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JOHN LIPPINCOTT IN LIMBO.

ARREST OF A NOTED DESPERADO AND FUGITIVE IN COLUMBIA.

A Traveling Jewelry Store on Its Way to the West—A Journey, Checked by the Cold Wave, Ends in the County Jail—The Welsh Mountain Haunts.

Last evening between 9 and 10 o'clock, John Lippincott, a convict who escaped from the prison here on May 24, 1882, was captured in Columbia by Officer Gilbert. He came to Columbia on a freight train, and just as he was alighting the officer caught him. He was taken to the station house and Officer Wittig recognized him as John Lippincott. When arrested the prisoner was carrying a small satchel. He was questioned as to its contents but refused to say anything about it. The satchel was searched and it was found to contain twenty-two silver watches, some of which bore the name of D. B. Shiffer, whose store in Bomansville, was robbed about a month ago of $1,000 worth of jewelry. Lippincott was kept in the Columbia lock-up over night and this morning he was brought to Lancaster and lodged in his old quarters in jail. He was recognized at once by the officials who placed him in a cell in the upper tier.

LIPPINCOTT'S ANTECEDENTS.

The prisoner is a native of this city and was sentenced in May 1875 to undergo an imprisonment of ten years and six months for burglary, felonious entry, carrying concealed deadly weapons and obstructing legal process.

This morning when an INTELLIGENCER reporter called at the prison he found Lippincott in excellent spirits; he was very communicative and indeed seemed anxious to talk. He says that on the day he escaped he went with several other prisoners to Strasburg where they secured a couple of horses and left for the Ephrata hills. He went from there to Reading, Wilkesbarre, and Harrisburg, and finally landed at Derry, on the Alleghenny mountains, where he met Abe and Ike Buzzard, Paul Quigley and Rudy Ehman, all of whom had escaped with him. The party separated and Lippincott and Abe went to Fort Wayne, Ind. They returned to Columbus, Ohio, and Abe came home.

Lippincott then went to St. Louis where he worked for some time, and after leaving that city visited Joliet, Ill., Coldwater, Mich., and Cleveland. After working some time in the latter place he came east and visited Lock Haven, Tyrone and Allegheny.

ON THE WELSH MOUNTAIN.

He arrived at the Welsh mountain in June last, and was there up to New Year's day. On Thursday he walked to this city and took a freight train at Dillerville. He went to Harrisburg where he remained over night. He had intended to go to Pittsburg, but abandoned the trip on account of the cold weather. He came back to Columbia last night and as he was alighting from the train the officer took him into custody. When asked in regard to the contents of the satchel he asked the officer if he had a search warrant. He was finally taken to the lockup, and the satchel was searched. Officer Wittig was the first man to recognize him.

Lippincott says that the watches were given to him on the mountain by two men named Watkins and Clark. He did not know how they came into possession of them but he agreed to take them to Pittsburg, and sell them for one third of the amount realized.

IN A STRIPED SUIT.

Lippincott is attired in a full suit of prison stripes at present and seems perfectly at home. He was calmly smoking a cigar when our reporter saw him. He is a young fellow of good appearance and talks well. He says that during his stay on the mountain numbers of strangers visited them and many of them were very "nosy." He and Abe Buzzard knew of all their movements but gave them little attention. Several detectives have been in the mountains for some time but they learned nothing. He believed them to be Lancaster men. He said he was glad to see fair and truthful reporters and would willingly give any information asked.

LIPPINCOTT'S TERM.

The returned prisoner would not have had much time to serve if he had remained in jail; but it is likely that more charges will be brought against him since the watches were found in his possession.

His story is given for what it is worth and it is quite likely that most of it is true. He says that most of the tales told about the Welsh mountains are either untrue or very greatly exaggerated. The reward for his capture is $50 and Officer Gilbert will no doubt get it.

FULLY EQUIPPED.

Besides the watches found upon Lippincott, he carried an ugly looking revolver of the bull dog pattern which he made no attempt to use. He also had a pawn ticket for a watch which he had "hooked" in Harrisburg. The suspenders which he wore are like those found on several other men arrested on the mountain for burglary, and which have been identified as stolen property. Lippincott claims that he has not seen Frankford since his escape, but the people on the mountain do not believe him to be dead.

A Plucky Officer.

Aaron Gilbert, the man who caught Lippincott, is one of the pluckiest officers in the railroad's employ. When he had Lippincott in custody the latter at one time thought he intended drawing a revolver. He quietly said: "Now don't shoot, for if I wanted I could kill you before you got ready." Lippincott first gave his name as Reese, but afterwards told the officer his real name. He also told the officer that there was a reward for him and the stolen goods, and he hoped he would get it.

Two men named Clark and Watkins were in prison here for a time and the latter escaped. These are the names given by Lippincott in explanation of the manner in which he came into possession of the stolen goods. The railroad officers have been very lucky in capturing convicts, as Ike Buzzard was caught at one time by James Kennedy, of the railroad force.

