

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

CAUGHT IN A BELT.

Workman Meets a Horrible Death While Trying to Keep a Machine in Running Order.

James Johnston, Jr., met with a horrible death a few days ago while working at the Baker Bros. steam sawmill, in Moon township, near Monaca. The belt had become coated with ice, and he was trying to keep it in position when his right arm caught, and he was hurled between the wheel and frame of the mill, inflicting injuries at the base of his brain. He died in 15 minutes.

The following pensions were issued last week: William Little, Waynesboro, \$8; Peter Schu, Pittsburg, \$6; Pius Wagonhouser, Mont Alto, \$6; James Whiteby, Pittsburg, \$6; Eli Schreckengost, Meadville, \$6 to \$8; George W. Turner, Fayette Springs, \$14; John W. Hodgson, Pittsburg, \$6; George W. Richards, Frugality, \$8; Clinton V. Lewis, Lone Pine, \$6; John T. Dey, Waterford, \$6; Matthew J. Andrews, Milldeleville, \$8 to \$10; John Taylor (dead), Blairsville, \$8 to \$12; Banks Woodford (dead), Coalport, \$30; George Beerman, Hadley, \$14 to \$17; Harrison W. Martin, Elgin, \$14 to \$17; David Gearhart, Green Castle, \$6 to \$12; George Lopp, West Brownsville, \$8 to \$10; George Gorton, Saybrook, \$6 to \$8; John H. Spicer, Kirby, \$8 to \$10; Joseph Glant, Altoona, \$8 to \$12; Asher Campbell, Youngstown, \$8 to \$14; Daniel Tinkcom, Armagh, \$8 to \$12; David Black, Mahaffey, \$6 to \$8; Daniel H. Rosenberger, West Valley, \$8 to \$12; William Metzgar, Industry, \$8 to \$12; Benjamin F. Campbell, Beltsano, \$8 to \$12.

After a trial which lasted three days at New Castle, Charles T. Hetzel, who was charged with defrauding his partner, G. C. Martin, out of \$500, was allowed to walk free out of the Lawrence County court house. During the trial it cropped out that before locating in New Castle Hetzel had been in the Allegheny penitentiary for embezzlement. Hetzel admitted this on the witness stand. The jury imposed the costs of the case upon Hetzel.

John Bisbee, an aged man, met death in a shocking manner at Scranton a few days ago. While out driving his horse became frightened and ran away. Bisbee was jostled from the seat and in falling his feet became entangled in the whiffletree, and with his head striking on the pavement at the horse's heels he was dragged to death. The unfortunate man's legs were broken and his skull fractured.

Joseph F. Riehl, an Italian, employed at Spruce Creek near Altoona, was blown to pieces Wednesday while thawing dynamite. About noon he placed a box of dynamite near a fire and one cap dropped into the flames, exploded and set the whole box off. Both legs were broken, one arm blown off and pieces of his body were blown 75 feet. He was 49 years old.

Herman Brinkman, of Latrobe, an agent for the Mount Pleasant, Pa., distillery, was robbed of \$300 and a lot of whisky Wednesday night. Brinkman was out collecting and had the money in a bag in his wagon. He returned about 9:30 and went into Hines' Hotel. When he came out a few minutes later the wagon and money were gone.

Harry X. Taylor, of Allegheny, while hunting in company with Edward Miller and his brother, met with a painful accident a few days ago. The trio had been throwing hats in the air and using them as targets. Taylor was stooping to pick up his hat when his gun exploded, the bullet passing through his right hand.

Internal Revenue Officers Evans, of Carbonale, and Slack, of Charleston, W. Va., have seized an illicit distillery in Pike County, Pa., five miles from Hawley. They visited the place, but the owner was absent. They found a complete plant. The officers would not divulge the name of the moonshine owner.

The Harte Brothers, lumbermen, have just closed a deal at Bellefonte, whereby they became the purchasers of the Joel Bailey tract, of 4000 acres of timber land in Little Sugar valley, Center County, for the consideration of \$10,000. The purchasers will begin at once lumbering operations on the tract.

James Burns, of Pittsburg, died at the Shenango Valley Hospital in New Castle last week as a result of injuries received while at work at the steel plant, where he had been employed but a short time. Burns was caught and squeezed between a dinky engine and a shifter and his ribs and abdomen were crushed.

The police of Altoona have captured a gang of burglars ranging from 14 to 16 years of age, together with plunder amounting to several hundred dollars. The boys are Samuel Hamm, Henry Lewis, Roy Neff, and John Bart. They all admitted their guilt and will be prosecuted for burglary.

John Andrews, of Brookfield township, near Sharon, a well-known farmer, was attacked by a vicious bull while crossing the barnyard. Before assistance arrived he was seriously gored, but will recover. This is his second experience of the kind.

While hunting rabbits near Butler a few days ago a son of Joseph McQuinn, aged about 19 years, had his left forearm badly shattered by the accidental discharge of his gun. The doctors think they can save the arm and that he will retain the use of it.

John Early, a brakeman living at Pittsburg, while standing in the yards of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad at McKees Rocks, was struck by an engine and killed the other day.

A widespread belief in witchcraft in Berks County has so interfered with physicians' practice there that they seriously discussed the superstition at their last medical society meeting.

Hosea Kennedy, an aged citizen of New Castle was probably fatally injured in a runaway accident.

A jury at Franklin decided that Anna M. Sleppy, 24 years old, should receive \$75 for alleged breach of promise on the part of H. Sutherland, of Oil Springs, who was run down and killed on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie road near Oil Springs, O., of Youngstown, O.

