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THE TOBACCO MARKET.

BUYERS ARE NUMEROUS, BUT THEY WILL NOT BUY.

The Reasons For Their Cautiousness—Complaining of the Condition of the Crop and Fearing the Abolition of Internal Revenue—Very Few Cases of Old Leaf Sold.

There are just now a good many tobacco buyers from abroad in Lancaster, and some of our local dealers look as though they meant business, but both parties declare they are doing nothing, and have no intention of buying just yet. One reason given is that the '86 crop is not as good as it was thought to be; that there is too much dead leaf and white vein in it. This is a reason that has been advanced by buyers, from year to year time out of mind, and is discounted by growers who declare, as usual, that the crop is the best they ever grew.

Another reason given for the present inactivity is that there is no telling what Congress is going to do. There appears to be a growing belief that the internal revenue laws will be so modified as to abolish all taxes on domestic tobaccos and cigars. If this should be done it may very materially affect the price of leaf tobacco. Dealers in leaf tobacco are almost unanimously in favor of abolishing the taxes, and they profess to believe that the growers, as well as themselves, would be greatly benefited thereby. At a late meeting of the New York tobacco board of trade, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the internal revenue laws have been ever since their imposition a serious injury to the tobacco growers, and their abolition will greatly benefit those agricultural communities where the production of tobacco is the leading industry.

A majority of growers of cigar leaf tobacco favor a higher tariff tax on Sumatra tobacco, but as there appears to be no prospect of having such a tax imposed they join the tobacco packers in demanding the repeal of the internal taxes on tobacco and cigars under the belief that the consumption of leaf tobacco will be thereby greatly increased.

Cigarmakers generally favor the repeal of the internal revenue taxes because it will place them upon a more equal footing with the large manufacturing establishments. Under the present law a poor cigarmaker has no chance of competing with a rich one. If the law were repealed every cigarmaker could set up a shop of his own if he chose to do so.

The large cigar manufacturers oppose the abolition of the internal revenue taxes as it would no doubt decrease the value of their invested capital and place them to a great extent at the mercy of thousands of impecunious rivals.

The consumers of the weed, who largely outnumber all the other classes combined, and who might be supposed to have more interest in the matter than any other class, do not appear to be well organized or to have any representative looking after their especial interests. Law or no law they will go on smoking their "fivers" or "twofers" until they can get something better or cheaper.

There have been but few sales of cured tobacco sold in Lancaster in the past week. Skiles & Frey sold 50 cases, mostly Havana seed; R. H. Brubaker bought 100 cases '85 seed leaf and 40 cases '81 seed leaf, and sold 240 cases of '81 and '85 seed leaf; B. S. Kendig & Sons bought 129 cases of seed leaf and sold 433 cases of seed leaf and Havana, and 11 bales of imported Havana.

The New York Cigar Leaf Market.

From the U. S. Tobacco Journal.

The first week of the year passed away quietly. Most of the large New York cigar manufacturers are still shut down, preparatory to a new and vigorous campaign. Many of these manufacturers visited the market during the week prospecting but not buying. Out of town buyers were scarce and exports appeared to be entirely out of their line.

Nevertheless the spirit of the market is excellent, great expectations are being based up on a probable abolition of the internal revenue system. The old tobaccos have left the market almost entirely, and when business really opens there will be but the '85 crops to draw from.

From the Tobacco Leaf.

The numerous visitors in the market lent a good tone, but the actual transactions were not satisfactory. The outlook for trade is good, however, and the stock of serviceable tobacco none too large; consequently a confident feeling prevails. Reports from the country of the estimated quantity of the 1886 crop indicate a considerable decrease in the amount of tobacco grown last year in comparison with 1885, and as the reports are from reliable authority, this must strengthen the market. Tobacco selling at present is purchased in small lots, as we are getting down to the dregs of the 1885 tobacco, excepting, of course, the 1885 Wisconsin, of which there is a large amount extant.

Havana—Havana enjoyed somewhat of a boom. Since our last report nearly 1,700 bales have been disposed of at from 60c to $1.20, the bulk bringing from 70 to 80c. The market is still, and reasonably so, for prices in Havana have been gradually and steadily advancing for several weeks. The competition among the numerous American buyers who have and are now visiting Havana, together with the discouraging reports regarding the next crop and the demand from Germany, have contributed to this.

Sumatra—Business has not been rushing. The leaf men here from out of town have either loaded up or are deferring their purchases, for they did not even look at goods. Importations have practically ceased, and buyers must select goods from the stock here or buy on sample. Prices remain stationary. About 250 bales were sold at from $1.10 to $1.50. Sumatra wrappers $1.30 to $1.68.

Plug—As is usual at this time of the year, not much business was done. There were 137,773 pounds exported.

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 January 10, 1887:

151 cases 1881, Pennsylvania, 12@13½c.; 340 cases 1882-83, Pennsylvania, 11@12½c.; 200 cases 1885, Pennsylvania, 9@12c; 280 cases 1884, state Havana, 9½@11c.; 150 cases 1885, state Havana, 12@16c.; 150 cases sundries, 6@28c. Total, 1,271 cases.

Philadelphia Market

The past week has given the dealers in leaf tobacco suitable for cigars considerable work. The movement of cases in and out of store has been general, and newcomers can daily be seen examining and testing the special quality of the various grades of leaf. The new year has opened very auspiciously for the leaf business, which, with the limited stock in hands of dealers and growers in comparison to previous years, should result favorably for the year 1887. No change in figures as yet.

Sumatra has found many admirers, and Havana f und ready sale.

There was an increased demand for cigars and manufacturers were kept busy. Manufacturers of hard tobacco, fine cuts and smoking tobaccos say the new year opened very well.

The Next Two Meetings of the Cliosophic.

