

THE MIDDLEBURGH POST.

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Eight million people in the United States own their own homes.

Russian officials are devising a compulsory insurance scheme for crops, in order to insure against famines, such as that country periodically experiences.

The London News says that the Nicaragua Canal must be built by Americans or not at all, as the United States would certainly seize it in case of war.

The concentrated essence of fact is imbedded in this little jingle:

The constant drop of water Wears away the hardest stone The constant gnaw of Towser Mastenates the toughest bone.

Tank steamers have for some time been used for carrying petroleum and molasses, but it has remained for a Louisiana man to bring the tank into use for molasses on shore.

While New York City has the largest population in the country, she has not the most churches. Indeed, even Brooklyn, the "City of Churches," has now forfeited that title to Philadelphia.

It is hoped by the New York Tribune that the feat just accomplished

all records by planting a pine in a year without intermission, or cessation, tea and the yolk of egg being gently poured down his throat while he hammered away at the keys, will not lead to any emulation in this country.

It is possible, admits the New York Tribune, that the consumption of American meat in England may be largely curtailed if the colonies keep up to the record of the steamer Perthshire.

Editor Watterson sums up the financial situation in the South in what the Atlanta Constitution terms "a few breezy exhilarating lines." This is the view he takes of it: "With Southern bank clearings increasing at the rate of thirty-six per cent. over last year; with Southern railroads showing an increase in earnings as compared with 1893, while those of every other section show a decrease; with big crops of cotton, corn and wheat, and with plenty of hog, hominy, 'possums, sweet potatoes, watermelons and other luxuries to be had in season for the comfort of the inner man, we can't understand how any Kansas or Nebraska or great Northwestern victim of hot blasts, blizzards and great expectations can keep away from Dixie."

The shovel works of H. M. Myers & Co. at Beaver Falls, where he was working some time, has notified employees that if they resume at a wage cut of 5 and 10 per cent.

TWO MANDARINS KILLED.

CHINESE REBELS.

The Imperial Family at Peking Divided on the War Question.

A dispatch from Shanghai confirms the report telegraphed that rebellion has broken out 100 miles from Hankow. The rebels are fairly armed and reckless. They attacked the government buildings which were feebly defended by loyal troops.

The provinces are almost denuded of troops, and the rebels are daily gathering strength. It is expected that they will advance on Woo Chang, province of Hoop See of which Hankow is the capital.

A Hamburg firm has purchased 100,000 Albatrosses at a price each from the Belgian government to export to China.

AN ANTI-HILL TICKET. Kings County Democracy Nominates E. P. Wheeler for Governor.

In New York, a third state ticket has been put in the field by the Democracy of Kings county, and it is expected it will be endorsed by the Independent Democrats throughout the state.

BEET SUGAR WHISKY. New Process of Distillation Successfully Tried at Omaha.

TOWN BURNED OUT. \$50,000 Fire at Chester Hill, O., Destroys Business Houses.

Perished in Flame. Mrs. Jennie Harrison and her three children perished by fire in the barn upon their farm in the outskirts of Elizabeth, N. J.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKINGS.

Fifteen fishermen were drowned off Sand Island, Fla., during the recent storm.

The American institute of architects is holding its fifth annual convention at New York.

"Bill Nye," the humorist, is at a Chicago hospital recovering from an attack of gastritis.

A friend, whose name is withheld, has contributed \$50,000 to the University of Pennsylvania.

Charles G. Garnett, wanted at Lebanon, Pa., for wife murder, has been arrested at Marlton, O.

The 2-year-old daughter of Robert Shelton, of New Haven, Pa., was burned to death by her clothes catching fire.

Snow fell on Sunday at Altoona, Bellefonte, Hollidaysburg, Scranton and other points in Eastern Pennsylvania.

The H. J. Heinz Company, of Pittsburg, has been awarded a gold medal for the best condiments at the Antwerp exposition.

There were nearly 200 arrests of saloon-keepers Sunday in New York for violating the Sunday closing order.

L. T. Burd, a prominent attorney of Sioux City, Ia., who left between two days last week, is a defaulter for about \$10,000.

By the upsetting of a catboat in New York bay, Frank McIntyre, James Ford and Frank Britton, of New Brighton, S. I., were drowned.

Seven prisoners escaped from the parish jail in Shreveport, La., Saturday morning. With an old file and a pair of scissors they dug out of the prison.

