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NEW YORK is "going to the dogs." The *Herald* says, "there are 300,000 worthless curs in New York city."

FRIDAY last was St. Jackson's day, and was duly observed by the Democracy at Columbus and other places.

GENERAL CAMPBELL, M. C. from this district, is a member of the committees on Manufactures and Education.

THE whisky ring is entrenched at Washington. Now watch the jugglery by which they will be granted all they demand.

THERE is a report abroad that Collector Dowlin of this district will soon resign, and consequently there is a commotion in the local Democratic camp.

THE friends of Adjutant General Pressly N. Guthrie, of Pittsburgh, are booming him as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor at the next election.

IF that big surplus left by the Republicans in the National Treasury is not squandered by the present House, it will not be because an earnest effort is not made by the Democratic majority.

THE widow of General Meade died in Philadelphia on Wednesday last. She was the daughter of the late John Sargeant, Esq., of that city, and was married to the General in 1840.

COL. M. S. QUAY, our lately elected State Treasurer, has gone to Florida to spend the winter. He is in excellent health, but proposes to have an easy winter before tackling the duties of his new office.

JUDGE SIMONTON, of Dauphin County, has deprived a saloon keeper of his license who sold "patent medicine" bitters to minors. The Judge can't be fooled by quacks, if some professed temperance men are.

THE blatherskite reporters at Washington will keep on writing about the President being constantly guarded by detectives to prevent assassination, until they fire the mind of some crank into making an assault upon him.

The President is reported as shaking hands with 448 persons in sixteen minutes. He hurried the job up so fast that before any fellow in the line had time to say post office, he was half way across the room with the door "wide open" for his exit.

Now let Congress inquire by what authority the Secretary of the Treasury called in $25,000,000 of the one and two dollar bills and issued bills of a larger denomination in their stead. The present scarcity of these bills is a great annoyance to the mercantile and trading community.

A PRISONER serving a term in the Maryland penitentiary for forgery, has applied to the Governor for a pardon on the novel ground that his mother has just died and left him a fortune of $100,000. It must be rather annoying to be shut up in prison, with $100,000 in bank waiting to be spent.

IN making up his committees, Speaker Carlisle kicked poor old Andy Curtin out of the Chairmanship of the committee on Foreign Affairs, and gave the position to August Belmont's boy. The few friends that the old "War Governor" has left are howling mad over the indignity placed upon him.

THE good old days have come again when the South dominates the Democratic party, and controls the country through Congress. Out of the forty-eight chairmen of committees who shape the legislation for the House, Speaker Carlisle has appointed thirty who hail from the South, leaving eighteen to the balance of the country.

ON Thursday evening last the Republicans of the Ohio Legislature in joint caucus unanimously nominated John Sherman as their candidate for U. S. Senator. The roll was called and every member voted for him. This ends the long agony and overthrows the Democratic conspiracy to steal the Senatorship. The election takes place on Tuesday, the 12th inst.

THE fiercest blizzard known for years has been prevailing throughout the country for the past few days. The cold has been intense in the Northern, Eastern, Middle and Western States. Scores of vessels and of lives have been lost on the Atlantic coast, railroads are blockaded, and thousands of cattle and sheep have perished. The extent of the calamities cannot be learned for several days.

IT is all crow and no turkey for the Pennsylvania Democrats in Carlisle's distribution of the committee chairmanships. Randall is retained at the head of his old committee, shorn of most of his power, and Curtin is thrown a sop as chairman of the committees on banking and currency which he didn't want and says he won't take. This, and nothing more, for the second State in the Union. How that $1,000 majority for Blaine does gnaw into the flesh of the Democratic leaders. Pennsylvania has been given a back seat in the House to punish her Democrats for getting licked so bad. Shades of Jackson and Buchanan! to be thus kicked by a Kentucky mule.

THIS administration took its first step towards reducing the National debt, on Monday of last week, by issuing a call for $10,000,000 of government bonds to take effect February 1st. The bonds called are 3 per cents.; but this will amount to a saving of $300,000, which is not to be sneezed at. It is to be hoped that Secretary Manning will continue to thus follow in the footsteps of his Republican predecessors.

