The Somerset Herald

WEDNESDAY.....December 18, 1878.

THE storm of last week was one of the severest with which this country has been visited for years. As will be seen by our news columns, great damage has been done in various sections, particularly along the Susquehanna, the Hudson, and other large streams.

THE Schuylkill county papers are advocating the appointment of Linn Bartholomew, Esq., for Attorney General. Of course Governor Hoyt is capable of, and will select his own cabinet, but should his choice fall on this eloquent son of Schuylkill, whose eminent ability is unquestioned, the Republicans of the State will be fully content.

THE returns to the Agricultural Bureau show that the wheat crop of this year exceeds 425,000,000 bushels. The cotton crop is also the largest ever produced in this country, being 5,199,000 bales, of an average of 450 pounds. With such an immense wheat and cotton crop, with pork a drug at 3 cents, the price of living for the coming year should be cheaper than was ever before known to this generation.

DANIEL S. RUSSELL, whom the Greenbackers elected to Congress from the Third District of North Carolina, in place of Waddell, recently declared in a public meeting in favor of the payment of all Southern claims, whether the claimants were loyal to the Union or not, and the pensioning of Southern as well as Northern soldiers of the late war, each of whom fought for their country. He's Rebel all the same, whether he goes by the name of Greenbacker or not.

SENATOR BLAINE has gone and done it again. He made a speech in the Senate last week on the infamous election frauds in the South, that has set the Democratic editors and politicians prancing most ferociously.

It is one of the greatest speeches of his life, so convincing in its argument, so admirable in its tone and temper, so unanswerable, and so evidently the key note of the next Presidential campaign, that we do not wonder the only Democratic reply is to make mouths at its author. We will lay it before our readers next week.

WADE HAMPTON has his reward for breaking the pledges he made when inaugurated Governor of South Carolina, that citizens of all colors and every degree should be protected in all their civil rights. By means of red shirt rifle clubs, ballot box stuffing, and intimidation, he secured a Legislature that has elected him to the U. S. Senate, and he will take a seat by the side of his colleague, Butler, who procured his election by the massacre of the colored voters at Hamburg and other places, and these two typical Southern Democrats will let no opportunity escape them to prate of the "honah" of Southern gentlemen.

ANDY CURTIN has given formal notice of his intention to contest the seat in Congress to which Mr. Yocum was elected by the citizens of the 20th district.

Of course in his petition he throws a drag net over the entire district, alleging frauds in Centre and Clearfield counties particularly. These mere charges of fraud are being published by the able Democratic editors of the State, as conclusive evidence that "Andy" was defrauded. The trick is a very thin one, gotten up to forestall public opinion, and as a cloak for the contemplated rascality of seating him, despite the fact of his being beaten in that overwhelmingly Democratic district.

A REPUBLICAN candidate for Congress in New York, fully understanding Democratic tactics, had his tickets printed on oiled paper so the Democratic "stickers" wouldn't stick, and when the counting came to be done they were all found lying loose at the bottom of the boxes. The Buffalo *Courier* is much grieved over this "mean Republican trick" and refuses to be comforted. Bless its innocent soul! let it send one of its attaches into this portion of the moral vineyard, and its Democratic friends will show it the folly of depending on stickers. When they want to cheat a Democratic member into Congress up this way, they basely circulate a counterfeit Republican ticket, carefully concealed until the day of election—with the name of their own man printed on it, and thus deceive and defraud the voters. What dull fellows they are over in New York; why don't they import a "Scientific politician" from the "State of the Glades?"

WE are now within two weeks of the resumption of specie payments. Congress has been in session a couple of weeks, and yet not one of the Democratic members who bellowed so loud, and promised so much during the late canvass, has yet introduced a bill to repeal the act fixing the date of resumption. What a pity 'tis that "our Aleck" isn't there now. He surely would make good his pledge, and insist on repeal. Doubtless there are malcontents enough in the present House who would like to turn us back to the times of irredeemable paper currency; but somehow since the lesson of the late elections, they are as dumb as oysters on that subject, and are only trying to depreciate the currency by efforts to have coined and put in circulation an indefinite amount of silver dollars worth, intrinsically, about eighty-two cents, and thus assist the gold gamblers to put up the premiums on gold, and cripple the Treasury and the banks, by withdrawing gold from circulation.