The Cliosophic society will hold its next fortnightly meeting at the residence of Geo. M. Kline, esq., on Friday evening, January 21, when the paper will be read by Rev. J. M. Titzel, D D., on "The Social Life of the Ancients and Moderns Contrasted." The paper, two weeks later, February 4, will be read by Mr. Willis B. Musser, on "The Creature Comforts in Ancient and Modern Times;" the meeting of that date to be held at the residence of Dr. J. S. Messersmith.

Church Dedication.

The United Brethren church at Florin has been extensively repaired and remodeled, and will be rededicated on Sabbath, January 16th, 1887. Rev. I. Balzell, P. E., will preach at 10 a. m., and 7 p. m. Communion services at 2 p. m. A general invitation is extended to those near and far to attend.

Pointer for the B. of T.

The new silk mill at Harrisburg is now in operation. Four hundred operatives will be employed shortly.

THE TOBOGGAN SLIDE.

An Organization Formed and a Grand Opening Soon Coming.

A meeting was held at the Stevens house on Monday evening for the organization of the Lancaster Toboggan association. J. H. Baumgardner acted as chairman and R. M. Reilly as secretary. A stock organization was formed, officered as follows: B. J. McGrann, president, D. B. Shenk, secretary, J. H. Baumgardner, treasurer, J. C. Wiley, manager, and an executive committee consisting of the officers above named and T. B. Cochran, John S. Rengier, R. M. Reilly, H. C. Demuth and J. B. Long.

The charges were fixed at ten cents for admission to the grounds which includes a seat in the grand stand. Six tickets will be sold for riding for 25 cents, twenty-five tickets for a dollar and season tickets will be sold for five dollars. The names of five candidates for assistants were presented and all were chosen. It was agreed that the slide should be open from 10 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 5 and 7 to 11 p. m. No liquor will be sold on the grounds, but hot coffee, hot lemonade and sandwiches will be provided.

Three enormous locomotive headlights will be used for illuminating purposes at night, and the best of police arrangements have been made to insure the most perfect order.

It is expected that the slide will be in full readiness on Friday, when the grand opening with fireworks will likely take place. The toboggans were to arrive in Lancaster to-day.

More About James Bird.

EDS. INTELLIGENCER.—For the satisfaction of your correspondent, J. H. D., who asked last week for information concerning the Bird, of whom his mother used to sing' permit me to say:

James Bird was one of the Pennsylvania militiamen assembled at Erie, in 1813. He was drafted for service on Perry's squadron, and was in the battle of Lake Erie. In the latter part of September he absented himself from his company without leave, was arrested as a deserter, tried by court-martial, and was shot, notwithstanding the efforts of his commanding officers to save him, in which effort Commodore Perry is said to have joined. Bird had gone to visit his sweetheart—not to visit his mother—and was returning to his post when arrested. His case excited great commiseration at the time, and was the burden of one of those old-time country ballads, in which the sentiment was better than the poetry. Nearly fifty years ago—in 1838—I often talked with James Frame, of Crawford county, a sergeant in the regiment to which Bird belonged, and the old man would shed tears as he recounted the scenes of the execution. There had been many desertions, and it was necessary, or supposed to be necessary, to make an example. Bird was the victim. Poor Bird was the subject of sorrowful comments all over Northern Pennsylvania for many years after his sad fate. W.

FRANKLIN, Pa, Jan. 10.

A Plea for Free Banking.

From the Atlanta Constitution.

If Congress wants to present a valuable New Year's gift to the country let it give it free banking. There is a great deal of talk about legislation for the benefit of the national banks, but none about legislation for the benefit of the people. It is time this beautiful tune was changed. Congress has piped it right straight along for a number of years, and the dear people have danced to it with an agility that is astonishing. But now they are getting tired in the calves of the legs. The 10 per cent. tax which protects the circulation of the national banks is no longer necessary. They are able to work out their own salvation now if ever, and they no longer need the protection of a prohibitory law. Moreover, the people can no longer appreciate the benefit of a banking system that ignores the basis of all capital, real estate. A change is necessary. Fortunate is the congressman who, perceiving this, shall be able to bring it about.

DISTRICT INSTITUTES.

Those Held at Norwood and Millersville—Interesting Educational Programmes.

The second meeting of the district institute, of West Hempfield township was held on Saturday at Norwood. Owing to the small attendance only a forenoon session was held. The programme consisted of brief discussions in grammar, arithmetic and reading. The next meeting will be held at Ironville on Saturday, January 22.

The local institute previously referred to will be held in Lyceum hall, Marietta, on next Friday evening and Saturday. Dr. Wickersham will address the institute on Friday evening on the subject of "The Fight for Free Schools." The exercises on Saturday will consist of essays and discussions of school room topics. Prof. E. O. Lyte, of Millersville, has been secured to give several lectures during the day.

Silver Springs has a flourishing lyceum. The meetings are held on Wednesday evening. Last week great interest was shown in debating the question of woman's suffrage. This week the question of the benefit of secret societies will be discussed.

Millersville District Institute.

The Millersville local institute was held in the M. E. church on the 8th and 9th of January. Quite a number of citizens, directors and teachers were present. The teachers were assisted in their discussions by Profs. Brecht, Lyte, Lansinger and Rev. Otho Brant.

The following officers were elected to serve next year: President, Mr. Rohrer, of Pequea; first vice president, Mr. J. W. Spayd; second vice president, Mr. P. A. Urich; secretary, Miss Olie Robinson; assistant secretary, Miss Annie Wisler; treasurers Mr. Harkins and Mr. Harry Pickle. On Saturday evening Mr. Henry M. Houck, deputy state superintendent, delivered an interesting lecture entitled: "The Old and the New," before the teachers and friends in the normal school chapel.

York to Get a City Charter.