THERE are four Democrats holding seats in the Ohio Senate by virtue of certificates obtained through fraud, and these four members give the Democrats a majority in that body. To prevent them from being turned out, their party friends aided by their votes, have amended the rules depriving the presiding officer—the Lieutenant Governor—of all power, and permitting the fraudulent Senators to vote on the question of their right to hold their seats, and thus keep themselves in office and preserve the power in the hands of their party.

We presume that no one ever before heard of a person on trial, being permitted to decide the question of his own guilt or innocence, but in bribery, fraud and low-down rascality, the Ohio Democrats can beat the world.

ON Tuesday last, the 5th, Congress re-assembled after the holiday recess, on Thursday the Speaker announced his Committees, an adjournment was had until Monday, the 11th, and now the real work of the session will begin. This is the first session of the Forty-ninth Congress and will probably last for six months, or perhaps even longer, as the long session never closes until the excessive heat of summer and the desire of members to get home and look after re-nominations, drives both Houses into agreeing to an adjournment. The House has been organized on a Free-trade, eighty-cent-dollar basis, and the principal measures for which the party in power will make a determined struggle, will be a reduction of the tariff and the continued coinage of fraudulent silver dollars to be stored away in the vaults of the treasury. The new policy adopted of dividing up the appropriation bills among a number of committees, will inevitably lead to increased and perhaps reckless expenditures, and the battle over these three subjects alone, will lead to earnest and protracted debate. In addition to these all important questions come the multifarious subjects of greater or less importance to different sections of the country, that will consume time and enlist the interest of perspiring statesmen, and which in connection with the fact that this new administration has yet a policy to develop, insures a heated and protracted session. The farther fact also, that the Houses are politically antagonistic, and are not likely to agree on the tariff and the coinage, as well as many other less important measures, point to this being the most important, exciting, and prolonged session of Congress that the country has had since the days of reconstruction. May the good Lord give us a safe deliverance, will be the earnest prayer of all citizens who have the love of country and its continued prosperity at heart.

THAT Pennsylvania was snubbed, badly snubbed, insultingly snubbed, by Mr. Speaker Carlisle in the formation of his committees, is a fact admitted by both friends and foes. In searching for reasons for this contemptuous treatment of the Democrats of the old Keystone State, two principal ones are assigned: First, the Speaker is trimming his sails to catch the breeze blowing towards a Presidential nomination, and has nothing to hope for in the way of assistance from Republican Pennsylvania.

Second, the Speaker is a free-trader, is counselled and advised by free-traders, and Pennsylvania stands by Protection unanimously.

The legislation for the House is shaped by the committees, and through his power to make up committees and assign certain members to them, the Speaker can almost absolutely provide in advance for the reporting of bills favorable or adverse to any measure likely to be presented. Apparently, Mr. Carlisle's chief aim in making up the committees has been to strengthen the power of the West and South at the expense of the Eastern States, and especially of Pennsylvania. Thus the committee on ways and means, that controls tariff legislation, is composed of four members from the Western States, five from the South and Southwest, and four from the Eastern States, with that limitless fool-free-trader—Morrison—as its chairman. It is admitted to be a free trade or "tariff reform" committee. Randall is retained as chairman of the committee on appropriations, but it is deprived of much of its power by distributing the right to report and control appropriation bills to other committees. Ex-Governor Curtin is deposed from the head of the committee on Foreign Relations and sent to the rear to the almost useless committee on banking and currency, and not another Pennsylvania Democrat is recognized as worthy of a chairmanship. That a deliberate attempt has been made to degrade Pennsylvania Democrats, and weaken if not entirely destroy their influence in the House, is apparent to anyone who will examine the Speaker's handiwork. Whether this was done to punish them for assisting to floor Morrison's horizontal free-trade bill last session, or whether because Mr. Carlisle hopes to secure a Presidential election in 1888 by uniting the supposed interests of the South and West, is as yet a matter of conjecture. But that for some well defined purpose, the present House has been organized in the interest of a Solid South, with a sop thrown to the silver and free-trade men of the West for the purpose of securing them as allies, is beyond doubt.

WORK OF THE FLOOD.

The Water Subsiding—Counting the Cost.

