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A Change in Superintendents.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 30.—The Board of Trustees of the State Hospital to-day removed Superintendent Curwen and elected John Z. Gerhardt, at present first assistant physician. Dr. Curwen's term expires February 14, 1881.

Hon. A. C. Tate, of Clearfield, while attending the funeral of Dr. Crouch, who died of apoplexy at Curwensville, Tuesday afternoon, fell dead from heart disease. Mr. Tate was about 53 years of age, and was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature of 1876-77.

GEN. GRANT is writing an article for the February number of the North American Review, advocating the Nicaragua Canal Scheme. The same number of the Review will contain a contribution by JUDGE TOURGEE, author of "The Fool's Errand," entitled "Aaron's Rod in Politics," and one by OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, on "The Pulpit and the Pew."

The Weather for January.

The general correctness of Vennor's weather prognostications will make his prophecy as to the weather for January of interest. It is as follows:

As will have been seen from the forecast of December, I anticipate that New Year's callers will have heavy sleighing this year from Montreal to Washington, D. C., and that a cold snap during the first quarter of this month will preserve it for that period. I expect blockades of snow in the United States about the 7th and 8th of January, and rainy days during the month will be exceedingly few.

The second quarter will open with heavy snow falls and terminate in a cold snap.

The middle of the month will bring snow falls which will terminate in milder weather toward the end of the third quarter. This thaw, which will be interrupted by a brief cold spell, will extend from about the 18th of the month into February.

The record of this month will show it will have been a severe one, and the general condition of the weather will probably remind us of some of what are called "real old-fashioned winters."

Snowed up.

BAYSIDE, N. J., Dec. 28.—A passenger train on the Southern Vineland Railroad was snowbound in a drift near Borden-town for sixteen hours. While efforts were being made to dig the train out, the passengers, nineteen in number, were provided with food by the railroad company. At a late hour last night the passengers were carried out on a locomotive, the train being abandoned.

RED BANK, N. J., Dec. 28.—All trains on the New York and Freehold Railroad are running on time. A powerful locomotive, with a plow attached, is continually running over the track to keep it clear of drifts. The Keyport Stage Line has been abandoned, the roads being impassable.

Fight With Train Robbers.

Superintendent Wickes, of the Pullman Palace Car Company, furnished particulars of a conductor's rough experience with a set of Texas desperadoes, who boarded a train on the International and Great Northern road at Lovelady, north of Houston, Texas, on Thursday night. Three ruffians, each holding a couple of Derringers, entered the ladies' car at that place, and upon being told by the brakeman that they could not remain there, knocked him down and

held him in one corner until Conductor Tice came along.

Before the conductor had time to grasp the ugly situation, he received a smart blow in the face and was told that if he stirred a peg a bullet would be sent through his skull. The ruffians said that they would stand no—nonsense from any blue-bellied Yankee on the train. After this they passed through the sleeper thoroughly overawed the passengers by pointing a derringer in every face.

The conductor ran forward, and was followed by one of the ruffians, who threatened to settle him at that moment but the conductor quickly reached back in the corner for a monkey-wrench and dealt his assailant a tremendous blow over the head, which knocked him senseless upon the outer platform. The passengers by this time gathered courage, and rushed forward. The other two ruffians thereupon jumped from the train, and the third, in an insensible condition, rolled off. But for the prompt action of the conductor in felling the boldest of the trio, loss of life and robbery would have ensued.

Shocking Death of a Horse.

A valuable horse belonging to Franklin Miller, farmer on one of Dr. James C. Livingood's farms near Stouchsburg killed himself in a very singular way.—Mr. Miller was in the stable a short time before and all was right. Soon after dinner he returned to the stable, when to his horror the whole stable was bespattered with blood, even the other horses being literally covered, and his best horse, a 5-year-old, was prostrate in the stall dying. It appears the horse kicked the boards loose in the stall which were nailed to a post six by seven inches thick and about six feet high. In kicking the horse, fell astride this post with his hind legs. The force with which he fell on the post caused it to run clear through his body up to the spine. In his agony he threw himself off again, and fell to the ground, where he died in a few minutes. His entrails were protruding and pieces of flesh adhered to the post.

More Lives Than a Cat.

A patient in the hospital of the University of Michigan, when five years old, fell from a shed and broke his ribs, both collar bones, his breast bone, his right arm in two places, his left arm above the elbow, and his right hand; at the age of twelve he dislocated his hip and broke his right ankle; in a quarrel, soon after, he was shot in the other ankle; when the war broke out he joined the Union army, was bayoneted in the knee, captured by the rebels, almost starved in prison, sunstruck, burst a vein in his leg and almost bled to death. After leaving the army he was struck by a falling tree and had his skull fractured and lost eight teeth. During his life, also, he has had cholera and yellow and spotted fever.

