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EDITORIAL.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Another year with its joys, sorrows, hopes, aspirations, disappointments and trials has flown in that eternity from which no moments ever return. The past is irrevocably gone but the future with its opportunities lies before us, and the wise will forget repining and address themselves to making that future bright and profitable. As we enter the New Year the thought should be how we can best serve our day and generation in promoting the welfare, comfort and happiness of those with whom we come in contact, that the world may be the better for our sojourn in it, and our own lives ennobled by the good deeds we scatter among our fellow beings. The Press wishes you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

WHAT WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

A neighboring paper says: The population of Milford, Pa., which was 953 in 1880, in 1890 was only 793. The decrease has been continuous ever since and there are now more than 20 unoccupied houses in the village.

We do not think the number of unoccupied houses in town are more than half the number stated, but there has been a falling off in population owing mainly to the closing of the watch case shops. The increase in summer guests however has been marked, and our prosperity cannot be fairly measured by the number of permanent inhabitants. New and handsome residences are being erected every year, the capacities of our hotels and boarding houses enlarged, and the surrounding country greatly improved. We are not fortunate in having a railroad, but our sister town should remember she is a child of circumstances. In her early days our Democratic representatives, for valuable considerations into them moving perpetrated the treacherous act of placing Port Jervis in the cradle intended for a town in our county, and she has been nourished on our milk, and fed on our resources ever since to a great extent. Pike County has had no greater or more blighting curse than her Democratic representatives, who have on every occasion offered sold out their birthright and their counties interests, for a pass on the Erie and as much more as she would give them, which was never a large sum for they were simply tools of a small gauge. Recall the trickery, the perfidy, the miserable scheming, by which the thieves who then controlled the Erie, aided by the unscrupulous, blatant, selfish and treacherous men who pretended to represent the interests of Pike stole away our rights to a bridge across the Delaware and a connection with Erie, and fastened on the people of this county a leech which has ever since been taking double the amount of blood in tolls than was originally allowed. Had not the bridge and the other obligations to furnish connections been frittered away and the outrage finally nailed by one who had been made the recipient of repeated honors at the hands of our people, we would no doubt to-day be enjoying the facilities of railroad communication with the outside world, and be like our neighbors measurably prosperous. This chap-

ter of our history has been partially written, but it will bear repetition, and we shall embrace the opportunity at some fitting season to place it again before our readers. There is a wrong which should be righted, and if there is the least crack left in the door of our prosperity which was shut in our faces, it should be found and the wedges applied to force it open. Port Jervis receives a large share of our trade and her merchants are fair dealing honorable and progressive men. We find no fault, but rather praise them for their enterprising spirit, but our people do complain, and that loudly, of the tribute they are obliged to pay the Casars who exact an unnecessarily heavy tariff, as they believe, on all who pass the gateway to contribute to the prosperity of our neighbor. "It is a long lane that has no turn."

BULLETIN ON POULTRY.

We have received from Dr. B. H. Warren State Zoologist Bulletin No. 17 on the diseases and enemies of poultry. In the introduction the importance of the poultry industry is shown. It is there stated that the value of the fowls and eggs produced in the United States annually is three hundred and forty three million dollars being equal to the wheat crop of the country. Pennsylvania is one of the leading states in this production and the value of the poultry and eggs raised by her is about twenty two million dollars. This bulletin treats of the various diseases of fowls and gives the most approved remedies for their cure, also gives some interesting matter concerning the furred and feathered enemies of domestic fowls. Dr. Warren estimates the loss from these depredators at not less than \$250,000. He combats the idea that wildcats are daring and ferocious, and says they are cowardly and will flee their pursuers. A report from a correspondent in the southwestern part of the state says "the catamount is a destructive and ferocious animal, for one attacked me one night when I was going home from courting a girl, and treed me on a fence and I had to stay there till day light." Dr. Warren slyly intimates that wild cats may be inclined to seek such tender food. Those interested would do well to write for and obtain this bulletin as the information contained in it is very valuable to poultry raisers.

