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LITTLE SEED LEAF LEFT.

THE PACKERS SECURED PRETTY ALL OF THIS VARIETY OF TOBACCO.

The Havana Not Being Handled to any Great Extent as Yet—What the Dealers Say Of It—Receipts at Several City Warehouses During the Week.

We have been taking some account of the local tobacco market for nearly twenty years; and we can say that never before the present season was so much secrecy observed, by both buyers and sellers, as to their transactions as has been observed during the present season; and we think it may also be said that in very few of all these years has the seed leaf crop been bought up at such low figures as those obtained for the crop of 1886.

Before this crop was ready for the market it was evident to all shrewd observers that there was a great scarcity of filler and binder material in the country; and hence last fall dealers rushed into the market and as quietly as possible bought up all the neglected crops from 1881 to 1884. The 1885 crop, which was held in higher esteem, had already been pretty well gathered in. Later on the seed leaf of '86 was quietly picked up, until the great bulk of it has been sold. Our Drumore correspondent writes, "all our seed leaf tobacco is sold," and similar statements come from correspondents in other sections of the county. A less number of these sales have been reported to the newspapers than in former years; and were it not that we see large deliveries of the tobacco almost every day at the city warehouses we would be loth to believe that nearly all the '86 seed leaf, nearly 20,000 cases, had passed into the hands of packers.

Of the 25,000 cases of '86 Havana seed grown in this county comparatively little has been bought. The packers are inclined to push it off, and say they do not want it. They say much of it is white-veined, dead-leaved and otherwise damaged—some of it having rotted while sweating in bulk. This may be so to some extent, but we have so much faith in the skill and judgment of our farmers in handling tobacco that we do not believe that any great proportion of the crop is thus injured; and if we are right in this supposition, we tell the tobacco farmers of Lancaster county that every pound of good Havana seed they have on hand will be wanted by dealers and manufacturers at higher figures than they are now offering. Granting the superiority of Sumatra tobacco for cigar wrappers, it cannot compete with good Havana seed; first, because there is not and cannot be enough of it imported to supply the demand for wrappers; and, second, the high price of Sumatra will prevent manufacturers from using it to any very great extent in preference to *good* Havana seed. It is stated on good authority that the actual cost of growing good Havana seed in Pennsylvania is about 7½ cents per pound; and the cost of raising Sumatra tobacco and getting it to the Amsterdam market is about the same. From Amsterdam the Sumatra tobacco has to be shipped to New York at some cost and there it has to pay a duty of from 35 to 75 cents per pound and by the time it has passed through the custom house and been handled by the middle men the price runs up to $1.50 or $1.75 per pound before it reaches the manufacturer. Cigar manufacturers are not fools and they are not going to pay the above prices for wrappers if they can get good Havana seed for one-fourth the price or less. Growers of Havana seed will find that every pound of their tobacco, if it is *good*, will be wanted before they are ready to hang up their '87 crop, and we believe they will consult their own interests by planting more largely of Havana seed than they did last year.

Here is a statement made by an old tobacco leaf buyer at the west that truthfully applies to every branch of the tobacco business: He said that he never saw a *good* sample of tobacco sell at an unsatisfactory price, no matter what year it has been, nor what time of the year, nor the condition of the financial world, nor the state of the weather, nor the state of the buyer's liver—*good* tobacco always commands a good price.

Sales of Old Tobacco.

Following are the only sales of old tobacco we have heard of during the past week:

Skiles & Frey sold 125 cases, mostly '85 seed leaf; H. M. Mayer sold 5,000 pounds to C. E. Underwood, agent of Isaac Stirk & Co.

Transactions in New Leaf.

The receipts of new leaf at the city warehouses have been large the past week. Skiles & Frey received about 140,000 pounds, nearly all seed leaf; Rosenwald Bros. received as much or more; Lederman and J. Gust Zook who pack jointly with Rosenwald also received largely. So did R. H. Brubaker and some others.

Henry S. Garber, of Mount Joy, sold to Joseph Lederman 2½ acres at 11, 4, 2½; Nathan Hartig, of Schoeneck, sold a lot of seed leaf to S. A. Usner at 6 and 2; John Stricker, a lot to same at same figures. E. H. Kauffman sold to Teller Bros. 15 acres of seed leaf at 12 and 2; 1 acre to J. Lederman at 10 and 2; 2 acres to Bash & Fisher at 7 cents through. Mr. Kauffman also sold to Teller & Bro. 42 cases of old seed leaf at 12 cents.

The *Record* says Kauffman & Co., of Lititz, made the following purchases: From John Bomberger, 1 acre Havana at 6 and 2, lot of seed leaf at 9 and 2; Jacob Hershey, 1 acre seed leaf at 8½ and 2; Henry Behmer, 1 acre seed leaf at 10, 5, 2; Christian Risser, 1 acre Havana at 12 and 2; Ben Dohner, 1½ acres at 6.

