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A NEW JERSEY girl died last week after fasting a year and a half. We know some Democrats who have been fasting for twenty-five years, and are still alive.

THE recent decision of the Supreme Court that bonds in the hands of corporations are not subject to the three mill tax, relieves the city of Pittsburgh of taxation on $7,000,000.

THE Senate has repealed the Tenure of Office act and if the House concurs,—of which there is no doubt—the President will have full swing at the few Republicans still holding positions until their commissions expire.

GENERAL BEAVER is reported as saying that he has not yet determined upon any of his appointments; consequently there has been some tall lying done by the fellows who have known "all about it" for several weeks past.

MR. RANDALL and his following of tariff Democrats are being shown the door and invited to walk out by the free trade wing of the party. Before November 1888 is reached, the cry will go up—Help us Randall, or we sink.!

IT is said that more than thirty thousand Republican postmasters have been removed and replaced by Democrats since the present Administration began, and yet our Democratic friends, like the horse leeches daughter, still cry, Give! give.!

THE bill for the redemption of Trade dollars passed the Senate last week. If the House concurs the business public will be relieved of a nuisance, the government will receive credit for doing an honest thing, and the speculators who have been dealing in them will be made happy.

THE friends of the late General Hancock have raised the money and purchased a handsome house for his widow in the city of Washington. This is a much better way of showing their admiration, then by building a costly monument to the memory of the dead soldier.

THE morality of the ballet has been a theme for pulpit discussion in Chicago for some time past. Last week a number of clergymen determined, to see all that was to be seen, and accordingly crowded in among the bald heads in the front rows. Their verdict has not yet been made public.

SENATOR DAWES uttered a great truth—which the Carlisle-Morrison gang of free traders might advantageously lay to heart—when he said a few days since that, he who attacks home industries and home labor strikes a blow only less deadly to his country than could be inflicted by war and treason.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Will nothing bring comfort to the stricken hearts of the Fayette county Democrats? They go about mourning and refuse to be comforted. They shed copious tears because the glory hath departed from them. Be comforted brethren with the reflection that, "sich is life!"

IF our memory is not sadly defective the President stands pledged to "fill the leading territorial offices with residents of the Territories" and yet a few days since, he took for Governor of Wyoming Territory a Democrat whom the people of Kansas had just beaten for that office. The President's memory is short.

IT is announced that Hon. B. F. Meyers will on January 1st, resume editorial control of the Harrisburg *Patriot*. Mr. Meyers is recognized as one of the ablest Democratic editors of the State, and his return to the position which he vacated on account of impaired health, will be welcomed by the fraternity throughout the Commonwealth.

A FEW years ago the croakers were saying "the United States will never be able to pay its public debt," and open repudiation was prophesied. The same class of statesmen are now worried over "the great surplus in the Treasury." Nothing could better illustrate the statesmanship of the Republican party that engineered the finances and produced such results.

THE report of the State Treasurer for the year makes a gratifying exhibit of the financial condition of the Commonwealth. Enough was collected to defray the current expenses and to pay off $700,000 of the State debt while the balance is $300,000 greater than at the close of 1885. By the time the term of Auditor General Niles expires, the State debt during the three years he will have been in office, will be reduced nearly six million's of dollars, leaving only seven millions yet to be provided for that we may reasonably expect that within the next three years, if there be no material change made in the laws, the last vestige of our State debt will be wiped out.

MR. H. C. ROGERS of this State who has been Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue nearly since the organization of the system was invited by the President to step down and out, to make way for a Mr. Henderson, who is chairman of the Democratic State committee of Indiana. Mr. Rodgers was a thoroughly competent official, discharged the duties of his office acceptably, was in no sense a partisan, and no charges were brought against him, but his position was needed as a reward for a Democratic striker. That he is a Republican was a sufficient excuse for his removal, had it been manfully stated; but in the light of the President's professions in favor of a non-partisan civil service, it but emphasises his hypocricy.

