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## NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA FACTORYVILLE.

Aaron Phillips is seriously ill at Midtown, N. Y., where he is visiting his brother. Mrs. Phillips received a dispatch last Monday, and left for Middletown on Tuesday evening. The following unclaimed letters are advertised at the postoffice: Miss A. R. Bremer, Mrs. John Kilroy, Mr. Frank Muzay, Fred White, Jr., and Mrs. Alice Newton.

Mr. A. M. Strangue, who recently accepted a position in the grocery department of Jonas Long's store at Scranton, is dangerously ill with diphtheria.

Mr. E. J. Colum has taken charge of the office of the Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Development and Improvement company to finish the uncompleted work of Mr. Stanley Simrell, who resigned to accept a position in Philadelphia.

Factoryville, worked the second degree last Tuesday evening. Piscatorial artists, John Eilenberger and Ed. Watkins, were wrestling with several small pickerel at Mud pond last Wednesday.

Mr. Stanley M. Simrell will leave next Tuesday for Philadelphia, where he has accepted a position as head bookkeeper in the office of the North-western Consolidated Milling company. Sleighting parties are in order now, and it is very proper that the dear girls should not be overworked, even if it is a long, long time before another leap year.

Paulownia Rebekah degree No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, enjoyed a very pleasant social at their lodge rooms last Tuesday evening. Refreshments were served.

A jolly company of people enjoyed a sleigh ride from this place to Waverly and Clark's Summit last Wednesday evening.

Rev. Clark and wife, of East Lemon, spent Thursday with Mrs. Deiliah Matthowen, on Main street.

Mr. M. L. MacMillan, of Nicholson, was a pleasant caller here yesterday. Mac was remembering his many friends in this place with handsome and artistic cards.

Merchant Fred L. Foster while out sleigh riding with his wife and daughter a few nights ago, ran on to a rock along by the side of the road and badly smashed his cutter. They were thrown out, and the horse, managed by Mr. Foster, a considerable distance through the snow.

Mrs. Eunice Wilson, of East Lemon, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Milo Travis, of Grove street.

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# THE MARKETS.

## Wall Street Review.

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Open-High-Low-Close

Am. Cot. Oil	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Am. Sug. Ref. Co.	114	115	114 1/2	114 1/2
Atch. To. & S. P.	33 1/2	34	33 1/2	33 1/2
A. T. & S. F.	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Am. Tobacco Co.	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Am. Spirits	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Am. Oil	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Brook. R. P.	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Bay State Gas	4	4	4	4
N. Y. E. & W.	15	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
N. J. Central	98	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2
Chic. & G. W.	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Chic. & N. W.	122 1/2	123	122 1/2	122 1/2
Chic. St. P. M. & O.	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
Chicago Gas	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Chic. Mil. & St. P.	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2
Chic. R. I. & P.	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
Chic. St. P. & O.	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
C. C. & St. L.	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Delaware & Hud.	113	113	113	113
D. L. & W.	155 1/2	155 1/2	155 1/2	155 1/2
N. Y. E. & W.	15	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Gen. Electric	25	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Lake Shore	174	174 1/2	174 1/2	174 1/2
Louis. & Nash	56 1/2	57	56 1/2	56 1/2
Lehigh Valley	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Manhattan E.	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
M. K. & T. E. P.	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
N. Y. Central	109	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2
Ont. & West	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
North. Pacific	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Chic. Southern	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Pacific Mail	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Phil. & Read	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Southern R. R.	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Chic. St. P. M. & O.	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
Tenn. & Iron	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Texas & Pacific	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Union Pacific	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
W. L. E. & W.	15	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
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STOCKS. Bid. Asked.

Scranton & Pittston Trac. Co.	100	100
National Boring & Drill'g Co.	100	100
First National Bank	100	100
Scranton Savings Bank	100	100
Scranton Packing Co.	100	100
Lehigh Valley	100	100
Scranton Iron & Steel Co.	100	100
Third National Bank	100	100
Throop Novelty	100	100
Scranton Trac. Co.	100	100
Scranton Axle Works	100	100
Chic. Southern	100	100
Scranton Trac. Co.	100	100
Alexander Car Replacer Co.	100	100
Scranton Hedding Co.	100	100
Dime Dep. & Dis. Bank	100	100
Peck Lumber Mfg Co.	100	100
Economy Light, Heat & Power Co.	100	100

# Philadelphia Provision Market.

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prime red, per basket, 70c; do. yellow, 65c; do. seconds, 50c. Butter—Dull and pale lower; fancy western creamery, 22c; do. western brands, 21c; do. Pennsylvania prints, 20c. Eggs—Dull and 2c. lower; fresh, nearby, 19c; do. western, 18c. Cheese—Firm. Cheddar, 10c; Swiss, 11c. Lard—Firm. Dressed, 10c; plain, 9c. Flour—Steady. Tallow—Quiet and unchanged; city prime in hogheads, 35c; country, in barrels, 32c; No. 1, 30c; No. 2, 28c; No. 3, 26c. Meal—Firm. Buckwheat, 10c; rye, 9c; corn, 8c. Oil—Firm. Cottonseed, 12c; linseed, 11c. Sugar—Firm. Coffee—Firm. Tea—Firm. Rice—Firm. Beans—Firm. Peas—Firm. Lentils—Firm. Oats—Firm. Barley—Firm. Rye—Firm. Buckwheat—Firm. Apples—Firm. Oranges—Firm. Lemons—Firm. Raisins—Firm. Prunes—Firm. Dates—Firm. Figs—Firm. Walnuts—Firm. Almonds—Firm. Pistachios—Firm. Cashews—Firm. Pecans—Firm. Macadamia—Firm. Brazil—Firm. Copra—Firm. Tallow—Firm. Suet—Firm. Butter—Firm. Eggs—Firm. Hides—Firm. Tallow—Firm. Suet—Firm. Butter—Firm. Eggs—Firm. Hides—Firm.

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