DUNCANVILLE, Jan. 6.—Railroad men think that a temporary bridge will be built over Sherman's Creek by Saturday. The rise in the river yet interferes with the erection of trestle work. A large force of workmen is at the scene of disaster and work like beavers. It will be a difficult task to remove the engine, which will have to be taken out in pieces. The bodies of Baldwin and McCackran have not yet been recovered. McCackran may be imprisoned in the debris, but Baldwin is somewhere in the Susquehanna. John Miller, the local conductor, who was carried away by the strong current, says he was near Baldwin, who was also battling with the waves. The latter cried to Miller for assistance but received the response that he, Miller, could scarcely keep himself afloat. "All right," then said Baldwin, and the pitiless moaning of the river hushed his voice and seemed to mock his cries for assistance. More than one hundred men received their meals from the depot restaurant at Harrisburg, and are served three times a day. People come from miles around to watch them at work.

LOCK HAVEN, Pa., Jan. 6.—The flood has subsided to the 8 foot mark and travel was resumed on the railroads to-day. The damage to the Pennsylvania Canal is extensive. Monroe Fredericks & Co., at Farrondsville, lose about $5,000 by the breaking of dams and the damage to their brick works. Kratzing, Shaffer and Co., lose heavily in saw logs that went adrift on Beech Creek. Business is generally resumed in the city to-day.

PORT DEPOIT, Md., Jan. 6.—The Susquehanna is higher to-night than it has been since the great flood of 1865. Having attained the height of seven feet above low water mark. All the cellars and basements in the lower section of Port Deposit are filled with several feet of water. Dispatches from up the river to-night are to the effect that the West Branch is slowly rising, while the North Branch is receding slowly. The prevailing cold to-night will materially effect the numerous tributaries of the Susquehanna, and it is thought the water has attained its maximum.

HAVRE DE GRACE, Md., Jan. 6.—The Susquehanna River has risen higher at this point than at any time since 1865. One hundred thousand logs have broken loose and are being swept down the river.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, Pa., Jan. 6.—In addition to the horrors of the Duncannon accident occasioned by the recent flood, much property has been destroyed throughout this county. Our creeks rose to a height not equalled since the year 1847. They carried all before them, and the loss to fences, bridges, roads and grain fields cannot yet be estimated. Christian Stouffer's saw mill, on Jherman Creek, in Carroll township was entirely destroyed. Several hogs, some cattle and his corn were swept away. His loss is estimated at $2,000. A pen of hogs was swept away for Mr. Dugan, of Wheatfield townssip, and similar losses are reported from every section. Big Buffalo Creek is reported to have done great damage to property. Mr. Curtis Bixler, of Juniata Township, lost a valuable horse from exposure in conveying school children over the flood. The creeks seemed to have reached their highest about 9 o'clock on Tuesday night, when the water began to recede.

RENOVO, Jan. 5.—The flood in the West Branch is the highest since the spring of '65. In two hours this morning it raised 9 feet. All the lower end of town is flooded out. At 5 o'clock this morning the South Renovo Bridge was taken away. The damage will exceed $100,000.

WILLIAMSPORT, Jan. 6.—The river here has reached 24½ feet, the highest since the big flood of '65, when it was 27½ feet. Several million feet of new logs went down this morning, chiefly owned by Payne & Cochran and Munsor & Howard of this city. The water surrounds the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad station in this city, and the tracks are covered both above and below the station. No trains have gone out on the Pine Creek or Beech Creek Roads to-day. A train from the east on the Philadelphia and Reading is detained below Loyal Rock Creek, where the bridges are impassable. A train was sent down from here to transfer passengers, and it has not been able to return, as trains have been placed on the track loaded with railroad iron to prevent the trestlework from going. Almost the entire territory between the canal and the river in this city is submerged, and considerable damage has been done. Three hundred barrels of flour were destroyed at A. Goop's mills. Trains are now running on time on the Philadelphia and Erie road.

Al trains on the Williamsport and Canandaigua Division of the Northern Central Railway are stopped, owing to the bridges being swept away by the flood and the track being washed out.

The river is slowly falling. Reports from up the stream announce a rapid fall at all points. In this city the water backed up to the market square and reached to within a few feet of the Court House. Trains on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad west of here were interrupted for a time this afternoon, but are now running regularly. The damage in this locality, is very heavy, but no reasonable estimate can yet be given.

Thousands in hard Cash.

