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March came in like a lion, and went out like a devil.

THE B. & O. deal is still in a state of gestation, but it is a long while "a borning."

THE Senate, on Wednesday morning last, adjourned for a week to give the House a chance to catch up.

THE public debt statement, issued on April 1st, shows a reduction during the month of March of $12,808,467.

GOVERNOR BEAVER has issued a proclamation designating Friday, April 22, as Arbor Day. Schools, and citizens generally, are invited to plant trees on that day.

THE New York *Sun* is responsible for the statement that James G. Blaine will go to Europe in June and remain abroad until after the Presidential nomination is made.

PEOPLE who have had their passes called in by the railroads can congratulate themselves that the frost will soon be out of the ground, and the walking will then be good.

ADVICES from London report ex-Secretary Manning as being critically ill. The sea voyage, instead of improving, has impaired his shattered health. His friends have little hope of his recovery.

EX-VICE-PRESIDENT HANNIBAL HAMLIN, who will be 79 in August next, is a gay old boy. At a late legislative reunion he participated in every dance, and went home in the morning with the prettiest girl on the floor.

MR. BLAINE is receiving a royal welcome in the West. His ability and personal strength are recognized by the people, and whether he be a candidate again or not makes no difference with his host of admirers.

GOVERNOR BEAVER has appointed Friday, April 22, as Arbor Day. He earnestly recommends to the people that they devote a portion of the day to the planting of trees and shrubbery, whichever it may be proper.

ON Friday last the President appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Charles S. Fairchild to be Secretary of the Treasury, in place of Mr. Manning, and Judge Maynard to be Assistant Secretary, to succeed Mr. Fairchild.

SINCE his inauguration Governor Beaver has issued commissions to three hundred and five Notaries Public; as each of these officials pay a fee of twenty-five dollars to the State, the revenues have been increased $7,625.

STATE TREASURER QUAY reports that at the close of business on the 31st of March there was $2,145,113.32 in the Treasury. Of this sum $500,115.32 was transferred to the sinking fund, leaving $1,150,000 for current expenses.

In spite of the most determined opposition of the Democrats in the New York Legislature, the High License bill has been passed, and is now in the hands of the Governor. His friends seem to think it questionable whether he will sign it or not.

A PROMINENT economist suggests that instead of imposing a license tax on hotels and saloons, that every man who drinks be required to take out a license. Such a system in Pennsylvania would raise revenue enough to free us all from the burthen of taxation.

NASHVILLE DEMOCRATS telegraphed Speaker Carlisle to "come down and answer John Sherman's tariff speech." But Carlisle was too smart for that. He contents himself with charging that Sherman "took down the 'bloody shirt' and waved it." The invariable reply in the South to Republican arguments.

IT is asserted that the Bank Examiner bill was defeated in the Legislature by the use of corrupt means, and a committee has been raised to investigate the matter. Let the probe be applied without thought of mercy. The Legislature must vindicate itself or be damned in public estimation.

AS a set off to the loss of their passes, the Cincinnati newspaper men have discontinued the publication of the railroad time tables, and travellers who want to know the time of the arrival and departure of trains can now walk down to the stations and inquire. Nothing could be handier or more simple.

WE publish elsewhere in this paper an article from the pen of Mr. Wharton Barker, of Philadelphia, who was one of the high kickers a few years since. Who shall be the Republican standard bearer in 1888 is a question for thoughtful consideration, and we commend his views to the careful perusal of every Republican.

THE Louisville *Courier Journal* boasts that Mr. Cleveland is as sound on the tariff question as is either Mr. Morrison or Mr. Carlisle. As Mr. Morrison was badly knocked out at the last election, and Mr. Carlisle barely escaped with the skin of his teeth, it strikes us that our contemporary's boast is just a little ill timed.

THE House bill authorizing and requiring boards of school directors and controllers to pay the teachers employed in the public schools of the several districts for attendance upon the sessions of the annual county institutes in their respective counties, has passed finally, and has gone to the Governor for his signature.

THE important announcement is made from Washington, that the President has resolved to take daily horse-back exercise. Nothing short of an iron horse will serve his obese Excellency for a mount. An old and steady-going "camel-back" from the B. & O. shops would just be the thing.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is stripping for the coming fight, and has determined to clean out all the Republicans yet remaining in the post offices throughout the country. He has ordered a list of them to be made out, and will proceed to chop off their heads at his earliest convenience. Democrats must have all the offices from now on.

OWING to the failure of the Deficiency bill the United States Courts, all over the country, have been compelled to close up for want of funds to pay expenses. This virtual denial of justice to parties who have causes to be tried in these courts, is another of the fruits of Mr. Samuel J. Randall's cheese-paring policy in cutting down needed appropriations, and preventing the passage of necessary bills.

