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THE HISTORY OF A WEEK

Wednesday, Feb. 18.
Ben All Hagbin, the well known turkman, is dead.

Thursday, Feb. 19.
Gen. Thomas Fenwick Drayton died in Florence, S. C., aged 84.

Friday, Feb. 20.
Professor Alexander Winchell, of Michigan university, is dead.

Saturday, Feb. 21.
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DEATH BY FIRE DAMP

Terrible Disaster in a Nova Scotian Colliery.
BODIES OF 117 MINERS RECOVERED.

The Mine Had Just Been Reopened and Pronounced in Fine Condition—The Work of Rescue Pursued Under Difficulties—Many Families Sorely Afflicted.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 23.—Gas in the eastern slope of the Spring Hill mines was ignited Saturday night and exploded with terrific violence. Nearly 1,000 men were at work in the mines at the time, and 117 bodies have so far been recovered. The work of rescue was pushed rapidly forward and is now nearly complete.

The explosion occurred in what is known as Nos. 6 and 7 balances, on the east side of the east shaft. It was examined only a few days ago by a committee of the workmen, and pronounced in fine condition.

After the circulation of the report of the extent of the disaster the wives and mothers of the imprisoned in a general riot and bitterly bewailed the loss.

The work of recovering the bodies, all attempting the rescue of the living was attended with great difficulty and danger, but there was no scarcity of volunteers, and they did noble work.

Most of those taken out died from fire damp. Several of the rescued party were overcome by damp, but were resuscitated.

Sorely Afflicted.
In several families the affliction is very great. Reid Carter and his two sons are among the dead. The Carmichael family lost three sons, Jesse Armstrong went down in No. 2 slope and found his three sons and a child together in a heap in one corner of the mine. The sight so unnerved him that he had to return to the surface without his boys. Two sons of Robert McVeigh, both under 14 years, occupy one coffin. Hugh Blunt loses two sons.

These sorrowing households are only a few of the large number from which bread winners have been so ruthlessly snatched.

The deepest gloom has settled over the whole community and the inhabitants were astir all night. A special train arrived Sunday morning from Westville and other mining centers in Pictou county with relatives of the dead. Some of the bodies have been frightfully mutilated and had to be identified by their clothing or marks on their bodies. The miners' outbuildings have been converted into morgues and hospitals, where the dead and injured are taken.

Clergymen of different denominations are doing what they can for the grief-stricken people. The injured are progressing most favorably and are being tenderly cared for.

AT GEN. SHERMAN'S TOMB.
Thomas Sherman Conducts the Final Services at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Feb. 21.—Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman was given a soldier's burial in Calvary cemetery today. The procession which accompanied the body to the grave was four miles long and contained over 15,000 men, exclusive of the regular army escort.

The national guard of half a dozen states, veterans by thousands, sons of veterans and civilians turned out to do honor to the dead hero and show by their presence the respect in which they held the memory of the citizen and their devotion to the soldier.

When the cemetery was reached Father Sherman, followed by two acolytes and wearing the vestments of a priest, advanced to the head of the grave, and in a composed manner pronounced the solemn Roman Catholic burial rites and intoned prayers in Latin and English. All weapons were reversed and all heads were bare.

The family took a last look at the burial case of the dead commander and gave way to uniformed men, who with spades quickly hid the casket from view.

A Letter of Thanks.
NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The special funeral train which carried the body of Gen. Sherman to St. Louis for burial returned to the city bearing the family of the dead general and military officers who accompanied the body. One of the first things done after arrival was the writing of a letter testifying their appreciation of the honors paid to the beloved dead and the nation's hero.

The letter was signed by Father Thomas Sherman. The letter is as follows:
NEW YORK, Feb. 23.
It is fitting that some public acknowledgment should be made by the family of Gen. Sherman of the very many heartfelt tokens of sympathy which they have received in their bereavement. We can only say that such universal and such evidently profound sorrow, manifested as it has been in a thousand ways, sustains and comforts us in our desolation. For the entire nation, by its generous expression of condolence, has lightened the burden of our grief and helped us to bear our irreparable loss.

The friends of the family are asked to accept this slight token of our grateful appreciation in lieu of any more direct or more personal communication, while it would be more gratifying to us, we have not the strength or courage to offer to each and all.

A Crash in a Tunnel.
NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—An appalling disaster occurred yesterday in the Fourth avenue tunnel near Eighty-fifth street, by which two women and four men met their death and several other persons were severely injured. All were employees of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad.

The accident was caused by the New Haven accommodation train crashing into the shop train, the rear car of which was filled with car cleaners and other employees bound for the railroad shops at Mott Haven and which had left the depot five minutes ahead of the New Haven train.