SENATOR BECK, of Kentucky, has given notice that he will introduce a bill repealing the statute which prohibits persons who have served in the military, naval, or civil service of the Southern Confederacy from being appointed to positions in the army of the United States. It is too soon, Mr. Beck, too soon. The lovers of the Union are not ready to hand over our little army to the rebel brigadiers just yet.

HAD the South Carolina Democrats had every thing their own way before the war they would not have seceded. They now have everything their own way, and are no doubt contented. They have only to intimidate Republicans before election, stuff ballot boxes during the election, and imprison those who dare to whisper a word about it afterwards. This plan is much less dangerous than shooting at Republicans in United States uniform.—*Press.*

THE citizens of Armstrong county—a few days since—procured the indictment, conviction, and of course, commitment to the penitentiary of their Sheriff, for using corrupt means to procure his election, and then taking the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution. Here is example and encouragement for the great reformers in this county, who so effectually played into the hands of the Democrats during the late campaign, by charging that if the Republican candidates were elected they couldn't accept the offices, because their nominations were procured through undue means. Every one of the elected candidates are filing their bonds and arranging to enter on the duties of office, yet their accusers are as dumb as sheep before their shearers. Did anybody lie? If so, who was it?

The White Democracy of South Carolina.

Good government in the South can only be enjoyed by giving the conduct of affairs to the white people. They are Democrats. The Democracy have absolute and almost unlimited sway in South Carolina. They are responsible to the State and the country for the rightful use of their far-reaching authority. There is no thought of disfranchising the colored people. We want them to vote, as they will hereafter vote, with the Democracy.—*News and Courier, Charleston, S. C.*

"The Democracy have absolute and unlimited sway in South Carolina." So we see. But how did they get it? At the Presidential election in 1872, the Republican vote was 72,290; the Democratic vote, 22,683. The census of South Carolina in 1875 gave a white population of 350,764, while the blacks numbered 574,391, being a majority of 223,637. The *News and Courier* knows—the world knows—that the blacks of South Carolina are, almost to a man, Republicans. Will the *News and Courier*, in the face of these facts, answer how "the Democracy of South Carolina obtained absolute and unlimited sway?" "They are responsible to the State and to the country for the rightful use of their far-reaching authority." How did they get this authority? Is it the "authority" granted by the Constitution? Did not South Carolina accept the amendments to the Constitution which made every man free, and gave him the elective franchise? "There is no thought of disfranchising the colored people. We want them to vote—with the Democracy." Never, in the history of crime, did its actors hide themselves under so flimsy a disguise as the Democratic white man's party of South Carolina. Whining about "good government" and their "responsibility to the country for rightful use of authority," we behold a leading journal, representing the intelligence of the State, openly boasting of power obtained through perjury and defiance of law and the Constitution. It trampled upon the majorities cast for Republican candidates as long as shot-guns permitted them to be cast; it utterly ignores the majority of more than 223,000 colored citizens of the State, and seems to think that the amiable and peace-loving, law-abiding people who believe in free men and free speech should arise and do honor to the patriotic white Democracy who once before treacherously shotted their guns and inaugurated a reign of blood. To the Charleston *News and Courier* we say that, while Presidents and Cabinets may hesitate, and Congress cling to diplomatic methods, yet the millions of people behind them will see to it that every man, rich or poor, black or white, whether in Massachusetts or South Carolina, everywhere under the flag, shall have his liberty of person and speech, and be protected in the enjoyment of his privileges at the ballot-box, even if he does not vote as his white persecutors demand. The North has asked nothing but this of the South, and this it will demand and will have.

Every movement at reconciliation has been spurned; the sacred obligations which the Southern States took upon themselves have been openly and wantonly violated, and the more plainly these truths are told the better. The Constitution of the United States is not a toy, and the people will call to account the actors in the disgraceful drama now being enacted under the title of "The White Democracy of the South."—*Inter-Ocean.*

Senator Gordon's Mistake.

From the Schenectady Union. (Rep.)

Senator Gordon—don't you forget that the North will follow the lead of Blaine and Conkling and all the other leaders, so long as they call it to resent the most flagrant outrages against the freedom of speech and the freedom of the ballot at the South! The same North that crushed you in your madness of rebellion, will see to it that you shall not long trample in the dust the most sacred rights of citizenship in the South, in your mad attempts at gaining power by fraud and violence! You assume to censure the North because it complains that late rebels shall not be allowed to defy the Constitution and disfranchise a race! You, one of the chiefs of the rebellion, complain because the North objects to your subverting the Government, the same as you did in 1861!

