

WHITNEY'S WEEKLY BUDGET OF NEWS

WILD CATS ATTACK AN EAGLE AT FIDDLE LAKE.

Bible Students Are at Loggerheads. A Few Railroad Etchings—A Chance for Capitalists Who Desire Railroad Stock—Human Nature in a Jocular Vein—Susquehanna County News in Brief.

Special to The Scranton Tribune.

Susquehanna, February 27.—Near Fiddle Lake, on Saturday, three predatory wildcat attacks a Mr. Eagle which is wintering among the trees in a hemlock grove near the lake. Although attacked from three points, the king of birds gallantly held his own and slew two of the wildcats. The manner in which the eagle did this was peculiar.

Singling out one of the cats, he grasped it tightly by the neck, burying his talons deeply in the flesh, and then, rising almost perpendicularly for about a hundred feet, allowed his prisoner, then pretty well choked, to drop on a ledge of rocks below in a stunned condition. Two falls served to kill the first victim, but three were required to knock out the second. The survivor, seeing the fate of his companions, turned tail and fled down the hillside, uttering sharp yells as he ran.

TWO BIBLE STUDENTS AT LOGGERSHEADS.

The Wayne Independent calls Correspondent Whitney, of this place, another "Zacheus." As a truth-teller and tree-climber "Zack" was a "fellow," even if he was little. He might, also, have been a better speller than the Independent man, whose limited acquaintance with the Scriptures causes him to twist poor Zacheus' "handle" as above quoted.—Susquehanna Journal.

The Journal man is badly twisted himself in his attempt to criticize the biographical orthography of the editor of the Independent. He has got to learn that the spelling of Zacheus is variant, a fact he might have ascertained by a mere reference to either a Bible or any dictionary. The Bible before us spells of the word, and the Standard Dictionary spells the name Zacheus, Zacheo, Zacheo' and Zacheus. The late Charles A. Dana once said that no man could be fully equipped as a journalist without a thorough knowledge of the greatest of all books. Coleridge, Harned ought to see to it that Fiddle has one at once. He will surely have to get a Bible or climb a tree.—Honesdale Independent.

RAILROAD ETCHINGS.

The Erie is increasing the pay of some of its conductors.

The Lackawanna railroad's manager promises Binghamton a new station if it needs it badly.

Forest City has the shadow of a hope of securing a new station in the not-far-distant future. The present structure is about large enough for a chicken coop.

It is rumored that the Erie may equip and conduct the Devereux hospital, in Deposit. The Devereux family erected a fine building, as a local hospital, but it has never been used.

A new railroad is being pushed through Bradford county to Binghamton.

A Philadelphia financial paper is authoritative for the statement that the city of that city is being imported to furnish funds with which to build the proposed Tonkhamock, Nicholson and Lanesboro railroad. The route has been surveyed and pronounced feasible. Somebody will sometime build that city. Stick a pin here.

HUMAN NATURE.

A newspaper may publish column after column in laudation of a man or firm, and they think it is only a duty to counter to the public to commend them. But print one little obscure line that does not suit them, and they are on their high horse in a minute, and all the good things you have said count for naught; and yet a majority of the people claim they like to see a paper "fearless, independent and outspoken."

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

Never despise a mustache when it is down.

The bartender can best tell the price of a smile.

A hen will set on a nest of eggs for days without a murmur, but let a man set upon a dozen of eggs but a minute and he will use "foul" language enough to fill a barn-yard.

In Germany, women saw and split wood, carry wood, water and stone

on their heads, thresh the crops, etc., says a recent writer. Here women split wood, make the fire, carry dead people's hair upon their heads and thrash their husbands—who, ninety-nine times out of a hundred deserve it.

A Forest City merchant, of an economical nature, stops his clock when he closes his store, to save time.

The man in the moon must feel all broke up when he is reduced to his last quarter.

LITTLE LOCALETTES.

The Methodist church choir, under the direction of Professor John A. Sophia, this evening rendered the cantata, "The Great Light."

The funeral of the late Mrs. Louise Lovelace, of Lanesboro, took place this morning from St. John's Catholic church in this place, when a requiem high mass was celebrated. The remains were interred in Narrowsburg, N. Y.

Professor Hazlett James Risk, formerly principal of the Susquehanna schools, has removed to Amsterdam, N. Y.

Weish brothers "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room" troupe is billed for Hogan opera house, on Monday evening next.

At Gulf Summit, a few days since, a man of eighty summers and a woman of 75 were united in marriage, without their parents' consent.

IN A JOCLULAR VEIN.

The poet sings the weary while Ere spring shall bless us with her smile: But lo, with jests and breezy chat, You drummer's selling sailor hats.

You, in beginning, should not grumble If the ladder of life is hard to climb. If everybody got to the top, where would the beginners go?

In milking a strange cow, always sit on the side furthest from the cow and near a soft spot in the pasture.

An advertisement headed "Maks your own stars," is probably intended for dear mutants.

The people who would have done so-and-so if they had been there, never get there.

THE NEWS RECORD.