ON Saturday the House of Representatives voted to put an end to tariff tinkering for the present Congress, The business men of the country will now breath easier, and the manufacturing interests will take another forward stride. The vote, as anticipated, was close, but small as the majority was it is decisive and tariff agitation is settled for another year. It is admitted that the tariff needs revision, but the feeling is that, its friends, not its enemies should perform this work and that it should be done only after a thorough examination and discussion of the subject, for which the present short session does not afford sufficient time. The free traders know, or ought to have known that the sentiment of the country is against them, but with the perversity of true Bourbons they persisted in forcing the issue upon the people's representatives, and they have their answer. Thrice has Morrison and his followers met defeat on this question, and it is to be hoped that they will now admit, as the old adage has it, "the third time is the charm."

HIRAM YOUNG, editor of the York *Dispatch* is a candidate for State Librarian. Should Governor Beaver decide to supercede Edward Shuck, whose appointment by the present Governor has never been confirmed by the Senate, he can make no more fitting appointment than that of Mr. Young. As an editor of many years service Mr. Young is known and respected by the fraternity throughout the State, and no other appointment that could be made would render more general satisfaction. A man of probity, genial and cultured, and thoroughly acquainted with books, he is well equipped for the position, and would reflect credit on the incoming administration, to whose advent all true Republicans are looking with pleasant anticipations.

THE treatment of the people of Dakota by the Democrats in Congress is unpardonable and cannot be misunderstood or excused. Nothing but political reasons prevent its admission to the Union as a State. Dakota contains a population of 500,000 people which would entitle them to two members of Congress, but the Democrats refuse to grant them the right of Statehood, because they would certainly elect Republican representatives. At the same time they are willing to admit Washington Territory with a population of 210,000, and Montana Territory with 110,000 inhabitants because there is a probability that they will go Democratic. It looks as if Dakota will not get justice until after 1888, when the Republicans come back into power.

Now that the revenues of the State are so ample and are even greater than are needed, would it not be a good idea for the coming Legislature when revising the license laws, to provide for an increased license fee and divert the money thus raised, from the State Treasury, into the different county treasuries? If the evils born of the liquor traffic have to be borne by the counties, why should they not receive the benefit of the taxes assessed upon it? There are a score of good reasons why this should be done and not a valid one that can be urged against it. The State no longer needs the revenues from this source, and until constitutional prohibition comes, if come it does, local taxation would be largely decreased by authorizing the county officials to collect and appropriate the taxes imposed upon this traffic.

Now that the tariff question is apparently settled for this session. Members of Congress who are borrowing trouble over an anticipated surplus, may well devote their time to measures reducing taxation and thus preventing the surplus which they dread. There is no valid reason why the "odious war taxes" imposed and collected in the shape of internal revenue should not be entirely wiped out, or at least largely reduced. If the present revenues are too large, as is asserted why not repeal the tax on tobacco and spirits in whole or in part? Why should the laboring men pay a tax on the only luxury he permits himself—the tobacco he consumes—or why should not the tax be taken off spirits, or at least be reduced from ninety to fifty or forty cents per gallon? If this be done, and the other minor taxes on banks, &c., be repealed, from fifty to one hundred and twenty millions of dollars can be annually lifted off the necks of the tax payers and thus the danger of a large surplus in the Treasury be avoided.

IN the year 1873 the Legislature repealed the tax on horses and cattle for State purposes. In a number of the counties, the Commissioners overlooked the repeal of the law and continued to have this class of property assessed, collected the tax and returned the amount to the State authorities for the years 1875, 1876 and 1877. By this mistake about $180,000 was improperly collected. When the error was discovered efforts were at once made to have the money refunded, but as there was no way by which it could be paid back directly to the tax-payers no definite action was taken. At a recent meeting of the State Board of Revenue Commissioners the matter was fully discussed, and was unanimously agreed by the Board composed of W. S. Stenger Secretary of the Commonwealth; Jerome B. Niles, Auditor General, and Mathew S. Quay, State Treasurer, to give proper credits to all the counties that erroneously paid this tax. If we are not mistaken this county is entitled to a credit of about $5,000, which will be quite an item to the tax-payers, whose burden is unusually large at this time, by reason of the large number of bridges the Commissioners have been compelled to build within the past few years.

A Band of Murderers.

