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TOBACCO NEWS.

A LITTLE LESS ACTIVITY IN THE LOCAL MARKET LAST WEEK.

The Transactions in '84 Furnished by Correspondents—Lancaster Buyers in York County—State of the New York, Philadelphia and Other Markets.

The following transactions in old tobacco are reported: At Daniel A. Mayer's commission house were sold 74 cases of '82 leaf, for shipment to Montreal; 105 cases of '81 to San Francisco, and a packing of 102 cases of '83 for export. A New York broker took 500 cases of '81 from another house, and 100 cases of 83 were sold to manufacturers.

Sales of '84 Tobacco.

Dealers continue to pick up lots of '84 leaf, but not so rapidly nor at prices so high as farmers expected. Thus far a very large proportion of their purchases have been Havana seed—the seed leaf finding few takers at even low prices.

Following are some sales reported during the past week from West Lampeter township:

Adam Groff sold to John Sener, 1¼ acres Havana at 17½, 5, 2; Frank Herr, 7 acres to A. W. Harnish, 16, 4½, 2; A. Zittle, to same, 1½ acres, 15, 5, 2; Edward Galen to Oppenheimer, 2 acres, 12, 5, 2; David Meck to same, 1 acre at 14, 5½, 2; Henry Shaub to same, 2 acres at 17, 5, 2; Daniel Book, 4 acres to same, at 11 around; Martin Greenburg, 1½ acres to same, at 13, 5, 2; Benjamin Peters, ¾ acre to same, at 14, 5, 2; Daniel Weaver sold to Merfeld & Kemper, 2 acres at 20, 6, 2; Samuel Weaver to Merfeld & Kemper, 1 acre at 14 around; Maris B. Weaver, 1 acre to Julius Lederman, 15, 4, 2; Wm. Weaver, ½ acre to Stoner & Harnish, at 10, 5, 2.

B. E. Radcliffe for M. Oppenheimer bought the following lots in Little Britain: Harry Highet, ¼ acre 8, 5, 2; Jackson & Brother, 1 acre 14, 5, 2; R. A. Scott, 3 acres 23, 17, 6, 2; B. F. Eshelman, 2 acres 18¼, 6, 2; Edwin Humel, ½ acre 18¼, 5, 2; Thomas Furniss 1¾ acres 11, 5, 2; Jacob Brown, 1½ acres 17½, 6, 2; Isaac Scotten, 1½ acres 16, 5, 2; A. A. McCardell, 4 acres 20, 8, 2; A. K. Bradley, Fulton, to Shirk, his crop, 15, 5, 2; Frank Taylor, ¾ acre, 17½, 5, 2.

There has been a very great deal of tobacco bought during the last four days in the lower end; all this has been cleaned up in some sections. At the Buck, M. Lefever sold 3 acres at 18, 6, 3; J. M. Deam, 4 acres at 14, 5, 3; James Pining, 3 acres, 18, 6, 3; Wm. Burgess, 2 acre, 14, 5, 3; and a number of others, all to John Sener.

At Mechanics Grove, Samuel Bair, sold 3 acres at 20, 6, 3; J. K. L. Acheson, 2 acres at 19, 5, 3; both to Oppenheimer. Conrad Hess, Quarryville, sold to Harnish, 3 acres at 16, 5, 3.

From Millersville we have the following reports for this week: Henry Herr, of Manor, 2 acres of Havana at 20, 6, 3, to Rosenshine; Amos Landis, of Conestoga township, his crop of tobacco to Rosenshine, on private terms; Henry Neff, of Manor, was offered 20 cents for 2 acres of seed leaf, but declined to sell; Godlob Sigler, of Millersville, sold one acre of Havana to Brownstine, at 14, 6, 3; Henry Eshleman, to same 2 acres of Havana at 20, 5, 3; Henry Stehman, of Conestoga, sold his lot of Havana at 17, 6, 3; Amos Lefever, of the same place, his lot at 19, 5, 2.

In the Paradise district Jacob Diffenderfer sold to J. Brimmer: One acre, 12, 3, 2; Elias Hershey to same, 1 acre, 9, 2; B. Keen, to same, ½ acre, 4 around; J. Beaner, to same, 1 acre, 9, 2; Isaac Hershey, to same, 1 acre, 8, 3½, 2. The above is all hybrid.

J. Habecker, of Manor, sold 2½ acres of tobacco to Samuel Joseph & Co., for 20¼, 6, 3, and another lot for 22, 6, 3; Henry Charles, same township, to same, 2½ acres, at 22, 6, 3.

Joseph Shultz, Manor township, 7 acres of Havana to Detweiler, 22, 6, 5; Wes. Kiess, 1¾ acres, to same, 18 through; Frank Mellinger, 2¼ acres seed leaf, 18, 5, 2; Henry Mellinger, 1¼ acres, to same at same prices.

Large Sale of Tobacco.

From the York Daily.

A number of farmers of the Lower End who left for Lancaster last week with five carloads of tobacco, returned on Saturday and [illegible] at the Marshall house. They [illegible] their tobacco. [illegible] Henry Moore, of Lancaster, [illegible] used the following crops of tobacco in the Lower End, amounting to 23½ tons: W. T. Harrison, C. Richardson, N. B. Hoops, R. [illegible], J. A. Bailey, A. D. Harrison, M. I. [illegible], Henry Shenberger, Jno. C. Shenberger, Lewis Massey, A. I. Webb, N. B. Flaherty, W. H. Fishel, Thomas Marston, W. W. Torbit, W. T. Gileney, B. F. Morris, M. C. Mitchell, H. Parlett, W. I. Clark, G. P. Mitchell, W. Shirey, J. A. Jemmison, Thos. Day and D. D. Shenberger.

