

CITY INTELLIGENCE. THE GREAT DROUGHT.

A Death of Rain in Philadelphia--Scenes in the City Churches. Observation and experience have long demonstrated that, in this latitude at least, the most closing summer months are the opening of fall here but little of that humidity which more or less marks all other portions of the year; a hot, dry atmosphere prevailing, which gradually makes itself felt, and often severely, in the water-supply. The present scarcity of this all-important fluid is not the first nor the sharpest instance which Nature has presented, but it is the most recent and the most distressing.

The head-waters of most rivers south of a minimum of their usual supply, and rocks and shoals placed beneath the water, which before had been covered by the water, are now exposed. For weeks the date of Fairmount could be passed over dry-shod, and on the Sabbath throngs of persons from all parts of the city availed themselves of this novel bridge.

This drought was great in many parts of the country, every mill bringing a complaint that there was a want of water. But our present purpose is as to its effects here at home, and these were similar to those attending the present emergency, although, perhaps, not so severe. The sand and one other uses to which the element is applied, the proportion needed was infinitely less than now. The aqueous supply from Fairmount, necessarily under the present circumstances, reached the lower municipalities of Southwark and Moyamensing; and to add to the discomforts of the residents of those districts, the cool, delicious pump-water which they had been accustomed to have out, and they were reduced to the tepid waters of the Delaware, which enterprising carters drove a thriving business in conveying of from two to five cents per bucket, according to the purchaser's distance from the source of supply.

The physician usually called upon to have forgotten, or rather wished to tolerate his servants. On more than one occasion the clouds gathered in gloomy but welcome grandeur overhead, sometimes discharging a few precious drops, which were absorbed by the gasping brick-bats; but more frequently the fervid solar rays would enliven a horizon, and send forth a brilliant gleam, which would frequently the coveted treasure of moisture which had seemed so high at hand.

Men's hearts began to fail them in the presence of the growing calamity. The most indifferent, that at length a time had come when an appeal must be made where human effort ceased--the religious world had already been roused, and in many places an unfamiliar face was seen in our various places of worship, and many a fervent, heartfelt aspiration fell from lips but little accustomed to the humanizing accents of prayer. We think that the most interesting bath in October, when a more than usual party had gathered over the hearts and faces of men, that large groups of citizens, such as we have seen in the religious world, had already been roused, and in many places an unfamiliar face was seen in our various places of worship, and many a fervent, heartfelt aspiration fell from lips but little accustomed to the humanizing accents of prayer.

THE INDIAN COMMISSION--AN IMPORTANT MEETING. The following despatch from the Hon. William E. Dodge, of the Indian Commission, has been received in this city:-- CANTON, N. Y., August 22, 1869. George B. Stuart, Philadelphia.--We have to-day had a most important meeting with the Cheyennes and Arapahoes. A large number of chiefs were present and fully conversant with the English language. Medicine Arrow, for the Cheyennes, and Little Horn, for the Arapahoes, made excellent peace speeches. The result of our proceedings and its results are considered most favorable for our object. We are now 200 miles from home, living in tents. We start tomorrow for Medicine Mountain. Some 200 miles south from here we turn east, passing through the entire Indian reservation, and will reach Fort Union in forty days hence. The Indians have killed 700 buffaloes the past week within ten miles of this place.

A TEMPERANCE LECTURER ARRESTED--George H. Mark is a temperance lecturer, who is now lecturing in the masses under the market house at Lawrence street and Girard avenue. Directly opposite the shed is St. Peter's Catholic Church. While the congregation was attending to the service, Wentz in stentorian tones regales his audience. He had been requested to desist during the hours of worship, but he refused, and continued to lecture all the time, the congregation waited upon him, Spar and requested him to have Wentz removed. Accordingly, yesterday afternoon a policeman was detailed for the purpose. Mr. Wentz again refused to move away, and he was arrested and taken before Alderman Riddell, who held him for a further hearing.

AN IMAGINATIVE DIVEL--James Fletcher was yesterday taken to the Tenth District Station, on his head and face pretty badly cut. James was laboring under an attack of delirium tremens, and while promiscuously through the streets, he imagined himself in the water, and made several dives from the curb-stone into the street. After doing this once or twice, he was arrested by a policeman and took him to the station. He was sent to the Alms-house.

A DISORDERLY HOUSE--At No. 907 Green street is an alleged disorderly house, over which Laura Pelletier presides. On being complained of as such, on Saturday night, Sergeant Jones, with a squad of men, made a descent on the place and captured three women and two men. Alderman Massey held Laura in \$500 bail for trial, and the others in \$100 each to keep the peace.

THE DOG WAR--During the past week the dog-catchers captured 126 dogs, of which but 13 were returned, the remainder being slaughtered. Ten dogs were also taken up, and returned. Two horses were seized and were sent to the house-yard.

HOMICIDE. Coroner's Inquest Upon the Body of David Silman.

This morning, at 11 o'clock, Coroner Daniels held an investigation into the cause of the death of David Silman, who died yesterday morning at his home No. 215 St. John street, from injuries alleged to have been received at the hands of one Charles Geissler, in the Union Market House, on Friday last.

Henry Swartz sworn--Lives at No. 445 St. John street, Silman came up the market at Second and (at 10 o'clock) and saw Charles Geissler with a knife in his hand and Silman's wife came up to see what was going on. Silman was taken away by a man, when Charles Geissler came up and saw him strike Silman. He had some difficulty about picking him up when Charles Geissler fell down, and Charles Silman up and laid him on a table.