VIOLETORS OF LAW. At the last term of Court a man from Shohola was indicted for what is commonly called "ticket scalping" which is the buying of Rail road tickets of passengers who have used them in part, and reselling to others. With the guilt or innocence of this party we have no concern, no doubt he will be fairly dealt with. But what shall be said of a corporation which by running Sunday excursions, bringing large numbers of people within the borders of our county, many of whom probably are not active members of churches, Sunday schools or temperance organizations, and turning them out for a day of such kind of recreation as they would naturally seek? The Rail road doubtless makes money by this business, but the morals and general welfare of that community suffers untold effects. The minds and manners of the rising generation must be tainted with the sights and sounds which greet their eyes and ears, and what was once a peaceful law abiding hamlet is now turned into a bedlam of revelling and debauch. That those who live in glass houses should not throw stones is an adage which may apply to corporations as well as individuals.

LYCEUM MEETING. A meeting of the directors of the Lyceum Association will be held Monday Jan. 4, when it is expected some steps will be taken looking toward securing a room in which to place the books now on hand and others to be bought. There may be hesitation on the part of some intending donors of books or papers to allow their gifts to be placed in isolated rooms, and it might not be improper to suggest that a room on one of the most frequented streets,

conveniently located for people to drop in for a few moments would more likely be popularly patronized than one not so situated. They say propinquity and perseverance will conquer the most reserved maidens heart, so the invitingly open door of the Lyceum in close proximity to a way along which many pass, may entice them within its confines, which should be made as attractive and cheerful as possible.

TO WHEELMEN.

In the late bicycle contest in New York the winners rode sitting nearly erect. The fashion to have drop handle bars and sit doubled up which is affected by scorchers, should go out among sensible riders, and those who wish to receive the full benefit of this pleasant and almost universal exercise. The lungs must have play in order to endure, and the chest should be expanded as much as possible. We hope therefore during the coming season wheelmen will discard the hump, and sit sensibly upright on their machines.

COURT HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS.

The County Commissioners are having a place made in the attic of the Court House in which to store the old files and unused books now crowding the vault of their office and that of the prothonotary's. More room has long been needed, and this arrangement will probably relieve to a great extent the congested state of those receptacles of county records. They are also having the walls of the lower story painted and frescoed, which will add greatly to their appearance, and cause our temple of justice to present a more attractive aspect.

Hetty Green the richest woman in America spent Christmas day alone. Her two children were both absent and her husband is sick. Her lot with her many millions seemed to be far unhappier than that of people in moderate circumstances and even of the very poor. Riches do not always bring contentment, but they are pretty certain to bring care.

It looks now, notwithstanding the claims made by both sides, that it will be a close fight in the Senatorial Contest in this State.

ATTACKED BY A FOOTPAD.

A New York Society Woman Held Up and Robbed on Fifth Avenue. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—While walking along Fifth avenue from her palatial home, Seventy-seventh street, Mrs. James Abercrombie Dixon, wife of one of the most prominent members of society, was assaulted and robbed by a daring highwayman, who, with a knife at her throat, demanded all her money and jewels. The robber was Charles Dussack, who has spent years behind prison bars and who after being released from Sing Sing only four days ago attempted one of the most daring highway robberies in the police annals of the city.

The robber was caught while fleeing with Mrs. Burden's purse, which contained a check. His capture was due to the early arrival of a policeman on the scene. He was compelled to draw his revolver before the fugitive would halt. In court Mrs. Burden attempted to conceal her identity by giving a false name and address. She did not take any action against the prisoner, and after waiting in court more than an hour and seeing a long line of prisoners arraigned she suddenly left the courtroom. A subpoena was promptly issued for her and she was demanded for examination when the society leader will be in court.

Mrs. Burden is the sister-in-law of I. Overman Burden, whose home was robbed by former servants some months ago of diamonds and jewelry valued at \$60,000. She was, before her marriage, Miss Mary Irvin. Her husband is a prominent clubman. He is at present in Troy, and he went several days ago on business connected with his extensive iron works, which are located there.

OVER A SCORE KILLED.

Passenger Train Hurled Over a Hundred Feet From a Bridge. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 28.—The most disastrous railroad accident that has ever taken place in this state occurred on the Birmingham Mineral road. The wreck occurred at what is known as the Cabana bridge, about 35 miles from Birmingham, between Guzman and Hixson. The bridge is about 1,000 feet long and about 100 feet high. The train jumped the track and plunged off the trestle to the rocks below. As to the number of passengers on board, the reports conflict, but the best obtainable information places the number at 95 to 100. Nine were taken out alive, but in a dying condition. The wreck cost five, and many victims were burned to death. The wreck is regarded as almost certainly accomplished by the removal of a rail on the middle span of the trestle. This derailed the train, which caused it to fall down the two spans and precipitated it into the river, 110 feet below. The survivors are so few and are so badly hurt that they are unable to give any detailed descriptions of how it all happened. It is not known and may never be ascertained just how many passengers were on the train. Most of them were miners and residents of mining towns in this district who had round trip holiday tickets and were returning to their homes along the line of the Birmingham Mineral railroad.