Mr. D. R. Saylor, for Skiles & Frey, of Lancaster, purchased the following lots: Jacob F. Matthews, 1½ acres, at 15, 14 and 2; W. A. Manifold, 3 acres, at 13¼, 4, 2; J. B. Stewart, ¾ acre, at 13, 3, 2; James Anderson, 2½ acres, at 13, 3, 2; John D. Zeck, 3 acres, at 12, 3, 2; John W. Thompkins, 1½ acres, at 9, [illegible]; Robert J. Pyle, [illegible]; John M. Jenkins, 1½ acres, at 13¼, 4, 2; Jos. G. Liggit, 1 acre, at 14, 4, 2; Isaac P. Hall, 1 acre, at 10, 3, 2; Chas. Allen, 2 acres, at 8, 3, 2; M. C. Clark, Asa Lewis, John A. Wilson and Jacob Matthews.

The New York Market.

From the *Tobacco Leaf* we take the following:

Western Leaf—The sales the past week include manufacturing, jobbing and exporting accounts, 100 hogsheads for the latter being mentioned as one of the features.

It is said there are orders here for tobacco which cannot be filled on account of the absence of desirable old goods, and this averment may be accepted as truth.

Virginia Leaf—Little done in Virginia tobacco this week, except in old bright cutters, which brought from 25 to 35c. There was a fair demand for common Burleys, and some sales were made. Bright wrappers do not appear to have been much inquired for.

Seed leaf—The demand for seed leaf, so far as reported, was limited to 1,460 cases.

The only feature of any interest in the market this week was the sale of 500 cases of 1883 Pennsylvania by C. H. Bitzener & Son, of this city, to Lewis Bremer's Sons, of Philadelphia. What the price paid was a mystery, and is likely to remain one. Notwithstanding all that has been said against 1883 Pennsylvania, it seems to have friends; and the disappearance from the market every now and then of lots of 500 cases, must have a salutary effect on the trade. As for the prices paid, that is another question; but if the tobacco moves and no one loses, that is about as much as can be expected in the present condition of things. The general tone of the market is thought by some operators to be improved.

Spanish—Havana fillers were sold to the extent of 300 bales at from 80 to $1.15.

Sumatra—But little doing; sales, 150 bales at $1.20 to $1.60. Holders claim that prices should be higher, but they do not appear to be able to withstand the temptation to make sales, even at somewhat lower prices than the tobacco, according to their ideas, should bring. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, however, and they seem to appreciate this.

Plug—We cannot report any boom in trade but small and frequent orders seem to come along for bright tobacco, generally. The lower grades are in request. Of old tobacco 11 and 12 inch, last year's work, there is little or no stock; prices are very firm, and with the leaf at present prices it is a question how much or how little money there is for manufacturing at the prevailing prices of Virginia goods. Some very low price common navy has been offered here by some manufacturers, but was not, we hear, purchased.

Smoking—A regular demand reported.

Cigars—Business fairly active.

Hammerstein's Report.

From the Tobacco Journal.

The week opened with an improved feeling and the transactions gradually became [illegible] such as '81 [illegible] and C's took a [illegible] bulk of the business [illegible] nearly 1,000 cases [illegible]. The reports [illegible] 11½ cents, [illegible] for them. Most of the stock [illegible] first class packings [illegible] the price cannot be [illegible] the demoralized [illegible] considerable [illegible] Pennsylvania [illegible] goods. [illegible]

[illegible] are once more in the market [illegible] prices ranging from 5 to [illegible] cents. For this money dealers [illegible] to get all wrappers. If they don't [illegible] take running lots. No questions are asked regarding the nativity of leaf. The sales for export during the week numbered about [illegible] cases. Several large city manufacturers visited the market mostly in search for binders. In absence of such, and binders are at present most prominent, by their absence, old Connecticut wrappers are taken.

Gans' Weekly Report.

Sales of seed leaf tobacco reported for the INTELLIGENCER by J. S. Gans' Son & Co., tobacco brokers, No. 131 Water street, New York, for the week ending March 2, 1885: 800 cases, 1883, Pennsylvania, 8@13c.; 198 cases 1881, Pennsylvania, 5½@11c.; 130 cases 1883 New England 12½@30c.; 200 cases, Sundries 5@28. Total, 1,328 cases.

Philadelphia Market.

In manufactured tobacco prices are firm, with an increasing demand. Fine cut smoking tobacco and snuff also find more ready purchasers. The last week in February shows up considerable sales of cigar leaf, especially '81 and '83 Pennsylvania. It is true the margins have been very small, but holders have made up their minds to unload, and hence they will sell. Now is the time to find quantity and quality at low figures. By and by it will be needed. A very fine lot of Housatonic Havana was placed at a fair figure. State seed and Ohio are daily being handled at satisfactory prices. Occasionally, fine Wisconsin wrappers are shown, and they soon disappear out of the market.

Sumatra—An increase in receipts is noticeable, while sales show a slight improvement.

Havana found favor the past week to a considerable amount.

Receipts for the week—41 cases Connecticut, 719 cases Pennsylvania, 99 cases Ohio, 47 cases York state, 89 cases Wisconsin, 31 bales Sumatra, 195 bales Havana and 200 hhds Virginia and Western leaf tobacco.

