

ENTERED AT THE POST-OFFICE AT RIDGWAY, PA., AS SECOND CLASS MAIL MATTER.

Bruce, the colored ex-Senator, appointed Register of the Treasury, was unanimously confirmed on the motion of his former colleague, Senator Lamar.

Hon. Hugh J. Anderson, died at Portland, Me., May 31, aged eighty years. In 1838 he was elected to Congress by the Democrats and re-elected in 1848.

Ex-Congressman James Wilson of Keene, N. H., died May 31, aged 94 years and 11 months. He was one of the most prominent citizens in the State and had held several important State offices.

At an auction sale of an important herd of cattle, mostly Jerseys, with a few Guernseys, in Philadelphia, high prices prevailed. Eighty head were sold in all. Six choice cows were sold at prices ranging from \$550 to \$900 each.

The number of savings banks in the United States has steadily increased during the last five years and the amount of money deposited in them has fallen off more than seventy millions of dollars.

Baltimore, May 30.—This afternoon Jacob H. Freuburger, aged nine years, was fatally shot by Charles Derling, aged twelve years. The gun used was an old musket, and Derling was ignorant of its being loaded.

Two Men Killed by Lightning. Brookville, May 27.—Yesterday evening Mr. Lewis Minton and his son-in-law, Rev. J. B. Evans, a West Virginia minister recently from West Virginia, were both killed by lightning near Westville, Jefferson county.

Vetoling the Pension Bill. Harrisburg, May 25.—Governor Hoyt has vetoed the act granting pensions to Mexican soldiers. In his message the Governor, among other things, says: The principle and policy of this bill is a new and wide departure from previous legislation on the subject in this or any other country.

War Department Circular. ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE. Washington, May 18, 1881. There being now pending in this department great numbers of volunteer pension claims which cannot be satisfactorily verified for want of information which missing records of discontinued volunteer commands would afford, and it having transpired in many instances that officers of the late volunteer forces have still in their possession or under their control books and other records pertaining to their corps, divisions, brigades, regiments, and companies, their attention is called to the fact that all such books and records should be deposited with this office, and they are earnestly requested to cause the same to be forwarded without delay to the Adjutant General of the Army, at Washington, District of Columbia.

As soon as possible help was secured and the work of recovering the bodies from the river and from the wreck was proceeded with. The bodies were placed on the steambot Louisa as fast as they were brought up and then taken to the Company's docks, where the task of identification began. The accident occurred at about a quarter past six and it was midnight before the bodies so far recovered were brought back to the city. Here a most heartrending scene ensued. The bodies as fast as they were transferred from the steamer were laid out in rows on the grass by the river-side, all in their holiday attire, and with the aid of torches the faces were eagerly scanned by hundreds of friends looking for their missing ones. A godly portion of the drowned were men in middle life, and many were children.

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Saving Ten Million.

Washington, May 25.—Treasury officials now guarantee that \$270,000,000 of the five will arrive to be stamped under the conditions imposed by the Secretary. About \$10,000,000 came in to-day from California, milled a week ago and therefore eligible for continuance. Of the lot, Flood, the bonanza capitalist, contributed \$1,500,000. A question arises as to what to do with the bonds that have come too late and yet are duly assigned. The Secretary will probably address a circular of inquiry to holders asking them whether they prefer the old bond returned with the assignment cancelled, or wish a new bond which would be identical with the other, except as to the number.

State Notes. Several mad dogs have been shot in Eastern county. Workers are in demand in all the carshops of the State. Wilkes-barre claims to have the finest hunting dogs in the State. There were four deaths from small pox in one family in Pottstown, within the last few weeks.

Recruiting the Dead. London, Ont., May 25.—The following account is furnished giving further details of the terrible calamity of yesterday. It was the first day of the season for the excursion boats to run regular trips, and this circumstance, taken in connection with the public holiday, the anniversary of the Queen's birthday, naturally drew crowds of pleasure-seekers to the river.