William Rolin sworn--Silman came to me in the market, and wanted to sell me eleven pairs of chickens. I told him that I didn't want them, but would give him \$5 for them. He then brought me five cents a pound a chicken, and I bought some. He then brought me a chicken, and I bought it. He then brought me a chicken, and I bought it. He then brought me a chicken, and I bought it.

Elizabeth Pugh sworn--Lives at No. 315 Ritten place; saw John Geissler and David Silman together, and saw Geissler strike Silman. He then brought me a chicken, and I bought it. He then brought me a chicken, and I bought it. He then brought me a chicken, and I bought it.

Dr. R. E. Shipley sworn--I made a post mortem examination of the body of David Silman, and found that he died of a fracture of the skull, caused by a blow on the head. He then brought me a chicken, and I bought it. He then brought me a chicken, and I bought it. He then brought me a chicken, and I bought it.

A DISORDERLY CHORUS--On Saturday night a crowd of fellows behaved very badly in the streets, and were very roughly handled. He succeeded in effecting the arrest of Jacob Heller, who on being taken before Alderman Beaker, was required to enter bonds in the sum of \$50 for his appearance at court.

ASSAULTING A POLICEMAN--John Williams on Saturday had his cart backed up on Delaware avenue, and was ordered to move on. He refused to do so, and was taken to the station. He then brought me a chicken, and I bought it. He then brought me a chicken, and I bought it. He then brought me a chicken, and I bought it.

A STABBING AFFAIR--John Grim, of Pottsville, who was arrested on Saturday at Lehigh and Trenton avenues, during which Mitchell was stabbed. Grim was arrested and bound over in \$500 bail for a further hearing by Alderman Beaker.

SUSPECTED OF BURGLARIOUS INTENTIONS--Philip Dougherty was found lying in the parlor of the house of James Logue, No. 520 Poplar street, about half-past 11 o'clock last night. He will be at the Central Station this afternoon, when a charge of attempted burglary will be preferred against him.

INTERFERING WITH A LECTURER--Alderman Beaker has sent William McKeevey and William Doyle to prison to answer the charges of interfering with a temperance lecturer last evening at Walnut street wharf.

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MEMORANDA. Steamer Philadelphia, Holt, sailed from St. Thomas 4th inst. for Jamaica, to land for Philadelphia. Steamer Liverpool, Heard, hence, at Pernambuco 20th inst. to land for Philadelphia.

DIED. FILLA--On the 21st inst. SAMUEL C., son of Samuel H. and A. F. Filla, in the 56th year of his age. The relatives and friends of the family, and the West-coast Life Company, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his father, No. 231 Market street, on Thursday afternoon, the 26th inst. at 2 o'clock.

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FOURTH EDITION WASHINGTON. Yellow Fever Patients at the New York Quarantine--A Dutchman Attempts to Hang Himself--The Races in Springfield--European Quotations.

NEW ENGLAND. A New Cattle Disease--Meeting of Congressional Notables. FROM WASHINGTON. Naval Orders. Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

Despatches received at the Navy Department announce that the Seminole left Key West Aug. 18, for Aspinwall. Army Orders. By order of the Secretary of War, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, Major William H. Benaud, Captain in Engineer Corps, has been ordered to report for duty to General J. K. Warren.

Five Deaths are announced this morning as having occurred from sunstroke yesterday. A New Paper. The United States Official Gazette is the title of a weekly thirty-two page publication, quarto size, about to be commenced here under the control of a well-known New York publishing firm.

FROM NEW YORK. The Survivors of the Mary Jane--The Knights of St. Crispin. Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

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FIFTH EDITION EUROPE. The Coming Race--The Harvards Acknowledged to be a Match for the Oxforas. Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

By the Anglo-American Cable. LONDON, Aug. 23.--The Telegraph to-day has an editorial on the forthcoming international boat race, wherein it says, "The point in favor of the Americans is, that they are in such a state of high training of the best kind, and have not submitted to a sharp regime for a few months with a view to this particular event, but have been in perfect training for the last three years."

PARIS, Aug. 23.--La France says, however painful it may be for Spain to adopt the suggested solution of the Cuban difficulty, there is no other plan possible. It is the only way for Spain to save some fragments of the wreck.

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The Newton (Mass.) Journal says there are intimations that Attorney-General Hoar will soon vacate his place in the Cabinet. If so, he may be selected as the Republican candidate for Congress in the Seventh Congressional district.

PROPOSALS. OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSARY-GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE, CHIEF COMMISSARY OF SUBSISTENCE, DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST AND MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ATLANTIC.

Sealed Proposals, in duplicate, will be received by the undersigned at his office, room No. 43 Army Building, corner of Green and Houston streets, or directed to Post Office box No. 2999, New York, until 10 o'clock A. M., September 10, 1869, for supplying the following Subsistence Stores, to be delivered in Philadelphia, as follows, viz:-- 25 barrels Pork, Mess or Prime Mess--which to be stated--to be at least 300 pounds of meat per barrel, in original packages preferred.

1000 pounds Rio Coffee in sacks, 8100 pounds of clean, dry Brown Sugar, equal in quality to Stewart's 40s Sugar, in barrels, headed, 200 pounds prime White Beans, to be packed in casks, head-lined, 1700 pounds Carolina Rice, in clean, good stout oak barrels.

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