Effects of a Dream.

NEWARK, Dec. 27.—To-day a woman came to the jail and asked to see Lammens, the murderer of Meierhoffer, who is to be hanged January 6th. Mutual recognition followed and it transpired that she was Lammens' wife. While living in Brooklyn sixteen years ago Lammens was convicted of burglary and sent to Sing Sing, afterward to Auburn and latter to the Utica Insane Asylum, and still later was reported dead, hence the wife did not suspect her husband when she read a familiar name as that of the Newark convict. She was induced by a dream to make the visit to-day.

A Jealous Brother.

Henry Ostrander, aged 29, shot and killed his brother George Layman Ostrander, aged 26, at their home near Camden. Henry was jealous because his little sister was caressing his brother and he spit tobacco juice in her face.—George warned him to stop when Henry shot him through the eye killing him instantly. The murderer, who was arrested, says George had his pistol half cocked, but he was too quick for him.—He charges that George was trying to ruin the whole family. Both men are laborers.

A Missing Train.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Dec. 31.—The daily mail train on the Potomac, Fredericksburg and Piedmont Railroad (not the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road), which left here on Wednesday morning for Orange Court-House, has not been heard from up to this time, all communication being cut off by the recent snow storm. Trains on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad have been considerably delayed.

An Erie railroad conductor was handed a ticket issued in 1866 while his train was leaving Attica, a New York village, a few days ago. He asked the passenger where he got it, and the latter

said that it was connected with a curious history. He left home when a small boy, and not hearing from his parents for years, supposed them to be dead.—In 1866 he had occasion to go from Attica to Buffalo, bought his ticket, and missed the train. As he had to go before the next Erie train for Buffalo should come along, he bought a New York Central Railroad ticket and took a train on that line. He got to talking to the passenger sitting next to him, and presently found that it was his own father. The old gentleman had thought his son dead, for he knew that he had joined the Union army, been taken prisoner, and sent to Andersonville. He had made his will and left all his property to a nephew, but he resolved then to destroy the will for the benefit of his son. That was a lucky missing of a train, lucky to the extent of \$85,000 worth of property secured thereby.

Facts Stranger than Fiction.

Sylvester Hatton enlisted in the war in 1860, and was reported killed. His wife married again and removed to Madison, Ind. He soon after turned up, but finding how affairs stood did not make himself known, but went to Missouri.—The wife has since died, and now his story comes out, and he has sent for his daughter, who has just left to join him in Sedalia.

An Unfulfilled Prophecy.

Wm. Carney, of Erie had a presentiment that he would die at 2 o'clock, Sunday morning. The lawyer was called and his will was made, but the quieting dose the doctor gave him carried the patient over till the next morning.—Then Carney was mad, because he was swindled he says, and the grave was cheated by the trickery of a lawyer and doctor.

Miscellaneous News Items.

While Edwin Rhodes and Allan Snyder of Allentown were out gunning they became separated, and the latter fired at some game in a thicket; the shot struck Rhodes in the face, making an ugly wound and destroying the sight of one eye.

Samuel Hirsch a prominent Jewish citizen of Milwaukee, brought suit last week against Rev. I. Moses, rabbi of the Jewish Temple and editor of a Jewish newspaper published by himself, for slander claiming \$5000 damages. Rev. Moses published Hirsch as a liar and a thief.

At Buffalo, New York, Tuesday the funeral services over seven of the victims of the Birge factory fire, were held at St. Joseph's Catholic Cathedral. The burial was at Limestone Hill, the bodies being placed in one grave, in a lot donated for that purpose by St. Joseph's Cathedral.

Matilda Carlson, eleven years of age, who has been missing from her home, 212 Stuyvesant avenue, Brooklyn, since Thursday last, was found by Policeman Mott, at two o'clock Monday morning sitting under the stoop of 413 Monroe street. She could give no explanation as to where she had been the past four days.

Horse thieves and burglars are operating in the Hudson river valley and the back country on either shore. A number of valuable animals have been stolen and several stores broken into and plundered. On Monday night a safe was removed to the sidewalk to be loaded on a wagon, but the burglars were frightened off.

Mrs. Myron Allen, who lives half a mile north of Lansing, repaired to the hen-roost the other evening, and found one of her fowls in the clutches of a large owl.—The owl attacked Mrs. A., directing his efforts at her face and eyes. She was fortunate to seize him in her hands and thump him to death.

The boiler in a shingle mill at Vestaburg, Michigan, exploded Tuesday morning, killing instantly Frank Filkins, engineer, and Frank Ainsley, night watchman, and badly injuring Geo. Wilcox, M. Turk and an unknown man. The mill was shattered to atoms. Frozen pipes were the cause.

