

THE STATE IN GENERAL.

Happenings of Importance from All Sections.

GATHERED FROM HERE AND THERE.

Barney McFadden, a Miner, Murders His Wife and Children at Scranton—A Gang of Italian Laborers Run Down by a Locomotive—Other State News.

HARRISBURG, March 29.—The case of James M. Place formerly of the Pennsylvania Telegram, now in jail in Pottsville for libel was heard by the board of pardons yesterday. Place's paper was published in Reading and the libel was against a man named Wemelsdorf at Pottsville. It was shown to the board of pardons by A. J. Whitehouse, the attorney, that the party who wrote the libel was not only not prosecuted, but was used as a witness against Place. Mr. Whitehouse asked for a pardon on the ground that the sentence was excessive; that Place has been sufficiently punished and the ends of justice have been met. Letters were read and presented asking for the pardon from George W. Childs, William Singler, A. K. McClure, George W. Turner, Colonel John Cockerill, and other prominent journalists.

PHILADELPHIA, March 29.—Benjamin Evans Chalm, the second oldest member of the Montgomery county bar, died at his residence in Norristown yesterday, in his 70th year, of an affection of the kidneys. His preceptors were G. Rodman Fox, of Norristown, and Hon. James M. Porter, of Easton, at which latter place he completed his law studies. He was a life-long democrat and a warm personal friend of the late General Hancock. He is survived by his wife, one son and a daughter.

READING, March 28.—Wharton Morris, one of the oldest practitioners of the Berks county bar, died suddenly of acute disease of the kidneys yesterday. He studied law in Philadelphia with William B. Heiskell, and was admitted to practice in 1854. He served one term as district attorney and was the solicitor to the board of directors of the poor for three years. He was a native of this city and about 60 years of age.

SCRANTON, March 29.—Barney McFadden, a miner living near Leggett's Creek breaker, this city, some time during Monday night murdered his wife and children. The scene in the house when the neighbors made the discovery yesterday was a terrible one, bearing evidence of an awful struggle on the part of the woman to escape the murderer. McFadden is missing, but police are searching for him.

ASHLAND, March 28.—Anthony Gasp, aged 40 years, employed as a brakeman on the Reading railroad at Gordon, was crushed to death beneath an engine. He was stepping from the last car of his train when he slipped and fell to the track. An engine, which was following the train very closely, ran over him before he had time to escape.

PITTSBURG, March 27.—All the miners along the Monongahela, numbering in the neighborhood of 10,000 men, returned to work in the mines this morning in a body. The strike was practically declared off Saturday. The miners have been on a strike for nine months and to-day they resumed mining coal at three cents per bushel.

PITTSBURG, March 23.—Through worrying over the condition of his soul, W. R. Newell, of the Western Theological seminary, has gone crazy. He was a brilliant man, and bid fair to become one of the most talented of his profession. Mr. Newell only came to the Allegheny seminary in January and ever since then has been acting in a strange manner at times.

NEW CASTLE, March 25.—The contract for putting in the tank system at the Shesango glass works has been let to the Smythe company, of Pittsburg, and work will be commenced soon. The new system will increase the present capacity of the works about one-half and give employment to about 75 or 100 additional hands.

PITTSBURG, March 24.—Fire broke out in the works of the Roberts Manufacturing Company, 2624 and 2626 Smallman street. It quickly spread to the adjoining property of Benedick Boehm, a saloon keeper, and in a short time his place was in ruins. The fire was discovered by a servant girl at Boehm's place. The loss will reach \$20,000.

LANCASTER, March 29.—Extra freight engine No. 245, of the Pennsylvania railroad, ran into a gang of Italians near Columbia. A score of them employed on the contract were crossing the main track on the way to their shanty, and did not notice the freight engine approaching. One of the men was killed and several others badly injured.

HARRISBURG, March 25.—The Philadelphia Coal Company, of Philadelphia, capital \$950,000, the incorporators of which are Frank W. Chase, Harvey Vollmer, Philadelphia; Fred M. Chase, Wilkes-Barre; John M. Chase, Edward B. Chase, Burmont, was chartered yesterday.

MY. PLEASANT, March 29.—The controller of the currency has authorized the Farmers' and Merchants' national bank here to commence business on \$50,000 capital and with the following officers: R. K. Hiseam, president; E. B. Ingalls, cashier.

BETHLEHEM, March 29.—While Joseph Budge and wife, of Mechanicsville, were driving across the Catasauqua and Fogelsville railroad at Zieplis station yesterday, they were struck by an engine of the Thomas iron works and fatally injured.

PALO ALTO, March 28.—The blockade of coal trains at this and other shipping points on the Reading road has been effectively broken. The company succeeded in getting all of the extra coal train men cleared and now the tracks are fairly well cleared of loaded trains.

BEAVER FALLS, March 28.—Farmers of Lawrence and Beaver counties report that the maple sugar and maple syrup product in this section breaks the record of many years. Since the season began the sugar camps have been running night and day.

