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BY THE WAY.

—Register to-morrow, if you are not already registered.

—It is predicted that we are soon to have enough of the "beautiful" to "put a sleigh through with bells on."

—The advance sale of seats for the Philharmonic Concerts opened on Thanksgiving Day, and was unusually large.

—Rev. Dr. K. P. Ketcham has been secured as the speaker to address the Reform Club meeting of Sunday evening next.

—The indictments for the October term of the Union County Courts, excepting the Plainfield arson cases, were finished up on Tuesday last.

—A rag peddler's horse dropped dead on Duer street, North Plainfield, on Saturday afternoon. The animal had evidently not been overfed.

—The Y. M. C. A. Seniors will meet in the rooms to-morrow evening at 7.30 o'clock. A matter of special interest to all will be presented.

—The term of Judge Nathan Harper as a member of the Board of Education expires at the coming municipal election. Who will be his successor?

—The Republican primaries for the election of delegates to the city Republican Convention and also to nominate ward officers, will take place this evening.

—Miss Jessie Coughlin, who will make her reappearance in this city at the M. E. Church, Thursday evening, will renew her success here. She gives an unequalled literary entertainment.

—The Girls' Mission Band of the Congregational church will hold a "Dairy-maid's Festival" in the "Y" rooms, on East Front street, Monday evening of next week, from six to ten o'clock.

—The Educational Class of the Y. M. C. A. have their weekly meeting at the rooms to-morrow evening at 7.30 o'clock. Young men desiring to avail themselves of this opportunity should be on hand at this time.

—A small audience greeted the Welsh Prize Singers at both performances in Music Hall on Saturday. The singing was exceedingly good, and it is to be regretted that the house was not filled, both afternoon and evening.

—Piano, cornet, violin and flute will accompany especially good singing at the praise and Thanksgiving service to be conducted by Mr. Charles W. McCutchen, at the Y. M. C. A. rooms this evening at 8 o'clock. Every man is cordially welcome.

—On Saturday evening next in Trinity Reformed church will occur the anniversary exercises of the Children's Home. Reports on the progress and the work accomplished at the Home during the year will be read, and addresses made.

—The streets in the city were thronged with pedestrians all day yesterday. The delightful weather made walking agreeable, and many persons took advantage of it. A large number also visited the new Pond Tool Works and the Hillside Cemetery.

—The old Bethel Mission building which formerly stood at Fifth and Washington streets, is still occupying a place in the roadway on W. Fifth street. Since Thanksgiving Day the building has been removed from the corner of Park avenue and Fifth street, to a point on W. Fifth street, near Madison avenue.

—On next Monday evening at Music Hall will be presented Lester Wallack's great success, the military comedy of "Ours." The engagement of the Kemble Dramatic Association of Brooklyn, N. Y., to present the play, is a guarantee that the production will be on a scale fully up to the standard. The piece had a successful run at Wallack's Theatre, New York, and has been presented at Brooklyn and other places to crowded houses. Prices as usual. Seats can be secured at the usual places on and after Dec. 1st.

JACKSON SPEAKS.

HE DECLARES THAT THEODORE AND LEWIS VAN NEST ARE INNOCENT.

And Endeavors to Vilify and Slander Detective Murphy Who Captured Him.

In our issue of Monday of last week, we first gave the public the news that Jackson the incendiary had always asserted that Lewis Van Nest knew nothing of the fire in the Carmon Parse house until he smelt the smoke. Now he says Theodore is also innocent. Today we publish below a letter written by Jackson in the County Jail yesterday, and sent to a friend of Theodore Van Nest's in this city. Jackson's testimony and other circumstances have led a number to believe that one of the accused firebugs was innocent, although because of public prejudice they cannot openly assert such belief. The bondsman of Lewis Van Nest, Mr. R. E. Brand, has, however, as he stated in a communication published in these columns, "always considered him innocent and still think so." Mr. Brand has proved the sincerity of his belief by an expenditure of time and money to save the accused. His effort has so far been in vain, as Judge McCormick states emphatically he will sentence Jackson, and Horace and Lewis Van Nest, Wednesday morning. Jackson's letter of yesterday is as follows, with merely the change of spelling necessary to make some words intelligible:

