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KEYSTONE CULLINGS.

Items of Interest From Many Parts of the State.

Walter McCleary, a coal miner, lies at his home in Dunbar in serious condition, having been wounded in an unknown manner. McCleary has been drinking most of Christmas day, and about 8 o'clock he returned home in a paralyzed and intoxicated condition, having both arms broken and his skull fractured. He was unable to give any account of his injuries, or where he had been during the day.

IMPLEMENT DEALERS TO MEET.

The Executive Committee of the Retail Implement Dealers' Association of Pennsylvania has called the association to meet in annual convention at the Loeb Hotel, Harrisburg, the day succeeding the inauguration on Wednesday, January 10, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and to transact any other business which might be brought before the convention.

REV. CHAMBERS MUST DEPART.

The Beaver Valley Presbytery refused to receive Rev. W. A. Chambers, of Ellwood City who resigned because his salary was not all paid. The refusal was on account of the irregularity both on the part of the congregation and Mr. Chambers. A committee of investigation was appointed.

VILLAGE BURNED BY FLAMES.

The village of Watsonstown was visited by fire which threatened the entire town. The flames destroyed the opera house, four dwellings, a ivory stable, Faust's general store and many outbuildings. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, upon which there is \$25,000 insurance.

ROBBERY AT HOMESTEAD.

The store of H. Moskowitz, of Third avenue and Jackson street, Homestead, was robbed. The thieves broke in the back door and stole \$25 in bills, considerable small change and some goods. They escaped leaving no clue.

LETTER SOLDIERS.

The reports to the adjutant general of the full inspections of the National Guard for the past two years show a marked average improvement in efficiency.

John Gibson, a farmer of Fayette county, who was reported killed in New Mexico a year ago, appeared at his old home Saturday. He says he has no recollection of the last two years. The \$2,000 he had when he left home is all gone.

A 6 year old daughter of Samuel Willards, of Hamtown, was burned to death. Her clothes caught fire from a grate. An older sister was seriously burned in trying to extinguish the flames.

John A. Dunn, of Altoona, was killed and six men injured in a wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad, near Altoona, Tuesday night. They belong to the crew of a wrecking train.

John Morrell, an Italian, is held to await the coroner's inquest.

Mrs. Andrew Moore, a widow, aged about 60 years, who lived four miles north of Butler, was attacked by a vicious ram in her farm yard and butted to death.

Mrs. B. H. Vandevander, of Altoona, died in terrible agony Wednesday morning as the result of inhaling the flames from a gasoline stove explosion.

An execution for \$15,074 has been issued against Alfred Diller, proprietor of a spoke and wheel factory at Lancaster. The assets are estimated at \$20,000.

William Barry, a coal miner of Leechburg, fell from the railroad bridge Monday morning, and is thought to be fatally injured.

Mrs. Stevenson, an aged woman of Burgettstown, was run down by a horse and sustained probably fatal injuries.

Paul Gearhart and Joseph Anderson are under arrest at Clearfield, for robbing a man named Brooks of \$48 Tuesday night.

L. C. Fox's hardware store at Irwin was burglarized Sunday night and several hundred dollars worth of goods taken.

At the coming session the legislature will be asked to provide for an additional law judge for Westmoreland county.

Harry Gerassimo, a Johnstown candy manufacturer, has failed with liabilities of \$2,000; assets of \$1,000.

A Washington jury sustained the will of James Herron, leaving \$12,000 to William B. Briggs, whom Herron raised.

John Crowley, of Johnstown, and William Hall, of New Florence, were killed by freight trains at Johnstown Friday night.

J. F. Hampton, of Sackets, McKean county, died under anesthetic influence in a dentist's chair.

Representative H. H. North, of McKean county has withdrawn from the legislative speaker's contest.

John Settember, of Johnstown, was killed by a falling tree.

Mrs. Sarah McGuire, of Clearfield, committed suicide.

John Shedy was killed by a train at Greensburg Christmas night.

William Haremeyer, was struck by a train at Chartersville and instantly killed.

BOUNDARY NOT IN DISPUTE.

Commander Wakeham's Report on Seizures on Lake Erie.

