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Pig Iron Prices.

The uncertainty as to the prices which would rule in the opening months of this year, which prevailed during the latter part of last year and which caused some nervous manufacturers to fear that there would not be pig iron enough to go around in 1890, is rapidly disappearing.

The present outlook promises steadiness to pig iron prices for some time at the figures of to-day. The president of the Thomas Iron company, who has achieved a reputation for leading the market by making early advertisement of his following it, has announced the prices at which his company will sell during the first six months of the year, and the whole group of pig iron makers will hasten to follow in venturing to sell ahead for the year.

It is interesting to note that the price of pig iron has been advanced in the past few months to a point where it is expected to reach two dollars at an early date, which will be double its cost of not long ago.

The most notable thing in the advance of pig iron prices has been the manner in which Bessemer pig iron has climbed up. It has far outstripped other grades of iron because of the demand for it in the steel industry. The consequence of this again has been an advance in steel prices far greater than in iron.

Six months ago steel or iron might often be had indifferently at one price; but there are eight or ten dollars a ton between them now.

It will result from this, of course, that the production of steel manufactures will be checked and those of iron be stimulated. The cheapest material will be most in demand. This again will tend to bring about the lessening of the demand for Bessemer pig iron and bring it down nearer to its old level of comparison with pig irons that will not make cheap steel.

Another remarkable thing about the American iron market is its comparative steadiness during the long continued excitement of the foreign markets, where prices are still sailing upward. The only effect produced here has been to relieve our market of any consideration of a foreign supply.

We have to depend upon our own furnaces, and so far no one seems to have suspected that they will be unequal to the demand made upon them.

The political effect of this condition of things should be to induce Congress to let in free the raw materials of the iron manufacturer. It is clear that the duty collected is a tax laid upon our consumers. The cheaper the production of pig iron is made the cheaper it can be sold.

THE HARRISONIAN HAT.

By the way, it is a curious fact that the mind is credited with but one eye in spite of the evident cross-eyed mental vision of some people. As a "mind's eye" could not well be crossed-eyed with itself, it is evident that this ancient figure of speech has not been revised.

It is not hard meanwhile to imagine that Benjamin Harrison would not have been elected president of the United States had he not worn the hat of the world's most active century.

The Public Ledger almanac, with the compliments of George W. Childs, is as welcome a New Year visitor as any tried old friend.

It is these winter days of feasting, when the raw oyster so prominent a leader of bills of fare, and is cooked in so many ways and eaten in vast quantities, it is interesting to note some of the steps taken to prevent his total extermination.

National commissions have secured the passage of laws governing oyster planting, and the famous oyster pirates of the Chesapeake were rebuffed against laws of this kind that were too far reaching in their effect to be appreciated by the oyster droghers.

The New York commission has just finished a careful survey of the oyster trade, and has taken the lead in things in the price that has been added to it. It is expected to reach two dollars at an early date, which will be double its cost of not long ago.

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BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

A YANKEE KING ARTHUR'S COURT, by Mark Twain, Charles L. Webster & Co., New York.

Mark Twain's books are either intensely funny to their readers or tiresome; it depends upon the reader; the author varies little and his last book is no exception to the rule.

The reader must have a very keen appreciation of his gobs of humor to wade through the dreary expanses of this literature in which he manages to hide them. One of the advertisements of "A Yankee in King Arthur's Court" speaks of it as "a keen and powerful satire on English nobility and royalty," but it can hardly be called so, as it deals only with the Britons of the 6th century, or rather with the legends of that century, and it might as well be called a satire on the French nobility as the Knights of the Round Table were the ideal of that splendid chivalry which had reached its height at the French court early in the 12th century.

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EVERY IT UP.

How a Washington Physician Settled Accounts With a Joker.

From the Washington Post. If a prominent physician over in the northwest hasn't got even with one practical joker then it doesn't lie in the telling. The physician lives in a very modern establishment. Not only there a special night-bell, but a speaking tube connects the doorsteps with the head of his bed.

