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News Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

KEYSTONE HAPPENINGS.

BATTLING WITH A MINE FIRE.

Three Dead Bodies of Miners and Sixty Mules Taken Out of Primrose Colliery-A Once Wealthy Woman Dies a Pauper.

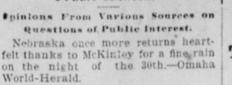
Mahanoy City, Pa., Aug. 20 .- After many hours' of desperate battling with deadly white damp, one of the successive rescuing parties succeeded yesterday in locating the bodies of George and William Tompkins and Charles Iritis, who were entombed on Saturday in the burning Primrose colliery. The bodies were found near the middle of the tunnel. They were lying in a heap. The three men were on their way down the slope to avoid the smoke, passed a surface air hole, and missed a chance to escape. The 60 mules which were in the mine when it was discovered on fire are also dead, and have been raised to the surface. The fire is still burning furiously, and the mine officials are bending every effort to extinguish the flames.

Once Wenlthy, Dies a Pauper. Pottsville, Pa., Aug. 21 .-- Mrs. Frances H. Von Benschoten, who is said to have been at one time a wealthy society leader in New York, died here yesterday in abject poverty, at the age of 71 years. She came here, poor, two years ago and nothing is known of the cause that led her to take up her residence in this city. It is said that in early life she was a familiar figure in the courts of France and England and that she entertained the Astors, Vanderbilts and other families prominent in New York society. She is survived by children who reside in Albany, Brooklyn Heights, New York city, Washington and Stroudsburg, Pa.

Large Fire at Braddock, Pa.

Braddock, Pa., Aug. 22 .- One of the largest fires in the history of the town visited this place last night, destroying eight houses and causing a loss of \$50,000. Before firemen could reach the scene the building was a mass of flames and quickly spread to following properties, all of which were entirely destroyed: First Christian church, Fields' millinery store, McFeeley's grocery, the Braddock Upholstering company, Zeoplitz's gentlemen's furnishing store, Rodger's lumber yard and the Braddock Coal and Supply company

Fatality at a Grade Crossing. Stroudsburg, Pa., Aug. 22 .- John Turner, aged 26 years, was instantly killed and Frederick Schwarz, aged 17 years, probably fatally injured yesterday in a grade crossing accident at Tinkertown crossing, near Minsi. The young men were driving a double team while crossing the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western tracks the wagon was struck by an express train. In addition to killing Turner and injuring Schwarz the two horses were killed and the wagon smashed to kind-



Carnegie favors the re-election of McKinley, but he does not say who he would be for if the government should decide to manufacture its own armor plate .- Chicago Record.

No weak state is now safe from the encroachments of a great empire, and if the imperial spirit is not checked in the United States the American republic will commit the same crime in the Philippines, and possibly in Cuba, which Great Britain is now preparing to commit in South Africa .- Baltimore Sun.

McKinley compares very unfavorably with Gen. Harrison in the matter of appointments to the federal bench. The president from Indiana was exceptionally strong in that respect. No important judicial nomination by him was ever proteste' by strong delegations of the bar, whether of California or New York .- Springfield Republican.

When a political party declares its opposition to trusts and yet receives the solid support of the trust element not only in votes, but in financial aid one of two things is true, either the trust element is self sacrificing or the political party is dealing in gold bricks. And when the party nominates a trust man on its anti-trust platform the whole affair becomes as ludicrous as a poorly written comedy .- Indianapolis

tion refused to insert in the platform a resolution which was offered condemnng hallot box stuffers and proposing ballot reform, it committed one of the most serious blunders it seems possible for experienced political managers to have made. It states, what is quite true, that this refusal furnished reason for a fusion movement to secure a les Islature in favor of honest elections nd which will enact laws to that end in spite of machine opposition .-- Chambersburg Public Opinion (Rep.).