HOW THE CAPTURE WAS EFFECTED.

Lippincott Tells Officer Gilbert How He Might Have Shot Him had he Wished.

The Columbia correspondent of the INTELLIGENCER sends the following account of the manner in which Lippincott was captured by Railroad Policeman Aaron Gilbert:

As Gilbert entered the west yard of the road last night about 10 o'clock, he saw a man walking up and down the track swinging his arms as though to keep warm. From the description this man must have been Abe Buzzard himself. Lippincott says not, however. Going up to the stranger the officer asked what he was doing in the yard. After being told that he was waiting on a freight train, Gilbert made himself known, and said he would arrest him if he attempted to board a car. At this point the detective noticed a man on a freight car and called to him to come down. His order was obeyed, and as the man alighted Gilbert saw he had a small, black satchel in his hand. Meanwhile the man supposed to have been Abe Buzzard walked away unmolested, as he had done nothing and being unknown to Gilbert, his arrest was not made.

"I CANNOT SHOOT A MAN."

The officer asked the man who had accosted what he had in his satchel. "None of your business," was the answer. "I'll make it my business," said Gilbert, walking towards him. Again refusing to show the contents of the bag he was arrested and taken to the office in the yard, and thence to the lockup. Here the satchel was opened and found to contain 1 brass and 21 silver watches, 12 gold and silver watch chains, and a large clasp knife. When questioned as to his name, the prisoner shortly replied "John Lippincott." He was searched, and as a loaded five-shot American bull dog revolver was taken from a coat pocket, he cooly remarked, "Gilbert, I could have shot you and then escaped, but although I have committed every other crime, I cannot shoot a man."

Referring to the stolen articles he said he was not with the gang when Shiffer's store, in Bowmansville, had been entered and robbed. To this store the goods in the satchel belonged, several of the watches bearing Shiffer's name, but Lippincott said the articles were given to him to sell. He and another man, whose name he would not tell, but who was supposed to be Abe Buzzard, with the intention of going West, boarded a freight train near Leaman Place Thursday and went to Harrisburg. The weather was too cold for them, however, and they intended returning to the mountains. Lippincott further stated he was sick and tired of the life he had been leading, and this was probably why he did not resist arrest.

The stolen articles are in possession of Squire Frank, who has sent word to Shiffer, the jeweler, and others to come and identify them.

WEEK OF PRAYER IN COLUMBIA.

Appointments for the Different Churches and Pastors—Daily Religious Services.

Regular Correspondence of INTELLIGENCER.

COLUMBIA, Jan. 3.—The services of the week of prayer programme will be conducted by the respective pastors of the churches in which they are held, and will begin at 7:30 p. m. The arrangement agreed upon by those participating, and the topics assigned, are as follows: Monday, Reformed church, "Praise and thanksgiving." Tuesday, U. B. church, "Humiliation and confession." Wednesday, Presbyterian church, "Prayer for the church of Christ." Thursday, Bethel, "Prayer for families and instructors of youth." Friday, Second street Lutheran church, "For the nations." Saturday, M. E. church, "For missions, home and foreign." The services in the opera house, on the afternoons of Sundays, January 4th and 11th, will begin at four o'clock.

Recent Casualties.

Miss Barbara Reigel, of Chestnut Hill, on Thursday fell at Maulick's drug store and was rendered unconscious by her head striking a window sill. She was carried into the store and cared for.

Aaron Meckley, aged about 25 years, died of brain fever last night, after a short illness, at his home on Sixth street.

Capt. D. F. Sure, of the Susquehanna & Tidewater canals, was thrown from his buggy by his horse running away while driving up the towpath, near Wrightsville, on Thursday and had his face and head severely cut.

Personal.

S. B. Clepper, K. of R. of Osceola tribe, No. 11, I. O. R. M., was presented with a handsome gold pen and pencil by the tribe, on Thursday night.

F. C. Snyder did not die in Philadelphia, as was reported.

Miss Minnie M. Erwin has returned to school in New York city.

Miss Fannie Ely, of Harrisburg, is the guest of Miss Annie Purpie.

J. G. Pence is cutting ice 5 inches thick out of the outlet.

Misses Carrie and Addie Druckenmiller, of Mt. Joy, are the guests of Mrs. F. P. D. Miller.

A Thief Captured.

A year ago, Robt. Hardeman, a negro of Little Washington, robbed the farm house of Abe Herr, situated between Safe Harbor and Millersville. From Mary Bucher he stole $5 in money, and paper valued at $700 but as Hardeman could not read, the latter was thrown away. From Amos Kauffman he stole a watch, two pair of boots, an umbrella, and a suit of clothes. Miss Bucher and Mr. Kauffman were employed at Herr's. Attempts were made to capture him, until yesterday, when Officers Wittick and Gilbert saw him on Front street and arrested him. He has had part of his hearing, but it will be completed to-day.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Installation of Officers—A Newly Fitted Room and a Prosperous Lodge.