THE High License bill passed second reading in the House on Thursday, after a protracted fight, by a handsome majority. This almost certainly assures its final passage in that body. When it goes to the Senate a renewal of the fight may be looked for, but every indication points to its becoming a law. This is a high license Legislature.

OUR Democratic friends are chuckling over the coming decapitation of the few Republicans yet remaining in Federal offices. No one, but the hungry friends of the civil service reformer in the White House, ever doubted that he would work the machine for all it was worth, whenever he thought the time had arrived for opening the next Presidential campaign "Let 'er go, Gallagher!"

THE Scranton *Truth* insists that the Legislature is powerless to make an apportionment because that duty was not performed immediately after the last census, as required by the State Constitution. Our contemporary has very crude notions of legislative power. We never knew the time when the Pennsylvania Legislature felt itself powerless to do whatsoever seemed meet unto it.

THE Inter-State Commerce Commissioners have organized, and presumably, are ready for work. Thousands of posers have been made ready by the railroad people for them to wrestle with, and schedules, contracts, and multifarious other papers are pouring in upon them by the ton. It is said that it will require several hundred clerks and stenographers to carry on the business of the office.

THE shippers who thought the Inter-State Commerce bill meant low freights for them are now in a dazed condition, with their mouths full of cuss words over the new classifications and schedules the railroads are blandly posting up for their inspection. There will be loud, long and voluminous petitions go up to the next Congress for alterations, amendments and interpretations of the law.

A COMMITTEE appointed by the Illinois Legislature to consider the feasibility of purchasing the homestead of Abraham Lincoln met Mr. Robert Lincoln's agent last week to see upon what terms it could be purchased by the State. The committee was informed that the house could not be bought for a monied consideration, but that Mr. Lincoln would convey it to the State, provided the State would forever keep it in repair. It is understood that the terms will be accepted by the State.

THE Montgomery Grays and Lomax Rifles, of Alabama, and two or three other elite military companies of the South will not compete for the prize in the next national drill at Washington. The reason is said to be that three companies of colored troops have entered for competition. It is this same stripe of "high toned gentlemen, sah!" that stuff ballot-boxes, and throw out "Nigger" votes, and keep the South "solid."

LANDLORDS, and those who propose to deal in liquors, may as well make up their minds to worry along under the uncertainties of the old license law during the present year. The High License bill, now pending before the Legislature, cannot become a law in time to go into operation this year, as the Court is restricted in granting licenses, to February and May terms. Moreover, as it will pass the House, the bill provides that it shall not become operative until January, 1888.

A STATEMENT from the Commissioner of Pensions shows that there is now pending in his office 280,778 claims not yet adjusted. As about 25,000 claims are annually disposed of, the old soldiers who are anxiously awaiting action on their applications can form some estimate of the length of time they will have to remain in suspense. If some specier method of adjusting their claims is not adopted, many a veteran will have answered the last roll call, before the government he helped save is ready to pay the pittance it owes him.

MICHIGAN went dry on Monday, the Prohibitionists carry the State by a reported majority of 15,000. In the city of Detroit about 15,000 majority was polled against the prohibitory amendment. All the saloons were voluntarily closed by the proprietors, who worked through the day at the polls. About a thousand of the best women of the city were also at the polls, laboring with the voters in favor of prohibition. The heavy prohibition vote came mainly from the country districts. The Republican State ticket, it is claimed, is elected by from ten to fifteen thousand majority.

THE pesky newspaper correspondents and the idle political managers appear to be determined to force the opening of the Presidential campaign upon the country without further delay. According to them, Sherman has been South, intent upon his chances; Blaine has gone West to cuddle his boom; Cleveland is preparing to make a clean sweep of all Republican office holders, to please the disatisfied Democrats, and Governor Hill of New York will veto the High License bill, just passed by the Legislature of that State, for the purpose of making himself solid with the "boys," who know that the Democratic party cannot be run on a cold water platform.

Starvation in Texas.

ABILENE, Tex., April 2.—State Senator Woodward, of Calhoun county, has received a statement from Atascosa county, sworn to by four responsible citizens, and endorsed by the County Judge, Sheriff, and County Clerk, giving the names of fifteen families in precincts three, five and six of the county, whom the affiants declare are in a condition of starvation caused by the drouth. The number of persons in each family is stated, showing a total number of 100 persons. The paper states that these families are unable to procure sufficient food, and are now resorting, in some cases, to eating carcasses of cattle that have died from starvation, and begging bread from their neighbors to sustain life. Those who would aid them, if possible, are themselves in distress, and have nothing that can be spared. The signers of the statement appeal for aid from the Legislature, but as nothing more can be expected from that source, it is left to the generous and more fortunate of other counties to render such aid as they can. The statement represents a deplorable state of affairs, and concludes by saying that whatever is done should be done at once.