New York Market.

From the U. S. Tobacco Journal.

Seed leaf, Sumatra and Havana, for the week ending Saturday, March 12.

Again an active market can be reported. Manufacturers bought briskly, dealers and exporters also investing with vim and spirit. The '86 tobaccos were ahead of the other crops offered, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania obtaining the largest share. A further advance in prices during spring seems inevitable. Very soon Western business will open and everything points towards an unusually good Southern trade. Already our cigar manufacturers report increased orders from these quarters, and naturally with larger orders for cigars, larger quantities of leaf tobacco will have to be secured.

The sales of the week may be specified as follows:

'85 Pennsylvania—900 cases, at 11 to 15 cents.

'85 Wisconsin—800 cases, at 7½ to 11½ cents.

'85 state—400 cases, at 14 to 21 cents.

'85 Connecticut Havana seed—300 cases at 19 to 30 cents.

'85 Ohio—400 cases, at 5 to 7½ cents.

'84 State wrappers—150 cases, at 17 to 22 cents.

'81 to 83 Pennsylvania—600 cases, at 10 to 13 cents.

Old fillers—500 cases, at 7½ to 16 cents.

Sumatra—There is no interruption in the now almost typical good business. Everything of an acceptable character is staple and prices are paid according with the fancies of the buyers. Goods averaging $1.40 are standard; indifferent colored tobaccos realise from $1.15 to $1.25; light weights and medium brown stock, sound in leaf, bring as high as $1.75.

Havana—Market very good. Sales 700 bales 80 cents $1.20.

From the Tobacco Leaf.

Cigar Leaf—A very moderate business has been the result of the efforts of the week. Old goods continue to be good property and have the call on buyers' attention. Packers' samples of the 1886 crop figure in the sample rooms of Water and Pearl street dealers and are passing muster only to a degree. Like at all other times and with all other previous crops there is good, bad and indifferent tobacco represented in the samples, but the proportion of each kind is the important point, and of that it is too early to speak with certainty. This much can be said, however, that the market is not in danger of being drugged with extraordinary good tobacco, and that those possessing desirable tobacco will not a return—while not perhaps what would be termed handsome—which will be quite satisfactory.

Havana—The business of the week was characterized by more life, and the sales foot up 550 bales at prices ranging from 60c. to $1.22. Reports relative to the 1887 crop are even more discouraging than they were. It is now very generally conceded that in Vuelta Abajo there is but one third of the usual crop, and everything in that district worth having has been bought up.

Sumatra—Very little animation is noticeable. Sales aggregate something like 225 bales, at $1.20 to $1.45. Sumatra wrappers, $1 30 to $1 65.

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 14, 1887: 250 cases 1881, 1882, 1883, Pennsylvania, 11½@13½c.; 220 cases 1885, Pennsylvania, 12½@18c.; 150 cases 1885, Pennsylvania Havana, 16@22c.; 450 cases 1885 Wisconsin Havana, 6@11½c.; 200 cases 1885, Ohio 7@9c.; 125 cases 1885 state Havana, p. t.; 150 Sundries, 7@30c. Total 1,545 cases.

Philadelphia Market.

All branches of the tobacco trade in Philadelphia are flourishing including cigar-making, fine cuts, smoking, chewing and snuffs.

Seed leaf is moving, but after it is moved sellers are not happy, for the reason that the margins have become microscopical; and yet it is difficult to replace the goods; so that, notwithstanding goods are selling quite freely, the business is not satisfactory. This is especially the case with old desirable goods. The change must undoubtedly come. Buyers continue to hold the situation in price.

Sumatra moves off in fair quantities.

Havana offers unqestionable stock and a purchaser can be found, for it seems that rich, fragrant fillers are always needed.

Baltimore Market.

Maryland tobacco shows very little change, and if there is any feature to note it is that holders of small quantities of some good to fine red are unwilling to sell at current rates. A few sales, however, have been effected. The receipts are light. Ohio continues dull and inactive, and sales of about 20 hhds aircured, for home consumption, were reported during the week.

THE SECOND LECTURE.

A Journey Along the Rhine and in the Famous Part of Switzerland.

"The Rhine and Switzerland" was the subject of the illustrated lecture on Monday evening in Fulton opera house, and the audience to hear and see it was large. Mr. Henry H. Ragan is an eloquent and very impressive talker. His interpretation of the pictures was given with few words, although a more extended explanation could not have been desired; since there so many points demanding attention in the journey up the Rhine and along the Alps. The student of history was at home when the names of the cities were mentioned. In the trip up this historic and romantic stream from Cologne to Basle many quaint villas, castles, and densely built cities were found to line its banks. In the former place the great cathedral was the wonder of all, with its spire over four hundred feet in the air. After the brief intermission the second part of the programme opened by a representation of Lucerne; and the lion of Lucerne, hewn from solid limestone rock, twenty-eight feet long, which stands as a monument to French heroes, was very fine. Among the most noteworthy of the many beautiful scenes in Switzerland were the trip up the Rigi by car, the illuminated waterfall near Giessbach, the city of Geneva, the pierced rock and the driveway along the mountain side high above the lakes, snow-capped Mont Blanc and the glaciers.