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CONGRESSIONAL RESUME

The Week's Work of the Fifty-first Congress.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The senate passed the diplomatic appropriation bill and took up the copyright bill, but adjourned without action.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The senate passed the copyright bill by a vote of 36 to 14. The bill for the creation of a new custom house in New York city was passed on a suspended vote.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The senate passed the Indian depositions bill and a number of measures of an unimportant nature. Mr. Ingersoll's resignation as a presidential pro tem. After consuming three hours in the disposition of a claims bill the house took up the postoffice appropriation bill, but adjourned without action.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The senate passed 130 house pension bills, and after other business of a routine nature proceeded with the consideration of the Niagara bill. In the house Mr. Cannon reported a resolution from the committee on rules for the immediate consideration of business from the judiciary committee. The Democrats resorted to dilatory tactics and several times left the chamber in a body. The resolution was finally adopted and the court bill taken up and the senate amendment non-concurred in.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The senate passed a bill prohibiting pool selling in the cities of Washington and Georgetown. The bill appropriating \$250,000 for a new mist at Philadelphia was placed on the calendar. The canal bill was discussed, but not disposed of. The house indulged in another partisan quarrel, during which it took two hours and a quarter to read the journal. The bill to increase the salaries of United States district judges was passed and the postoffice appropriation bill favorably reported from the committee on the judiciary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Considerable portion of the time of the senate was devoted to personal statements by Messrs. Morgan and Chandler. The nomination of Charles Foster as secretary of the treasury was referred to a committee and the bill with the consideration of sundry civil appropriation bills.

In the house the post office appropriation bill was passed and the night session was devoted to the consideration of the immigration bill.

FOSTER SUCCEEDS WINDOM.
An Ohio Man Appointed Secretary of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The nomination of Charles Foster, of Ohio, to be secretary of the treasury, which was made late Saturday afternoon, was not a surprise, as it had been anticipated in these dispatches a week ago.

Ohio men who know Foster say that he will make friends in the treasury; that he is approachable as a man with safe opinions on the money question, and a shrewd politician with oily ways. The president has brought into somewhat intimate relations with him, and his inauguration, because Mr. Foster was appointed a member of the commission to arrange with the Sioux the agreement to take their lands on severalty and to accept terms for the cession of a part of their lands. This business brought him into contact with the White House and has been discussed on several occasions during the recent trouble in the Indian country.

Charles Foster was born in Seneca township, Seneca county, O., April 12, 1852, and his school education was limited to that afforded in the common schools of his district and the academy at Norwalk. His father had been a pioneer settler and merchant, and when Charles left the academy he followed his father's footsteps, becoming a partner in the business of a country store. He resided at once became a leading man in the locality. In 1875 he was elected a member of congress from the Sixth district. He was re-elected in 1877, '84 and 1891.

In 1878 the boundaries of the district had been changed and Mr. Foster was defeated. During his service in congress he took high rank among the practical leaders of the Republican party. In 1879 he was elected governor of Ohio, securing a majority of 18,000 votes over Gen. Thomas Ewing, the Democratic candidate. He was re-elected in 1881, when he defeated Mr. McKinley by 23,000 majority. He ran again for congress last fall, when his great popularity cut down the Democratic majority in the Eighth congressional district from 1,390 to 520.

AN OHIO TRAGEDY.
Two Men Instantly Killed and Several Others Wounded.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 24.—A horrible tragedy occurred here shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Two men were killed and several wounded in a fusillade of pistol shots. The terrible affair was the outgrowth of a newspaper feud which has been raging for several weeks between the publishers of the Sunday World and Sunday Capital, of this city.

Col. W. J. Elliott, editor of the Capital, shot and instantly killed Albert Osborne, city editor of the World. W. L. Hughes, an old gentleman, who was standing near by, was shot and killed with a stray bullet from Elliott's pistol.

The tragedy, as before stated, was the result of a newspaper war. Two weeks ago the World made charges against Elliott's family, insinuating that a female relative of Elliott was unchaste. Elliott retaliated on the following Sunday with a four-column article, charging F. W. Levering, editor of the World, with being the joint proprietor of an assignation house and being associated with a woman named Lou Burdett in the disreputable enterprise.

Levering is an assistant state oil inspector and prominent in politics. The charges, therefore, created a profound sensation. The charges against Levering also implicated Claude Meeker, Governor Campbell's private secretary. Levering and his city editor, Mr. Osborne, retaliated Sunday with a sensational article charging Elliott with nearly all the crimes in the calendar.

The Skin Grafting Not a Success.
CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Sir Knight J. O. Dickerson, of whom a skin grafting operation was tried some months ago, 152 brother Masons contributing skin from their arms to be grafted on a cancer wound in the hope of saving the patient's life, died at the Emergency hospital yesterday. Mr. Dickerson refused to improve and gain strength after the operation was performed until a week ago, when his stomach refused absolutely to take any nourishment.

