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A happy New Year!

Of the 401 members of Congress, 285 are lawyers.

FRIDAY is the day to "swear off" and turn a new leaf. Don't you forget it!

IN Georgia and other portions of the South, farmers are abandoning the raising of pigs to raise pig iron.

How many of the expectant Democrats who hung up their stockings on Christmas eve got anything from Santa Claus Cleveland?

ON Thursday last the President signed the bill granting the widow of General Grant an annual pension of $5,000, and had it mailed to her as the Nation's Christmas gift.

THE Chaplain who does the praying for the House at Washington is paid $6 per day for a five-minute prayer. If, however, he can save his Democratic brethren he is entitled to have his *per diem* doubled.

HORIZONTAL WILLIAM MORRISON was flattened out at the last session. Now that he has been set upon his pins again, will he have sense enough to let the tariff alone, or will he insist upon being sent to grass again?

A bogus egg has been invented which cannot be told from genuine hen fruit, and which makes a capital omelette. The pressing question is will it hatch? If not, how will the future crop of Democratic roosters be supplied?

AUDITOR GENERAL NILES thinks that the new law for the collection of the three-mill tax will increase the revenues of the State from that source at least one and a half million of dollars, which will be just that much more for the next Legislature to vote away.

THE U. S. Treasurer has locked up in his vaults $147,000,000 in gold and $103,000,000 in silver, to say nothing about the paper and fractional currency which he doesn't think worthy of counting. And yet he has made no payments on the public debt for nearly five months.

THE spectacle of the editor of the *Commercial* posing as a staunch Republican and urging a defunct committee to call a primary election in February for the purpose of re-organizing the party, is a howling farce which affords "the boys" who downed him and his Democratic candidate at the last election, much food for laughter.

THE Board of Education in the City of New York was last week granted an appropriation of $4,807,-800 for the ensuing year, of which $1,009,000 are to be applied to providing additional school buildings. This is a great sum, but its appropriation speaks well for the intelligence of the city's rulers. Nine new buildings will be added to those already owned by the city.

THE Chinese minister at Washington has contributed two hundred dollars for himself, and three hundred from another high Chinese official to the Grant monument fund, through a letter to Secretary Bayard. In view of the fact that the Chinese have been shamefully treated and legislated against in this country, this contribution is calculated to bring to the cheek of the American statesmen a tingling sense of shame.

THE expense of making the assessments this year will be nearly doubled by reason of the time consumed in distributing the blanks doing the work under the new law, and as nearly all the revenue raised will go to the State, and the county pays the assessors, it will be a losing game for the counties. In common fairness, provision should have been made for the State paying for having her proportion of the taxes assessed.

DURING the five Republican Administrations since the war the Republicans not only paid the pensions to soldiers and the interest on the public debt, but they paid $943,000,-000 of the principal. When they went out of power they turned over to the Democrats a Treasury so full that they complained of the immense surplus on hand. Will some Democratic statesman please rise and explain just why payment on the public debt has ceased?

THE principal reason heretofore assigned for creating a Democratic district, from which Samuel J. Randall could be sent to Congress from the Republican city of Philadelphia, was that as a Democrat he could do more effective work for the tariff than could an additional Republican member, and yet Kelly and other members from this State gave their aid to assist in crushing this Democratic champion protectionist and thus destroy his influence. What a consistent set of fellows these latter-day politicians are!

THE Supreme Court of Wisconsin has lately decided a will case that will attract some attention. The will was contested on the ground that the testator could not read the language in which it was written. The testator was German, and the will was written in English. The Court sustained the will, and ruled that the law does not require that a testator shall be able to read his will. If such was the case neither the blind nor the illiterate could make a valid will. All that is necessary, said the court, is proof that the testator was correctly informed of the contents of the will and knew what he was signing.

BECK, of Kentucky, one of the leading Democratic U. S. Senators, last week openly attacked the policy of the President and of Secretary Manning on the silver coinage question, and the payment of the public debt. His speech has created wide comment. He arraigned the Secretary of the Treasury as little better than a common thief, and intimated that the President was "standing in" with him. The Senator from Kentucky is a belligerent old rooster, and doubtless there will be music in the air when the Senate meets again after the holiday recess.