CHARLESTON, S. C., December 18.—When John Lee Good, a white boy, was beaten to death by four negroes in York county last week it was stated that they had killed him to prevent him from revealing that he had detected them stealing cotton from his father's field. Investigations since made are said to prove that an organization exists among the colored people which contemplate murder in the event of the detection of any member accused of crime. Twenty-six negroes are now under arrest. The inquest on the body of the murdered boy before a discreet jury brought out all the facts. One of the negroes turned State's evidence an another admitted that he killed a man who was murdered in the county eighteen months ago. Several of the colored witnesses at the inquest swore distinctly that they had a club, or club in the county for the purpose of stealing cotton, provisions, whisky, etc. The members were to steal whatever they wanted, and if detected, were sworn to kill the person who detected them. The club had different names, but was generally known as "The Rising Star Lodge, No. 24, of the Grand United Order of National Laborers' Aid Protective Society of North America." The charter came from Charlotte, N. C., and is dated December, 1884. The charter, however, would seem to show that the society had only benevolent and fraternal objects.

Among other things revealed at the inquest was a plot to waylay Ellis Inman, who was thought to have had money, but the assassin missed him. One of the witnesses gave a detailed account of the murder of John Lee Good and gave the names of his accomplices in crime. The talk of a general lynching has abated, but the indignation and unrest are intense.

Robbed of her Tresses.

READING, Dec. 18.—An unknown tramp this morning entered the residence of Augustin Wentzel at Boyertown, this county, and seized Mr. Wentzel's daughter, Della, aged sixteen years, who was alone in the house, he held a cloth saturated with chloroform to her face. She soon became unconscious and when she recovered, a half hour later, she found that the villian had cut off her luxuriant tresses, which had hung nearly to her hips. Miss Wentzel suffered no other violence. She at once gave the alarm and searching parties were immediately formed to hunt for the unknown criminal.

Invited a Republican Out.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—H. C. Roggers, Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue has offered his resignation, to take effect on the appointment of his successor. This action was taken at the instance of the President. Mr. Roggers is a Republican and has been in office for many years. There are no charges against him. It is generally understood, that Mr. Henderson, chairman of the Indiana State Democratic committee, will be appointed to succeed him.

THE MORRISON TARIFF BILL DEAD AND BURIED.

The Vote by which It Was Accomplished-Pennsylvania's Members.

WASHINGTO, Dec. 19.—Mr. Morrison made his attempt to bring up his tariff reduction bill yesterday and was beaten. His followers numbered 148 and opponents 154. The vote shows that 26 Democrats voted against consideration and that six Republicans voted with Morrison. The result is looked upon as settling the question for this session.

When Speaker Carlisle announced the close of the morning hour and that the gentleman from Illinois would be recognized almost every seat in the House was occupied and the galleries were well filled, despite the inclemency of the weather. As Mr. Morrison rose he moved to go into Committee on Revenue Measures. The House observed him with a silence which indicated the importance placed upon his motion by every member present. As the roll was called every response was watched with the deepest interest to detect any change.

TAKING THE VOTE.

The first to break over the line of last session's vote was Tim Campbell, of New York. His emphatic yea was received with applause on the Morrison side. Mr. Cox, of New York who succeeded Mr. Pulitzer, was another gain to Morrison, Ellsberry, of Ohio, declined to vote, which was another loss. Findlay, of Maryland, was reached, and turned up another deserter. Hayden and Stone, two Massachusetts Republicans, deserted their colors and went over to Morrison, with his former Republican contingent-White, Wakefield and Strait, of Minnesota. James, of New York, who was another Republican supporter of Morrison last session, voted against him this time. Viele and Pindar, of New York, of the Randall supporters last session, voted with Morrison now. Anderson, of Kansas, who was rated doubtfully took the side of protection. Pennsylvania stood up nobly, Randall, Ermentrout, Bowden, Curtion and Boyle voted against free traders, as did the twenty Republicans. Swope voted with Mr. Morrison. Storm did not vote. Mr. Scott was absent, but in a letter said if present he whuld have voted with Morrison. When the result—148 yeas and 154 nays—was announced, there was from the tariff men prolonged applause.

