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BUYERS VISIT FARMERS.

THEY ARE EXAMINING TOBACCO, BUT MAKING FEW PURCHASES.

The Prices Received By Growers at Salunga—Several Hundred Cases Packed Goods Sold Here.

The majority of tobacco dealers when asked as to their operations during the present week, replied that they had done nothing, and the old story of a dull week was retold. Skiles & Frey report that they sold 100 cases of 1887 and 1888 Havana seed and seed leaf, and another firm, who are too modest to have their names published, report sales of 250 cases, and purchases of 100 cases of all kinds.

Some of the new crop is being bought, but not in large quantities. A dozen or more buyers have been out during the past two weeks, among them M. Davis, S. Hernstein, Jacob Nusbaum, Sam G r:hel, J. Altschul and Frank Pentlarge, but exactly what they have done remains a mystery, because they will not tell, and the growers follow suit. When asked as to prices paid the buyers say that they are regulated entirely by the quality of the goods, and they have bought as low as 6 cents for wrappers, and paid as high as 25 cents. In one thing they are unaminous and that is that there is but little good tobacco in the last crop. Mr. Davis has received and packed about sixty cases and Mr. Pentlarge is buying largely.

The Salunga correspondent of the INTELLIGENCER sends the following report of the sales in that vicinity: Benj. Brenneman, 1 acre Havana, 9 and 2; 1 acre seed, 9 and 2; John Kepperling, 3 acres seed, 8 and 2. John Keiper, 2 acres seed, 7 and 2, to Benj. Hoffman.

C. F. Swarr, 3 acres seed, 7 and 2, to Samuel Mumma.

The following was sold to Stauffer & Kendig: H. G. Heistand, 1 acre seed, 4½ round; Benj. Baer, 3 acres seed, 8½ and 2; Henry Baer, 2 acres seed, 7½ and 2; Peter Kegerise, 1 acre seed, 7½ and 2; Albert H. Erb, 2 acres seed, 7½ and 2; Henry Erb, 1½ acres seed, 7½ and 2.

New York Market.

From the U. S. Tobacco Journal.

There is some business going on in our market, but there is not the life in it that the advance of the season was expected to infuse into it. Goods are held for an advance, and it is bound to come, considering the great deal of trash that is among the new crops. Every day it becomes evident more and more that the continuous heavy rains during the past growing season have injured almost irreparably most of our new domestic crops. That is the reason why so few buyers are riding the country and are offering such low figures for the domestic product. Tobacco infected with rust, tobacco sure to rot in the hands of the packers is not a very seductive temptation for investment. Were it not so, the domestic tobacco would at least command a fair price for binders and fillers, because the Sumatra can certainly not be held as a substitute for that class of domestic leaf. Hence there is an excellent prospect for the disposal of old seed.

Neither is there a rush for the Sumatra. Of course, there are weekly sold some few hundred bales, as manufacture must have some leaf to cover their cigar bunches with. But the sales are satisfactory neither to the buyer nor seller. A great deal of it is veritable trash, most of it is not of the fashionable color, and almost all of it leaves a great deal to be wished for as far as its assortment is concerned. If the market should be deluded with another crop like the bulk of the '88 was, it will not require any prohibitory duty to drive it out of our market. And in the face of such a demoralized market the Dutch companies are pushing the inscriptions of the new crop six weeks ahead! It looks as if the old saying would be realized: Whom the gods want to destroy they strike first with madness.

The only refreshing sight offers the activity in the Havana leaf. Another successful season is secured to the Havana importers. Transactions are steady and the price advancing, advancing.

From the Tobacco Leaf.

The market this week showed considerable activity, and sales of 300 and 500 cases of the '88 Pennsylvania broad leaf were quite numerous. The reason for this is, the new Pennsylvania crop is said to be a very poor one and shows considerable damaged tobacco, and the '87 Pennsylvania seed is about cleaned from the market. All kinds sold to some extent. Prices are firm. Buying of the '89 crop is being done in a very slow way, as farmers are demanding big figures for what is considered an inferior article. The farmers will have to accept prices according to the quality of their crops if they want to dispose of the same.

Gans' Report.

Sales of seed leaf tobacco reported by J. S. Gans' Son, tobacco broker, No. 131 Water street, New York, for the week ending February 17, 1890:

400 cases 1888 Pennsylvania seed leaf, 8 to 10c½.; 200 cases 1888 state Havana 12½ to 14c.; 200 cases 1888 New England Havana 16 to 40c.; 250 cases 1888 Wisconsin Havana, 10 to 18c.; 125 cases 1888 Pennsylvania Havana, p. t.; 150 cases sundries, 6 to 35c. Total, 1,325 cases.

The Philadelphia Market.

From the Tobacco Leaf.

Leaf trade suitable for cigars is quiet, and yet cannot be called dull, for each day receives demands which foot up a total at the end of the week which is satisfactory and encouraging. More could be done, but the stock desired is not to be found. First-class domestic wrappers could be sold, if offered. Thin-bodied binders are needed badly, while sound heavy fillers are very salable; therefore the dealers are doing well, considering the stock they are obliged to cull from.

Sumatra—Sales are steady and regular at full figures.

Havana finds ready sale, especially old Vueltas Remedios are looked at with great favor just now.

Receipts for the week—120 cases Connecticut, 491 cases Pennsylvania, 28 cases Ohio, 40 cases Little Dutch, 207 cases Wisconsin, 70 cases York state, 133 bales Sumatra, 354 bales Havana and 227 hhds Virginia and Western leaf tobacco.