DEAR SIR:—My time is growing short here in Elizabeth. I think I am bound to write you a few lines in regards of Theodore Vannest. I understand that it is or was through me that Theodore got in trouble, but thank God that is not so. I would be only too glad to get on the stand and help to defend him of the charge that he is not guilty of. I wish it understood by you and any of his friends, and also by his wife, that Murphy had ought to be here in jail in Theodore's place. That he, Murphy, is the man that got us all in this trouble. I feel very sorry for Theodore's wife and little one, because I have a wife and children myself, but I trust in God that he may come out all right in the end. I hope that you and all of his friends will do all that lays in your power for him, because I know that he is innocent of the charge and I am the man to stand by him whether he goes to Trenton or stays home.

Yours Respectfully,
JOHN M. JACKSON.

He also writes to Mr. Brand as follows:

ELIZABETH, NOV. 27.—87.
MR. BRAND:—I feel that I am duty bound to write you in regards of Louis Vannest. I will say to you just as I have said to everyone else, that I do not know anything about him in regards of the Parse fire. The man that goes by the name of Murphy was the one that got Louis and everyone of us in this trouble. He said to me in the Plainfield police station the night that I was arrested, that he (Murphy) was going to have Louis and Horace and all of the rest in to it, and wanted me to swear that Lou set fire to the house to get the insurance, and that he would have five or ten years taken off me when the time came for me to be sentenced.

I know at the bottom of my heart that Louis Vannest is not guilty of the charge of setting fire to that house of Mr. Parse, and if he had a trial by himself that he would be all right and could get out of it. I will say also that Theodore is not guilty and I think that it is a shame to keep him here so long. Murphy is the man that had ought to be in Louis and Theodore's place.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN M. JACKSON.

M. E. Church Service.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. VanMeter, preached yesterday morning from 1st Cor. 16:2—"Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." The preacher said that when he was a boy it puzzled him when he read that "Time is Money;" how it was possible to transform time into gold and silver, but he afterwards learned that it was the use we made of time that produced money. He then dwelt at length on the customs of the ancients with reference to giving to the Lord, that it was regarded as necessary to give a part of their income in order that the rest might be blessed to their use; that the obligations resting on the church today are no less binding than upon the ancient church; that it was highly essential that we set apart a part of our time—"the first day of the week"—not for rest, but for holy work, that the other six days might be a blessing to us. The preacher urged upon his hearers the great necessity of consecrating themselves, their time and their money, even to making sacrifices, if need be, for the upbuilding of the cause of Christ.

Plainfield Not Duped By His Lordship.

The New York papers of today are full of the shock that the upper circles of Newark are experiencing upon the reported discovery that John Regina'd Talbot is the bogus "Lord Courtney" and a confidence swell. All this will be reading of interest to Plainfield, but its higher society will not suffer from the shame of being duped. Talbot came to this city last Spring and remained about six months. During that time he gained no entrance into the families of Plainfield's representative citizens, although he was an attendant at various garden parties on Netherwood lawns. He also claimed an intimacy with the family of John Taylor Johnston, Esq., and was their guest on at least one occasion. At the Hotel Netherwood during the Summer just past, some of the very young ladies called him "Lord Shrewsbury" and dropped gumdrops on his head from upper corridors as he frequently passed below on his way to the bar. But he was unsought, and at the few hotel balls he attended in a dress-suit, he was rather a wall-flower. There are in existence a few photographs of groups of the upper ten of our fashionable suburb, that contain Mr. John Regina'd Talbot's figure in flannel tennis costume. Further than that outward association with Plainfield's upper circles, however, he never got.

