

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
The Dispatch tender the compilation of the season in its thousands. It will continue to give all the news every day in the week.

Pittsburgh

PITTSBURG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1889.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Watch for new features early in 1890. The Dispatch proposes to keep pace with the city's progress, and its pages will be graced by...

FORTY-FOURTH YEAR.

THREE CENTS

RICHER IN PROMISE.

Sharpsville, the Heart of a Most Prolific Valley of

TONNAGE ON A SHIP CANAL.

Enormous Fields of the Famous Sharon Block Coal There

AND FURNACES FOR LOTS OF ORE.

Quiet Reminders of a By-Gone Time When the Canal Ruled.

WHAT PROJECTOR GOODWIN HAS TO SAY

The most interesting and important of the ship canal letters appears this morning. While there remains a portion of the Beaver Valley yet to cover, this digression to a still more prolific section, a little further up, for a single issue, will add both variety and interest to the series in the canvas of the several valleys to be benefited by the great new project. The wonderful geological resources of the Sharpsville region, as well as its present great industrial activity, promise a rare development under the stimulus of real competitive transportation.

FROM OUR SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.

SHARPSVILLE, Pa., December 24.—This town was one of the most important on the line of the old canal, as it will be on the new ship canal, if the latter is ever built. It was just below this town that the canal on its way from Erie to Beaver made connection with the slackwater of the Shenango river. The dam in the Shenango still remains, and the slackwater is utilized for running little pleasure steamers up to Trout Island, but for nothing else. Trout Island is a well-known summer resort, about three miles up the Shenango.

A MIGHTY TRICK VEIN.

The material was the Connoquessing sandstone, of which there were, and still are, immense quarries from a mile to a mile and a half back of the line of the old canal. At Keel Ridge quarry the stone is 50 feet thick without a break.

HISTORIC OLD CRAFT.

Within the lock above the upper gate lies sunken the remains of one of the old canal boats, whose name even has been forgotten. On the other side of the Shenango, half hidden among the trees on the bank, can be seen the ribs of another vessel, which was so noted in its time that its name is still preserved. It was the Kindushaws, and was so called for an Indian chief who, tradition says, once lived on the banks of the Shenango. It will soon pass into greater oblivion than did the aborigine whose name it for a time recalled.

THE SHARON BLOCK COAL.

The fuel used, however, was not charcoal, but the Sharon block coal, which had been in use instead of charcoal since 1845. Sharpsville, therefore, has the honor of introducing the Lake Superior ores into the Shenango and Mahoning valleys.

FOUR PERSONS GO TO THE BOTTOM.

A boat with the Deering Young Son of a Missouri Congressman. KANSAS CITY, December 24.—A telegram from St. Joseph announces the elopement and marriage of Miss Lilly Reed, a prominent young society lady of that city, and Arthur W. Wellville, Mo., a member of Congress.

ROYALTY SETS AN EXAMPLE.

Of Calamities in an Opera House Fiasco at the Madrid, December 24.—During the performance of the opera "Hernani" at the Grand Theatre of Madrid, a fire broke out, caused by a gas lamp, which caused a panic, a cry of fire having been raised. By the efforts of the actors and manager the alarm was checked and the audience dispersed quietly.

REAL RIOTS AT RIO.

The First Reports of Trouble in Brazil Have Been Confirmed. BUENOS AYRES, ARGENTINA, December 24.—Private telegrams from Montevideo received by persons here confirm the news of rioting in Rio de Janeiro. They also state that the situation of the present Brazilian Government is critical.

THE CHOICE OF SENATOR QUAY.