Sales foot up—68 cases Connecticut, 302 cases Pennsylvania, 20 cases Ohio, 42 cases Little Dutch, 194 cases Wisconsin, 106 cases York state, 96 bales Sumatra, 210 bales Havana.

A PREACHER CAUSES A RIOT.

He Looked Like a Murderer and All Cambridge Fought Like Mad.

Harvard students and a number of Cambridge citizens participated in a serious riot on Monday night, which grew out of a remarkable incident. The Sawtelle mystery has set New England by the ears, and every man and boy is trying to capture the murderous conspirators. A small army of people have been arrested on suspicion of being Dr. Blood, who, it is believed, engineered the murder. Rev. W. L. Phillips entered the cigar store of John K. Thompson, on Main street, Cambridge, and so did he resemble the public pictures of Dr. Blood that Thompson tried to detain him. A fight ensued, the noise of which attracted a great crowd of citizens and students who took a hand. The police had to charge the crowd. The preacher was rescued in rags and all used up. When explanations were made Thompson's store was cleared out and his stock trampled all over the floor. The loss will be several thousand dollars and no insurance from the fight. A number of outsiders were hurt.

A FULL Democratic vote means the election of Clark.

Her Ninth Husband.

Mollie Corwin, of Shelbyville, Ind., was married on Monday for the ninth time. This is the woman over whom husbands No. 6 and 8 fought in front of her house a few weeks ago, as recorded in the newspapers at the time. No. 6, the same night, eloped with another woman.

THE HORRORS OF SIBERIA.

Copy of the Official Order for the Flogging of Political Prisoners.

A communication has been received in Chicago from George Kennan, addressed to the Associated Press. It says: "I have received from two independent sources in Siberia copies of the order of the Russian prison administration by virtue of which Madame Nadeshda Sigida seems to have been flogged to death at the mines of Kara last November. It is as follows:

"'On the steamer Nishni Novgorod, of the volunteer fleet, which is to sail from the port of Odessa on the 20th of March, 1888, there is a party of 528 convicts banished to the Island of Saghalien. Among these criminals condemned to penal servitude are the political offenders Vassili Volnof, Serge Kuzin, Ivan Meisner and Stanislaus Khrenofski. In notifying you of this fact the chief prison administration has the honor to respectfully request that you make arrangements to confine these political offenders not in a separate group by themselves, but in the cells of other (common criminal) convicts.

"'In making such arrangements it is desirable not to put more than two politicals into any one cell containing common criminals. In making the arrangements for confining these politicals in prison and employing them in work no distinction whatever must be made between them and other criminals except in the matter of surveillance, which must be of the strictest possible character. Neither must any difference be made between them and other convicts in respect to punishments inflicted for violations of prison discipline.

"'You will not fail to inform the chief prison administration of the manner in which the above named political offenders are distributed on the Island of Saghalein and to forward reports with regard to their behavior.

"'M. GALKIN VRASSKOY,

"'Director of the Chief Prison Administration."

"Up to the time when this order was issued some difference had been made in Siberian prisons between the treatment of political offenders and the treatment of burglars, highway robbers and murderers. Both classes were confined in the same prisons, received the same food and wore the same dress and leg fetters, but the politicals were isolated in cells specially set apart for them and were virtually exempt from corporal punishment. They did not enjoy this exemption, however, by virtue of any law. Theoretically and legally they were liable to the same punishments that were inflicted upon common criminals, namely 20 to 100 blows with the "rods" or the "plet" (a heavy whip of hardened rawhide with a number of lashes.)

"In practice, however, it was the custom for the prison surgeon to make a pro forma examination of the political offender who had rendered himself or herself liable to corporal punishment and certify to the governor of the prison that in his judgment such political prisoner was not strong enough to take a flogging without danger to life. Whether as a matter of fact this certificate was true or false, the governor always made it his warrant for substituting some other form of punishment. The government at that time did not venture to use the whip upon the backs of educated and refined men and women, and the surgeon's certificate was a mere legal fiction intended to relieve the prison department from the necessity of actually enforcing its right to flog political convicts, and at the same time to hold that right in abeyance.

DEMOCRATS, don't forget to go to the polls. Indications are that Clark will be elected. Help swell the majority.

Blair's Extravagant Bill.

Washington Dispatch to Philadelphia Ledger.

The Blair educational bill, which occupied a large portion of the time of the Senate during the last Congress, is again a subject for discussion. Senator Blair has accumulated a large mass of statistics during the past summer, calculated to show the present need of the Southern states and the duty of the country at large to provide for the extinction of illiteracy, which he is daily delivering to empty benches in the Senate. The bill passed the Senate during the last Congress by a good majority, but its fate in the present Senate is less certain. Several senators who were former advocates of the measure will decline to vote for it now. Among these is Senator Blackburn, who will act under instructions from the Legislature of Kentucky. The senators from the new states of Washington and North and South Dakota are also said to be opposed to the bill. A number of other senators who voted for the measure when it was last before the Senate are extremely doubtful whether the state of the treasury will warrant the expenditure of seventy odd millions. While they decline to commit themselves, it is probable that their votes will be against the school bill. Senator Blair, while admitting the situation as a doubtful one, expresses strong hopes that his measure will carry, and insists that he has behind it the strong endorsement of the country.