Good For Babies.

We are pleased to say that our baby was permanently cured of serious protracted irregularity of the bowels by the use of Hop Bitters by its mother, which at the same time restored her to perfect health and strength. The Parents, University ave., Rochester, N. Y. See another column.

Solid For Everything Bad.

From the Cincinnati Commercial. (Ind.)

If the South were not solid upon the rights of the black citizens, now clearly defined to be summed up in the privilege of voting the Democratic ticket, the same old solidity would appear on some other question. Opposition to the collection of the whisky tax as oppressive, illegal and unconstitutional would solidify a considerable portion of the southern soil. Then the great southern jobs—railroad, canal and levee jobs—would have a consolidating and hardening influence. If these were out of the way, there would be the war claims. The chances are that the South will remain solid until overwhelmed by the overbearing growth of the North, and reduced from a section to a quarter section.

A Deep Republican Plot.

From the New York Tribune.

It has been given out at a conference of "leading southerners" in Washington that all those tissue-paper ballots were manufactured by unscrupulous Republicans in order to make out a case of fraud. We have suspected this all along. These deep conspirators not only fabricated the onion skin ballots, but they prevailed upon Democratic night editors throughout the State to tuck them all snugly into the boxes, and then persuaded Democratic supervisors to throw out all the Republican votes when they made the count. Uncommonly sly fellows, those unscrupulous Republicans of South Carolina!

An Explosion of Flour Dust.

ST. PAUL, December 10.—Only one mill was burned at the fire at Minneapolis yesterday—the Anchor Mill. The fire broke out at 8 o'clock. A large crowd assembled at once in a state of great consternation, fearing an explosion and a repetition of the events of last May.

The firemen worked with energy, but it soon appeared that the mill could not be saved. Attention was then turned to the surrounding structures—the North Star Woolen Mills and the Washburn B. Mills, but a liberal use of water saved them. The Anchor Mills was wholly destroyed, and the flames were mostly subdued by 11 o'clock.

The mill is close to the scene of disaster of last year, and narrowly escaped then. The mill had 12 runs of stone and gave employment to 20 men.

At the hour when the fire occurred the men were nearly all away, and, consequently, the loss of life, so lamentable a feature in the last disaster, was avoided. The mill was situated just north of Washburn B., and with the latter narrowly escaped destruction last May. It is owned by John S. Pillsbury, Governor of the State. It was operated by the firm of C. A. Pillsbury & Co. The firm operate 32 runs of stone in different mills.

The chief interest in the burning of the mill lies in the origin of the fire, which this time is clear and undoubted, and fully establishes the theory of the last explosion, and the danger of mill-dust. At about 8 o'clock a miller named Nels Manson discovered that one of the elevators which conducted flour from the lower basement of the mill to the middlings-purifiers in the upper story was clogged. He went to the basement to start the elevator, carrying a lantern, which he set down 15 feet away, but in front of the opening of the elevator. Having removed the obstruction, he started the elevator, when a mass of flour became dislodged and fell in a cloud. This caused a puff of flour-dust from the open door of the elevator, which reached the lantern, when at once there was a great flash of flame.

Manson was burned by the flames on his head, hands, and face, but retaining his presence of mind, immediately stopped the mill, then rushing out into the open air. From a point in the rear of the mill, immediately after his escape, Manson could see that the entire lower floor of the mill was one mass of flame, probably caused by dust floating into the air. As in the last disaster, the flames spread instantly over the whole structure, making the exertions to save it in vain.

The mill was of stone, six stories high, and was built by Eastman, Gibson & Co. about six years ago, and was sold by them four years ago to C. A. Pillsbury & Co. for $75,000. Since the sale the mill has been improved, at great expense. About 15,000 bushels of wheat and 70 barrels of flour were burned with the mill.

The value of the property lost may be fairly estimated at about $90,000. C. A. Pillsbury has already announced that the firm will at once proceed to rebuild the mill, probably on an enlarged scale.

How Two Fast Young Men Made a Shipwreck of Honor.

