

Friday, May 28, 1899.

GENERAL NEWS.
The Governor has appointed Strickland Knapp, Esq., Chief Engineer of Philadelphia, and Colonel James Worrall, of Harrisburg, to be Commissioners, under the act of Assembly approved March 29, 1899, to settle, determine and locate the northern boundary line of this Commonwealth.

The ordinance granting the Baltimore and Potomac railroad the right of way through certain streets in the Annapolis City and to tunnel certain streets has been passed by both branches of the Councils and is now being progressed, and a new Railroad line from Baltimore to Washington will be completed within a few days.

Lucas Train. The Columbus Herald says: "The lumber trade is quite active, and dealers appear to be purchasing heavy stocks. We quote pine boards at \$10 to \$12; hemlock at \$13 to \$15, pine timbers at \$20 to \$25 per cord. There is a great number of logs in the water at our wharves, none are arriving as the water is too low."

John Clark, of Ohio, the famous drummer boy, who dropped his drum for a musket, at Chickamauga, and shot a Rebel Colonel who demanded his surrender, and who was subsequently wounded in another engagement, has been appointed a cadet at West Point by the President. He was but 17 years of age when he beat his drum, and is now 21.

Dr. Lewis of Carmarthen, Wales, has forwarded to The British Medical Journal an account of his examination of Sarah Jacobs of Llanthomas, who is said to have taken no food since October 10, 1887, and still lives water since the end of December, 1888. Dr. Lewis remarks that his statements made respecting Sarah Jacobs are such an astounding nature that belief is scarcely possible, yet he accumulates evidence which might produce conviction. The patient is a respectable farmer, not in any way chemically treated.

A correspondent of The San Francisco Bulletin, who lately visited Queen Emma in her Sandwich Island home, found her reclining upon mats and pillows in the Oriental style. A broad veranda made a most refreshing shade. She offered her visitors a dish of cold butter (chickie) like apple jam, but very tender, and some fruit. Her grace and dignity were singularly pleasing. Her only coronet was of wild flowers, which were very generally worn by both sexes, and were very becoming. Chains of flowers and berries hung about her neck, also, giving out an agreeable odor.

A Nice Country. The acquisition of Alaska from Russia, at a cost of seven million dollars, was considered by the late Secretary of State, Mr. Seward, as a "feather in his cap." What kind of a country it is, we are told by a Sitka correspondent, who writes: "Take one high mountain covered with trees from the base nearly to the summit, with an undergrowth of ferns, briars and moss, almost impossible to multiply the one to ten thousand, and you have Alaska. There is a terrible mass of forest in the absence of birds. I have seen but one robin in Alaska."

A Snake with Two Heads. On Thursday, April 20, 1899, a man named Joseph Dean, living in the town of Buffalo, about half a mile north of Buffalo, was engaged in his work after dinner, heard his dog barking far from the door, and upon going to the place found a large black snake lying by the side of a stone pile. After procuring a weapon, with which he killed it, he found that it had two perfect heads, one on each end.

Notwithstanding the snaky appearance of this article it is welcome for its responsible parties. Bedford Inquirer.
Seward's Campaign. The Fifth United States Cavalry, under command of Major Charles, while moving from Kansas toward Fort McPherson, on the 26th instant struck a camp of five hundred Cheyenne Indians, and a desperate fight ensued. The Indians were badly whipped, and 100 were killed. General Carr was still in pursuit of the Indians. The Indian loss was twenty-five killed and a large number wounded, the cavalry losing three men killed and three wounded. A party of Indians in Hayes's army were roughly sent to prevent their number being reduced. In Arizona they are committing murders and depredations.

In Denzville and other places in New Jersey the crops of wheat are in a fine condition. The wheat in which they were buried many centuries ago, and which were buried in the soil, showing the immense age of the lowest layers, and also showing that this region has been gradually sinking for thousands of years. The crops are a case with 5000 annual things were found directly under the stump of another in which 1,000 were contained.

A woman writes to the New York Times from Washington, saying very sensible reflections on department clerks. They are not only unable to do their work, but they are better for the country could they be headed. No more undesirable position for a man or woman, young or old, could be named than a clerk in a department at Washington. The salary is rarely as high as is required for subsistence; the temptations to go astray are many and strong; the routine of occupation is uninteresting in itself and leads to nothing higher; the clerical office hours hang heavily on the clerk's hands; and after years of unprofitable service the officeholder too often finds the capital wasted for anything else in life.

The Postmaster-General has recognized the special mail service, and for this purpose has divided the country into six divisions, each of which has a constant superintendent and a railway mail service agent, to investigate mail depredations, and also three post office inspectors. The New England States make up the first division, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Virginia, constitute the second. The New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Delaware, and the Eastern Shore of Virginia, constitute the second. The New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Delaware, and the Eastern Shore of Virginia, constitute the second.

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