

THE STATE IN GENERAL.

Happenings of Importance from All Sections.

GATHERED FROM HERE AND THERE.

The Pennsylvania Steel Company Passes Into the Hands of a Receiver—Daniel Mason Drops Dead at His Home in Harrisburg—Other State News.

HARRISBURG, April 22.—The announcement yesterday of the fact that the affairs of the Pennsylvania Steel Company had passed into the hands of a receiver was a great surprise to everybody, especially to those high up in financial circles. The company's plant at Steelton, three miles below this city, has always been credited with being one of the greatest profit-producing institutions in the state, and has had the reputation of ranking second in size only to the great Carnegie works at Pittsburgh.

In an interview with one of the officials of the company last evening it was learned that the company's embarrassment was due principally to the present stringency in the money market and that it is only temporary. The works will be kept in operation to their full capacity and some of the present employees will be dismissed. It will take fully six months to fill in the gaps, but the orders now on hand, and new orders are pouring in at a rapid rate.

The company does a business of more than \$5,000,000 a year, and those in a position to know say that the assets will more than offset the liabilities. The plant and machinery are valued at \$5,000,000 and the accounts receivable aggregate \$1,500,000. The stock on hand is valued at \$2,000,000.

HARRISBURG, April 21.—The receiver and officers of the Pennsylvania Steel Company have begun the work of preparing a statement of the company's financial condition. At the Fourth street office the information given out was that the company will continue operations as heretofore, and a notice to this effect was sent to the heads of all the departments of the works.

HARRISBURG, April 20.—Upon complaint of John P. Lane, who served about three months as city treasurer, having gone out of office on April 2, select council appointed a committee of three to investigate a charge of speculation in city bonds in which the city clerk, L. C. Fetter, is involved. Clerk Fetter when the matter came up in select council did not even deny the transactions referred to by ex-treasurer Lane, but claimed that he had bought the bonds outright and subsequently sold them, and that on some of the bonds a motion was adopted to also investigate the alleged purchase of \$40,000 worth of the bonds of the late treasurer, Mr. Lane, and ascertain whether he still holds them, and, if not, to whom he sold them and at what profit.

BERKS COUNTY, April 24.—Almost every day unfortunate and penniless workmen, white and black, pass through this place, going southward. They are laborers who have been working on the new Wilkes-Barre and Eastern railroad, near Birdsboro, Northampton county, and they tell a terrible story of rough treatment by the bosses, whom they charge with everything imaginable, including shooting for daring to ask for the payment of wages due them. Most of the colored men are from South Carolina and Georgia, which they are endeavoring to reach again.

BETHLEHEM, April 25.—George Gerber, aged 25 years, son of Rev. Albert E. Gerber, professor of literature at the Moravian university for young ladies, committed suicide Saturday night by shooting himself in the right temple with a pistol. The cause was melancholia, superinduced by a four months' attack of the grip.

Young Gerber was a draughtsman and had been employed in Lancaster and New England. His father is a high dignitary of the Moravian congregation.

HARRISBURG, April 25.—A boy 10 years of age was arrested by Police Sergeant Shiel, at the request of citizens in the vicinity of Parkerton avenue and Sixteenth street. The boy was in such a beastly state of intoxication as to be unable to either walk or talk. An investigation is being made by the police officials to ascertain, if possible, where the boy obtained the liquor.

HARRISBURG, April 25.—George H. Morgan, who cut his throat at the American hotel in Lebanon Sunday night, was a well-known journalist and lawyer of this city. He once attempted to kill himself at Steelton, but failed. He was recently engaged in newspaper work at Lebanon. His wife and four adult children reside here. Morgan was 65 years old and had a checkered career.

PORRVILLE, April 25.—The Heading company did a tremendous business during Sunday from its Palo Alto shipping station. Forty loaded coal trains were sent out to Tidewater and thirty-six trains of empty cars were received. All told 32,000 tons of coal were shipped, requiring 1,452 cars. All the business was transacted without a single accident.

CHESTER, April 26.—It is rumored on the street that a movement is on foot to establish a new national bank. Judge Clayton, it is said, will be made the president, and the bank building will be the Cambridge hotel. The judge, according to the rumors will not enter the judgeship fight to succeed himself on the bench.

