

the motion to remove the prisoner to the dock.

Judge Davidge then proceeded to speak to the motion. He believed the time had come when every one present was perfectly satisfied that the prisoner was perfectly sane in respect to his behavior and amenable to the same rules as other prisoners. In the case of Gen. Sickles who was tried in this court for murder the judge refused to deviate from the rule, although he was a distinguished lawyer and member of Congress at the time that he sat in the prisoner's dock during his trial.

Scoville said he would assent to any proposition which might be deemed necessary. No one had suffered more than he had from the prisoner's behavior.

Guiteau (interrupting)—Well, it's because you are a jackass.

Guiteau has been removed to the dock.

MORAVIA, Ia., 28.—An incendiary fire yesterday, destroyed five stores and a lot of frame buildings. Loss, \$20,000; nearly all insured.

MERILLAN, Wis., 28.—C. N. Paine & Co's Saw mill burned. Loss, \$25,000; insurance, \$15,000.

ALBANY, 28.—The river is 10 feet above the water level and raising an inch an hour. The quay and piers are submerged and a number of streets in the lower part of the city are under water. Merchants on these streets pass up by boats.

SAN FRANCISCO, 28.—Supt. Fillmore, of the Southern Pacific announces that the first through train for New Orleans will leave here on Friday next and that probably a train will start west from New Orleans the same day.

#### FOREIGN.

LONDON, 27.—During the celebration of high mass in the Church of the Holy Cross, a man was seized picking pockets. In order to effect his escape, the culprit cried "Fire!" Immediately a great panic seized the congregation, who rushed for the doors. During the confusion, 12 women were crushed to death and 40 other persons were seriously injured. The pickpocket was soundly beaten by the crowd. The culprit is a Jew. The lower classes of people are much excited against their coreligionists, several of whom have been maltreated and had the windows of their dwellings broken. The military had to be called out.

A later dispatch says: So far 30 persons died of injuries received during the panic in the church. Some shops kept by Jews were completely gutted. Several policemen were injured by the rioters. The authorities displayed great promptness in suppressing the disorder. Military are patrolling disturbed districts.

Mormon missionaries held a conference in London yesterday. Mormonism in London has been unsuccessful, but many converts have been made in the provinces. It is proposed to take the converts to Utah early in 1882. Some of the elders will remain with the proselytes. A number of them will return to Utah. About 1,500 converts have been made in England since August.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—Great indignation prevails here at the reprehensible conduct of the President of Eastern Siberia, who refused to telegraph the announcement of the arrival of the survivors because they were without funds. The first news of their escape was delayed ten weeks by this.

The Russian expedition to take scientific observations at the mouth of the Lena during the years 1882 and 1883 will start to-day.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 27.—The government is about to establish a Central Bank with a capital of \$20,000,000. The object to be accomplished is to render the Japanese government independent of foreign banks, and to encourage direct trade.

#### BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The weekly issue of the Patent Office aggregate 340 patents, 19 designs, and 24 trademarks.

The distribution of standard silver dollars for the week ending Dec. 24th, was \$411,489, against \$390,497 for the corresponding week last year.

The police reports only give two suicides in Chicago on the 26th. G. A. Tilden, carriage finisher, and a religious crank who shot himself, and Miss F. Gillett who took poison.

Vandals broke into the old cemetery at Hamden on Monday, and broke or overturned nearly 30 grave

stones. Two young fellows named McMorris and Maloney were arrested.

A fire at Attleboro, Mass., in Robinson's jewelry factory destroyed the building, containing several heavy firms. Loss, \$127,000; insured. A number of employees were injured.

Christmas has been heralded by the densest fog of the season, and promises more prolonged, sombre holidays than ever. Most of the large shops in London closed from Friday to Tuesday.

Arrangements have been made for the presentation of the new Chinese minister to President Arthur next Saturday, by which time both the President and Secretary Frelinghuysen will have returned.

Nicholas, a man who claims to be inspired with the Holy Ghost, has been arrested in Philadelphia for writing letters threatening the life of Ignatius F. Herstman, rector of St. Mary's Catholic church.

Further particulars of the fire at Durand, Wisconsin, state the entire town, with the exception of three buildings, is destroyed. There were 24 buildings in the village. The loss is estimated at \$25,000. A high wind prevailed. The fire was accidental.

The theatre managers of London trying hard to drive the recollection of the Vienna fire out of the public mind, but the attendance at all the theatres at Christmas time is very slim. If the business does not pick up, the losses of managers will be disastrous.

A Berlin dispatch says: The customs officials contrived to double and treble the tax on many kinds of imported provisions by taxing wrappers and labels as essential parts of consignments. The American corned beef in cans is taxed as "fine iron wares."

The Mayor of Newark, N. J., with several city officials, including members of the finance committee visited the jail this noon to confer with Auditor Palmer concerning his defalcations. He stated off hand that there were greater frauds than had yet come to light, but couldn't give details. He assumed entire responsibility for defalcations and frauds.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* believes it is substantially true that the Government has divided the disturbed localities of Ireland into five or six districts each, which is to be under a superior sort of magistrate, who will be able to act without previous sanction and entire control of troops and police in the event of a disturbance.

#### Flowing Liquid Fire.

At Clarendon, a new oil town, a few miles north of Oil City, three men were burned to death recently. When a well is drilled to the spot where the oil-bearing sand is tapped, the drilling tools are removed from the well, and a torpedo, made of about 40 to 60 quarts of nitro-glycerine is put in and exploded for the purpose of loosening the sand. A well, known as the Grover well, had been "shot," but, as is quite often the case, it is "bridged over," that is, the loosened rock and sand formed in the shape of an obstruction which would not allow the oil to pass off, as it would be forced to do by the gas, were it not for this bridging over. The work of cleaning the well was at once commenced. The usual precautions against accidents were taken. The boiler had been moved 65 feet beyond the engine-house, which was 65 feet from the well. Ashes had been banked up around the furnace, a barrel of water stood near by, with which to extinguish the fire when the well should begin to flow, and the steam jet was in readiness for an emergency. Your correspondent was sitting in a little shanty a short distance away. There were present and working about the well Stephen, Henry and Joe Grover and a young man called Eddie Sterner.

The tools had been run down for the purpose of agitating, when it was noticed that the well showed symptoms of flowing. The men all made a dash for the boiler to extinguish the fire under it. Suddenly I noticed little jets of flame surrounding the men. Their clothes were completely saturated with crude oil, from which a gas arose which readily ignited. In an instant the whole air in the neighborhood seemed to be in flames.

I started to run, but was knocked

down by the explosion. When I got up I could see the well flowing furiously, the flames rising to the height of 200 feet or more. Henry Grover was lying on the ground between the boiler and engine house in a blaze. He tried to get up but the burning oil which flowed from the well poured down upon him and prevented his escape. Running around on the other side I found Stephen Grover and young Sterner with their clothes all burned off and their bodies completely blackened. They were dead. The body of Henry when it was recovered, was hardly recognizable. The other two, Edward Sterner and Stephen Grover, lived a few hours, suffering great agony. They were rational and conversed freely, though they well knew all the time they could not live. They were all residents of Frybury, Clarion County, Pa. None of them were married, with the exception of Stephen Grover, who leaves a wife to whom he was married about a year ago, and a son about two weeks old.—N. Y. Sun.

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