"The men who, like Paul, have gond to heathen lands with the message, We seek not yours but you," have been hindered by those who, comin: after, have reversed the message, Rum and other agencies come in with ou boasted civilization, and the feeld races wither before the hot breath of the white man's voices. The great na tions have combined to suppress the slave trade. Is it too much to ask that they shall combine to prevent the sale of spirits to men who less than our children have acquired the habit of self restraint? If we must have con sumers let us give them an innocent diet .- Ex-President Benjamin Harrison.

Frank G. Carpenter, the well known and reliable newspaper correspondent writes from Manila that there are 50,-000 lepers in the Philippine islands and that the disease is spreading; "in fact," he says, "this part of the world breed lepers." Leprost nexation" to our "possessions" is the principal "trade" that will "follow the flag." Many of our soldier boys have returned, and many more will come. with the seeds of the disease in their systems, and thousands of children yet unborn are already doomed. Let this war of "criminal aggression" be continued, and the "God of Hosts" and Justice will make this fair land of ours a land of pestilence .- San Francisco Star.

ling wood.

Glass Workers Now on Strike.

Pittsburg, Aug. 21.-At the instance of the American Window Glass company, the flatteners met the manufacturers yesterday in a final effort to adjust the wage scale for the coming year. The effort was a failure and the flatteners are now on strike. There seems no hope of a settlement and a general shutdown is probable, although the company officials claim they will be able to start the factories on Sept. 1, without the union men.

Skull Crushed by Falling Brick.

Philadelphia, Aug. 22.-Charles Par-mentier, 37 years old, of 923 Jackson street, was killed while at work in the new building being erected at Broad and Sansom streets, yesterday by a brick which fell from the top story. Parmentier was a steam fitter, and at the time he met his death was working on the first floor of the building. The brick struck Parmentier upon the top of the head, crushing the skull into many pieces.

Striking Miners Resume Work.

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 18-The six hundred miners employed in the colleries of the Beaver Brook Coal company who last week struck because of the refusal of the company to pay them their wages on the 15th of the month instead of the 18th, resumed work yesterday. They received their compensation yesterday, one day previous to the usual pay day, which was the basis of the settlement.

Victory For Anti-Quay Man.

Lewistown, Pa., Aug. 20 .-- Complete returns of the Republican primaries held on Saturday from every precinct in Mifflin county show that the anti-Quay faction of that party has scored n victory over the Quay wing of that organization. Thaddeus Mahon, for congress, was unopposed.

PENNSLYVANIA NEWS CONDENSED.

Chambersburg's first automobile will be placed on the streets there this week. C. M. Wolcott has been appointed post-master at Cady and J. E. Haney at Warble.

Bitten by a rattlesnake, A. B. Callahan, of Galeton, chopped off the wounded finger and thus saved his life.

Peter Dommel, Jr., Andrew Hartman and S. F. Leed, of Landaster, have been held for court for fishing illegally with seines and nets.

Rev. Franis Seubert, who died a few days ago at Elizabethtown, has bequeath-ed his library to Rev. Eugene Haftel² meyer, Waynesboro.

Accidentally shot with a rifle in the hands of a companion, at Oil City, a young son of Samuel Eicket bled to death before assistance could be summoned.

Cumberland valley Lutherans will hold a reunion at Mont Alto Park on Sept. 6. Addresses will be made by Revs. E. H. Delk, of Hagerstown, and F. W. Staley, Middletown.

of Middletown. The Adams county Republican conven-tion has nominated William A. Himes, of New Oxford, for congress, subject to de-cision of the Nineteenth district congres-sional conference.

Twenty-one ladies took the final wows and received the black veil at Malinck-rodt convent. Wilkesbarre, yesterday. Eight of the young ladies are natives of the United States and the others are

The young man of today has nowhere to turn but to some trust. He must take his chances to become low-salaried employe of some giant corporation, with little opportunity for bettering his condition. There is nothing in the prospect to inspire ambitton. The Republican party is owned and controlled by these interests, and the re-election of McKinley will strengthen their power for harm to the neople-harm to the young men in particular. This is one of the great issues of the campaign, and it is not going to be shoved into the background either by the efforts of the president and his lieutenants to ignore it or by the howl about Roosevelt and San Juan Hill .- Atlanta Constitution.