The vote of the House as announced above was—yeas 149; nays, 154.

PENNSYLVANIA'S VOTE.

Following is the vote of the Pennsylvania delegation:

NAY.

Osborne, Hiestand, Atkinson, Bigman, *Sawtes, Curtin*, O'Neil, Scranton, *Boyle, Randall*, Brumm, Negley, Kelly, Boyd, Bayne, Harmer, Bunnell, Jackson, Everheart, Brown, White, Evans, Campbell, Fleeger, *Ermentrout*,

YEA.

SWOPE.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Scott, *Storm*.

Shot His Two Daughters.

ERIE, Dec. 19—Christian F. Schau, a tailor, shot his daughters Minnie and Annie yesterday killing the former outright and fatally wounding the later. The family reside in a cottage on West Third street, and consisted of Schau, his wife and nine children, Minnie and Annie, aged respectively 22 and 20 years, being prepossessing young ladies. While the family were seated at dinner Schau arose, locked the door, drew two revolvers and assaulted his wife. His daughters seized his arms as he was about to blow their mother's brains out. The mother tore herself from his grasp on her throat, was terribly lacerated opened the door and ran screaming from the room, followed by severeal shots from her husband's revolver. Failing to bring down his wife, Schau turned on his daughters and shot both. Schau was making for the outskirts of the city when Officer Higgins overtook him. The murderer defied the officer and fired at him, but without effect, and then turned the pistol to his own head and snapped it ineffectively. The officer's mace laid him senseless on the ground, and the prisoner was then taken to jail. Schau was very cool, and showed no penitence. Later in the day he was prevented from committing suicide in his cell by the timely arrival of an officer. He afterward broke down and cried bitterly. Schau is 45 years old and has a record in the Criminal Court. Mrs. Tehau is suffering terribly from her inhuman treatment.

Made Examples of Them.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Twelve reputable citizens, including a High School teacher and a Methodist clergyman, were to-day fined with costs a total of $30 each, in the United States District Court, for illegal voting at the State election. Alfred P. Gage, the teacher, removed last summer from Charlestown to Arlington. On election day he stated the facts to the inspector, and the latter said he had a right to vote. Mr. Gage then placed his ballot in an envelope, wrote the facts on the outside and handed it to the Moderator, saying that if it was rightly cast he would like to have it deposited. It was deposited by the order of the Moderator.

Rev. Benjamin I. Johnston, pastor of a church in Dorchester, moved his family to Somerville a few days ago, but retained a study in Boston. He voted in Boston by permission of the inspector, exactly, after the manner of Mr. Gage. United States District Attorney Sterns said these cases were samples of a large number of violations of the law, and it was necessary to make examples of some to call attention to the law and preserve the sanctity of elections. He advised the prosecution of the inspectors for giving such false information.

The Robbing of a Colliery Leads to a Cave-in at Shenandoah.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Dec. 17.—Between 3 and 4 o'clock the people living along West Coal street, in the northwestern section of this borough, were aroused by a creaking noise and the swaying of the houses, resembling a series of successive shocks of earthquakes. The sensation was produced by a cave-in, which took down fully four acres of that section of the town upon which stands upward of fifty houses. The greatest alarm prevailed from 3 o'clock until after daylight. As the surface sank the houses swayed and tottered and the frightened people, many of them with children in their arms, ran in search of places of safety, while the men collected their most portable property and conveyed it from the doomed district. The surface settled from two to four feet and damaged the property to the extent of from $80,000 to $75,000. The cave-in was caused by the robbing of the workings of Kohinoor colliery, which is located under that portion of the town.

A Counterfeit Note Resurrected.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Chief Drummond, of the United States Secret Service, to-day notified Police Superintedent Murry that it was believed that a $20 counterfeit silver note was afloat. It dates from 1883. In 1884 the counterfeiter was captured with several thousand dollars worth of the notes, but many were buried and is supposed have been dug up and set afloat.

The note is of the series of 1880, letter C, is thick and grassy and one-eight of an inch shorter than the genuine. In the left face is the word "certificate." The letters R Y and F are engraved upside down.