On Thursday evening the beauties and interesting places of the Emerald Isle will be shown, and the following evening a trip will be taken through the Yosemite and Yellowstone, the section of our country to which nature has been the most liberal.

ANOTHER LARGE AUDIENCE.

Edith Sinclair Opens Her Week's Engagement at the King Street Theatre.

The audience at the King street theatre was of the same kind that usually gathers there upon opening nights, the house being crowded to the doors. The attraction was Edith Sinclair and her company in a comedy entitled "A Box of Cash." The play contains a great deal of fun, and it kept the audience laughing until 11 o'clock. The principal character in the piece is that of *Grace Ford*, which is taken by Miss Sinclair. This young lady is a pretty and attractive soubrette, who can sing as well as act. Ed. M. Favor played the part of *Timothy O'Hara*, guardian of the heroine. Mr. Favor is a good Irish comedian, and by his ready wit pleased the audience. J. F. Don in the characters of *Cariolanus Magnet* and the *Policeman* had the audience yelling whenever he appeared on the stage. Master Eddie Coles played to part of *Tommy O'Hara*, a character similar to *Peck's Bad Boy*. While a great deal that he does is funny considerable is very silly. George A. Beane, jr., was fair as *Isaac Dinkelspeil*, the clothing dealer. Nearly every member of the company can sing, and the hit of the evening was the duet, "The Murmuring Sea," by Miss Sinclair and Mr. Favor. Other songs by these two and Mr. Don were well rendered.

This evening the company appear for the second time, when the same play will be given.

Letters Granted by the Register.

The following letters were granted by the register of wills for the week ending Tuesday, March 15:

TESTAMENTARY.—Jacob Sterline, deceased, late of West Hempfield township; Mary Sterline, West Hempfield, executrix.

Simon C. May, deceased, late of Columbia borough; Lewis W. May, Columbia, executor.

Catherine Brumer, deceased, late of Columbia borough; John Bruner, Columbia, executor.

Margaret Stocker, deceased, late of Lancaster city; Col. David Miles, city, executor.

ADMINISTRATON—Levi Books, deceased, late of Penn township; Israel G. Erb, Warwick, administrator.

Edward Keyton, deceased, late of Lancaster city; Rebecca Keyton, city, administratrix.

A Wife-Beater Sent to Jail.

Charles Rodan, living on South Water street, is a brute, whose chief delight appears to be beating his wife. He has been arrested a number of times for that offense, and only a few months ago was sentenced by the court to undergo an imprisonment of thirty days. The punishment was made light on Rodan's promise that he would never again strike his wife. Last week he went home drunk, and without any provocation struck his wife on the head with a chair, inflicting a dangerous wound. She had him arrested and Alderman Barr heard the case on Monday evening. Rodan pleaded with his wife to withdraw the suit, but the alderman would not allow it as it was too aggravated a case. He committed the accused for 30 days for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and for trial at the April court for aggravated assault and battery.

For the Water Works.

A large iron "Y" which will be put in at the city water works to connect with the twenty-four inch main, arrived here on Saturday from Camden, N. J., where it was made. It weighs 5,610 pounds and takes the place of one broken some time ago.

THE ROYAL ARCANUM.

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE NOW IN SESSION HERE.

Between 150 and 200 Delegates and Alternates Now in the City in Attendance—The Objects of the Organization—Business of the Opening Session.

The grand council of Pennsylvania of the Royal Arcanum is now in secret session in American Mechanics hall, Inquirer building, this city. The grand council is very fully attended, there being between one and two hundred delegates and alternates present. All the hotels are crowded with them, and the streets to-day wear a lively appearance owing to the incursion of the host of distinguished strangers.

THE OBJECTS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

The Royal Arcanum is a secret beneficiary order, founded upon business principles and incorporating the improvements which modern experience and study have suggested, in the promotion of benevolence, charity and fraternity. The code of by-laws embodies the best features of other beneficiary organizations and many new ones.

The objects of the order are stated as follows:

1. To unite fraternally all white men of sound bodily health and good moral character who are socially acceptable and between the ages of 21 and 55.

2. To give all moral and material aid in its power to its members and those dependent upon them.

3. To educate its members socially and intellectually; also to assist the widows and orphans of deceased members.

4. To establish a fund for the relief of sick and distressed members.

5. To establish a widows and orphans benefit fund from which on satisfactory evidence of the death of a member of the order who has complied with all its lawful requirements, a sum not exceeding $3,000 shall be paid to his family or those dependent on him as he may direct.

