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## THE LATE BLIZZARD. SOME OF ITS DAMAGES.

The Older Ones Set to Thinking About Its Equal.—The Younger Ones Say It Was the Worst they Ever Saw.—They Are Right About It, no Doubt.

On Thursday evening February 7th, 1895, a terrific snow and wind storm, the nearest approach to the western blizzard that this section has yet experienced, set in, and it seemed to have come to stay. Though not the genuine western blizzard that defies man or beast, and that freezes all clothing as stiff as a board in less than 15 minutes, yet it piled the pure white and poetical snow so high in the pathway, the roadway and on all the railroad tracks, as to temporarily check all manner of traffic and locomotion. It was for a time difficult to discover the poetry the unknown author found in "the beautiful snow." In fact the weather was such as to somewhat endanger the life of man or beast exposed to it for any great length of time. Like the western cyclone that sometimes visits us in summer, we are now beginning to have an occasional touch of their winter blizzards, though as yet they are somewhat tempered to the shorn lambs of this latitude. It is a growing condition admonishing all that in the midst of life it is well to prepare for death, in winter and summer both. But if we are entirely too spiritually indifferent for that (and I fear we are) let us at least try to break the coal combine somewhat so that we don't freeze to death for want of cornered fuel when the blizzards strike us.

The insignificant and temporary trolley tie up in Brooklyn was as nothing compared with the blizzard tie up in the greater part of the United States—north, south, east and west. All the suffering and death resulting from this fierce wind and cutting sleet has not been told and never will be. If wealth covers a multitude of sins, honest and modest poverty don't advertise all it knows and feels in winter or summer; if it did there would be more practical and less theoretical effort among home missionaries and theological workers in the moral vineyard w/o find themselves comfortably housed when the fierce and biting elements howl and pierce and shriek the mimicry of pain inflicted upon the highly civilized and christianized at home.

The storm in this vicinity was pronounced the very worst we have had for many years, stopping all traffic and communication temporarily from near and far. Where cellars were not thoroughly banked and closed, fruits and vegetables stored therein froze, the thermometer ranging lower for a continuous period than it had for years. The railroads centering here found it impossible to make schedule time, and in fact they found it necessary to abandon all effort to do so, after persistent endeavor had proven the futility of the attempt. All of Thursday night, all of Friday and Friday night, and all of Saturday and Saturday night, may be included in a continuous period more or less blizzardy and blustery, and during all of which time it may be said to have been positively dangerous to be out, as the reports of freezing now fully confirm.

Reports from the south, where little or no precaution is taken against freezing, indicate even greater loss and suffering than the first cold wave entailed upon that section. The ruinous influence of the storm is said to have been more or less felt throughout the south and southwest as well as in the north and northwest.

As for country roads it will take weeks in some cases for the farmers to make them passable for the public.

### TESTIMONY FROM ABOARD.

Williamsport.—The blizzard struck this place most severely of anything we have had for years. It was a terror from any standpoint. People home by a warm fire were glad of it. All rail and other traffic interfered with. Thermometer three degrees below the lowest. The shivering poor relieved by orders drawn to get them coal, &c.

Lewisburg.—Thermometer ranges from 10 to 16 below zero. No attempt can be made to raise blockades until the fierce wind abates its fury. Men will not, cannot work in it. Wreck crews tried but failed in all manly attempt to stand it. The Erie mail train was buried in the snow. All trains are from one to three hours late.

Allenwood.—Train wrecked. Two engines, a baggage car, and two passenger cars thrown off the track into the snow. Passengers escape, but Engineer Ehrlich and his fireman scalded and seriously hurt.

Mahaffey.—Wind, 40 miles an hour; thermometer 10 degrees below

zero; all telegraph wires down. Worst storm in years.

Jersey Shore.—The streets deserted. Wind has swept them of everything presuming to live. Temperature from 6 to 10 degrees below zero. George Heyd, a farmer came to town in the morning. In attempting to return he was caught in a snow drift 10 feet deep. He escaped to town and, securing the help of 15 men, his team was shoveled out. There was too much wind for the Williamsport windmill. It stood the gale until 1:30 when it yielded to the inevitable and collapsed.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Thermometer 18 degrees below zero; roads impassable.

Lancaster, Pa.—The gale drifted shut all rail and wagon roads. Travel from rural districts impossible. Business at a standstill. Men shoveling snow, but suffering severely.

Harrisburg.—The wind and weather having no respect for rank or title has stubbornly resisted the home departure of the legislators who generally spend Sunday at home. The blizzard kept them in Harrisburg. Henry Gabelen was found in a box car almost frozen to death. He was taken to the hospital. Business practically suspended.