Condition of the Growing Wheat.

CHICAGO, April 3.—The *Farmer's Review* of this week will say: "The reports from the winter-wheat growing States are still favorable, the majority of the returns indicating that the fall-sown grain is in full average condition. The weather continues dry in Missouri and Kansas, and there is great lack of moisture, particularly in the last named State; but as yet the crop has not been seriously injured on this account over any widely distributed area. In Michigan and Wisconsin large portions of the State are still under snow. Freezing winds last week had a bad effect on wheat throughout the entire State. The reports from Indiana are generally favorable. The generally tenor of the reports from Kansas are encouraging, but complaints of dry weather are made by all correspondents. Favorable reports are made from Missouri. In Ohio the indications are less gratifying than they have been."

A Young Prisoner Who Has a Fortune Dies Before He Gets Free.

PITTSBURGH, April 3.—An undertaker's wagon containg a coffin which was covered with a pall of black oilcloth, drove into Uniondale Cemetery, Allegheny, this afternoon. The coffin contained the remains of John Grady, who, as a prisoner, had breathed out his life early in the day at the Western Penitentiary. The story of the young man's life is interesting.

He entered the prison a poor man, and in less than a year was worth $16,000. He was convicted in Cambria county on a charge of larceny a little over a year ago and was placed in the penitentiary on a short sentence. The boy was not of age at the time, and hailed from Johnstown, Pa., where his life had been one of hardship. A few months after his incarceration a relative died and left the young man a fortune of $16,000. A guardian was appointed, and the prisoner notified of his luck. John looked forward eagerly to his release, which would have occurred within the next three months, and then expected to turn over a new leaf and use his fortune to good purposes.

Fate ordained otherwise. Excitement and other causes induced typhoid fever, which brought the young life to a close. He was one of the best behaved prisoners at Riverside. The prison authorities telegraphed to an uncle of the dead boy at Johnstown. Both parents are dead, and the uncle is well-known and wealthy. The result was a request that the remains be shipped to Johnstown. The penitentiary officials tried to make arrangements with the Pennsylvania railroad to take the coffin on a baggage car. This they refused; even a freight car could not be obtained to carry the corpse over, because the railroad company's rules do not permit the transportation of persons suffering from or bodies of persons having died of contagious diseases, and typhoid fever is included in the list.

This hitch was serious enough to notify the uncle by telegraph. He responded and directed that the remains be placed in a vault to await his arrival. Then he will probably take the coffin to Johnstown in a wagon. This will be a rough overland journey of eighty miles along the Allegheny Mountains.

Wreck of the Sealing Steamer Eagle.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., March 31.—The reported loss of the steamer Eagle is confirmed by the discovery of wreckage on Bonavista Bay. The crew numbered 200 men, and there is nothing to show that any one was saved. The steamer was lost on the shoals near Funk Island, off Bonavista Bay. Debris consisting of deck ladders, forecastle deck and cooking gear with the steamer's name were found on the lee, and the inhabitants are on the lookout for bodies of the drowned. The condition of the wreckage leads to the belief that the vessel was lost through a boiler explosion. Most of the lost seamen lived in and about St. John's, and the excitement and grief here are intense. Women and children are weeping at home or clamoring at telegraph and newspaper offices for further information. The Eagle was a large sealing vessel, commanded by Captain Jackman, and owned by Messrs. Bowering Bros. The Captain was one of the best and most successful commanders sailing out of Newfoundland ports, but it is said that the steamer's boilers were in such condition that she should never have gone to sea. This was whispered about soon after she sailed for the fisheries, and the report that the wreckage indicates a boiler explosion is taken as evidence that all on board are lost.

The Inter-State Commission.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—About 11 o'clock this morning Judge Cooley and Messrs. Morrison, Schoonmaker and Walker four of five members of the inter-State Commerce Commission, called at the White House and paid their respects to the President. Commissioner Bragg did not arrive to the city in time to go with them, but called at the White House shortly afterward, and then joined his associates at Williards hotel, where an informal gathering took place, accessible the members to become better acquainted with one another.

At 3 o'clock the commissioners met by agreement at the Interior Department, where their commissions were handed to them and the prescribed oath of office administered, on motion of Colonel Morrison, Judge Cooley was selected as chairman of the commission. This action was unanimous and was taken without discussion, the members having all come to the conclusion that Judge Cooley was best fitted for the position.

The commission then proceeded to the temporary quarters selected for them in the House building on Farnot, just below the Rabbit House, and after an inspection of the rooms parted with the understanding that another meeting should be held to-morrow for consultation. The secretaryship is still in abeyance.