ALLENTOWN, January 6.—John Schaup, reputed fairly well off died lately near Alburtis, aged 60, and when an appraisement was made of goods $4000 in hard cash was found in the house. Piles of silver and gold were found stored in corners and drawers, including French, Spanish and English coins, some of the pieces being over 100 years old. The money had evidently been accumulating for many years. A box was found stuffed with bags of coin. It took three appraisers all the afternoon to count the money. An unpaid check for $700 on the Perkiomen National Bank was also found. It is thought that more money is hidden in secret places in and about the house and another search will shortly be made.

RECENT STORMS.

Stories of Destruction and Dangers.

SHENANDOAH, Jan. 7.—A large area of the surface over one of the Reading collieries at Boston Run, near Mahonoy City, collapsed to day carrying down with it a double block of houses. Five more blocks are in danger, and the families, ten in number, have been notified to quit an once. The families in the blocks that went down made a narrow escape. Much excitement prevails in the place, and great danger to the breaker is feared. The accident is ascribed to the late storm.

MAHONOY PLANE, Jan. 7.—Mahanoy Creek, which has been steadily rising since Monday, broke from its bed near Maigville near midnight of Wednesday, rushed through the lower portion of the town and carried away five large frame houses occupied by fifteen Polish families. One of the houses floated off down the swollen stream with a bride of but five hours, Mrs. S. Jablonski, aboard. Her ungallant husband rushed off to save himself, leaving the bride to her fate. She was rescued by some residents of the town about 200 yards down the stream. Four other houses are in great peril of being swept away if the floods do not subside.

TAMAQUA, Jan. 7.—The dam across the Wabash Creek at Reevesdale, a mining village two miles east of here, burst this morning just as the 8 o'clock passenger train on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad was opposite the place. The water overflowed the track and struck the cars, putting out the fires in the heaters and causing a vast volume of steam to arise and envelop the entire train. The frantic passengers could not understand the trouble. The engine however, escaped the rush of waters and pulled the train safely through the flood.

The break was caused by the bursting of a tunnel, always full of water, in the abandoned Reevesdale Colliery. This water rushed into the Wabash. Had the break occurred forty-eight hours earlier while the Wabash was full to overflowing with the late excessive rains this town would have been completly inundated.

Lively Times in Perry County.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, Jan. 6.—The loss in bridges, farm land and fences will reach, through the storm in Perry county, $40,000 at least. There are fifteen large bridges spanning Sherman's Creek, and all have been damaged and several carried away. Many persons had to be removed on horseback, and in several instances the water rose so rapidly that the horses had to swim with their burdens. The large sawmill of Christian Stoffer, in Carroll township, was carried off, as was his corn crib, with 800 bushels of corn, and his hog pen, with several fat hogs. His loss will be nearly $2,000. Previous to this flood the highest point was in 1809, and the water has this time reached a point thirteen inches above the freshet of that year.

The Little Buffalo rose to an unprecedented height, and one district schoolhouse was so rapidly surrounded by water that the children had to be removed on horseback. One valuable horse died from exhaustion just after conveying his last load of little ones. So far no lives have been lost.

A Judge in the Dock.

ATLANTA, Jan. 6.—An unusual scene was presented in Atlanta's Police Court this morning. Judge James Anderson, who for years has occupied the bench of this court, occupied the prisoners' dock, accompanied by Mr. Alexander Mattison, a well-known gentleman of this city. Mayor Hillyer for the first time performed the duties of Recorder. Judge Anderson was arraigned on a charge of fighting and quarrelling, and Mattison was charged likewise. The evidence showed that the Judge had met Mattison yesterday and asked him if he had called him a cowardly whelp, as had been reported. Mattison did not deny it and the two struck out and fought for two blocks, and when they were parted both looked as if drawn through a threshing machine. Mattison was fined in a small amount, and Anderson was bound over to the city court. Judge Anderson was a leading prohibitionist in the late fight, while Mattison was on the other side, and in a campaign speech made the allusion which caused the disturbance. The Judge will resume the Police Bench to-morrow.

Going Crazy.

HONESDALE, Jan. 6.—Including the lunatic Howell, who murdered his four children a few weeks ago, there are now four lunatics in the Wayne county asylum. Last night a man named Ward, a toll gate keeper living near this place, came to the keeper of the prison saying he could not sleep at night, that a mania had seized him to kill some one, and fearing he might do so he thought the safest place for him was behind prison bars. His request to be locked up was granted. About ten o'clock this morning a young man by the name of Groves, in the employ of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company here, rushed into the County Treasurer's office screaming that he was crazy and wanted to go to jail. The sheriff was called, who at once took him to jail. After being placed in the cell he became very violent.