The fatal homeward trip. On the return trip, when more than half way home, a slight commotion on the boat, said by some to have been caused by the playful pranks of a number of youths on the lower deck and by others ascribed to the boat striking on a snag, causing the crowd out of curiosity to rush to one side, and as the side of the boat sank with the additional weight, a volume of water, a foot or two in depth, poured in upon the lower deck, which was crowded with passengers. Instantly the crowd on both decks rushed to the opposite side, and their weight, together with that of the water shipped by the boat, caused a lurch from the opposite direction. Then it was the disaster occurred. The side of the boat sank in the water to the depth of one or two feet, and while the crowd on the lower deck were struggling to save themselves from slipping down into the river, the stanchions supporting the upper deck suddenly gave way, and the whole structure, with its load of human beings, came down on those who were below, crushing them on the deck and rendering escape impossible. The scene that followed cannot be described. The boat continued to settle on its side deeper into the water, taking with it many of the passengers who were stunned by the fall of the upper deck and were, therefore, unable to help themselves. Scores sank into the water without consciousness of their fate, while many others who were precipitated into the river went down with their vain appeals for that succor which those of the passengers who were safe were powerless to extend to all in a moment. The utmost exertions were put forth to rescue as many of the drowning ones as possible, and many were in this way saved from a watery grave.

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A Floating Coffin.

GOING TO PIECES WITHOUT A MOMENT'S WARNING. SIX HUNDRED EXCURSIONISTS THROWN INTO THE RIVER NEAR LONDON, CANADA—ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DEAD BODIES ALREADY RECOVERED.

London, Ont., May 24.—This evening at 6 o'clock the steamer Victoria, with over six hundred excursionists on board, was returning from Spring Bank and when near the Cove Railway Bridge, one mile below the city, the boat suddenly collapsed like an eggshell and became a total wreck, level with the water's edge. All the passengers were instantly plunged into the stream, more than half of them being underneath the debris.

The city wrapped in gloom. When the water was let off by the removal of the plash boards this morning search was continued for those under the lower deck, and twenty more bodies were brought to the surface, making about two hundred in all recovered. It is not known how many more, if any, are lost.

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ENTIRE FAMILIES LOST.

In several cases entire families, with one or two exceptions, have perished. Mr. James Coughlin's children and grandchildren numbering five in all, are lying dead in his house. He is thus left alone. His daughter Jennie was married to a young man named Swazee on the day before the accident, and the couple were both drowned.

The May of '23. TWO OF THE OLDEST INHABITANTS OF BROOKLYN WHO EXCHANGE GOSPEL ON THE WEATHER.

"Some folks seem to think this is warm weather," observed old Daddy Wotherpoon to old Uncle Linkinbotham, as the two old inhabitants stood last Thursday before a thermometer that registered ninety in the shade.

"A heap worse," asserted old Uncle Linkinbotham, "but that wasn't as bad as the May of '23. You remember how the tin roofs melted and ran off the houses, and we had to carry wrought-iron umbrellas through the streets?"

"Dear I do," rejoined old Daddy Wotherpoon, mopping his visage with some anxiety. "I was out hunting that spring, and we had to carry our powder in buckets of water to keep it from going off prematurely. Wasn't that the spring the bams fried on live hogs and the bills melted off the snow birds?"

"The same spring," said Uncle Linkinbotham, "I know I was off fishing in Long Island Sound, and the heat generated the water into steam so as to blow our boat clear over into the woods. That month was pretty warm for New York. I recollect how the forest on back of New York melted down, and I had a stream of liquid bladders right through my fur. One of the boys took a swig of it one day by mistake, and when he died in the fall we found him chuck full of splinters. Killed him."

"Yes, sir," murmured old Daddy Wotherpoon, staring at every pore. "We used to hang meat and vegetables down my well, and they was cooked in ten minutes by my water," and the ancient politician regarded his antagonist with some interest.

"We used to get a good deal of water," continued old Uncle Linkinbotham, "but the heat melted the pipes the way we hung on and the water was all over the floor as we walked. I recollect how the forest on back of New York melted down, and I had a stream of liquid bladders right through my fur. One of the boys took a swig of it one day by mistake, and when he died in the fall we found him chuck full of splinters. Killed him."

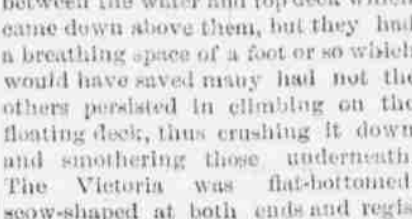
"We just passed under the bridge and the ice was so warm under then that the bridge cracked and the water got into it. That's how we got our cold. Don't you want to go and get something to warm you up?"

"If we can get a little good water," murmured old Uncle Linkinbotham, "with pale water, I'll take some of it."

"That's all right," rejoined old Uncle Linkinbotham, "but you must be careful not to get any of that water on your head, or you'll get a headache."

"And the two old boys about this time of year, they'll be drinking rather than that hot water, they'll be drinking rather than that hot water, they'll be drinking rather than that hot water."

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