The following officers-elect of Inland City lodge, No. 88, K. of P., were installed by D. D. G. Ch. H. H. Holton, last evening:

P. C.—H. L. Zook.
C. C.—Henry Eckman.
V. C.—B. Frank Zook.
P.—Ed. E. Greider.
M. of E.—John S. Kendig.
M. of F.—J. B. Markley.
K. of R. and S.—Jere. Rife.
M. at A.—Martin R. Herr.
I. G.—Jere. A. Adams.
O. G.—Bartly McGuire.

Lodge 88 has now under way and almost finished, a complete remodeling of the old castle hall which is very handsome in its effect. A beautiful gold paper with 18-inch border has been put upon the walls, and the ceiling handsomely dadoed, the furniture newly upholstered and repainted in walnut grain, the carpet renovated and a new border added. Lambrequins and heavy curtains of raw silk are placed at the windows, and other beautifying touches made, so numerous as to entirely change the appearance of the room and give it a home-like and tasty appearance.

The lodge, numerically and financially, is in a most flourishing condition. During the term there have been 17 initiations and 4 suspensions, making the present membership 283, with a total exchequer of $5,527 82. Amount of relief paid, $408. Notwithstanding this outlay and the rather heavy one above for repairs, the books show the receipts of the term to have been overrun only to a small amount.

Oxford's Fugitive Forger.

Before Judge Futhey, in West Chester yesterday, appeared eight or ten lawyers representing creditors of Wm. D. Alexander, who ran away from Oxford recently, owing more than he could pay. The matter before the judge was a motion, made by those who had issued a domestic attachment, to stay certain writs of execution issued by judgment creditors before the attachment.

It was alleged that these writs had been prematurely issued before the judgments were due. The parties issuing them produced an affidavit from Alexander himself to show that he had assented to this. As his flight took place on Dec. 24th, and the affidavit produced yesterday was dated Dec. 31st, it appears that his family and counsel are in communication with him, and that he has not gone very far from home.

Judge Futhey appointed a master to take testimony and report the facts in the case.

Crushed Again.

The INTELLIGENCER "declined to make itself ridiculous" by giving publicity to a hair-raising story that Levi Brenner, residing at Anchorville, up in the northwestern part of the county, had been the victim of a bold highway robbery.

It was suspected at the time of its "exclusive" publication in an imaginative contemporary that the tale was the result of the same indigestion that caused a reporter to find the petrified corpse of a murdered peddler in the swamps of Fulton, to see a headless ghost on the Manor hills and to have special intelligence of the extinguishment of John Frankford's light.

It turns out as suspected. Brenner, the alleged victim of the alleged highway robbery, writes to the fanciful reporter of our esteemed contemporary, the *New Era*, that its story was a fiction.

Next?

A Welsh Mountain New Year's Assembly.

From the New Holland Clarion.

Early on Thursday morning a robust maiden of the colored persuasion, who hails from Canada—she herself says so—accompanied by a coterie of colored folk from the Welsh mountain, came to this town and purchased a keg of beer and one gallon of whiskey. To the many interrogatories that were showered upon her she replied as follows: "There's goin' to be a party up on the mountain to-night, and I came to town for the stuff to make the fun. Four of us gals came from Lancaster yesterday, and we're goin' to have a jolly time this New Year's night out on the hill."

THE WRECK OF THE LENA.

ONLY TWO MEN SURVIVE OUT OF AN ENTIRE CREW OF NINE.

The Terrible Experience of Some Norwegian Sailors in a Storm—Exposed to the Fury of the Waves in the Bitter Cold—Clinging to the Vessel.

Two Norwegian sailors entered the office of Lars Westergaard, the Norwegian consul, in Philadelphia, on Friday. They were the only survivors of the ill-fated bark Lena, which went to pieces off Hog Island, Virginia, last Sunday. Up to this time the information received regarding the disaster has been very meagre, but the story as told by these seamen gives all the details of what proves to have been a most terrible catastrophe.

The captain, Albert Mortensen, of Arendal, Norway, whence the bark hailed, had lost his bearings in the dense fog which had hung over the sea for days, and was considerably out of his course. On Saturday afternoon the fog lifted and the weather cleared. It was during the mate's watch, about four o'clock, when the vessel shook from stem to stern, and those on board knew in an instant that she had stranded. The wind was blowing a gale, and the sea was running very high. In a moment the Lena was well upon the bar which she had struck, and the waves were beating over her with a wild fury which threatened her destruction. The weather was bitterly cold, and there was a coating of ice on decks and rigging, which made the movements of those on board exceedingly perilous.