At the Hotel Rochester clothing store of Ewing Street were robbed of from \$100 to \$200. Hetzel and George Roth, were arrested, charged with defrauding Mrs. R.

It took a jury at Butler just 30 seconds to find Joseph Collingwood guilty of the charge of shooting his wife with intent to kill, and the verdict was reached without leaving the box.

Gov. Stone has appointed A. C. Hopkins, of Lock Haven, a member of the state forestry commission, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of C. M. Schwab, of Pittsburg.

The man named Cohen, in a Chicago jail charged with forgery committed at Tyrone, has been identified as Harry Cohen, wanted at New Castle on a similar charge.

Mayor Loar, of Greensburg, has determined to close up all the fruit, drug and cigar stores on Sunday.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

HOUSE.

TENTH DAY.

The currency debate in the House lasted until 10:30 Wednesday night. The House adopted a resolution for a holiday recess from Wednesday, December 20, to Wednesday, January 3.

Mr. Lacey (La.) in supporting the currency bill said he was astounded to hear Mr. DeArmond declare that the Republican triumph of '96 was won by the purchase of Democratic votes.

Mr. Benton (Mo.) said he stood with the Democratic and Populist parties in never ending opposition to extending the powers of National banks.

ELEVENTH DAY.

The debate on the currency bill in the house Thursday was tame and prosaic. Mr. Sibley (Dem., Penn.), who has publicly announced his change of views on the money question, made no speech.

TWELFTH DAY.

The closing day of the general debate on the Financial Bill proved to be one of exceptional interest. At the outset a dispute between Representatives Wheeler and Berry, of Kentucky, over the recent Kentucky election and the charges growing out of it. Considerable feeling was shown.

SENATE.

NINTH DAY.

Whether Admiral Dewey, acting for the United States Government, formally or informally recognized the Philippine Republic at Manila is a question which Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, desires the Navy Department to answer.

TENTH DAY.

Senator Lodge, Wednesday, introduced a bill to provide for telegraphic communication between the United States of America, the Hawaiian Islands, Guam, the Philippine Islands, Japan and China, and to promote commerce.

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The Senate Thursday by a decisive vote and practically without discussion, laid on the table the Pettigrew resolution of inquiry as to whether or not United States forces had recognized the Filipino insurgents' flag and had turned over the Spanish soldiers to the insurgents.

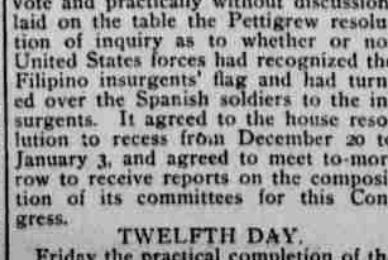
TWELFTH DAY.

Friday the practical completion of the Senate committees of the Fifty-sixth Congress was announced officially by Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island. A few vacancies in the minority representation will be disposed of later.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

Life without laughing is a dreary blank.—Thackeray. Wisdom and goodness to the vile seem vile.—Shakespeare. Nature never hurries; atom by atom, little by little, she achieves her works.—Emerson.

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say carries about five million tons of anthracite coal every year. More coal is handled at New York than at any other place in the world except London, more than fifteen million tons being used or transhipped at that point annually.

LIFE IN A COAL MINE.

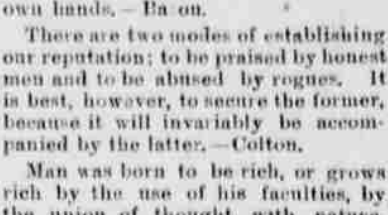
How Our Black Diamonds Are Dug From the Earth.

The accompanying illustrations give a fair idea of the method of living and working in a Pennsylvania coal mine, thousand of feet from pure air and sunshine. The human workers at least get a small share of both these requisites, but the mine mules have much breathing spells. The air shown in one of the illustrations has not been in the open air for five years, and he has not been a prisoner nearly so long as many of his fellows.

PRESERVATION OF FOOD.

The Method Now in Vogue Was Invented Sixty Years Ago. In early times the only methods of saving perishable palubium for any considerable length of time was by drying it in the sun or at a fire, or by smoking or salting it.

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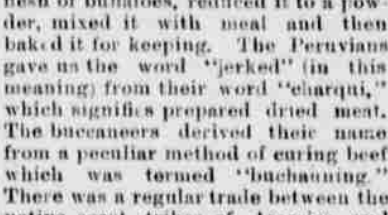
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THE "FIRE BOSS'S" OFFICE IN A COAL MINE.

(The position of the kneeling miner is the one usually taken when resting.)

in dirty villages, with narrow streets, their houses blackened by coal smoke. In many mining districts the houses belong to the company owning the mines, and the miners pay rent for them, so that when a strike occurs and they are out of money they are given orders to leave.

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the life is not an alluring one. The pay is small, the work hard and the dangers still many. The only really pleasant way to be connected with a coal mine is as the owner of one.

A Marriage Made in Heaven.

At a recent wedding all went merrily until the bridegroom was called upon to produce the wedding-ring. In vain he felt in his newly-created trousers pocket for the indispensable trifle.

Swiss Schools of Agriculture.

Switzerland was the home of the philanthropist and educator Fellenberg. His school, established in Hopyl in 1806, was a philanthropy in aid of the peasantry, concerning whom he said that, possessing nothing but bodies and minds, the cultivation of these was the only antidote for their poverty.

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