PITTSBURG, December 12.—John A. Duncan, who has for many years past been head bookkeeper of Dilworth & Brother, one of the heaviest grocery houses has been arrested for embezzlement. He was paid a large salary, and was implicitly trusted by his employers. Within the past year he has fallen into the meshes of a fascinating but dissolute woman, and she has squandered every cent he could raise. His extravagance aroused his employers' suspicions, and they examined his books. At first they found a great many clerical errors, and thinking this was all, they discharged Duncan. Another bookkeeper was employed, and on closer examination of the books it was found that over $10,000 were missing. Duncan was arrested, had a hearing before a magistrate, and was committed to jail in default of $5,000 bail. The arrest and commitment were conducted with great secrecy, and no one knew of the affair outside of Duncan's immediate friends until late this afternoon. Every effort has been made to suppress publication of the matter, as Duncan belongs to one of the best families in the city, and moves in excellent society. He acknowledges his guilt, however, and promises to make the loss good. He drew his check for about $2,000 which he had deposited in a bank this evening in favor of the Dilworths. Duncan's most intimate friend was James Tulliver, who was discovered to be a defaulter to the extent of $10,000 from the firm of which he was bookkeeper about six months ago. Duncan and Tulliver hired a house in the suburbs, furnished it in magnificent style, and lived in it with their mistresses at the rate of many thousands a year. The affair has created quite a sensation in the social world of Pittsburgh.

B. & O. Railroad.

BALTIMORE, December 11.—At the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company to-day John W. Garrett was unanimously re-elected president for the ensuing year.

THE RECENT STORM.

A Rain Storm of Unusual Severity, Extending All Over the Country.

It is Especially Severe in the New England States.

Susquehanna River at Flood Height.

DAMAGE ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Dispatches from numerous points in the country up to a late hour last night give the following account of the result of the rain storm of the past two days:

MASSACHUSETTS.

The storm and heavy rain has caused much damage in Western Massachusetts, but, though the Connecticut river is rising rapidly here, no alarm is felt in the city of Springfield.

In the Mill River valley, the scene of the great flood in 1874, the water is nearly as high as at that time. The Haydenville dam is undermined, and it may be swept away. One of the Florence bridges has been carried away, the basements of the mills are flooded, and houses in the meadows are nearly floated from their foundations, while the canal road is badly washed.

The Leeds button mills are submerged and falling in, and fifty feet of the railway are carried away. The old school house, which narrowly escaped in 1874, is demolished, with a saloon and a tenement house. Main street, in Northampton, is overflowed and bells have been rung and whistles blown to warn people on the flats to move away.

There is a large washout at Charlemont, and the depot is surrounded by high water in the Deerfield river. West of here there is considerable trouble on the Boston and Albany road.

The river is higher than ever before at Russell, running over the new railroad bridge and flooding the depot so that the occupants were forced to fly. Five hundred feet of track have been washed away near that place.

The flood has done its worst at Westfield, where the terrible flood of 1869 is repeated. Early in the evening the fire bells were rung, and a large force of men attempted to bank up the dink, but it gave way, and the flood dashed through the town, washing away houses and literally cutting the village in two. Loss of life is reported, and the damage will be over $200,000. Bridges and mills are threatened, and as the rain continues to fall, no one can tell what the result will be.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

Snow fell for twelve hours Monday. It began raining at nightfall Monday, and still continues. The Mill river is higher than ever before, not excepting the time of the great flood.

Water is flowing into Maple street district, and will flood fifty houses. An immense amount of damage would result from a further rise of three inches. Northampton pike is threatened. The water has backed into many houses and factory cellars. The Northampton and New Haven railroad track is washed away south of the town, and travel is suspended. Welsh End iron bridge in Northampton has been swept away, and three other bridges are in imminent danger.

There are reports of great damage from other points further up the river.

PENNSYLVANIA.

HARRISBURG, December 11.—The rain of Monday and Tuesday has resulted in a flood in the Susquehanna river, which is almost equal in extent to that of 1868, and nearly two feet higher than any known since.

At midnight the river indicated about 18½ feet above low water mark, and the river was rising three inches an hour.

As the Surquehanna is reported to be rising about 80 miles north, and the west branch flood is not all down yet, it is probable that 20 feet above low water mark will be reached before a subsidence occurs.