A Postal Clerk's Crime.

NEW YORK, March 31.—On Wednesday the superintendent of the postal room of the Register Division of the New York postoffice discovered that a package had arrived on Tuesday night from Portland, Oregon, containing $10,000 in currency was missing. He had checked the package off some time before, and could not imagine where it could have gone to, as no one was in the room except the clerks, 18 in number. An examination was promptly begun by an inspector. Suspicion pointed in the direction of William A. Clarke, a clerk who had been in the department for about five years. Clarke is a married man and lives in Brooklyn. This afternoon Clarke confessed that he had stolen the package and that he had stolen the other packages that had been missing from time to time for the past three years. He said he had committed the thefts to pay his debts. He was addicted to drink and had gambled. Clarke was taken to jail.

Cleveland Grinding His Axe.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The *National Republican* says: "The President yesterday requested the Postmaster General to make a list of all Presidential postmasters who have not been removed since the incoming of the present Administration. It is stated from reliable sources that this action will be followed by the removal of every postmaster of the class designated; that the President, no longer being restricted by the tenure of office act, which was repealed by the last Congress, will see that those offices will be filled by his appointments."

There are now 2,340 Presidential postoffices in the United States. Since March 4, 1885, changes from old to new postmasters have been made in 2,140 of these offices, leaving 200 of the postmasters who were in office March 4, 1885, still in office.

The Chicago Carpenters' Strike.

CHICAGO, April 3.—Over six thousand carpenters went out on a strike this morning.

They have resolved that nothing shall be done in their line until all the bosses, or at least the great majority of them, have acceded to their demands—eight hours per day and 35 cents per hour. This for only ninety employees have expressed a willingness to come to terms with the men, while the 300 other bosses have either positively refused or kept silent.

Although the prospects are not as bright as had been expected, the strikers declare that they will remain out to a man until they win the fight.

Crops in Berks County.

READING, April 3.—Reports made at the monthly meeting of the Berks county Agricultural and Horticultural Society yesterday disclose bad prospects of crops for the coming season. Grain and grass alike look poor, and even in the rich Conestoga Valley only half a crop is expected.

Judge George D. Stitzel said that in the seventeen years he has had charge of the Reading Railroad farms the prospects have not been so unpromising as this season, and he thinks there will not be one-third the usual yield. This condition of affairs, which he says is not confined to Berks, he ascribes to the open winter and dry season. Representatives from twenty districts made similar reports.

An Express Safe Robbed.

UTICA, N. Y., March 31.—Express Messenger Leake, on the Lake Shore Road, was shot and his safe robbed last evening between Clark's Mills and Frankfort. After he had been bound and gagged the robber took a bunch of keys from the pocket of the messenger and unlocked the safe, which he rifled of its many packages, valued at between $700 and $800. The robber left the car at the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad crossing. Before leaving the car the robber said to Deake: "Damn you, if you say anything about this I'll come back and kill you." The messenger replied: "You wouldn't rob a man and then kill him too, would you?" "Yes I would," said the robber, as he left. Upon reaching here, as the express car was not opened by the messenger suspicion was aroused and investigation developed his predicament. He was released from his uncomfortable position, but insisted on proceeding, and reached Frankfort at midnight. He was able to proceed to the office of Drs. Skiff & Richards, where his wound was dressed. He was shot in the upper part of the right arm, the ball passing around the shoulder, causing an ugly wound. The doctors probed for the ball, but were unable to locate it. Leake endured the operation heroically, without chloroform. He was weak from the shock and loss of blood, but walked to the station and took the 3:30 A. M. train for Albany, on his way home to Sharon Springs. He stated that soon after his train left Clark's Mills a man entered the car through the side door, which he shoved back, saying as he entered: "Throw up your hands." Leake did not realize for a moment what was up, and failed to comply with the demand. The intruder thereupon leveled his revolver at the messenger and shot him. Leake fell to the floor of the car and his assailant proceeded to bind his hands and feet and put a gag in his mouth. One of his legs the robber tied to the safe.

The messenger says his assailant was a large, strong man, wearing a mask that hung down over his chest. His hair was cut very short at the back, and his hands were calloused and dirty.

Snow Bound Travelers.

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 1.—A despatch from Moncton to-day contains news of several stalled trains on the Northern division of the intercolonial railway. A break has been made from St. Flavien to Campbelltown, and two blockaded trains are working their way out through a tunnel of snow. Fully 1500 passengers including 700 immigrants, are baited on their route, and the railway authorities are straining every nerve to get food to the passengers and the 1500 workmen who are trying to dig them out.

All the northern mails from Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia since Thursday last are at St. Flavien, and seven mail clerks are guarding them. Fully one-half of the conductors, baggage masters and express messengers who run on the line are hemmed in at this point.

