

PROSPECTS of a boom in the coal business next year are very favorable. It is thought that on account of the large demands the production in the Anthracite region will be larger than in any year before this.

ROBERT GARRETT, President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, has resigned as a director of the New Jersey Central. A conclusion drawn from this fact is, that the Baltimore & Ohio has given up hopes of ever getting control of the latter road.

THE first volume of Gen. Grant's biography, written by himself, appeared last week. It contains nineteen illustrations and fifty-nine chapters, of which the last twenty three treat of the late rebellion. In the front part of the book the General gives a history of his life. The second volume is expected to be issued next March.

WITH the exception of the small but supervising Republican journals in the country, President Cleveland's message is universally considered an able though lengthy document. Of course, a great many differ with him on certain questions, but the bulk of the message must be regarded as a fair and thorough treatise on everything pertaining to good government. The tariff gets a touch, which pleases the protectionists and chills the freetraders. The silver men do not altogether like his idea of suspending the coinage of silver dollars. His views on civil service are approved by all fair-minded citizens. Cleveland need not be ashamed of his message and his democratic constituents have a right to be proud of the able proclamation.

ANOTHER prominent man has joined the list of departed Americans of fame. Wm H. Vanderbilt, the richest man in the United States, or perhaps in the world, supposed to be worth fully \$200,000,000 died suddenly at his residence in New York City, last Wednesday afternoon, of apoplexy of the brain, whilst in conversation with Robert Garrett, President of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The sudden demise of the millionaire repeats but the serious lesson, that great men, whether they owe their fame to brilliant achievements in war or peace, in literature or art, or to immense riches, are all doomed to meet the stern messenger of death. The news caused a ripple of excitement in the more important financial circles, but on the country at large it had but little effect. Vanderbilt is gone, but his millions remain.

THE VANDERBILT estate appears to have been divided among the descendants of the dead millionaire without favoritism or partiality. The features of the will that are of most interest to the public are the charitable bequests and the administration of the bulk of the estate as a trust during the lifetime of his children. The charitable bequests appear exceedingly small in proportion to the entire amount of the estate. As Vanderbilt never posed as a public benefactor, he will be little disappointed that he left only one of his many millions to charitable objects.

The trust feature of the instrument will have a reassuring effect upon the great railway and other interests in which the Vanderbilt money is invested. It insures the earnest co-operation of the trustees with the immense sums which they represent in maintaining and increasing the value of the properties in which these millions form a controlling interest. On the whole, the will seems to have been the work of a very fair-minded and sensible man and to leave less room for criticism than such instruments generally invite.—Times.

The following editorial from Monday's Patriot in speaking of comparative expenses is a fair eulogy to "Uncle Sam," the popular personage representing the United States:

When Uncle Sam commenced house-keeping the expenses of his whole establishment scarcely equalled the amount that is now required for one of his smallest departments. The expenditures of the general Government in 1795 were four millions. If it had been told the patriarchal economists who managed the public affairs of that early period that the time would come when the annual expenses of the national household would amount to two hundred and fifty millions, exclusive of interest on the public debt, such a seemingly wild statement would have been made to incredulous ears. Yet that was the amount that our liberal Uncle found necessary for decent housekeeping during the last fiscal year, besides fifty-one millions of dollars required for the payment of interest on his debts. One week's interest amounts to one-fourth of the sum expended for the entire Government in 1795.

As late as 1855 fifty-two millions covered all the necessary expense, which

was four millions less than is now annually needed by Uncle Sam to pay pensions to those of his boys who became disabled, and to the widows of those who were killed, in defending his estate in a difficulty that occurred some years ago.

The old gentleman who personifies our nationality has about \$400,000,000 in his strong box, and in that respect is far from being hard up. But as large as that amount may seem to be it is small in comparison with his debts which amount to \$1,848,000,000, leaving a balance of nearly a billion and a half against him in the general account. An ordinary individual who should find such a balance on the wrong side of his ledger would think of appointing assignees, but not so with our Uncle who has fifty-five millions of endorsers and can get trusted for anything he wants.

Miscellaneous News.

The Pennsylvania railroad company furnishes employment for 75,000 men.

Senator Wolverton's father, Mr. Joseph Wolverton died in Scrudry recently, aged 82.

The Williamsport board of health has decided upon general vaccination, fearing a small-pox outbreak during the winter.

A LOUISVILLE woman is the mother of twenty-eight children, all boys. She has never forgotten her childbirth days, and still continues to run the boys.

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Coke Ovens Starting Up.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 13.—Ten per cent. additional of the syndicate coke ovens in the Connelville region have been fired up, making 90 per cent of the total number now in blast, against 50 per cent, a few months ago. The coke trade is now better than it has been for years.

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Destructive Blazes in Adams County.