Failure in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—J. J. Romberg, trading as Milton & Co., retail clothiers at Eleventh and Chestnut streets, failed, and the store was closed by the sheriff. Executions have been issued on judgments aggregating \$11,000 in favor of the Chestnut Street National bank, Leo Stein and William Miller.

OUTLOOK FOR PEACE.

THE LABORS OF SECRETARY OLNEY AND MINISTER DE LOME.

Held to Have Concluded a Plan For Settling the Cuban Trouble—An Official Note From Canovas—Sanguily Sentenced to Life Imprisonment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Post this morning says that it has been learned from an authoritative source that Secretary Olney and Senator Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister, have practically terminated the negotiations on the Cuban question, which are to be submitted to congress when it convenes on Jan. 5. The terms of the agreement are based on the recent official communication from Premier Canovas addressed to the secretary of state.

The premier states clearly the terms which the United States will accept and practically asks the United States to propose these conditions to her rebellious subjects. In return for our good offices Spain assures this government that she sincerely deplores the great commercial loss which we have sustained on account of the Cuban disturbance. She assures us that she is even now considering a reciprocity treaty which will deal equitably with Cuban products and which will be framed in such advantageous terms toward this government that our losses both in commerce and in the destruction of American property in Cuba will be most generously compensated.

Premier Canovas says that Spain cannot, of course, as a self respecting and respecting nation, before the world as having been coerced into measures by the United States. She has freely granted all that she now offers, and that in the face of a rebellion. But she accepts the good offices of the United States as an mediator and to guarantee to the insurgents amnesty and the enforcement of the new reform law which she is about to proclaim in Cuba.

The form of government offered is, the Spanish statesman declares, the limit of independence which can be granted to a province by any nation without absolute sovereignty. It is a form of government similar to that of the mother country. Autonomy, as enjoyed by the Canadians, can never be granted in Cuba.

Spain is willing to grant the insurgents if they lay down their arms and what she asks the United States to grant is an act which provides for a council of administration which shall control affairs pertaining to the commerce of the island and all estimates upon the general taxation and expenditure of the island as well as its general home government.

Austria an Ally of Spain. LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Paris correspondent of The Times this morning reports that Austria is opposing intervention by European powers to intervene by the United States in Cuba. He says: "The Austrian court and government have long been uneasy over the attitude of American jingoism toward Spain, and such uneasiness has long been the subject of diplomatic talks. The queen regent of Spain is one of the most beloved princesses of the Austrian house. The queen respects she has won from the Spaniards have strengthened the affections reserved for her in her own family, and there will be no hesitation in demonstrating that affection for the queen as a question of defending the interests of the country whose honor she protects with unmixt enthusiasm and which has become as dear to her as if she had been born in Spain."

The Times' Paris dispatch further reports that the Temps remarks upon the Cuban situation that military success and the attitude of the United States toward Spain are the two points of interest in the eyes of the country. It would be more opportune to use toward Washington directly, on behalf of the whole of Europe, language calculated to confirm President Cleveland's attitude toward Spain, and to give valuable hints to Mr. McKinley and his eventual secretary of state.

Sanguily's Severe Sentence. HAVANA, Dec. 29.—Julio Sanguily, the American citizen who was charged with a reasonable conspiracy against the government of Spain, was sentenced to imprisonment for life. He was first sentenced to the same punishment by a court martial. An appeal was taken, and he was granted a civil trial, which has just been concluded. Sanguily will be more mande by the court to pay half the expenses of the trial. He is declared to be insolvent.

Havana dentist named Gaspar Betancourt has been arrested by the police on a political charge. Betancourt is a naturalized American.

The Dauntless Is Defiant. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 30.—The master and owner of the filibustering steamer Dauntless presented a manifest of their cargo to the collector of customs at Nuevitas, Cuba. The cargo consisted of arms and ammunition. The collector refused clearance until he should hear from man at George Loring, a former conductor of the road. Officers were sent out in different directions, but failed to find the robbers.