IT is charged that Harrity, the new postmaster at Philadelphia, has evolved a canny way of aiding a political friend. It is customary, it appears, for all the employes under the postmaster to give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties, such bonds having heretofore been drawn by some one connected with the office, at a cost of fifty cents to each employe, for Notary's fees. But the new postmaster, it is said, requires all clerks, letter carriers and other officials to go to his friend, a well known Democratic lawyer and politician, to have their bonds drawn, and that gentleman charges $10 in each case. As there are probably 800 men employed in the office this puts the snug sum of $8,000 into the pockets of the legal friend of the new postmaster. Doubtless all these bonds could be printed for about $5, or at a cost not exceeding a couple of cents to each applicant, but then there would not have been this fat job for the postmaster's friend. Ah Sin could hardly beat this simple little Democratic trick to put money in the pocket of a friend, with neatness and dispatch.

During last week Prothonotary Critchfield passed on the bill of costs in the late Poor Board cases, deciding in accord with the agreement made in Court—that the Poor Directors pay *all* the costs. This, in spite of the elaborate, persistent and monumental lying of THE HERALD during the Philson-Barron campaign, backed with all the prestige of the legal standing of the editor of that paper. What *The Commercial* then asserted has *again* been proven *true* and the end is not yet. Now to recover the money that has been filched from the county treasury. Why did not the Somerset papers publish this news. Did it not suit them?—*Meyersdale Commercial.*

Will nothing teach the editor of the *Commercial* a decent regard for the truth, or impress upon him a decent respect for public intelligence? Any citizen by consulting the District Attorney or by inspection of the court records can ascertain that the statements heretofore made by the HERALD as to the portion of costs which have been entailed upon the county by reason of these prosecutions, are literally and exactly true. The bill of costs taxed by the Prothonotary last week embraced only those in a portion of the cases, and the ruling of the Prothonotary is subject to the final decision of the court, which has yet to pass upon it. The papers of this town know enough to know that in some cases the decision of a Justice of the peace, the award of a board of Arbitrators, or even the rulings of a Prothonotary are not final and conclusive, and do not establish the law. A more barefaced attempt to bolster up an oft-repeated falsehood, or to trick the public into believing a lie never came under our observation.

Fault of Education.

The Rev. Dr. Hale has been telling school teachers of Boston some truths which they ought to have learned long ago. One of them said to him:—"When I leave the schoolroom I leave the schoolroom; I do not permit myself to do anything that pertains to the school at home," and Dr. Hale's rejoinder was:—"Do not lay on the boys and girls burdens that you yourselves are not able to bear."

That strikes us as a very sensible remark, and one which indicates a weakness in our entire school system. Cramming is cruelty. A score of things well learned are better than a thousand things half known. A few hour's study a day makes a boy mentally healthy; too much study makes him top heavy. A brain made alert by knowledge is a good thing, but a brain that is waterlogged with poring over books is a very poor thing. Children should be made to study hard in school, but not a lesson should be learned at home.

Emerson once said very tersely:—"We are students of words; we are shut up in schools and colleges and recitation rooms for ten or fifteen years, and come out at last with a bag of wind, a memory of words and do not know a thing."

Our present methods are defective, but we shall apply better ones by and by. The system of the future will have this fact in it and all thro' it—that a boy is an out-of-doors animal and ought not to do a man's work until he acquires a man's strength.—*N. Y. Herald.*

Deadly Red Hair.

NEW YORK, Dec, 27.—A very remarkable case of insanity, caused by bleaching the hair, just occurred in this city. Amelia Sheehan was formerly a conspicuous figure on Harlem river, being an expert oarswoman, and having won many valuable prizes in ladies' regattas. Her chief pride, however, was her abundant auburn hair.

Some four years ago she was appointed a keeper in the female alcoholic ward at Bellevue Hospital. After a while it was noticed by those who saw her that the color of her hair was changing from a reddish brown to a blonde color.

