

Albany Register,

Shad have been introduced into the Allegheny river.

Philadelphia is to have a \$2,000,000 bridge over the Schuylkill.

A colony of Communists, 1,500 strong, is established in Iowa.

Senator Trumbull has written a letter declining to continue Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

The Female College at Jacksonville, Ill., belonging to the Methodist church, burned on the night of the 18th.

Judge Brady of New York, has set the 2d day of the December term for the trial of Stokes for the murder of Fisk.

Grant's official majority in Connecticut is 4,785.

A characteristic incident is related of Ben Wade, of Ohio, when he was sent out by President Grant as one of the Commissioners in 1863 to inspect the Pacific road. He was disgusted at the sight of the alkaline formations, and despaired of its redemption, when a resident bystander reminded him that it would be a nice place to live in if it only had plenty of water and good society. "I don't doubt it," was the bluff retort, "and hell would be a good place to live in, too, if it had the same advantages."

THE EARTHQUAKE CROP INCREASING.—There is said to be a steady increase through the centuries in the number of earthquakes. According to the best authorities, in the fourth century there were 1; in the fifth, 25; in the sixth, 31; in the seventh, 10; in the eighth, 11; in the ninth, 36; in the tenth, 17; in the eleventh, 51; in the twelfth, 68; in the thirteenth, 55; in the fourteenth, 68; in the fifteenth, 41; in the sixteenth, 110; in the seventeenth, 180; in the eighteenth, 690; in the nineteenth, 925.

Bodily Mixed.

"What's the matter, Bob?"
"Sam, who am I?"
"Why, you are yourself, Bob Harrison, ain't you?"
"No, far from it."

"Why, what's the matter?"
"Well, sir, I'm so mixed up I don't know who I am."

"Don't take it so hard at heart."

"I ain't; I'm taking it in my handkerchief."

"Well, sir, what's the matter?"

"Why, I am married."

"Married? ha! ha! ha! why, sir, you should be happy."

"Yes, but I ain't."

"Why, all married men are supposed to be happy."

"Yes, but how many are so?"

"Well, sir, as I said before, don't take it so hard—tell us all about it."

"Well, Sam, I'll tell you how it is. You see, I married a widower, and this widder had a daughter."

"Oh, yes! I see how it is. You have been making love to this daughter."

"No, worse than that. You see, my father was a widower, and he married this daughter, so that makes my father my son-in-law, don't it? Well, don't you see how I am mixed up?"

"Well, sir, is that all?"

"No, I only wish it was. Don't you see, my step-daughter is my step-mother, ain't she? Well, then, her mother is my grandmother, ain't she?"

"Well, I am married to her, ain't I? So that makes me my own grandfather, doesn't it?"

NOT GENERALLY KNOWN.—Martin Van Buren is the only man who held the offices of President, Vice President, Minister to England, Governor of his own State, and member of both houses of Congress.

Thomas H. Benton is the only man who held a seat in the United States Senate for thirty consecutive years.

The only instance of father and son in the United States Senate, at the same time, is that of Hon. Henry Dodge, Senator from Wisconsin, and his son, Augustus C. Dodge, Senator from Iowa.

General James Shields is the only man who ever represented two States in the United States Senate. At one time he was Senator from Illinois, and subsequently Senator from Minnesota.

John Quincy Adams held position under the Government during every administration from that of Washington to that of Polk—during which he died. He had been Minister to England, member of both houses of Congress, Secretary of State and President of the United States. He died while a member of the House of Representatives.

The only instance where three brothers occupied seats in the lower house at the same time, was when Elihu B. Washburne represented the First District of Illinois, Israel Washburne, Jr., the Third District in Maine, and Cadwallader C. Washburne, the Third District of Wisconsin.

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