Sales for domestic use—46 cases Connecticut, 623 cases Pennsylvania, 52 cases Housatonic Havana, 6 cases Little Dutch, 72 cases Ohio, 61 cases York state, 33 cases Wisconsin, 19 bales Sumatra, 280 bales Havana and 23 hhds Western leaf in transit direct to manufacturers.

The exports amounted to 135,711 pounds.

FARM NOTES.

"Germantown Telegraph" Hints for the Poultry Yard and Garden.

The French have discovered that a mixture of oil, naphtha, quicklime and water will destroy the winter eggs of the phylloxera without injuring the grape vines. The remedy is not only efficient, but cheap, and winter is the best time to attack the scourge.

Chickens are the delight and fancy of children, and they manifest frequent desires to aid the hen in her duties, but it is plainly evident that a "watched pot never boils," so the hen who is molested in anywise beyond absolute necessity will fail to hatch even a moderate proportion of chicks to eggs given her.

An exchange makes sensible remarks regarding providing feed for poultry. Of the more common grains, corn, oats, rye, buckwheat, wheat, etc., there is always an opportunity to purchase in the market, says the writer, while there cannot always be purchased sorghum, broom corn, pop-corn, millet, or sun-flower seed, and therefore these should be grown. This idea comes in in perfect keeping with our own in providing the greatest variety possible in the matter of food. Sorghum and sun-flower seeds are especially valuable in the line of food, and corn can be easily grown, and so far as the sorghum is concerned, the stalks can be used in the manufacture of syrup. No doubt the broom corn and millet are also good and can be easily supplied.

Care of House Plants.

Keeping a collection of growing plants in the house through the winter season adds very much to the cheerfulness of the home, and need require but little trouble. The principal points are, at the time of potting in the fall, to furnish good fertile soil; a mixture of leaf loam, garden soil and sand mixed serves a good purpose. They should receive plenty of light and sun, therefore they should have a position on the sunny side of the house; they should also have a uniform but moderate heat; sudden changes should be avoided, as a sudden chill is very injurious and often destructive. They should be kept free from vermin and dust by occasional washing with moderately warm water, or by giving a shower bath. The soil should be kept sufficiently moist by the application of water, and if there are any indications of a want of fertility, by a weak appearance, water, with manure water, will give strength and vigor, without which plants are but a poor ornament to the house.

"REV." J. F. MEREDITH.

Still on His Travels and Imposing on Minister and Flock.

From the Elizabethtown, Dauphin County, Herald.

Saturday evening a smooth-faced, oily-tongued fellow alighted from the train and engaged quarters at one of our private boarding houses. Being on an errand of philanthropy he lost no time in acquainting himself with the ministers of the town, to whom he represented himself as Rev. J. F. Meredith, of New Jersey. His mission was to enlighten this community of the evils of intemperance and expected to make a raise in public subscriptions and private donations. He succeeded in imposing upon the charity of Rev. J. B. Kerchner, pastor of the Reformed church, who waived his appointment at Pumpkin Hill, on Sunday morning, to allow "Rev. Meredith" to edify his flock on the subject of temperance. He returned to town with the pastor and had just concluded an address to the Sunday school when the Rev. E. C. Yerkes stepped in and exposed the stranger as an impostor. The engagement to deliver a temperance lecture in the same church that evening was at once recalled and Rev. Kerchner announced that he would fill his pulpit himself. His history being thus exposed and designs frustrated, he took his departure on the first train to seek another field of operation. He is denounced by the pulpit and press everywhere as an impostor and fraud, a board bill jumper and a thief. Pass him around.

Letters Granted by the Register of Wills.

Register of Wills Stoner has granted the following letters for the week ending Tuesday, March 3:

ADMINISTRATION—Frances Hoover, deceased, late of Upper Leacock; Eli Burkhart, Upper Leacock, administrator.

Leah Gilleland, deceased, late of Bart township; Isaac Park Gilleland and Joseph Scott, Bart, administrators, c. t. a.

Elizabeth Sites, deceased, late of West Donegal township; Wm. A. Heitshu, city, administrator.

Leonard Strickler, deceased, late of Warwick township; Andrew B. Hackman, Warwick, administrator.

Christian Kenny, deceased, late of Providence township; George H. Whitmer, Providence, administrator.

TESTAMENTARY—A. Bates Grubb, deceased, late of Mt. Hope Furnace; Lindley Smith, president of the Pennsylvania company for insuring lives and granting annuities, executor.

Isaac Martin, deceased, late of Earl township; Isaac G. Martin and Amos Martin, Earl, executors.

Paul Wirth, deceased, late of West Lampeter township; Jacob Wirth, West Lampeter, executor.

P. C. Ranninger, deceased, late of Lancaster city; Henry M. Shreiner, city, deceased.

Abram Sheetz, deceased, late of Mt. Joy township; Jacob Risser and John Risser, Mt. Joy township, executors.

[illegible] city; Wm. [illegible], city, [illegible].

Two Aged Men Pass Away.

'Squire Jos. Keech, of East Fallowfield, Chester county, died on Friday last, aged 76 years, and was buried to-day. 'Squire Keech was well-known in the lower part of Lancaster county and throughout Chester county, and was a man of deep religious conviction.

Benjamin Powell, aged [illegible] years, a near neighbor of 'Squire Keech, died on Sunday morning last. He was born and raised on the farm where he died. Like 'Squire Keech, he was a useful man in the church and a [illegible] citizen.

ON TO WASHINGTON.

CLEVELAND'S QUIET JOURNEY TO THE CAPITAL CITY.

Slipping Away From Albany in an Unostentatious Manner—Washington Filled With Strangers—The Organizations That Have Arrived.