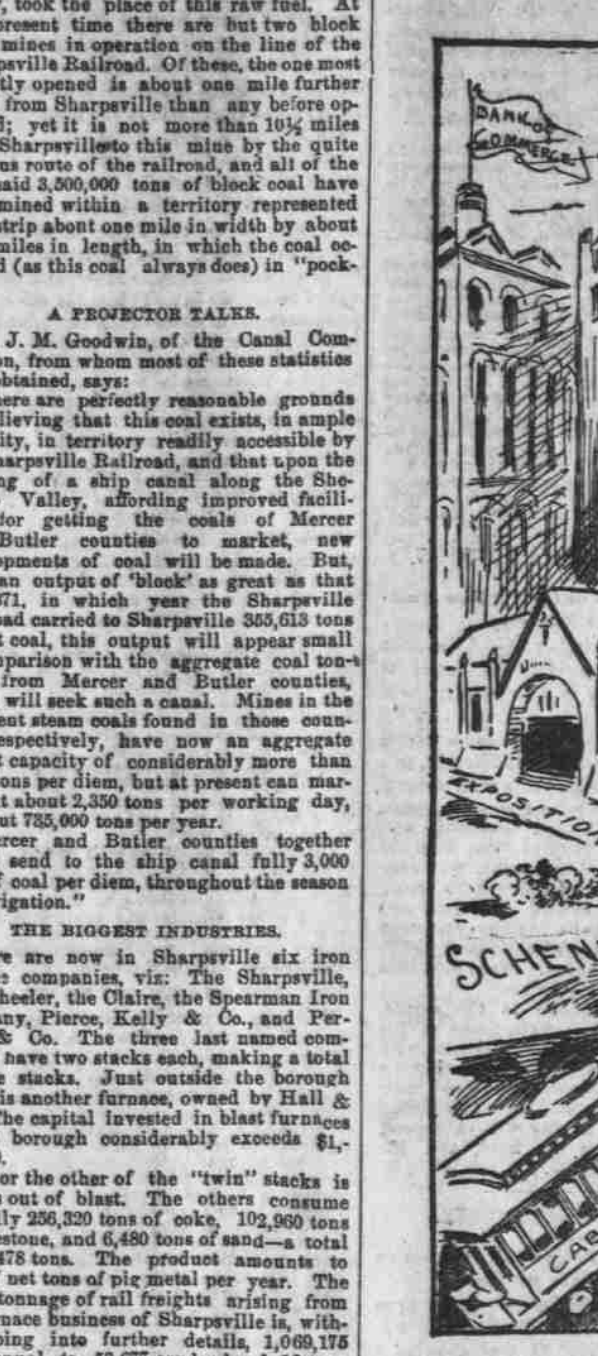
WASHINGTON, Pa., December 24.—E. A. Achison, who has just returned from Washington, says Senator Quay is favorable to the appointment of W. H. Underwood as postmaster at this place. The talk about Quay opposing Underwood because the latter is a friend of Achison, and is a son of a friend of Magee's, is regarded as absurd.

A CASE OF MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

LAWRENCE AUSTIN, the young man who mysteriously disappeared from his home in New York, about three weeks ago, is under arrest at Cottonwood Falls, Kan., charged with the murder of a woman.

MISS PITTSBURG'S MERRY CHRISTMAS.

A Few of the Substantial and Costly Gifts Laid at Her Feet by Progress, Prosperity and Liberality Since Santa Claus Last Called.



CABINET LADIES ANGRY.

AN ACT OF MRS. HARRISON STIRS UP A HORNET'S NEST. Her Daughter Gives Precedence of All Others in the Official Program for New Year's Day—Secretaries' Wives Wonder What Will Be the Next Affair.

A MILLIONAIRE'S RUSE.

He becomes a Day Laborer and Works Two Days in His Own Mine, Thereby Securing Possession of Value.

TONY BOSTON RATS.

The Rat Shooked at the Escapades of a Redoubt Club, with Noted Members—Its Meetings in an Old Warehouse.

VIEWS OF AN INFIDEL.

INGERSOLL DISCUSSES THE OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS. He Argues the Antiquity of the Custom Shows a Pagan Origin—The Sun Worship of the Past—What a Holiday Should Be.

TRUBLESS SUITS SETTLED.

Conclusion of Litigation Over the Fortunes of a Famous Merchant. NEW YORK, December 24.—A settlement has been made of the claim against Nathaniel Jarvis, Jr., as trustee of the estate of the Parsee merchant, Bomanjee Brijrajee Colah, Surrogate Ransom granted an order to-day permitting the administrator of the estate to settle actions against Jarvis upon the payment of \$50,000.

OPERATIONS SUDDELY STOPPED.

A Bucket Shop Proprietor's Arrest Follows Exposure of His Methods. PHILADELPHIA, December 24.—The Metropolitan Stock Exchange, a high sounding name for a bucket shop, came to a sudden end here this afternoon, for it was discovered that the grain quotations which they bulletined, ostensibly from Alexandria, Va., were sent from an upstairs back office, less than a block away, and by a member of the firm.

A BOSTON PASTOR DIVORCED.

Rev. William H. Campbell Separated From His Beautiful Wife. BOSTON, December 24.—The Rev. William H. Campbell, pastor of the Highland Church, has at last secured a divorce from his beautiful wife, Minnie Scott Campbell, of St. Louis. Desertion was alleged. The father gave the custody of the little girl, over whom there has been such a bitter wrangle in the courts, but the mother may have her for three months in the year.

THREE OF A FAMILY KILLED.

Husband, Wife and Child Struck Down by the Locomotive. WILMETTE, Ill., December 24.—Three persons lost their lives in a railroad accident here to-night. They were W. D. Bevil, formerly station agent at Wilmette, and his wife and child. While crossing the tracks they were struck by a passing train.

NUMEROUS SERIOUS CHARGES.