A BRAVE OHIO FARMER.

He Kills One Burglar While Held By Another Thief.

The house of F. J. Frengle, an aged farmer, who resides near Crestline, Ohio, was visited Sunday night by two men, who, with drawn revolvers, commanded Frengle and his wife to keep silence under penalty of death. One of the men grabbed Frengle, and when his wife started to his assistance she was seized by the other, and in the struggle which followed both Frengle and his wife were thrown to the floor. Frengle managed to get his pistol out of his pocket, but being prevented from using it on the man who held him down, he leveled it upon the one who held Mrs. Frengle and shot him through the heart. The man reeled out of the room and fell dead. The man who held Frengle then made his escape.

The body of the dead man was brought to Crestline next morning, where it was viewed by hundreds of people during the day. It is that of a man of about 35 years, well dressed, as also was the man who escaped. On the body was found a registered letter receipt bearing the date of February 13, and the name of Mrs. Anna M. Daviny, Beaver Falls, Pa.

THE Democratic candidates in every ward are worthy the support of all those favoring good government.

HE SWORE TO A LIE.

An Indiana Farmer Is Severely Punished for Perjury.

Herbert H. Spencer, a farmer living near Griffin, Ind., has just been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for false swearing. It appears that Spencer, who is a well-to-do farmer, and had always been considered an upright man, had been sued for the payment of some money due on agricultural implements, and judgment had been given for $50. Recently Spencer sold some property for $300, and supplementary proceedings for execution were brought. On being brought into court he acknowledged that he had sold the property, but did not have the money. On being searched $70 in money and a fine gold watch were found in his clothes. He acknowledged that he had sufficient money to satisfy the judgment, and also admitted that he had sworn falsely on two previous occasions. Judge Richardson read him a lecture on the duties of citizenship, and sentenced him as above.

Shot for a Chew of Tobacco.

"Dixie" Herod, colored, of West Chester, in the employ of Col. Alfred Rupert, had a pistol ball removed from his hand on Friday last. He said that he had accidentally shot himself. It now turns out that Herod had been assaulted by Fred Burton, also colored. Burton met Herod and demanded a chew of tobacco. Upon being told that he had none, Burton pulled out a revolver and put it to Herod's head. Herod pushed the weapon to one side when it went off, the ball lodging in his hand. Burton was arrested for carrying concealed weapons. Herod not desiring to have any legal controversy, put in circulation the story of accidentally shooting himself.

THE polls close at seven p. m.; let them have your ballot for the next mayor, Robert Clark.

DEATH OF ROBERT TOWNSLEY.

A Locomotive Fireman a Victim of Grip. Gen. Hastings to Visit New Holland.

NEW HOLLAND, Feb. 18.—Robert Townsley, fireman on the Downingtown & Lancaster railroad, died at his residence last evening. About a month ago he was attacked by "the grip." He had a relapse, which resulted in brain fever. He leaves a wife and family.

Miss Katie Musselman has purchased of the heirs of William Dietrich a house and lot in the eastern part of town.

The latter part of last week another crowd of Italians arrived to work on the railway extension. The party numbered about twenty and presented quite a comical appearance with their baggage over their shoulders.

The friends of Gen. Hastings in this community are not to be caught napping. His admirers are preparing to give him a grand reception on Friday evening. In the name of the literary society they have invited him to visit New Holland. He is expected to make a speech before the literary society. However, the entire affair is merely a means to accomplish some political end, and arouse sentiment in the general's favor.

The spelling bee held by the teacher and pupils of school No. 2. Miss Anna E. Rutter teacher, on Saturday evening, was quite a success, Witwer hall being well filled with the pupils and patrons of the public schools. Numerous prizes were awarded the successful contestants.

Granted by the Register.

The following letters were granted by the register of wills for the week ending Tuesday, February 18:

TESTAMENTARY.—Philip Lenhart, deceased, late of Warwick township, Urias Lenhart, Samuel Lenhart, Warwick, and Catharine Shreiner, Manheim borough, executors.

Sarah J. Hood, deceased, late of Lancaster city; Hester McNanan, city, executor.

John Stehman, deceased, late of Hempfield township; Jonas H. Snavely, Rapho, executor.

James Wilson, deceased, late of Elizabethtown; George F. Wilson, Philadelphia, and Mary C. Wilson, Elizabethtown, executors.

Joseph Earnhart, deceased, late of Drumore township; Henry and David Earnhart, Drumore, executors.

Ann Stahl, deceased, late of Marietta; A. N. Cassel, Marietta, and Dr. J. H. Grove, Philadelphia, executors.

Elizabeth Houser, deceased, late of Columbia borough; Henry Houser, Columbia, executor.

ADMINISTRATION.—Joel Kauffman, dec'd., late of Cærnarvon; Isaac Kauffman and Julius Kauffman, Cærnarvon, and David Kauffman, Montgomery county, administrators.

Benj. B. Denlinger, deceased, late of Leacock township; John B. Denlinger, Paradise and Tobias Leaman, Leacock, administrators.

Lea P. Brown, deceased, late of Drumore; Thomas W. Brown, Chester county, and J. Edgar Brown, Drumore, administrators.

John Smith, deceased, late of Columbia borough; Eva Smith, Columbia, administratrix.

John F. Witmer, deceased, late of Paradise township, Mary A. Witmer, Paradise, administratrix.