At twenty-five minutes after six o'clock on Monday evening, four carriages drove up to the Church street siding of the West Shore railroad, half a mile below the regular passenger station, at Albany. In the first carriage were Mr. Cleveland, his two sisters, Mrs. Hoyt and Miss Cleveland, and his niece, Miss Hastings; in the second the Rev. L. Cleveland, brother of the president-elect, and his wife and child; in the third Mr. and Mrs. Manning, and in the fourth Mr. and Mrs. Lamont and two children. The party waited fifteen minutes before the special train was ready. The train consisted of an engine, baggage car and two sleepers. It left sharp at a quarter to seven o'clock. The only persons were Dr. Ward, Colonel E. T. Chamberlain, Harry Ten Eyck, one policeman and several small boys. Mr. Cleveland was in excellent spirits, Mr. Manning looked cheerful, and Mr. Lamont was bright and busy getting things in order on the train and looking after the pile of baggage. The train slipped off quietly, without toot or bell, and will stop nowhere except for water between Albany and Washington, where it is expected to arrive at six a. m. Tuesday.

President Arthur has received a letter from President-elect Cleveland, in which the latter says he regrets that the arrangements already made for his trip to Washington will prevent him from accepting President Arthur's kind invitation to dine at the executive mansion on Tuesday evening.

WASHINGTON FILLING UP.

The city is already filling up with inauguration visitors, and the principal streets, the public buildings and other places of interest to sight-seers have been thronged with them all day. Large crowds fill the lobbies of all the hotels, and the capitol building has been overrun by strangers. The committees which have in charge the several features of the inauguration ceremonies have nearly completed their preliminary work, and the street decorations are in an advanced stage of preparation. Pennsylvania avenue from the capitol to the White House is in a blaze of light and color, the committee on illumination having substituted clusters of variously colored globes for the ordinary street lamps, and the citizens having lent their aid in brightening the scene by decorating their houses and stores and the stands for spectators which have been erected at every point of vantage-ground along the route. Among the organizations which have already arrived in the city, are the Kansas City Democratic club; the Rochambeau Grenadiers of New York; the Flambeau club, of Topeka, Kan.; the Young Men's Democratic club, of Philadelphia; the Busch Zouaves, of St. Louis, and the Tammany society of New York. This last named organization arrived here last evening, 980 strong, accompanied by the Seventh Regiment band, of New York, and marched up Pennsylvania avenue, escorted by the Jackson Democratic association, and accompanied by a large crowd of persons, amid a display of fireworks. The spectators cheered the society as it marched past. The organization marched by Willard's hotel and serenaded Mr. Hendrick's, who came to the window and bowed his acknowledgments.

The Rochambeau Grenadiers were escorted up Pennsylvania avenue to their quarters by the Light Infantry of the city.

A portion of the Pennsylvania state militia has arrived, and the entire body, 7,500 strong, is expected to reach the city some time during to-night.

Brigadier General Claussen and staff, accompanied by the South Carolina volunteers, a company of colored troops, left Charleston Monday afternoon for Washington to take part in Mr. Cleveland's inauguration. The expenses of the company are paid by subscriptions raised among the white Democrats of Charleston.

"JOHNNY GRIMES."

Sketch of a Seventy-Year-Old Who Loves to Hear the Baying of the Hounds.

In no section of the country is fox hunting more enjoyed than in the Southern part. This is owing to the hills and dales in which foxes have abundant places of refuge; and the supply never seems to diminish. Any morning in the hunting season, a well trained dog can "jump a fox," and if the sly fellow is not always captured a good day's sport can be had. Several good packs of [illegible] are kept by lovers of the sport [illegible] them rival any hounds to be seen on exhibition [illegible].

Old man Skiles is so well known that it is needless to say any more of him; but there is a quiet old gentleman now living near Christiana, who is as well known to lovers of the sport as any man in the country—that is John Graham, better known as "Johnny Grimes." He is now well nigh the allotted age of man, three score and ten; yet he enjoys the hunt as well as any younger man, as do all his boys.

He was raised in Bart, and [illegible] kept a hotel in Quarryville. From his early days he has kept a large pack of dogs and "the Grimes hounds" are well and favorably known everywhere. No winter passes without a cellar full of foxes at Graham's, and no spring comes that he does not turn a lot of them loose. He is not a lover of "bag hunts." One experience of this sort, when Reynard was killed soon after the start, settled him regarding that kind of sport.

"The Burnt Hill" is one of his favorite hunting grounds and he has taken many a fox from it. A few years ago a big white-tailed fox had baffled every party who ran him into the "Black Rock" valley. One morning early the Grimes dogs jumped him and at four o'clock John took him home. Many an anecdote he can tell his friends quietly of the sports of the chase.

Once he was puzzled. His dogs had holed a fox near Puseyville. It was dug out, when some one said he saw another pair of eyes in the hole and there must be another fox there. The twitch was again brought into use, but the creature would not bite. Time after time it was tried; finally it was held and the animal was pulled out with the twitch around its paw. Lo! it was a coon. It was dropped; the dogs let loose, but the only blood spilled was by a favorite hound having its ear split in two and the coon got away.

A moonlight hunt used to be one his favorite kind. One spring he had six foxes in hand. They were let out, one each night; a long start was given them before the dogs were put out; not one was taken nor did he intend they should be.

THE PURIM FESTIVAL.

A Pleasant Entertainment Given by the Hebrew Social Union.