An effort, however, was made to launch the boats, but this was a disastrous failure. Each was in turn broken to splinters by the raging sea, and the crew were then left without any means whatever of escape from the stranded vessel. They clung to her, however, as best they could in the hope that the sea would subside and that something might transpire which would insure their safety. After 24 hours of this wretched experience, during which they were nearly frozen, their hands and feet benumbed and frostbitten, the bark, under the force of a heavy sea, sprung apart and went to pieces. Every person on board was precipitated into the waves, and, with the exception of the two men who reached Philadelphia Friday, it is supposed that all were drowned. These two survivors, Anders Isaken and Peter A. Tonnesen, were fortunate enough to seize some planks from the wreck, on which they were carried ashore. They saved nothing besides their lives, however, and were compelled to borrow from the station agent of the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk railroad, at Bird's Nest station, Va., sufficient to pay their way to Philadelphia.

The body of Capt. Mortensen, who was 30 years old and leaves a young wife in Norway, and that of Abraham Carlssen, a sailmaker and a Swede by birth, were washed up and buried on the beach of Hog Island. None of the other bodies have yet been recovered. Theodore Jorgensen was the mate, and there were seven seamen, of whom five are missing and doubtless lost. The bark which was lost, was built at Arendal, Norway, in 1879. She was owned by O. B. Sorensen, of Arendal, whence she sailed for Philadelphia with a cargo of sugar.

SOME QUEER ACCIDENTS.

Death Caused by Alcohol, a Cigarette, and a Spark from a Match.

Senor Isidro Vidal, of Panama, met his death a few days ago under most peculiar circumstances. When about retiring, feeling a pain in his chest, he rubbed himself with alcohol, and then poured some of the spirit on his undershirt, in the belief that he would derive benefit therefrom. He then put out his light and went to bed. Subsequently, wishing to smoke a cigarette, he struck a match. The spark from the match inflamed the alcohol on the undershirt, and in one moment the unfortunate man was in a blaze. His cries brought assistance, but before it arrived he had suffered such severe injuries that he died next day.

Escaping Death by Illness to be Killed.

William Chalker, aged 18, son of Joseph Chalker, a farmer residing near Standard's Corners, N. Y., had been seriously ill for several months. For a month past he had been improving so rapidly that on the day before New Year's he was able to walk out. He started to take a stroll over the farm, carrying a light shotgun, thinking he might see a rabbit. He met two acquaintances who were at work in the woods, and while talking with them he stepped up on a log. He slipped and fell. The hammer of the gun struck the log and the gun was discharged. The load lodged in the young man's neck, and he died before he could be carried home.

A Bullet Whizzed Past the Bride's Head.

The Rev. Mr. Williams married a young couple in Pleasantville, Westchester county, N. Y., on New Year's night. As he was about to pronounce the words which would make them man and wife a pistol bullet crushed through the window, whizzed past the head of the bride, and lodged in the shoulder of the minister's dog. For a moment all was confusion, but finally the ceremony was concluded. The groom thinks the shot was fired accidentally by one of a number of young men who were serenading the bridal party.

MR. RANDALL'S TOUR.

He Devotes a Day to Looking Around Birmingham, Alabama.

Birmingham's distinguished visitors were favored with the best possible weather on Friday, their second day there. It was cold and raw but the sun shone brightly on Friday, and the temperature was much milder. Mr. Randall and party, with several distinguished gentlemen from other places in Alabama and twenty-five prominent citizens of Birmingham, have devoted nearly the whole day to a visit to iron properties on the Birmingham Mineral railroad, a short road of two arms striking the Louisville and Nashville, one about four and the other about six miles south of Birmingham. The first place visited was the Sloss mines, the southern terminus of the northern arm of the Mineral road. They afterwards visited the Woodward Iron company's furnace and coal mines, and the Morris mines at the southern terminus of the southern arm of the Birmingham Mines road. The party then returned to the city.

Long before the hour appointed O'Brien's large opera house was crowded in every part with an audience composed of citizens of this and of neighboring communities. The opera house was elaborately and tastefully decorated inside and outside. On the stage, was a notable display, the principal feature of which was a native industrial exhibit, comprising bales of cotton, lumps of coal, varieties of iron ore and pig iron and other manufactured products. Numerous national flags and bunting were arranged about the stage so as to make a very pleasing and striking effect. Mayor A. O. Lane introduced Mr. Randall to the audience. He came to the front in the midst of tumultuous and long-continued applause. Mr. Randall spoke about forty minutes, receiving frequent applause and cheers.

Failure to Pay Interest.

The January interest on the Reading railroad general mortgages bonds was not paid on Friday although there were some holders who presented their coupons for payment. The effects of this default had been thoroughly discounted, and sales of $152,000, of these bonds were reported at an average advance of 1¾ upon Wednesday's sales. The July interest on these bonds was arranged for by a purchase of the coupons, and quite positive assertions were made in reference to the January interest. The Reading company has not yet entirely reimbursed the July interest advanced on these bonds

Money Made Last Year.