ASHLAND, March 27.—It is rumored in coal circles here that the old Continental colliery, near Centralia, is to be put in working order and operated by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company.

ERIE, March 25.—E. Y. Young, wholesale meat and pork packer, has assigned. Fire destroyed his pork packing establishment a few days since, when he suffered a loss of \$8,000. His liabilities are about \$12,000.

BEAVER FALLS, March 28.—Pearl Hulmer, a 7-year-old daughter of Seth Hulmer, of this city, was struck by a passenger train on the Fort Wayne railroad and killed instantly.

LEBANON, March 28.—Counterfeit World's Fair Columbian half dollars have made their appearance in this city. They are well executed and calculated easily to deceive.

HARRISBURG, March 28.—The Flory and Richard Power Company, of Bangor, to supply water power, capital \$50,000, was chartered yesterday.

SCRANTON, March 28.—Beautiful Elm Park Methodist Episcopal church, which was partially destroyed by fire last December, a few days previous to the time of dedication, and which had been nearly reconstructed, was again visited by the fire and still greater destruction yesterday. All the massive stone walls which withstood the former flames went down before the fire excepting the tower, in which stands the Connell memorial chimneys. All the interior work on the re-constructed edifice was about finished ready for the painters and frescoers. The loss by the fire yesterday will reach fully \$125,000, with only \$30,000 insurance.

MORRISVILLE, March 24.—Eddie, the 6-year-old son of Jared Trautman, fell into the reservoir of the Reading Railroad Company at this place. He was saved from drowning by his 8-year-old brother Willie, who dragged him out in an almost exhausted condition.

MONONGAHELA, March 24.—About sixty delegates representing the river mines met in conference here yesterday afternoon and after a careful survey of the situation determined to continue the strike until the 31-2 cent rate is granted by the operators.

LEBANON, March 24.—Koch's hotel at Durmore was destroyed by fire and several occupants of the building narrowly escaped being cremated. Loss, \$10,000, partly insured. An exploding lamp in the kitchen is the supposed cause.

LANCASTER, March 24.—Executions for \$14,000 were issued yesterday afternoon against Joseph Cooper, cigar manufacturer of Ephrata. He had a large factory, and the failure was unexpected. The liabilities are above \$20,000.

POTTSVILLE, March 28.—At the shops of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company a new casting is being prepared. It is a crank shaft, weighing 18,000 pounds, and is to be placed on a scraper plant at one of the company's collieries.

FOUR STATES SWEEP BY WIND.

The Damage Done by Thursday's Cyclone is Enormous.

MEMPHIS, March 25.—The damage done by Thursday's cyclone in the Mississippi valley is enormous. While the loss of life is not so great as at first reported, the damage to property will reach \$2,000,000. The death list foots up twenty, while the list of injured will run up into the hundreds.

The first heard of the cyclone was in North Louisiana and South Arkansas. It crossed the Mississippi a few miles above Greenville.

The first fatality occurred near Shaw's Station, Miss., where the house of Drury Sumral, a prosperous and industrious colored farmer, was leveled to the ground, killing the entire family of nine persons. The hurricane then changed its course slightly and traveled the right of way of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad until it entered Cleveland, Miss., where a public school building, several houses and stores were razed to the ground.

Leaving Cleveland the cyclone passed within a mile of Clarkdale, a town of 2,000 inhabitants, and next struck Tunica, the county seat of Tunica county.

Nearly every building in the place was wrecked. As the cyclone left Tunica it divided, one portion traveling in a northerly direction, while the other took a northwesterly course, and again crossed the Mississippi river in Arkansas, where it spread ruin through three counties.

The towns of Crawfordville and Vincent were nearly wiped off the face of the earth, and the storm then took a northeasterly course, reaching Kelly, Miss., about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Here the greatest damage was done. Six people were killed outright and scores injured.

After leaving Kelly the cyclone passed into Tennessee, the next place to fall in its path being Spring Creek, a small town in Madison county, where several people were injured, but no one was killed.

ELLIOTT F. SHEPARD PASSES AWAY.

He Dies Suddenly During a Surgical Operation in New York.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Elliott F. Shepard, editor of the Mail and Express died yesterday at his home here while physicians were performing a surgical operation upon him.

The Murderer Defies Arrest.

ATLANTA, March 25.—It has been learned that Asbury Gentry, a murderer who escaped from Fulton county jail some months ago, has been at his father's home in Carroll county ever since he escaped. Gentry defies arrest. He dresses as a woman and when he goes out he wears a heavy veil.

The Silver Purchase.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The treasury department yesterday purchased 290,000 ounces of silver as follows: One hundred and sixty thousand ounces at \$0.8210, 80,000 at .8312, 50,000 at .8315. The offers were 677,000 ounces. The purchases for the month aggregate 8,847,700 ounces.

