

COLUMBIA NEWS ITEMS.
A spelling bee—Formation of a Trust...
A large spelling bee was held in the Sand Hole school house last evening...

A THEFT INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Lancaster county live stock and chattel theft insurance company was formed in Columbia recently...

A standing reward of \$25 is to be offered for the arrest and conviction of a thief who stole from parties insured in the company.

Company C had drill and inspection last evening; after this was a business meeting...
The young folks' sociable of St. John's Lutheran church, will hold another of their delightful meetings at Mr. E. E. Leaman's, on Locust street, on Thursday evening...

Two four rabbits supposed to have been stolen on Saturday by Ben Duck from Al. Kelley, came into possession of the former in an honest manner. They were really given him to dispose of.

The ball in Vigilant hall this evening by the Hivers' association, ought to be largely attended, as the Hivers are deserving of success.

Life in the Welsh Mountains. As depicted in an artist's imagination, the Police News is never behind, and this week it produces a picture of Abe Buzzard in his cabin on the Welsh mountains...

A gentleman who has just returned from a visit to Gov. Cleveland in Albany says that during his talk with the governor, arrangements for a big game were brought in. The package when opened was found to contain a handsomely made boot of enormous size and thickness of sole.

Several ministers and religiously inclined people residing near the Welsh mountains have inaugurated revival meetings, hoping thus to convert Abe Buzzard and his mountain bandits. Meetings are held nightly. They argue that that is the only chance left of stopping the depredations of the gang.

To-night a trip south. To-night a trip will leave Philadelphia on a trip over the railroad recently constructed by Keller & Bush, between Delaware, Delaware, and Cape Charles Point, Va.

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Proceedings in Congress.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Mr. Ingalls presided over the Senate to-day. Among the names sent to the Senate to-day were B. Platt, Carpenter, of New York, to be governor of Montana, and Nathan D. Corbridge, jr., to be postmaster at Marsh Chuck, Pa.

A Train Plunges into a Stock Still.
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Early this morning the Atlantic express, bound south on the West Shore road, crashed into a slide of rocks upon the West Shore road, two day coaches and the baggage and smoking car were burned.

A Notorious Thief Escapes From His Cell.
CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Lawrence Beattie, the notorious thief and ex-convict, on whose testimony the police are expected to make good their charges against Michael Coleman, of having murdered Police Officer Mehoney here in 1881, escaped from his cell in the Central police station on Sunday night, and the fact was not disclosed until last night.

Hanged for Killing His Son.
CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 10.—John B. Hoffman was hanged here this morning for the murder of his 15-year-old son, listening to the reading of his death warrant and begged pitifully not to be "hung in the papers." He had to be held while being handcuffed and was supported on his feet by two men while the noose was adjusted. He made no speech.

A Gang of Feuchtunieves in Receipt of Reading, Pa.
READING, Pa., Dec. 10.—The arrest of three boys of between 8 and 10 years of age led to the discovery of a gang of thieving lads who systematically robbed stores, factories and private houses. Their plunder was taken from them and upon their promise to disband they were released from custody.

A Boy's Head Cut Off by Falling Tool.
SHENANDOO, Pa., Dec. 10.—John Handley, aged 14 years, while working at his father's side, at Turkey Run colliery this morning had his head completely severed from his body by a fall of coal, and John Wagner was seriously if not fatally injured.

Weather Indications.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—For the Middle Atlantic states, fair weather, lower temperature in the northern part, nearly stationary in southern part, westerly winds.

Market Reports.
Cotton—Wholesale market steady, with quiet demand. New York full grades, 17 1/4c; Middling, 17 1/2c; Orleans, 17 1/2c; Sea Island, 17 1/2c.

Corn—Market steady, with quiet demand. New York full grades, 17 1/4c; Middling, 17 1/2c; Orleans, 17 1/2c; Sea Island, 17 1/2c.

Live Stock Markets.
Chicago—Receipts, 4,000 head; shipments, 2,100 head; market generally more active and higher prices. Fat cattle, 100 lbs, 100 lbs, 100 lbs.

Philadelphia Market.
MONDAY, Dec. 15.—The arrival of live stock at the various stock yards was in a moderate amount. Fat cattle, 100 lbs, 100 lbs, 100 lbs.

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