The New South Wales Legislature has passed a resolution by an overwhelming majority in favor of extending the elective franchise to women.

New York judges announced Monday that they will not grant alimony in separation cases, because the lawyers get the money and prevent reconciliations.

Robert A. Dobbin, postmaster of the United States Senate, was Saturday found guilty of receiving \$74 in excess of his per diem as president of the Howard county, Md., school board.

A MURDERER LYNCHED.

A Desperado taken by a Mob from Jail and Hanged to a Bridge.

Oscar Morton, the young mountain desperado, who murdered Sheriff William Sims, of Lee county, Ky., at the Beattyville fair grounds Saturday afternoon, was taken out of the Beattyville jail Sunday morning at 1 o'clock by a mob of nearly 200 men and hanged from a bridge.

Morton showed great coolness, and just before being swung off made a short prayer asking God to forgive him.

The sheriff had attempted to arrest Morton for creating a disturbance. Morton, who was intoxicated, drew two pistols and began firing recklessly. He fired five shots, three falling effect in sim's body, from which he died in 20 minutes.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Eggs continue to be scarce. There are 61,000 brewers in the world. Chicago is said to have 207 millionaires.

The rice crop is short, though of good quality. The drought in Eastern Connecticut is unbroken.

Business of the summer resorts was unusually good this season. Recent scattered washouts on the Texas and Pacific aggregate ten miles.

In the football game with Andover, Gray, the Harvard full back, had one of his legs broken.

Kauff, the great iron founder, of Essen, Germany, is to supply Italy with 10,000,000 nickel coins.

There have been 1100 miles of new main track laid by eighty-three lines in thirty-one States and Territories.

The debt of the American Board of Foreign Missions increased within a year from \$88,318 to \$116,297.

It is reported that the whale catch this season has been very small, indeed, and that bone will be exceedingly high.

The National Farmers' Congress in West Virginia declared for free silver and against protection for wool and cotton.

GILBERT PRICE, seventeen years old, stole six horses in a night in Michigan while running away from a reform school.

SUPERINTENDENT BYRNES told the Grand Jury that New York's police force should be increased at once by at least 1000.

BAGS OF GOLD STOLEN.

A TRAIN HELD UP.

The Overland Express Robbed Near Sacramento.

The eastbound overland express, due at Sacramento at 9 o'clock Thursday, was held up about six miles out of the city and robbed of four sacks of money by two men, who escaped with their booty. The amount of money in the sacks was \$15,000.

The robbers first held up the track-walker, and taking his torpedoes and signal lanterns from him, flagged the train in proper fashion, indicating that likely they were railroad men. They then covered engineer William Scott and fireman Lincoln with rifles and forced them to uncouple the express car and engine from the rest of the train and run ahead, with the robbers on board, to a point between two trestles.

A TRAIN ROBBED.

Seven Masked Men Get Away With \$180,000 From an Express Car in Virginia.

The northern bound passenger train on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad was held up near Quantico by seven masked robbers. The engineer and fireman were forced from their engine, and the engine itself was sent about a mile from the car and then entered, and the messengers covered with pistols and forced to open the safe, which the robbers rifled, and then disappeared. The runaway locomotive was stopped at Quantico by obstructing the tracks.

The railroad company has offered \$1,000 reward for the arrest of any one of the robbers.

Express Messengers B. F. Crutchefield and Murray had barred the doors of their car, but the thieves were blown open with dynamite. The direction of the Potomac river, where it is supposed they had a boat in waiting to take them to the Maryland side.

The express messengers say the safe contained \$180,000 all of which the robbers took. None of the passengers were molested.

COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

Over Two Dozen Boilers Burst, Killing Five Men.

Five men were killed, two fatally injured and several others painfully burned by a boiler explosion that occurred at the Henry Clay Colliery, Shamokin, Pa. The loss is \$50,000. The explosion is the worst of its kind that has ever occurred in this region, and its cause is a mystery.

It was 7:30 when the workmen were started on a heavy explosion. At the same moment a portion of the boiler-house was blown into the air, and flying bricks, sheets of corrugated iron, and the big boilers were hurled in every direction.

Several other explosions took place. The air filled with escaping steam and debris for a radius of 400 yards, and many of the employes narrowly escaped death. The report of the explosion was heard in Shamokin, a distance of over two miles. Only one boiler house employe, a Pole, escaped uninjured.