A despatch from New Castle, five hours' ride from Moncton, says that the Quebec night train, the first that has passed the New Brunswick borders since last Friday, has worked its way through. It has seven cars laden with people exhausted and worn by their long delay in snow-drifts and cold. They are freed at last only by the superhuman efforts of the 1700 men who have worked night and day.

In order to clear the track of snow five fort tenners were made from the rail to the summit of the bank. In many places the drifts are thirty feet in depth. The main line has been opened and a canal cut through the snow at enormous expense, and yet the work is but half done. Every branch is blocked, every car on the siding snowed under, and it will take more than a week to get the road in any kind of running order.

The Drought In Texas.

ST. LOUIS, March 31.—A special to the *Globe-Democrat* from San Antonio, Tex., says: In many portions of the territory tributary to this city suffering from drought is severe. In Atasca County the people have been robbed of bare necessaries. All crops are a failure. Milk and butter are scarce. Lean kine are as commonwe fat ones once were. Unless it rains soon the people will be brought to starvation north and west. In Medina County the cattle are dying so fast that their owners cannot skin them, and though in sections further west the mortality is not so great it is very large. The number of dead and dying cattle can be best appreciated by comparison of the hide market here. It is always a large one and active, but now it is overstocked and prices are dropping hourly. The country folks bring in the skins piled in wagons. There are many coming in by trains. There is in many portions of the country absolutely no range, and will not be for some weeks. There is consequent uneasiness in stock yards.

Frightful Fall of an Elevator.

CHICAGO, April 2.—To-day as the elevator in the new Farwell Block was a-sending to a cloak establishment, laden with fourteen girls and the porter, it slowly came to a stop midway between the fourth and fifth stories. The porter tugged vainly at the cord in his efforts to move the elevator and finally shouted to the engineer below. An unintelligible response was received, but just at that moment the elevator with all its occupants shot down to the bottom with almost lightning rapidity. It struck the pine flooring which separates the basement from the first floor and burst through that, but this broke the fall, so that no one was injured, although indescribable confusion and screaming ensued. The engineer lays the fault on the experienced porter, who, he alleges, failed to put on the brake, while the latter asserts that the blame lies with the engineer.

Desperadoes Captured.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., April 3.—A noted desperado and four of his gang have just been captured in Upshur county. The farmers of that county and those adjoining have been robbed at various times during the winter. Valuable horses were stolen, poultry roosts were visited and cellars were stripped of their valuables, but no clue could be obtained that led to the arrest of the robbers. In some instances watch dogs were first found poisoned and the premises were then stripped. At least several hundred dollars worth of property were taken. A day or two ago the Sheriff took a posse and started in pursuit just after a cellar had been entered and robbed of 20 hams. The gang were separted and James Hendon was taken after a desperate struggle. As soon as he was caught he gave the Sheriff information which led to the arrest of four others.

Mystery of A Murder Solved.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., March 30.—The mystery of a murder committed here seventeen years ago has been cleared up by a death-bed confession of one of the murderers. On May 27, 1870, Jefferson Yoke, 18 years of age, was shot and killed on the Ringtown Mountain, a mile out of town. The crime was laid at the door of Malfie Maguires, notwithstanding suspicion pointed strongly to Charles Fredericks and Michael Hertzel, of Mitha, the home of the murdered man, as the perpetrators of the crime. Fredericks died yesterday [illegible] ore his death he made a confession [illegible] h he admitted that he and Hertzel committed the murder for the purpose of robbery. Hertzel has been arrested and will be brought here for trial.

The Thieves Didn't Want To Kill Him.

HAZEN, Ark., March 29.—On Sunday morning Benjamin Mabbs was found hanging dead in his room. At first it was supposed to be a suicide, but later it was found to be a murder and robbery. Mabbs was quite well to do and usually kept his valuables in the house, and on this day it was known that he had money in his possession. It seems that the theives went there to get his money and they strung him up to make him tell where it was concealed. On learning where he kept his money, in their greed, the thieves neglected the unfortunate man and left him hanging until he was dead. They secured quite a large amount of booty. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

A Tale Of Suffering.

FORT ASSINABOINE, Mont., April 2.—Late last evening two ragged and emaciated men staggered into the post and related a terrible story of suffering.

On March 12 James Waldron, Stephen Owens and John McCuig left Lethbridge, Northwest Territory, mounted on horses, for this place. They were obliged to abandon their horses the third day, having nothing for them to eat, and from that time waded through the snow on foot.

Their supply of food became exhausted two days later, and losing their way, their only food for fifteen days consisted of a few berries gathered off bushes. About twenty-two miles of this place Owens fell exhausted and the others, too weak to assist him, left him to his fate.