Re-enacted the Delinquent Loan.

DOVER, Del., March 24.—The legislature has re-enacted the delinquent law that was repealed two years ago. This will disfranchise the great bulk of the colored vote of Kent and Sussex counties at the next election, as the voters have not paid poll tax within the past two years.

In Financial Straights.

SYDNEY, Australia, March 25.—Sir George Richard Dibbs, premier of New South Wales, is in financial difficulties, and has given up his estate to satisfy the demands of his creditors. He has resigned his seat in parliament, although he still retains the premiership.

Found Him in the River.

BUDA PEST, March 28.—The body of Baron Louis Kallay, a conspicuous Hungarian politician, was found in the river Theiss, near Zenta. His skull had been fractured by repeated blows with a metal instrument. His clothes had been torn in a struggle, and his face was cut.

Convicts to be Released.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—Governor Markham's approval of the parole bill will release from the two state prisons over 1,000 convicts who have served one year of their first term. Many of the convicts who may be paroled are desperate criminals who have come here from the east.

The Doctor Was Not Abducted.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 25.—Dr. Young, who was reported to have been abducted from Montreal, is here in company with A. C. Ross, of Montreal. The doctor says the reports about his disappearance are ridiculous. His visit here is on matters of business.

Mrs. Mackay Sails for New York.

LONDON, March 25.—Mrs. John W. Mackay sailed for New York on the American line steamer Paris to-day. Mrs. Mackay received a cable dispatch from her husband yesterday stating that his condition is continuing to improve.

Girls Useless in Egypt.

In Egypt, and in many other heathen countries, it is the custom to throw away girl-babies. They are cast into the rivers, or fed to wild animals. Of course, this is very terrible for us to think about, and, lately, some good people have found a way to prevent the slaughter in a measure. An order has been formed called the Order of the Holy Childhood.

Each member gives one cent a month, or twelve cents a year. With this money, which amounts to a great deal if there are many members, missionaries are sent to Egypt and to all countries where they destroy babies, with instructions to buy all the little children they can find. A baby-girl rarely costs more than two cents, and the missionaries buy hundreds just in time to save them from watery grave. The children are then sent to Christian institutions and are brought to be civilized women.

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Ex-Senator John James Ingalls will contribute to the April number of Harper's Magazine an important and intensely interesting article on Kansas presenting an account of the distinctive political, social, and industrial features of the commonwealth, and having an especial timeliness on account of the light which it throws upon the origin and development of the present Populist movement in that State. The paper will be accompanied by numerous portraits of men whose names are identified with the history of the State.

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Slurs for the Pennsylvania Troops.

The Washington correspondents of the New York papers knew what their employers and a majority of their New York readers wanted when they copiously interlarded their reports of the inauguration parade with slurs and sneers at the Pennsylvania troops. Any man whose knowledge of the situation and familiarity with the military matter fit him for an intelligent judgment on the subject, well knows that no other State has a military establishment at all comparable with the National Guard of Pennsylvania. As General Sheridan bluntly replied, when asked, in the course of description of a former inauguration, whether there were no other militia in the procession. "None worth a —." The gingerbread soldiers of New York, with their mongrel uniform and fuss and feathers, make a sorry contrast with the solid battalions of Pennsylvania when the two are brought together, and no wonder the New York papers were envious and sour.—Reading Times.

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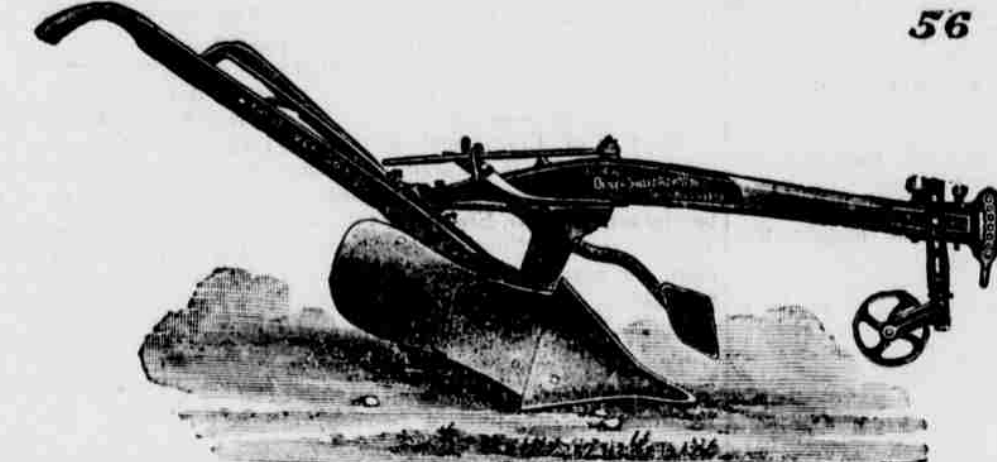
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