It finally took the golden shade now so popular. She was frequently seen washing and drying her hair and had a number of bottles of hair wash in her room. She kept on washing her hair and it kept on growing lighter. Lately a change was noticed in the girl and she began to complain of terrible headaches. About ten days ago she became possessed with the idea that a conspiracy was on foot to cut off her hair. She rapidly became worse, and is now confined a hopeless lunatic on Ward's Island.

New Year at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—On New Year's Day the President will receive at 11 A. M., the members of the Cabinet and the Diplomatic Corps. At 11:15—The Chief Justices and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States and the Judges of the United States Court of Claims. At 11:30—Senators and Representatives in Congress, the Judges of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and the judicial officers of the District, ex-members of the Cabinet and ex-Ministers of the United States. At noon—The officers of the army and navy. At 12:30 P. M.—The Secretary of the Smithsonion Institution, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Civil Service Commissioners, the Assistant Secretaries of the departments, the Assistant Postmaster General, the Solicitor General, the Assistant Attorneys General, the heads of the Bureaus of the several departments, and the President of the Columbian Institute for the the Deaf and Dumb. At 12:45—The Associated Soldiers of the war of 1812, the Associated Veterans of the War of 1846, the Grand Army of the Republic, and the members of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association of the District of Columbia.

At 1—Reception of citizens, which will terminate at 2 P. M. Carriages will approach the Executive Mansion by the eastern gate and leave by the western. The President will be assisted by Miss Cleveland and the ladies of the Cabinet.

Miss Cleveland's weekly Saturday afternoon receptions, from 3 until 5 o'clock, will begin on Saturday, January 9, and continue through the season. She will be at home to her friends on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from the 3 until 4 o'clock.

A Jealous Husband's Knife.

HUNTINGTON, Dec. 28.—A serious stabbing affair occurred in this city, last evening, growing out of a revengeful husband's jealousy. For some time the domestic relations of D. E. McMurtrie, a prominent merchant, have not been of the most pleasant character. He seems to have been morbidly jealous of his wife, who is young and prepossessing and exceedingly fond of society. Yesterday morning her husband determined to ascertain the correctness of his suspicions by resorting to strategy. Representing that he was going away for a few days, he bid his wife and children good-by, but instead of leaving the city he secreted himself in his store. Toward evening he returned unexpectedly, and, finding Andrew J. Wighaman, a printer, and his wife together, he made a murderous assault on Wighaman with a long bladed knife, cutting him six times in the back and head. Wighaman, though seriously wounded, succeeded in knocking his assailant down and escaping. His wounds are four inches deep. In his exit from the house he left a trail of blood for a distance of four blocks, McMurtrie's assault seems unwarranted, as Wighaman had no sinister motives, but had simply made a formal call, accompanied by Miss Fannie Myers, a friend.

Industry at Harper's Ferry.

HARPER'S FERRY, Dec. 27.—The syndicate of eastern capitalists which some time ago purchased the old Government arsenal and armory property at this point, made famous by the John Brown raid, is pushing preparations with all possible dispatch to the end that the improvement of the property may commence early in the spring. James D. Butt, attorney for the syndicate, who is on the ground, said:

"I predict that in five years from this time the sleepy old town of Harper's Ferry will be a bustling city of 30,000 inhabitants, with industries as extensive as those of Wheeling, Pittsburg and other manufacturing centres. The magnificent water power in the Potomac and Shenandoah, which formerly furnished the motive power for the Government, is estimated at from 60,000 to 80,000 horse power. No where else in the country, except at Niagara Falls, can such vast power be put to use at so small a cost, and with the millions at our command we hope to turn out manufactured articles, from watches to railroad rails, much cheaper than can be now done elsewhere, even with the new fuel—natural gas. We shall open our first factory about July 1, and others as soon as possible thereafter.

A Farmer's Costly Credulity.

SAVILLE, Pa., Dec. 27.—Christian Schwab is a rich Dutch farmer, who lives in this township. He believes in fortune-tellers and charms. A few days ago a party of gypsies came through the township. Schwab had his fortune told by one of them. He was told that if he could place $25 at the foot of a white ash tree that forked east and west within nine paces of a running stream, and leave the money there over night, he would find it doubled the next day. He did as directed, and the next day found $50 there. He visited the gypsy again, and wanted to know if the money transaction could be repeated. The gypsy read the cards, informed Schwab that it could be repeated, and that he had better place all the money he could raise at the foot of the tree, for it would be doubled. Schwab placed $700 as before. The next day he went to gather the money. The $700 was gone. Schwab hurried to consult the gypsy. She was gone too, and the gullible farmer is still looking for her.