The biggest flood ever experienced in the Susquehanna was in the spring of 1865, when the water rose to nearly 23 feet, and when hundreds of people were compelled to use boats in escaping from their houses. Several of the streets in the lowlands are inundated and lower floors of houses are flooded.

[Reports from all parts of New York and New England state that the storm was very severe, causing much damage to railroads, flooding towns and destroying or damaging property of all kinds. A number of lives are reported lost.]

Wade Hampton.

A dispatch from Columbia, S. C., dated last night, says:

Gov. Hampton's wounded leg was amputated to-day about six inches below the knee. His physicians have contemplated this course for some days, and were waiting until his condition would warrant the operation.

The immediate friends of the Governor say that his situation now is not dangerous, that he stood the operation finely under the influence of chloroform, and that his system is in such condition as to promise hopeful results.

The Legislature to-day elected Governor Hampton to the United States Senate. The vote was taken separately in each house as required by law. The Senators who were present, twenty-nine in all, including the Republicans, voted unanimously for the Governor.

The House, with the exception of two members, also voted for Hampton. The exceptions were Messrs. Miller and Simmons, colored members from Beaufort, who voted for E. W. M. Mackey. The scene in the House was quite impressive. A letter was read from Governor Hampton defining his position, saying:

He was not a candidate, but that the office was neither to be sought nor declined.

PITTSBURGH, December 13.—A horrible accident at the American iron works this morning, by which Patrick Shannon, the assistant, was instantly killed, and his body torn to shreds. Shannon had gone upon the platform to examine a line of shafting when his clothing was caught by a pulley and his body drawn on to the shaft, which was making 240 revolutions a minute. Before the machinery could be stopped his body was torn to pieces and scattered over the mill. Portions of the remains were thrown three hundred feet.

Remarkable Storm.

ST. LOUIS, Dec., 13.—Dispatches from Central and Western Missouri, Iowa and Kansas say the heaviest snow storm known for years prevailed during the past twenty-four hours. The depth varies from ten to thirty inches, and in some localities is very badly drifted. Railroads generally are obstructed, and some of them have been obliged to suspend running trains altogether. At Lexington, Mo., and other places the schools closed and business was stopped. At Fulton and Rock Island the Mississippi river is closed and people walked across it on the ice. A sleet storm set in here last night and covered the ground with a thick sheet of ice. To-day the weather moderated, and rain has fallen and still continues to fall.

ANOTHER DISPATCH.

A dispatch from Kansas City, Mo., says: The heaviest snow storm ever known in this section has been raging the past twenty-four hours. It began about eight o'clock last night, and there was a depth of eleven inches at daylight this morning. At nine o'clock to-night the fall was between twenty-one and twenty-two inches, about which time the storm seemed to abate. A perfect gale attended the storm, and in many places the snow is drifted to the depth of six or eight feet. The only passenger trains that have arrived to-day were the Hannibal & St. Joe, which came in five hours late, and Council Bluffs, that arrived almost on time. All other trains are snow bound, but some are expected in to-night. The Missouri Pacific, due here this morning, is stuck near Greenwood, and the Kansas City & Northern near Dewitt, and Kansas Pacific & Santa Fe between Lawrence and Topeka. No passenger trains went out this afternoon. Business of all kinds is virtually suspended.

A Prominent Democrat Sentenced.

CINCINNATI, Dec., 11.—John O'Connor, late a member of the Ohio Legislature, who was found guilty last week, in the United States Court, of forging an affidavit in support of a claim for a pension, was yesterday sentenced to one year's imprisonment in Montgomery County jail, at Dayton, the lightest penalty provided for by law. O'Connor was Chairman of the Military Committee in the Ohio House of Representatives last winter, and was the author of the bill to cripple the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Xenia. Early in the session conclusive proof was produced to show that he was an ex-convict, a deserter, a bounty-jumper, and a perjurer. His case was taken in hand by a Democratic Committee, but as his vote was necessary to secure the passage of the Congressional gerrymander and other partisan measures, he was retained in his seat until the close of the session when he was ignominiously expelled. O'Connor thinks the Democracy have not treated him fairly, and there are many persons who agree with him.

Queen Victoria's Life Threatened.