MATFIELD, April 24.—Dr. J. S. Patterson, of this place, who examined the body of the late A. K. Bell, of Hilltown township, after it had been taken from the water, asserts that the man did not commit suicide by drowning himself, but had been attacked by apoplexy and fell into the stream.

CHESTER, April 24.—Some one set fire to the pretty club house at Ridley Park. It was entirely consumed and several houses nearby came down going in the conflagration. The loss is \$25,000. Attempts were also made to set fire to the Baltimore and Ohio railroad station.

LEBANON, April 26.—The board of health has condemned the old Lutheran burial ground, which is in bad condition. It is in the heart of the city, and, owing to the shallowness of many graves, it is feared that it may be the cause of fever and other contagious diseases.

KEFFERTS, April 26.—The body of John Kefferts, missing for two weeks, was found in the Pine Creek, near this place. He was about 50 years of age, and while on his way home at night it is supposed that he fell into the creek and was drowned.

HARRISBURG, April 24.—Daniel Bacon, one of the most prominent business men in the city, dropped dead of heart failure at his residence Saturday afternoon. Mr. Bacon was engaged in the wholesale confectionery business.

SCRANTON, April 24.—The lumber yard of Kern Flier & Son was destroyed by fire at 10 o'clock last night with a loss of \$50,000. The insurance was only partial.

HARRISBURG, April 25.—Last evening a special session of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows of this state was held here for the purpose of conferring the grand lodge degree upon all past grand masters of Dauphin and adjoining counties, who had not previously received that degree. The ceremony was preparatory to the meeting of the grand lodge at Reading beginning May 16 next. All third degree members were instructed in the unwritten work of the order at the conclusion of last evening's ceremonies. Quite a number of past grand masters from Lancaster were among those who took the degree, and there was a large attendance from the central part of the state. The order of Odd Fellows will, during the week, celebrate throughout the United States the seventy-fourth anniversary of the order.

HARRISBURG, April 25.—The following were chartered yesterday: Mansfield Gas Company of Pittsburgh, to produce natural gas in Allegheny township and supply it to townships, boroughs and cities, capital \$10,000; Crystal Water Company of Tidewater, Warren county, capital \$10,000; Gallatin Electric Light Company, of Cambria county, capital \$20,000; Bridgeport Joint Brick Company, of Pittsburgh, capital \$150,000.

CHESTER, April 24.—Because he opposed church laws, which the majority of his congregation favored, D. T. Frier of the South Chester Baptist church, has resigned. He says some members of his flock make things unpleasant for him and he does not propose to remain. His salary was \$300 and he says the church should be able to keep up expenses without him and test his faith.

ALLENTOWN, April 25.—Seward Gerner, a wealthy farmer, found guilty of stealing tons of butter from creameries throughout this and Berks county was yesterday sentenced to three years' imprisonment at hard labor.

PORRVILLE, April 24.—The ruin banks at Lower Hazlet Creek colliery, owned by the Reading Company are on fire. It is feared that the banks will be consumed and thousands of tons of good coal destroyed.

WEST CHESTER, April 24.—N. T. Hayes, proprietor of the Eagle Hotel, committed suicide by drowning in the borough reservoir yesterday. Financial troubles are assigned as the cause.

FOUR PROMINENT APPOINTMENTS.

Those Who Received the Chief Administration Office.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The appointments yesterday were among the choice ones in the gift of the administration, and the men who will fill the several positions are popular in American politics and business affairs.

Luther F. McKimsey, of New Hampshire, nominated to be minister to Columbia, is a native of Ohio, from which state at the age of 18 he enlisted and served as sergeant of Company D, in the First Ohio cavalry until 1861. After the war Mr. McKimsey studied for the ministry, graduating in New York in 1870. He removed to New Hampshire in 1872, was defeated for congress as a democrat in 1884, elected in 1888, defeated again in 1892, but was again successful in 1896 and served through the Fifty-second congress. Mr. McKimsey was a candidate on the democratic ticket for governor of his state but was defeated. He was also prominently mentioned for commissioner of pensions.