Two Desperadoes Killed.

KINGS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—Christmas was celebrated here by a double killing, which threatens to result in a lynching. Last night two brothers named Hayters arrived in town and became so boisterous that the Marshal, F. M. Miller, attempted to arrest them. They resisted, and, jumping on their horses, drew their revolvers and rode up and down the main street firing at whatever attracted their attention. When their guns were unloaded the Marshal opened fire and killed one of them instantly and dropped the other from his horse by a bullet through the body. The entire populace of the town soon gathered where the men had fallen, and, as the Hayters had many friends, the Marshal was condemned as a coward. This morning relatives of the Hayters arrived from the country in such strong numbers that the Marshal was locked up for safe keeping. They threaten to lynch him as soon as it is dark, and as there are only two Deputy Sheriffs the prospects for lynching appears good. Milller's course is indorsed by the best people, but they cannnot protect him. Great excitement prevails.

Chopped to Pieces.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Joseph Walsh, 50 years of age, living at No. 18 Hamilton street, New York, and employed on the dock at the foot of South Second street, Brooklyn Eastern District, went into the Brooklyn Sugar House, near the dock, at one o'clock yesterday afternoon, and while looking at some machinery fell backward into one of the circular cutting mills and was literally chopped to pieces. The machinery was stopped as soon as possible, and the remains of the unfortunate man were gathered up and removed by a friend named Frederick Bird, of No. 57 South First street. He carried the remains out to the dock and then went back to the sugar house. Several of the people noticed that he was very white, and great drops of perspiration rolled down his face. He could hardly walk, and upon reaching his workroom sank into a chair. The sight had overcome him, he replied to inquiries, but thought he would be all right in a few minutes. After a short rest Bird rose to his feet and attempted to walk to his machine, but reeled and fell to the floor. Several fellow-workmen rushed to assist him, but he was dead. A physician was summoned, who pronounced the trouble heart disease, caused by the shock sustained in picking up the remains of his friend Walsh from the circular knives.

Grant's Tomb.

NEW YORK, Dec 27.—A bow of white and black silk ribbon, with a cluster of yellow roses and laurel, hung from the grating at the entrance to Gen. Grant's tomb, at Riverside, to-day. It was placed there on Christmas Day by Mrs. Grant. Battery M, from Fort Hamilton, is now doing guard duty at Riverside. Capt. G. V. Weir and Lieuts. Galbraith and Rucklen are the officers of the battery, which, it is understood, will be the last detail of United States troops for the tomb. After January 15 the park police will form the guard.

A station has been fitted up by the Park Board in the Claremont House and the keys of the vault will be handed over to the police by the battery when it withdraws. Every pleasant day still brings visitors to the tomb, and a group was collected around the entrance all day to-day.

It Was Loaded.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—Richard O. Reinhard, aged 17, a cadet at the Oxford (Md.) Military Academy, and son of Judge Reinhard, of Indiana, was accidently shot and killed in his room at the academy yesterday afternoon by a fellow-cadet of the same age named Patrick Gavagan, of Michigan. The boys were playing in the room. Reinhard had a pillow with which he was striking at Gavagan, who had a revolver in his hand, which he did not think was loaded. He snapped the pistol several times until finally the one shell catridge that was in the revolver came under the hammer and was discharged. The ball entered Reinhard's throat just above the breast bone. He died in about five minutes. Reinhard's remains will be embalmed and sent to his home for burial.

Kicked the New Postmaster.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24.—Among President Cleveland's appointments before the meeting of Congress was that of Dr. Everhard as postmaster of Ripon. The appointee received his commission, but failed to qualify before Congress convened. This morning Dr. Everhard appeared at the office, presented his commission and the discharge papers of the old postmaster, and demanded that the office be turned over to him.