The others were buried beneath the mass of debris. Some of the bodies were not recovered for two hours. The boiler on the eastern end of the house is supposed to have been the first to explode, and then the adjoining boilers went up in quick succession, the repeated explosions resembling the roar of a cannon fire.

One-half of a boiler was buried a quarter of a mile and lodged in a slush bank. Another that took a similar direction crashed through the side of the breaker and lodged in the scrap pile. Another crashed through the tiphouse and came near killing several employes.

William Clements, the engineer, had a close call at the latter place, as the big boiler came through the engine house roof and fell on the floor just a foot in front of him. The safety lamp house that stood near the top of the shaft was reduced to splinters, and that Wm. Quinlan, the lampman, escaped with his life is miraculous.

Four collieries will be thrown into idleness by the accident for a month or six weeks, so that the total loss will aggregate \$100,000.

MANY MARINERS LOST.

Seven on a Lake Vessel and the Whole Crew of an Atlantic Schooner.

The most disastrous lake shipwreck of several that occurred during Monday's storm was that of the schooner Hartford, of Clayton, on Lake Ontario, by which seven lives were lost. The unfortunate were Captain William O'Toole, wife and child; Richard Seymour mate, and Michael Purcell, all of Clayton; Dennis McCarthy, a seaman of Oswego, and an unknown seaman of Grindstone Island.

The North German Lloyd steamer Braunschweig, which sailed from Bremen September 27, should have arrived at Baltimore Tuesday. The agents there have heard nothing of the steamer since she sailed from the other side. On board the Braunschweig are 142 steerage passengers, bound to points in the West. She is an old vessel and not very fast, and may have been delayed by the recent heavy weather at sea.

The schooner Seaford, Captain Chandler, from Millville, N. J., laden with box lumber, capsized at Shear in the Delaware bay Thursday morning. The captain and crew, it is thought, were drowned.

No More Indian Soldiers.

All the enlisted men but two of Troop L, Sixth Cavalry (Indians) have been discharged per orders of the War Department. This concludes the experiment of Lieut. Casey to make soldiers of Indians. On the occasion of the steamer since she sailed from the post of Niobrara last August the Indians of this company manifested an uneasiness in the service and all but two put in an application for discharge. These two wished to be transferred to Company I at Ft. Omaha. Lieut. Gallagher, the troop commander, recommended that their applications be granted, as their usefulness to the service was impaired by discontent. With this recommendation papers were forwarded to Washington with the above result. It is not likely that the two remaining soldiers will be transferred to Ft. Omaha, as the company will will undoubtedly soon be abandoned.

Fatal Fight.

At a barbecue near Van Buren, Ark., Saturday, George Truitt struck Casey Hensley with a barrel stave during a fight, smashed his skull, and killed him. As Hensley was falling he dismembered Truitt, who cannot recover.

TO SEARCH FOR LENZ.

The United States Government Interests in the Wheelman.

Attorney J. J. Parlington, of East Liverpool, O., relative of Frank G. Lenz, the Pittsburgh Jeweler who started from New York in June, 1892, for his trip around the world on a wheel, has been in correspondence with the state department in Washington with the object of finding some trace of the young man, if possible. Acting Secretary E. F. Uhl writes Mr. Parlington that the United States ministers at Teheran and Constantinople will be notified to make a systematic search for the young man. He was last heard from, Mr. Uhl says, at Tabriz, Persia, where he had stopped on route for Constantinople in April of this year.

The acting secretary informs Mr. Parlington that the most active search will be made for Lenz. He started from New York in June, 1892, crossed the continent and had almost traversed Asia when he disappeared.

TREATY VIOLATIONS.

Special Provisions of the Reciprocity Act Broken.

The abrogation of the reciprocity between the United States and Brazil is to have a sequel in the filing of claims and beginning of suits against this government for the total amount of duties collected on Brazil goods covered by the reciprocity treaty from August 27 last, the date the new tariff law went into effect, up to January 1 next. In the aggregate these duties will reach several hundred thousand dollars and may reach into the millions. The total cannot be estimated even approximately as yet. The claims will not be made by Brazil as a government, but by individual importers of Brazilian goods. The first step toward making the claims will be by filing protests with the treasury department against the exaction of duties.

VICTORY OF LABOR.