The soiree, or Purim festival, given under the auspices of the Hebrew Social Union, in Grant hall last night, was a fine affair. The attendance was very large, visitors being present from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Columbia and other places.

In the early part of the evening a very pleasant entertainment was given as follows: A recitation, "Eugene Aram," by Ralph Simon; Comic Lecture on Temperance, by L. Basch; German Recitation, "The Money Lender," by E. M. Cohen and Farce "Box and Cox," with characters by Messrs. Basch, [illegible]. From 11 to 12 o'clock a supper, which was gotten up in excellent style by [illegible], the well known caterer, was served, and at the latter hour the dancing began and was continued until 3 o'clock to the music of [illegible] orchestra. The whole affair reflected credit upon the management.

A Sparring Match.

An effort is now being made to make a match between Grant Derwart and a young fellow named Borg, both of whom are well known sparrers of this city. The match will be for [illegible] and will take place in one of the halls in this city.

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

How many applicants for office will attend the inauguration from this county.

Why one man, who owns property on Lime street, is allowed to violate the city ordinance by refusing to remove the snow from his sidewalk all winter, when the [illegible] are fully aware of the fact.

Whose fault it is that the flag stones are in such a miserable condition.

Whether the board of poor directors ever read the newspapers.

Why a gang of young fellows are permitted to loaf in the postoffice every Sunday evening and blow the rank smoke of cabbage leaf cigars down the throats of those who have business there.

Whether the Eastern League is strong enough to fight the older baseball associations over the establishment of a club in Baltimore.

What the cross roads statesmen will do in Washington.

Whether the *New Era* people will be satisfied that their flag is sufficiently tattered to come down to-morrow.

Why crowds are allowed to loaf at North Queen and Orange streets every Sunday evening, while the the regulars in Centre Square are compelled to stand on the Belgian blocks and often in water to their knees.

Whether an office cannot be made under the city government for Miller Fraim.

Why "Little Jake" Greenawalt asks to be elected street commissioner, when he knows it is all set up for Jake "Batz," the well known Ninth ward heeler.

Why the Philadelphia mail, which arrives here at 6:30 a. m., is not distributed earlier than it is.

How badly a *New Era* reporter was taken in on the information he received in regard to a runaway, which was alleged to have taken place on the Millersville turnpike Thursday evening.

Whether the people of this city are not satisfied with the prices at which shows will be given for the next month.

THE CEDAR GROVE LYCEUM.

Debating the Question Whether School Directors Should Furnish Text Books.

CEDAR GROVE, March 2.—The Cedar Grove lyceum was greeted by a large and appreciative audience on Friday evening. About three hundred people were present. Owing to the absence of the appointed orator and essayist, that part of the programme was dispensed with, and regular debate taken up on the question.

Resolved, That the directors should furnish all text books for the scholars of public schools, at the expense of the township. The pro and con of the question was ably presented by Messrs. Leid, Renninger, Seyfert, Leslie, La Rue and Groff. The decision of the judges was in favor of the affirmative. The general debate was unexceptionably good; many of the most prominent debaters of the eastern end participating. The house decided that the speakers on the affirmative presented the strongest argument. M. C. Weiler recited a humorous poem entitled "The Ghost," which was well received by the audience. The usual amount of merriment was caused by the answering of referred questions, and reading of the society paper by the editor. The membership of the society now numbers one hundred.

The Pennsylvania Railroad.

The report of the Pennsylvania railroad for 1884, shows how that road weathered an unusually severe year in railway business without serious loss, though it was found necessary to shorten sail a little in the way of reducing the dividend. The main line made money at a satisfactory rate. It paid a 7 per cent. dividend, amounting to $6,560,787.50, and after deducting $1,020,691.51 for profit and loss had a balance of $419,733.94 to its credit—or, rather, to the credit of the entire system, including the Philadelphia & Erie, which also shows a profit. The New York division failed to meet expenses by $593,536.28, and the lines west of Pittsburg lost heavily in both gross and net earning. This was due both to a falling off in tariff, caused by injurious competition, and by a reduction of rates, due to the same cause, but more particularly to the latter. The expenses were reduced to meet the decreased income, but not sufficiently to check the falling off. Reduced to its simplest form, the average rate per ton per mile on the main line and branches in 1884 was 79-100 of a mill less than in 1883, while the cost of transportation decreased only [illegible] of a mill; leaving a net decrease in profits of [illegible] mill.

Funeral of Joseph J. Keenan.

The funeral of the late Joseph J. Keenan took place this morning from his residence, [illegible] street, and was largely attended. Representatives of the Jefferson club, many employes of the Pennsylvania railroad company and a large number of friends of the deceased were in attendance. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The employes of the railroad company contributed a fine piece. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Mary's Catholic church, where Rev. Dr. McCullagh celebrated a Requiem Mass. The choir sang Giorza's Mass. "The Benedictus" was sung by Miss Edith Johnston, the hymn "[illegible] will be done" by Mr. Wm. B. Aiken [illegible] and the closing hymn [illegible] and fair" by Miss [illegible]. Interment was made at St. [illegible]. The pall bearers were [illegible] Schaum, Richard McGrann, Samuel [illegible]tick, William J. Widmyer, G. Edward Hegener and James M. Burke.

Upper Leacock Items.

Bareville has a skating rink. Solomon Groff's warehouse has been fitted up and is now used as a skating rink. The rink is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. The attendance so far has been good.

The store at Mechanicsburg had been closed last week. During this time the store room received a new coat of paint and a fixing up in general. On Monday, March 2, Mr. Caleb Myer opened the store with a large stock of goods.