There is but one degree and the ceremony of initiation is short and interesting.

THE PRESENT OFFICERS.

Following are the officers and standing committees of the grand council: Grand Regent, Chill W. Hazard; Grand Vice Regent, H. K. Lathey; Grand Orator, W. Durell Shuster; Past Grand Regent, John Stackhouse; Grand Secretary, J. H. Wright; Grand Treasurer, E. F. Houseman; Grand Chaplain, E. Leisinring; Representatives to Supreme Council, J. J. Miller, Walter L. Jones; Grand Trustees, ex-officers A. S. Brubaker, W. Durrell Shuster, Rev. W. N. Sloan; Committee on Laws, &c., W. K. Gray, J. R. Hendricks, Charles E. Meyer; Committee on Finance and Return, Charles Styer, J. A. Langfelt, Levi R. Coleman; Committee on Distribution, John Stackhouse, Cyrus See, S. B. Lord.

THE OPENING SESSION.

This morning's session was opened with an address of welcome made by E. K. Martin, esq., which was responded to by a delegate from Pittsburg.

The greater part of the session was taken in reading the reports of the grand regent, grand secretary and grand treasurer. From the report of the grand regent it appears that there are in the order in the United States 1,200 councils, with a total membership of 72,000.

In Pennsylvania there are 165 councils and 8,771 members. The order has not yet been ten years in existence, having been organized in Boston June 23, 1877. During the past year the grand regent visited 83 councils, assisted in organizing several new ones, delivered many public and private addresses, distributed much Arcanum literature, attended the session of the supreme council and made report therein, and gave his attention to many other matters concerning the order.

The grand secretary's report was read. It contains the names of 43 councils organized and 3,015 new members initiated within two years while only 674 were withdrawn, died or suspended. The receipts from all sources for the financial term ending February 28, 1887, were $15,509.20. The expenses $15,023. Balance in the treasury $4,328.76.

The grand treasurer's report was read. It contains merely the aggregate receipts and expenditures as above.

Some of the standing committees reported but the contents of their reports have not been made public.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock was set as the time for the election of officers.

Among the Delegates.

Among the delegates to the meeting are quite a number of prominent men from all parts of the state. Philadelphia, Pittsburg, and Allegheny City are very largely represented. Chill W. Hazzard, of Monongahela City, grand regent of the grand council, is well-known in Lancaster. He is also a very prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is past department commander of the state.

Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, another member of the order, is also a prominent Mason and has many friends here.

J. H. Butler, of Boston, who is here attending the meeting, is past supreme regent of the United States.

H. J. Delly, esq., of Philadelphia, who is attending the sessions of the Royal Arcanum this week, is also a past state councilor of the Junior Order American Mechanics and is stopping at the Grape hotel where he will be pleased to see the members of the order in general.

OF A TRAGIC NATURE.

Deeds. The Recital of Which Causes The Blood to Run Cold.

During a quarrel in the house of James Barrett, near Dunmore, on Sunday night, George and Joseph Murrell were killed, and a man named Motz was mortally wounded. Barrett was arrested. He confessed the shooting, but says it was in self-defense.

In Yonkers, New York, on Sunday evening, Cornelius Devitt, aged 15 and Albert G. Wolff, aged 16, fought upon the street, and Devitt knocked down his antagonist. When the latter was picked up it was found he was dead.

While M. L. Landshaw, his wife and four sons were camped near Little Rock, Arkansas, on Sunday morning, one son, becom-insane, attacked his father and mother with a stick, inflicting wounds which are likely to prove fatal.

At a colored dance in Birmingham township, Chester county, a dispute arose between Edward Jackson and Jerry Jacobs, and the two adjourned to the wood pile to settle the affair in a real set-to with bare knuckles. A niece of Jackson followed the men, and when they were about to square themselves for the fray Jackson handed the girl a revolver for her to hold until the fight was over. While the disputants were engaged in slugging each other the revolver by some means was discharged, the ball taking effect in Jackson's stomach, from the effects of which he died next morning. The girl states that the revolver was accidentally discharged through its trigger catching in some portion of her clothing.

A Well-to-Do Farmer's Suicide.

Edward Worrall, 35 years of age, a thrifty farmer in Honeybrook township, Chester county, was found dead in his straw-mow Monday, where he evidently committed suicide by opening the large artery in his left arm with his pocket knife, from which he quickly bled to death. He left his wife and children on Saturday evening and while search was made during the night for him he was not found until Sunday about noon. The instrument with which he made the incision in his arm was found in his pocket.

Paid Off.

This afternoon the pay-car of the Pennsylvania railroad passed through this city, and the men were paid off for the month.

BARCLAY PEAK ACCUSED.

Charged With Mary Anderson's Murder—The Finding of the Coroner's Jury and the Evidence Against the Prisoner.