LONDON, December 13.—A man named Madden was arraigned at the Bow street police court yesterday, charged with having made threats against the life of Queen Victoria. It appears that he is a harmless lunatic, and has been known as such for twenty years past. Madden wrote to Lord Lyons and to the Home Secretary, the right Hon. Mr. Cross, last May, and wrote again to the latter recently, saying he would go to Balmoral and change the form of the English Government unless a thousand pounds were given to him. The prisoner was at one time confined in a pauper insane infirmary but was released as harmless and incurable. The affair is regarded as of no importance.

A Trust Company Robbed.

HARTFORD, Ct., Dec., 12.—Yesterday noon while the treasurer of the Trust Company in Thompsonville was at dinner, his residence being over the bank, a burglar got in through a rear window, pried open a drawer, and took $1,000 which had been left for deposit during the forenoon. He was frightened away by a man appearing at the front door, but took the money with him. He left a "jimmy," which was rolled up in a New York German newspaper, and a carpet-bag. It is thought he had confederates, and intended to go into the vault, the outer door of which was open and the inner one fastened only with a padlock.

Nebraska Horrors.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—A dispatch from Omaha says two men named Ketchum and Mitchell, accused of stealing stock, and who recently killed a border named Stephens, who was trying to arrest them, were, on Tuesday night, taken from the Sheriff of Custer county and his posse, by a mob of armed men, who tied them to a tree and burned them to death. The mob was composed of twenty-five men, nearly all herders, and masked.

The murdered bodies of Mrs. Hurlson and three children were found yesterday in a haystack on her farm, fifteen miles south of Kearney. They are supposed to have been killed on the 8th inst. S. D. Richards is suspected of being the murderer, and it is thought he left Kearney for the east yesterday. A reward of two hundred dollars is offered for the arrest of the murderer.

Rescued From Death.

PATTERSON, N. J., Dec. 12.—This afternoon a man and boy attempted to drive a horse and wagon along the Little Falls turnpike, which was submerged by the freshet. They missed the road and drove into the channel of the river above Passaic Falls. The wagon bed, with man and boy, floated off. The swift current bore them towards the rapids and a plunge of seventy feet beyond. Some gentlemen who were on the bridge that spans the river just above the boiling rapids, hastily tore the reins from some horses standing there and made lines, which the man and boy caught as they passed under, and were saved. The wagon body plunged over the falls.

Tragedy.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 13.—About four this morning Peter Muchmeisser, a resident of the Twenty-fifth ward, beat his wife in the head with a flat-iron until he supposed her dead. He then went out and hanged himself. Muchmeisser was a drunken wretch, who drew his only support from his wife as a washerwoman. Lately she received a small legacy, which he attempted unsuccessfully to deprive her of; hence his crime and suicide. The woman may possibly live, but will be maimed for life.

Railroad Accident.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 11.—A serious accident occurred on the Montreal railroad last evening at Sewell's Fall, about a mile and a half above East Concord, in consequence of a washout caused by the heavy rains of yesterday.

As the evening through train to Montreal, consisting of a smoking, baggage and mail combined and passenger and Pullman cars, was passing over, the engine and tender were precipitated down an embankment about one hundred and fifty feet from the road. The baggage car struck into the side of the washout and telescoped into the passenger car next behind. In the passenger car were some fourteen people and in the smoking car eight or nine. In the baggage car were only two persons, neither of whom was injured. Some seven persons were injured, but none fatally, so far as we can learn. On the same road at Tilton a washout occurred yesterday evening, and the Warren railroad bridge was carried away.

Run on a Bank.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A run began on the First National Bank on Friday and continued until $50,000 had been drawn out. After an examination of the assets by the directors they decided that they were more than sufficient to meet all liabilities and leave a surplus. Telegrams were sent and funds came this morning in response thereto, but as the excitement was increasing the directors concluded to retain them and stop business. It is possible the bank may now go into liquidation. The shrinkage in the value of real estate here during the past five years has left a proportion of overdue paper which has rendered this course advisable. A run began on the Commercial bank as soon as the First National stopped, and now that has also stopped.

Dying from the Bite of a Man.