The disagreement over the fishing seizure in Lake Erie, which took place some weeks ago, has assumed an international turn. Commander Wakeham's report has been forwarded to the home authorities, who will deal with the United States. It is understood that in the Canadian report it is amply proven that the seizure was made in Canadian territory, but the question has become one of fact and not of boundary, as the American fishing firm assign the seizure to an entirely different portion of the lake than that sworn to by Canadian officers.

European Imports in Corn.

United States Consul Lathrop, Bristol, England, has furnished to Secretary Morton some interesting tables on grain imports to Europe, from which it appears that eight countries imported during the fiscal year just past over 134,000,000 bushels of corn. Of this amount the United Kingdom took over 70,000,000, and Germany nearly 30,000,000 bushels; France took 10,500,000, and Holland and Austria-Hungary each 6,500,000. Belgium took nearly 6,000,000, and Denmark and Switzerland nearly 1,750,000 bushels each.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

Matters of General Interest About the Capital.

Congressman Springer makes an explanation of the modified currency bill to show the absolute guarantee it affords the people against losses by any banks that fail to redeem their notes when presented. There can be no reasonable doubt on this point. On a circulation of \$200,000,000 the 5 per cent safety fund would amount to \$10,000,000, and in addition there is the guarantee of the deposit of 20 per cent in legal tenders, and a first lien upon the assets of the bank. Whatever may be the demerits of the bill, taking care of the noteholder is not one of them. It goes far beyond the requirements experience has shown to be necessary. In the 30 years of the national banking system less than 1 per cent of their circulation would make good all the notes of insolvent banks. In the currency bill we have a guarantee of 35 per cent, and in addition a first lien on all the assets of the bank.

The Blaine Mansion.

The old Blaine mansion at 17 Lafayette Square will soon pass into other hands than that of the Blaine family. It will be bought by Chicago capitalists, and negotiations are now pending for the transfer. This house has had quite a romantic history. Erected for a boarding house in 1816, its conveniences for entertainment soon attracted the attention of wealthy residents, and there was quite a contest between several of them to secure its possession. John C. Calhoun occupied it twice, once when in Jackson's cabinet, and again when Vice President. Henry Clay lived in it when he was President of State. Later on the Washington club leased the premises and it became the abiding place of the fashionable men who gathered at the Capital. Philip Barton Key stepped from his door to find the bullet from the pistol of Gen. Dan Sickles that killed him, and several years later Payne, the associate of John Wilkes Booth, attempted to kill Secretary of State William H. Seward, who was occupying the house, in his bedroom at the same time the arch-assassin was murdering President Lincoln at Ford's Theatre. After the war the building was used by the Government for various office purposes, and remained vacant for a long time until Mr. McKim moved into it and regulated its purchase when he became Secretary of State under President Harrison's administration.

An Income Tax Regulation.

Secretary Carlisle has issued the following circular to postmasters and distributing officers:

"The regulations relative to the income tax, approved December 13, 1894, provide that all salaries or compensations paid to officers or persons in the employ of the Government of the United States in and for the calendar year 1894, shall be included in the annual returns to collectors on form 365 of such officers and persons, in statements of gains, profits, and income subject to income tax for that year. As the income tax on such salaries or compensation will under the provision above quoted, be paid directly to the collector by the person receiving the same, you will, therefore, not deduct and withhold the aforesaid tax, or any part thereof, from the salaries or compensation of any such officer or employe in and for the year 1894. You will inform all such officers and employes to whom you may make any payment for services rendered in the year 1894 of the method prescribed for the return and payment of the tax on all taxable salaries and compensation paid by the government in and for said year."

Colony Money.

Though a century has elapsed since the old Colonial money was issued, hardly a week passes but some of it is sent to the mint for redemption. Whether it is that hard times have led to a general ransacking of old trunks and desks and the shaking out of old stockings or not, the fact is that recently more than usual of this old paper money has been sent to the mint for redemption. It is, of course, worthless, and the senders are so advised. Comptroller Eekies has recently received one quite interesting specimen of this currency. It was forwarded by the Springfield National Bank, of Springfield, Mass. The note was numbered 5,325, and stated that the State of Rhode Island and the Providence Plantations will pay one Spanish milled dollar to the holder by Dec. 31, 1785. It was countersigned by John Arnold, evidently the Treasurer of the Providence. The note was in an excellent state of preservation.