Eleanor Borland, deceased, late of Sadsbury; John Borland, Christiana, administrator.

IF have you not vote l, drop this paper at once and go to the polls with a ballot for Robert Clark.

ROMANCE OF A RACINE MAN.

Marrying a Lady to Whom His Blood Was Transferred, but Dying From the Loss.

From the Chicago Herald.

When the day express, on the Missouri Pacific, arrived in Kansas City at the Union depot from St. Louis, Saturday night, a tall man was lifted from the Pullman car and carried across the street to a physician's office. Near Missouri City he had fallen into nervous spasms, and had remained nearly unconscious the remainder of the journey to Kansas City. He was soon brought back to consciousness and next morning he was able to continue his journey to California. He was accompanied by his wife.

The man was Frederick Ayers, a lumber merchant of Racine, Wis., and he is the victim of a most romantic incident. Over four years ago he became infatuated with the woman who is now his wife, but she preferred some one else. He was compelled to make way for the more favored suitor. A few days after her engagement to the man of her choice was announced she became ill and rapidly grew worse. It was finally decided by the physicians that the only thing that would save her was the transfusion of blood. The man who had won her hand was awfully sorry, but he thought he needed all the blood he had in his system.

Ayers heard of the need of his loved one and immediately offered himself, and the operation was performed successfully and with good results. The engagement was broken, and six months afterward Ayres was married to the lady. Shortly after the marriage Ayers began to grow ill, and in a short time his health was completely broken down. The physicians were mystified by his condition and can ascribe no cause for it, but it is a peculiar fact that his ailing began soon after the transfusion of his blood.

He became emaciated and very weak. He went to St. Louis for treatment, and the physicians there advised him to go to California. His wife is devoted in her attentions, and if careful nursing will bring him back to health he will undoubtedly recover.

THE polls close at 7 o'clock. Do not let the opportunity to achieve a victory pass.

DEATH FROM STARVATION.

Condition of the Indians at the Mille Lacs Agency.

Hon. George T. Canfield, a prominent citizen of Brainerd, Minn., arrived in St. Paul on Monday. He was seen by a reporter regarding the condition of the Indians at the Mille Lacs or White Earth agency.

"The suffering," said Mr. Canfield, "has been at the south end of the lake, where at least 60 bodies have been found, the deaths having resulted from neglect and starvation.

"The first word of the trouble was received at Brainerd, a short time since, to the effect that the Indians had been dying off like sheep, and a medical and relief expedition was at once organized and sent out. It seems that when the Indians signed the Mille Lacs treaty they were promised a certain sum of ready money, and relying on this, they failed to make the usual provision for the winter. Each Indian was led to expect the sum of $12 would be forthcoming immediately after having signed the treaty. The result has been most lamentable. Heavy snows set in and hunting and fishing has been very bad, and, to make matters worse, they were seized with the grippe. When taken sick they huddled up in little huts and perished for lack of food and attention. The report of the commission has been in the hands of the president for some days."

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The junior department will meet this evening.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held this evening.

The twentieth anniversary services of the association will be held next Tuesday evening in the court house. Rev. Geo. B. Stewart, of Harrisburg, will deliver the annual address. Another feature of the services will be a gymnastic exhibition of the dumb-bell drill by six members of the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium of Harrisburg under the direction of W. A. Hoffman, physical director.

Bitten By a Dog.

A little girl named Boas was walking along Manor street last evening, when she was attacked by a dog which bit her in the hand, injuring her badly.

A HEAVY VOTE POLLED.

THE EIGHTH WARD ROLLING UP AN OLD-TIME DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY.

Mixed Tickets Numerous and Considerable Scratching Being Done In All the Wards—The Vote Up to 3 O'clock.

The Republican political bosses who have been bossing the job of electing Dennes have given up all hope of fairly electing him. They know their man is beaten. They have been plotting all day to cheat him in. At this writing they are deliberating how to tamper with the ballots, and how to secure a false count. They hope to bribe or buy Democratic election officers. We warn all such to be on their guard. That kind of work has been done before in this town. If it is tried to-day or to-night somebody will land in jail.

We warn all Democratic election officers to watch the count.

We warn the watchers to watch the election officers.

We warn all Democrats to watch the polls and to keep their eyes open for fraud.

The city election for mayor and other officers has been progressing very quietly to-day.

On account of the splendid weather and the activity of the politicians the vote is coming out very largely and by the time the polls close it will be very heavy.

There is a great deal of scratching in the ward tickets, and it may be a rather late hour until the returns come in. Mixed tickets of all kind are being voted, and it is difficult at this hour to tell what the result will be.

The Eighth ward, which is the stronghold of the Democrats, is getting a great vote out, and it will give a big majority for Robert Clark, the people's candidate.

The figures below will show the total vote polled up to three o'clock:

Wards.	1888	1890
First	346	352
Second	523	440
Third	365	383
Fourth	458	436
Fifth	430	462
Sixth	698	686
Seventh	590	557
Eighth	655	700
Ninth	559	569

THE Democracy is united. There has not been a sign of dissension. Turn out and vote.

SWINDLED BY MEDIUMS.

An Old Farmer Ordered by the Spirits to Give Up His Property.

In the farming town of Lathrop, Pa., there are quite a number of believers in spiritualism and faith cure, among them being Paul Hill, an intelligent and well-to-do old farmer. Near by the Hills live Mr. and Mrs. Philander Brown, spiritualists, the woman claiming to be a trance medium of extraordinary powers.