Judge Woolson in the Wabash Wage Case Follows Judge Caldwell's Ruling.

United States Circuit Judge Woolson decided that the receivers cannot cut the salaries of the employes of the Omaha and St. Louis (Wabash) railroad. Judge Woolson recites the doctrine laid down in the recent decision of Judge Caldwell, that "employes must be paid full wages, although no dividend may be paid," and hold that this rule must govern, always keeping in mind the general rule that a court must turn the railroad out of the hands of the receiver just as soon as such a thing can be safely done.

Express Office Robbed.

The Pacific Express Company's office at The Dalles, Ore., was robbed of \$14,000 and \$15,000 that arrived here from Portland Saturday night. It is thought the robbers came here on a train with the treasury box and knew where it was consigned and followed it up after it arrived. There is no clue to the robbers.

Chemicals Exploded.

Fire in the four-story building at 117 Lake street, Chicago, at 4:30 o'clock this morning caused a loss of about \$85,000, distributed as follows: Richardson & Co., \$25,000; works, \$50,000; Detroit white lead works, \$25,000; Oliver H. Hicks & Co., paper, \$10,000. The fire was caused by an explosion of chemicals.

THE LABOR WORLD.

The tin plate factories are all shutting down.

TEN THOUSAND TONS of new steel rails have been ordered by the Baltimore and Ohio.

THE chances of securing employment are said to be better in Western cities than in the East.

EIGHT HOURS will be the official day's work in the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad until March 1.

PENNSYLVANIA directors have under consideration a plan to make Saturday a half holiday the year round.

EVERY trainman laid off by the Pennsylvania owing to depressed business has been re-employed on full time.

THE International Typographical Union held its forty-second annual session at Louisville, Ky., with 125 delegates present.

WILLIAM HENRICK, a machinist of Indianapolis, Ind., has fallen heir to a fortune of \$300,000, left by a relative in England.

MILL operatives numbering 25,000 in New Bedford, Mass., were advised by their leaders to accept a reduction and end the strike.

THE employes of the Parkersburg (Penn.) iron works, 300 in number, have been notified of a reduction of ten per cent. in their wages.

It has been discovered that by a blunder on the part of the Legislature of Michigan, of 1893, the convict contract labor of that State has been abolished.

WESTERN Pennsylvania iron men say that the Monong Valley, Ohio, and not Allegheny County, is now the chief iron-producing community in the country.

WITHIN the past decade the sweater shops have multiplied in New York City from seven to ten hundred; Chicago has nine hundred, while Philadelphia and other cities have their share of them.

GERMANY adopted a system of compulsory insurance of workmen against accidents some twenty years ago, and its results have been such as to thoroughly vindicate its practical usefulness.

REPORTS from nine Western States show that many factories have resumed or increased their forces since the new Tariff law was enacted, and that both wholesale and retail trade has greatly improved.

KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION.

Local Option May be the Stepping Stone to Success.

The Pennsylvania Woman's Christian Temperance alliance has issued an appeal for local option, prepared by Mrs. Annie Withemer, of Sanatoga, Pa. The argument for the local prohibition against national prohibition is that it is impossible to secure the latter, because it requires a two-thirds vote of congress and a three-fourths vote of all the state legislatures. It is stated that nearly all the large cities are dominated by the advocates of the saloon, and banded together, they can defeat a local prohibition law. It is therefore argued that the cause of prohibition would best served by securing local option in districts, and gradually enlarging the boundaries and extending public sentiment. By this means, it is believed, national prohibition will eventually be secured.

VETERANS' REUNION.

The reunion of the One Hundred and Fortieth Pennsylvania Volunteers was held at Claysville, and 160 members answered to the roll call. An address of welcome was delivered by Rev. Frank Fish, which was responded to by Rev. J. L. Milligan, the old chaplain of the regiment. The new officers elected are: President, John Caldwell; vice presidents, John Baldwin, Arthur Schick and A. C. Grover; treasurer, D. Singletary; secretary, J. L. Milligan; orator, Rev. T. N. Boyle; executive committee, T. A. Wallace, A. C. Grover, P. A. Cooper, Isaac Sharp, A. G. Emery, A. T. Greg, N. J. Boyd, John E. Hunt and Jesse Morris.

PRICES OF STEEL RAILS.