His demand was ignored, and he was kicked into the street by the present incumbent, who has held the position for the last four years. The United States Marshal was telegraphed for, and he will go to Ripon this afternoon.

Decapitated while Saving His Dog.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—An inquest was held this morning by Coroner Green, of Gloucester Co., N. J., on the death of William Anderson, a plumber, residing on Congress street, below Second, this city, who was decapitated by the Atlantic City Express train on the West Jersey Railroad, at Westville last night. The evidence showed that the man stumbled and fell in front of the engine while trying to save the life of a pet dog. Both dog and master were instantly killed. Anderson's head was cut off as though with a sharp knife, but his body was badly mangled. A verdict of accidental death was rendered, and the body was sent to Philadelphia.

Russia and Austria Arming.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Reports have been received here from reliable sources both in St. Petersburg and Vienna to the effect that at both those capitals the feeling is growing that a war between Russia and Austria over the Balkan diaputes is almost unavoidable. Active war preparations by both countries have been going on ever since the outbrerk of hostilities between Servia and Bulgaria, and the Russian and Austrian forces are being actively and secretly armed in anticipation of war. Much color is given to these reports by the heavy orders for stores and munitions of war placed by the agents of the Russian and Austrian Government in this city.

Troops Ordered to the Front.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Secretary Endicott to-day ordered ten companies of cavalry and eight companies of infantry to proceed at once and reinforce the army of Arizona. In view of the Indian troubles in the Southwest it is thought necessary to order this large reinforcement. In army circles this order is looked upon as indicating a vigorous prosecution of war against the Indians. It is thought too, in some quarters, that the presence of a large force in the West may be expedient should trouble ensue from the enforcement of the Edmund's law in Utah.

Another Saint Convicted.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 24.—The jury in the case of Brigham Young Hampton, an official of this city and a saint in the Mormon Church, who was charged with complicity in a plot to bring disreputable women here for the purpose of incriminating Federal officers and Gentiles, rendered a verdict of guilty after being out one hour. The Gentiles are rejoicing to-night over a telegram from United States Attorney Dickson to Governor Murray, stating that he has withdrawn his resignation.

To Exterminate the Apaches.

DEMING, N. M., Dec. 24.—Leading citizens of Silver City held a meeting yesterday to devise means for prosecuting a war of extermination against the murderous Apaches. It was at first thought that the Government would purchase forty or fifty bloodhounds to track the Indians, both Generals Cook and Bradley favoring the proposition as the only really available means of pursuing the red butchers. Word was received from Santa Fe that the army officers were willing to recommend the employment of bloodhounds, but thought it would be several months before the War Department would act upon their recommendation. Upon learning this the citizens called the meeting and determined to raise money by subscription for the purchase of a pack of bloodhounds and for again equipping and putting local militia in the field.

Wealthy ranchmen in attendance pledged over $3000 for the purchase of bloodhounds. It was also determined to raise a picked company of 300 experienced Indian fighters from the several districts in the territory, who will immediately take the field and campaign the remainder of the winter.

Saved from a Mob.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—A special from Springer, N. M., to the Republican says:

Six masked men rode into Springer last night, and, after taking the keys of the jail from the jailer, took therefrom Theodore Caker, charged with murdering Frank Unruh, a wealthy ranchman, with whose wife Baker is supposed to have been criminally intimate, and hanged him to a telegraph pole near the jail. The jailer in the meantime gave the alarm, and the citizens, after a brief skirmish, drove the mob out, and cut Baker down just in time to save his life. Springer is the place where, in March last, a mob attacked the jail, in which fight four outlaws were killed. Great indignation is expressed by the law-abiding citizens over this last outrage, as they are endeavoring to rid the country of the mob element, which has been largely predominant for several years past.

Anti-License Movement in Huntingdon

HUNTINGDON, PA., Dec. 26.—An animated crusade against the liquor traffic has begun in this county. Petitions to the Judges of the Court numbering over 100 are being freely circulated in all parts of the county, praying that no license be granted next year. The leading spirits in the movement are the members of Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Since the question of license or no license has entered into the judicial contests here, and resulted in the election of anti-license Judges, the saloon-keepers have been entirely wiped out. At present the only licensed houses in the county are the hotels and country inns, and it is believed that these will be rejected at the next regular term of Court in February.