Burned to Death.

HUNTINGDON, Pa. December 17.—A frightful accident occurred at the quiet village of Latilio this county in the burning to death of Mrs. John S. Van Bradbeck, wife of a leading citizen of the county. The lady had gone to a neighbor's to assist in butchering, and while thus engaged her clothing caught fire and before relief was afforded she was so badly burned that death resulted in a few hours.

Rusia's War Preparations.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 16.—The papers here contain advertisements for tenders for supplying an enormous amount of war material, including 50,000 tents, 500,000 soldiers' cloaks 2,000,000 pairs of boots, gunpowder, and bullets, to be delivered by April at the latest.

A Fortune In A Handkerchief.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Great piles of greenbacks of old dates were spread upon the tables in Surrogate Court yesterday during the hearing of the contest over the fortune left by the miser, James H. Paine. The story of the miser's career becomes more interesting as the amount of the vast wealth he possessed becomes known.

Charles F. Chickering gave some interesting testimony when called to the stand. He said the miser's estate in his hands as administrator amounted to $400,000, while assets of nearly $100,000 more were still outstanding.

Mr. Chickering continued: "Mr. Paine was a great lover of music and haunted the publishing houses and music stores. Some time in 1868 he called on me and asked me if I would take charge of a packet for him. I agreed to do so and put the package in my large business safe. He asked me if my clerks had access to the safe, and upon my answering in the affirmative, he asked me to put it in my private safe, which I did. The package was done up in newspapers, wrapped securely in a bandana handkerchief and tied with stout strings. Paine occasionally inquired if it was safe, but never spoke of taking it away."

"When was the package opened?"

"Not until after Mr. Paine died, when I notified Robert Treat Paine, of Boston about it. I opened it on March 1 last the presence of Robert Treat Paine, Sumner E. Chagett, Mr. Swift and some of the other heirs. All of us were surpised when we saw the contents."

"What did the package contain?"

As an answer to this question Mr. Chickering produced the contents of the package, which were spread upon the table. There was in all $356,750 in money in the bundle, all in silver, gold and United States or National banks notes, except $14,400 in the bills of the Metropolitan Bank. In addition to the money there were 391 shares in the Chicago Land Company of the par value of $39,100 and notes of the State issue of the Metropolitan Bank amouting to $12,000, of the Bull's Head Bank for $1,000, and of the Columbia Bank for $200.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday, when attorneys for the claimants as heirs will make a motion to have the bonds of the administrators increased.

Stoned to Death.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 17.—Details as to the horrible murder of the 10-year-old white boy, which was reported several days ago, are being obtained, and extraordinary revelations are being made. The boy was found dead in a cotton field, being beaten out of shape with rocks. Four negroes, Moses Liscomb, Dan Roberts, Bailey Bowle and Pint Thompson, were arrested on suspicion and committed to jail. A large number of witnesses were examined, but no conclusive evidence could be obtained. It is believed that John Lee, the murdered boy, detected his murderers stealing cotton, and that they killed him to keep him from testifying.

Upon this ground the four negroes were arrested, there being slight circumstantial evidence against them, but the theory was proven correct, for two of the men—Roberts and Liscomb—confessed to having committed the murder, and implicated the other two. They were caught by Lee stealing cotton, and stoned him to death, and were about to throw his body into Broad river, when persons approached and they fled.

Continuing, the murderers revealed a new phase of lawlessness. They say they are part of a band of forty negroes who have organized and taken an oath to kill ingtantly anyone catching them stealing. In that section of York county there is great excitement, and it is supposed here that the four men in jail will be lynched as a terrible warning to the rest of the murderous cotton bandits. The scene of the murder is at the foot of King's Mountain, and in sight of the famous revolutionary battlefield.

Tried to Kill His Father.