Reading.—The worst experienced since the great blizzard in 1888. Drifts from three to six feet. Public roads completely blocked.

Allentown.—Snow bound worse than any time since 1888. Business at a standstill.

New York.—Navigation blockaded in this harbor. Ferry boats run under great difficulties. The D. L. & W. Railroad completely blocked. Freight traffic froze up.

Chicago.—Dispatches indicate great storm in Minnesota and the Dakotas. Temperature here 14 degrees below zero. Intense suffering in homes of poor reported; many frost bitten. Mrs. Schroeder, 75 years old, while going in search of a nurse, was overcome by the intense cold and fell and froze to death. Wm. Chase, a homeless laborer, was found in a door-way with the side exposed to the weather frozen from head to foot. Though taken to hospital, there is no hope of his recovery.

Genoa.—Twenty small vessels driven ashore. A violent storm swept the coast, doing great damage to buildings, piers, &c.

Denison, Texas.—The worst storm in years; a howling blizzard, blowing at rate of fifty miles an hour. Thousands of cattle are dying from exposure.

Perry, Oreg. T.—The worst we have had in twenty years.

Little Rock.—The coldest ever known here. Terrible.

### Railroad Finances.

At the stockholders' annual meeting of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, on the 11th instant, the financial report showed a decrease of earnings of \$532,413 over the amount earned last year. The settlement of unsettled accounts between the various roads for hauling interchanged freight is also now a matter of some concern and demand, as witness the following resolution:

A resolution was presented by David S. Thompson requesting the board of managers to bring an action against the Pennsylvania Railroad for an accounting of through freight receipts over the Philadelphia and Erie road during the past six years. It was referred to the incoming board. Mr. Thompson represented 17,000 shares.

### A Printing Office Fire.

In the recent fire which started at midnight in the State Printing Office at Harrisburg, it is estimated that about \$100,000 worth of property—fully insured—was destroyed. It is not known how the fire originated. Nothing was destroyed but what the legislature can easily reproduce with additional appropriations. The Annual Report of the State Treasurer was consumed in the flames, and all the manuscript of the Auditor General's Report, also, along with other State reports. The 30,000 copies of Agricultural Reports that went up in smoke can easily be replaced by printers as well as the maps and stereotype plates.

### A NEW FEATURE.

We are receiving weekly, a two column letter from Harrisburg, during the present session of the Legislature, which will give our readers the run of legislative matters. It will be printed usually on the second page. It is written by an experienced reporter, and will prove an interesting feature.

### MERRELL-IKELER.

A delightful affair took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Ikler on Jan. 17, when a number of relatives and friends assembled to witness the marriage of their daughter, Vinnie, to Orin J. Merrell. Promptly at 5 o'clock, to the wedding march played by Prof. Ikeler, the charming bride handsomely attired in French serge, attended by Milroy Ikeler, who gave her away, and the groom and groomsmen, B. J. Grimes, entered the tastefully decorated parlor, where the ceremony was performed, by Rev. E. M. Chilcoat.

After congratulations all were invited to partake of a delicious wedding dinner, prepared by the hand of an apt caterer.

The guests were highly entertained during the remainder of the evening with amusing recitations and elegantly rendered vocal and instrumental music by Prof. Ikeler.

The many useful as well as ornamental presents are as follows: Bed room suit, parlor lamp, two sets smoothing irons, music book, two sets silver carvers, art plaque, water set, two sets tumblers, doily, silver butter dish, coffee mill, large oil painting, silk throw, handkerchief case, silver cake dish, glass pitcher, cracker jar, silver table and tea spoons, silver napkin rings, silver nut pickers, silver nut crackers, two sets silver fruit knives, salt and pepper cups, silver sugar shells, silver gravy spoon, toilet set, linen towels, napkins, table cloths, counter panes, silver pickle caster, flour sifter, set china fruit dishes, silver fruit spoons, hand painted china plate, bed room lamp, centre table, parlor dust bag, sofa pillow, chenille table spread, china bread plate and celery tray, china set, taxidermist crow, etc.

Those present were from Rohrsburg, Greenwood, Millville, Orangeville, Canby, Town Hill, Benton, Light Street, Bloomsburg, Maudsle, Danville, Watsontown, Hughesville, Montandon, Eckley, Iowa and Kansas.

The guests numbered about one hundred and twenty-five.

