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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1888.

A FIRE at Newark, Ohio, the other morning, destroyed property valued at \$200,000.

The recent fire at Philadelphia, Pa., at which over a million dollars worth of property was lost, was caused by a defective fire, and the patrol was blamed for it.

CHINA has at the present time 1,500 temples to the honor of Confucius, at which 62,000 pigs, rabbits, sheep and deer, and 27,000 pieces of silk are offered annually.

It is published in London that by an explosion of gunpowder at Brest, Li-touok, Russian Poland, the other day, eleven persons were killed and thirty more injured.

VINCENZO DAS NOGUEIRA, minister from Portugal, died at his residence in Washington City on the morning of the 24th ult. He has been minister to this country for the last ten years.

REPRESENTATIVE DOBNEY has offered a bill to extend the term again in favor of the settlers on the lands of the Omaha Indian reservation, and it is said will obtain a favorable report on it.

ISAAC N. STANLEY, who, as paying teller of the National Bank of Commerce, embezzled \$100,000 of the bank's funds in 1886, was sentenced the other day to five years in the Ohio state penitentiary.

DEBQUE, Iowa, was visited by a slight shock of earthquake the other day. The shock lasted six seconds and was distinctly felt, accompanied by a low rumbling noise and a tremor of the earth.

The great strike in Pennsylvania still hangs on and there is comparatively little work being done at the Port Richmond wharves; where there should be 150,000 tons of coal in these yards, it is claimed, there is but 8,000 tons.

A REPORT comes from Jackson, Miss., that a bill passed the house the other day providing the pensioning of disabled Confederate soldiers who are unable to work, and for colored servants of the same who are similarly situated.

From Dublin we learn that Kennedy and Fitzgibbon, of Tarbert, county Kerry, have been sentenced to six weeks imprisonment each at hard labor, for acting as president and secretary, respectively, of a proclaimed national league meeting at Tarbert.

At the Chester, Pa., iron works for the last few days, there has been successfully tested the application of powdered coal for fuel. The combination is said to be perfect. Both ashes and smoke are entirely consumed, effecting a saving of from 40 to 50 per cent. in fuel.

From Panama, not long ago, three earthquakes were reported, which were felt in Colan, Guatemala, also in Tuenru, where portions of the church and municipal buildings were practically destroyed. It is worthy of remark that these are the only stone buildings in Tuenru.

The transcendental association held a ten days' meeting not long ago at St. Louis, at which it was decided that that city, in the future, must be the headquarters of the association and ordered Mr. Leeds, chairman of the association, to remove from Denver at once. Mr. Leeds expressed surprise at his sudden removal.

A VEIN of coal sixteen feet thick has been found at Whiteford, Dak., twelve feet below the surface, and seventy feet beneath that another vein more than three times as thick has been discovered. The coal is said to be as good as any in the country. This information must be correct and truthful, as it comes from a reliable source, the Burdard News.

One night last week a destructive fire occurred in the extensive dry goods, millinery and trimmings store of Marks Brothers, corner of Fifth and Arch streets, Philadelphia, Pa. The store was in a mass of flames before the engines arrived. At the time of the report at 1 o'clock a large number of buildings with their valuable contents had burned, and it was evident that fully \$1,500,000 worth of property was doomed to destruction.

A HEAVY SNOW visited Halifax, N. S., the other day and is pronounced one of the worst snow storms known there for many years. Railway travel is again impeded. The harbor of North Sidney, Digby, Yarmouth and Annapolis are frozen solid for the first time in years. When the storm was at its highest about midnight, the dwelling house of Alex. Beaton, a merchant, caught fire and was completely destroyed and his wife and grandchild burned to death.

A BAND of four masked and armed robbers entered the Citizens' bank at Limestone, I. T., last week, and demanded of the cashier W. T. Reynolds, that he hand over the cash. His acts did not appear favorable to that end and he was shot dead by one of the robbers. The robbers secured \$2,300 and left in haste pursued by armed citizens, who captured the robbers and money after a fight, one robber being killed and four citizens wounded, and brought the robbers back and hung the murderer of Reynolds.

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I certify that the above statement exhibits the whole amount of county, precinct and township bonds issued, of county warrants outstanding and uncollected, also all delinquent and uncollected taxes, and that the amounts above enumerated are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN STRAUSS, County Clerk.

Palatine. Hans Christenson's house burned to the ground during the night of the storm. Mr. and Mrs. C. were visiting at his father's, the storm prevented their returning home and they knew nothing of their loss till informed by a neighbor. The house was insured, but Mrs. C. had a large quantity of valuable clothing and many keepsakes that money cannot replace all perished with the building. Mr. and Mrs. C. had been married but a few months and had made themselves a neat little home but only the ashes remain. Mr. Christenson will build a new house soon.

