

MITNEY'S WEEKLY BUDGET OF NEWS

FAIRCHILD'S EXPERIENCE WITH THE MINK.

The Ohio Man Who Corresponded with a Susquehanna County Woman—Hunter Reed and His Boa Constrictor—Death of the Man Who Fired the First Shot at Fort Sumter—Base Ball Gossip—Personal Notes.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Susquehanna, July 9.—Tom Fairchild and Ezra Chandler were in the river bass fishing on Monday, when they saw a mink come out of the water on the opposite shore, just below them, with a black bass in its mouth. When the mink drew itself out on shore the fishermen commenced to shoot at it. This frightened the animal, and it dropped the bass and hurriedly disappeared. The fishermen secured the fish, which weighed four pounds, and measured twenty inches in length. The fishermen would like to secure the services of the mink for the entire season.

MORE SENTIMENTAL THAN BRAINS. An Ohio young man thought he would be smart and so began a correspondence with a Susquehanna county young woman, whom he had never seen. She wanted his photograph, and he sent her that of a hotel keeper of that place. She was so pleased with it that she agreed to go to Ohio and marry her correspondent. She started alone, and arrived in a little Ohio town the other day, but the young man had fled. The local paper that reported the affair said: "The situation is very embarrassing for the lady. The hotel man would marry her were he not engaged to another girl."

LITTLE LOCALITIES. Exit, the boa constrictor brought from South Africa to Lanesboro by returned missionary Hunter Reed. His snake was kept in Riverside Park. A perigrinating chicken picked out the eyes of the snake and death followed. Driving from Susquehanna to Columbia Grove, his summer residence, Dr. D. J. Peck, of this place killed a rattlesnake, seven feet long. It possessed nine rattles.

Columbia Hose company, of Carbondale, will soon pay Eric Hesse company of Susquehanna, a day's visit. Among the day's features will be a parade, and a social at night. The century club will entertain its lady friends at a hop to be held in the pavilion in Riverside Park, Lanesboro, this evening.

Judson, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Fisher, following proof for some misconduct, suddenly left home on Friday. He was last heard from in Elmira. It is thought that he is headed for Sunbury, his former home.

WHOLLY UNREMEDITATED. He was a tramp. A dirty, ragged scamp. Who's shoes were very much in need of a repair. And he was one who thought it lots of fun to see the farmer's haystack after set of sun. And yet he had a soul not wholly bad. Though given over to the ways that make people mad. Beneath his vest a yearning for the best. A yearning strong and deathlike filled his breast. For he loved his. And where the melons lie he turned when his little watchers were not. And he'd seem plain headed he had foreseen. And even spring chickens which too long ago were born.

No Indian was ever known to snore. Young women who object to snoring husbands should make up their minds to wed an Indian without delay. A Susquehanna county girl waited her hand at a stranger, and in three days later the young wife waved a flatiron at her husband, and in a year he came home wanting a divorce. The boss, like a base ball player, are rising to the fly. A scientist has discovered the "earthquake belt." It is found in the spot where the green cucumber shakes you. Having screamed a scream that will be heard the country over, the cuckoo now may perch upon the banner and doze until his next birthday comes.

FLOTTAM AND JETSAM. The man who fired the first shot at Fort Sumter has just died. One by one the men who participated in the civil war, like June roses, droop and die, and when decades of years roll away, not many will be left. Each year there are more soldiers' graves and fewer comrades left to decorate them.

A wild rumor, which cannot be traced to any reliable source, is to the effect that the two great political parties will make an effort this year to catch the American vote. Is it altogether complimentary to be referred to as a "rising young politician?"

A city or town newspaper is a photograph of the place where it is printed, and is the only evidence its foreign readers have of the town's progress. Every business firm should be represented by a standing advertisement, be it large or small, that strangers may get a good impression of the place.

There was a sign upon a fence— The sign was "Point" And everybody that went by, Sinner and saint, Put out a finger, touched the fence, And onward sped; And as they wiped their finger tips, "It is!" they said.

THE NEWS RECORD. The Erie Hose and the Susquehanna Athletic clubs will play ball in Beebe park on Thursday next. The Erie shop employees will exhort to Elmira August 18.

