

Lancaster Intelligencer.

SATURDAY EVENING DEC. 16, 1887.

Great Speculators' Testimony.

The New York Senate committee, which is seeking information upon speculation from speculators, seems to be conducting the investigation very comfortably, both to itself and the distinguished operators who are its witnesses.

There is a hint for the holidays in the suggestion of London Truth that "half the interest a child takes in a doll is the dressing and undressing of it." And then it remarks that with most dolls this is impossible.

In his testimony yesterday before the investigating committee of the New York senate, Jay Gould stated the interesting scientific fact that where the great American desert used to be, by reason of no rain fall, it has been found that the region of rain moves west about twenty miles a year, and that would bring in that strip every year.

THE Sun publishes what is supposed to be a "pome," alleged to have been addressed by a gilded youth of New York to a foreign artist.

A correspondent of the World calls attention to the great injustice done to the alleged author of these lines. "They are a national perversion," he writes, "of a note once written by the person evidently aimed at to a lady, in which he most courteously asked her to 'except some hours.'"

Down in Stokes county, N. C., a man wanted to move, but couldn't afford to take his wife with him, so a bachelor neighbor obligingly took her off his hands, paying the husband \$500 for his new found treasure.

Some of these days progress is likely to be made in developing Mr. Gould's idea of useful citizenship in a way that will not seem a good way to those who, like him, have amassed vast fortunes far beyond their needs and that in their magnitude are threatening to the public good in general estimation.

Some of our esteemed contemporaries think that declarations from candidates for speaker on the question of what reforms ought to be effected at Harrisburg "can have no more weight" than declarations from other members. But as these gentlemen are mostly "old Legislature men" and are not too modest to announce themselves as candidates and to proclaim their views on other questions there is special reason why they should let the people know where they stand on the issue of purifying the legislative service.

JAY GOULD ON CORNERS.

STOCK SPECULATION A GOOD THING.

It brings Better Prices to Producers, Attracts Money to This Country, and Only Injures a Few Individuals.

Jay Gould appeared as a witness before the Senate committee on grain corners on Friday. He said he was in the railway business as a manager of railroads, and had been such for twenty years. He was familiar with operations in stocks, but not with grain, which he used only for his own consumption.

The London Standard describes the execution of a woman in Hungary, of a peasant woman from Szardahely, named Lyukas Kathia, for a series of crimes which had excited universal horror.

The effect of dealing in futures of stocks upon the general welfare is insignificant, owing to the fact that few options are dealt in. It is a speculation in which the speculator is not engaged.

Among those who came from Carlisle on Wednesday night to witness "The Queen's Last Haunter," at the opera house, was a gentleman and his wife, who remained over night at a prominent hotel.

Several houses burned and a number of four families left homeless.

At Bessemer, Pa., in a two-story frame house owned by Daniel Duffy and occupied by Duffy and his wife, a fire broke out in the hands of a little girl, who set fire to the building.

At Uniontown Judge Wilson sentenced Lawrence Hickey for four years and six months and John Dougherty for three years and six months in the Western penitentiary.

WELL DONE.

THE E. M. C. A. SUBSCRIPTION CLOSED.

Full Amount Subscribed to Defray the Indebtedness Upon the Property of the Association.

It is a pleasant duty to report the full amount subscribed that was needed to meet the entire indebtedness upon the real estate of the Young Men's Christian association and its valuable library and reading room.

The list of subscribers given herewith will be found in the directory by the directors by one familiar with Lancaster, but it does not include all the good names that would be here had it been found necessary to increase the amount.

Three Men Disappeared into the Harrisburg Telegraph.

Isaac Herdman, who at one time worked on the Morris canal and later was employed in Easton, has created a sensation by his numerous matrimonial adventures.

John D. Gardner, aged 13 years, a son of Rev. G. P. Gardner, a Lutheran clergyman, with a number of other boys, was skating on Martin's pond, in the southern part of Allentown, when he fell and his head struck a stone, causing a fracture of the skull.

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Several days ago a report was telegraphed from Chicago that James Matthews, a young man of great promise, formerly of Pittsburgh, had committed suicide.

THE QUARTER SESSIONS.

DISPATCHING THE CURRENT BUSINESS.

Edward Wagner, Acquainted of Rape—Mr. Joy's Disorderly Days—Five of Them Brought Before Court.

It was found that the case of William Munroe, who is also charged with rape, could not be reached, and was continued to the first day of the January court.

The case of John S. Albright, charged with desertion by his wife, was dismissed on the ground that the wife, after having made an amicable arrangement between themselves.

County Solicitor Fulton was granted an issue to try to jury what amount of damages, if any, are due to Philip Pitts and Charles White, who were wrongfully wronged in a Christmas tree.

Henry Heilig, Wm. L. Koch, Franklin M. Buck, E. L. Nebbis and George Bachman, are the names of five boys who were arrested at the passenger depot in Mount Joy, for carrying a disorderly train.

Mr. James Boy, who died on Wednesday from the result of injuries received last Saturday, will be buried to-morrow at 10 o'clock at Ironville.

Last evening John McFarland, aged over 50 years, who resides at Hager, fell over a fence, and was killed by a horse, and in a short time was dead.

The purpose of this fund is to secure a permanent house for the Christian association, which will be used for religious, literary and scientific purposes.

OBITUARY.

Death of Dr. Thomas B. Cox.

Dr. Thomas B. Cox, a son of Samuel B. Cox, died suddenly this morning about 11 o'clock at the residence of his father, No. 33 East Green street.

Miss Sara Girvin, a teacher in one of the secondary public schools in this city, died at a late hour last night at her home, 127 S. Duke street, after a painful illness from Bright's disease of the kidneys.

Death of Miss Mary Matson Demmon.

The death of Miss Mary Matson Demmon, of the late Dr. Edwin Hebbman and wife of West Lebanon, of Columbus, Ohio, will be found in this issue of the INTELLIGENCER.

Runaway Accident.

Yesterday afternoon a rather serious runaway occurred on the hill just west of Wither's bridge.

A Cold Bath.

On Thursday two students of the Millersville Normal school were skating on the Conestoga, near Shank's woods, when they were struck by a heavy log.

SLIPPERY STEPS.

In many parts of the city the streets are quite icy and slippery.

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