The doctor was called at midnight, and he was standing on the opposite corner and laughing until his sides ached thinking how funny he was and what a good time he was having. There he would cross over and ring the night bell and howl up the speaking tube as if a whole regiment of madmen-in-law on the next block had ten-minute cholera and were dragging by the wagon load.

It will cost the doctor \$40 for plumbing, but he grins every time he thinks of it.

Bought a Turnipke. From the Middletown Journal. It is rumored that Messrs. Bent and Cantor, the well-known steeling capitalists, have purchased the turnipke between Middletown and Steelton, and a portion of it will be used in extending the railroad from Cumber's quarries to the new brick yards at the White House, and from thence to Middletown.

THE GRIP. If you have "higness" of the head, a cough, and "ringing ears," a hot and feverish face, a sore throat, and eyes sufficed with tears, a bilious feeling about your waist, and aching legs and hips, you are suffering with the grip.

When everything else fails, Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy cures.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES WILL BE HELD. In the following churches on Sunday, in the morning at 10 o'clock, and in the evening at 7:30 p. m. When the hour is different it will be given in this column.

Wanamaker's.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Jan. 4, 1890. Clothing.

The Men's and Boys' Clothing catches the Bargain Mania that now runs all over the store.

Not because the Clothing is old—it isn't; not that we are badly overstocked—we aren't; not on account of dull sales, sold more than last Winter; but simply that we set out to make great sales this January, and Bargain Music is the only music for double-quick sales in present trade conditions.

Men's Overcoats. The sorts for a mild Winter are reduced in common with others. Look down the following 300:

Men's Business Suits. Suits with Sack Coats, in three sorts of 75 Overcoats, at \$10, \$12 and \$15. Three more sorts at \$10 from \$12 and \$15. Three more sorts at \$20 from \$22 and \$25.

Men's Cape Overcoats. 160 Overcoats, sizes 4 to 10 years, in three groups:

Men's Storm Coats. They will be needed yet, but to hurry your needs they come down to-day:

Men's Dress Goods. The Dress Goods movement to lower prices includes choicest stuffs of every quality. Let two or three from a few of the lots stand for all.

For Evening Wear: Corded Silk Stripe Voil, \$1.25 per yd. Silk Stripe Grenadines, \$1.25 per yd. Silk Warp Figured Surah, \$1 from \$1.50.

Dry Goods.

J. B. MARTIN & CO. FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Heavy Reductions in LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S COAT DEPARTMENT!

Ladies' Directoire Newmarkets. In Stripes, Plaids and Plain Shades. The Newest and Most Malleable Garments Made.

Stockinette Jackets. 100 Stockinette Jackets reduced to \$5.00 from \$10.00.

Seal Plush Coats. These Coats are made of Walker Plush, the best made, and every garment guaranteed.

Misses' and Children's Coats, 75 CHILDREN'S COATS. That have been good sellers all of this season at \$4, \$5, \$6 and \$8, are reduced to \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6 and \$8.

Over 200 of Misses' Coats, That sold at \$6, \$8, \$10 and \$12, now reduced to \$4, \$6 and \$8.

J. B. MARTIN & CO., CORNER WEST KING AND PRINCE STREETS, LANCASTER, PA.

WILLIAMSON & FOSTER. 32-38 East King Street, LANCASTER, PA.

Clothing.

GREAT REDUCTION. Announcement Extraordinary!

The Greatest Reduction of all in FINE TAILORING

H. GERHART'S. Overcoats made to order at cost price. Trousers reduced from \$10 to \$8; from \$8 to \$6; from \$6 to \$4.

H. Gerhart, 43 NORTH QUEEN STREET.

THE PEOPLE'S CASH STORE. From to-day we will offer our Entire Stock of Coats at such reductions in prices as will make them the best goods for the money in the city.

INTERESTING! Ladies', Misses' & Children's WINTER COATS.

GEO. F. RATHVON, 25 East King Street, LANCASTER, PA.

Clark's New Year Offering. A NEW YEAR PRESENT FOR ALL! A SET OF CARVED FRIDGE.

CLARKE'S TEA AND COFFEE STORE, NOS. 12 & 14 SOUTH QUEEN STREET.