Peter McNamara, a well known contractor of Washington City, is reported dying, from the effects of a bite on the hand. About six weeks ago a son of Mr. McNamara got into a dispute with one Patrick Danaher at the hire of some of Mr. M.'s horses for the garbage service, and they had some hard words. When McNamara went to Danaher the latter repeated the opprobrious epithets, and the men got into a scuffle, in which Danaher seized Mr. M.'s thumb with his teeth and lacerated it fearfully. Soon afterwards mortification set in, and to save Mr. M.'s life the thumb was amputated, but the poison had entered his system, and although Drs. T. F. Thompson and C. M. Ford have been very attentive, doing everything that it was possible to do, he now lies at death's door.

A Lady Beaten to Death.

YORK, Pa., Dec. 12.—Much excitement prevails in this county over the brutal murder of Miss Christiana Herman, of Heidelburg township, the facts of which are just becoming generally known. Last Saturday night, while returning from a party, she was waylaid and beaten to death. The body was found next morning a few hundred yards from her home. The skull was crushed, her brain protruded and her jaw was fractured. A tramp has been arrested on suspicion of having committed the crime, but the evidence against him does not appear strong. Suspicion also pointed to a young man named Ephraim Snyder, but investigation showed that it was without any foundation.

Punished by Lynch Law.

OMAHA, Dec. 10.—About a week ago three colored men choked to death an old man named Charles Slocum, in Nebraska City, outraged his aged wife, and stole $3 75 from the dead man. The ruffians were promptly arrested and tried yesterday in Nebraska City. One turned State's evidence, the others were found guilty of murder in the second degree and sentenced to imprisonment for life in the Nebraska Penitentiary. This morning at an early hour, 300 citizens proceeded to the jail, overpowered the four guards, took the two murderers out and hanged them to trees near the jail.

Homicide.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 11.—Joe Devinney shot and killed John Harrell on Monday night seven miles north of this city. Harrell, who belonged to a gang of desperadoes, went to Devinney's residence, called him out, and, presenting a pistol to his head, said he had a death warrant for him and his brother. Devinney went into his house, and procuring a shot gun, killed Harrell as he sat on his horse with his pistol still in his hand. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

Bad Treatment of Prisoners.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec., 12.—The surgeon of the penitentiary in his annual report states that out of three hundred and fifty convicts hired to the James River and Kanawha Canal Company last year, thirty-two died from bad treatment, exposure and filthy accommodations. This shows 9 per cent. mortality, while the mortality in the prison was only 2¼ per cent. The General Assembly has appointed a committee to investigate the matter, with power to send for persons and papers.

Fast Trotting.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—At Stockton to-day, Rarus and Sweetzer gave an exhibition trot for $500, and $500 added if Rarus beat Goldsmith Maid's best time, 2:14¼, the best time ever made in the State. Rarus trotted the first mile in 2:16½. A running horse went with him in the second heat, which Rarus made in 2:14¼. The track was fast and in good order.

Discovery of Silver.

DENVER, COL., Dec. 11.—New discoveries of rich silver deposits continue in the vicinity of Leadville. Among the latest and most remarkable one made by Lieutenant Governor Tabor, last Saturday morning, of a sand carbonate vein from which $5,700 was taken that day, and the discovery of very rich deposits on Ten-mile Creek, where a fissure vein seventeen feet thick is reported.

Wholesale Murder.

GALVESTON, TEX., Dec., 10.—A *News* Waco special says: "On Sunday, down near Summerville, masked men surrounded the house of John Stull and threw a torpedo inside, and the inmates, rushing out, were shot. Rufus Smith and John Stull were killed, and Smith's wife and baby wounded. The assassins are unknown."

Devens Will Not Go.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—It can now be stated positively that there is at least no present probability of Attorney General Devens retiring from the Cabinet. The President and other members of the Cabinet consider it of advantage to the Government that no change shall occur at present, and while General Devens has had offered to him the position of a circuit judgeship he will defer his own wishes in regard thereto, and remain in his present office.

Murder of a Brother-in-Law

BOSTON, December 11.—Edward Donovan, aged seventeen years, murdered his brother-in-law, James H. Fox, aged twenty-four years, at No. 160 Dorchester avenue, South Boston, this evening. It appears that Fox was chastising one of his children, and Donovan interfered, when they both got together in a fight. They separated, and Donovan left, saying he would fix him (Fox) so that he could not hit him again. He returned in about ten minutes, having in his hand a large sheath knife, which he plunged into Fox's abdomen, inflicting a wound from the effects of which he died at ten o'clock to-night. Donovan has escaped.

