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The Evening Herald has a larger circulation in Shenandoah than any other paper published. Books open to all.

Our Canadian friends should not fall into error of supposing we are pining for their annexation.

A FLAG is only a symbol, to be sure; but he is a very defective man whose gratitude does not honestly swell up at sight of Old Glory flying.

Senator Peffer says the repeal of the Sherman law will break up both the old parties and build up a new one. What's the matter with this one?

SILVER mining and smelting will close in Colorado for the present. This decision was reached at a meeting of all the leading mine owners and managers in Denver, Tuesday.

The Girardville Gazette comes to our table this week enlarged to a nine-column folio and under a new title. It will be known hereafter as the Press and Times and will advocate the principles of the Republican party.

ONE of the most successful instances of financing on record is that made by B. J. Haywood, receiver of the First National Bank of Clearfield, who has just completed paying to depositors the last of \$149,999 on deposit when the bank collapsed.

SOMEHOW or other Government vessels have been very unfortunate for a few years, not only our vessels, but the ships of other nations. Not in many years, if ever, have so many war ships been stranded, and just why this is so should be a matter for closer investigation than has yet been given it.

WHILE the people of the great American Republic were celebrating, as they perhaps never did before, the one hundred and seventeenth anniversary of the foundation of their Republic in form of government, the people in Paris, or a portion of them, were engaged in rioting with a view to the overturning of the Government.

ALTHOUGH the people throughout the land are justly indignant at the action of Governor Altgeld, in pardoning men who had been convicted in taking part in the Anarchist atrocity of seven years ago, which several policemen were the victims of Anarchist assassins in Haymarket square, Chicago.

GROVER Cleveland, on the other hand, has appointed, and retains, as Minister to Turkey, one A. W. Terrell, of Texas, who, according to Democratic newspapers, wrote a poem eulogizing the assassination of Abraham Lincoln "a merciless Nero."

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STORMS RUIN CROPS.

Front Damage by Hall in the Schuylkill Valley.

FRUIT STRIPPED OFF LIKE LEAVES.

Vineyards at Reading Completely Destroyed, There Being Nothing Left but the Vine—A Storm for Which the "Old-time Inhabitant" Has No Parallel.

READING, July 6.—This city was visited by a hailstorm yesterday afternoon which, by its intensity, eclipsed all previous storms of the kind since 1860. The storm originated about three miles west of Reading, and covered a width of about four miles. Shortly before 5 o'clock a black cloud appeared in the western horizon and moved eastward rapidly. Twenty minutes after the streets of the city were covered with hail and water, and the toy stores became choked, being entirely too small to carry off even moderate quantities of the water. Grain, corn, oats, flower gardens, grapes and other fruits were stripped off like leaves. The vineyards on Mount Penn are completely ruined and the owners do not expect to obtain more than 10 per cent of the crop. Many of these vineyards covered acres, and there is nothing left but the vines.

The storm was the size of hickory nuts, and fell so fast that persons in the city were driven from the sidewalks. Street car horses became unmanageable from the pelting hail, and the drivers were compelled to stop the cars and seek shelter beneath the eaves of the buildings. In the southern and northeastern part of the city many cellars were flooded, and in some instances the water rushed through buildings, raining carpets, etc. The cornport was terrible and nothing of the kind has ever been experienced in the recollection of the oldest inhabitants.

At Royersford trains were delayed twenty minutes by the tracks being flooded. A passenger train got into the storm at Phoenixville and remained in it until it was near Pottstown. The storm is described as terrific and the hail pelting the roofs of the cars, and the water coming among the passengers. The storm was accompanied by thunder and lightning. South of Reading, especially along the Schuylkill valley, the destruction to crops was very great. The wheat, rye and corn crops not yet out have been leveled to the ground and many of the fields were flooded.

At Richboro hall fell to the depth of three inches, and in some places was piled up to a depth of nearly a foot. It is believed that the damage in the Schuylkill valley will reach many thousands of dollars. The glass of the hot houses in this city and in the track of the storm were shattered and thousands of young plants ruined. The beautiful flowers and plants which were just set out by the Reading company at the Reading station were out to pieces. The Reading forge, on North Eighth street, was flooded to a depth of four feet, and the fire had to be drawn and the works shut down.