Deputy Attorney General Snodgrass, to whom the question had been referred by Governor Pattison, has decided in favor of the applicants for a city charter for the borough of York. At the November election a majority of the citizens apparently voted for a charter, but since then other citizens had protested against its issuance on the grounds that a majority of the electors within the meaning of the constitution had not voted for it and that notice of the election was not published in compliance with the act of May 23, 1874. Mr. Snodgrass overrules both of these points and decides that the governor can only be guided by the majority of votes as shown by the returns.

Crossing the Susquehanna.

From the Baltimore Sun.

An inquirer is informed that railway cars crossed the Susquehanna river on iron railroad tracks constructed on the ice at Havre-de-Grace in the winter of 1851-52. The *Sun* of January 27, 1852, contained a description of the "ice bridge over which a railroad track was laid precisely as on land, with sleepers, cross-ties and iron rails. There was a descent of 20 feet on either side of the river, and the mail and baggage cars were let down and hauled up by a stationary engine with a rope. The passengers were carried across in sleighs."

Arrested at Philadelphia.

John Miller, the newsboy who stole the gold watch and chain belonging to Miss Sallie Keller and some articles belonging to a son of M. V. B. Keller, was arrested on Monday evening in Philadelphia by a policeman of that city who had been instructed to be on the lookout for Miller. All of the stolen property was found in his possession. Chief Smith went to Philadelphia for the boy this morning and will bring him to this city this evening.

Word was received this afternoon from Philadelphia that the authorities would not give the boy over to Smith, and Keller was telegraphed for.

In Town.

Charles Osgood, advance representative of Atkinson & Cook's dramatic company, is in Lancaster making arrangements for the appearance of the troupe in Lancaster next week.

MANY DIRECTORS CHOSEN.

BANK AND STREET CAR OFFICIALS FOR CITY AND COUNTY.

A List of Those Officers Who Will Look After the Affairs of Some of Lancaster's Monied Institutions and Street Passenger Railways For the Present Year.

Following is a list of the bank and street car directors that were chosen in the city and county to-day:

First National Bank, Mt. Joy.

Jacob W. Nissley, Reuben Garber, Jacob G. Garber, John H. Shelly, Christian Seitz, H. S. Stauffer, John G. Stauffer, Abraham W. Shelly, Michael Sechrist.

First National Bank of Lancaster.

Directors: C. B. Grubb, N. M. Woods, Abraham S. Bard, John H. Moore, W. H. Moore, A. Herr Smith, Solomon Sprecher, Peter S. Reist and Henry Baumgardner.

Northern National Bank.

J. Fred'k Sener, John H. High, John K. Stoner, Daniel G. Baker, John Evans, John Sigle, John H. Landis, Isaac L. Hess, Benj. L. Landis, Aaron H. Summy, Levi S. Gross, Hiram K. Miller, Jacob L. Brubaker.

Fulton National Bank.

John R. Bitner, Samuel Groff, Lewis S. Hartman, John D. Skiles, Abram D. Huber, John R. Bricker, David Brown, E. J. Kendig, Jacob Wolf, J. B. Nolt, Jac. R. Hershey, John E. Stehman, F. H. Bare.

Union National Bank, Mt. Joy.

John D. Hoerner, Jos. H. Rider, Christian H. Nissley, C. J. Hiestand, John D. Myers, E. M. Greider, Levi Ricksecker, Jos. B. Detweiler, John B. Stehman, T. M. Breneman, John K. Rohrer, H. C. Schock, Eli S. Grosh.

Lancaster County National.

Directors: C. B. Herr, David Huber, David Graybill, C. R. Landis, John B. Myers, Jason K. Eaby, E. M. Hostetter, H. C. Lehman, Lewis Haldy, Jacob S. Shirk, David C. Kready, John L. Metzger and Henry Shenck.

Quarryville National Bank.

George W. Hensel, Frank W. Helm, John H. Bair, J. C. Ambler, Thos. G. Ambler, Elias M. Stauffer, James G. McSparran, John J. Coulter, Thos. K. Pusey. This is the old board with the exception of Thos. K. Pusey, who was elected to take the place of C. M. Hess, deceased.

First National Bank of Columbia.

The following board of directors were elected to-day of the First national bank: H. M. North, D. H. Detweiler, G. W. Haldeman, John Fendrich, John Forry, H. N. Kehler, Jacob Seitz, jr., I. H. Kauffman, Dr. Alex. Craig. A dividend of four per cent. was declared.

Columbia National.

J. A. Myers, Jos. Eckman, D. W. Witmer, H. F. Bruner, Geo. W. Mehaffey, M. S. Shuman, Geo. M. Mann, J. A. Thompson, Wm. B. Given.

First National of Strasburg.

Joseph McClure, president; William Spencer, A. R. Black, Geo. K. Reed, Christian W. S. Shultz, Christian Rohrer.

New Holland National Bank.

C. F. Roland, Benjamin B. Landis, Henry C. Weaver, James Diller, A. W. Snader, Henry Worst, I. E. Winters, Jason K. Eaby, George O. Roland.

First National of Marietta.

John Musser, John Ziegler, Paris Haldeman, Horace Spangler, S. S. Eagle, John Crull, H. L. Haldeman, H. S. Musser, John S. Garber.

East End Passenger Railway Company.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the East End Passenger railway company, held on Monday evening at the office of A. A. Herr, the following officers were elected: President, Dr. M. L. Herr; directors, Michael Steigerwalt, A. D. Rohrer, Lawrence Knapp, George Nauman, W. B. Middleton, W. A. Heitshu.

The directors met afterwards and elected W. A. Heitshu secretary, and Michael Steigerwalt, treasurer and superintendent. There will be a meeting of the stockholders on the 18th inst, to take action relative to an increase of stock.

Lancaster City Street Railway.

The Lancaster City Street Passenger railway met at the Stevens house at 7 p. m. on Monday and re-elected the old board of directors as follows: B. J. McGrann, John T. MacGonigle, Wm. D. Sprecher, S. S. High, John H. Baumgardner, John S. Rengier, T. B. Cochran. The board met subsequently and elected W. D. Sprecher president, J. H. Baumgardner treasurer, T. B. Cochran secretary and Jacob B. Long manager.

A meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held on Friday, March 18, at the Stevens house to take action on the proposition to increase the capital stock from $14,000 to $40,000 for the purpose of paying the expenses of the equipment of the extension of the line out Duke to New, to North Queen, to Walnut and back to Duke street again.

Eastern Market Company.

Directors: James B. Frey, Milo B. Herr, Allan A. Herr, Martin Kreider, Tobias R. Kreider, Wm. E. Lant, Adam Lefevre, B. J. McGrann, John T. MacGonigle, Geo. K. Reed, J. Fred. Sener, B. R. Stauffer, and James R. McNaughton. Auditors: D. P. Rosenmiller, P. D. Baker and Ira H. Herr.

The board of directors organized this afternoon by electing Martin Kreider president, and Allan A. Herr, secretary and treasurer.

Farmers' Western Market.

Directors, J. H. Landis, Em'l Kauffman, A. F. Hostetter, J. E. Hostetter, D. B. Hoover, F. P. Coho, A. S. Bard, Andrew Brubaker, W. Z. Sener, W. [O. Marshall, John Lorentz, Jonas Nissley, C. H. Selgrist.

Directors of a Rolling Mill.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Susquehanna rolling mill at Columbia, the following directors were elected: Messrs. Michael Schall, Wm. Patton, H. F. Bruner, Andrew Garber, George Crane, J. E. Schall, F. G. Paine. The following officers were then elected: President, Michael Schall; general manager, Wm. Patton; secretary and treasurer, J. E. Schall; mill superintendent, Edward Brady; assistant mill superintendent, F. G. Paine; night superintendent and chief engineer, Samuel Welsh.

ALICE OATES DEAD.

An Opera Bouffe Singer Who Was a Great Favorite Years Ago.

Alice Oates, who has been slowly dying for many weeks at the home of her husband, Samuel P. Watkins, No. 724 North Twentieth street, Philadelphia, breathed her last Monday night about 7 o'clock. The beautiful little favorite of comic opera had wasted away greatly under a painful complication of diseases, and death came as a welcome relief. Her maiden name was Alice Merritt, was born in Nashville, Tennessee, Sept. 22, 1849, and was educated at the Catholic seminary at Nazareth, Kentucky. She married James A. Oates, an actor, in 1865, and taking to the stage made her first hits in the "Field of the Cloth of Gold" at a Chicago theatre in 1867. She made a great success in the old opera bouffes, "Robin Hood" and others, and was associated with the famous English blondes, Lydia Thompson, Pauline Markham and the others who came to this country about twenty years ago. Later on she became a popular favorite in the comic operas which succeeded the burlesque, having a voice well adapted for the light opera stage. For the past five or six years she has lived in Philadelphia with her husband. By a former marriage she was the wife of Tracy W. Titus, from whom she was divorced. Her last illness dates from April, 1886, when she contracted a severe cold while playing at St. Paul, Minn.

The Herbst Case Decided.

U. S. Commissioner Rogers, of Baltimore, has decided the case of Wm. H. and Joseph S. Herbst, arrested on the charge of having conspired with their father, Wm. Herbst, president of the Glen Rock (Pa.) National bank, to defraud that institution by obtaining discounts above their ability to pay. William H. Herbst was discharged, and Joseph S. Hersbt was held for the action of the United States authorities in Pennsylvania.

ROBERTSON SWORN IN.

A Lively Time at the Joint Session of the Indiana Legislature.

The hallways and corridors of the capitol at Indianapolis were thronged by an immense crowd of people Monday anxious to witness possible developments in the political struggle now in progress. All interest centered in the House, where the galleries were densely packed, while prominent politicians were present and located in available positions for giving advice and assistance to their friends on the floor.

Directly after prayer the doorkeeper stepped to the front of the speaker's chair and announced the presence of the Senate—the "Senate" consisting of the nineteen Republican members of that body. Kellison (Dem.) arose and called, "Mr. Speaker," but he was not recognized. The Republican senators entered and took seats to the right of the speaker, Mr. Kellison meanwhile vainly claiming the speaker's attention. Speaker Sayre immediately announced that the business of the convention was to canvass the vote for lieutenant governor, and Kellison again sought a hearing, but was promptly told he was out of order.

Other Democratic members also claimed the speaker's attention, but all were refused recognition. The reading of the returns consumed half an hour, and at the close, while the clerk was making his computations, Mr. Jewett, Democrat, addressed the speaker, but was told that nothing would be in order until the canvass was completed.

The result of the vote was then announced as follows: Robertson, 232,919; Nelson, 229,593, Robertson's majority, 3,323. Upon this Mr. Robertson was then sworn in by Judge Walker, of the superior court.

Said Speaker Sayre: "I declare Robert Robertson, the lieutenant governor of the state of Indiana, and he will now address you."

Mr. Robertson instantly advanced to the front of the speaker's desk, and taking the gavel rapped for order.

Mr. Condon, Democrat, raised his hand and called, "Mr. Speaker," but no attention was given him; Mr. Jewett was treated in a similar manner, but both managed to exclaim, "Mr. Speaker, we do not recognize the legality of this joint convention," pointing to the Republican senators, "when there is no representation of the Senate except the fag end of that body; we protest against this usurpation of power, this disorganization and overturning of precedent and law."

This was the signal for all the Democrats to begin a noisy demonstration. The confusion was so great that individual speakers could only be heard occasionally, and then in a disjointed, disconnected manner. Robertson held his position at the desk, and kept up a vigorous rapping with the gavel. Notwithstanding the noise and tumult, he proceeded to deliver his inaugural address, but the noise was so great that it was heard by but very few. At its conclusion he declared the joint convention adjourned, to reassemble in the same hall on Wednesday, the 19th, to vote for United States Senator. Speaker Sayre then took possession of the gavel, and on motion of Mr. Gardner, the House adjourned.