Leaving here in October he went to Newark, at once became a figure in its society, and was a guest in many of its best houses. He is agreeable and always well dressed. His actions are gentlemanly and his conversation that of an educated person. Inspector Byrnes now claims him to be a well-known confidence man, and that in his career in this country he has appeared under a number of aliases; and a full account of the career of the man he is now said to be, has been read by everybody this morning. In many respects the two characters do not fit, but Talbot's flight seems to prove his guilt. Inspector Byrnes, however, is most entirely wrong in his assertion that he is "uneducated and a poor writer."

PARTICULAR MENTION.

Mrs. J. L. Van Neste of Second street is so very ill that but little hope of her recovery is left.

Ex-Chief A. Saltzman of the Plainfield Fire Department is again able to go out, after a confinement to the house of two weeks by illness.

Mrs. David Snediker, of Grove street, North Plainfield, returned again to his family on Saturday after a few weeks' business trip through the South and West.

The friends of Mr. Wilton Randolph of Netherwood—including a number of Republicans—are urging him to take the nomination on the Democratic ticket for Councilman from the Second Ward.

Mr. John M. Shepherd and Miss Mary Allen, both of this city, were united in marriage at Annandale, N. J., on Saturday, the 19th inst. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd have taken up their residence in this city at Mr. Shepherd's former home.

At East Orange on Wednesday evening, by the Rev. Wm. F. Taylor, pastor of the Maple Avenue Baptist church, Mr. Henry Sherwood Phillips and Miss Addie Manning Verneule, both of this city, were united in the bonds of holy wedlock. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips' present location is at No. 34 Sterling street, East Orange, N. J.

Since President French of the Plainfield Reform Club has signified his intention to decline a renomination for the office at the annual meeting to be held on Thursday evening of this week, Rev. Mr. Honeyman has been urged to accept the Presidency of the Club. The reverend gentlemen, however, has also declined the honor, on account of ill-health.

Mr. Scott's Latest Invention.

The United States patent office last week granted Mr. Walter Scott of this city a patent on a rotary printing machine that fills quite a long felt want. In some printing offices it is often desirable to add a sheet or supplement. The object of Mr. Scott's latest invention is to connect two presses together with sheet-delivery and fold-off devices in such a manner that the presses can be run together when desired, and part of the paper will be printed on one press and the remainder on the other press, and the two parts will be brought together and laid in the proper positions for folding. Then when desired the two presses can be run separately, thus allowing for their use to the best advantage for the publisher.

The Lord's Day.

One of God's best gifts is his holy day: the body should be rested; the mind should be refreshed; the soul should be uplifted. "Jesus and the Sabbath," Matt. 12:1-14, was the topic of yesterday's lesson, and Mr. Gardner, teacher of the Berean Class of the Warren Mission made the lesson particularly interesting by searching out different passages from all parts of the Bible and getting the class to read them in turn as they came in connection with the lesson. Plainly and truthfully showing the great benefit and happiness to be derived from a strict observance of this most holy day.

Close of the W. R. C. Bazaar.

The bazaar and fair of the Woman's Relief Corps of this city, which has been in progress in the Republican Association rooms on East Front street during the past week, closed on Saturday evening. The result of the bazaar is very gratifying to the ladies who had the matter in charge, and their efforts will be rewarded to the extent of upwards of \$100. The remaining contests were decided on Saturday evening as follows: First badge was awarded to Mrs. Wm. C. Smith; the second badge to Mrs. H. C. Drake. The total amount of money collected on the two trophies was \$261.20. In the veterans' daughter badge contest there were two young ladies running. It was awarded to Miss Bertha Stevens, and the total amount realized was \$58.20.

