## THE COUNTRY IN GENERAL

A Summary of Happenings at Home and Abroad. THE NEWS CONDENSED

A Review of What Has Transpired of Public nterest.

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 2.—Winfield S. Anness, father-in-law of George Valentine, the Perth Amboy bank wrecker, has just committed Suicide here. Mr. Anness never recovered from the shock of the disgrace brought upon the family

Sag Harbor, N. Y., Dec. 2.—Dr. Edgar Miles, one of the best known practising physicians in Suffolk County, died at his home here Thursday. He was sev-enty-five years old and had practised in Sag. Harbor and yieinty, for Str., dva Sag Harbor and vicinity for fifty-five years. He was the father of Clarence C. Miles, Coroner of Suffolk County.

Toronto, Dec. 2.—So much \*lumber was exported to Buffalo during the last season that there is a scarcity of it in Canada. Already the box lumbermen have put up their rates 100 per cent. higher than they were at a corresponding time last year, and to meet that the box manufacturers of Toronto will advance wires 50 per cent. ill advance prices 50 per cent

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2.—S. E. McClel-land, traveling salesman for the Moore & Schaefer Clothing Company of New York City, lost his pocketbood, containing \$2,000, and his diamond stud. worth \$500. He thinks he lost then while watching the newsboys eat a Thanksgiving dinner in Wolf's store.

Florence, Ala., Dec. 2.—General Joe Wheeler, in a letter to W. M. Bunting, editor of a local paper, says: "Will you please state in your valuable paper that letters addressed to me at Washington about matters of Congressional business will be attended to, as I expect to be there very soon."

Paris. Dec. 2.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes: Notes in circulation increased 152,875,000 francs; treasury accounts current increased 19,800,000 francs; gold in hand decreased 4,425,000 francs; bills discounted increased 194,275,000 francs; silver in hand decreased 1,200,000 francs.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Thanksgiving Day was closely observed at the national capital. All the executive departments, district offices and business houses were closed. At the White House the President and his household spent the day in the usual quiet way. Mr. and Mrs. Abner McKinley came over from New York to dine at the White House, and accompanied the

Cape Charles, Va., Dec. 4.—The en-tire business portion of Onancocoke, Accomac County, Virginia, has been jestroyed by fire. The loss is estimated

Princeton, Ky., Dec. 4.—The boiler at the railroad water tank at Cerulean ex-ploded Friday afternoon, fatally injur-ing Engineer Calvin Mitchell and his

Shelbyville, Ind., Dec. 4.—On a play-ful wager that he could crawl down the wheels of a moving wagon, ten-year-old John Rhodes did so and had his head crushed to a pulp.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 4.—John W. Schooler, the colored attorney and lea ler of the colored Democrats of Lexington, has been acquitted by Commissioner Hill of the charge of bribery at the recent election preferred by John

Muncie, Ind., Dec. 4.—Frank Coffman, an L. E. and W. freight switchman, was crushed to death between the bum pers on two cars here. His body was held suspended until the cars wer-pulled apart. Coffman had sued for a divorce only a few days ago.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The monthly statement of the director of the mine shows that the total coinage at the mints of the United States during Noember was \$9,511,070, as follows: \$6,643,700; silver, \$2,612,000, minor coins

Columbus, O., Dec. 4.—Ike T. Jobe, iate a captain in the sixth United States Infantry, who was to have been tried before the United States Court here for using war department penalty envelopes for private letters, has es-caped from the county jail.

Cincinnati, Dec. 4.—The paper trade is in a serious condition, according to Albert Diem, one of the largest manu-facturers in Cincinnati or the West. facturers in Cincinnati or the West, Mr. Diem says that within a fortnight the trust will raise prices from 20 to 25 per cent. This condition is due not so much to a desire to make profits as to an actual scarcity of the commodity.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 5.—A patron wagon, containing two policemen and a large box, drove up to Police Headquarters Friday evening, and the box was carried to the room of President was carried to the room of President York. The wagon was from the Vernon avenue station and contained the books and papers of the Miller Frankin Syndicate business. President York and Commissioner Abell passed considerable time in examining the contents of the box, but refused to tell what they discovered. It is said the Commissioners are anxious to find out how many members of the Police Department are involved and to what extent.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Mr. Macrum, the United States consul at Pretoria, is renewing his appeals to the State Department to be allowed to leave his post. The department, realizing the pressing necessity of having some energetic and willing representative of the United States at Pretoria to look after the important American interests in the Transvaal, as well as to carry our our obligations to care for the welfar of British citizens therein, is striving of British citizens therein, is striving to find some consular officer near Pretoria who will undertake to relieve Mr. Macrum. Probably Mr. Hollis, United States consul at Lorenzo Marquez, will be asked to undertake the charge.