A Gladwin, Mich., justice of the peace a few days ago performed a marriage ceremony, the bridegroom being 30 years old and the bride not yet 12, and much indignation is expressed. But a Coldwater man married a couple a few days ago, the groom being 26 and the bride 41, and all hands were as happy as larks.

A good deal of excitement was created in Waukegan, a village near Madison, Wis., the other day, by the report that the young man Shoemaker, whose remains were interred last Monday, had been uncovered and found to bear every appearance of life, as far as looks go. It is a singular case, and how long the remains will remain in a good condition is a question.

John Smoyer, fifty years old, and living near Hickory Run, Montgomery county, while driving a double team near Manayunk last Thursday, became almost insensible from the intense cold, and his horses, after wandering around a while, finally fell into the canal, carrying the wagon with them. Both animals were drowned. Mr. Smoyer's cries for assistance brought several men to the spot, who

rescued him. He was taken to the pulp works at Manayunk, and made as comfortable as possible for the night.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., December 27.—Jacob Gogel and his wife Anna, an aged couple, residing at Santee's Mill, four miles from Bethlehem, Pa., were found dead in their bed this morning.

Their heads were nearly severed from their bodies, and a bloody axe was found in the apartment.

Joseph Snyder, who boarded with the Gogels, was believed to be the murderer. He was caught by an infuriated mob of neighbors soon after the discovery of the crime and hanged to the nearest tree.

Gogel was a day laborer, about 40 years of age, and leaves three children. The motive of the murder was a desire to marry their daughter, to which they objected, the girl being only 13 years of age.

POITTSVILLE, Pa., December 23.—After the crew of the engine No. 252 had quit work for the day at Palo Alto, on the Reading road, an extra crew took the engine to go to Port Carbon to take out a train of loaded coal cars. When they had proceeded as far as Belmont the engine exploded blowing it to atoms and instantly killing Patrick Donahue, engineer, Thomas Kenvin, conductor, William Ash, and John Mahr, the two latter brakemen. Donahue leaves a wife and five children, Kenvin leaves a wife and three children, Ash a wife and one child, and Mahr a wife and four children. The bodies of the men presented a sickening spectacle, being terribly mutilated. Two of the bodies were blown hundreds of yards and when picked up were limbless.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 29, 1880.

Wild rumors are flying about concerning Senator Blaine's being appointed Secretary of State by President Garfield. It is said by those who ought to know best that Mr. Blaine is preparing for a European tour of eight months, leaving this country in March and returning next November. He would go in February if it were not for the close vote in the Senate after March 3rd. An apparently authentic statement is to the effect that Mr. Blaine will join his friend, the Hon. William Walter Phelps, in Rome as early in the spring as possible. Mr. Phelps is now in Italy and it is known that he has been expecting Mr. Blaine and another friend to join him in the spring.

There are rapidly increasing signs of a broil within the Republican party. The trouble is between the President, and Senator Conkling, with probability that President elect Garfield will be down into the quarrel. The New York appointments are the bone of contention. The President has filled a considerable number of federal offices in that State lately, all with anti-Conkling men. The administration has placed the chips upon K's shoulder, and dares Conkling to knock it off. There are many friends of Garfield who are advising him to cut loose from Senator Conkling, among whom may be named Secretary Evarts and Sherman, and there is a suspicion that the President is endeavoring to throw his enemy into bad odor with his successor in the Presidency. Whether Garfield will feel compelled to countenance the quarrels of his predecessor is another matter.

Mr. Prescott, the commissioner on the part of the United States to negotiate a treaty with China, has arrived at San Francisco and will at once come to Washington, bringing with him the new emigration treaty. A commercial treaty was also negotiated by this commission, the principal features of which, it is said, are highly advantageous to the United States. Under this treaty government allows all cotton goods exported from the United States to that country to enter at a merely nominal rate of duty on the condition that no opium or nicotine shall be exported from this country to China.

By this practical removal of the duty on cotton goods the United States is made a more than equal competitor with England for this valuable trade, and the conditions affixed to this concession by the Chinese government in regard to opium will force Great Britain to surrender either the trade in opium, which in her East Indian possessions is a leading industry, or else to permit the United States to absorb nearly the whole of the trade in cotton goods, the manufacture of which is also largely carried on throughout British India.

The results of the labors of the commission are regarded by the President and Secretary of State as eminently satisfactory, and under the operations of the commercial treaty, it is claimed, a new and valuable field will be opened up in the East for manufacturers of the United States.

An army officer said to-day Gen. McDowell has been rewarded for having come from the Pacific coast to New York to vote for Garfield, but his vote cost the Government about \$1,200. He got an order from the War Department for himself and aid-de-camp to come East, and under that order both of them drew their regular mileage and allowances, amounting to about \$1,200. The records will show the fact.

Wide Awake for January, 1881.

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