Thomas L. Thompson, nominated to be minister to Brazil, was born at Charleston, West Virginia, May 31, 1838, went to California in 1855, and started the Petaluma Journal, the first paper published in Sonoma county. In 1869 he purchased the Sonoma Democrat at Santa Rosa, now the centre of a great fruit and wine producing section, and has been identified with it as editor and publisher over thirty years. In 1865 Mr. Thompson was elected secretary of state on the ticket with Governor George Stoneman, and before the expiration of his term of four years had to certify to his own election as a member of the Fifty-first congress, being the third in line of his family to serve in that capacity—his grandfather in the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth and his father in the Thirtieth.

Mr. Thompson was defeated for re-election to congress on the ticket with Mr. Cleveland in 1888, and has since taken an active part in the campaign of education by which his district and state were converted to tariff reform. He was a delegate to the Chicago convention and a member of the famous Whitney committee.

John M. Wiley, of New York, nominated to be consul to Bordeaux, is a native of Ireland, but came to America when but 4 years of age. He is a wealthy citizen of East Aurora, N. Y., but has recently purchased a fine residence in Buffalo. In 1871-2 he served as a member of the state legislature. Mr. Wiley has represented his district in the state committee for years and in the Fifty-first congress was its representative.

Mr. Oliver P. Johnson is a native of Dorchester county, Md., but the past ten years have been spent in Georgetown with the exception of two passed in Florida with a sick wife. From 1873 to 1875 he was a member of the Maryland house of delegates, being chosen to represent the county of his birth. Though the new justice never graduated in law in 1879 he was admitted to practice before the circuit court and court of appeals of Maryland. On March 20 Mr. Johnson handed his application to the president. The newly appointed justice succeeds Mr. M. V. Buckley, who died recently.

Reduced the Price of Coal.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The western and eastern coal agents held a protracted meeting yesterday afternoon at which the western agents reduced the price per ton fifty cents on the four sizes, broken, egg, stove and nut coal, thus in a measure following the example of the eastern agents who came down in their price two months ago.

The Bark Mentor Wrecked.

VERMONT HAVEN, Mass., April 25.—The Norwegian bark Mentor, Captain Gustafson, from Copenhagen to Nash, Springfield & Co., Boston, went ashore on How and Green shoals, off Nantucket. The captain and crew reached Great Round Shoal Lightship. No trace of the bark can be seen. It is thought that she went to pieces.

Dr. Hussey Dead.

PITTSBURGH, April 25.—Dr. C. G. Hussey, possibly the wealthiest citizen of Western Pennsylvania, died yesterday morning. Dr. Hussey was a pioneer in the copper business in the United States, having large interests in the Lake Superior regions. He was the principal stockholder in the Chronicle Telegraph Publishing Company. He was over 90 years old.

No Racers Will be Barred at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 25.—An attempt is being made by the Buffalo Park association to get up a \$30,000 race for the Grand Circuit meeting. Secretary Hawley is in correspondence with the owners of all the speedy trotters and the race will be free for all, nothing barred, not even Nance Hank.

The Summer White House.

CLEVELAND ENGAGES A LARGE COUNTRY RESIDENCE WITH FINE VIEWS.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The President and Mrs. Cleveland are going to have a home in the country as they did four years ago. By the end of the present month the Middleton House on Woodley Lane Road will be ready for their occupancy.

The house is a large old-fashioned structure, roomy, comfortable and occupying an ideal location. It is nearer the city than Oak View. It stands on an elevated knoll, surrounded by fine old oaks. It is some distance back from the road and commands an extended view of the rolling country to the north, perhaps the most striking and picturesque section of the famous Rock Creek region, and one of the most charming views of the city to be found. The house is larger than the one at Oak View.

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It is now quite probable that the new County of Hazel formed from parts of Luzerne and Schuylkill, with the county seat at Hazleton, will be created. The Senate has passed the bill finally. Next will follow a scramble for the offices. Over a dozen offices will be filled with salaries ranging from \$500 to \$4000 a year. Enough good material can easily be found in Hazleton to fill all the places.

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The whole story, however, is told in an illustrated book entitled "Guide to Health," by Mrs. Pinkham. It contains over 50 pages of most important information, which every woman, married or single, should know about herself. Send 2 two-cent stamps for it. For Kidney Complaints and Backache of either sex the Vegetable Compound is required.

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