CHICAGO, December 16.—Yesterday two men entered the house of John Hewitt, at Rogers' Park, knocked him down and robbed him of $70. Two hours later one of them, John Harris was apprehended and taken to the Lakeview police station, where he made a confession, stating Harry Hewitt, a son of the man robbed, was his accomplice. it now appears from statements made by Harris and Mr. Hewitt, Sr., that young Hewitt not only intended to rob his father, but to murder him. The elder Hewitt is about sixty years of age and is quite wealthy. Mr. Hewitt grappled with his two assailants but was thrown. They threw a blanket over him and he heard Harris say "Don't shoot!" immediately afterward he heard a pistol shot. The men then tied his hands and feet, took his money and left.

Half an hour later Mr. Hewitt succeeded in freeing himself and promptly notified the police. Harris was caught an hour or two later. He has quite a severe scalp wound, evidently inflicted by a bullet. Harris says after they had thrown the blanket over the old man young Hewitt drew a revolver and fired at his father, but was so excited that the bullet grazed his (Harris') head. Young Hewitt was arrested this morning. He refuses to talk. He is only 18 years old. He and Harris will be charged with robbery and attempt to commit murder.

Freak of a Gas Well.

OIL CITY, PA., Dec. 16.—A novel and somewhat remarkable accident occurred near Halsey, a small village in the Kane gas field, today. The sudden roll sang from the line leading from one of the largest gas wells into the gas tank, which is located but a short distance from the well. A man named Bowser was standing upon the gas-tank, while another man was endeavoring to dislodge the obstruction, which he finally succeeded in doing. This removal caused the pent-up gas to rush into the tank with such terrific force that tabl receptacle exploded, hurling Bowser high into the air. In falling, he alighted directly in front of the heavy volume of gas that was escaping through the broken pipe and before he could be rescued, he was denuded of all clothing, except one boot and a portion of his vest. The balance of his clothing was torn off by the force of the gas. His injuries are of a serious though not necessarily dangerous character.

Taxes to be Refunded by the State.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 18.—In 1875 the Legislature repealed the act taxing horses and cattle, but many county commissioners remained ignorant of the legislative action and continued to assess and collect the tax and pay it into the State treasury. In a considerable number of the counties the tax was collected in 1875, 1876 and 1877, and in Lackawanna county the years of 1878 and 1879 were included. The State Board of Revenue Commissioners consisting of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, State Treasurer and Auditor General, has just rendered a decision allowing the counties that have collected this tax after the repeal, credit settlement for the amount overpaid to the State. The amount involved is about $180,000.

Murderous Superstition.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 17.—Wilson Carn, a respectable colored man, lives in a negro settlement about four miles from Georges, in Colleton county. Last night, after eating an early supper, Carn's wife, with her two children, left home to attend church near by. She had proceeded but a short distance from the house when she was shot and killed on the highroad by some unknown party or parties. The children who were with her say that after the gun was fired they "saw a big black man running off." It is reported that Mrs. Carn was looked upon by her ignorant neighbors as a dangerous person, being able to use you up," "put things on you," "work spells," etc.

The Admission of Territories.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Senate bill providing for the admission of Washington Territory into the Union of States was taken up by the House Committee on Territories to-day and amended by adding a section including Montana Territory within the scope of the bill. In this shape it will be reported to the House.

A Brutal Husband Lynched.

TEXARKANA, TEX., Dec, 16.—James Howard, aged 35 years, was taken from the jail here at midnight last night by a masked mob, by whom he was carried a short distance below town and hanged to a railroad trestle. Howard was arrested Wednesday on a warrant sworn out by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Winchew, charging him with maltreating his wife, who is scarcely 14 years old. Howard and his wife were married last July. Mrs. Howard tells a story of atrocious brutality on the part of her husband. She says he frequently tied her feet together, while she was in a state nudity, and hanging her up by the feet, beat her unmercifully, and threatened to kill her if she told anyone of his crulties. On the 1st of Nov. Howard took a common branding-iron, used to brand live-stock, and, heating it red hot, branded a large letter "H" on his wife's person in two places while she was tied to a bed. After suffering several weeks from the effects of these burns, Mrs. Howard told her mother what happened, with the result that Howard was arrested. Deputy Sheriff Hargett had anticipated that a mob would attack the jail last night and had employed extra guards but the mob gained entrance while the guards were eating a midnight meal.

Disciplining Troublesome Tramps.

