

A BRIGHT AND BUSY "FIRST."

THE RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CONVEYANCES BRING MANY PEOPLE TO TOWN—THE HOTELS WELL FILLED—ABSENCE OF THE OLD TIME STREET SCENES—SOME INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

The first of April opened clear and balmy, after two days of almost constant rain which proceeded it. As the day has been from time immemorial the one on which the people of the county make their annual settlements in Lancaster, the railroad and stage coaches brought in an unusually large number of passengers, and many hundreds of our country cousins came to town in their own conveyances.

The Pennsylvania railroad ran a special passenger train from Leamans Place to Lancaster, containing about 300 passengers. It came in just ahead of mail train No. 1, which was also well filled. The trains from the west were also crowded with passengers, picked up at the several towns in the western part of the county.

The Quarryville road had two extra cars attached to the two trains north, and one extra to the train from Reading, and all of them were crowded. The number of passengers from Quarryville is thought to have been larger than on the last of April 1885.

But it is noticed that the throngs on the streets were not so large as they were last year. This is accounted for, first, because the business formerly done on the last of April is now scattered over several days before and after that date; secondly, because a great portion of the business done in former years through the Lancaster banks, is now done through the country banks, of which there are more than a dozen of comparatively recent establishment in the more important towns in different sections of the county.

THE BUSINESS AT THE BANKS. The several banks in the city were well patronized this morning, and it is noticeable that the desks of the receiving tellers are more eagerly sought than those of the paying tellers. The fact is, that our country friends are not greatly in need of money. At this hour it is impossible to tell how much of the country business has been done, while the banks under the city report heavy deposits this week, and that the hotels at which country people are wont to stop are crowded with guests, and the restaurants and eating houses are well patronized.

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BURGULARS IN COLUMBIA.

THEY ENTER THE PURPLE REVERENCE, BUT TAKE LITTLE AWAY.

The Particulars of a Bold Entry by Night—The Thieves—What Was Carried Away—Election of Officers—News of the Police Courts—Notes About the Town.

Regular Correspondence of THE LANCET. COLUMBIA, April 1.—Some of the burglars who were unknown effected an entrance into the residence of Mr. S. H. Purple, corner Third and Chestnut streets. The entrance was obtained by turning the key in the lock of a side door with a pair of nippers.

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ANARCHISTS IN DISGUISE.

THE TRUE NATURE OF THE GREAT RIOTS IN BELGIUM.

The Ring-leaders of the Uprising Turn Out to be Anarchists and Socialists and Not Workmen—An Interview With General Van Der Smissen.

BRUSSELS, April 1.—The Belgian authorities are making strenuous efforts to conceal the fact that the riots at Liege, Charleroi, Tournay, etc., are really a great anarchist demonstration and that the unemployed workmen are only the dupes and tools of emissaries of secret societies.

Yesterday carpenters put a new floor in the vestibule of the Church of God, of this place, have elected the following officers: Wm. Stetson, Jr., president; Harry K. Newbery, chief of records; Dr. J. S. Newbery, clerk of worship; J. C. Groff; trustee for 18 months; Wm. J. Young; trustee for 12 months; Rev. L. H. Hartzel, president of Lancaster; he will have charge of the meeting on Sunday morning.

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REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL CAUCUS.

FILLING UP VACANCIES AND FILING SOME PRESSING MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—The Republican senators had a caucus this morning for the purpose of filling a couple of vacancies and determining some misunderstandings in regard to some Antislavery bills.

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BIG RAILROAD BUILDING.

SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION FOR IDLE CONTRACTORS.

THE SAN ANTONIO AND ARANZA RAILWAY IN TEXAS TO ENGAGE IN WHOLESALE DEALINGS WITH OTHER LARGE RAILWAY BUILDING CONTEMPERED.

Washington, D. C., April 1.—The committee on the District of Columbia, then the question as to what uniform action should be observed in the consideration of nominations of internal revenue collectors to fill vacancies created by suspensions in view of the Edmunds resolution recently adopted, which declares that nominations to fill vacancies in the customs service shall be made where information is refused by the department, was brought up, Mr. Morrill, chairman of the committee on finance, contended vigorously for immediate and favorable action upon nominations reported favorably by the committee, and Mr. Edmunds, who stoutly maintained that the adoption of his resolution pledged the Republicans to reject these nominations. In the debate which followed and which was chiefly participated in by Messrs. Morrill and Edmunds, some very interesting passages were reported, and considerable feeling was shown.

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LOWER END ITEMS.

LOE P. BROWN, OF DRUMORE, IN REMOVING FROM HIS CRIB, FOUND THAT RATS WERE VERY NUMEROUS.

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NOT YET BACK TO WORK.

STRIKERS AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF GENERAL SECRETARY TURNER.

ST. LOUIS, April 1.—The strikers have not yet begun work, nor has the time for their return yet been fixed. It is thought the joint executive committee of the district will try to hold off until General Secretary Turner arrives.

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