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BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

TIONESTA LODGE, No. 359, I. O. O. F. Meets every Tuesday evening, in Odd Fellows' Hall, Partridge building. FOREST LODGE, No. 184, A. O. U. W. Meets every Friday evening in A. O. U. W. Hall, Tionesta.

TO PENSION EMPLOYES.

System to Be Inaugurated On Metropolitan Street Railway.

President Vreeland Visits 13 States. Wheat Exports—Steamer Sunk in Collision—Frightful Railroad Wreck. Early Opening of Navigation—Will Not Attend the Coronation.

President Vreeland of the Metropolitan Street Railway company of New York has caused to be posted in the barn, stables and power houses of the system in Manhattan, a notice to all employees, announcing the establishment of a pension system for the superannuated employees of the company.

The pension system will go into effect on or before July 1, and is for the benefit of the superannuated employees whose annual maximum wages have not exceeded \$1,200 a year, and it provides for voluntary and involuntary retirement of all employees so included, between the ages of 65 and 70, after 25 years service in the company or any of its constituent companies.

The pension allowance to such retired employees shall be upon the following basis: A—If service has been continuous for 25 years or more, 40 per cent of the average annual wages for the 10 previous years.

B—If service has been continuous for 20 years or more, 30 per cent of the average annual wages for the 10 previous years. C—If service has been continuous for 25 years or more, 25 per cent of the average annual wages for the 10 previous years.

The fund from which payments will be made will be appropriated each year by the company and employees will not be required to contribute to it. Increasing Wheat Exports. Braadstreet's report for week says: Spring trade increases, despite floods.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week aggregate 4,955,944 bushels, against 3,214,510 bushels last week and 4,259,528 bushels in this week last year.

Corn exports aggregate 352,406 bushels against 312,664 bushels last week and 2,956,127 bushels last year. July 1, 1901, to date corn exports are 22,471,669 bushels against 134,531,725 bushels last season.

Business failures for the week number 178 against 204 last week, 203 in this week last year, 189 in 1900, 177 in 1899 and 247 in 1898.

CUBAN RECIPROCIITY.

President Adheres to Views Expressed in His Message.

Thinks Promises Were Made to Cuban Delegates in Washington Previous to Adoption of Platt Amendment to Their Constitution—Views of Senator Allison.

Washington, March 11.—Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee and Representative Grosvenor, also of that committee, were among the president's callers Monday. Although both maintained great reserve as to their calls it was known that the Cuban reciprocity situation was discussed. It was stated that no special message was at present in contemplation and that the president continued to maintain the position for reciprocity he had taken in his annual message.

Some of the daily newspapers in Berlin have begun summing up Prince Henry's trip to the United States. Their tone is one of complete satisfaction. They declare the prince's trip was never intended to have any specific political aims, but merely purposed to bring about an improvement in the popular feeling in both countries.

The Doersen Zeitung admits that its most sanguine expectations have been exceeded by the occurrences of the prince's trip and says the heartfelt cordiality displayed by the Americans was greater than could have been expected.

The National Zeitung says that Prince Henry and the Americans have learned to understand and appreciate each other, and that the result attained is out of the common. It is a not to be forgotten incident, says this paper, in the busy rush of modern life.

Holds Turkey Responsible. The American legation has presented to the porte the second note referring to the capture of Miss Stone. In this note it is pointed out that as Miss Stone was captured and the ransom paid and the prisoners delivered in Turkey the brigands must be within the Turkish frontier and should therefore be captured.

The first note presented to the porte by the United States legation at Constantinople in the matter of Miss Stone's capture by brigands demanded the punishment of the guilty parties. The porte in replying, repudiated responsibility and denied all liability.

Frightful Railroad Wreck. A broken rail caused a frightful wreck on the Southern Pacific railroad near Maxon station, 25 miles west of Sanderson, at 3 o'clock Friday morning. Fifteen people were killed outright and 27 were more or less injured.

All the passengers were asleep and the shock that followed was the first intimation they had of the danger. The train was going at such a rate of speed that the tender and engine landed 75 feet from where they left the rails. The cars behind piled up against the engine, caught fire and all were consumed except the sleepers.