Foster to Aid Chinese Diplomats.

Mr. John W. Foster has accepted the invitation of the Chinese government to go to Japan and meet the plenipotentiaries of the former government, to aid them in their negotiations for peace. Mr. Foster goes purely in a private capacity and has no authority to represent or speak for the government of the United States. He was Secretary of State under President Harrison, after Blaine resigned, and is a diplomatist of ability and experience.

Spain and Cuba.

In a desire to avert the threatened tariff warfare between the United States and Spain, the latter country is considering the question of ceding to Cuba the privilege of arranging her own revenue budget including tariffs with the United States. This subject is to be subject to the approval of Spain. The negotiations at Madrid are partly on these lines, but the State Department authorities of this government are proceeding with their retaliatory plans, as they do not believe Spain's concessions to Cuba can be carried out and made beneficial to the United States for some months to come.

Caught in a Blizzard.

E. D. Dupree, the member of the Tennessee Legislature who has been walking from Washington county, East Tennessee to the Capital, reached Nashville Sunday having been forced by the bitter cold weather to come by rail the last 50 miles. In an interview he says he did not take this tramp for the purpose of gaining newspaper notoriety, but to study the life and habits of the mountaineers, as he intends writing a novel and will include in it the results of his study and observation.

Sovereign Booms the South.

Mr. J. R. Sovereign, master workman of the Knights of Labor, has made a careful study of the advantages of the South for the laboring man and in a letter to the Southern States Magazine urges such to leave the crowded cities of the North and go to a section where individual enterprise or co-operative colonies with small capital will find an inviting field. He believes human life can be there sustained better with less capital and less effort than any other place on the globe.

Two Sticks Dies.

Two Sticks, the Sioux Indian, sentenced to death for a leading part in the murder of four cowboys, February, 1893, was hanged at Deadwood, S. D., at 10 o'clock a. m., Friday by United States Marshal Freeman, in the presence of 50 people. The Indian died easily and quickly.

Colored Sons of Veterans.

Commander-in-chief of the Sons of Veterans, Col. Wm. Bundy, having heard the appeal of colored applicants who had been refused charters as sons of veterans, by southern commanders, has sustained the refusal and counseled the colored applicants to organize a separate organization of their own.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

Colorado coal miners are again talking strikes.

Waziris are still harassing British troops on the Afghan frontier.

Illinois Legislature will be asked to probe Chicago municipal rottenness.

Frank Davis, a miller of Fort Jackson, N. Y., was killed by his pet deer.

As a result of a mutiny in the Ohio penitentiary one prisoner is dead, another wounded and a guard seriously injured.

The municipality of Paris has voted 200,000 francs for the purchase of antidiphtheria, the new diphtheria remedy, for use in its hospitals.

King Francis Joseph has accepted the resignations of Wekerle's Hungarian Cabinet.

By the explosion of a boiler in the Midland Hotel, Kansas City, two employes were fatally hurt.

The thirteenth annual session of the American Forestry Association is being held at Washington.

The President has approved the act to establish a national military park at the battlefield of Shiloh.

The Southern Railway company offers free transportation for all shipments to the destitute farmers of Western Nebraska.

The Pittsburg police have been ordered to arrest all professional pugilists found in that city.

An Indiana man has gone through ninety-three nights and days without sleep and is apparently dying. He says he feels at though he would never sleep again.

Two bodies were washed ashore at Glen Cove, L. I., one of them being that of Captain Cuff, whose schooner sank about a month ago.

Lieutenant J. E. Dodge, a dashing young infantryman and a nephew of "Gail Hamilton," was drowned while yachting near Port Townsend, Wash.

Ex-Police Capt. Stephenson, of New York, has been convicted of bribery and sentenced to three years and nine months in prison and to pay a fine of \$1,000.

Mrs. Rieta Pike, a small, inoffensive-looking woman, is under arrest in Denver, on a charge of burglary, and she admits her guilt.

Reports from Peru state that the insurgents are within 100 miles of Lima, and that Borgona's troops have been reduced to less than 1,000.