The price of steel rails will be reduced, nor will the present combination of steel rail interests be destroyed. This was affirmatively established at the last meeting of the pool. The combination will also be continued. This was the authoritative statement of a member of the Carnegie Steel Company, Limited. It has been well known among the buyers that the combination existed and that the "pool" was apt to collapse, even prior to the cessation of the agreement, but any rumor to that effect lacks authority.

STARTING UP AFTER TWO YEARS.

The Blairville factory of the Whitely Glass Works, Philadelphia, started up in full this plant which had been in the West End glass factory, has been closed down for about two years. It was purchased about two months ago by the Whitely company, who spent \$20,000 in repairs and improvements. Sufficient orders are now on hand to insure a continuous run during the entire season.

DRANE LINED UP BY MISTAKE.

Mrs. Elizabeth Risinger, a widow, living a few miles west of Brady's run, Beaver county, took a large dose of liniment in mistake for a patent medicine she had been using. The liniment contained iodoform, chloroform and opium, and she was formerly in the sleep of death when the doctor arrived. He saved her life by hard work.

AN INDEPENDENT CHURCH.

The Emanuel congregation of Lebanon (anti-Bowman) has decided to sever all connection with the Evangelical Association and to become an independent congregation, affiliating with any religious organization, and to fight in the courts, if necessary, to maintain possession of the church.

COOK'S CASE TO BE APPEALED.

At Washington the attorneys of John Cook first were adjudged guilty 38 months ago. This case will be taken to the Supreme Court on a writ of error, and will attack the constitutionality of a law giving the Judge such authority.

ORGANIZED FOR CHRISTIAN WORK.

A permanent organization of the Christian Endeavor Societies, of Lawrence county, was formed at a convention in New Castle. Officers elected were M. W. Leslie, president; M. Loy Hanna, vice president; Miss Elizabeth Winter, secretary, and Clara Dushane, treasurer.

SECURED THE REWARD.

Senator Quay offered \$100 reward for the recovery of the body of his nephew, Frank Barclay, who was drowned in the Ohio river and William Volhard, who recovered the body, was given the reward. The finder's corner's jury was accidental drowning.

John McKee, of Pittsburg, was buried in the Allegheny Cemetery Monday, a large number of persons attending the funeral. He died at his home, 2109 Penn avenue, Friday, aged 68 years. His mind had been noticeably affected for several years past, and his death was partly due to the strain incidentally confined to Dixmont Insane Asylum, McKee, while one of the best known men in Pittsburg, was the most eccentric, the last habit making him known all over Western Pennsylvania. He was born in Cooksdown, Ireland, and his family was at one time wealthy. He wrote poems and comments on public affairs for the newspapers, and the queer spelling he used added to his prominence. He was marked on the street by his odd style of dress, to which he adhered unflinchingly. Every school child knew him, and in the business section, where he was given what he wanted any time, he was familiar.

The frame dwelling of Allen Mow, Secenary Hill, Washington county, burned at a 5-months-old boy, asleep in his cradle, was burned to death, and no trace of his body was found. Mr. Mow was so horribly burned in attempting to save the life of the child that his life is despaired of. The rest of the family escaped with their lives.

The 33rd annual convention of the Pennsylvania Sabbath School Association was held in the First Presbyterian church at Huntingdon. Rev. Dr. F. K. Freeman delivered the address of welcome and Rev. Dr. A. Stanton, president of the association, presided. Rev. George F. Reed, president of Dickinson College, made the principal address.

An immense amount of coke is being shipped from the region above Connellsville, Braddock and stocked in the yards about Edgar Thomson steel works. This has been the practice of the Carnegie company of several years, to keep a great supply on hand to utilize in case of emergencies.

An independent Republican ticket has been placed in the field in Lawrence county, the object being to elect J. Norman White, Democratic nominee for President White, over W. D. Wallace.

John Bugdanin, aged 16, was killed. Peter La Loutski, aged 35, was fatally burned in the Maple Hill mines, near Ashland, by an explosion caused by careless handling of a safety lamp.

Ernest Zalm, manufacturing jeweler Lancaster, has confessed judgments to wife and mother-in-law, for \$20,000, and execution was immediately issued on them.

Beaton Woodfill, a farmer of Two-Burn, Westmoreland county, was found dead in West Brownsville where he was working. He was 60 years old, and leaves a wife and son.

Ross Shesler, of Kearney, was arrested Detective Beagle Monday night, charged with passing counterfeit money.