Frightened to Death.

PITTSBURG, Jan 6.—Near Uhrichsville, Ohio, yesterday, James Parker, a farmer, took a load of grain to Kail's Mill. There being no one but Mrs. Kail on the premises, she went out to show Parker where to put the grain. While he was unloading the grain Parker fell in a fit and rolled on the ground in fearful convulsions shrieking, groaning, frothing at the mouth, and tearing his flesh with his finger nails until his face was covered with froth and blood. The horrible spectacle so frightened Mrs. Kail, who was in delicate health, that she ran to the house and fell upon the floor, where she died in five minutes.

A Great Storm.

DENVER, Jan. 6.—A storm of unusual violence prevails in the mountains. The blockades on the railroads are the worst known for years. The storm originated in the Rocky Mountains four days ago, when the first frigid weather began. At the towns in Northern Colorado the thermometer varied from 20 to 30 degrees below zero. At Tennessee Pass, above Leadville, the mercury indicates 30° below.

GEN. BLACK'S ILL MANNERS.

Pennsylvania's Junior Senator Makes Complaint.

In connection with the proposed investigation into the management of the Pension Bureau it may be said that members of Congress do not receive proper attention when calling upon the officer for information. Some of them even complain that they are not treated by General Black with proper courtesy.

Senator Mitchell, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Committee on Pensions, is very indignant because he was refused an interview by Mr. Black the other day. He called to see the Commissioner, remained in the ante-room while he sent his card to him by a message boy. The messenger returned saying that Gen. Black was very busy and could not be disturbed. Mr. Mitchell asked if the Commissioner fully understood who he was and the messenger replied in the affirmative. He then applied to the Deputy Commissioner, expressing the opinion that the chairman of the Senate Committee on Pensions had a right to see pension officials on business. The deputy conducted him to the room of General Black, who was looking over his mail. The greeting on the part the Commissioner was anything but courteous. He looked up at Mr. Mitchell for an instant, without saying a word, and then proceeded with his mail until he had finished it. He did not even stop to ask what his visitor wanted. It is said that General Black has treated other members of Congress with similar discourtesy.

Cattle Suffering from the Cold Weather.

DENVER, Col., January 6.—A storm of unusual violence prevailed in the mountains. The blockades on the railroads are the worst known for years. At the towns in Northern Colorado the thermometer varied from twenty to thirty degrees below zero. At Tennessee Pass above Leadville, the mercury indicated thirty-three degrees below zero. This was accompanied by high winds blowing from the north. The worst phase of the storm is the necessarily disastrous effect it will have upon the cattle interests. It is thought that a high death rate will result in Southern Colorado. Along the Arkansas Valley the herds are drifting toward the river and showing unmistakable evidence of exposure and fatigue. In the mountain valleys, where thousands of cattle were lately driven from the overstocked ranges of the plains especially in Western and Northern Colorado lying west of the continental divide the snow is reported to be unusually deep and the streams frozen. Great loss will undoubtedly result. The unparalled cold weather in Northern New Mexico will cause great damage to the mammoth herds grazing there. Hundreds of snow shovels, a dozen snow plows and all the locomotives available have left Denver to battle with the drifts on the railroad.

Read Good Newspapers.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 8.—T. V. Powderly, General Master Workman of the Knights of Labor, in an interview regarding the condition of the laboring class, says: "Times are a little hard at present, but I am glad to say that a better feeling is coming about between laborer and employer every day. I believe in the next twelve months there will be a better understanding between laborers and manufacturers. Each side will feel more like making concessions and there will be less bitterness. I find men that are cranky, obstinate and unreasonable, both on the side of the employer and employe, are men who seldom read newspapers. Men who do not read the daily papers and are not acquainted with the drift of public sentiment, are the men who will not come together and talk the matter over and be willing to concede a point or two. The power of the press is of great avail in this particular. If every laborer and every manufacturer would read daily a good newspaper and be posted on the topics of the times, I feel certain there would be less trouble."