LANCASTER, Dec. 16.—The insurrection among the tramps at the Lancaster County Workhouse is still in progress. In order to prevent the desperate men from carrying out their intentions to make a break for liberty last night Mayor Morton detailed a number of the police force to the place, who chained the gang together. This morning it was found that the men had released each other, and when one of the keepers entered the enclosure he was assaulted and compelled to draw his pistol to defend himself. This afternoon a dozen of the more desperate were transkerred to the County prison. The usual allowance of rations has been stopped on the men, and it is expected that they will soon be starved into submission and consent to perform their daily task of stone-breaking.

Criminal Carelessness.

HUNTINGDON, Dec. 16.—A shocking accident occurred at the residence of Mr. John Masel, in Saxton, Bedford county yesterday. Mr. Masel is employed at the furnace and was at work, his wife having gone to a neighbor's on an errand, leaving their two little daughters, aged respectively three years and sixteen months, at home. Shortly after her departure the children engaged in play near the kitchen stove, when the baby's clothing caught fire burning the child to death before the mother's return. The elder sister in trying to extinguish the flames was also terribly burned about the arms and face.

Want to be Added to Pennsylvania.

WHEELING, W. VA., Dec 18.—The earnest desire of nine-tenths of the citizens of the Panhandle counties of Hancock, Brook, Ohio and Marshall to be severed from the State of West Virginia and added to the State of Pennsylvania found expression last night in the City Council, a resolution being introduced asking the Legislature of the State to appoint a commission of three to confer with a like commission to be appointed by the State of Pennsylvania to discuss the subject and arrange terms upon which the transfer could be made. After being earnestly debated further consideration of the matter was deferred to a future meeting.

The Cambria Iron Company's Offer.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., Dec. 16.—The Cambria Iron Company by P. E. Chapin, the general manager has made a proposition to its employees to convert the large mercantile store, operated by Wood, Morrell & Co., and known as the company's store, into a co-operative establishment on the following basis. Capital stock $200,000 in $10 shares, the subscription books to remain open for thirty days, and no person to take more than ten shares until after that time, when one person can take not more than 1000. The proposition is well received by the employees.

Wholesale Exodus of Negroes.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—The exodus of negroes from this vicinity continues unabated. Every train carries off carloads of men, women and children, the victims of emigration agents who make them believe that the bottom land section is a veritable negroes' heaven. A mass meeting of the best citizens was held here to-day and resolutions were adopted and ordered to be posted warning the emigration agents to desist from their efforts among the negroes or forthwith leave the community.

An Arkansas Lynching.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec 17.—Factor Jones and Dick Bullock, two of the four negroes who a few days ago murdered George Tate in the Choctaw Nation because he discovered them killing his cattle, and were released on $400 bail, were caught by a mob on Wednesday, taken to the scene of the murder, and riddled with bullets, each receiving not less than forty shots. Sandy Smith and George Moss, the other murderers, are in jail awaiting trial.

The State Against Gen. Bailey.

HARRISBURG, Pa., December 17.—The Commonwealth to-day brought suit against Gen. S. M. Bailey, late State Treasurer, and his bondsmen to recover $70,000 of State funds which General Bailey lost by the failure of the exchange Bank of Bradford, in which that amount of the State's money was deposited. General Bailey's suit against the bank has not yet been decided by the Supreme Court.

Penality for Miscegenation in Maryland.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Dec. 17.—Joseph F. Woods, a colored man, was to-day sentenced to eighteen months in the penitentiary for marrying Anna Nicodemus, a white woman, and the same penalty was imposed on her. This is the first case of the kind in which the law has been tested in this state and the fight was made as to the construction to be placed on the Fourteenth Amendment.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of John Graef, late of Shade Township, Somerset Co., Pa., dec'd.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement to the undersigned Executor, residing in said Township, without delay.

C. W. WILLIAMSON, Executor.

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Estate of Gabriel Christner, dec'd, late of Milford township, Somerset County, Pa.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement at the residence of N. B. Christner, in Milford twp., on Thursday, December 23, 1886.

N. B. CHRISTNER,
A. D. CHRISTNER,
Executors.

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