THE LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM.

Important Special Meeting in Reference to Radical Changes.

The Evangelical Lutheran ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent states began a special meeting Monday afternoon in the Church of the Holy Communion, Broad and Arch streets, Philadelphia, for the purpose of acting upon the proposed revisions and additions to the charter, constitution and by-laws.

The two most important subjects to be considered by the ministerium are: First, the creation of a separate conference for such of the European German congregations as may desire to separate from others now established, thus making six conferences in the synodical or ministerium limits; second, the creation of a superintendency or episcopacy over the ministerium. The latter will be a radical departure from the established regime of the church if adopted.

The roll call was answered by nearly eighty ministers and a large number of lay delegates. The former included some very prominent clergymen of the denomination, among whom were Rev. Drs. W. J. Mann, J. A. Seiss, Professor F. A. Muhlenberg, of the University of Pennsylvania; Professor S. P. Sadtler, ex-president of Muhlenberg college; J. Fry, A. Spaethe, professor in the theological seminary; Professor H. E. Jacobs, C. W. Schaefer, Professor B. N. Schmucker, T. L. Seip, president of Muhlenberg college, and Samuel Laird.

The report of the committee was made by Rev. Dr. Seiss. The question of creating a German conference gave rise to an animated discussion. The affirmative side of the question was presented by Rev. Dr. Mann, Rev. Mr. Somers, Dr. Spaethe and Rev. Dr. Schmucker. The opposition was represented by Rev. Professor Muhlenberg, Rev. Dr. Gerlach and President Krotel. The latter concluded the debate and strongly opposed a German conference. The question of a superintendency is not in the revised charter and constitution, but will be introduced, it is understood.

VERY COLD WEATHER.

The Temperature Almost Constantly Below the Freezing Point in This City.

From the carefully kept meteorological record kept by Harry C. Demuth, it appears that the weather for the past eighteen days has been unprecedentedly cold, the thermometer at no time being above the freezing point, except on the 27th of December and New Year's day, when it registered 34 degrees for a short time. The lowest temperature at Mr. Demuth's was on January 3d, when 7 degrees above zero was registered. The lowest mean temperature was recorded on Saturday at 14 2-5, Sunday 14 4-5 and Monday 14½. At 9 o'clock this morning the thermometer marked 10 above zero—the lowest temperature reached at that hour during the winter. Mr. Demuth's records are very carefully kept and his thermometers are consulted five times a day. His instruments are not so much exposed and therefore do not register quite so low.

At Schroyer's nursery at daybreak this morning the mercury stood at zero; at Rohrer's it was 4 above; at Roy's, 447 West Chestnut, 2 above zero.

A Lively Fox Chase

From the West Chester News

On Friday morning last a fox was dropped at Fisherville, this county, and with a large number of hunters and dogs in pursuit sped into Lancaster county. Over the Welsh mountain it took its way and paid its respects to the new chapel therein located by stopping a moment to rest at the door of that building. The chase was kept up until evening, when the hunters lost the trail and separated for their respective homes. The Lionville delegation did not get back until Sunday morning. Mr. Henderson started back to look up a number of his lost dogs.

Kept Store in This County in 1814.

Joseph D. Streeper, aged 90, died in Pottsville on Saturday. He was born at Radnor, Delaware county, and when 17 years of age came to this county and was engaged in mercantile pursuits twenty years. He afterwards kept store in Schuylkill Haven and in Pottsville. He was of Quaker origin and held that belief to the end, though he had dropped the mode of speech. His wife died about two years ago at the advanced age of 86 years. Mr. Streeper was the last of a family of five brothers and two sisters, nearly all of whom attained a ripe old age. Three daughters, Mrs. Jacob Christman, Mrs. Sarah A. Treibley and Miss Hannah M. Streeper, survive him.

Two From This County.

Only two students from this county are attending the Keystone State Normal school, at Kutztown, Berks county. They are Miss Henrietta J. Lefevre, of Quarryville, and George L. Ramsey, of Cambridge.

A New District Deputy Grand Master.

Major John W. Simpson, of Harrisburg, has been appointed district deputy grand master of the Fourth district grand lodge of Colored Free Masons, embracing the counties of Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, Cumberland, York and Adams.

A Berks Paper Changes Proprietors.

Jacob B. Esser, of New York, has purchased from A. B. Uirich the Kutztown *Journal and Patriot* for $7,500.

WAS HE THE BOMB-THROWER?

AND WHAT LED PROF. SCHAFF TO COMMIT SUICIDE?

He Is Recognized as One of the Anarchists Present at the Haymarket Riot in Chicago. Admitting to His Attorney That He Was Wanted By the Chicago Police.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 11.—Late last night your correspondent learned something of the antecedents of Prof. Schaff, who has been in jail for several days for swindling book publishers in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and other cities by representing himself as purchasing for students of Wartburg seminary, and who committed suicide yesterday.

It was found that a Socialist who had been discharged from the jail but a few days ago had given Schaff a quantity of morphine, for which Schaff gave an order to the Socialist, authorizing him to take charge of whatever effects he might leave. As none of the publishers whom he had swindled were here to prosecute, Schaff could only have been convicted of loitering, if he had gone to trial. Schaff was about twenty-three years old, of scholarly bearing, and was evidently well educated. He represented himself as having come but a few months ago from Berlin. His fluency in the use of English indicated that he had longer experience than he represented.