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Declared Unconstitutional. Decision of Supreme Court Against Anti-Trust Laws of Several States. Washington, March 11.—Justice Harlan delivered the opinion in the case of Connolly against Union Sewer Pipe company, in the course of which he said: "If combinations of capital, skill or acts, in respect of the sale and purchase of goods, merchandise or commodities, whereby the persons, firms, corporations or associations forming such combinations may control or establish, in their discretion, the prices of such goods, merchandise or commodities, are hurtful to the public interests and should be suppressed, it is impossible to perceive why like combinations in respect of agricultural products and livestock are not equally hurtful."

Under what rule of permissible classification can such legislation be sustained as consistent with the equal protection of the laws? It is so manifestly a denial of the equal protection of the laws that extended argument to establish the position would seem to be unnecessary.

The decision of the court in effect declares unconstitutional the anti-trust laws of Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin. In each of these states there is an exemption in favor of livestock and agricultural products in the hands of the raiser or producer, or of labor organizations. Under the rulings of the court, an anti-trust law, to be constitutional, must apply indiscriminately to all combinations with no exemptions or exceptions whatever.

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Summary of the Week's News of the World.

Cream of the News Culled From Long Dispatches and Put in Proper Shape For the Hurried Reader Who is Too Busy to Read the Longer Reports and Desires to Keep Posted.

William Marconi, who returned on the Philadelphia, says a connected message of four words was received from the Lizard when the ship was 1,551 miles from that point. Twenty men were saved by life savers who rescued the crew of the English ship Acara, which went ashore on the shoals of Jefferson inlet, L. I., early Sunday morning.

A series of snow slides near Telluride, Col., has caused the death of many miners. Fourteen bodies have been recovered. Fellarde and his band of ladrones entered the town of Calinta in Morong province, and captured the presidente and a majority of the police of the town. President Roosevelt has informed a committee from Charleston that he has not abandoned his intention of visiting the exposition.

Boer prisoners report that General Dewet was shot in the arm during the recent attempt to break through the blockhouse line. The Colombian government has decided to send for and employ the services of an American gunner as the best method of damaging the revolutionary fleet. Prince Henry arrived in Chicago early Monday evening from St. Louis. He had a great reception in both cities. The steamer Etruria, four days overdue, is being towed to the Azores, owing to an accident to her steering gear. The flood situation at Albany and other points on the Hudson is greatly relieved, but the Central trains are still delayed by submerged tracks.

Prince Henry made brief stops at Cleveland and Buffalo on his way from Milwaukee to Niagara Falls. At both places there were great crowds to see him. The First National bank of Montgomery, Ind., was burglarized, the vault being blown by dynamite and \$10,000 in cash and bonds stolen. Richard Butler was about to abandon his claim near Dawson when he discovered an old bedrock, many feet below the first one, from which he took out \$15,000 in one day. One pan of earth alone washed out \$600 in gold. An old letter of Abraham Lincoln has been found among some rubbish in a store in New York in which he commiserates Mrs. Bixby of Boston on the death of five sons in the war. The letter was written five months before he was assassinated.

The grand lodge A. O. U. W., in session at Rochester, re-elected Victor R. Blehdon of Buffalo grand receiver for the eighth term. Prince Henry and his suite made a brief stop at Buffalo and afterwards visited Niagara Falls and Canada. Frank V. Cottle, late cashier of the State bank of Ellipton, Ind., who was short \$22,000 in his accounts, committed suicide by shooting himself at his home. First National bank of Montgomery, Ind., robbed of \$7,100 in money and government bonds, while two townsmen looked on, fearing to give an alarm. J. A. Alexander, a rich and respected merchant of Casa, Ark., turns out to be James Huddleston, an escaped convict from Texas. Overturned schooner wrecked near Vancouver, B. C., with two dead men lashed to the mast.

A passenger train was wrecked on the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railroad, and all the cars but one were burned. Fifteen unidentified bodies have been recovered, and also those of the engineer and fireman. Governor Odell has removed Sheriff Guden of Kings county for taking a false oath and entering into illegal agreements. Prince Henry received the degree of LL. D. from Harvard university, and visited Albany and West Point. The American liner Waesland collided with the British steamer Harmondies about 40 miles from Holyhead and sank. All the passengers but two were rescued and taken to Liverpool. Cholera has broken out among the pilgrims at Medina. One hundred and ten deaths from the disease have occurred.

The president has signed the bill creating a permanent census bureau. The Cunard liner Etruria was towed into Horta harbor, Azore Islands, Sunday evening. All well on board. After spending Sunday in New York, Prince Henry went to Philadelphia, where he was received by the mayor and citizens' committee and then visited Cramp's shipyard. Boers have captured General Methuen and 200 men and four guns, and killed and wounded 118, in Orange River colony. The house committee on territories will report the bill giving the Indian territory a territorial form of government, and to be known as the Territory of Jefferson.