The Montrose club offers the Susquehanna club all of the gate receipts if it will play in Montrose. "All of the gate receipts" at a game in Montrose means from \$5 to \$12. It would cost the Susquehanna team \$20 to go to that borough. A second game between the two clubs is a remote possibility.

A Susquehanna county man, who recently died, left his property to his mother-in-law. "The world do move." From some sections of the county come reports that a large green bug, of a new variety, is attacking and killing the potato bugs. "Let the good work go on!"

The annual banquet and reunion of Laurel Hill Alumni association, held last evening in the Knights of Pythias

DEMOCRATS OPEN THEIR CAMPAIGN

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reform forces of the country hope and intend to restore the action of the federal government to the principles of Washington and Jefferson—to reestablish by the spirit of 1896 the doctrines of 1776—the principles of Jefferson, equal rights to all, special privileges to none.

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.

Forces to Leave for Taku on Friday. Washington, July 10.—General MacArthur cables the war department from Manila that the Fourteenth infantry and Fifth artillery will leave on Friday for Taku. Other troops are being sent to replace these.

Plattsburg, N. Y., July 10.—Companies A, B, C and D of the Fifteenth infantry, under command of Colonel Moale, left Plattsburg barracks at 9 o'clock this morning for San Francisco, whence they will sail for Nansanki on the transport Grant on July 15.

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ULTIMATUM TO OPERATORS.

Will Be Presented on July 30 by United Mine Workers. Wilkes-Barre, July 10.—The United Mine Workers' district convention, which has been in session at Pittston the last two days, adjourned this evening. It was given out that a joint meeting of the three districts of the "United Mine Workers" in the anthracite region would be held at Hazleton on July 30.

It is said a final ultimatum will then be issued to the operators. The four great questions that the miners have been discussing for some time will then be put to the operators in final disposition. These questions are: First—Will the operators obey the state law and pay their men every two weeks? Second—Will the operators grant a reduction in the price of powder? Third—Will the operators recognize the miners' union? Fourth—Will the operators consent to a fair dockage system?

LAKE ERIE TROTTING CIRCUIT.

First Day's Meet at Titusville a Success. Titusville, Pa., July 10.—The first day's meet of the Lake Erie trotting circuit at the new J. C. McKinney driving park was a pronounced success. The weather was brilliant and the track fast. The feature of the day was the unfinished third race, in which Sapphire won two heats, with Tom Nolan second. The attendance was large. Summary: 2:40 pace, purse \$400.—Carriage, won; Gene Whitcomb, second; Pure Gold, third. Time, 2:21 1/2, 2:19 1/2, 2:22. Second race—2:18 trot, purse \$400.—Frank Creamer, won; Archie, W, second; Metcalfe, third. Time, 2:15 1/2, 2:17 1/2, 2:17 1/2. Third race—2:17 pace, purse, \$400 (unfinished). Time, 2:18 3/5, 2:12 1/4, 2:15 1/2, 2:17 1/2.

TESTING THE ARMOR.

New Plates for the Battleship Illinois Show Great Resistance. Washington, July 10.—The naval ordnance bureau today held a test of 14-inch harveized Carnegie plate at the Indian Head proving ground. This plate formed the last group of turret armor, yet untested, for the new battleship Illinois, now nearing completion at Newport News. Two 12-inch shots were fired, according to specifications. The first traveled with a velocity of 1,480 feet per second and penetrated to a depth of 8 1/2 inches, the shell breaking up and the pieces rebounding. The velocity of the second shot was 1,522 feet per second. In this case the projectile again broke up, the head remaining in the plate. The estimated penetration was 12 inches.

ATHLETES SIGNED.

Fitz and Ruhlman Agree to Meet in a 25-Round Contest. New York, July 10.—Robert Fitzsimmons and Gus Ruhlman today signed articles for a twenty-five round glove contest on Aug. 10 before the club offering the largest purse. The winner is to take 75 and the loser 25 per cent. of the prize money.

DANGER AT CAPE NOME.

It Is Believed There Will Be Much Suffering the Coming Winter. Washington, July 10.—A report has been received at the treasury department from Captain Roberts, commanding the revenue cutter Manning, dated Dutch Harbor, Unalaska, June 25, 1900, showing a situation at Cape Nome which the officials fear may result in great suffering during the coming winter among the crews that are now flocking to the next gold fields.