The morning of Jan. 15th the thermometer was down to 30° below zero, the coldest we have known up on the bluffs for ten years; horses, cattle and hogs perished in the storm. We have heard of no one freezing to death around here. Among those who lost stock are Messrs. John Anderson, Andrew Person, Peter Wagon and Mr. Marshall. The wind mills of Seward, Nelson, W. J. Irwin and Robert Gillespie were damaged. No doubt much more damage has been done than we have been able to learn.

The funeral of the Rev. Swenson was held at the Svede church, the storm came before the services closed and 100 people were compelled to remain in the church till morning. The burial was postponed to the Sunday following.

Mr. and Mrs. Abrahamson expected to be at their destination the next morning after they left home, but by letter we are informed that they were on the road from Tuesday morning till Sunday noon.

District 44 and Vicinity. Monday last week Supervisor A. W. Clark boarded the train and will spend three weeks in the east, during which time he will visit his mother at Ottawa, Ill., and also a brother in Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Engel are both having very poor health since the late storm weather. Mr. Engel has been afflicted with a malady for nearly two years, and now since his helpmate has been confined to the house, it makes their burden hard to bear.

During the late term of the district court held at Columbus, a good portion of the petit jurors attended religious evening services at the Baptist church, where a series of meetings was being conducted by the local pastor, Rev. A. W. Snider, assisted by an earnest and eloquent Evangelist from abroad, and strange as it may seem, the bar was not represented there by a single lawyer, while E. A. Gerrard could be found in the ante room immediately after services busily engaged in distributing copies of the New Republic, a solid prohibition paper.

In the district court last Wednesday evening the case of the Case Threshing Machine Co. v. Saley was called, a jury empaneled, counsel on both sides stated their case; and court adjourned until morning; when court convened it was learned that one juror, John Graham of Loup township, was seriously ill and unable to attend. Counsel would not agree to try the case with eleven jurors, whereupon the court discharged the jury and ordered the counsel to select a new jury.

A very severe cold is going the rounds here since the storm of the 12th inst. It is no respecter of persons, and might be classed epidemic.

Mr. J. G. Engel lost a valuable horse last week, did not learn the cause. Dan Griffin packed his grip Monday morning and will assist Wagner and Barnes at farm work, etc.

Business Enterprises for Columbus. Mr. Edron:—Good crops and fair prices are helping Columbus county wonderfully this year. Let all the inhabitants rejoice, thank God, and take courage. A recent visit to Columbus has convinced the writer of this that your city is not doing the business that might be done there, but she is doing better than some claim. If the farmers' wagons of some of the smaller towns were spread out over Columbus they would make a pitiful sight, but being all crowded together in one short street in the little country towns they show off much better. But Columbus could do better. Your writer has all the while advocated factories for Columbus and he is still harping on that one string. Factories in Columbus would help her greatly and would help the surrounding country still more.

A cracker factory, for instance, would pay big. One lb. of flour say 3 1/2 cents, sugar 1/2 cent, work 1 cent and you have 5 cents outlay, and sweet crackers sell at 15 cents a pound—200 per cent. clear profit. Where is the young man to start such an enterprise, and what will your city fathers do to encourage him? A cannery would be still better. A young man with a little capital and a business capacity, and a little encouragement from the citizens and officials of the town could build up a good business of that kind. Fruit, corn, peas, beans, tomatoes can be raised here as

well to advertise in the JOURNAL. X. T. Z.

Mr. Elliott had sixteen children in his house over night during the storm—a good number—but he was not near so fortunate as a certain man the writer read of last week, for the next morning the different parents came and each claimed their own with many thanks. And now for the happy man we read of as follows: "Theobald Hicks of Petersburg, Va., has married a widow with thirty-one children. She is his eighth wife."

Your correspondent comes too late to report incidents and accidents of the storm—the wide awake editor has anticipated him.

Mr. Robert Wiley has bought some more land—farms for the coming generation.

Mr. Greisen received a carload of stone coming over the U. P. R. to Platte Center. A. Henrich ordered a carload on the same day. They are excellent hard blue rock coming from Kansas, and are cheaper than brick, promising to last as long as the world. Messrs. Jaggis & Schupbach of Columbus are agents for them.

Millet seed and early seed potatoes, will be in demand the coming spring, especially the manubara brand, will do well to advertise in the JOURNAL. X. T. Z.

ERNST & SCHWARZ, MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN SUPERB LAMP FILLER AND COAL OIL CAN COMBINED. Includes an illustration of a lamp and text describing its features.

BAKER PERFECT STEEL BARB WIRE. ERNST & SCHWARZ. Includes an illustration of a wire fence.</