A. K. Linderfelt, Milwaukee's defaulting librarian, who embezzled \$10,000 of the library funds, has been located in Paris, where he is about to become a physician.

Five boys were terribly burned Christmas in a suburb of Richmond by an explosion of gunpowder. A freeracker was accidentally thrown into the house containing the powder for use in a toy cannon. Some may die from the injuries.

The woman's council of the Nineteenth Century Club, of Memphis, Tenn., in the name of its 4,000 members adopted a resolution to boycott Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge on the occasion of his lecture in that city.

The authorities of the Cotton States and International Exposition have received advice that the Argentine Republic has appropriated \$15,000 in gold for a display at the exposition.

Agent Day, of the Southern Ute reservation has reported regarding the "Ute invasion," that the entire tribe of Winiaches and their ponies are in a deplorable condition, and asks for \$1,000 to relieve their immediate wants.

Dewitt Miner, a Dunkirk, N. Y., banker, who failed ten years ago and since had resided in Canada, has returned home and given \$2,000 bail with the expectations of effecting a settlement of the claims against him. The failure was for \$150,000, but this was reduced by the payment of \$80,000 by bondsmen and friends.

The little gunboat Petrel is ice-bound at Newchang, China, and has been laid up for winter. Admiral Carpenter has sent a report to the navy department in which he incloses a photograph of the vessel in the process of being encased in earth walls and roof, looking much like a turtle in winter quarters. A couple of hundred yards distant is the British warship Firebrand, likewise encased in mud with a roof of heavy matting. The Petrel, according to the plans of Admiral Carpenter will be turned into a fortress, her decks being covered by an adobe roof and galling guns mounted in specially erected turrets. In view of the evacuation of Newchang by the Chinese, just reported, and the approach of the Japanese army upon that point, the commandant has believed at the navy department to be well taken.

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FORTY-ONE PEOPLE KILLED

A LAMP WAS OVERTURNED

And a Panic Followed the Explosion and Fire.

A most horrible holocaust occurred at Silver Lake, Lake county, Ore., on Christmas evening, in which 41 persons were burned to death and 16 badly injured, five of whom will die.

A large crowd has assembled in Chrisman Brothers' Hall to attend a Christmas tree festival. While the festivities were at their height, some one climbed on a bench from which point he expected to get a better view of what was going on. In doing so his head struck a lamp hanging from the ceiling, overturning it. The oil immediately caught fire. Everything being of a dry and inflammable nature, the room was soon a mass of flames. Some one shouted:

"Shut the door and keep quiet; it can be put out."

By this time the confusion was so great that people began scrambling in a wild endeavor to reach the door.

Women and children were trampled under foot, and as there was only one exit to the hall, and the fire being between the majority of the crowd and the door, many rushed headlong into the flames.

The building, a two-story frame structure, contained Christmas brook's store. In the first floor was the hall, which was rented for gatherings of all kinds.

Silver Lake is a small village in Lake county, Ore., of about 100 inhabitants, and it is 150 miles from the nearest telegraph office.

The snow storm was severe in all the New England States, but no serious damage appears to have been caused.

The heavy snow-fall in Michigan will give work to 5,000 men in getting out the lumber cut.

In Washington and Baltimore the snow turned to sleet, but little damage was done.

Heavy snow falls are reported from Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis and other points in the southwest, including towns in Northern Texas.

The storm was general throughout the West and especially severe in Chicago and other points in Illinois.

The coldest wave of the season struck Duluth and the mercury steadily lowered to 16 degrees below zero.

Near Morenci, Mich., Albert Neelhaus was frozen stiff on the highway near his home. He had been in Morenci during the afternoon. Neelhaus was in poor health.

At Rochester, N. Y., the snow is piled up from two to five feet. All trains are run from two to eight hours late.

At Adams, N. Y., a mail had been received from any point east until 9 o'clock Thursday night. One train from the west passed through the snow drifts at noon, but could hardly get as far as Skaneateles Junction. The imprisoned passengers were fed by farmers.

At Skaneateles Lake, N. Y., 20 inches of snow fell; at Lake Placid two feet of snow fell and drifted badly.

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