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STARVING PEOPLE

Need just one thing—food. That is plain when one looks at the gaunt body of the starving Hindoo. Give him food, and from a weak, staggering, helpless being, he becomes a strong, active man. If someone were to come to the hungry Hindoo and say, "What you need is not food but medicine," we should laugh at him.

This is just the case of the starving American. The one thing his body needs is food. He has plenty to eat but he is not fed; because it is not what is eaten which nourishes the body, but that which after being eaten is digested and assimilated. Medicine can't feed. There is only one way known to Nature by which the body and its several organs can be made strong and that is by food. For this reason no man can be stronger than his stomach. When the stomach is "weak," then the body will be weak also, because a "weak" stomach involves the digestive and nutritive systems. The consequence is that only a portion of the food received into the stomach can be converted into nutrition, and the organs of the body, like soldiers in a besieged citadel, grow daily weaker as their rations are reduced.

Thought Himself Incurable.

"I was afflicted with what the doctors called nervous indigestion. Took medicine from my family physician to no avail. In looking over one of Dr. Pierce's Memorandum Books," writes Mr. Thos. G. Lever, of Lever, Richland Co., S. C., "I found my case described exactly. I wrote to you and made a statement. You sent me a descriptive list of questions, also hygienic rules. I carried these out as best I could, but I thought myself incurable as I suffered so much with pain under my ribs and an empty feeling in my stomach. At night would have cold feet and hands, alternately. I was getting very nervous and suffered a great deal mentally, thinking that death would soon claim me. Always expecting something unusual to take place; was irritable and impatient, and greatly reduced in flesh. I could scarcely eat anything that would not produce a bad feeling in my stomach. After some hesitation, owing to my prejudice against patent medicines, I decided to try a few bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Pleasant Pellets.' After taking several bottles of each, found I was improving. I continued for six months or more, off and on. I have to be careful yet, at times, of what I eat, in order that I may feel good and strong. I fully believe if anyone suffering with indigestion or torpid liver, or chronic cold, would take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Pleasant Pellets,' and observe a few simple, hygienic rules, would soon be greatly benefited, and with a little perseverance would be entirely cured."

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RECIPROCITY WITH GERMANY.

Long Expected Arrangement Has Been Effected. Washington, July 10.—The long-expected reciprocity arrangements between the United States and Germany have been effected. Secretary Hay and the German ambassador have subscribed to the convention and the president will issue his proclamation putting the new duties in force in the course of a few days. The arrangement is generally similar in terms to the first arrangement made with France and the duties on still with France, argols, paintstuffs and statuary from Germany entering the United States. It does not require the approval of the senate, being drawn under section four of the Dingley act.

BELLE ISLAND STRIKE.

A Bloody Affray Is Feared as the Closing Scene of the Drama. St. Johns, N. F., July 10.—The Belle Island strikers succeeded today in preventing a coal schooner being unloaded or any other work being done at the mines. The managers of the mines have applied to the Supreme court and the government for protection.