WHOLE FAMILY WIPED OUT.

Father, Mother and Two Children Killed in Paterson Wreck.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 2.—One more victim is certain to be added to the six killed in the wreck on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western road, physicians at St. Joseph's Hospital pronouncing the case of George H. White, of Ithaca, hopeless.

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Of the injured at St. Joseph's Hospital, J. Sterling Smith, a nephew of
General Joe Wheeler, is in the worst
condition, next to White. Smith's left
leg has been amputated at the hospital.
He worried much over the loss of a
portfolio containing valuable papers
until he was shown the receipt for the
parcel by one of the Sisters of Charity.
David Roe was informed of his wife's
death by one of the Sisters some hours
after the accident.
He was in a very weak condition and
continually moaned for his wife. He
said he was sure she had been killed
by his side, in the second from the last
coach. At first the hospital nurses told
him his wife was not hurt. When
finally told of her death he began to
rave and his shrieks could be heard in
the hospital grounds. It is expected
that he will recover unless he sustained internal injuries.
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that he will recover unless he sustained internal injuries.

The officials of the road extended every facility to relatives and friends of the injured and the newspaper men in the obtaining of information. General Superintendent E. G. Russell and Division Superintendent R. Du Puy were in Paterson the greater part of the day Thursday, personally attending to those who came to inquire after the victims of the disaster in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Hospital.
"I do not believe in a policy of sup-"I do not believe in a policy of suppressing the facts in a case of this kind," said Mr. Russell. "The friends of those injured in a railroad accident are entitled to the fullest information. and so is the public. That is why every opportunity is afforded the reporters to get the information they seek. That has always been my policy, and always will be, although I hope it will be a very long time before there shall be a repetition of Wednesday night's fatal accident."

The list of the dead given out on

accident."
The list of the dead given out on Wednesday night was largely incorrect. The corrected list is as follows:
Alexander Craig, Scranton, Pa., business manager of the Scranton Tribune; Mrs. Esther S. Craig, his wife; Miss Esther Craig, 15 years old, their daughter; Miss Jessie Craig, 11 years old, another daughter; Mrs. May B. Roe, wife of David Roe, of Ithaca: Walter Jacob Brock, 19 years old, a Cornell student of No. 899 West End avenue, New York city.

of No. 859 West End avenue, New York city.

It was not until Thursday that the identification of the two children killed was made positive. Passengers had said they were with Mr. and Mrs. Roe, but relatives of the Craig family came here from Brooklyn and identified them here from Brooklyn and identified them as those of the Craigs. The accident wiped out the whole family. They were on their way to spend Thanksgiv-ing with relatives in Brookiyn.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 4.—General Sup-erintendent Russell of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad has arrived in this city with officials of the road, and visited the scene of the wreck road, and visited the scene of the wreck with the Coroner's jury and Coroner J. S. Yates, who will make the investigation, and try, if possible, to fix the blame for the catastrophe of Wednesday night.

The jury, previous to going to the railroad, went to the morgue and looked at the body of Mrs. Roe, wife of David Roe, one of the men injured in the wreck. Notwithstanding Mr. Roe's inturies, he insisted on leaving the hos-

the wreck. Notwithstanding Mr. Roe's injuries, he insisted on leaving the hospital, and went with the body of his wife to Warwick, N. Y., where the funeral services will be held and interment made.

While the relieved officials insist that

While the railroad officials insist that While the railroad officials insist that Engineer Reardon is to blame for the accident, there are those in this city who shift the blame to the company. When the new company took hold there was a man on the Van Winkle street crossing, where the accident occurred but the new management discharged him with others.

For months the Board of Aldermen have been trying to have the men re-

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placed.

At the meeting only two weeks ago inquiry was made from the clerk as to whether any attention had been paid to the demands of the Aldermen for the restoration of this watchman. The clerk said the company did not think there was any occasion for a man at this point. this point.