The school directors of Upper Leacock township have granted a day for visiting schools. A number of the teachers have availed themselves of this privilege by taking their schools out sleighing.

The rehearsals, for the entertainment at Mechanicsburg, are already in progress.

A Surprise Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Monday was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Leonard Eckert and wife, residing at 24 North Charlotte street, and in the evening they were treated to a genuine surprise. The couple were induced to go away from their home to spend the evening. At 8½ o'clock a large party gathered at the house of Andrew Troyer, No. 134 Charlotte street, and marched to the residence of Mr. Eckert. They put up an extension table, one of the presents, and at once loaded it with good things. Mr. and Mrs. Eckert were then sent for and when they arrived they were astounded at the change in their home, which had taken place in a short time. After partaking of an excellent supper the evening was spent in dancing, with music both vocal and instrumental. The presents consisting of silver ware, &c. were very pretty and numerous.

A Lancaster Evangelist Abroad.

From the Reading Herald.

Rev. Titus Hess, of Lancaster, filled the pulpit of [illegible] Evangelical church [illegible]

Another [illegible]

Among the cheap attractions, which will visit us this month, we failed to notice the Corinne Opera company, which will open March 16th, for one week at low prices. [illegible]

ADJOURNED QUARTER SESSIONS.

A SON FOUND GUILTY OF COMMITTING AN ASSAULT ON HIS FATHER.

Three Young Men on Trial For An Alleged Assault and Battery on a Driver in November Last—Two Insolvent Debtors Discharged from Custody.

Monday Afternoon.—The jury in the case of commonwealth vs. Andrew J. [illegible], assault, rendered a verdict of not guilty, and imposed the costs on the prosecutor.

ASSAULTED HIS FATHER.

The next case called for trial was that of commonwealth vs. David A. Brackbill, who was indicted for committing an assault and battery on his father, Christian L. Brackbill. From the testimony of the commonwealth's witnesses it appeared that Christian L. Brackbill and his wife had lived apart for some time prior to September 18, 1884, and on that date he went to where his wife was staying in Warwick township to have a talk with her about procuring a divorce. He saw her in a corn field with his son, and when he approached them, his son assaulted him, knocked him down, broke his nose and used him badly.

The defense was that Mrs. Brackbill and her son were cutting corn on September 18 when the father approached and assaulted his wife. She ran to her son for protection, and Brackbill, sr., then assaulted the son. He was warned two or three times to leave by the son, and persisting in his assault the son knocked him down and struck him two or three times in self-defense. Witnesses were also called to prove the good character of the defendant for peace and good behavior. The jury after a short deliberation rendered a verdict of guilty. Sentence was deferred.

THREE YOUNG MEN ON TRIAL.

Franklin L. Minnich, Aaron G. Long and Jonas H. Herr, were indicted for committing an assault and battery on Reuben Reidenbach, an employe of Joseph R. Royer. The facts as outlined by counsel for the commonwealth were substantially as follows:

On the night of November 11, Reidenbach, accompanied by a young man named Ream, delivered goods for a party at Lititz. On their return home they drove by Hollinger's tavern, in front of which a number of vehicles were hitched, among them being the buggies of the defendants. It was a dark night and Reidenbach accidentally drove against the buggy of one of the defendants. About the time that Reidenbach had extricated his vehicle and gotten out on the road, the defendants emerged from Hollinger's saloon and demanded that Reidenbach pay the damages done to the buggy, which they estimated at $2. Reidenbach replied that he had not any money with him, but that he was in the employ of Joseph R. Royer who would make good any damage done. The defendants did not appear to be satisfied and Reidenbach started on his trip to Lancaster. When at Neffsville his horse was stopped by the defendants, assisted by two others who have not yet been arrested. Reidenbach was dragged from his wagon and beaten so badly that he was confined to bed for several weeks.

Insolvent Debtors Discharged.

Henry Green and Minnie Resh, who served terms in the county prison for misdemeanors, were discharged from custody upon their taking advantage of the insolvent law.

Tuesday Morning.—A large portion of Tuesday morning's session was taken up in the examination of the commonwealth's witnesses in the assault and battery cases preferred against Jonas H. Herr, Frank L. Minnich and A. L. Long.

The defense was that the three defendants above named stopped at Hollinger's restaurant when on their road home on the evening of November 8, and while in the restaurant they heard a commotion outside, and upon going out they found Royer's wagon entangled with Long's buggy. Reidenbach and Ream were under the influence of liquor, and Reidenbach, who had a whip in his hand, it was claimed, assaulted all three defendants and threatened to blow out their brains. The accused denied having committed any assault and battery on Reidenbach at Neffsville. They claimed that Ream was drunk, and when he was about getting out of his wagon he fell and was hurt. A number of witnesses testified they had known the accused for several years, and their reputation for peace and order was good. On trial.

BASE BALL MEETING.

The Eastern League Determined to have a Club in Baltimore.

The schedule meeting of the American Association of Base Ball clubs was held [illegible] at the Eutaw house, Baltimore. There was a large attendance of gentlemen interested in base ball matters, besides the representatives of the eight clubs of the Association. Mr. Diddlebock, George W. Ballard, of Newark, and John [illegible], of Lancaster, were there as a committee of the Eastern League, with power to [illegible] [illegible] in Philadelphia.

The American Association [illegible] and President H. D. [illegible] session was held [illegible] doors. The schedule [illegible] for several hours, but some few dates on the one prepared were found to conflict with League games, and it was finally handed back to the committee for revision, and the meeting adjourned until Tuesday morning, when final action will be taken.