At the mint in Philadelphia during the past year there were coined 52,270,000 pieces of money, the total value of which was $16,949,069.53. There were gold pieces coined to the value of $1,740,216.50, silver to the amount of $14,412,369.25 and $796,483.78 in base metal. There were 11,273,942 5-cent pieces, and 23,261,742 1-cent pieces coined during the year.

COURT'S CURRENT BUSINESS.

Bonds of County Officers Approved—Alderman Spurrier Sentenced to Pay Two Bills of Costs.

Court met at 10 o'clock this morning for the transaction of current business.

The bonds of County Commissioner-elect Samuel M. Myers and John Gingrich, in the sum of $5,000 each were presented to the court this morning and approved. Mr. Myers' bondmen are Jacob Rathfon and James Potts, and Mr. Gingrich's bondsmen M. N. Brubaker and John M. Stehman.

Elmer Holsinger, who was convicted of disturbing a religious meeting and became a fugitive from justice before sentence could be imposed, was brought before the court for sentence. He was sentenced to pay a fine of $20, costs of prosecution and to undergo an imprisonment of three months.

In the assigned estate of Joseph Martin, Judge Patterson filed an opinion sustaining the exceptions to the return and confirmation of the sale and setting aside the sale.

John Johnson, of Paradise township, was appointed guardian of the minor children of Samuel Johnson, late of Paradise.

James L. Walker, Colerain township, was appointed guardian of the minor children of Ellis Ault.

M. Brosius was appointed trustee of the estate of Henry Krauskop, deceased, in place of John B. Good, deceased.

Henry J. Lind was appointed trustee of the estate of John Lind, in place of Thos. E. Franklin, deceased.

In the estate of Francis B. Groff, deceased, a rule was granted to show cause why the return of sale should not be amended.

Alderman Spurrier's Case.

Alderman Spurrier having failed to answer to his name when called for sentence this morning, his recognizance was forfeited and a process was issued for his arrest. Alderman Spurrier came into court shortly after the process was issued and stated he would have been in court at 10 o'clock, but was under the impression he was to appear at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. His counsel asked for a rule to show cause why so much of the finding of the jury as imposed the costs on the defendant should not be set aside. The court ruled that the application came in too late and denied the rule. He was sentenced to pay the costs as directed by the jury and the costs of the process.

The case of commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Samuel Bowman, prosecutor, vs. Henry Bowman, Martin L. Glauner, Taylor Bair, Sylvester Kurtz, John H. Darrow, Daniel Howe, Levi E. DeHaven, certiorari by defendants from the judgment of Justice Lee. These defendants were prosecuted by Constable Bowman for horse-racing on Sunday, on the Sassafras track, in Salisbury township, contrary to the act of Assembly of 1794, and a fine of $4 was imposed on each of the defendants. Counsel for the defendants argued that the record of the justice was defective, inasmuch as it does not contain the evidence on which they were convicted.

The County Auditors' Bill.

The county auditors' bill was presented to the court, itemized and sworn to as directed by the court. They make affidavit that the number of days charged for were occupied in the discharge of their duties. The court directed that the bill be filled, and if no exceptions be taken to the same during the day, they would direct it to be paid. In the bill appears a charge of $100, counsel fee for E. K. Martin, and the total is $1,427.60.

In the divorce suit of John Derfler vs. Catharine Derfler, counsel for respondent presented a petition for alimony and counsel fees. The court made an order directing libellant to pay $50 counsel fee and $2 per week alimony.

A rule was granted to show cause why the fi. fa. against J Taylor Huddleson should not be set aside. The property advertised to be sold at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Rohrerstown, will not be sold until after the rule is disposed of, argument of which has been fixed for Saturday, January 17th. Later in the day counsel for the writ of fi. fa. withdrew all the papers in the case.

An issue was granted to ascertain the amount due on a judgment to which Lemon S. Groff and Jacob S. Sheaffer are named as plaintiffs and Henry Gehman as defendant.

A final hearing was had on the application of Edwin Sprecher, for his discharge under the insolvent law, he serving a term for being the father of an illegitimate child. The court refused to discharge Sprecher and he was remanded to the custody of the sheriff for failure to comply with the order of the court to pay the usual weekly allowance to the child.

Adjourned to 2:30 o'clock.

A GOOD PLAY.

"Her Last Hope" Pleases Its Audience and Will be Repeated.

The play at the opera house last evening attracted an audience of fair size, but not large. The drama is in four acts and the plot that commands attention involves a pathetic and thrilling story of love, money and villainy. There are two rivals for the heroine's heart and hand. She marries the one of her choice but the villain still pursues her with means that give rise to most interesting situations, in [illegible] ch the cast of last evening proved th[illegible] elves up to the high requirements of the drama.

The attention of the spectators is held not only by the exciting and vivid plot of the play, but by the artistic skill with which it is put upon the boards by Theall & Williams' company. The scenic effect is good, the dressing rich and appropriate and the incidental music altogether satisfactory.