Two prisoners confined in the jail, pickpockets from Chicago, declare that they knew Schaff in Chicago; that he was a leading Anarchist there and was present at the Haymarket riot; that he was an intimate associate of Spies, Schwab, and Parsons, and that he left Chicago immediately after the riot. His appearance answers the description of the bomb-thrower, and these men from their conversation, seemed to think he was that much wanted individual, which might account for his suicide after finding himself in the hands of the officers. The pickpockets are very reticent and seemed indisposed to tell all they knew about Schaff for fear of revealing some of their own crookedness at Chicago. At midnight Schaff's attorney was interviewed and admitted that before his death Schaff had confided to him that he was from Chicago and that he was an Anarchist and was badly wanted by the Chicago police, but seemed most reluctant to say much about that and did not say just what he was wanted for but seemed impressed with the danger that threatened him from that quarter. His attorney was confident that he would have got him off from the charge on which he was imprisoned and that his danger from it was not sufficent to cause him to commit suicide.

THIRTEEN SO FAR RECOVERED.

The Coroner Succeeds in Identifying Thirteen Bodies of the Ohio Disaster.

Testimony before Coroner Lepper in the inquest over the Baltimore & Ohio wreck Monday afternoon at Tiffin, O., was principally aimed at identification of the persons who perished. By relics picked up at the scene of disaster the names of T. O. Pemberton, of Payne, O.; Frank Bowman, of Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county, Pa., and David Ober, of Oberlin, Dauphin county, Pa., are added to the list of killed already given.

TIFFIN, Ohio, Jan. 11.—The complete list of killed in the Baltimore & Ohio horror, which has this far developed by the coroner's inquest, is 13, as follows: Joseph Postlethwaite, Spencer and Henry, of New Martinsville, W. Va.; Frank Irwin and J. M. Francis, line repairers of Blackband, Ohio; Wm. Fredericks, fireman, Florida, Ohio; M. H. Parks, of Washington, D. C., Frank Bowman, of Lennark, Ills.; David Ober, of Oberlin, Pa.; J. S. Gortner, of Mechanicsville, Iowa; Thomas Pemberton, of Payne, Ohio; Louis Bevan, of Zanesville, Ohio, and William S. Pierce, express messenger, of Wheeling, W. Va.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Harry C. Foster, one of the passengers who escaped from the disaster near Republic, Ohio, last week, but was pretty well shaken up and bruised, has entered suit against the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company for $5,000 damages.

ROLLED DOWN AN EMBANKMENT.

A Whole Train Leaves the Track—Many Passengers Injured.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 11.—The Indianapolis & Vincennes passenger train leaving here last night was thrown from the track about three miles from this city by a broken rail. The train was running at a high speed and all the coaches left the track, rolling down an embankment. There were about seventy-five passengers aboard, nearly all of whom were more or less injured, but no one was killed. Among the injured are: S. J. Allen, of Lyons, leg broken and bruised about the head: John Quackenbush, of Sheridan, leg broken. The injuries received by the other passengers were not of a serious character. A wrecking train was sent out and the injured brought to the city, where they received medical treatment.

An Ottawa Chief's Plaint.

LAWRENCE, Kans., Jan. 11.—John Early, a half breed chief of the tribe of Ottawas, of Indian Territory, was here yesterday with a dozen of the leading men of his tribe adjusting the financial affairs of the tribe, with attorneys of this city. Early says the tribe is very anxious that Oklahoma be opened to settlement. He says the Atlantic & Pacific railroad is grading and laying ties with an immense force through that country now, preparatory to its opening. He denounces the severalty plan of their lands in the most bitter terms, as the Indians are not civilized enough for it yet. "It means," said he, "that our people are to be cheated out of their homes by speculators. The white man's greed dooms the Indian to extinction."

French Troops Defeated.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Advices from Tonquin state that French troops attempted to dislodge a large force of rebels entrenched at Thanhoa, but after two attacks were compelled to abandon their designs. The French loss was 4 French officers wounded, 5 European and 8 Tonquinese soldiers killed and 15 European and 27 Tonquinese injured. Reinforcements have been sent to the defeated French troops, and on their arrival another attack on Thanhoa will be made.

Peasants and Police Fight.

DUBLIN, Jan. 11.—Wholesale evictions were attempted at Roslea yesterday where 4,000 persons had congregated to receive Mr. John Dillon. The crowd had become so large that a special force of police had been drafted from among the villagers, and these and the police assisting the bailiffs came into collision with the assembled peasants. The latter were armed with sticks and the former used their batons freely. The crowd was finally driven back with many broken heads.

Suit Against the Ephrata National Bank.

Deputy United States Marshal Hollinger went to Ephrata on Monday and served a summons on the officers of the Ephrata National bank. Suit is brought against the bank in the United States circuit court by the Yale and Town Lock company, for infringing upon a patent owned by them on the Cincinnati time lock.

Von Moltke Pleads for the Army.

BERLIN, Jan. 11.—In the Reichstag to-day, the army bill came up for second reading Von Moltke, speaking for it, said: "If the bill is rejected we will certainly have war. The army alone can render protection to the other political institutions which must stand or fall with it."

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES.

Those of the Presbyterian and Trinity Reformed—Distant Clergy at the Former.

Regular Correspondence of INTELLIGENCER.

COLUMBIA, Jan. 11.—Special religious services are being held in some of the churches during this week. At the Presbyterian church services will commence this evening, when Rev. Niles, of York, and Rev. Cooder, of Lebanon, will be present.

At the Trinity Reformed church services will be held during this week as follows: Tuesday evening, reunion of all members who were members three years ago; Wednesday evening, general service; Thursday evening, reunion of all members who joined within three years; Friday evening, services preparatory to the holy communion; Sunday morning and evening, the holy communion will be administered.

Accidents—Slight and Severe.

John F. Hook, extra fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad, met with an accident yesterday while attending to his duties on the engine. The engine had stopped at Radnor for water, and Hook slipped on the iron grating at the plug which was covered with ice. The fall resulted in a sprained wrist, slight injury to his shoulder, and a deep gash on his head. The accident will keep him off duty, although he is not confined to his home.

Ambrose Bartch, employed at Strickler's dam in cutting ice, took an involuntary bath this morning, by the ice breaking where he was walking. He received a thorough wetting, which was an unpleasant experience in this kind of weather.