Railroad men here say had a watchman been at this curve he would have been out with his danger signals, and it would not be left to a flagman of a train to run back in such an emer-

### JOHN I. BLAIR DEAD.

#### Career of a Remarkable Man and a Multi-Millionaire.

New York, Dec. 4.—John I Blair, the famous railroad builder and owner, and multi-millionaire, of Blairstown, N. J., is dead. He was in his ninety-eighth

The career of John I. Blair was a re-The career of John I. Blair was a remarkable one. From a penniless boy, the son of a struggling farmer, he became one of America's financial kings, achieving success as a merchant, banker, railroad builder and owner, and coal and iron magnate. He hardly knew himself the extent of his wealth. In a litigation in 1889 he was asked under oath what he was worth.

"I believe," he said, blushing and stammering, "that I am worth somewhere between \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000."

where between \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000. It is likely that several more millions have been added in the ten years since

### THE MARKETS.

Cash prices for staples. Wheat, No. 2 red, .72%. Corn, No. 2 mixed, .39% Oats, No. 2 mixed, .30. Oats, No. 2 mixed, 30.
Flour, Minnesota patents, \$3.90
Cotton, middling, 7 13-16.
Coffee, No. 7 Rio, .0674.
Sugar, granulated, 5.18.
Molasses, O. K. prime, .36
Beef, family, 12.75.
Beef hams, 24.00.
Tallow, prime, .04%.
Pork, mess, 9.25.
Hogs, dressed, 160 lb., .05%.
Lard, prime, 5.37%.
Iron, Northern, No. 1 foundry, 23.00.
Butter, Western creamery, 27.
Cheese.—State, full cream, small,
September, fancy, per lb., 121/4a12%c.;
do., small, October, finest, 12a 121/4c.;
do., good to choice, 111/4a113/4c.

Amateur Golf at Attanle City.
Atlantic City. N J. Dec. 4:—Preparations are about completed for the big open tournament for amateur golf players to be heid at the Northfield links of the Atlantic City Country Club on Dec. 14, 15 and 16. The events will be of a varied and interesting nature.

#### Dr. De Costa (Secomes a Catholia.

New York, Dec 4.—Three months ago the Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. De Cocta rethe Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. De Cocta resigned the office of presbyter in the Protestant Episcopal Church. Sunday he was received into the communion of the Roman Catholic Church. The ceremony took place in the Academy of the Sacred Heart, in the presence of a few Catholic and Pertestant friends who had bee invited to witness it.

### Will Keep Den on Sunday.

Englewood, N. J., Dec. 4.—Candy and cigar stores all remained open Sunday despite the May, r's proclamation that they must close on last Sunday all except one cless!, and no action was taken against the man who kept open, so the others de ided to conduct busi-

#### Walked in Front of a Train.

Hackensack, N. J., Dec. 4.—The wo-man killed by a train of the New Jersey and, New York Raliroad in Carlstadt has been identified as Mrs. Pauline W. Paugol, 62 years old, a widow, living in Woodcliff. Sjie had been here on business, and was on her way home when she walked in front of the train.

#### Big Real Estave Deal in Newark.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 4.—A real estate deal by which the Prudential Insurance Company acquires all the property in Broad street between Bank and Market streets, has just been concluded. The company's holdings in Broad and Bank expects we are estimated to be worth. streets now are estimated to be worth about \$6,000,000.

## Venezuelan Rabels Win Fight. venezuelan a poets win Fight. Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 4.—After a fight lasting sixteen hours the city of Maracaibo, capital of the State of Zulia, is in the power of the Hernandist revolutionary forces.

STEEL RAILS FOR AFRICA.

During the discussion of the Dingley bill in Congress, one of the most direful prophecies of the Democratic control,—and the Democratic editors of the country promptly disseminated the assertions,—was that Protection was rainous to foreign trade. The enactment of the law would kill our export of manufacturers. What about this prophecy? Are these statesment and orators and editors going about pointing with pride to the fulfillment of their prognostications? The Dingley law was enacted, and yet the year 1898 was the banner year in the history of the foreign commerce of the country. For every dollar's worth of foreign merchandise bought by the United States, was sold and exported two dollar's worth of American products. And this sort of thing did not stop in 1898. In March, 1899, the exports of manufacturers were \$36,025,783, as against \$28,214,450 for March of 1898. It is a good time for Republicans to begin to rib these facts in on those who advocated the Wilson Tariff and who are doubtless only waiting an opportunity to begin to talk again about the beauties of Free-Trade.—Os. wego (N. Y.) "Times."