### A BIG SHERIFF'S SALE.

The Milton Record of last week says:

"There was great excitement at the Court House, at Sunbury on Saturday morning. Sheriff Noriconk sold the property of the Nathaniel Taylor company, the Penn Anthracite company being the tenants. The property consists of \$2700 acres of coal land, a big breaker, store, school house, six double houses, fifty-seven single houses, engines, tracks and in fact all that make up a big coal operation. As soon as the sheriff had commenced the sale a well dressed stranger in the crowd bid the large sum of \$500,000. Congressman Wolverton went him \$25,000 better, and the stranger with a silk hat bid \$25,000 more. Then the bidding became lively, and at last the stranger stopped and the property was struck down to Congressman Wolverton for the sum of \$700,000. The next sale was for a tract of 2040 acres adjoining the one above sold, and this Congressman Wolverton bought for the same parties for the sum of \$95,000. These properties are valuable coal lands and their sale has been adjourned several times. The Sheriff's costs in these cases are about \$4,000 and with a few more Mr. Sheriff Noriconk can retire at the end of his term well fixed in worldly goods."

These properties lie partly in Columbia County, and they were advertised by Sheriff Noriconk, in THE COLUMBIAN.

### Sudden Death.

Mr. L. M. Hartman, of Buck Horn, while engaged shoveling snow during the blizzard, was taken with a sense of dizziness from which he never recovered. He died very suddenly on Friday morning about 10 o'clock. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss, the children being all married but one. The deceased had attained the age of about 65 years. He was buried at Dutch Hill on Tuesday the 12th instant. Misses Mary and Clara Beers and Miss Sarah Thomas, relatives of the deceased, were conveyed to the funeral by Mr. John Deily.

### One of Many Frozen.

While a party of farmers living at Falls Church, Va., about twelve miles from Washington, were digging through snow drifts to make a road to secure provisions and mail, they dug up the frozen body of a plasterer named Phillips, who had evidently been overcome by the storm last Thursday night.

### JOHN G. JACOBY.

We were able to give but a brief notice of John G. Jacoby, last week. The following from the Berwick Independent of February 8th, is a just tribute to the memory of a good man:

"It was with profound sorrow that the news of the death of John G. Jacoby was passed from lip to lip on Wednesday morning. He had been suffering for a twelve-month or more from the effects of an attack of grip, that remorseless enemy of mankind. His afflictions were always borne with christian fortitude and a spirit of patient endurance that won for him the earnest sympathy of his large circle of acquaintances as well as his immediate family. Mr. Jacoby was well and favorably known in this community during the past quarter of a century, during the latter half of which he has served continuously as justice of the peace, his decisions seldom being reversed. In addition to this office he had for a number of years been successfully engaged in life insurance in connection with his son LeGrant, their firm being one of the most prosperous in Columbia County. Mr. Jacoby was a man clothed with many virtues, and he attached to himself in a peculiar manner those with whom he associated. His friendship was never cramped. His generosity was never checked by stinting measure. His kindness had no narrow boundary. His mental energies were quick to be aroused. His moral perception was keen and untainted. In an unusual degree he possessed the nobler qualities that make men admired and loved.

He was born at Coopersburg, near Philadelphia, August 4, 1834, removing to this county he was married January 24, 1856, to Fannie M. Spenberg, and to them were born five children, one daughter and four sons: Laura Amandah, Alfred, Franklin, Isaiah S., John Wesley and LeGrant S., the only one living.

The burial was to have taken place on Friday at 2 o'clock, but on account of the inclement weather it was postponed until Saturday at the same hour.

### A SURPRISE PARTY.

On Thursday of last week Mrs. Letitia Everitt, of Rohrsburg, was treated to an enjoyable surprise by a visit from a sleighing party of seventy-five people, from Bloomsburg, Shickshinny, Eversgrove, Rohrsburg and vicinity. Mrs. Everitt is seventy-seven years old, and she was much affected by the show of friendship and esteem. The party provided their own dinner, and it included lots of good things. After spending the day in an enjoyable manner they came away, leaving Mrs. Everitt and her daughter much pleased with the occasion. The following were in the party: Mr. Graham, Rev. Chilcoat and wife, Schuyler Kramer and wife, Samuel McHenry and wife, Prof. Ikeler, Mrs. W. P. Ikeler, Thomas McHenry and family, J. T. Vaughn and family, Henry Everet and family, I. M. Rote and wife, Alfred Evans and wife, John Rhone and family, John Mellick and family, Mr. Kline and wife, M. Kramer and wife, M. Harris and wife, Mrs. Everet, Margaret Everet, Mrs. Bruce, Misses Susie and Bertha Utz, Ella Kramer, Effie Folloner, Jessie Stukey, Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Albertson, Mrs. P. D. Black, Mrs. Walters and wife, Mrs. Workheiser, Hardy Ikeler, George Follmer, Susie Nagle, Mrs. Traxler, Howard Traxler, Wm. Barber, Mrs. C. A. Gillasby, Mrs. Turner Eyer.