Samuel Lockard, employed at Pence's ice house, had both ears badly frozen yesterday while at work cutting ice.

Town Notes.

The regular monthly meeting of council, will be held in the council chamber this evening.

The Columbia wreck crew went to Shock's station to clear away the debris of the wreck which occurred at that place on Sunday night.

Officer Wittick is of the opinion that John Moore, the tramp arrested on last Saturday with a lap robe in his possession, is implicated in other crimes in the county. The man is 6 feet high, well built and has a reddish moustache. He had on a well worn overcoat with a white patch across the shoulder. He is in jail to await further developments.

The cold weather interferes with the starting of furnace No. 2 of the Chestnut Hill Iron Ore company. The water pipes have been frozen, causing much delay.

The property of E. G. Kopf, at Third and Walnut streets, was disposed of at public sale last night at the Franklin house. The property brought $6,000, and was purchased by Frederick Aubendschein.

Company C will be inspected during this week, when the field and staff officers of the Fourth regiment will be present.

The Vigilant fire company will hold a ball in the armory on the night of February 22.

A sleighing party of 24 persons spent a pleasant time last night at the house of Benjamin Kreider near Mountville. Two large sleighing parties went to Lancaster last night and one party from that city came to Columbia.

DEATH OF EDWIN S. BRENNER.

Expiring in Philadelphia From Typhoid Fever Caught on Christmas Day.

Edwin S. Brenner, son of John G. Brenner, formerly of Millersville, but now residing at 517 West Orange street, died in Philadelphia of typhoid fever on Monday afternoon. Deceased was in the 21st year of his age, at the time of death. He attended the model school in Millersville, and when a boy was a carrier of the INTELLIGENCER. After leaving school he went to Manheim where he entered the store of H. G. Danner to learn the business. He afterwards came to Lancaster and for a time was a salesman in the store of Williamson & Foster. He next went to Philadelphia, where he was employed in several business houses. He was taken sick on Christmas day and at that time he was with Jacob Reed's Sons, on Chestnut street. The young man was preparing himself for the stage, previous to his death. He was a close student and suffered from the strain of over work. He was an exemplary young man and had many friends. The funeral takes place from his father's residence on Thursday.

Mrs. Deichler's Funeral.

The funeral of Mrs. Max Deichler took place from the family residence, 27 North Queen street, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Impressive religious services were conducted by Rev. Charles L. Fry, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church. The attendance at the funeral was quite large, some eighteen or twenty coaches being required to carry the mourners to the grave. The following named gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: S. S. Spencer, D. A. Altick, Wm. G. Baker, A. C. Kepler, W. C. Buchmiller and H. M. Shreiner. The interment was made at Woodward Hill cemetery.

Letters Granted by the Register.

The following letters were granted by the register of wills for the week ending Tuesday, January 11:

ADMINISTRATION—Elizabeth Elliott, deceased, late of Providence township; B. F. Elliott and Harvey Rineer, Providence administrators.

Catherine Jacobs, deceased, late of Cærnarvon township; Robert J. Jacobs, Cærnarvon, administrator, c. t. a.

Jonas Swartley, deceased, late of Lancaster city; Noah Swartley, East Hempfield, and Abraham D. Swartley, city, administrators.

Christianna Gessler, deceased, late of Lancaster city; Chas. I. Landis, city, administrator.

Barbara Greybill, deceased, late of East Earl township; Adam Geist, East Earl, administrator.

Christian Aument, deceased, late of Manor township; Eli Aument, Manor, administrator.

Elizabeth Kohr, deceased, late of East Hempfield, township; Jacob Burkhart, East Hempfield, administrator.

John Souders, deceased, late of Warwick township; Ellen Souders, Warwick, administratrix.

Catherine Hull, deceased, late of Warwick township; Dr. J. H. Shenck, Warwick, administrator.

Joseph Buckwalter, deceased, late of East Lampeter; Jacob R. Buckwalter, East Lampeter, administrator.

TESTAMENTARY—Elizabeth Zecher, deceased, late of Lancaster city; Philip Zecher, city, executor.

Catherine Regar deceased, late of Adamstown; Isaac Regar, East Cocalico, executor.

Benjamin Root, deceased, late of East Hempfield; Adam F. Root, East Hempfield, and M. G. Musser, West Hempfield, executors.

Charles Beichler, deceased, late of West Lampeter township; Wilhelm Beichler, West Lampeter, executor.

Sebastian Grau, deceased, late of Lancaster city; Charles Grau, Mary Steiger and Alice Frech, city, executors.

Annual Meeting of the Reading.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad company was held at noon Monday in Philadelphia. The annual report showed that the net earnings of the railroad company were $13,173,363.11. For the coal and iron company there was a loss of $1,147,053 96. The floating debt and current liabilities of the railroad company were placed at $26,301,658, and of the coal and iron company at $3,477,615. The figures showed an increase in the current liabilities of $5,954,804, and in the floating debt a decrease of $1,245,703. Austin Corbin was reelected president. Managers, I. V. Williamson, John Wanamaker, A. J. Antelo, Peter C. Hollis, Samuel R. Shipley, Thomas Cochran; treasurer, William A. Church; secretary, William R. Taylor. The new men elected to the board are Messrs. Shipley and Cochran, who succeed Dr. Hostetter and Amos Watson, of Pittsburg.

The January Criminal Court.

Thus far 70 cases have been returned to the January sessions, and a number of others will reach the clerk's office during the next few days, which will run the January term up to the average.

Swore Off.

Frank Suydam was before Alderman Barr this morning for a hearing on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, entered against him at the instance of a member of his family. He agreed to pay the costs and "swear off." That was satisfactory to his family and that disposition was made of the case.

FIRE CUTS A SWATH.

THE FLAMES CONSUME A LARGE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY.

