

THE MIDDLEBURGH POST.

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Now that Lieutenant Peary has got back from Greenland he doesn't seem to have found out anything of value...

Society gentlemen in New York City have decided on plum color for evening dress for men.

The builders of twenty-story skyscrapers complain that it is difficult to obtain tenants for the higher floors...

Says the Boston Globe: "The old battle fields of the country had fair to become as famous for the eloquence spoken upon them as they are for the battles fought upon them...

It is remembered of the late Mr. Houghton, the Boston publisher, that he was wont to tell a characteristic story of Noah Webster...

Kentucky must take the medal for pretty brides, admits the Atlanta Constitution. Here is what an effluent society reporter on the Mayville Republican has to say of a very recent charmer...

A Western theorist thinks that if all the farmers should agree not to plant for one year the world would starve.

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THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD.

LARGE COKE PRODUCTION.

More Ovens in Blast Than Ever in the Connellsville Region.

The three weeks ending October 19 were the largest known in the production of coke in the Connellsville region.

Beginning with that week the production began to go above all records. The production was 160,000 tons of coke from 15,511 ovens out of a total of 17,304.

The slowing up which was anticipated when furnace coke was advanced from \$1.30 to \$2 a ton has not yet appeared...

The Increase of Wages.

At the recent meeting of the British Association, J. I. Rowley read a paper embodying a comparison of the rate of increase of wages in the United States and in Great Britain, 1890-91.

A Big Pay Roll.

A larger amount of money was paid out in Youngstown, Ohio, to employees in industrial establishments on Saturday afternoon than ever before in one day in the history of the city.

LABOR NOTES.

The "Cincinnati Potato Patch" industrial experiment has proven a marked success.

The iron and sheet mills at Youngstown, O., are running double turn to their full capacity.

The Rogers Iron Company, Springfield, O., is at work on an addition 100x62 feet, which will be used as a machine shop.

William Blaisdell, of Honolulu, is forming a company in Cleveland, O., with a capital of \$5,000,000 to control 10,000 acres of sugar cane land in the Sandwich Islands.

President Lane, of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association, who has just completed a tour of the South, says the cotton crop will be 4,500,000 bales, and that January cotton will sell for 10 cents.

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COINAGE SUSPENSION.

Carlisle Carries Out the Silver Legislation.

All silver coinage, except that of subsidiary silver, has been ordered suspended after November 1, next, by Secretary Carlisle.

The treasury now holds of silver bullion purchased under the Sherman act 137,644,000 fine ounces, the cost of which was \$124,080,223.

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LOOKS BAD FOR DURRANT.

Two Witnesses Say He Lacked Notes of the Lecture.

The defense closed its case Tuesday morning without introducing any further testimony, and the prosecution immediately began to put in its testimony of rebuttal.

Adolph Hobe, an old school mate of Durrant, testified that he had seen him at the ferry on the afternoon of April 12.

E. F. Gasser, a fellow student of Durrant, testified that on April 19 he, with Durrant, went into a room at the college.

Prof. Theo. Price, the leading chemist of the city, said if Durrant had inhaled gas over the sun burners, as he said he did, for four or five minutes, he would have been entirely overcome.

Charles Morrison, a reporter, testified that Durrant had told him he went to the church on the afternoon of April 3, between 4 and 4:30, instead of 4:15, as Durrant had testified.

J. S. Dunham, another reporter, testified that he and Dr. G. Graham had visited Durrant on the afternoon of April 20.

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KEYSTONE STATE COLLINGS

ENDOWMENTS MUST CEASE.

Dauphin Court Issues a Decree Against the Sexennial League.

The Dauphin county court has issued a decree requiring the Sexennial league, which has a membership of about 15,000, to discontinue the endowment feature, by which holders of certificates are promised \$1,000 at the expiration of six years in consideration of the payment of \$360 in assessments.

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W. H. H. Kesel is suing Altoona for \$15,000 damages for the ruin of his land by the city's sewage. It is a test case for similar claims.

TRADE REVIEW.

Lower Prices in Iron Have Resulted in Some Important Contracts.