It is said that three Susquehanna county women are going to Utah, to become Mormons. Evidently they are good for nothing else.

Hartford, Conn., Hon. Galusha Groves to her centennial celebration orator.

Charles C. Pratt, esq., of New Milford-Binghamton, is said to be purchasing a state senatorial seat in his honor.

There is a rumor that the diamond drill at the Herick Center colliery (C) mine has already entered Chinese territory.

The world is growing happier. In Susquehanna county last year there were one hundred marriages for each divorce.

Standing at the head of a grave, a Susquehanna county undertaker recently thanked the people assembled for their presence, and added: "You were not added to the pleasure of the widow on this occasion."

Not long since, a Susquehanna man, in a newspaper card, thanked an insurance company for prompt payment of the policy on his deceased wife, and added: "I consider the amount paid the company a good investment."

Somebody has been telling quite a number of Susquehanna county patriots that they are born statesmen. Many a good farmer and mechanic is spoiled to make a sixth-rate legislator. Some decent queer timber is frequently sent to Harrisburg—and more's the pity of it. Whitney.

TARIFF REPUGNANT.

Delegation of Puerto Ricans Protest Against Action of Congress.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The members of several delegations from Puerto Rico now in Washington, having read the report of the general board of tariff commissioners on the general board of tariff commissioners, have united in a statement to congress in which they say that the idea of the tariff is repugnant to them, and that they are content to stand before their people and the people of the United States on the general board of tariff commissioners, and that the island is entitled to receive absolutely free commercial relations at once.

They call attention to the fact that the United States through the state department negotiated a treaty with the island of Trinidad, in the West Indies, which is a British province, and a direct competitor of Puerto Rico, by the terms of which treaty Trinidad is to receive from the United States, free of duty, all articles of machinery and implements and articles of husbandry and nearly all food supplies, the free list for Trinidad in this treaty being larger than the list of articles now admitted free in Puerto Rico by executive order, all of which it is proposed to tax under the tariff bill now pending in congress. The delegations outside this unfair.

GENERAL CRONJE YIELDS AT LAST

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metre Krupp and one Maxim gun were captured.

The despatch was read in the house of lords and in the house of commons today. The reference to the Canadians evoked immense and prolonged cheering.

A. J. Balfour, the government leader in the house of commons, said he had no information relative to the Boer guns.

The enthusiasm exhibited in parliament over Lord Roberts' graphic details of the surrender of General Cronje spread quickly to the streets. Crowds gathered about the war office and the other bulletin places, in spite of the rain that was falling since morning. Frequent cheers were given for "Boys," who is the hero of the hour, and one soldier became so excited in recounting the details of the victory that he fell dead.

In the more frequented parts of the metropolis a few flags were displayed, but in Pall Mall, where the war office is situated, not a scrap of bunting was seen, and only one flag was to be flying all down the Strand.

FIRST NEWS OF VICTORY.

London Gave Little Outward Sign Early of Its Joy.

London, Feb. 27.—No one who did not know of General Cronje's surrender would suspect from the appearance of the town that London was today celebrating the chief victory of the war.

A flag is flying, and in front of the place where bulletins are distributed the public scarcely more than a dozen persons stop at a time to read the news. Outside of the war office there is the same absence of enthusiasm, which is due perhaps somewhat to the drizzling rain.

In the war office lobbies when a clerk posted the news of the surrender a crowd was waiting, and the tidings were hailed with considerable enthusiasm. In an incredibly short space of time the news had spread to all parts of London.

At the Mansion house when the news was posted it was received with great excitement by the crowds of business men hurrying to their offices, and cries of "Bravo, Roberts," and "Majuba" were heard.

The lord mayor of London said that while the surrender of General Cronje was a foregone conclusion the news was received with a great sense of relief, and the result of the calculation, he believed, would be the rapid conclusion of hostilities.

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Newspaper Comment.

While the afternoon papers all commented on the coincidence of the bravery of the Boers and the forgotten. The St. James' Gazette says:

"The splendid courage of the Boers has not been able to withstand any longer the bombardment which few modern soldiers could have supported for so many hours as they were given."

The influence of the surrender rests only upon the situation at Ladysmith, but on the whole conduct of the war will be immense. If the news of the relief of Ladysmith only reaches England today, and it is quite possible that the news will reach here in a few days, the subject and the amendment does not validate it.

The Wayne county commissioners have paid no bounties in six years and quieted that Pretoria is being discussed. Three thousand dollars will be saved to the taxpayers by this ruling.

Prices of Tubing Advance.

Pittsburg, Feb. 27.—Prices of all classes of pipe and tubing have been advanced to take effect March 1. The general percentage of the advance ranges from 5 to 10 per cent, and covers the entire line with the exception of galvanized pipe, which is slightly lower. The rise in prices is stimulating and the National Tube company closed a contract last week for forty miles of pipe to be shipped to the Guadalupe Water Works near San Antonio, Texas. The contract will require nearly three months to fill and work on the order will be commenced at once.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Pensions listed under the act of 1890, for the years 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 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