The death of Mary Anderson was charged to Barclay Peak by the coroner's jury after the hearing in the case at Mount Holly, N. J., on Monday. The inquest was conducted by Coroner Samuel Carr. The inquest began at 10 o'clock in the morning, and was not concluded until after 9 o'clock at night. There were present besides the coroner and jury, Prosecutor C. E. Henderson, who summoned and questioned the witnesses; an official reporter, Samuel K. Robbins, of Camden, and Robert S. Gaskell, of Mount Holly; Barclay Peak's counsel, who took voluminous notes; a couple of policemen and about 100 deeply interested spectators.

Amos Johnson, who first discovered the wounded girl, detailed the circumstances. Johnson did not think Kate's folded arms were wrapped in the shawl she wore over her head, but other witnesses who saw the girl before she was moved thought they were.

The point is regarded of importance as tending to show that the victim's arms were folded when the shot was fired, and consequently the death wound was not self-inflicted.

William Whitcraft identified the pistol found near Katie as one he had traded to Barclay Peak. When Katie had been found Whitcraft said: "Whoever shot her must have had a d——d hard heart." Peak answered nervously. William Prickett came to Whitcraft's while Peak was there, and called out: "Barclay, what did you do to the girl?" Peak walked backward and forward in the room, striking his hands together, and finally said: "What are you lying about, Prickett?" Peak came to Whitcraft's later in the day, and when asked about the revolver said Kate had taken it from him and put it in her glove, after practicing at a mark on Sunday, saying: "You mustn't carry it, Bark; you'll get drunk and shoot yourself." Whitcraft said he was sorry he had traded Peak the pistol, and the latter replied: "If they'd wanted to do this they would have got a pistol somewhere." He also said: "If they think I did it I suppose they'll hang me for it." Peak afterwards asked Whitcraft not to repeat any of this conversation. Whitcraft identified the revolver when the coroner handed it to him.

Rachel Brewer testified that Katie said to her some time ago: "What do you think Bark said to me. He said if he loved a girl and wanted her and she wouldn't have him, he'd murder her. He asked me to have him, and I said no; when I wanted I could get some one besides a cousin. Do you think he'd hurt me?" Witness answered that she did not know, but would not trust him.

Andrew Brewer testified that at 6:05 or 6:10 o'clock on the Monday evening of the shooting he saw Barclay Peak come from his house and turn up the Eayrestown road in the direction of the bridge near where Katie was found.

Benjamin Stratton Colkitt told of Katie's leaving on Monday evening. While Stratton was at Joseph Peak's on the day Katie was taken there Barclay volunteered the information to him: "Katie wanted me to come over last night. I didn't go; I didn't go out of the house, but went to bed."

One of the clearest witnesses was John T. Naylor, justice of peace, who related the scene when Katie, evidently conscious and coherent, said, after hesitating a few minutes: "Bark Peak shot me. He shot me at the end of the lane. He watched and shot me." Before Peak was arrested Mr. Naylor was in the parlor at Joseph Peak's and heard Bark say that Katie had taken the revolver from him and put it in her dress pocket. Alonzo M. Bodine, a Mount Holly policeman, heard the same thing, and testified also that Barclay's mother called him into the room where Katie was and pushed the door shut. Bodine pushed it open again and went into the room in time to see the mother put her hand on Barclay's shoulder and to hear her say: "Be very careful what you say." Bodine was present at and detailed the circumstances of the second examination of Katie, when she reiterated the charge against Peak. All the witnesses testified at length, and much of the evidence was a repetition of what has been previously published.

A recess was taken until 6:30 p. m. to hear the result of the autopsy, which was made by Drs. Pancoast, Wile and De Lannoy. Dr. Pancoast made the statement to the jury. After recapitulating all that had been done by the physicians, and eulogizing Dr. Brown's conduct in the case, the witness said that they found the brain frozen, as directed, and were able to make a careful examination. Both hemispheres of the brain were divided sectionally and carefully sliced, piece by piece. It was shown that the bullet had pierced both hemispheres and there were abscesses both on the left and right sides of the head. Two very large abscesses were found in the centre of the brain, one as large as the small egg of a hen. There was no sign of the bullet in the abcess on the right side of the head, where the induction balance had indicated its presence, but the brain below was pulpy, greatly congested and inflamed. A hole was found through the falx (the shelf membrane) in the left hemisphere, and a corresponding hole in the right hemisphere. All the physicians agreed that it was made by a foreign substance, probably a pistol bullet. Passing the probe delicately along the hole on the left hemisphere it was found to lead to the exterior original wound; passing it through the right, it led to the abcess last operated upon. The physicians were beginning to be surprised that they did not find the bullet, when, having reached the anterior medium surface of the cerebrum, they found the partially flattened piece of lead right behind the sella turcica resting on the dura mater on the body of the spheroid bone. It was judged that the ball, having pierced the skull on the left side, had passed through the anterior lobes, slightly backward, obliquely through the falx and into the right hemisphere. The abcess on the right side was the result of injury from the bullet. Dr. Pancoast concluded by saying that the woman came to her death from inflammation of the brain, there being two large abcesses caused by a pistol bullet. The bullet may have been in the abcess where the induction balance said it was at the time the operation was performed.