Will Cowper's *Leon Duraux* and Edna Courtney's *Emilie* were of course the leading interpretations in last evening's cast; but there is an evenness and average excellence in the whole company that made the performance one of the best of the winter, and should secure a full house to-night, when "Her Last Hope" will be repeated.

An Embarassed Cleric.

A nervous young clergyman was engaged to act as supply for a church in a Connecticut town, the other Sunday. When he went up in the pulpit to preach he was horrified to discover that he had forgotten his sermon. To try to speak without notes was out of the question—he could't give out a notice without reading it; so he told the congregation his trouble, and requested them to wait until he got back with his discourse. Though he ran all the distance, he was gone about fifteen minutes, and came back entirely exhausted. He started to deliver his sermon, but after uttering about ten words broke down completely for want of breath, and requested the congregation to sing hymns until he was sufficiently rested to go on.

A Large Increase of Business.

The figures of the Lancaster stock yards—James Stewart proprietor and Jos. J. Keenan superintendent—show a large shipping business done there during the past twelve months.

The following are the totals of cars and live stock received during 1884: Cars 2,155; cattle 42,981; horses 2,669; mules 389; hogs 8,441; sheep 9,684; calves 1,119.

The following are the cars and number of head of stock shipped out in 1884: Cars 1,072; cattle 14,512; horses 3,072; mules 45; hogs 699; sheep 3,343; cows 540; calves 705.

Episcopal Statistics.

Whittaker's *Church Almanac* gives the following statistics of the Episcopal church in this country: Clergy, 3,645; increase over over last year, 86; parishes, 2,842; missions, 1,549; combined increase, 125; candidates for orders, 367; increase, 34; ordinations, deacons, 99; decrease, 47; ordinations, priests, 107; decrease, 25; baptisms, 49,582; increase, 2,637; confirmations 4,171; communicants, 381,894; increase, 17,891; Sunday school teachers, 34,338; increase, 67; Sunday school scholars, 318,358; increase, 806; contributions, $9,042,628.84; increase, $723,437.45.

To Erect a Fire Escape.

The board of directors of the Children's Home at their meeting yesterday, decided to erect a fire escape and will contract with Coble & Co., of East Chestnut street. The price originally agreed upon was $850, but some alterations made in the plans will reduce the total expense about $200.

Released on Bail.

George Aston, who was committed by Alderman Barr in default of bail for trial at court for assaulting his wife, has been released from custody, bail having been entered for his appearance.

AN EXPLOSION IN A TUNNEL.

BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY DYNAMITE FIENDS.

An Underground Railway in London Severely Shaken Up by a Mysterious Explosion in the Night—Tra'n Passengers Panic-Stricken, But None Injured.

A dynamite explosion occurred on the Underground railway, between Gower street and Kings Cross station, London, at 9:30 o'clock Friday evening. The windows of a passing train were shattered and the gas lights extinguished. Beyond this no damage was done. The train resumed its journey after a delay of twenty-five minutes. The shock of the explosion was felt by residents of Euston road, between St. Pancras church and Judd street. The railway runs the whole length of Euston road, underneath the roadway. A crowd speedily collected at a vent shaft at the head of Ossulton street, from which, at the time of the explosion, a quantity of smoke issued. As soon as possible after the explosion a number of porters were sent to the spot with lamps and appliances for clearing the line. Up to the present time nothing has been found. The residents in the locality were greatly alarmed.

The shock overthrew several wayfarers on Euston road. It was with great difficulty that horses on the road were restrained from running away. The gaslights in the Gower street station were extinguished. The ticket collector in the station was thrown from his box and the engineer working the incandescent electric light machinery was thrown from his seat a distance of three or four feet landing on his face. The lights in other trains in the tunnel were extinguished by the explosion. The passengers were greatly alarmed and many ladies fainted. The Gower street platform was literally strewn with the prostrate forms of persons prostrated by the shock.

The houses in the vicinity were shaken and the roadway oscillated. Two trains were passing each other at the time of the explosion, and in both the lights were extinguished. Windows were shattered and the framework of several carriage doors were smashed. The green, red and white lights at the front and rear of the trains were extinguished. The ticket collector at the Gower street station describes the report of the explosion as sharp and ringing in its character, like the discharge of a small piece of field artillery. The point where the the explosion occurred directly under the road leading to the main entrance of the London & Northwestern railway. A lady's nose was cut by the glass and one gentleman had his side and face and another his wrist cut. They are the only serious casualties reported. All the passengers left the train at the Gower street station. Many of them were in a half fainting condition.

Superintendent Williamson, of Scotland yard, and the superintendent of the various districts, arrived at the Gower street station half an hour after the explosion and immediately proceeded down the line. They discovered the signal box eastward of St. Pancras church partially wrecked, the signal wire separated and the clock stopped at fourteen minutes past nine. Close inspection showed that the explosive material could not have been gunpowder, as the surrounding brick work was not blackened. It must, therefore, have been either dynamite or gun cotton. The locality of the explosion is on the north side of the line between St. Pancras church and Charlton street. The only clues are a few fragments of paper which were found strewn about the track.