KEYSTONE NOTES.

Items of Real Interest Presented in Condensed Form.
WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS DO AND KNOW.

Gleanings of Importance from All Fields of News, Picked Up Here and There in the State.

One-fifth of an ice crop from the Schuylkill valley near Reading. The new school board at Reading will build several new school houses.

Deputy Coroner J. V. Smith, of Quakertown, died suddenly Saturday. Emery & Co.'s great timber boom in Loyalsock creek did not go as reported.

As a stimulus \$20 is offered for every drowned body found in the river around Johnstown.

The upper Schuylkill is getting too big for its banks, and has started a great run of them.

Pottsville has a mysterious fellow known as the "Cloak man," who frightens lone women.

Polanders indulged in a drunken fight at Duryea. One was fatally stabbed, two others seriously.

Forty thousand trout fry of the state hatchery brand were deposited in Berks county streams.

Lebanon Valley Evangelical Lutheran Sunday school delegates convened at Reading Sunday.

The Keystone colliery, at Ashland, was accidentally flooded and will be idle for several weeks.

Two more bodies were recovered at Jeansville Saturday, those of Mike Polish and Samuel Porter.

An eighteen foot vein of rich coal has been struck by the Patterson company on the Midvalley range, near Mt. Carmel.

Prize fighting and cocking mains will be prohibited in Luzerne county. It has been heretofore one of the chief diversions.

Pottsville lawyers are jealous of the justices of the peace; with fewer office of this kind they think they could make more money.

A young man named Reid, a resident of Chester, was killed by a train on Ridley creek bridge, and William Powell was fatally injured.

An old farmer was found dead in his bed at his house, near Maupheim. It is supposed he died several days ago, and as he lived alone, the fact was not known.

A Catholic priest at Johnstown assaulted two of his assistants in the course of a year, each time a free fight ensuing. The vicar general will investigate the matter.

Rev. James L. Davis, of Bridgeport, has been elected pastor of the First Baptist church at Pottsville, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. E. G. Parker.

Three barns, with their contents, including three horses, were destroyed by fire at Plymouth. The losers are Andrew Lynch, John Williamson and Simon Snyder. Total loss, \$7,000.

To make sure that his revolver would revolve, Patrick Ryan, aged 14, cocked it while loading it at Ashland. The bullet went through his neck and came out of his left ear. He may live.

Cash registers aren't proof against burglars. They took two of them to the back of a restaurant and a bottle house and used axes to get the less than \$100 that the two registers contained.

Samuel Hoffer, of Mechanicsburg, while driving across the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at Lancaster, was struck by a train. His horse was killed and wagon demolished, but he escaped without injury.

Two large mass meetings were held in the principal churches of Williamsport under the auspices of the Sunday Observance association. A number of prominent clergymen addressed the meeting on the subject of the observance of the Sabbath.

A meeting of Hebrews in Grant street synagogue, Pittsburg, to consider the action of Vice President Miller in renting a hall to Atheists broke up in disorder, caused by Miller making an assault upon Harris Bartnick, a member of the congregation.

LOOKS LIKE A MIRACLE.
Five of the Entombed Jeansville Miners Rescued Alive.

JEANSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 24.—This place was thrown into a fever of excitement last night when it was announced that five of the men who were entombed in the mine here eighteen days ago had been brought in alive. Their names are John Tunnakusky, Joe Mastnakus, John Berno, Bosco Franko and an unknown Hungarian who was visiting Berno on the day of the disaster.

These five with the thirteen bodies recovered makes every one of the missing men accounted for. How they survived is a miracle. Nothing like it has been known or heard of in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania.

Miners' Bodies Recovered.
JEANSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 24.—The bodies of McCloskey, Griffiths and a Hungarian were brought to the surface. They are in a terribly bloated condition. Another Hungarian was found late yesterday. Both Hungarian bodies are unrecognizable. Their bodies were floating in a dog hole in the main gangway. McCloskey and Griffiths were dug from a pile of timbers and coal dirt.

Miners Starved to Death.
HAZLETON, Pa., Feb. 23.—The bodies of Larry Reed, Harry Hall, Mike Smith and John Bullock were recovered from the Jeansville mine yesterday. They were found in Ball's breast. This is situated about seventy feet above the water line, and the men had suffered the terrible pangs of hunger and thirst for ten or twelve days before they succumbed. The bodies were fearfully mutilated by rats. The bodies of the other victims, eight in number, will probably be recovered.

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A Postmaster Gone Wrong.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Chief Post Office Inspector Rathbone received a telegram from Inspector Patterson at Denver, Col., announcing the arrest of the postmaster at Lake City, Col. He is more than \$1,000 short in his accounts. The office has been turned over to his surties.