Meeting of the Jefferson Club.

The Jefferson club held a meeting in its rooms last evening, at which it was decided to raise the initiation and annual dues from $5 to $10. After the transaction of some routine business a committee was appointed to draft resolutions of regret at the death of Joseph J. Keenan, who was a popular member of the organization. The committee are: Philip Bernard, John E. Malone, Wm. H. Reilly, H. Z. Rhoads and John W. Lowell. The resolutions of respect adopted by the Jefferson club are given in another column.

Sprained His Leg.

Last evening Edward Kappler, the Centre Square barber, was on his way home from his father-in-law's, Capt. John A. Schuh's residence, and when in front of the Northern market he fell upon the ice, badly spraining his leg. He was taken to his home, where Dr. Hess attended him. He will be confined to the house for a week or more.

Appointed Deputy Sheriff.

George Hunter was appointed deputy sheriff this morning by Sheriff Tomlinson, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles M. Strine. Mr. Hunter served three years as janitor of the court house, was constable for a number of years, and will make an efficient deputy sheriff.

A New Stage.

Chas. Miller, the enterprising stage driver between this city and Lititz, has just put a new and handsome hack on the line, capable of seating twelve persons. Although Mr. Miller does not carry any mails, he does a thriving business with passengers, packages, etc.

At the Station House.

Eleven vags and two drunks were the inmates of the station house last night; the drunks paid costs and the lodgers were discharged.

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Goes to [illegible]

Henry S. Graybill and wife, of East Hempfield township, have made an assignment of their property for the benefit of creditors, to Harry H. Graybill, of Mount Joy.

At the Rink.

Last evening a combination consisting of Mrs. Jessie Darling, Master Addie [illegible], Will H. Drown, skaters, and [illegible], bicycle rider, appeared at [illegible] a fair sized audience. [illegible]

[illegible] to-day. [illegible] United States supreme [illegible] Chief Justice Waite, called on the president. A cabinet meeting was held at noon, and lasted two hours, all the members being present. It was devoted to clearing up of the official business. During the session, a messenger brought a large, handsome floral cornucopia, across which was laid a beautiful horseshoe formed of rare exotics.

At 2:30 o'clock the president received the members of the diplomatic corps. All the legations were represented and it seemed as if every diplomat in the city improved the opportunity to take an official leave of the president. While the arrangements were being made for the packing and removing of the personal effects of the president and family, a large express wagon drove up the main entrance and deposited a number of trunks, boxes and parcels, containing the personal effects of President-elect Cleveland, and his private secretary. They were taken into the house to be cared for until Cleveland takes up his residence there.

The president's effects will be removed to-morrow. After the president has reviewed the procession to-morrow he will proceed direct to the residence of Secretary Frelinghuysen, whose guest he will be for two or three weeks. His son and daughter will accompany him. Mrs. McElroy will be the guest of Mrs. John Field, and Mrs. Haynesworth, will be the guest of Mrs. James A. Dumont, on Capitol Hill.

TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE.

Thirty-Six Killed in a Mine Explosion Many Imprisoned in the Colliery.

LONDON, March 3.—A terrific explosion occurred in Usworth colliery at Sunderland this morning. Twenty-seven persons were killed. It is believed to have been caused by fire-damp.

LATER.—Thirty-six dead bodies have been recovered from the ruins and a volunteer force is still engaged in seeking more victims. At the time of the explosion there were 150 men in the mine. They are all imprisoned by the jamming of the cageway.

The list of the dead includes two men asphyxiated while engaged in the work of rescue.

Records of the Skaters.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Following are the records at the skating contest at the Madison Square garden: Purcell retired at 8 a. m., after making 206 miles. At 10 a. m., Smith dropped out with a record of 63 miles and shortly afterwards Brennan left the track with only 45 miles to his credit. The other records at ten o'clock were Schock 300, Donovan 300, Maddocks 221, Boyst 268, Walton 259, Elkes [illegible], [illegible] 282.

Large Iron Works Destroyed.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 3.—The Vulcan boiler and sheet iron works of James McNeil & Co., were totally destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning. The loss is $18,000; $15,000 insurance. The cause of the fire is not known but it is believed to be caused by a leak in the natural gas [illegible].

Nicaragua Passes the Proposed Canal Treaty.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, March 3.—The proposed canal treaty between the United States and Nicaragua was unanimously passed by the Nicaraguan Senate on Saturday.

A Chapel Damaged by Fire.

NEW YORK, March 3.—The chapel adjoining St. Joseph's Catholic church, corner of Sixth avenue and Washington Place, was damaged by fire this morning to the extent of $20,000.

A Church Blown Up by Dynamite.

DUBLIN, March 3.—The Protestant church at Glasfenin, a remote mountain district near Stranurlar, Donegal, was destroyed by dynamite to-day.

New Yorkers off for Washington.

NEW YORK, March 3.—The members of Irving Hall, the County Democracy and the Veteran's Firemen's association, left for Washington this morning.

Gladstone's Condition.

LONDON, March 3.—Mr. Gladstone passed a good night, and is much refreshed this morning.

Gladstone is attending to government business to-day as usual.

Two Killed by a Powder Factory Exploding.

MADRID, March 3.—An explosion occurred to-day in the government powder manufactory at Granada, killing two persons and injuring ten others.

The Married Men Back at Work.

CHICAGO, March 3.—The married men among the Wabash strikers have returned to work. [illegible] single men are still out.