Normal Anniversary.

The appointments for the anniversary of the Normal literary society, Millersville, to be held Friday, the 30th inst., are now completed and as follows:

President—Wm. Wilhelm, Esq. (class of '74) of Pottsville, Pa.
Secretary—Miss Sarah H. Gilbert, (class '77, '79) of Millersville Pa.
Honorary Orator—W. U. Hensel, Esq., of Lancaster.
Reader—Miss Adeline B. Avery, Philadelphia.
Essayist—Miss Mary Smith, (class of '83), Marietta, Pa.
Normal Oration—Mr. Frank P. Eberman, (class of '80, '82), of Strasburg, Pa.

From the ability of the representatives a rich treat may be expected. Mr. Wilhelm, the president, is a successful lawyer, of Pottsville, and was an elector on the late Labor-Greenback ticket. The honorary orator, Mr. Hensel is well-known. The Normal orator, Mr. Eberman, is editor of the Strasburg *Free Press*, and a strong and inspiring speaker. His subject will be "Our Weapons and Work." The reader, Miss Avery, is said to be a fine elocutionary artist; and the essayist was one of the best writers of her class. Miss Gilbert, a graduate in both the elementary and the scientific course, has been for some time a popular teacher in the Normal school.

AMONG THE LOCAL INK-SLINGERS.

The New Holland *Clarion* has entered upon its thirteenth volume. It is the best of our country exchanges.

The Columbia *Courant* recently opened its fifteenth volume. It is a spicy and readable paper, containing much excellent original matter.

The Landisville *Village Vigil* celebrates its entrance upon a third volume by dropping the word "Village" from its top-knot. It still carries "Cæsar's alliterative battle-cry proudly displayed at its mast-head.

Inching Along.

The Lititz *Express* man thinks that all the newspapers will lie about Abe Buzzard if they can make an interesting tale.

The current number of the *Express* has three new stories of Buzzard.

Their credibility, it is presumed, is to be measured by the degree of interest attaching to them.

Indigestion, or Inveracity?

From the Lancaster Inquirer.

The story, originating with our sensational contemporary, the *New Era*, about the exhuming of a petrified man, in Fulton township, supposed to be the body of a drover, murdered some fifty years ago, proves on inquiry to be utterly without foundation. The same is true of the story concerning the finding of gold, from that source. These, with the Manor ghost story, and the report of Frankford's death, indicate that our contemporary, forgetful that fact is news and fiction isn't, cares more to print a sensation than to tell the truth.

G. A. R. Officers Installed.

Commander John B. Long, of Admiral Reynolds Post, No. 405, installed the following officers of George H. Thomas Post, No. 88, G. A. R., on Friday evening:

Commander—H. R. Breneman.
Senior Vice Commander—A. D. Gyger.
Junior Vice Commander. A. V. Hurst.
Quartermaster.—James A. Nimlow.
Adjutant—C. H. Fasnacht.
Chaplain—Benjamin Henry.
Surgeon—Dr. J. A. E. Reed.
Officer of Day—Peter Sensenderfer.
Officer of Guard—Casper Walker.
Inside Sentinel—B. F. Chambers.
Outside Sentinel—Wm. H. Harry.
Quartermaster Sergeant—B. F. Hammond.
Sergeant Major—James Saeger.

The meeting was largely attended and after the installation speeches were made, songs were sung, army stories were retold and a good time generally was had.

The Failures of 1884.

During the year just closed there were 10,968 business failures in the United States with liabilities aggregating $226,343,427. The annual statement issued by the mercantile agency of R. G. Dun & Co., shows that in Pennsylvania, outside of Philadelphia, there were 653 failures; in Philadelphia, 225.

The Largest in West Chester.

It is said that the new rink which is in course of erection on North Church street, West Chester, will be the largest building in town; 100,000 brick will be put in, and the foundation will be ten feet high—of stone.

Mail Weighers Appointed.

John Ritner and John G. Gruber have been appointed weighers of United States mails—Ritner to work between Harrisburg and Pottsville, and Gruber at Lancaster.

A REVIEW OF THE IRON TRADE.