Preferred Against the Secretary of an Iron and Steel Company. NEW YORK, December 24.—John Williams, Secretary of the Ramel-Conley Iron and Steel Company, and also representing the United States Sealed Postal Card Company, at 220 Broadway, has not been at his office for about three weeks, and gentlemen associated with him in business say that he is in an insane asylum. Edmund Huertel, Treasurer of the Ramel-Conley Company, has obtained from Judge Lawrence, of the Supreme Court, an attachment against Mr. Williams for \$4,000 money lent. In his affidavit Mr. Huertel alleged that Mr. Williams, as Secretary of the Ramel-Conley Iron and Steel Company, willfully and fraudulently alienated a check or checks drawn by the company to the order of sundry persons, collected the money, appropriated it to his own use, and in a conversation with Mr. Huertel admitted that he had misappropriated such money; had lost it in speculative ventures; had squandered and risked his money and property in reckless gambling operations; and was entirely insolvent.

BURNING CORN FOR FUEL.

The Farmers in Northwestern Kansas Have No Other Use for It. TOPEKA, Kan., December 24.—A State official, who returned from a trip through Northwestern Kansas, says that thousands of bushels of corn are being burned for fuel. In some counties the price of corn is less than 15 cents per bushel, while coal is from 25 to 35 cents per bushel. The corn makes an excellent fuel. The corn crop is immense. In all the principal corn-producing counties it is stacked up in great mounds without protection of any sort. It having been impossible for the last 30 days to obtain cars to move it in.

BOULANGER IN GREAT LUCK.

A Woman Will Devote a Fortune of \$1,500,000 to His Cause. PARIS, December 24.—Madame Bonnamme, an enthusiastic supporter of General Boulanger, has just inherited \$1,500,000, the bulk of which she will devote to the General's cause.

DEATH WELCOMES GUESTS AT A FEAST.

His Dinner Caused by an Attack of Bright's Disease. The announcement of the death of Mr. Ashburner will be a painful surprise to his thousands of friends not only in Pittsburgh, but all over the United States, as it was not known until yesterday morning that he was dangerously ill.

DR. ASHBURNER DEAD.

The Well-Known Scientist Dies Suddenly at His Residence. HIS ILLNESS OF BRIEF DURATION. Science Loses One of Its Brightest Stars by His Demise.

ANOTHER ELECTRIC DECISION.

Judge Gresham Sustains the Brush Company's Patents at Every Point. INDIANAPOLIS, December 24.—Judge Gresham to-day decided a case of general interest, especially to those connected with electrical matters. It was a suit brought by the Brush Electric Company, of Cleveland, against the Fort Wayne Electric Company for infringing the Brush patent upon the so-called double carbon lamp. The case has been vigorously presented and defended, and has been pending about three years.

SOLD TO THE GAS TRUST.

The Plant of the St. Louis Gas Company Brings \$4,500,000. ST. LOUIS, December 24.—In a nice, quiet, orderly manner, the plant, franchises, privileges and property of all kinds of the St. Louis Gas Light Company were sold to-day to the St. Louis Gas Trust, a corporation organized for the purpose of operating the gas light company's works on Second and Convent streets, and not an incident occurred to disturb the serenity of the Hollins & Co. syndicate, who were present to perfect their purchase of the plant for the Laclede Gas Light Company.

ANTIQUEY OF THE CUSTOM.

It is the day on which the sun triumphs over the hosts of darkness, and thousands of years before the New Testament was written: thousands of years before the Republic of Rome existed; before one stone of Athens was laid; before the Pharaohs ruled in Egypt; before the religion of Pharaoh; before the Samsuc was spoken; man and woman crawled out of their caves, pushed the matrix hair from their eyes, and greeted the triumph of the sun over the powers of night.

PAGAN AND CHRISTIAN CUSTOMS.

There are many other relics and souvenirs of the dead worship of the sun, and this festival was adopted by Egyptians, Greeks, Romans and by Christians. As a matter of fact, Christianity furnished new steam for an old religion—and as a matter of course, the old festival remained. For all of our festivals you will find corresponding Pagan holidays.

A POPULAR HOLIDAY.

It is popular, because it is a holiday. Overworked people are glad of days that bring rest and recreation, and allow them to meet their families and their friends. They are glad of days when they give and receive the friendly greetings of friendship, of remembrance and love. It is popular because it is really human, and because it is now interwoven with our customs and habits, literature and history.

DR. CHARLES A. ASHBURNER.

Dr. Charles A. Ashburner, the geologist and scientist, died at his residence, No. 363 South Highland avenue, yesterday afternoon at 10 o'clock. The announcement of the death of Mr. Ashburner will be a painful surprise to his thousands of friends not only in Pittsburgh, but all over the United States, as it was not known until yesterday morning that he was dangerously ill. Probably no man of Mr. Ashburner's years was so widely known among scientists on the western continent and in scientific circles his death will be mourned as an irreparable loss. A few weeks ago he went to Arizona to locate a copper mine. While up in the mountains was attacked with a severe cold, but it was not considered dangerous. When Mr. Ashburner returned to Pittsburgh the cold had become worse and he concluded to remain at home for a few days.

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