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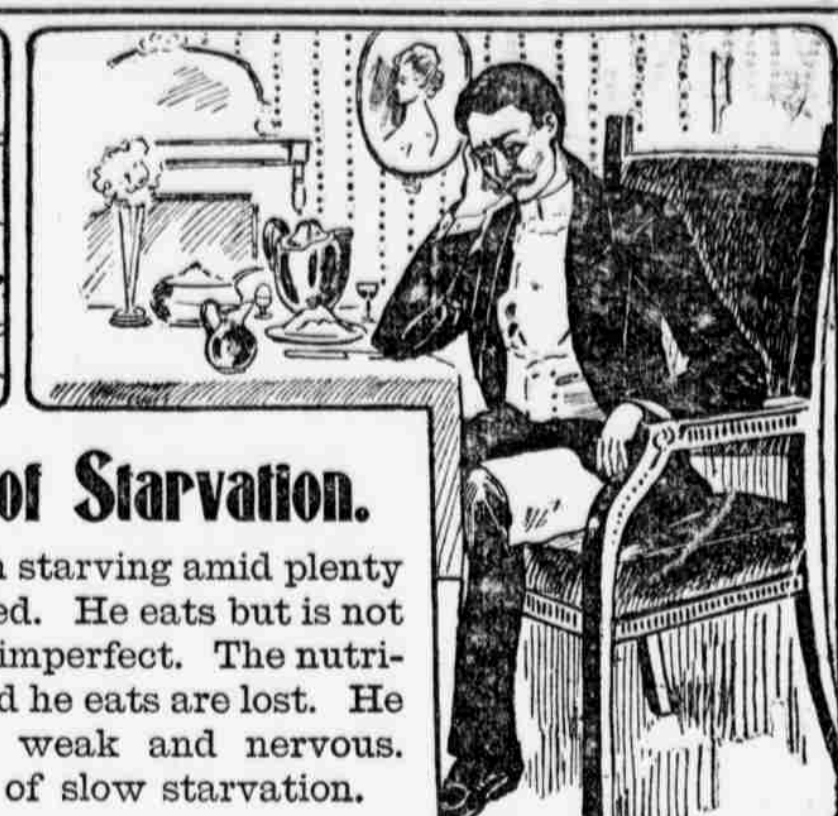
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side of mechanics, such as carpenters, painters, etc. It appears impossible for the vast throng that has been and is being thrown into Nome by the numerous transportation companies, which use every means possible to induce travel to the Cape Nome fields to find mines or work. Many of these people have but little above their passage money and outfits and depend upon finding gold to keep them going after landing.

Barre; judge, George S. Ferrick, West Pittston; state senator, William Drury, Pittston; district attorney, Benjamin R. Jones, Warrior Run; prothonotary, Brinton Jackson, Nanticoke; clerk of the courts, Rose D. Lloyd, Hazleton; jury commissioner, A. J. Thrash, Hazleton.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing the national and state administrations.

After further says that it is the opinion of those from the mining district of Nome and vicinity from whom he sought information that a large number of people will be stranded before the end of the season, with no means of getting out of the country without assistance from some source.

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It is not possible to protect life and property against the lightning stroke under all circumstances, but by the exercise of common-sense precautions the loss of life and property may be reduced to the minimum. In a majority of cases where deaths by lightning are reported, those who suffered the fatal stroke have taken refuge under all circumstances, or have sought shelter in houses with windows or doors open, giving the lightning an excellent conductor in the damp current of air passing through the building. Deaths by lightning inside of a building are very rare when the windows and doors are closed, and this precaution is so obviously reasonable that all should understand and respect it.

We often see the reports of what are called the freaks of lightning, in evidence forgetfulness of the fact that lightning follows the law of attraction as scrupulously as the falling apple follows the law of gravitation. Whatever apparently fantastic tricks the lightning stroke may exhibit it simply proves where the strongest attractions were presented. The two reasonable precautions which should be most observed by persons taking refuge from storms under trees in the open fields and sitting in the house with open windows and doors.

In no one thing have the farmers of the country been so widely and atrociously swindled as in the purchase of utterly inadequate and badly constructed lightning rods for their houses and barns, and an imperfect lightning rod is every much worse than none at all. Not one-third of the lightning rod conductors attached to buildings throughout the country afford any protection against lightning, and many of them would attract the lightning without conducting the discharge in safety to the earth. Every barn should have the best possible protection against lightning, as in the summer season the escaping gases from fresh crops very greatly increase their danger.

In nearly all instances barns could be entirely protected by being properly equipped with copper cable conductors. The conducting capacity of the lightning rod is in its surface, and a cable has treble or quadruple the conducting capacity of a single rod because of the multiplied surface given by its several strands. In addition to having contacts at the various exposed portions of the building, all should connect with a complete circuit around the base of the roof, from which two or more cables should go to the ground and there be embedded in sufficient depth to assure moisture in the driest season. Buildings thus protected are very rarely injured by electrical discharges.

Many persons have very unreasonable apprehensions of lightning, but it is wise for all to understand that it is a source of danger to life and property that should be avoided as much as possible. It is always prudent when thunder-storms appear to avoid needless exposure to lightning by taking refuge under trees, or sitting in draughts in a house or even on a porch. When the utmost precaution is taken there cannot be entire safety from electrical discharges, but the observance of plain common-sense rules which should be well understood by even those of the most ordinary intelligence, would greatly diminish the loss of life by lightning.