Horrible Suicide.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—John Bodes, a mad man, committed suicide in a horrible manner yesterday. While walking on the street he drew a clasp knife and, plunging the blade into the side of his neck, tried to behead himself. He did not succeed, and again thrust the blade into the other side of his neck and drew it around under his chin, severing his windpipe, but, strange to say, missing the carotid artery. He again plunged the knife into his neck and followed it up by stabbing himself in the left side and arm. Blood streamed from the wounds to the sidewalk, and the spectators gathered around horrified. The madman kept them at bay with his knife and then ran, pursued by the police, and did not stop until weak from his wounds. He died in a short time.

Work of the Flames.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 9.—At an early hour this morning fire was discovered in the third story of the Ladies' Hall connected with the college at Oberlin. The building is of brick, three stories high, and is owned by the college. It accommodates 150 female and 100 male students. The men board at the hall, while the women lodge there. The fire rapidly spread, but it is thought that all the inmates of the building escaped without injury. There was great excitement and the students rushed from their rooms into the street, clad only in their night garments. The night was very cold, and it was difficult to get water into the building. The hall is a wreck, the fire having consumed the two upper floors. The building is 100 feet square and is worth about $50,000, including the contents, and is insured.

Another Exodus of Negroes.

CHATTANOGA, Tenn., Jan. 8.—Another party of negroes, numbering several hundred, passed through the city yesterday en route from the Carolinas to Arkansas. The exodus of negroes from the Carolinas, Georgia, and Alabama to the West is increasing each week. Fully 1000 have passed through this city in the past fort-night.

A Veterans Windfall.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 5.—Pension Agent Errett yesterday issued to Alexander Gilchrist, of Indiana, Pa., the largest pension ever paid to a private soldier. His back pay aggregated $12,151, and the money came to him a blind, decrepit old man, who has been an inmate of the poor house for 12 years.

Forgot His Bonds.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Louis Robey intends to present a petition to the Common Council which contains a rather novel request. He wants the city to reimburse him for the loss of a five hundred dollar bond which was destroyed. Over a year ago Mr. Robey owned two one hundred dollar government bonds, one five hundred dollar municipal bond, $30 in gold and some jewelry. Wishing to keep his wealth in a secure place, he deposited it in an old oyster can, and this, in turn, he put in an unused stove in an out of the way room. Here the articles remained until house cleaning time last April, when Mr. Robey wished to fix up the room. As a preliminary move he lighted a fire in the stove, never thinking of his money and bonds. But he did after the fire had got to burning briskly. To say he was excited but mildly expresses his state of mind. He rushed to the stove door, raked out the fire and examined his treasure. All that remained of the bonds was a lot of charred paper. The money was all right, but the jewelry was melted.

He now wants the city to give him another $500 bond in place of that which he burned up.

A Woman Kills a Panther.

ATLANTA, Jan. 6.—Mr. George Greenleaf accompanied by his wife, was returning home from Clayton, in the mountains of Georgia, last night. It was about nine o'clock and, as is the custom of the country, they both walked up one of the hills while the mules and wagon ascended, their little boy being the driver.

Suddenly a rustle was heard in the bushes, and peering out in the darkness could be seen what looked like two balls of fire. It proved to be a large panther. As if by instinct Greenleaf opened his knife, and as the beast sprang at him he made a lunge, only to drive the knife into his wife's arm, she having thrown herself upon him at the sight of danger. He dropped the knife and fell under the second spring of the panther.

The beast, evidently maddened by the scent of blood, was about to insert its teeth into Mr. Greenleaf when his wife, who had picked up the knife, acting under the inspiration of desperation, made a clean cut at the beasts throat. The panther gave a pitiful cry, rolled over and died. The cry reached the ears of some hunters near by and soon a number of them were on the spot to find that a woman had accomplished what they had been six weeks trying to do.

Prisoners Escape.

SCRANTON, Jan. 7.—Four prisoners escaped from jail here this afternoon while Keeper Houser was talking to John Cregan, a brother of one of the prisoners, through a hole in the outside door. Their names are, John Courtright, aged 27 years, a horse thief from Carbondale; Harry Masters, 16 years old, indicted for larceny; Levi Snyder, 22 years old, under indictment for larceny, and Thomas Fitzpatrick, aged 16. While exercising in the corridors after dinner they wrenched a bolt from a door leading into the cellar and closed the door after them as they crept noiselessly down the stairs. Then they tore a grate from a front window in the cellar and crawled through the window underneath the porch. They had been gone about ten minutes when Keeper Houser discovered their absence. The fugitives were hatless and coatless when they left the jail.