Five Blocks of Business Buildings and Three Dwellings in Batavia—A Tobacco Factory in Auburn—Hotel and Opera House in a New Hampshire Town.

BATAVIA, N. Y., Jan. 11.—A $70,000 fire occurred here this morning, starting in the engine room of the Batavia clamp factory on Exchange place. The clamp company's two blocks, one just completed, were destroyed and the Tomlinson, Main and Ensign blocks on Main street were burned. Following were the occupants: Batavia Clamp Co.; Batavia Wheel Co.; *Daily News*; Parlous & Mackie, drygoods; F. Richardson, hardware; Tryon & Requa, druggists; Arthur Gibbs, drygoods; Samuel Coyne, harness; Greene & Snell, insurance and real estate. The dwelling houses of Mrs. Walkinshaw, P. Broadbrooks and Dr. Lefler were also burned. The *Daily News* lost everything, including books, files and a new dress of type, boxed. It will be issued from the *Times* office for the present. The total insurance is about $50,000.

AUBURN, N. Y., Jan. 11.—The three-story brick tobacco factory of W. H. Kennedy caught fire from an unknown cause early this morning and was entirely destroyed together with Walter Bray's harness and saddlery business, which occupied a portion of the first floor. The building which was owned by Mrs. P. Coveny, was valued at $10,000. Kenedy's loss was $13,000, insured for $4,500. Bray lost $5,000, insured for $3,000. A damage of $1,000 fell to the block next door occupied by the Auburn Glove and Mitten company. The weather was piercingly cold and the ruins froze solidly after the fire. D. M. Osborne & Co.'s immense reaper and mower works were endangered, but escaped without damage.

SUNCOOK, N. H., Jan. 11.—2 30 a. m.—A terrible fire is raging here. The opera house hotel is burned down, and the Suncook opera house is how burning. The selectmen have sent to Manchester for help. The fire started in the tin shop of A. Davis. A large amount of property is in danger of being consumed. The origin of the fire is unknown.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Jan. 11.—About 4 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the fourth story of the Jones block, corner of Westbridge and Water streets. The entire block was destroyed as was also the adjoining block occupied by Ould & Klock, clothiers. The Western Union telegraph office was located in the Jones block. The wires were all destroyed and telegraphic communication has been interrupted all day. Scanlan Brothers also occupied a store in the same block; Judge Churchill, of the superior court, who was a part owner of the Jones block, only saved fifty books. The stock of Ould & Klock is a total loss. The losses will aggregate about $35,000.

MADRID, Jan. 11.—The Alcazar palace at Toledo, which was destroyed by fire yesterday has only recently been rebuilt at a cost of £200,000. Owing to a scarcity of water and fire extinguishing apparatuses the fire was allowed to burn itself out. Three officers and seventeen men connected with the military academy, by which the building was occupied, were injured.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Early this morning a fire broke out in the laboratory of the house owned by Prof. A. G. Bell in this city, causing a loss of $50,000. The library, containing about 5,000 volumes, principally of a scientific character, was almost totally destroyed. The insurance is supposed to be about $25,000.

BROCKTON, Mass., Jan. 11.—3:15 A. M.—A large fire is raging at the boot and shoe factory of I. A. Beals, on Main street. The loss will be many thousand dollars. Three alarms have already been rung in.

BERLIN, Jan. 11.—The Stadt theatre at Gottingen has been burned.

A New Department Created.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The House has passed—yeas 222, nays 26—the bill creating a department of agriculture and labor.

Turning the Rascals Out.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The president to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate: To be United States consuls: O. B. Collins, of Mississippi, at Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Fred. Ellison, of Indiana, at St. Helena; Thomas T. Tunstall, of Alabama, at Asuncion.

Postmasters: R. Brown, Henderson, Frederick, Md.; Alexander H. Brown, Weston W. Va.; Jacob A. Bowles, Hickory, N. C.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—For Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware: Warmer, southerly winds, fair weather.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The President and Dr. Egle, of Harrisburg, to Read Papers.

There was a well-attended and very satisfactory meeting of the executive committee of the Lancaster County Historical society at the office of Mr. Hensel on Tuesday evening. President Dubbs was in the chair and the officers of the society were made the officers of the committee. A lengthy free discussion of the lines of work to be followed took place, and many suggestions were made as to the topics to be worked up. It was resolved that at the February meeting the president should present a paper on the study of Lancaster county history, directing the work to be done by the society and the best system of doing it; after which subcommittees would be appointed and the different themes assigned to the respective working members.

It was also agreed to invite Dr. W. H. Egle, of Harrisburg, to read a paper at the next meeting on "Lancaster in the Revolution," and arrangements are making for the preparation of some such monograph at every meeting. A number of new members were enrolled and a half dozen persons proposed for corresponding membership.

Twenty Years in Jail.

The mayor had five cases to dispose of this morning. All were bums and one of them, Adam Waverling, who gave his age as 82 years, has spent the last 20 years almost constantly in our jail for drunkenness and vagrancy. Two others were sent out with him to-day and two were discharged.

A Car Load of Apples Attached.

A foreign attachment was issued on Monday at the suit of H. K. Keller against James Mccusker. The sheriff went to Akron and attached a car load of apples—160 barrels, to satisfy the claim. The sheriff still has the apples in his possession and they will be sold by him in a few days, if the matter is not arranged.

Patent Granted.

A patent has been granted to Harvey F Showalter, of Denver, this county, for an improved gate to be used more particularly upon farms. The patent was secured through Wm. R. Gerhart, solicitor of patents

Fell and Broke an Arm.

Mrs. Ann Brackbill, of Strasburg, met with a painful accident, Monday afternoon about 2 o'clock. She is an elderly lady about 65 years old, and was in the act of hanging up a pan in the cellar stairway, and making a misstep, fell to the bottom of the stairs, breaking one of her arms above the elbow. Dr. Samuel Kenegy set the broken arm.