### University Extension.

It has been arranged to have the new U. E. course of lectures on Thursday evenings, beginning March 7th and ending April 11th. There will be six lectures, one each week on "Representative Authors of the 19th Century," as follows: Charles Lamb, Wardsworth, Scott, Carlyle, Thackeray, Tennyson, (with the privilege of substituting Thoreau for Wardsworth).

This course will be delivered by Prof. Henry W. Rolfe, son of Prof. Wm. Rolfe, the great Shakesperian scholar. Prof. Rolfe is by far the most popular of all the U. E. lecturers, and it is a rare piece of good fortune to get him to Bloomsburg. He usually is engaged in New England and in and near Philadelphia and New York.

This course of lectures has recently been entirely rewritten and enriched in the eighteen months during which Prof. Rolfe has been recovering from injuries received in a railway accident.

The syllabus of this course of lectures costs 15c. Those wishing them before the course begins, can order them through our secretary Miss Ethel Williams. The tickets for the previous course will admit to this course without additional payment.

J. P. WELSH, Pres. U. E. Centre.

### THE LECTURE AT THE NORMAL.

Again it so happened that the weather was unfavorable on the night set apart for the second lecture in the students' course at the Normal. The students themselves were there, however, as well as a few brave ones who braved the storm in order to get there.

After the usual introductory formalities, the speaker, a man of good physique and voice, proceeded to read his carefully prepared lecture upon "What you said yesterday." To our reporter it seemed that "Language, and its Origin, Use and Abuse," would have been a better title for the address; for this was the gist of his pleasing effort. The theme being very appropriately of an educational character, may be deemed rather unfavorable for witticisms, but Mr. Hulburd managed to give his audience such happy interspersions of wit as to elicit their applause occasionally.

Language, he held, was subject to change like everything else in nature. Dictionaries can't avoid it. Though English was a conglomeration of languages, he believed it to be destined to become the universal tongue. While the illiterate often get through life with a vocabulary of 300 or 400 words, the educated have less at their command than is generally supposed. Whole books may be written without absorbing or using a fractional part of the many thousands found in dictionaries.

As to the origin of language he rather debased Adam and gave Eve the start of him in this respect. It is perhaps the strongest proof of the correctness of his conjecture to say that Eve still holds her own in this respect. As to slang (the first cousin to common swearing for sake of peculiar emphasis) while inevitable, even among certain poets and scholars, it is always to be deprecated; but more especially in sacred offices and pulpits where the refined conventionalities cannot be dispensed with without loss of dignity and due respect for even the house of God or his most zealous agencies. If a face as long as a fiddle will not win, neither will a continuous monkey shine in the pulpit or elsewhere.

### State Printer Busch Buys Out ex-State Printer Meyers.

This extensive and valuable plant, located on South Third street, Harrisburg, was recently bought outright by the present State Printer. There is perhaps no printing office in any ten States of the Union in which careless work has been better paid for through legislative enactment than in just this plant from whence the Legislative Record emanates after its own peculiar style and whenever it gets ready—but always too late for any immediate comment upon legislative proceedings by even weekly papers. In vulgar parlance "its a pudding," and it is far too rich to set well on the ordinary and competitive printer's stomach. The very thought of getting such a fat feast gives him the water-brash. Like the office of National Public Printer the office of State Printer is well regarded as a luscious plum quite juicy enough to dye the whiskers when bitten.

### Death After a Brief Illness.

In the recent sudden death of Samuel L. Potter, a respected citizen of Bloomsburg, we are again admonished of the uncertainty of this life. After an illness of but 48 hours he expired, being in that brief time afflicted with a complication of ailments which ultimately terminated fatally in apoplexy, the immediate cause of death. In his death another soldier of the late war has passed away from the turmoils, strife and battles of this life, and another good citizen and affectionate parent will be missed by his immediate relatives and many friends. An affectionate wife and daughter, Miss Lillian, survive and mourn his loss. G. A. Potter, proprietor of the Millville Tablet, is a brother, and Mrs. M. S. Williams is a sister of the deceased. His remains were interred in Rosemont cemetery on Thursday at 2 o'clock, Rev. P. A. Heilman officiating.