Those arguments that are made, that the inferior race are to be treated with as much allowance as they are capable of enjoying, that as much is to be done for them as their condition will allow-what are these arguments? They are the arguments that kings have made for the enslaving of the people in all ages of the world. You will find that all the arguments of kingcraft were always of this class: they always bestrode the necks of the people-not that they wanted to do it. but because the people were better off for being ridden. * * Turn it every way you will-whether it come from the mouth of a king as an excuse for enslaving the people of his country, or from the mouth of men of our race-it is all the same old serpent. -Abraham Lincoln, at Chicago, July 10, 1858,

The Caesars saw the spears of their

victorious legions flashing in the sun-Hght of every known land, and in their triumphant return they brought with them the accumulated wealth of all the nations they had subdued. The splendor of imperial Rome outshone the world, but the wealth thus obtained without value given undermined the empire, and glory of Rome is simply a memory. Napoleon beheld the shin-ing star of destiny; and then? Does human nature change through the centuries? WE STAND TODAY FAC-ING THE TEMPTATION WHICH ING THE TEMPTATION WHICH COMES FROM THE POSSIBILITY OF RAPIDLY ACCUMULATED WEALTH. WHAT RIGHT HAVE WE TO ANTICIPATE THAT THE SAME RESULT WILL NOT FOLLOW IF WE PURSUE THE SAME COURSE OF TAKING WHAT WE HAVE NOT FULLY EARNED?-Justice David J. Brewer (Republican), of the United some time before it could be touched

before we pass out of existence we will change our Memorial Day from the 20th of May to the last Sunday in May. Memorial Day should be given over to patriotism and inspiration, and not to boat racing and baseball games. I shall recommend at the national convention that the date be changed, and while I cannot say what the action of the delegates will be. I hope to find that they are all with me."

Boy Witnessed Terrible Tragedy.

Pine City, Minn., Aug. 21 .- A Bohemian named Piaca took a girl of 18 and her younger brother, children of the family with whom he boarded, to the river to fish. Later Placa drove the boy away by threatening to shoot him. and then assaulted the girl. He then choked her into insensibility and threw her into the river, where she was drowned. After seeing the girl drown, Piaca deliberately waded into the river and was himself drowned. The young boy hid himself in the bushes and was a witness of the whole tragedy.

Bryan Will Be in Chicago Labor Day Chicago, Aug. 22 .- It was announced at Democratic national headquarters yesterday that William J. Bryan will be in Chicago on Labor Day and speak at the picnic to be held in connection with the labor celebration. If this program is adhered to it will result in Governor Roosevelt and Colonel Bryan appearing on the same platform. Mr. Bryan's original intention was to go to Cleveland on Labor Day, but according to the announcement made by Mr. Schilling he has changed his mind.

Must Take Shortest Route.

Washington, Aug. 22.-Comptroller Tracewell, of the treasury department, in disallowing the mileage account of a Virginia marshal, insists that the deputy marshals shall use the shortest practicable route in taking their prisoners to jall, or in serving warrants. In the case in question the shortest route lay through the famous Shooting Creek county where it is said moonshiners made it almost impossible for deputies to convey their prisoners in safety.

Russin Wants a Loan.

London. Aug. 22 .- It is reported in Odessa, according to a dispatch to The Daily Express, that, in consequence of the strain upon Russia's financial resources, owing to the Chinese campaign, a specially accredited representative of the Russian minister of finance, M. De Witte, has concluded, or is about to conclude, "an arrangement with a syndicate of all the great insuranc companies in the United States" for a loan of 200,000,000 roubles.

Struck by Meteorie Stone.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 22 .- Rev. Mr. Burton, of Madison Court House, Va., was struck by a meteoric stone last Sunday afternoon. It fell inside his coat sleeve, burning his arm and a hole in his coat through which it fell to the ground. It was intensely hot and it was by the hand.

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