One day last week Mr. Hill got a warrant for the arrest of Mr. and Mrs. Brown on the charge that they had defrauded him of $2,700. In court the old farmer said that he had received written communications through the medium, some purporting to have come from his deceased parents and others from the Savior of mankind, directing him to turn over to the Browns for spiritual and holy uses, certain sums of money, aggregating altogether as near as he could recollect, over $2,700. He had faith and confidence in the medium, and handed over the money. Some of his friends had persuaded him that he had been duped, and he wanted his money back and the prisoner punished.

The Browns, in making a defense, admitted that they had some of the old farmer's money, but denied that they had obtained it by fraud. He had put it in their hands voluntarily, they said, in order to keep it away from imaginary creditors. The court held the prisoners in $1,500 bail to appear before the grand jury.

SUSQUEHANNA, Pa., Feb. 18.—Susquehanna county is greatly excited over the very queer law suit. Brown and his wife were unable to furnish bail and were sent to jail. Brown now brings suit against Hill and A. H. McCollum, his attorney, for damages amounting to $100,000 and also against Constable Orlando Watrous and Esquire Courtright, for $10,000 each for false imprisonment. Mr. McCollum is a brother of Justice McCollum, of the supreme court of Pennsylvania. What the final result of this strange case will be it is hard at this time to predict.

IF you are a Republican with a mind of your own, vote for Robert Clark; party faith has nothing to do with municipal government.

Invalid Charge Against Mr. Campbell.

DUBLIN, Feb. 18.—Mr. Henry Campbell, member of the House of Commons for South Fermanagh and private secretary to Mr. Parnell, was charged in a speech delivered at an Orange meeting with having provided the knives with which Lord Frederick Cavendish and Under Secretary Burke were murdered in Phœnix park.

The speech was published in the Belfast *News Letter*. Mr. Campbell brought an action for libel against the paper which was tried at Dublin to-day. The paper was found guilty of publishing a libel and damages to the amount of £200 were awarded the plaintiff.

$98,000,000 For Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—The pension appropriation for the next fiscal year, which was reported to the House to-day by Representative Morrow, by the committee on appropriations, carries with it $98,427,461, being $59,791 less than the estimates and $16,668,761 more than the bill for the current fiscal year, though there is an estimated deficiency of $21,598,834 in pension expenditures for this year, so that the bill is really $4,930,073 less than the expenditures will be this year.

Decision of Leather Makers.

WOBURN, Mass., Feb. 18.—Members of the Manufacturers' association at a meeting last night voted to close every leather factory represented in the association tomorrow and to keep them closed until the men return to work at the factory of Beggs & Cobb. This means the enforced idleness of 1,500 men. The men at Beggs & Cobb's factory refuse to accept the rate of pay recently fixed by arbitrators.

Murdered His Brother.

ARLINGTON, Ogn., Feb. 18—News comes from Hardman, near here, that Wake Dickens was shot and killed by his brother Zeb last Friday morning. They had been to a ball. Wake, who is unmarrried, took his brother's wife to supper. They were returning from the supper room when Zeb, who was jealous of his brother, fired, killing him instantly. Dickens surrendered to the authorities.

Claims Against the Sawtelles.

LOWELL, Mass., Feb. 18.—The Sawtelle property in Boston, has been attached for $3,000, on behalf of Frank L. Richardson, with whom Isaac Sawtelle spent several days when he left Boston with Hiram's little daughter. The suit is based upon expenses incurred in procuring a pardon for Isaac and an agreement made by Isaac to give Richardson $1,500 when he should be released from prison.

THE ROAD LAW CANNOT STAND.

It is Special Legislation, and so Contrary to the Constitution.

The road law which was passed by the state Legislature in 1887, and the constitutionality of which has been in the courts for some time, was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court on Monday in an opinion filed by Justice Williams. The act provides principally for the taking of land for road purposes in cities of the first class and for the assessment of damages, and the constitutional question arose as to the right of the Legislature to thus make special provision for certain localities in the state in the face of the constitutional prohibition of special legislation.

"In order that a given act may escape the charge of being a local law," runs the decision, "it is necessary that it should be 'applicable to all the members of the class to which it relates, and be directed to the existence and regulation of municipal powers and to matters of local government.' A law that will bear the application of this test is within the purposes for which classification was designed, and therefore constitutional. A law that will not bear its application is local, and offends against the constitution."

It is then stated that the provisions of the act of 1887 relate wholly to certain judicial processes referring to land condemnation, and not at all to municipal administration, and that the law is therefore unconstitutional. The first two sections of the act, however, are believed by the court to be constitutional. Chief Justice Paxson and Justice Mitchell think the whole act unconstitutional. A dissenting opinion was filed by Justices Paxson and Mitchell.

DEMOCRATIC prospects are bright. Don't fail to vote.

EIGHT FORLORN MAIDS.

They Want the Widows to Stand Aside And Give Them a Chance.

A letter was received by Mayor Noonan, of St. Louis, on Monday, from eight unmarried ladies, and their names were signed to the letter. Mayor Noonan withheld all the names, but gave out the letter. It is as follows:

"WHEREAS, We, the humble petitioners, are at present in a very melancholy frame of mind considering how all the bachelors are blindly captivated by widows, and we are neglected in consequence of this, we request that your excellency will, in the future, order that no widow presume to marry any young man until the maids are provided for; or else pay each of them a fine of satisfaction for invading our liberties, and likewise a fine on all such bachelors who marry widows.