Upon hearing the case the Post Commander immediately sent out an ambulance and the relief party, who were fortunate enough to find Owens still alive, and returned with him to-day.

All three are now in the hospital. Waldron and McCuig may recover with the loss of both their feet, but Owens cannot. They are all snow blind, and have been for three days. They claim to be deserters from the Northwest mounted policeforce.

Murdered His Wife.

MONTGOMERY, April 1.—Particulars of a horrible crime have just come to light. Last Tuesday morning Tarleton Steele, colored, murdered his wife, near Ada, in this county. He took the body and carried it off to a lonely place in the woods a mile from home, threw it in a gully, piled straw on top of it then poured kerosene oil on the heap and set fire to it. He then returned home and left the body to be cremated. The gentleman on whose place he was living missed the woman, but said nothing about it, and the murderer remained on the place a day and night after the crime was committed. Wednesday he went back to the woods and found that the body had not been entirely burned up. He piled straw on the remains, but, having no match to start the fire again, he fled. Suspicion has been aroused, and neighbors search ed the woods and found the remaining portions of the body. The murderer was captured ten miles distant at sundown and brought to this city and lodged in jail. He made a full confession of the horrible deed.

A Fatal Plunge.

ST. LOUIS, March 31.—Ex-Governor Thomas C. Reynolds, of Missouri, committed suicide at 2 P. M. yesterday by plunging headforemost from the third story of the custom house down the elevator shaft. Gov. Reynolds had been attending United States court here and was transacting some business in the clerk's office a moment before the plunge. The office is directly opposite the shaft, and a painter saw Mr. Reynolds walk out across the hallway open the gate, and removing his coat, vest, shoes and hat, jump down. It was at first though that melancholy had caused the action, but a letter in the pocket of the dead man, marked to be opened after his death, said that he was a sufferer from dementia, and would not live to become a charge upon his wife or relatives. The cotents of the letter were calmly stated and seemed to be rational. The body was frightfully mangled and was crushed out of shape by striking projections and the car.

The Snow Blockade in Canada.

ST. ALBANS, Vt., March 30.—The worst blizzard since 1869 prevailed throughout Lower Canada to-day and placed an embargo upon railroad traffic between North New England and Canadian points. The temperature is near zero and the wind blowing a terrible gale. The railroad lines between here and Montreal are completely blocked by the drifting snow, no less than half a dozen engines and trains being stalled near St. John. The Chicago-bound express, leaving Boston for Montreal at 1 o'clock yesterday, and the Boston-bound night express which left Montreal at 6:30 yesterday are both detained by the storm. The snow-drifts along the Central Vermont, Southern and grand Trunk Roads are in many places higher than the top of the passenger cars. The effects of the blizzard are being felt in Northern Vermont where the mercury is nearly to zero.

A Fork In The Baby's Head.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 30.—The Coroner of Chester County held an inquest to-day on the body of a young baby of Delia Williams that was killed yesterday by its brother Frank, 7 years old. The mother and father of the baby went off to work in the morning, leaving Frank to nurse the baby. When Frank could not make the baby stop crying he stuck a fork in its head and then put the body under the bed, carefully covering it up with bedclothing.

When the father and mother came to dinner Frank said that a strange man had stolen the baby, but seeing fresh blood marks on the floor they questioned him further and he confessed his crime. Owing to his youth, the Coroner refused to commit him to jail, but recommended continued applications of hickory.

Blaine in Arkansas.

EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark. April 3.—As the train bearing James G. Blaine and party pulled up at this station yesterday, "Old Chepultepec," the Mexican cannon a relic owned by Governor Powell Clayton, belched forth a welcome from the crest of Crescent Mountain, and was followed by rousing cheers from the multitude. Upon alighting the distinguished party was escorted to the hotel by sixty couples of ladies and gentlemen on horseback and several hundred citizens in carriages and on foot. A reception was held in the evening. The party left this afternoon for Fort Gibson. From there they will go to Chicago.

Killed By His Own Axe.

MEADVILLE, April 3.—Geoffrey Baker, a farmer, residing about four miles from Harmonsburg, this county, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon while engaged in cutting timber. A tree in falling caught him, and his uplifted axe was buried to the hold in his brain. Baker was a veteran of the late war, was 47 years of age and leaves a wife and five children in destitute circumstances.

A Valuable Barn Burned.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., March 31.—The barn of Theodore Beaumont, in East township, was burned this morning with its contents, including ten horses, forty cows, and about eighty sheep and lambs. When discovered nothing could be done to save it, and the building was totally consumed. Besides the live stock, a large quantity of hay and grain and farming implements was destroyed. The loss of the building alone will be $6,000 partly covered by insurance in a local company.

Paid for Poisoning Horses.