Human Casts made in Snow.

SILVERTON, Col., Dec. 24.—The bodies of Burke Hovey and J. M. Scales, the two miners who were imprisoned in the Prodigal Son mine, Tuesday, by a snow slide, were found at the bottom of the shaft. Both were packed in the snow as in a mould. Hovey was found standing upright on a piece of timber six feet from the bottom of the shaft, while Scales was standing at the bottom of the shaft. The latter had a candle in his left hand and was shading his eyes with his right and looking up as though to see what was coming down the mine. Their death must have been instantaneous.

Forced him to Eat His Words.

NEW YORK MILLS, Minn., Dec. 24.—C. Kimberlain of this town is said to have told scandalous stories about the relations between Mrs. Held, 28 years old, and W. H. Nunn. These stories reached the lady's ears to-day and in company with Nunn she started on the warpath. Kimberlain was soon met on the street. The lady drew a revolver from the folds of her dress, and, pointing it at Kimberlain, made him go with her to the most prominent spot in the town. A large crowd in the meantime congregated. Kimberlain, at the lady's command, fell upon his knees and publicly retracted everything he had said.

Farmers Fight a Duel.

JACKSON, Dec. 24.—Several cattle belonging to Edwin Goode got into William Wheeler's field and ate 150 pounds of fodder. Wheeler claimed that Goode should pay for the fodder, which Goode refused to do. The two men met in a country road, when Wheeler, it is alleged, challenged Goode for a fight. Goode promptly accepted. Goode's weapon of defense was a pocket knife, while Wheeler had a pistol, they fought for several minutes and until each was so desperately wounded that it is thought both will die. Wheeler was terribly cut about the body and Goode was shot twice. Wheeler is about 45 years old and Goode about 40 and both are married, and prominent citizens.

Found Naked, Dying in the Snow.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Dec. 22.—Early yesterday morning the nude body of a man aged about 28 was found in a dying condition in the snow on the bank of a creek near the village of Eldorado. His limbs were badly lacerated and he died a few minutes after he was found. His clothes were discovered about fifteen yards from where he was found and part of them were hanging on a bush and the under clothes on the ground. Nothing could be found on his clothing to identify him. His garments were good. It is supposed the man was intoxicated and waded the creek, and being overcome with the cold fell on the snow and laid exposed all the night.

A Baby Petrifies

PLEASANT HILL, O., Dec. 25.—The 4-weeks-old daughter of William Bashon died here Sunday and was buried Monday. The undertaker noticed a peculiar rigidity of the body and unusual hardness of the flesh, as though petrified, but no investigation was thought necessary and the child was buried. Thursday, however, the father became exercised about the matter and took the body up. It is now at the house of Michael Bashon, and its appearance excites the amazement of all who have seen it. Its flesh on every part of the body is hard as a stone and gives forth a dull, ringing sound when rapped with the knuckles. No embalming fluid was used.

Distressing Accident to a Boy.

BEAVER FALLS, Dec. 22.—George Barker, 12 year old, son of Mr. Harry Barker, civil engineer, of New Brighton, with some companions, was walking along the track of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad yesterday when his foot became fastened between two ties. While the lad and his little companions were endeavoring to get the imprisoned foot loose a heavy freight train came down the grade at full speed. Frantic signals were given the engineer, Coulter George, by the boys, who ran towards the train. The engineer, did all in his power to stop, but in vain, and the cow-catcher struck the boy tearing him loose and dragging him along the track ten or twelve feet, crushing one arm and leg and bruising his face and head. The poor little fellow, conscious of his fate, had thrown his body as far from the track as possible, and was waving one hand toward the on coming train. Large pieces of mangled flesh and bones covered the track, while on a fence six feet from the track were spattered big clots of blood and ground-up flesh. When taken home the little fellow was perfectly conscious, and although suffering every agony tried to comfort his mother by saying, "Don't cry, mamma, I'm not badly hurt. I'll soon get well." He cannot possibly live.