CANON, N. J., July 6.—A severe electric storm, accompanied by hail, passed over Camden last evening. Trees were uprooted and in the northern part of the city many houses were unroofed. The lightning struck the city electric light plant and destroyed the two dynamos which supply the incandescent light to residences in the city. A large planing mill at Rosendale, Stockton township, was struck and destroyed. The growing crops throughout the county were badly damaged by the hail.

KINGSTON, N. Y., July 6.—One of the severest electric storms ever known in this section passed over this place last evening. It lasted for more than an hour. When the storm had finished there was a sound like a muffled explosion. Houses shook and people rushed to the streets, fearing the buildings were tumbling down. It was the general opinion that the town had been shaken by an earthquake.

PETERSBURG, Va., July 6.—Chief of Police Henderson James was killed last night by falling through a skylight in the city hall, a distance of about thirty-five feet.

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Reading Powder. ABSOLUTELY PURE. READ THE SHENANDOAH HERALD.

STATE NEWS OF A DAY.

A Postponed Boat Race Decided in a Heavy Storm. PHILADELPHIA, July 6.—The unfinished event of Tuesday's regatta, the four oared shell race, which was declared "no race" because of the destruction of the Delaware boat club's shell by a collision with a passenger barge, was rowed on the Schuylkill last evening. There were five starters, as follows: Ariel Boat club, Baltimore; Delaware Boat club, Chicago; Penn. Boat club, Philadelphia; Reading Rowing association and Crescent Boat club, of Philadelphia. The race started shortly after 6 o'clock, and before it was finished a severe hailstorm, which was accompanied by a heavy rain, struck the boats on the river. Although the storm was the worst of the kind seen in this vicinity for several years, the oarsmen kept to their work and completed the race. Some of the officials, however, how the boats finished, but all the contestants agree that the Ariel crossed the line first. The Pennsylvania Boat club, however, claims the victory. The referee, on the strength of this claim, gave the race to the Pennsylvania. None of the others were placed. No time was taken, as the timers could not see the finish.

Accidentally Shot His Playmate. SHILLINGTON, July 6.—Harry, the 13-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Schaefer, of this place, was seriously shot by Albert Adams, an inmate associate, aged 19 years. Young Adams had a 22-caliber revolver, which he supposed was not loaded, and when he met Schaefer, he pointed it at him and said, "Look out! I am going to shoot you." A moment later there was a report, and Schaefer fell to the ground with an ugly wound in his right cheek. The ball took a downward course and lodged in his neck. Young Schaefer lies in a critical condition.

Baseballists Engage in a Fight. HARRISBURG, July 6.—Manager Felix Marks of the Harrisburg Baseball club, who was discharged for incompetency, made demands his salary from Marks, and Marks knocked him down. Marks returned by a blow, who threw a large cannon crater into the manager's left leg below the knee. Counterparts were brought, but Marks subsequently paid the costs and was permitted to leave for his home in Washington.

Free Pyrotechnics. READING, July 6.—Daniel J. Lang's fruit house and fireworks depot was completely gutted by fire. The fire was caused by a boy, who threw a large cannon crater in front of the establishment, which exploded, and a fragment was hurled upon a stand filled with rockets and Roman candles. Before the burning section of the firecracker could be removed there was a general fusillade and pyrotechnic display that surpassed any exhibition of the evening. Mrs. Lang and her sister were rescued with difficulty.

New State Estimators. WASHINGTON, July 6.—Among the new postmasters just appointed are the following in Pennsylvania: M. H. Dotterer, Bechtelville; Levi Berger, Berwynville; B. J. Rhoads, Boyertown; E. C. Whitfill, Clyphur; W. M. Kitchin, Ellipton; Robert McKinstick, Enclish; D. A. Poole, Geneva; H. E. Lingo, Guy's Mills; E. F. Powers, Hylestown; Matthew Butler, New Athens; Isaac Shugman, Monaca; C. L. Long, Robergsburg; A. M. Scranton, Riceville; Mrs. Mary A. Russell, Six Points.

A Mysterious Death. WHEATBURG, July 6.—The dead body of a young girl, a resident of Nanticoke, was found near Pike's Peak, a suburb of Nanticoke. The neck of his head was crushed in, and a number of bruises and cuts were discovered upon his person. It is believed that he had been waylaid and murdered. Nanticoke's brother was shot and killed near Nanticoke about a year ago by a farmer named Jacob Gomer for stealing cherries.