YORK, Pa., Dec. 13.—At New Oxford, Adams County, yesterday morning the stable attached to the old Miley Hotel, used as a livery stable, together with four horses, one cow and five carriages, the large brick barn of Grier Hersh, with its contents of hay, grain, etc., were entirely consumed. The loss is estimated at \$8,000.

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POTTSVILLE, Dec. 13.—Patrick Murphy, 11 years of age, residing in Fishback, boarded a moving train as it passed down the Philadelphia and Reading Road yesterday afternoon, and, while stepping from one car to another, missed his footing and was precipitated to the track. A number of cars passed over him, his body just above the large

To Fresno the State Capital Rotunda.

HARRISBURG, December 11.—At noon to-day the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds awarded the contract for frescoing the rotunda from the floor to the dome and the corridors on both the first and second floors. The bidders were F. A. Nicholas, of Philadelphia, and Filippo Castagnini, of Washington. Nicholas was awarded the contract, his bid being \$6,250.

The Susquehanna on a High.

NANTICOKE, Pa., Dec. 11.—The ice in the North Branch has broken up and the river here is now running full of four-inch ice rapidly rushing. It is now nearly 5 feet above low-water mark. The water has backed up into the creek here, covering the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad over 2 feet. All the ice passing down the North Branch is gorging at Northumberland, and at some places it is piled 10 feet high.

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More Machinery and Less Hands.

PITTSBURG, December 11.—It is reported here by late comers from the Hocking Valley of Ohio that the coal syndicate will introduce digging and cutting machines into their mines, experiments having proved successful. The miners now work for 50 cents a ton and want 60, while the operators so much to compete with other companies they should get out coal for 40 or 45 cents a ton. The machinist will reduce the cost of production at about 34 cents a ton, one machine mining fifty tons a day, or doing the work of six men.

Justice Field, of the Supreme Court of the United States, in stating the policy of the law with regard to the Sabbath, recently made the following observations: "Laws setting aside Sunday as a day of rest are upheld, not from any right of the Government to legislate for the promotion of religious observances, but from its right to protect all persons from the physical and moral debasement which comes from uninterrupted labor. Such laws have always been deemed beneficent and merciful laws, especially to the poor and dependent, to the laborers in our factories and workshops, and in the heated rooms of our cities; and their validity has been sustained by the highest court of the states."

The New Scalp Law.

For those who are interested the following epitome of the new scalp law will be found sufficiently explicit. Justices of the peace, hunters and all others should cut this out and paste it in their hats, or somewhere else where it will not soon be lost: "Wild cat, \$2; foxes, either red or gray, \$1; mink, wessel and hawk, 50 cents; for every owl except the Arcadian screech or barn owl, 50 cents." It is the duty of any person who has killed any of the animals or birds above named and who is desirous of availing himself of the provisions of this law to produce such slain animals or birds before any Justice of the peace of the county in which the same was killed, and make affidavit of the time and place of killing the same. When these requirements are complied with, the county commissioners will issue an order on the treasurer of the proper amount.

John Snyder, a hard drinking, 45 year old man, at Hawley, Pa., entered a store while drunk and was put out. He entered again, was put out and fell, his head striking a door step and rendering him unconscious. He was placed in a wagon and was taken home, but his wife refused to let him be brought in. He was taken to his mother's and she, too, refused. He was taken to the poor authorities, and they refused. He was taken to a hotel, and its proprietor refused, but let the wagon stand under a shed with the man therein. He died while another effort was being made to find him shelter. His skull was broken in, and no care could have saved his life. Those who refused him shelter thought he was on one of his regular drunken fits, from which he came out very ugly and abusive, and were afraid to have him around. Another effective temperance lecture.

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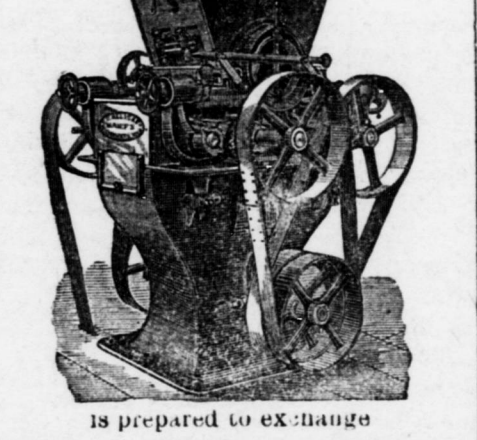
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CAUTION NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that I have purchased the following personal property of Ira Grammey, of Aaronsburg: 1 Cook Stove, 1 Coal Stove, 1 Ten-plate Stove, 1 Sink, 1 Table, 1 Bedstead, 1 dozen Chairs, 1 Desk 1 Loung, 1 Carpet, 1 Iron Kettle, 1 Coal 1 Corn cupboard, 2 Hogs 2 Tubs, 1 Tea Kettle. All persons are cautioned not to meddle or interfere with said property, as I have left the same in his possession at my residence at A. E. STAMBACH, Aaronsburg, Pa., Dec. 3, '85.

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