Saved by a Brave Woman.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 23.—A slight cave-in took place this evening at the Fairmount colliery, near Pittston, which was only saved from resulting in a terrible catastrophe by the presence of mind of a woman. The main track of the Lehigh and Susquehanna division of the Philadelphia and Reading road crossed the disturbed area and the track was badly torn. The freight train bound north had just passed before the cave-in took place and the nine o'clock passenger train south was due in ten minutes.

A woman who had been to the house of a sick friend passed up the track just after the cave in took place, and seing the condition of the track instantly realized the frightful accident which would happen if the train dashed onto the twisted and distorted rails. She ran swiftly up the track, met the train about four hundred yards from the spot, and standing on the track waved her arms and shouted. The engineer seeing the woman by the gleam of the headlight put on the airbrakes and reversed his engine, stopping within one hundred yards of the cave in. A frightful catastrophe was thus avoided, as the train was full of passengers.

A Murderous School Teacher.

RUTLAND, VT., Dec. 27.—Morton Davis is the principal of the little district school at Dummertson, in this county. He attempted to discipline an unruly pupil of the school on Wednesday afternoon. While he was dusting the boy's jacket in good style the boy's uncle, Frank Dodge, a Dummertson farmer, rushed into the school-room, seized Davis by the collar, and dragged him across the room. When Davis got on his feet he remonstrated excitedly with Dodge against his interference with the discipline of the school. Dodge said he did not propose to have his nephew whipped by any d——d teacher, and shook his fist in Davis' face.

The altercation became hotter and hotter, till Davis finally threw his hand behind him, drew a revolver from his pooket, and before anyone could interfere fired two shots at Dodge, one of which lodged in his left thigh. Davis surrendered himself at once to the authorities, claiming that he acted entirely in self-defence. There was considerable internal hemorrhage from Dodge's wound and it was not thought he would live. He was somewhat better this afternoon, however, and may recover. Davis is locked up.

Monument to Hendricks.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—The Executive Committee of the Hendricks Monument Association has been discussing a suggestion in the newspapers that Congress appropriate $10,-000 in aid of the construction of the memorial. The result of the discussion was the unanimous adoption of a resolution that no such appropriation should be expected or asked, but that the association should depend alone upon voluntary donations by the people for the money necessary.

A Rattling Fight.

JOHNSTOWN, Dec. 25.—A free-for-all fights between a lot of niggers and tramps occurred at the stockyards of the Pennsylvania Railroad here to-day. After a lively scuffle the negroes opened fire upon the tramps with revolvers. One tramp was struck in the breast and will probably die. Another received a bullet in the right shoulder, and a ball passed through the back of the neck of a third. The negroes escaped unhurt.

Tragedy at Canton.

CANTON, Dec. 25.—David J. Begges, a leading merchant, was robbed and murderously cut by an unknown assassin last night. He is a wealthy old widower, and occupied a suite of rooms in a business block near a large china store owned by him. He retired at midnight last night, with several hundred dollars on his person. He was found by George Green, a colored man employed by him, this morning, lying a blood soaked bed with half a dozen horrible gashes in his face and neck. He was partially unconscious all day, and will probably die. He cannot tell who committed the deed. Green was arrested. Circumstances seem to be against him. The jail in which he is confined is guarded to-night against an excited crowd which surrounds it. The feeling against Green is intense.

The Welsh Mine Horror.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Pont-y-Pridd, Wales, says that seventy-five corpses have been recovered from the Ferndale Pit, where an explosion occurred yesterday, and it is feared that others are buried in the debris. The scenes in the vicinity of the mine are pitiful. At daybreak this morning a fresh body of volunteers began exploring the pit and are working manfully in attempts to discover bodies.

The latest report says that 320 of the miners have been rescued, seven of whom were severely burned.

Miss Cleveland Serves Notice.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Miss Cleveland is introducing reform at the White House and has had an order issued prohibiting smoking in the corridors and in the vestibules. Congressman who are compelled to wait for the President have been in the habit of sitting around with cigars in their mouths, but are now politely requested to drop them in the cuspidors.