Fired to Wreck an Electric Car. READING, July 6.—Late at night an electric car on the Neversink Mountain railroad was derailed by an obstruction maliciously placed on the track. Ralls and stuts laid across the track in twelve different places near Klappertshill. No one was hurt. The matter is being investigated. The car contained forty-five people on their way to Klappertshill.

Big Fire at Larksville. WILKESBARRE, July 6.—A fire at Larksville, three miles from here, destroyed the grocery, lumber yard and several outbuildings of Harry Nesbitt, a dwelling belonging to Charles Lawson, John Keating's lumber shop, Dorris' hotel, and John Powell's meat market. The entire loss is estimated at \$30,000. Nesbitt's loss alone is \$10,000.

Shipping Coal by Canal. POINT CLIFTON, July 6.—More coal is being shipped by the Schuylkill canal this season than for many previous years. A large number of boats are being loaded daily at New Jersey and New York, and all indications point to a very brisk boating season.

Rose Running Record Lowered. CORBY, July 6.—The Corby horse running team which lowered the world's record for 200 yards at Corby by making the distance in 25 1/2 seconds. The former record of 33 1/2 seconds was held by the Everest horse, of Boulder, Colo.

The Home for Deaf Mutes. READING, July 6.—The Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf met here this afternoon, with 125 persons present. The home for deaf mutes, it was decided, shall be located in this city. Last night a public meeting was held.

Charged with Murder. PHILADELPHIA, July 6.—Robert Nevin, a 17-year-old colored boy, who lives at 1146 South Twelfth street, is under arrest, charged with the murder of Emma Barrow, his mistress, also colored, aged 33 years, of 309 Rose alley.

New Case of Smallpox at Orangeburg. ORWIGSBURG, July 6.—Another new case of smallpox has developed here and there is considerable alarm. The latest patient is a fighting of a very prominent citizen.

Fighting for Hallett's Estate. DELUET, Mich., July 6.—The application of Mrs. Letta Pomeroy for the setting aside of a certain portion of the estate of the late Sherman Hallett came up yesterday in the probate court for this county. Hallett was an eccentric old man, who during his last years lived entirely alone but for his housekeeper, Mrs. Pomeroy. There is no question as to the relations which existed between Hallett and the woman, but the heirs claim that an alleged marriage certificate produced by the woman is a forgery, and that she was only his mistress. The testimony thus far tends to confirm that opinion. The amount involved in the case exceeds \$300,000.

DR. M'GLYNN SPEAKS. He Hopes Soon to Say Mass in Public, Before His Friends. CHICAGO, July 6.—Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn has at last said something about his recent visit to Rome and his treatment by the pope and by Catholic dignitaries at home and abroad. It was at the World's fair grounds that he was induced to consent to a brief interview.

A Thief's Quarrel Spoils the Game. CINCINNATI, July 6.—Systematic plans for robbing the Cincinnati Southern railroad have just come to light. Conductors and engineers would lose fraudulent time checks, which the timekeeper would accept and "O.K." thus allowing the money to be drawn for services never given. The timekeeper wanted more than his share of the money, and a misunderstanding led to the discovery. The company has lost \$40,000.

Silver Production Not Decreasing. WASHINGTON, June 6.—For the first six months of the current year the output of silver to the government aggregated \$3,500,000, or 50 per cent more than the corresponding period of this year of 1897, which would indicate that the production of silver was not falling off in the United States.

Eighty-eight Bodies Recovered. LONDON, July 6.—The rescuers at the Thornhill mine have brought eighty-eight bodies to the surface. Eight men and a boy have been rescued. All hope for the others in the pit has been abandoned. The scene at the mouth of the pit as the bodies are brought up and recognized by the relatives and friends of the dead are most distressing.

Passenger and Freight Collide. CHICAGO, July 6.—A Washington Park train on the Illinois Central road collided with a freight train at Forty-fourth street yesterday afternoon. The passenger engine and four cars were demolished and the engineer and fireman of the freight were slightly injured. Beyond a bad shaking up none of the passengers were injured.

The Khedive's Coming Marriage. CONSTANTINOPLE, July 6.—The visit of the khedive of Egypt is connected with his projected marriage to a daughter of the sultan. The khedive and the princess have never seen each other. It is expected that the khedive will visit Vienna, Berlin, Copenhagen and Paris. His object in going to Copenhagen is to meet the czar.

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