"The great disadvantage to us maids is that widows, by their forward carriage, do snap up the young men, and have the vanity to think their merit beyond ours, which is a great imposition upon us, who ought, by right, to have the preference. This is humbly recommended to your excellency's consideration, and we hope you will permit no further insults to poor maids. You would confer a great favor upon us if you will give this matter your earliest attention."

Mayor Noonan announced that the maids would have to worry along without any assistance from him.

A MAN UNDER THE BED.

Found What She Had Looked For During Many Years.

Mrs. Gray, wife of Edward B. Gray, the Pennsylvania railroad agent at Whitford Station, has looked under her bed every night before retiring for many years, and on Sunday night she was frightened into hysterics when she followed her usual custom and found a man there. He was George Ashen, a big colored fellow, and he is now in the Chester county prison.

Mrs. Gray was left in the house with her aged mother and three very young children, while Mr. Gray went to church. About 9 o'clock the children were put to bed, and then Mrs. Gray went to her own apartment to retire. She found one of her bureau drawers open and the contents disturbed, and this led her to suspect that a robber was in the house. With trembling hand she raised the bed-covering and was horrified to see the brutal face of a colored man within two feet of her own.

She turned with a scream and started to run from the room. The negro jumped to stop her, but was too late, and she ran out into the road screaming. Neighbors were summoned and with them came Mr. Gray, but the villain had escaped through one of the second-story windows.

Mrs. Gray had recognized the intruder, and Officers Jefferis and Hannams, of West Chester, captured him and brought him to the Chester county jail.

JAKE KILRAIN WHIPPED.

James Corbett, of California, Beats Him in a Six-Round Glove Fight.

Jake Kilrain and James J. Corbett, of California, fought a glove contest of six rounds at the Southern Athletic club, New Orleans, on Monday night for a purse of $3,500. At the end of the contest the referee decided the match in favor of Corbett. A very large crowd witnessed the fight. Corbett forced the fighting throughout and Kilrain was forced all over the ring. Corbett landed several vicious blows on the Baltimore man's face, drawing blood freely from his nose and blacking both his eyes. Kilrain landed a vicious blow on the back of Corbett's neck, scraping the skin and drawing blood.

When the referee announced that six rounds had been fought and Kilrain was beaten, there was a vigorous protest from Kilrain and Muldoon, who declared that only five rounds had been fought. The referee, Ned Violet, a prominent amateur sparrer and a gentleman of high social standing, refused to change his decision. As a matter of fact six rounds were fought and Kilrain had the worst of the contest at every stage.

Before the big fight Mike Cleary whipped Mike Smith in two rounds and Bezinah bested Johnson in four rounds.

ANOTHER BLOCK IN THE SIERRAS.

It Is Storming Hard and Trains Are Coming to a Standstill.

Specials from several points in the Sierras show that another big railroad blockade is beginning with the rotary plough in the wrong place and the cyclone plough disabled. It snowed heavily all Sunday night and Monday, and the outlook for trains is bad. At Summit the snow is 18 feet deep, and at Emigrant Gap twelve feet. During this storm it has snowed about four feet. It is dry, light snow, which the high wind drifts badly. It is dangerous to the track, as it is carried by the wind over the hard crust formed on the old snow, which was strong enough to bear wagons. An east bound train is abandoned near Cascade, while several west bound trains are in huge drifts.

Among the stalled trains is the Sacramento excursion which went up to the mountains to view the snow. Reports from all points declare that this promises to be the worst storm of the season. The barometer is still falling rapidly.

Badly Injured By White Caps.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the *News* from Frederick says:

Mrs. Rebecca Bruchey, who was shot by White Caps at the house of Dennis Davis, colored, near Brook Hill, on Sunday night, is much improved. Dr. Heffner states that the wound is not necessarily fatal. Mrs. Bruchey left her husband several years ago. Several times she was notified to leave the place. The crowd that attacked her Sunday night entered the house, it seems, for the purpose of taking her out, when it is alleged she seized a shotgun and was in the act of firing into the crowd when one of the men shot her. The authorities have done nothing in the matter.

French Miners Strike.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The miners employed in two coal pits at St. Etienne have struck, owing to the dismissal of one of their fellow workmen. The strike has caused much agitation among all miners at St. Etienne.

Welsh Miners Strike.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Seven hundred miners at Aberdare, Wales, have struck for advance in their wages.

THE GRAND BAL MASQUE.

A Large Attendance at the Mænnerchor Hall on Monday Night.

Last evening the Lancaster Mænnerchor, one of Lancaster's solid societies, gave their annual masquerade ball in their hall, on North Prince street. The crowd was one of the largest that the society has had in a long time and there was plenty of fun. There were three grand tableaux, which were admirably given. The Prince and Princess Carnival were Leo J. Houser and Miss Jean Keener. The following will show what the tableaux were:

No. 1. The Advancement of Civilazation: Justice subduing Tyranny, Education—Ignorance, Civilization—Slavery, Love—Hate, Religion—Intemperance, Nero Lacking Mercy.

No. 2. Fun in the Art Gallery Among the Statues: Tecumseh, Pat McGinty, J. R. Fox, the Clown, Jocko the Monkey, Nenocus, Hunters at Rest, Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter and Visitors; Chinaman, Fat Boy, Dude, Negro Sport, Negro Wench.