Dr. Pancoast's testimony closed the inquest, and the jury after a few moments deliberation returned the following verdict:

We, the jury, find that Mary C. Anderson came to her death from abscesses and inflammation of the brain caused by a wound from a pistol ball. And we further say that said ball was from a pistol in the hands of Barclay Peak.

In the professional judgment of Dr. Pancoast the wound could not have been self-inflicted, as there were no marks of powder on the external wound. Evidently, moreover, the ball had decided momentum when it entered the skull.

BEFORE THE PARDON BOARD.

The Case of Andy Ehman, the Escaped Convict, Presented by Mr. Eshleman.

B. Frank Eshleman went to Harrisburg this morning to attend the March meeting of the board of pardon. He represents Andy Ehman, the escaped convict who was arrested at Delaware, Ohio, and who has several months of an unexpired term to serve. The petitions for Ehman's pardon set forth that he has been sufficiently punished for the crime committed when he was but a boy. Hundreds of citizens of Delaware, Ohio, his late home and of this county, have signed his petition for a pardon.

W. U. Hensel also went to Harrisburg today in the interest of McCabe, the Wayne county murderer, who was under sentence of death but who was respited to give the pardon board an opportunity to hear his application for a commutation of the death sentence.

SENTIMENT FOR HIM.

HARRISBURG, March 15.—The pardons will not be announced till late this evening. B. F. Eshelman, of Lancaster, just finished his speech in behalf of Ehman and the general sentiment is that he will be pardoned.

The "Times" Libel Suit For Trial.

PHILADELPHIA, March 15.—The hearing in the libel suit of A. H. Hoeckley, city editor of the *Press*, against Col. McClure and Frank McLaughlin of the *Times*, which was yesterday postponed to permit the examination of a witness for the prosecution, was today, at the request of Mr. Hoeckley's counsel, sent to the higher court.

THERE WAS A PLOT.

THE DEEP CONSPIRACY OF RUSS OF THE CZAR DISCOVERED.

The Leader of Those Who Attempted to Take His Life Arrested—Socialism in Austria So Rampant That Arrests are Numerous—Nihilists Rob a Mail Coach.

LONDON, March 15.—The London *Times* and the Berlin *Tagblatt* have both received telegrams in cipher stating that an attempt was made to assassinate the czar and czarina by the explosion of dynamite bombs. The attempt was not successful however, and the dispatch to the *Tagblatt* says that the leader of the assassins was arrested and is now imprisoned in the fortress of Peter and Paul.

VIENNA, March 15.—The arrest of persons suspected of entertaining socialist views occurs daily and a large number of such are now in custody. The trial of 15 Anarchists will begin on Monday next.

It is stated that a plot has been discovered in Russia involving land owners and traders whose object is to overthrow the government. The conspiracy is in no way connected with the plots of the Nihilists.

Nihilists Murder and Steal.

LONDON, March 15.—The *Daily Telegraph* says a party of Nihilists who had been condemned to exile recently attacked a mail coach near Tschita, shot the coachman and guards dead and stole 177,000 roubles, 40,000 of which were in gold.

Cold Weather in Austria.

VIENNA, March 15.—The weather throughout Austria-Hungary has been intensely cold for several days past. Heavy snow storms have prevailed in Styria and Corinthia. A man was frozen to death in the streets of this city last night.

Charge Against a Priest.

YOUGHAL, March 15.—Father Keller has been again summoned by an amended writ before the bankruptcy court to explain his alleged connection with the plan of campaign, it being charged that he is acting as trustee of the tenants on the Ponsonby estate and in such capacity is custodian of the moneys offered by the tenants to the agent of the estate as full rent and which the agent declined as insufficient.

It is Getting Worse.

LONDON, March 15.—A medical conference has reported that the cataract in Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's eye is becoming more dense. Sir Michael's health is better and he will start for the continent in a few days.

ROBBING THEIR EMPLOYERS.

An Agent and Bookkeeper Take Large Amounts. The Former Disappears.

CHICAGO, March 15.—John E. Gledhill western agent for the Ansonia clock company, of Ansonia, Conn., is alleged to have left the city and gone to Canada. The cause of his departure is said to be due to the fact that he is short in his accounts with his firm to the extent of $28,000 to $31,000. It is said that in addition to the money he took from the firm he borrowed $500 from one employe and $600 from another. Some difference of opinion exists as to the manner in which Gledhill spent the company's money, the defalcation extending back for a period of several years, it being asserted in certain quarters that he lost the funds on the board of trade, while others who know him intimately declare that never speculated in any manner but spent the money in high living. Mr. Gledhill, who is about 35 years of age, has a wife and several children, the eldest of whom is 12 years of age. He lived in elegant style at No. 421 Oak street. The book keeper of the Chicago branch Wm. Watson, is also alleged to be a defaulter for $5,500 and has been arrested and placed under $6,000 bonds to appear for trial.