GREENSBURG, Pa., April 2.—Daniel Sagars, who is confined in the County jail here, on a charge of poisoning two mares with Sal owned by S. A. Gibson, of near Latrobe, today lodged a charge against James Mitchell, alleging that he paid him $25 for poisoning the animals. Mitchell is one of the wealthiest and most prominent farmers of the county, and resides four miles north of Latrobe.

Beating His Record.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—The Sine brothers have purchased the interest of Frank Van Ness in Harry Wilkes, the noted trotter, for $13,000, making in all $25,000 which they gave for the horse, which is now their exclusive property. Harry Wilkes trotted a mile this afternoon at the Bay District track in 2:13¼, beating his record by one and one-quarter seconds.

Failure of the Juniata Wheat Crop.

PORT ROYAL, March 30.—From present indications the wheat crop in the Juniata Valley will be almost a total failure. Wheatfields present an almost bare appearance, and the farmers entertain no hopes of reaping an average crop, if any at all. The intense cold and changeable weather, with no snow for protection, has in many places doomed all propects.

A Hungarian Murderer Captured.

GREENSBURG, Pa., April 2.—James O'Brien, detective of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company at Wilkesburre, passed through here this evening on his way home, having in charge a Hungarian named Andrew Vida, who is wanted in Luzerne county on a charge of murder. Last December several Hungarians visited Vida's boarding house in Kingtown, and in a drunken fight Vida killed Thomas Rinke, striking him over the head with an axe. Vida escaped, and was caught this morning at Leisenring near Uniontown, by means of a decoy letter. Detective O'Brien has been on his track five days.

A Battle With Cowboys.

OMAHA, Neb., April 2.—Sheriff Pen of Broken Bow, was called yesterday to Anselmo, which had been literally taken by cowboys.

The cowboys were shooting right and left and had killed one man. The Sheriff responded, and in attempting to arrest the ringleaders shot two of them dead, he himself being uninjured.

More trouble is expected, as the cowboys are in full force and swearing vengeance. The latest reports, at midnight, said that deputies are being hurried to the scene, and it is expected a desperate battle will ensue upon their arrival.

The First To Object.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 2.—When the Inter-State Commerce bill came up in Congress the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce was the first to telegraph a demand for its passage. Now that some body is the first to object.

Rates on many articles to the South are doubled. The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce says: "A strict interpretation of the law will be disastrous to all interior Southern points. Full rates on southern goods sent North will be prohibitory."

A Great Meeting to Be Held in Philadelphia to Denounce Irish Coercion.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—A mass meeting which promises to be one of the largest ever held in Philadelphia is announced for Monday evening next at the Academy of Music to protest against the enactment of the proposed coercion bill by the British Government. Ex-Attorney General Brewster will preside, and every living Governor of Pennsylvania, the Mayor of Philadelphia, the editors of the journals, Congressman Randall and other prominent persons have accepted invitations to be present.

A Curious Find in Norristown.

NORRISTOWN, April 1.—About 100 counterfeit coins were found by workmen engaged in razing an old building to-day. The coins were upstamped, but were the size of quarters ready for milling process. Near by were a number of sinks and other articles used in the manufacture of small coins. The present proprietor, John Gehinger, has been the occupant of the building for nearly a quarter of a century, and has no knowledge of ever harboring counterfeiters.

Captue of A Murderer.

WILKESBARRE, April 3.—On the 17th of last December Andrew Weidaw murdered Thomas Blake, at Edwardsville, this county. The murderer fled immediately after committing the crime, and all track of him was lost. Last week Detective O'Brien, of this city received word that the murderer was in Fayette county. The detective went at once to Lemoring, Fayette county, and addressing a decoy letter to Weidaw, succeeded in capturing him. The prisoner was brought to this city to-day and lodged in the county jail.

The Latest Attack Upon the Czar.

BERLIN, April 1.—Advices received from St. Petersburgh fully confirm the report that another attempt has been made upon the life of the Czar. It is learned that on Tuesday, while the Czar was exercising in the park connected with the Gatschina Palace he was fired upon by an officer of the army, the ball passing close to his person. The officer was immediately seized by attendants and imprisoned.

Everson's Big Hotel Burnnd.

EVERSON, Pa. March 31.—Fire broke out in the Vance House, the big hotel here, about 1.30 A. M., and before anything could be done to stay the flames the building was totally destroyed. The fire spread to three other houses adjoining the hotel and they were destroyed. The loss on the Vance House is about $10,000.

Killed While At Prayer.

CATANIA, April 3.—During the celebration of mass in the church at Lingtaglossa, Sicily, to-day the roof fell upon the congregation, burying 100 persons beneath the ruins. Forty-one men and women were taken out of the ruins dead or seriously injured, and others were bruised and cut by falling timbers and broken glass.