Mrs. Grant's Christmas Present.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The President to day signed the bill to pension Mrs. Julia Dent Grant, wife of the late ex-President. Notification of the fact was forwarded to-day by mail to Mrs. Grant by direction of the President, who expressed a desire to have Mrs. Grant receive this tribute to the public worth and services of her husband on Christmas day.

PUBLIC SALE
—OF—
Valuable Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE of an Order of Sale issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa., and to me directed, I will sell at Public Sale at the hotel of Richard Caldwell, in the Borough of Berlin, on

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1886,

at 1 o'clock P. M., the undivided half of the farm known as the "John Penrod farm," in Brothersvalley township, within one mile from Berlin, containing 119 acres more or less, with Dwelling House, Bank Barn and other improvements thereon erected, of which 100 acres are clear, 50 acres in meadow, with a fine, never-failing spring, and running water thro' the same. I will also sell on

TUESDAY, JANY 5, 1886,

at the late residence of Henry Penrod, dec'd, in Shade Township, at 1 o'clock P. M., a farm known as the home farm of Henry Penrod, containing 95 acres, more or less, with a large brick

DWELLING HOUSE,

Bank Barn, and other improvements thereon erected, with Sugar House and Sugar Orchard, Fruit Orchard and Bituminous Stone Coal, with many flowing springs that never fail, on the same. 80 acres clear and 20 acres in meadow.

—ALSO—

At the same time and place I will sell a farm containing 74 acres more or less, adjoining lands of Jesse Slick, Esq., Jeremiah Berkeybile, Joe Lohr, John Reel, and others, with Dwelling House and Stable thereon erected, of which about 55 acres are clear and 10 acres in meadow.

—ALSO—

At the time and place aforesaid I will sell a lot of ground situate in Ling Town, Shade Tp, containing one-half an acre, more or less.

These lands are all in excellent condition, and are near to Schools, Churches and Stores, and will be sold on reasonable terms. They are the lands owned by Henry Penrod, dec'd.

☞ Terms made known on day of Sale.

JOSEPH CABLE,
nov18. Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR' SALE
—OF—
Valuable Real Estate.

BY virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa., to me directed, I will expose to public sale on the premises in Jenner township, on

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 9, 1886,

at 1 o'clock P. M. of said day, the following described Valuable Real Estate, late the property of David Maurer, dec'd, situate in Jenner Township, Somerset County, Pa., adjoining lands of Edward Coffin, Gillian Friedline, Adam Friedline, Herman Umberger, Solomon Bowman, H. K. Musser, Oliver Hay and Jennie Scott, containing

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and Fifty-nine Perches, more or less, having thereon erected a good Two-story Plank Frame House, Large Barn and other Outbuildings. This Farm is situate but one-fourth of a mile from the Borough of Jennertown, in one of the best farming sections of the County; is benefitted by the Johnstown markets; has a good Orchard of Choice Fruit, and is unusually well watered, having a spring or springs in every field.

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One-third after payment of debts and expenses to remain a lien on land in lieu of dower to the widow, the interest thereon to be paid her annually during her natural life, and at her death the principal to the heirs, etc. of David Maurer, dec'd. $2,000 down on confirmation of sale and delivery of deed, and the balance in eight equal annual payments without interest; ten per cent of the hand money to be paid down on day of sale. Possession given April 1, 1886.

JOHN A. WALTER, dec16. Auctioneer. H. W. MAURER, Administrator.

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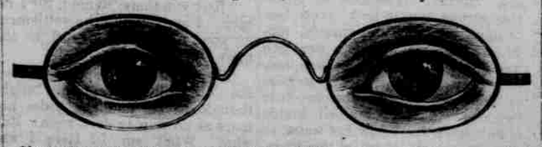

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

At an Orphans' Court held at Somerset, Pa., on the 19th day of December, 1885, the undersigned, on motion of Messrs. Colborn and Colborn, was appointed Auditor to ascertain advancements made to the heirs in the estate of Elizabeth Beacher, and make and report a distribution of the fund in the hands of Aaron and S. W. Beacher, Administrators and Trustees of said deceased to and among those legally entitled thereto, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of the above appointment on Thursday, the 21st day of January 1886, at his office in Somerset Borough, when and where all persons interested can attend if they think proper.