President Lincoln's Coachman Dead.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Captain Francis P. Burke died yesterday at his home here. Captain Burke came to Washington in the capacity of hostler at the White House under President Buchanan. During Mr. Lincoln's administration he acted as his coachman and drove the president's carriage until the day of Mr. Lincoln's death. He was appointed a watchman in the state department in July, 1875, and in April, 1880, through the favor of Secretary Lincoln, who remembered his services to his father, he was made captain of the watch of the building.

Boys Charged With Rape.

ADRIAN, Mich., March 15.—Clark Inglehart and Vern Crego, 14-year-old lads, respectably connected, were arraigned yesterday on the charge of rape, committed upon Mary Rickerson, a girl of their own age. Thursday night they attended a party, and late in the evening escorted the girl home. Refusing their overtures she was overpowered, outraged and severely injured. The girl's mother being fatally ill, she did not tell her friends till Saturday night, when arrests were made. The boys are bailed in $300 each.

Helena, Montana, Without Railroad Services

HELENA, Mont., March 15.—Owing to heavy wash-outs on Northern Pacific railroad both East and West of this city, there have been no mails or trains arriving since last Thursday night until yesterday afternoon, when one arrived from Portland. Delayed, trains from St. Paul are expected to-day or to-morrow. It will be several days before trains can pass over the Montana Union, between this place and Butte.

Crawling Over a High Wall.

CHICAGO, March 15.—A special from Milwaukee to the *News* says: The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad has decided to send propositions to all the newspapers in their territory for advertising the railroad based upon payment for the same either in mileage tickets, in cash or in both. It is probable that the other roads will follow suit, and that country editors will still be able to take free rides in spite of the inter-state commerce bill.

The Dispute Decided.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 15.—At Moorehead, Ky., yesterday John Trumbo shot and killed J. N. Witcher. The two men were standing talking when Witcher remarked to Trumbo: "I could cut your throat, Trumbo, were you and I to get into a difficulty, before you could draw your pistol to save your life." "Well," said his companion, "I will just show you that you could not," and immediately pulled his pistol and fired, the ball taking effect in the brain of Witcher, killing him instantly. Trumbo was arrested.

Applicants by the Hundred.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—It is stated at the White House that the inter-state appointments cannot be made at once, not having been finally agreed upon. The president is still undetermined as to the full personnel of the commission. There are probably five or six hundred persons who have made applications for places on the commission, and among them are as many Republicans as Democrats.

Destroying the Village.

SANDUSKY, Ohio, March 15.—Four buildings were burned yesterday morning by a firebug at Berlin, Ohio, a village of 800 inhabitants, situated sixteen miles from here. This is the fourth attempt to burn the place made within the last four months.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March, 15.—For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair, warmer weather, northwesterly winds.

CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT

Defective Material in the Bridge—One Hundred and Fourteen Injured.

BOSTON, March 15.—Prof. George F. Swain, instructor of civil engineering and hydraulics at the Institute of Technology and a specialist on bridge construction, has made a close examination of the bridge where yesterday's terrible accident occurred. He is reported as saying that the floor beam hangers were defective and had been largely eaten away by rust; that the quality of the material was imperfect in some places and that several portions of the bridge showed evidence of faulty design in the trusses. The latest information now places the number of injured at 114.

PRAISING THE HEROIC FIREMEN.

F. Favor, a Boston hay merchant, who was in the first car of the ill-fated train yesterday, says that too much praise cannot be given the firemen for the promptness and heroism with which they faced their work. The noise was simply terrible. The shrieking of the women was piercing, and with the groans of the wounded caused most hearts to tremble. The women took it coolly, however. Some of the victims walked about after the accident with broken arms, and though badly bruised, asked that help be extended to others who needed aid.

Another Wreck Near the Fatal One.

BOSTON, March 15.—While the discussion of the great railroad disaster was at its height a report came that another accident had occurred on the Providence railroad near Forest Hills. About 7 o'clock last night the local train between Boston and Forest Hills was making a running switch to bring the engine on the proper end, for the return trip. The engine failed to run far enough ahead, and in consequence the engine and empty cars collided. One of the coaches was thrown across the main track and badly damaged. The engine and tender was also badly damaged and a large hole made in the water tank. A wreck train was summoned and the track was cleared and traffic resumed.

Crape From Many Doors.