Offenders Pardoned. TRENTON, Dec. 30.—The state board of pardons has granted pardons to six prisoners. One of them is James Rowe, who was sentenced from Passaic county last April to three years for obtaining money under false pretenses. Rowe was a member of the Order of Red Men, and while stranded in Passaic county, he was one of the members of the organization in order to get home. He was afterward found intoxicated, and this led to his arrest and conviction.

Professor Du Bois-Reymond Dead. BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Professor Emil Heinrich du Bois-Reymond, M. D., F. R. S., is dead. He was a member and perpetual secretary of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Berlin, professor in ordinary of physiology in the University of Berlin and Director of the Physiological Institute. He was born in Berlin in 1818.

Bessie Little's Blaze Convicted. DAYTON, O., Dec. 29.—The jury in the case of the State versus Albert Frantz, tried for the murder of Bessie Little, brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree, having been out a little over an hour.

American Suiicides in Paris. PARIS, Dec. 30.—An American named Jurgen, who was formerly manager of the Eden Musee in New York and who was well known in Paris theatrical circles, has committed suicide at his residence in the Champs Elysees. He attached a tube to a gas jet and put the other end in his mouth and was thus asphyxiated. It is stated that the suicide was due to financial troubles.

Swept Under the Rug. HARTFORD, Dec. 29.—Nellie Durr, aged 15, daughter of Alexander Durr, Hartford avenue, has been drowned in the Connecticut river. She skated on thin ice and went through and was immediately swept under the ice. Her body has not been recovered.

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CARDINAL CORRIGAN.

The New York Archbishop Soon to Receive the Red Hat.

ROSE, Dec. 29.—The Italian newspapers announce the impending elevation of the Catholic archbishop of New York to the cardinalate, and with respect to this matter, The Arena, one of the best informed journals in Vatican affairs, makes the following remarks: "Every one knows of the conflict which has long existed in the American episcopate relative to certain doctrines, the principal apostle of which were the ex-rector of the Catholic university at Washington, Bishop Keane, and Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul.

It is also known that the pope recently had an interview with Mgr. Keane, who has given his holiness such explanations that Leo XIII has completely absolved him of the alleged errors of which he was accused. "This event has certainly produced a great impression among American bishops, who up to the present have been opposed to Keane and Ireland. In pardoning these prolates the pope has, so to speak, disapproved of the conduct of their associates.

To be lesson, however, the effect which this pardon may be produced on the American episcopate his holiness has decided to raise to the cardinalate Mgr. Corrigan, who represents the party hostile to Keane and Ireland."

FIRE IN WASHINGTON.

The Historic Old Burr Mansion Narrowly Escapes Destruction.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The large furniture house of Julius Lansburg, on New York avenue, near Thirteenth street, has been destroyed by fire. The loss on the Lansburg building, stock and adjacent structures damaged will amount to about \$100,000. The loss on the stock alone is placed at \$100,000, on which there is \$50,000 insurance.

The building was principally of wood, which, with the inflammable nature of the immense quantity of goods, made the fire one of the fiercest and quickest that ever occurred here. The church of the Epiphany is directly in the rear of the burned building, and the fire had hard work to save it. The rear of the edifice was scorched and a big central window shattered by the heat. The Burr mansion, where tradition says that Edgar Allan Poe wrote "The Raven," is separated from the furniture establishment only by an alley, but was saved.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN NEW HAVEN.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 30.—One of the most destructive fires to the property of the Connecticut railroad, in recent years is now smoldering in the immediate heart of bituminous coal at the coal supply station, New Haven yards, where the locomotives of six divisions get their supply of fuel. There are stored there 75,000 tons in the yard at the present time, and it is estimated that between 10,000 and 20,000 tons have been consumed by the fire, causing a loss varying from \$40,000 to \$50,000. The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion and was discovered two weeks ago. Since then a number of men have been working day and night digging through the coal heaps to extinguish the fire, and it will require several weeks yet of constant labor to ascertain the full extent of the damage.

LONG STRIKE IMMINENT.