Coal Mine Horror.

EVANSVILLE, Dec. 13.—An explosion of nitro-glycerine and gunpowder occurred at St. Bernard coal mines, at Earlington, Kentucky, to-day. The shock was felt for miles. A train of mining cars, the mules and a negro driver were blown to atoms. There was a panic among the miners and their families.

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PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned Administratrix of Aaron Freidline, dec'd, will sell at public sale on

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at 1 o'clock P. M., on the premises, at the Homestead of Aaron Freidline, dec'd, the real estate of Aaron Freidline, dec'd, as follows:

No. 1. A farm or plantation in Jenner Twp., containing 179 acres more or less, of which about 150 acres are clear and in good state of cultivation, about 15 acres in meadow, with sugar camp, dwelling house, Swiss barn, orchard of fine fruit, is near Spiesville, churches and schools; adjoining lands of Jonathan Freidline, Hiram Beam, David Bell, John Biesecker, A. E. Shaffer and George Pile.

No. 2. A farm containing 50 acres more or less, with a house and stable thereon erected, of which about 30 acres are clear, adjoining lands of Jacob Ayresman, Alex. Shaffer, W. G. Knepper and others.

TERMS.—One-third after defducting expenses of partition and sale to remain a lien, the interest thereof to be paid to the widow during her life annually, and at her death the principal to the legal and legal representatives of Aaron Freidline, dec'd; one-third in hand, (1st of April, 1879), remainder in three equal annual payments.

Ten per cent. of the hand money to be paid on day of sale.

SARAH FREIDLINE,
Administratrix.

Nov. 20

ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset County, Pa., the undersigned, Assignee of Daniel Beckus, will sell at public sale, on

Saturday, December 21, 1878,

at o'clock p. m., in Salisbury borough, the following described real estate:

The land of Daniel Beckus containing 328 acres, adjoining lands of Peter Wilhelm, dec'd, Manassez Kretchman, Daniel Johnson and others. The buildings consist of a good stone dwelling house, bank barn, and other necessary outbuildings. About 90 acres of cleared land in a good state of cultivation, of which 20 acres are in good meadow. There is upon the premises a good coal bank of excellent bituminous coal, in good working condition. There is also on the farm an excellent quality of iron ore, which abounds in immense quantities. A good saw-mill with strong water power. The uncleared land is well timbered with white pine, hemlock, oak and other valuable trees. There is a large sugar camp on the farm, with splendid facilities for the manufacturing of maple sugar. The Elklick creek runs through the premises, affording ample water power for the running of machinery.

TERMS made known on day of sale.

SAMUEL J. LECHTY,
Assignee of Daniel Beckus.

Nov. 27

PUBLIC SALE

By virtue of an order issued out of and under the will and of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., the undersigned, Trustee for the sale of the real estate of Joseph Peterson, dec'd, will expose to sale by public outcry, at the store of P. J. Cover, in Stoutstown Mills, Jenner Twp., on

Saturday, January 11, 1879,

at 2 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate of said dec'd, viz:

A certain tract of land situate in Quemahoning Twp., Somerset Co., Pa., adjoining lands of Elizabeth Horner, Samuel M. Miller, A. Cover, and others, containing 57 acres and 136 perches, having thereon erected a two story frame dwelling house, log barn, and other necessary outbuildings. There are fine young orchards of apple and peach trees on the farm, said fruit trees being of the best varieties. The farm is well supplied with running water, and has a lime quarry on it. About 30 acres are cleared and in good state of cultivation and the balance is well timbered. Said farm is situate only one half mile from Stanton's Mills.

TERMS.—One-third in hand on confirmation of sale, balance in two equal annual payments without interest.

AARON BLOUGH,
Trustee.

Dec. 4

STRAY HEIFERS.

Came trespassing on the premises of the subscriber in Paint township, Somerset county, Pa., one dark red, and one red and white spotted heifers. Supposed to be a year and a half old; no artificial marks. The owner is requested to come and prove property, pay cost and remove them.

ELIZABETH SHAFFER.

Dec 11

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Monday January 13, 1878, at the store house of George Johnson, in Berlin, for the purpose of electing president and directors of the Buffalo Valley Rail Road.

D. A. BRUBAKER,
Secretary.

Dec. 11

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