BODIES TAKEN FROM PIT.

Third Effort Successful in Recovering Remains.

Monongahela, Pa., March 8.—The third rescuing party, headed by Mine Inspector Henry Louttit and Civil Engineer Arthur Neale, succeeded in rescuing the bodies of the dead miners and they were brought to the main entrance to the mine shortly after midnight. They were horribly mangled. The remains were later taken in wagons to the undertaking rooms of Harry Beabout on Main street, where they were prepared for removal to their late respective homes.

The bodies were found at Chamber No. 62, more than 70 feet from the location in which the men had been working. So great was the force of the explosion, the safety lamps the miners carried were shattered and the bits scattered in every direction, and were pieces of the men's clothing. The rescuers met great difficulty in reaching the bodies of the dead men, the smoke at times being so dense the light of the lamps could not penetrate it. They forged ahead, however, and their three hours of dangerous toil was rewarded.

The first body found was that of young Howey. His lamp had evidently exploded and its bottom was found resting on his arm. Inspector Louttit stumbled upon the body and notified his companions by a shout. When the rescuers reached the main entry with their charges they were completely exhausted, and it was some time before they had regained sufficient strength to place the lifeless bodies into the wagons.

OLD MAN KILLED. Murder of an Aged Farmer; His Wife Brutally Tortured. Butler, Pa., March 8.—Three masked men broke into the house of Henry Smith, a wealthy retired farmer at Saxtonburg, Pa., Thursday night and brutally murdered the old man and tortured Mrs. Smith in a fiendish manner. They then ransacked the house and secured \$200 and after destroying considerable property about the house made good their escape. Mrs. Smith was badly frightened and was unable to leave the house to give the alarm until 7 o'clock in the morning. A large crowd of indignant neighbors started in pursuit of the murderers and they were traced to Freeport. Smith was over 80 years of age.

Collieries Resumed. Shamokin, Pa., March 10.—The local collieries of the Reading Coal and Iron company and the Union Coal company which were closed down last week by the floods, resumed operations, today, along with a number of mines operated by individual companies. Railroad sidings are again free from water and snow, and cars are being supplied to the collieries. The resumption of operations will give work to 8,000 men who have been out of employment since the recent storms.

Motorman Held to Grand Jury. New Castle, Pa., March 8.—The March term grand jury has returned a true bill against Frank C. Bowman, the motorman, who was held to be responsible for the recent wreck on the New Castle and Lowell electric railway, for negligence. Three passengers were badly injured in the wreck, which was caused, it is alleged, through Bowman taking his car in on the main line, in spite of the warning danger signal.

Nurse Accused of Firing Pesthouse. Washington, Pa., March 8.—Charles W. Cross of Monongahela, a trained nurse who was employed to nurse smallpox patients at Ellipton, was committed to jail here on the charge of having set fire to the pesthouse in January. At that time a number of patients narrowly escaped cremation. The charge is made by Mike Monack of Ellipton.

Woman Dies in 10th Year. Sharon, Pa., March 8.—Mrs. Elizabeth Noonan, reputed to be 106 years old, died Wednesday at her home near Indian Run, the result of a fall sustained a few days ago. Mrs. Noonan was born in County Derry, Ireland. Long life was a heritage, for her father was 98 years old when he died; her sister, 95, and one of her brothers reached 90. Three children and a large number of grand and great-grandchildren survive.

Killed by Buffalo Express. New Kensington, Pa., March 8.—Burrell Hawk, a well-known citizen of Bradford, was run down by the Buffalo express on the Buffalo and Allegheny Valley railroad, at that place Thursday morning and instantly killed. His neck and legs were broken and the body badly mangled. Hawk was 52 years of age and unmarried. Two Boys Missing. East Liverpool, March 8.—John Hendricks, aged 14, and Willie Monday, aged 12, disappeared from their homes on Monday and have not yet been seen. It is feared they fell into the river. Bishop Spalding Dead. Erie, Pa., March 10.—Bishop Spalding of the Protestant Episcopal church of Denver, Col., died yesterday at the home of his son in this city of pneumonia, aged 85 years. Death of a Veteran. Philadelphia, March 7.—General J. William Hoffman, a veteran of the civil war and a prominent citizen, died Wednesday night at his home here of congestion of the bowels, aged 72 years.

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