SHARON, Pa., Dec. 30.—A long strike among the Mercer county coal miners is imminent. The miners have demanded a 50 per cent increase, and upon the refusal of the operators to grant it they quit work. The miners in the Black Diamond and Trout mines, numbering 380, came out first, followed by 400 employees of the Grove City mines and the 200 in the Westerman, Miller & Co. mines. The trouble was caused by the increase in wages granted in the Pittsburgh districts. This is the second time the men have struck in the past three months.

BOLD ROBBERY IN NEW YORK.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 30.—Two men, one of whom was masked, armed with pistols, entered the Gloucester City station of the Reading railroad about 6 o'clock last evening and under threats of instant death compelled Headolph, the station master, to open the safe. They secured \$50, and, leaping into a carriage standing near the platform, drove off.

Headolph says he recognized the masked man as George Loring, a former conductor of the road. Officers were sent out in different directions, but failed to find the robbers.

STEVENS' Niece Wedded.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Probably the most notable social event in St. Louis was the wedding last evening of Miss Julia Scott to Mr. Carl Froomont of St. Louis, as the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Charles S. Brownell of 4109 Westminster place. The bride is a daughter of the late Matthew T. Stevens of Lexington, Ky., and a niece of Vice President Adlai Stevenson. Vice President Stevenson gave the bride away.

Veteran Locomotive Engineer Dead.

FREMONT, O., Dec. 29.—James R. Franco died here in the eighty-second year of his age. He was one of the oldest railway engineers in the country. He operated the John Bull engine which was brought from England in 1816 and was placed on the Camden and Amboy railroad to take the place of horses that had formerly hauled the cars. That famous engine was exhibited at the World's fair.

Courthouse Burned.

BIRMINGHAM, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The Broome county courthouse in this city was completely destroyed by fire late last night. The loss will exceed \$100,000. Besides the offices of the county officials and the courtroom, the building contained the private office of Judge George F. Lyons, whose extensive law library was burned.

BUSINESS CARDS.

H. E. Emerson, M. D., Physician and Surgeon. OFFICE in Drug Store on Broad Street.

J. H. Van Etten, Attorney-at-Law, OFFICE, Brown's Building, MILFORD, PIKE CO., PA.

John A. Kipp, Attorney-at-Law, OFFICE, opposite Court House, MILFORD, PIKE CO., PA.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

MILFORD.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Milford; Sabbath services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath school at 9:30 A. M. Morning service, Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. A cordial welcome will be extended to all. Those not attached to other churches are especially invited. REV. THOMAS NICHOLS, Pastor.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, Milford; Services Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath school at 9:30 A. M. Weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. Class meeting conducted by Wm. Angle on Fridays at 7:30 P. M. An earnest invitation is extended to anyone who may desire to worship with us. REV. W. M. LASSITER, Rector.

M. E. CHURCH, Services at the M. E. Church Sundays: Preaching at 10:30 A. M. and at 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. Sabbath school at 9:30 A. M. Weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. Class meeting conducted by Wm. Angle on Fridays at 7:30 P. M. An earnest invitation is extended to anyone who may desire to worship with us. REV. W. M. LASSITER, Rector.

MATAMORAS. EPWORTH M. E. CHURCH, Matamoras; Services every Sabbath at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath school at 9:30 A. M. Meeting Monday evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Everyone welcome. REV. F. G. CURTIS, Pastor.

HOPE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, Matamoras, Pa. Services next Sunday as follows: Preaching at 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. Junior C. E. before and C. E. prayer meeting after the evening service. Mid-week prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Pastor, Rev. J. A. WIEGAND, Pastor.

Secret Societies. MILFORD LODGE NO. 344, F. & A. M.; Lodge meets Wednesday on or before Full Moon at the Sawkill House, Milford, Pa. N. Emery, Jr., Secretary. Milford, J. H. Van Etten, W. M., Milford, Pa.

VAN DER MARK LODGE NO. 888, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M. Brow's Building, Geo. J. Duan, Jr., Sec'y. D. H. Hornbeck, N. G.

PRUDENCE REBEKAH LODGE, 197, I. G. O. F. Meets every second and fourth Fridays in each month in Old Fellows' Hall, Brown's building. Mrs. Alice Hornbeck, N. G. Miss Katie Klein, Sec'y.

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NOTICE. All persons are hereby notified that throwing or burning papers or refuse of any kind in the streets of the Borough is prohibited. By order of the town council, J. C. CHAMBERLAIN, President, per tem. Attest, D. H. HORNBECK, Sec'y. Milford, May 5, 1890.