General Grant's Condition Improved.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Gen. Grant passed a fair night, and his condition is improved this morning.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—For the Middle Atlantic states warm, fair weather, followed in the northern porition by local rains or snow, southwesterly winds, becoming brisk on the coast, falling barometer. Indications for Inauguration Day—It will rain north of Washington on Wednesday, but here fair weather will prevail during the day, although light rain may occur in the early morning.

Left For Kansas.

This afternoon at 1:35 a number of people from Ephrata and vicinity left for Kansas, where they will locate permanently. Among the number were the following: Jacob and Isaac Getz and families; Frank Royer and family, Frank Horst and family, Henry Kurtz, David Bowman and Edwin Mellinger. A number of other people joined the party at Harrisburg, including Jacob and John M. Erb and families, of Mt. Joy; Cyrus Lenhart and others. They will settle at Osborne, Sterling, Emporia, Newton and other places in Kansas.

Bound to See Cleveland.

Quite a number of Lancaster people have already gone to Washington to see Cleveland inaugurated. The largest crowd left this afternoon at 1:45, for which train fifty-five tickets were sold. For different trains during the morning twenty-seven tickets were disposed of, and many will go to-night.

This morning at six o'clock, J. N. Bauman, of the theological seminary, and A. L. Little and J. H. Apple, of the college, left for Washington to witness the inauguration exercises.

Local Elections in Iowa and Maine.

Local elections were held on Monday in Iowa. The Republicans carried Des Moines, the Democrats Burlington, Ottumwa, Dyersville and Earlville.

The municipal elections in Bath and Auburn, Maine, held on Monday, were carried by the Republicans. The Democrats carried [illegible]

Killed by His Bedfellow.

George [illegible], aged 17 years, from Cleveland, Ohio, [illegible] Friday night at [illegible] Fort Smith [illegible]

[illegible] WASHINGTON, March [illegible]—[illegible] and party arrived here at 7:40 this morning. The citizens appointed [illegible] to receive the president [illegible] by him that he [illegible] reception and [illegible] a visit from the committee [illegible] nevertheless when the [illegible] only a few train hands and half-a-dozen porters were present. They were informed yesterday evening by a member of the Senate, designated by Cleveland as a medium of further communication, that other and private arrangements had been made for his comfortable reception at the station and conveyance to the hotel.

Ten minutes later Chairman Barrett and another member of the inaugural committee arrived. 20 minutes more were required to secure carriages; so that it was 10 minutes to 8 when the party disembarked. Meanwhile the news spread and a crowd gathered staring at the president elect, who bore the scrutiny with equanimity. The party was driven to the Arlington house, where, after a hasty toilet, breakfast was served.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Members of Both Houses Overworked. Singing Songs in the House.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—[House].—At 2 a. m. the House was still waiting for the sundry civil bill to come over from the Senate and a recess of half an hour was then taken. During this period the few members present proceeded to enjoy themselves, which they did by lolling lazily back in their seats, cigar in mouth and feet on desk and giving vent to patriotic sentiments by singing "Dixie," "Star Spangled Banner," "John Brown's Body," "Yankee Doodle," "Hail Columbia," following each other in quick succession, and then becoming sentimental the gentlemen expressed their admiration for "The Old Folks at Home" and [illegible]

When the [illegible] the speaker [illegible] continued session [illegible] o'clock yesterday morning, the journal was [illegible] its reading was temporarily dispensed with. Mr. Valentine, of Nebraska, [illegible] moved that the House take a recess until [illegible] o'clock to-night, his object being to prevent consideration of the contested election case of Fred'k Wilson, of Iowa. The Republicans refrained from voting on the motion for recess and left the House without a quorum. No attempt was made to transact any business until Mr. Townshend, of Illinois, submitted the report of the conference committee on the postoffice appropriation bill, announcing a continued disagreement. Mr. Townshend stated that there were several points of difference between the two Houses, the most important of which was on the Senate amendment relating to the ocean mail service. He was opposed to this because he regarded it in the light of a subsidy proposition and because it entrusted dangerous power to the postmaster general. Pending debate the speaker laid before the House a communication from G. H. Craig, representative from the Fourth Alabama district, [illegible]

[illegible] Dolph, to cut the [illegible] appropriation [illegible]

[illegible] tee was appointed. A message from the House was received, announcing the disagreement with the Senate on the sundry civil bill.

Sherman then explained that an erroneous impression prevailed that the committee on arrangements appointed by the Senate to conduct the inaugural ceremonies, had departed from the established rule. He, (Sherman,) had had all old programmes looked up and found that not only had the House of Representatives not been discriminated against, but in this instance precedents had been departed from in favor of the members of the House. He read the programme of 1845, showing that the House was then not recognized at all. After a few remarks by other gentlemen, [illegible] objected to the discussion of the subject and it was allowed to drop.

The matter of the Indian conference [illegible] was again taken up and after a sharp debate the Senate by a vote of 13 to 33 refused to recede.

The deficiency appropriation bill reported to the Senate to-day, contains a large number of amendments attached by the Senate committee on appropriations. The most conspicuous are—provision for the payment for the use of certain shipyards in which incompleted ironclads; to supply a deficiency of $100,000 in the appropriation for railway mail transportation, and to pay [illegible] 538 to naval officers as additional mileage. This is the last of the general appropriation bills in the Senate committee on appropriations.

At one o'clock the Senate adjourned and immediately afterwards met in Tuesday's session.

An Extra Session Possible.

An extra session of Congress remains a possibility [illegible]

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An Order for Departments to be Closed.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The President to-day issued an order for the closing of the departments to-morrow.