Infected Cattle.

LANCASTER, Jan. 8.—There are in this county three herds of cattle, in quarantine by the State authorities, suffering from pleuro-pneumonia. The disease first appeared about two weeks ago, on the farm of Henry G. Rush, near Willow street, and has since been discovered on the farms of A. S. Fry and Henry Bender, in Manor township. In each instance the disease appeared among cattle brought from New York State by the same dealer. The State authorities have killed several cattle on the Rush farm, and have the disease there under control.

The worst situation is on the Fry farm, where about thirty-five animals out of one hundred are suffering from the disease in its advanced stage, and it is believed the whole herd is infected. The State authorities have already killed seven cattle here, and to-day visited the place again. They will probably decide to slaughter the whole lot.

On Henry Bender's farm nine out of a herd of twenty-eight are infected, and will be killed. The disease has not appeared among the native cattle. Portions of the same herd were sold in York county, where the disease has also made its appearance.

Garfield's Tomb.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 8.—Despatches from Washington lately have intimated that the detail of United States soldiers doing guard duty at the tomb of the late President Garfield, in Lake View cemetery, this city, were to be withdrawn at an early day. A letter has been received from Adjutant General Drum, stating that the guard would be retained until June 1 next, when the officer in charge and the men would be ordered back to their regiment. This will leave the tomb unprotected for some months, as the monument now in course of erection will not be completed by that time.

Again Convicted.

SALT LAKE, Jan. 5.—Lorenzo Snow, one of the twelve apostles of the Mormon Church, was convicted twice to-day in Ogden on separate indictments charging him with unlawful cohabitation. The defence was on the line that Snow had lived with one—the third and youngest—wife exclusively since the passage of the Edmunds law. Judge Powers instructed the jury that that was unlawful cohabitation; that a man having a legal wife living and shown to be living with another woman was guilty under the law. Snow will be sentenced on Jan. 16.

To Avenge Riel's Death.

ST. PAUL, Jan 9.—A special dispatch from Fargo, Dakota, says: "Parties who have just reached here from the Northwest Territory, the theatre of the Riel rebellion, say that all the Indian tribes are making arrangements for an outbreak in the spring to avenge the death of Riel. The traders on the United States side of the line are reported to be supplying the reds with large quantities of ammunition. With the tribes generally participating it is the belief that the Dominion Government will find it a serious matter."

Low Mercury in Georgia.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 10.—The mercury was down to 14 this morning, which is lower than it has been for fifteen years. The vegetable interests of this section of the State will suffer heavily.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 10.—The Western Maryland Railroad, in the sweep of the Blue Ridge Mountains, between Mechanicstown and Penmar, is blockaded by snow to the depth of fifteen feet. Four passenger trains and several loaded freight trains are unable to move, and fourteen engines are working to get them out. The blockade commenced yesterday morning, and the large number of passengers are being made as comfortable as possible, but there is believed to be considerable suffering among them. A cattle train had to be unloaded last night to prevent the cattle from being frozen to death. A large force of men have been sent from this city, and they expect to have the road clear some time to-morrow.

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, Jan. 10.—The weather here is clear and cold. On Saturday night the thermometer recorded 21° at the Signal Office. The oranges remaining on the trees are frozen, and their loss will probably be complete, but the trees so far are not much injured beyond losing their leaves. It is slightly warmer to-night.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 10.—Specials from points in the Northwest show that the cold wave is still on. The mercury is ranging from twenty to thirty-five degrees below in various localities. To-night the cold is intensified here. There is new snow and the old is moved but little by the wind, so there is no serious embarrassment in the movement of trains Northwest from St. Paul except the extreme cold.

Blowing up a Mountain.

POTTSVILLE, Jan. 8.—The greatest piece of blasting on the Pennsylvania Schuylkill Valley Road was successfully accomplished to-day. The people of this town had felt some alarm in reference to it, as it was known that over a ton of dynamite and Judson powder were to be used. Crowds gathered on the river bank and hill-sides opposite the point to witness it, and a number of photographers took views at the instant of the explosion. One of the most serious difficulties encountered in the construction of the new railroad was Cape Horn, a spur of the mountain a mile below town. It was solid rock and the drilling of twenty-two holes into it to a depth of twenty-two feet each has occupied many months. It was feared that the shock would be so great as to do damage in town and many nervous people waited for its coming until long after it had passed without knowing that it was all over.