BOSTON, March 15.—The awful catastrophe on the Boston & Providence railroad yesterday is still the topic of conversation in the household, upon the streets and in places of business and the same remark is upon everybodys lip "Its fearful; its terrible." The saddest scenes of all are those which present themselves in and about the residences where lie the mutilated remains of loved ones. Crape is hanging from many door-knobs in Dedham, Roslindale and West Roxbury. To-day the people seem to realize the horror connected with the catastrophe more than they did yesterday. Then it was all bustle and excitement; to-day their sympathy is unbounded and the horrid reality seems to make itself more apparent.

The scenes this morning about the wreck were animated. Although the air was raw and cold and a snow storm prevailed, several hundred people put in an appearance to take a look at what remained of the wreck. At 7 o'clock there were certainly 500 people at the scene and the number steadily increased to thousands up to noon. Among the multitude were hundreds of women. Hundreds of relic hunters—men, women and children—could be seen carrying away pieces of the broken cars.

A large squad of police is on hand. A band of workmen are busy removing the debris. It is probable that the death list will not be increased, for all the injured at the City and Massachusetts general hospitals were reported this morning as having passed a comfortable night, and are likely to recover. Even those considered most seriously hurt are doing well but still all danger is not yet removed. But five patients passed the night in the city hospital, and when a reporter visited the hospital this morning they were found to be comfortable and in a fair way to recover.

BIG BLAZE IN BUFFALO.

A Four-Story Building Soon in Ashes—Firemen Effective in Saving Adjoining Property.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 15.—A fire wildom equaled in its rapidity of destruction, the origin of which at present is unknown, broke out at 9:45 a. m. this morning on the second floor of the four-story building on the northeast corner of Washington and North Division street, occupied by Miller & Grenier, wholesale grocers. The upper floors contained the Masonic Temple and Acacia club rooms and other elegant quarters. The fire caught the elevator shaft and in a few minutes the building was in flames from roof to basement. A general alarm was sounded and the entire fire department were quickly on the spot, but the building was seen to be doomed. The firemen turned their attention to saving the City club house adjoining on Washington street and the *Commercial Advertiser* building on the opposite corner of North Divison street. A strong wind swept the flames against the *Commercial* building and the roof and window frame took fire. For a time it looked as though this fine structure was to be destroyed a second time, but several streams of water promptly dashed on the building prevented an advance of the flames. The Jewett bird cage manufacturing company was also seriously threatened and demanded the attention of the firemen who with difficulty prevented its destruction. At 10 o'clock the walls of Miller & Grenier's building fell in. It was reported that several men were buried in the ruins but this has not been verified. The buildings and contents together with the storehouse attached are a total loss. The firm estimated the value of their stock at $100,000. The total loss is variously estimated at $250,000 to $300,000.

The report that several men were buried under the falling walls at the fire this morning is now said to be without foundation. The total loss is placed at $340,000; insurance $150,000. The Masons lose about $30,000; covered by insurance. The insurance is distributed among 29 companies.

Manning and Jordan Sail For Europe.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The Hon. Daniel Manning, ex-secretary of the treasury, and U. S. Treasurer Conrad Jordan, sailed for Europe this morning by the Guion line steamer Arizona. Among those who bade them good-bye were Hon. S. J. Randall and U. S. Sub-Treasurer D. J. Canda. A United Press reporter saw Mrs. Manning, who said that her husband had a severe cold and was unable to talk to any reporters; otherwise he was in good health but needed rest. Mr. Manning was enveloped in a heavy chinchilla black overcoat and a sealskin cap. Around his throat was a voluminous muffler. He looked pale and fatigued. Mr. Jordan will return about the first of May, but it is probable Mr. Manning will remain three or four months.

Fatally Injured While Sleigh Riding.

DOVER, N. H., March 15.—Mrs. Samuel Hoitt and Mrs. Susan Dow, both of Lee, were thrown from their sleigh in Madbury last night. Mrs. Hoitt sustained fatal injuries in her spine and Mrs. Dow had an arm broken besides receiving other injuries. Mrs. Hoitt has been unconscious since the accident.

Killed His Brother.

OMAHA, Neb., March 15.—John Sanderson, a notorious "tough" of Broken Bow, Neb., stabbed his younger brother Samuel to the heart yesterday in a quarrel over a trivial matter.

Has Heavy Liabilities.

CINCINNATI, March 15.—The Boyd manufacturing company doing business at Ripley, Ohio, has assigned with liabilities of $250,000, giving preferences for $175,000.

WORK OF THE SENA[illegible]

THE BILL TO PREVENT [illegible] PLEURO-PNEUMONIA [illegible]

The Committee Reports Upon [illegible] The Banking Bill Defeated—Grain Inspection Officers to Be Paid—[illegible] Issues Not to Hold Night Sessions.

HARRISBURG, March 15.—In the [illegible] Thompson introduced a bill to [illegible] South Pennsylvania railroad company [illegible] abandon portions of its railroad and [illegible] others; also bill giving an increased [illegible] to Elizabeth Betz, of Harrisburg, a widow [illegible] a Revolutionary soldier. Bruner,