R. G. Dunn & Co., in their "Weekly Review of Trade," says: Failures in October thus far show liabilities of \$7,624,532, of which \$3,928,175 were of manufacturing and \$3,621,556 of trading concern.

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MAXIM GUNS HANDY.

Why England Desired Them on British Guiana's Soil.

The state department at Washington is in possession of the full text of the dispatches sent by Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies in the British cabinet, to Sir Charles Lees, governor-general of British Guiana, concerning the strengthening of the frontier, the increase of police and the purchase of a Maxim gun in the British-Guianan territory.

The secretary offered a second resolution appropriating \$4,000 for a barracks at Uruan, the point where the recent trouble in Venezuela occurred. In a speech supporting the resolution, said with regard to the purchase of the Maxim gun, that it was the direct wish of the secretary of state, Mr. Chamberlain.

The members of council made considerable fun of the Maxim gun purchase proposition, declaring that such a measure was useless, and that the money should be used to buy the gun was voted down by 10 to 8.

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PROPELLED BY ELECTRICITY.

Successful Test at Tonawanda in the Presence of Many Men of Note.

Saturday afternoon the official test of electricity as applied to the propulsion of canal boats on the Erie Canal was made, and found perfectly satisfactory. Crowds lined the banks of the canal for an hour before the test was begun, and when the start was finally made a shout went up from 1,000 throats. It was a great day for the state's waterway.

The 12-year-old son of Supt. Aldridge rode behind the motor car and turned the lever when the car started up. Everything went well. The boats hesitated a moment, and then forged through the water at a rate of twelve miles an hour.

The system which was so successfully tested in the Erie canal is remarkably simple. The motors are merely electric motors, and take the animals places in towing the boats. Great motor cars are suspended in mid-air from immense cables on which the current is carried.

Another Armenian outrage. Disturbances of a serious nature reported from Kerasan. The Turks attacked the Armenians inhabiting the village of Senus, in the district of Musina. Twenty-four persons were killed on both sides.

CLEVELAND AT ATLANTA.

He Was Given a Warm Greeting by the Masses.

President Cleveland was the lion of the hour at the Atlanta Exposition Wednesday, and the reception which was accorded him has never been excelled in the South.

The city was thronged with visitors from points near and far, and at an early hour the streets were almost impassable.

He was then introduced by President Cass A. Collier, of the Exposition Company, and responded with a brief speech, which was chiefly congratulatory of Southern enterprise.

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After the reception the President and his party boarded their special train and left for Washington.

WRECK AND FIRE.

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CLAIMS ALL THE TERRITORY.

An Official Explanation of the Venezuela Matter.

In view of the many reports in circulation regarding the attitude of Great Britain toward Venezuela the following official announcement was made Monday:

In consequence of Venezuela not offering an apology or reparation for the Uran incident the Marquis of Salisbury has taken steps to inform her as to what reparation Great Britain requires.

REVOLT IN TURKEY.

An Alarming Revolutionary Movement Aimed at Turkey's Ruin.

Slender stories are afloat regarding the vengeance wreaked on the members of the Young Turkish party. A leading Mussulman lawyer named Ince (whose arrest was reported some time since) was tortured and cast in a leaden prison on proof of corresponding with the party.

It will be remembered that a dispatch from Constantinople last Saturday told of a warning received by the British ambassador, Sir Philip Currie, from an Armenian source, that there was a plot by the Young Turkey party to kill him, and thus bring disgrace upon the Armenian people.

A hundred Turks were arrested on Saturday, and 38 Sofras and 5 students of the military college on Monday.

The foreign ambassador highly approved the personnel of the commission of control of the Armenian reforms, which the grand vizir has chosen.

General Macco Decoya Spainards Issued Death Trap.

News received at Key West, Fla., states that General Macco has by force marched reached the province of Matanzas, and last Monday, with 3,000 Cubans, he engaged a cavalry force of 2,800 Spaniards in the near Jann valley.

The insurgents secured all the arms and ammunition of the dead Spaniards. The battle is the most important fight since the breaking out of the revolution.