Its Present Remarkable Depression and the Causes Therefor—No Promise of Immediate Improvement—Lessened Production and Prices.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—A review of the iron trade in this country and abroad has just been completed by Mr. Jas. M. Swank, secretary of the American Iron and Steel association. He says:

"In the United States the demand for all leading articles of iron and steel was less in 1884 than in 1883. We made less pig iron and bar iron, fewer steel rails, less steel for miscellaneous purposes, and fewer kegs of nails. The causes of this decline in demand have been so often referred to that we do not heed to repeat them. Prices fell as the demand receded and only in steel rails has there been any recovery from the lowest prices of the year, and even here the recovery has been but slight. Steel rails commenced the year at $34, and fell to $26.50 in September, since which time they have rallied to $28 in December. No. 1 anthracite foundry pig iron at Philadelphia brought $20.50 at the beginning of the year and $18 at its close. The best bar iron at Philadelphia sold at two cents per pound in January, but it has for many months sold at one and eight-tenths of a cent per pound, or $40.32 per gross ton. This is a lower price than we quoted during the panic years, except for a short time in 1879. The store price of cut nails in Philadelphia was $2.90 per keg in January, from which there was a steady decline to $2.10 in October, which is the present price. The price during the panic years did not fall so low until March 1879, but from this low price there was a speedy recovery."

"Taking it all in all the year 1884 was a bad year for the American iron trade, rendering necessary a general reduction of wages, and the closing of many manufacturing establishments. The new year opens with no promise of immediate improvement. If the farmers of the West could dispose of their wheat and corn, and other staples, at higher prices than now prevail, we might soon see an increased demand and better prices for iron and fuel. But until the farmers' prospects improve we can not see better days for our iron and steel manufacturers, nor for some other manufacturers."

"The country at large cannot be prosperous, if the farmers in Europe are not. The year which has just ceased was one of steadily declining prosperity for the iron trade. The iron trade of Great Britain has especially suffered and is at the present time in a very depressed and panicky condition. Production and prices have both greatly declined and real stagnation prevails in many districts with many thousands of workmen in actual want. The production of pig iron in the United States last year is estimated to be equal at least to that of 1880, which was the year of the iron boom."

A French Minister Resigns.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—The *Evenement* announces that Gen. Compenon has resigned the portfolio of minister of war, because Prime Minister Ferry demanded that more reinforcements should be sent to the French troops in Tonquin. Gen. Compenon refused to accede to this, assigning as a reason that such action would compromise the mobilization of the army. Gen. Lewell will probably succeed Gen. Compenon as minister of war.

Two Great London Failures.

LONDON, January 3.—Henry Turner and & Co., calico printers, at Manchester, have failed, with liabilities of £75,000.

Walter, Townsend & Co., worsted spinners, at Bradford, have also failed; their liabilities amount to £70,000.

A Woman Gets Fifteen Years in Prison.

BALTIMORE Jan. 3.—Irene Newman, colored, convicted of murder in the second degree for killing Martha Gordon when both were employed in a boarding house, was today sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentrary. Jealousy led to the homicide.

Proclaiming Himself the Dauphin.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—A grandson of Naundorff, who claimed to be the Dauphin, has issued a manifesto signed "Charles," claiming the Throne of France, and exhorting the people to seek refuge in the Catholic faith.

The Soudan War.

KARTE, Jan. 3.—Four hundred of the best shots in the Sussex regiment have been selected to march across the desert to Metemneh. Gen. Butler is of opinion that the boats of the relief expedition will reach Khartoum within two months.

Kaiser Wilhelm Gives an Opinion.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—At the reception held by Emperor William, on New Year's day, the Emperor expressed to the foreign ambassadors his firm confidence in the endurance of peace.

Dr. Goersen's Death Warrant Issued.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 3.—Governor Pattison to-day issued a warrant for the hanging of Dr. Goerson, the wife-poisoner, Thursday, March 5th.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—For the Middle Atlantic states, fair, warmer weather, with variable winds, shifting to southerly, and falling barometer.

SALES BY THE SHERIFF.

A Number of Properties Knocked Down Under the Inexorable Hammer.

Samuel Hess, auctioneer, sold the following properties for John H. High, sheriff, at the court house at 2 o'clock this afternoon:

A tract of land in the village of Newville, West Donegal township, containing 110 acres, on which are erected a two-story brick dwelling house (hotel stand), frame bank barn, two tobacco sheds, ice house and a number of other outbuildings, as the property of Joseph Greenawalt, with notice to Samuel Eby, assignee, terre-tenant, to Samuel Eby and Adam Hamilton, for $3,200.

A lot of ground in the village of Ephrata, fronting 112 feet on Locust street and extending in depth 280 feet, on which are erected a two-story frame dwelling house, frame stable and a number of outbuildings, as the property of Samuel H. Roppold, to the Union Building association, for $85.

No. 1, a lot of around in the borough of Marietta, fronting on Front street 69 feet, and extending in depth 210 feet, on which are erected a two-story brick dwelling house, carriage house and frame stable, to Henry Erisman for $305.

No. 2, a lot of ground with a frontage of 120 feet on Front street, Marietta, and extending in depth 210 feet, to Henry Erisman for $105.

No. 3, a tract of land in the borough of Marietta, containing two and a half acres, as the property of J. M. Erisman, to Henry Erisman for $25.

A lot of ground in the village of Intercourse, having a frontage of 64 feet, and a depth of 124 feet, on which are erected a two-story brick dwelling house, frame stable, carriage house and other necessary