth that absorbed the water and filtered it slowly into springs that then lasted all the year, keeping the countless millions of the Ohio rivulets about the same clear and cool all the year. Since the forest has all been cleared away and the earth exposed to the direct rays of the sun (the source of electricity,) the storms that urpoot trees and demolish towns must, from the constitution and course of nature, be expected. The cool and moist earth quickly conducted the electricity off, and it must be seen that then not a drop of water ran from our steepest hillsides, and now every drop rushes, as of this, the balance being still unpaid. it must suddenly rise to a great height, as now it has but a short time to discharge its water, whereas it once had all the year, was never muddy, and at no season varied much. I told in the article spoken of how the change of climate (at the hands of man ) had influenced the animal kingdom as well as the vegetable. new complaints loss of fruit, &c. And locked up. More art at are expected. now I caution parents to guard themselves, as well as their children, against the mephitic atmosphere, saturated with carbon, smoke and frigid humidity, rheumato-catarrhal weather, more dan- saulted Colonel Gray. ... this city, for saygerous to life than the flood itself, as seen ing that Ginchlin old an make as good an by the numbers daily swept away by pneumonia. I am not well, but sympathy for the suffering has induced me at the piano. I cam from New York just to send this to you, and I hope that you on purpose to go into store and play the to your readers.

### DE LONG AND COMRADES.

IMPOSING FUNERAL CEREMONIES.

Impressive Feature of the Washington's Birthday Observances in the Metropolis--Reception of the Dead Explorers' Remains.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Feb. 23.-Were it not for evidence of mourning everywhere dis-cernible, flags placed at half mast, all pubc buildings and many private dwellings, and on shipping along the river front, the day would appear like Sunday. The offices of the various departments of the city and county, Government and many stores on the principal streets are closed and a few draped in mourning. All who were to take part in the funeral of the late Lieutenant-Commander De Long and companions in the Arctic expedition were astir at an early hour. Members of the Twenty-third Regiment who were to act as escort to the Mayor, the Common Council and the Board of Supervisors, assembled at the armory at nine o'clock in fatigue uniform, The field and staff offi-cers were crape on their sword hilts. The regiment formed in line on Clermont avenue, and marched to Montague and Clinton streets where they gave the Mayor a marching salute. The Mayor stepped in a coach and the coaches containing the Aldermen and Supervisors immediately wheeled in line. The procession passed down to the bridge and crossed over to New York. Thousands of people were anxious to witness the funeral procession, congregated along the line of march, many taking up their positions as early as eleven o'clock. The approaches to the bridge were so clogged with men, women and children. that it required the exertion of a large number of policemen to keep even a smad passage way open. Thousands of people congregated at the navy yard gate, on York street, supposing they could gain admittance, but only the bear-ers of tickets of admission were allowed noon and passed up Washington street, through Nassau to Flushing avenue, thence drew up in front of the Equipment Department. The bodies of the unfortunate heroes were placed on catafalques which had been prepared for their reception. The building, which is one of the largest in the yard, was tastefully draped in mourning and American flags. Saturday the bodies, with the exception of that of Jerome Collins, will be borne to Woodlawn Cemetery.

Columbus Matters.

Columbus, Feb. 23.—wolf's bill to pay the Equalization Board clerks was fixed up with an itemized account of the clerk's ser vices, and reintroduced by Thompson. It went to a second reading, but the House refused to pass it to-day.

The Hospital Trustees have sent a bill here providing for the levy of one-twentieth of a mill with which to pay past ex-penses of \$16,000 incurred by the small pox hospital, and to provide for any future ep-Judge Foraker held a conference here

with leading politicians last night. He will address the Republican conference next week It is the understanding that he shall run for Governor again next year. Foster is at home fixing up his caucus

W. T. Bishop, of Cincinnati, writes to Allen O. Myers for a piace on the Peniten-tiary Board when the new law goes into effect, As Allen owns all such appoint-

Country Poker-Rooms.

place.

ments, Bishop is applying at the right

EDWARDSVILLE, Lt., Feb. 23.—Since the arrest and finding last week of the six persons who pleaded guilty to the charge of gambling, there have been various rumors of intended arrests all the way from one to forty-five. All this came to climax yesterday when the proprietor of the poker-room, who happened to be a St. Louis man seeking the quiet seclusion afforded by a suburban town, sought to have his room unmosted. The case was to have been tried to day, but was settled yesterday by the roprictor pleading guilty and paying a e of \$25 and costs, amounting in all to 35 50. This, it is supposed, is the end of ne matter, unless some more of the fraternity squeal on others.

Damaged by an Ice Gorge.

HANNIBAL, Mo., Feb. 23.—The railroad the Wabash, was badly damaged by the reaking up of an ice gorge in the river, will take several days to repair the risige approaches. The main line passener rains are using the Bluffs and Hanniat Division between Bau'fs and Hull's, and from there to Quiacy they go over the and Quincy. A stub train is run beween here and Hull's.

Receiver Wanted at Akron. AKRON, O., Feb. 38.-F. Schumacher, oat meal king and late Prohibition candidate for Governor, to day filed a petition for the appointment of a receiver for the Akron Enterprise Works and Luminous Goods Manufactory. Schumacher was a silent partner and E. F. Pflueger, the inventor, an active partner. The petition says that by mismanagement Pflueger has involved the concern in \$34,000 debt over and above the capital stock, and that he has compelled Schuma her to pay \$18,000

More Freight Thleves Arrested.

TROY, Feb. 23. - For some time systematic robberies have been committed from freight cars on the Troy and Boston Railroad. detective arrested Conductor Wm. Peck and his three brakesmen, Charles Chamberlain, Charles Hoystadt and Frank Spaulding. The trainmen were allowed to bring their train to this dry, where they were

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The California Storm

BAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—The officials of the Southern Pacific Railroad are unable to determine the exact amount of damage of their road from the floods, but it is be lieved that \$500,000 will cover the loss The main line has been cleared and trains are running regularly. The Atlantic and Pacific Railroad is again open, and pas-sengers and mail for Gulf States are sent that way.

Pittsburg's Noble Generosity. PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 23.—Major Cushing purchased 40,000 bushels of coal yesterday at a cost of \$3.000, and sent it down the river to the afflicted towns where it is badly needed. In the city the grand total of relief money thus far raised is \$29,160 50. This does not include that given to the re-

lief boats. Body Found. AKRON, O., Feb. 24-The body of an elderly woman was fernd caught in a tree on the bank of Cuyakaga River, north of the city, at noon to-ley. It is supposed to be that of Mrs. Murphy, who disappeared from Cayahoga Falls, five miles north of here, December 8th. Evidently it had drifted down the river.

On Trial on Murder. Wichita, Kan., Nob. 23.—Joel Krible, charged with the murd r of McAllister in shis county in December last, is now on trial for murder in the District Court of the County, Judge Francy C. Sluss, of the Eighteenth District of Kansas, presiding. The offense, it is said, was committed aimost without any provocation. The entire day has been exhausted in securing a jury.

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