Two Historic Vessels Retired.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Two of the historic ships of the navy are likely to be stricken from the roll under the law forbidding more than 20 per cent. of the cost of the ship to be spent in repairing her. These are the Hartford, Admiral Farragut's flag-ship at New Orleans, and the Kearsage, Admiral Winslow's flag-ship, that sank the Alabama.

An Iowa Lynching Bee.

CRESTON, Ia., April 3.—Last night a mob stormed the jail at Corning, Adams county, took therefrom J. H. McKenzie, who murdered his tenant, named Riggs, in a dispute about three weeks ago, carried him a short distance from town and hung him. The raid was wholly unexpected.

New Goods

of all kinds including dress goods, cloths, Trimmings, Shirting, Ginghams, Satines, Calicoes, Century cloths, Chintzes, Batistes, White Goods, Notions, Corsets, Gloves, Hosiery, Jewelry, Cotton, Wool, and linen carpet chain, etc., comprising one of the largest stocks of dry goods in the county at prices as low as can be found anywhere. Lace curtains by the yard or pair. Best quality of goods a specialty.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

For Sale.

A house and lot corner Main Cross and South street, Somerset, for sale on payments to suit the purchaser. A desirable home for a family; a large roomy house and a full lot of ground, with choice fruit upon it. Price $1800. For particulars inquire at the residence, or write to Samuel Gaither Esq., Greensburgh, Pa.

Will arrive to-day, the new Norfolk Robes, in gray, navy and brown. Every lady should call and see them at

PARKER & PARKER'S.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Charles Byatt, deceased, late of Lower [illegible] eyfoot Twp, Somerset Co. Pa.

Letters of administration of 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 on Saturday, the 23d day of April, 1887, at the grist mill of Wm. Burkholder in Drakestown, in said township.

J. W. BURKHOLDER,
Administrator C. T. A

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Caroline Matilda McCahen, deceased, late of Jenner Twp., Somerset county, Pa.

Letters of Administration 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 at the residence of said deceased, on Saturday, the 23d day of April, 1887.

DANIEL STUFFT,
Administrator.

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THE BEST
—AND—
THE CHEAPEST
JOB WORK
AT HERALD OFFICE.

MERCANTILE APPRAISEMENT
—OF—
DEALERS IN MERCHANDISE &c.,
—IN—
SOMERSET CO., PA.

TAKE NOTICE.—That in pursuance of the several Acts of Assembly of this Commonwealth to provide revenue to meet the demand upon the Treasurer, and for other purposes, the undersigned Appraiser of Mercantile taxes for said County has prepared a list of the trades in said county, and has placed each in that class which to him appears right, to wit:

Addison Township.

Names.	Trades.	Class.
Bean H L & Bro	Retailer	14
Endsley & Son	"	14
Frey A C	"	14
Liston & Bro	"	14
Hatfield Mrs A	"	14
Mitchell Charles	Tavern	50 00
Nicklow Edward	"	50 00
Ross R E	Retailer	13

Allegheny Township.

Hoblitzell J J & Son	Retailer	13
Oehler Mrs G W	"	14
Boyts & Co	"	14

Berlin Borough.

Benbaker D	Retailer	13
Collins F R	"	12
Cook E L	"	12
Flohr A C	"	12
Krieshaver C A M	"	12
Masters R M	"	14
Morgan & Shriver	"	14
Nessing Paul G	"	13
Philson S & Co	Bankers	30 00
Matthews & Kimmell	Retailers	14
Feldstein J	"	14

Brothersvalley Township.

Hoover Edward	Distiller	9
Landis E C	"	9
Shultz Abram	"	8

Conemaugh Township.

Koehler Augustus	Tavern	50 00
Haffman Daniel	Retailer	14

Confluence Borough.

Black A G	Retailer	13
Dodds J M	"	14
Groff George	"	14
Moon J H	Tavern	50 00
Mountain & Co	Retailer	14
Ross A M & Bro	"	13
Steward William	Tavern	50 00
Weakland L W	Retailer	13

Elklick Township.

Hay P S	Retailer	14
Young George S	"	14
Lentz John	"	14

Greenville Township.

Burr Fred	Tavern	50 00

Jenner Township.

Griffith J J	Retailer	13

Jenner Township.

Cover James M	Retailer	12
Mishler & Reisinger	"	15
Morgan W S	"	14
O'Connor John A	"	14
Slagle Fred	"	14

Jefferson Township.

Barkley J M	Retailer	13
Hull E T	"	14

Larimer Township.

Cook J M	Retailer	14
Boughman Jesse	Distiller	8
Beal A G	Retailer	14
Swartzer S P	Distiller	8
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