### To the Voters of Bloomsburg.

A rumor having been circulated that I am indifferent as to the result of the approaching election, I desire hereby to say, that if chosen President of Council, I will serve and endeavor to do my duty faithfully and in the best interests of the tax payers.

S. C. CREASY.

### Withdrawn.

We are requested to announce that Josiah Ralston has withdrawn as a candidate for Justice of the Peace. His name will not appear on the tickets, and we make this public announcement at his request.

## BRIEF MENTION.

### About People You Know.

Mrs. John Hartman is now convalescent. S. C. Creasy returned from Lancaster on Saturday.

Col. J. G. Freeze has been ill for the past two weeks, and is slowly recovering.

Mrs. W. F. Edwards entertained Mrs. E. K. Hutchison and daughter from Berwick last Sunday.

Samuel Turnbach returned on Tuesday from Phillipsburg, where he was for a time storm stayed.

Sheriff McHenry and Louis Lowenberg took a business trip to Pittsburg on Thursday. They bagged their game all right.

W. J. Farman, proprietor of Esny hotel, and his brother, Dr. W. H. Purman, of Northumberland, were Bloomsburg visitors on Monday.

George C. Roan, forman of this office, has been so seriously indisposed with a touch of grip lately as to be obliged to quit his work for this week.

Mr. Elliott Lemon, of Asbury, gave us a friendly and business call on Wednesday. Mr. Lemon is a competent auctioneer and a good practical farmer.

Mrs. Harry Grotz, lately somewhat indisposed, is again up and about. Accompanied by her daughter, Bessie, she took dinner with Mary and Clara Beers on Wednesday.

W. A. Evert, out of love and respect for an afflicted mother, worked his way home through the snow drifts on Saturday evening. He covered a distance of some three or four miles floundering through the snow, and sweating in spite of the cold.

Mr. Eli Weaver, of New Columbus, beat a homeward pathway through the snow from Zanesville on Friday afternoon. The roadway being drifted shut he took to the fields and picked his path as best he could. To get in to the armpits was easy enough, but to get out was hard work.

### UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE INCOME TAX.

Taxes on incomes received from January 1st, 1894, to December 31st, 1894, inclusive, under the provisions of the Act of Congress in effect August 28, 1894.

There shall be assessed, collected and paid upon the gains, profits and incomes received from all sources in the calendar year ending December 31st, 1894, by every citizen of the United States, whether residing at home or abroad, and from every person residing in the United States, a tax of two per centum on the amount so received over and above \$4,000.00. There shall also be assessed, collected and paid a tax of two per centum on all the net profits or incomes, for the said calendar year, above actual operating and business expenses, of all corporations, associations, &c., doing business for profit in the United States.

Returns are to be made to collectors on or before the first Monday of March, 1895. Penalty of 50 per cent. added for returns made after the 1st Monday of March, 1895. Blanks for making said returns can be obtained from Robt. Buckingham, Deputy Collector, at Bloomsburg, Pa., by mail or otherwise, or by addressing Grant Herring, Collector of Internal Revenue, at Scranton, Pa. Unless returns are made before the 1st Monday of March, 1895, the penalty will be assessed. Taxes due and payable on or before July 1st, 1895. Full instructions for making out the blank forms or returns are printed on the blank forms.

### The Sons of Veterans' Banquet.

The popular Cafe of Mrs. Phillips was the resort of a happy throng of amateur theatricals on Wednesday evening. The occasion was a banquet given through gratitude by the Sons of Veterans to the home-talent comprised of those that played so successfully the Drummer Boy of Shiloh recently in this place. The program of the banquet consisted of eating, drinking, music and dancing.

Some 60 plates were spread, and the refreshments offered and freely partaken of were: Cold turkey, cold ham, chicken salad, potato chips, oysters and macaroni, celery, finger loaves, brick ice cream, fancy cakes, coffee, crackers, cheese, &c. The feast was all that could have been reasonably wished for, and it was fully enjoyed by all present.

After supper music and dancing prevailed until about 2 o'clock.

### Inventive Genius.

Now look out for electric broilers and toasters. They are among the things of recent invention. Mr. L. T. Edwards, of Haverford, is the inventor. Another good thing among recent inventions is an automatic railway crossing signal, for which a patent was recently issued to S. Keller and W. A. Sharp, of Reading, Pa. T. S. B. Wood, of Shron, Pa., also has a patent for the manufacture of mineral wool. At present writing it makes one chilly to think about wearing mineral wool next to the hide.