### Orphans' Court Sale OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

Estate of WALTER SPENCER, Deceased.

By virtue of an Order of the Orphans Court of Sullivan County, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House in Laporte Borough, Sullivan County, Pa.

### SATURDAY,

the 16th day of Dec., 1899, at ! o'clock p. m., the following described real estate, viz:

Lot No. 1.

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All that certain piece or parcel of land, situated, lying and being in the Boro, of Laporte, County of Sullivan and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at the intersection of the west line of Muncy street with the north line of Cherry street; thence north along Muncy street one hundred and four feet to lot No. 48; thence west along said lot two hundred and sixty feet to Blackberry Alley, one hundred and four feet to the north line of Cherry street; thence east along Cherry street two hundred and sixty feet to the place of beginning; containing ninety-nine and three-tenths perches of land, and being lots No. 49 and 50 of the allotment of the Borough of Laporte. The same being improved and having thereon erected a two story frame dwelling house and large barn, and being well watered. There also being a fine orchard growing on the above described lots.

Lot No. 2.

All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Borough, County and State aforesaid, bounded and described as tol lows, viz: Beginning at a corner at the intersection of the west side of Beech St., with the north side of Main street, thence along the west side of formerly Beech St., (since abandoned) north two hundred and sixty feet to the south side of Said Alley, west two hundred and thirty feet to the intersection of Mill Alley; thence along east side of Mill Alley; thence along east side of Mill Alley, south two hundred and sixty feet to the north side of Main St.; thence along the north side of Main St. east two hundred and thirty feet to the place of beginning: containing one acre and sixty perches of land, strict measure, be the same more or less. Said land being improved and suitable for building purposes. Lot No. 2.

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STEEL RAILES FOR APRICA.

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from said lot Thirty-eight acres and twenty perches of land conveyed to Catharine Nolan by deed dated April 10, 1869. See Deed book 11, page 429. Also reserving and excepting from said above described lands Eight acres and one hundred and ten perches of land conveyed to J. A. Jordan by deed dated January 16, 1895. See Deed book 22, page 177.)

Lot No. 9.

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All that certain lot of land situated in the Township of Laporte, County of Sullivan and State of Penna., bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a corner in warrant line of Joseph Keyser warrant, thence north fifty-eight degrees west, one hundred and forty-one perches to corner; thence south thirty-one degrees west, twenty perches to corner; thence north fifty-eight degrees west one hundred and forty-one and five-tenths perches to corner; thence north thirty-one degrees east, ten and two-tenths perches to corner thence south fifty-eight degrees east, nine perches to corner; thence north thirty-one degrees east, eighty-six and seven-tenths perches to corner; thence north thirty-one degrees east, eighty-six and seven-tenths perches to corner of John Collins' lot; thence along line of John Collins and Francis McDonald, south fifty-eight degrees east, two hundred and seventy-one perches and thence south thirty-two degrees west, seventy-four perches to the place of beginning; containing One Hundred and Forty-five Acres strict measure, be the same more or less, and being parts of the Jeremiah Jackson and John Quirk warrants. warrants. Lot No. 10.

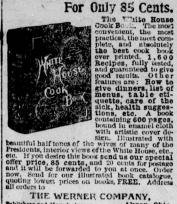
All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land lying and being in the Township of Laporte, County of Sullivan and State of Penna., bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at south-east corner of lot conveyed to John W. Grover now belonging to James McFarlane, thence along his line west, sixty perches to corner of lot late PeterE. Armstrong; thence along line of the same one hundred and six and two-third perches to a corner to be made in the of said. Armstrong lot: thence east third perches to a corner to be made in line of said Armstrong lot; thence east sixty perches to a corner to be made in line of Bernard Westerman land; thence line of Bernard Westerman land; thence along same one hundred and six and two-thirds perches to place of beginning; containing Forty Acres strict measure, be the same more or less. Being parts of Thos. Franklin, Joseph Hulings and Samuel Pleasants warrants.

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