No. 3. Prince and Prince Carnival in Fairy Land: Fairies, Pages, Angels of Joy, Peace, Happiness, Sunshine, and their Escorts.

After the tableau came the grand triumphal march, led by Adam Burger, jr., who was followed by the committee of arrangements. Next came the Iroquois band, which had played selections between the tableaux, and then the maskers, who wore all kinds of comical and many very rich and handsome costumes. The number of couples was ninety. Maskers only were allowed to dance up to eleven o'clock when everybody's face was bared and all had access to the floor. Taylor's orchestra furnished the dancing music. The affair was a tremendous success and everybody present had a fine time. The people in charge were:

Master of ceremonies, Adam Burger, jr.

Executive committee, William Bals, H. Schmidt, H. Gerhart, H. Drachbar, William Wohlsen, J. Ochs, H. M. Raub, J. Graham, Dr. R. M. Bolenius.

Floor committee, Jos. Kinder, Robt. Groesinger, Chas. Metzger, Fred. Bradel.

It was at a late hour this morning that the party broke up, and everybody said that the Mænnerchor never had a better one.

COMMON PLEAS COURT.

Several Cases on Trial Before Judges Livingston and Patterson.

BEFORE JUDGE PATTERSON.

The first case called was John K. Diem's suit to collect a mechanic's lien from Jacob R. Herr. The testimony for the plaintiff was that in the summer of 1888 Herr gave Diem a contract to erect a two story back building on his farm near Bird-in-Hand, for $1,443. The plaintiff, who is an Intercourse lumber dealer and contractor, completed the building according to specifications, furnishing everything but the bricks, and on the 15th of January, 1889, delivered possession of it to Herr. The next day Diem presented his bill for $759.83, the balance due, including a charge of $41.83 for extras. The defendant did not pay, arbitrators were chosen and an award in favor of the plaintiff was made. Herr, however, disregarded this finding and Diem entered the lien which this suit was brought to enforce.

BEFORE JUDGE LIVINGSTON.

J. U. Fritchey vs. Edward Edgerley, executor of William Kahl, deceased, is an appeal by the defendant from a judgment given in favor of the plaintiff for $150, given by Alderman Halbach, on April 16, 1889. A short time before April 1, 1888, Mr. Kahl applied to plaintiff's attorney, A. H. Fritchey, esq., for a loan of $2,500 on a double house which he was building on James street and said that it would be completed on May 1, when he would take the money and pay six per cent. interest from April 1, 1888. On May 1 Mr. Kahl was notified that the money he wanted was in bank, but said that he would not want it at once, as the building was not yet completed. In June plaintiff's attorney visited Mr. Kahl and wanted to know if he intended to take the money, saying that the plaintiff had an opportunity to invest this same sum elsewhere at the same interest. Mr. Kahl then asked plaintiff to wait a few days, which he did. The decedent, however, did not take the money, plaintiff was prevented by him from securing any other investment and lost one year's interest. Mr. Kahl died on July 18 1888, and suit was brought against his executors. The defendant applied for a non-suit, which was denied.

The defendant then called Mr. Kahl's daughter, whose testimony was ruled out on the ground of interest, as she is a legatee under her father's will. This left the defense without any witnesses, and the jury at once found in favor of the plaintiff for $150. Chas. I. Landis, for plaintiff; T. B. Holahan, for defendant.

CURRENT BUSINESS.

Judgments for want of an affidavit of defense were entered this morning against F. W. Hull in favor of E. B. Conynham for $581.10, and in favor of Kate E. Conyngham for $505.25.

An Alleged Violation of Law.

City Solicitor W. T. Brown this morning filed a bill in equity for the city against B. F. Shaub, J. V. Vondersmith, Aaron W. Wechter, David Lentz and David H. Miller. It states that the defendants, in violation of city ordinances passed October 5, 1858, February 1, 1871, March 1, 1871, and January 7, 1871, are erecting a frame building, 32x30 feet, in the rear of 18, 20 and 22 East Orange street. They disregarded the mayor's notice to stop work and remove the building, wherefore the city prays the court to restrain the defendants from erecting and completing said building, and to grant such further relief as the court may consider proper. Judge Patterson granted a preliminary injunction to restrain the defendants from continuing the erection of the frame building above referred to.

Joe Emmett In "Fritz."

Last evening Joe Emmett, the Dutch comedian chestnut, appeared in Yecker's Fulton opera house. He had a good-sized audience, but it was not as large by any means as it was expected to be. He played "Uncle Joe, or Fritz in a Mad House," and it was about the same as all the Fritzes he has played. The star sang a number of grand selections and Miss White, as *Callie Parker*, was the favorite of the support. Emmett's big St. Bernard dog was seen in the play.

THE RESULT NOT DESIRED.

A Farm Hand Sets Fire to a Bull and the Bull Sets Fire to the Barn.

Farmer John C. Woodruff, of Warwick, N. Y., treated some of his live stock on Monday afternoon with a coat of crude petroleum to destroy vermin. Just after a bull had undergone this treatment a farm hand touched a lighted match to the bull's hide. The animal made a bee line for the barn, and soon the barn and contents, including two fine horses, were burned to the ground. Two stacks of hay were also consumed.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—For Eastern Pennsylvania: Threatening weather and rain, variable winds colder Wednesday night.