The holes were all fired at once by electricity and were touched off by Contractor Gaynor, who had personally superintended the drilling and charging of them. At half-past four he pushed the lever and in an instant the whole mass rose several feet and then fell back into place with a loud, rumbling noise, shaking the ground in the neighborhood, but neither heard nor felt in town. Immediately following the first explosion there was another, which filled the air with rocks, some weighing a quarter of a ton. It is believed that the mass dislodged weighs fifty thousand tons. The explosion was witnessed by thousands of people.

She Married a Colored Barber

CLEVELAND, Jan. 7.—Yesterday afternoon Miss Ina Nortin, a beatiful and accomplished young lady, daughter of a wealthy citizen residing on Brownall street, quietly left her father's home and making her way down town met a colored man named Barber. It seems that two colored domestics were employed in the family. These girls had two lovers, named Bragg and Barber, both of whom were barbers. The latter's affections were rapidly transferred from the servant to her white mistress and Miss Ina did not seem to be at all averse. Clandestine meetings were frequent the colored girl acted as a go-between. Yesterday the two proceeded to the residence of a colored minister and were married, after which Miss Norton returned to her home. In the evening the young lady attended a progressive euchre party. At ten o'clock she arose, exclaiming that as her carriage was at the door she begged to be excused, and withdrew. Outside she was met her colored husband and together the two proceeded to the depot, where they boarded an east-bound train. Detectives are after the truant couple and it is hoped that Mrs. Barber, may be induced to return to her home. Barber, if captured, will be prosecuted.

A Banquet at Erie.

ERIE, Pa., Jan. 8, 1886.—The democracy of the city of Erie observed the anniversary of General Jackson's victory at New Orleans to-day with a general display of flags and bunting and a banquet at the Reed House. Captain Douglass Ottinger, senior officer of the United States revenue marine, gave personal reminiscences of General Jackson, at whose fireside and from whom he had received his commission as a revenue marine officer. The affair closed with the organization of a club of over three hundred members. The toasts to Samuel J. Tilden, Governor Pattison, and President Cleveland were received with vociferous applause.

Clever Escape of 16 Convicts.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 8.—Sixteen penitentiary convicts employed in the mines at Coal Hill, this State, effected their escape on Wednesday. They tunneled for a distance of thirty-five feet. The work was commenced at the time of the strike, which occurred three weeks ago, and continued until the tunnel was completed, without the officials discovering it. A search was made through the mines for the purpose of finding the passage, but it proved unsuccessful, the convicts having so effectually closed it behind them that not a trace of it is left. Two of the men have been recaptured. Bloodhounds and a posse are in pursuit of the others.

Lawyer Graham in Jail.

WILKESBARRE, Jan. 8.—Herbert S. Graham, the Nanticoke lawyer, who was arrested a few days ago for passing himself off as a United States detective, had a hearing before Commissioner Hahn this afternoon, and was held under $2,000 bail to appear before a higher court. In default he was committed to the county prison. Graham will appeal to the Judges' Court, held here to-morrow, to be released on a writ of habeas corpus.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

To Elizabeth, intermarried with James Rodgers, of D., of Scalp Level, Cambria County, Pa., and Alfretta, Ellen, Jessie and Katie, children of Mary, intermarried with James Rodgers, now deceased, of Altoona, Blair County, Pa.:

You are hereby notified that in pursuance of a Writ of Partition issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa., I will hold an Inquest on the Real Estate of Alexander McGregor, dec'd, situate in Shade Twp., Somerset Co., Pa., on Thursday, the 28th day of January, 1886, when and where you can attend if you think proper.

Sheriff's Office, Dec. 23, 1885. JOHN WINTERS, Sheriff.

PUBLIC SALE

—OF—

Valuable Real Estate.

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THE UNDERSIGNED, Administrator and Trustee for the sale of the Real Estate of Jerome Witt, dec'd, will sell at Public Sale in Jenner town on

SATURDAY, JAN'Y. 16, 1886,

The following described real estate: A certain tract of land situate in Jenner Township, Somerset County, Pa., adjoining lands of Henry S. Pinkerton, lands warranted in the name of John Meese and Lodwick Sowers, James Moore, William Sn