Sixteen Reported Drowned.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The passenger steamer Coral Queen, from Gothenburg, has been sunk off the river Tees in collision with the steamer Brinio. It is reported that sixteen persons on the Coral Queen were drowned.

A VICTIM OF FLAMES.

FIREMEN MAKE DESPERATE EFFORTS TO SAVE A WOMAN.

They See Her at the Window of a Burning Dwelling in Newark, But When They Find Her She Is Dead.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 18.—Fire broke out at 5:30 o'clock this morning in [illegible] Fritz's frame confectionery store on [illegible] street, near the Morris & Essex railroad depot, and the building was destroyed together with three adjoining frame dwellings.

Firemen aroused the sleeping occupants of the dwellings and supposed all had been gotten out when the face of a female was seen for a moment at the third-story window and then fall back into the flames.

The firemen dashed up stairs, but too late to save the woman's life and they carried her charred remains to the street.

The body was that of Mrs. Mary [illegible], a young woman 22 years of age, who came to visit her sister, Mrs. Jackson, yesterday.

The loss on the destroyed property is $50,000.

A Bloody Prize Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18—Jimmy Griffen, the St. Paul light-weight, was defeated by Billy Mahan, of this city, in 27 rounds, at the Occidental Athletic club last night. The fight was fierce throughout. Griffen was badly punished; his lips and nose were cut and swollen and his body covered with blood. He fought a game battle, however, and although Mahan forced the fighting nearly all the time Griffen made a savage attack in almost every round and made it uncomfortable for the San Francisco man. Griffen was knocked down half a dozen times in the last three rounds, but struggled gamely to his feet until a terrific blow in the jaw finally sent him to the floor. His head struck the boards heavily, and he was picked up insensible.

An Irish Journal's Publisher Fined.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—In the probate divorce and admiralty division of the high court of justice to-day, Justice Butt refused to grant the application made in behalf of Captain O'Shea for writs of attachment against the managers of the [illegible] and London edition of the New York *Herald* for publishing certain comments relative to the action for divorce brought by Captain O'Shea against his wife, in which Mr. Parnell is named as co-respondent. In the case of the *Freeman's Journal*, of Dublin, against the manager of which paper similar application was made, the court imposed a fine of £100 besides compelling him to pay costs of the action.

Many Strikers Refuse to Return.

NASHUA, N. H., Feb. 18.—For the first time since the strike the bells of the Nashua company summoned the operatives to work this morning. There was a feeble response, however, not more than 100 of the 1,400 strikers going in. A large crowd assembled at the gates in a driving snow storm. Police guarded the entrance and beyond some jeering remarks, as an occasional operative passed in, there was no trouble. Quite a number of those who went in left before the gates were closed. No. 2 mill is partially running. Those who went to work consist of second hands, machinists and cloth room employes, who were not affected by the cut down. When the gates were closed crowds dispersed.

The Type-Writer's Inventor Dies.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 18.—Christopher Latham Sholes, one of the early settlers of Wisconsin, and one of the best known citizens of Milwaukee, died yesterday. He gained national repuation as inventor of the first successful type-writer. He was one of the earliest of Western newspaper men, and had been state senator and member of the assembly. For three or four years Mr. Sholes was unable to leave his bed, but in that time he perfected a new type-writing machine.

An Important Arrest.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—It is reported here this morning that Patrick Cooney, "the fox," the man so badly wanted as one of Dr. Cronin's murderers, was captured last night at Hancock, Mich., and that he will be brought here some time to-day. Cooney left the city the day that Dr. Cronin's remains were laid away in Calvary cemetery and has eluded the police ever since.

It is now said that the man arrested is not Cooney, but is another of Cronin conspirators and it is also said that the arrest promises to result in complete unravelling of the Cronin mystery.

Before a House Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The House committee on postoffices and postroads to-day continued its consideration of the subject of a limited postal telegraph service. The meeting was public and Postmaster General Wanamaker, Mr. A. B. Chandler, president of the Postal telegraph company, and Mr. D. H. Bates, formerly identified with telegraphic interests, were present. The session of the committee was occupied in questioning Mr. Wanamaker and Mr. Chandler concerning the bill prepared by the postmaster general.

Cattlemen Must Vacate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—In accordance with the opinion of the attorney general the president to-day issued a proclamation declaring that the Cherokee nation had no right to make leases of land for grazing purposes, and ordering that all cattle and other live stock must be removed from the lands of Indian territory by October first and so much sooner as said lands may become lawfully open to settlement by citizens of the United States, and all persons connected with cattle companies claiming grazing leases must depart from said lands.

The Count of Paris' Letter.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—M. Boucher, an Orleanist member of the Chamber of Deputies, has received from Havana's dispatch from Count of Paris, father of the Duke of Orleans, in which he says:

"I am proud of my son and pleased with the attitude he has taken, but I am deeply concerned on account of his sentence."

Death of Count Andrassy.

PESTH, Feb. 18.—Count Julius Andrassy, the well known Hungarian statesman, who has been ill for some time at Volosca, near Fiume, died to-day, aged 67.

Agreed With the Miners.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A deputation of miners to-day visited the Earl of Dunraven and Lord Randolph Churchill, both of whom assured the deputation that they favored the limitation of working hours by the state.

Maryland Veterans Meet.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 18.—The fourteenth annual reunion of the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Maryland, was began this morning. General R. A. Alger, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army, was present, and made a happy response to an address of welcome by Department Commander Wheeler.