As the fair came to a close, interest was manifested in the vote for the gold-headed cane, announced to be presented to the most popular daily newspaper publisher in the city, who should receive the most votes at ten cents a vote. The final result showed a vote of 242 for W. L. Force, senior member of the firm of W. L. Force & Bro., editors and proprietors of the DAILY PRESS, against 30 votes for the editor of the No special effort was made to secure this result, the 30 votes alone recorded having been announced at the close of the entertainment the night before. As before stated THE PRESS is growing in popularity every day. That the cane should go to one of its representatives is but an echo of the sentiment of the people. Of course the public expect to hear some more inuendoes expressed from a certain quarter, but that doesn't alter the fact that THE PRESS is the most popular organ of the city. Vilification will not alter that fact. The senior editor returns thanks to the public for their appreciation of true journalism—and the cane. It will be properly inscribed on its massive gold head in honor of the event and to the deserved success of the Women's Relief Corps of the G. A. R., who have so faithfully labored for a deserved object—that of charity. We are glad that they have met with such success, financially and socially. This organization is composed of good workers for a good cause. They have succeeded in all their previous ventures, and we doubt not but that the citizens of Plainfield will endorse them and assist in all their future operations. THE PRESS is here to do as it has in times past—support their efforts.

Persons holding the following numbers on ten cent tickets are entitled to miscellaneous prizes and can have them by applying at No. 12 North avenue: No's 29, 43, 131, 421, 95, 677, 40, 109, 193, 265, 276, 317, 547, 242. The holder of No. 56 course ticket is entitled to an individual salt cellar; No. 147 to a silver napkin ring; No. 11 to a crazy quilt cushion. The holder of No. 39 coupon drew a handsome lamp on Thursday evening, but it has not yet been called for. Any of the above prizes can be had by presenting the proper tickets at No. 12 North avenue.

An Interesting Meeting.

To-morrow evening at the Crescent Avenue church will be held a meeting in behalf of negro and Indian education. The programme in full will be as below, including an address by Gen'l Armstrong, and the singing of the slave songs of the South by students of Hampton college. Miss Richards, sister of the pastor of the Crescent Avenue church, is one of the teachers in the Institute in the interest of which these meetings are held. John Taokasin, the Sioux student who will make "A Dakota's Plea," has been educated through the efforts of the Crescent Avenue School.

PROGRAMME.

Slave songs of the South, Hampton Quartette.
The Southern Outlook, Thos. Cayton, Class of '73.
The Omaha's and their Lands, Geo. Miller, Student from Omaha, Nebraska.
Slave Songs, Quartette.
A Dakota's Plea, John Taokasin, Sioux student from Standing Rock, Dakota.
Give us a chance, Wm. B. Davenport, Class of '89.
Plantation Melodies, Quartette.
Remarks by S. C. Armstrong, Principal, by H. B. Frissell, Vice Principal, and others.

Trinity Reformed Church Service.

What has characterized the services in Trinity Reformed church for the past few months, besides the eloquent sermons preached by Rev. Cornelius Schenck, the pastor, is the large audience that gather there every Sunday morning and evening to listen to his words of wisdom. The latest attraction at this church is a volunteer choir composed of the following vocalists: Miss Laura Baker, soprano; Mrs. E. Bird, alto; Mr. T. B. Brown, basso; Mr. H. J. Martin, tenor. During the service last evening Miss Baker sang a beautiful solo in a very creditable manner. The pastor took his text from 1st King, 13th verse—"The Unknown Prophet," and his discourse was delivered in his usual talented and polished style.

Reform Club Meeting.

There was an unusually large attendance at the Reform Club meeting last evening, and the ushers found some difficulty in providing seats in the auditorium for all that came. That the exercises were interesting and thoroughly appreciated by the large congregation was evident from the fact that all, with a single exception, kept their seats until the close of the meeting. President French presided, and besides him several elderly gentlemen, members of the Club, occupied seats on the platform. The usual Reform Club choir furnished excellent music for the occasion under the leadership of Mr. John King. Rev. W. E. Honeyman, who was subsequently announced as the speaker, read the Scripture and led in prayer, and after a hymn was sung, President French stated that Rev. Dr. Gardner of South Jersey had been announced as the speaker, but he was unable to be present on account of the illness of his wife. Dr. Livermore of New Market was also expected to be present, but he, too, had failed to respond. In view of these disappointments, Rev. Mr. Honeyman had kindly consented to deliver an address, and he was then introduced. The reverend gentleman began by telling an interesting anecdote entitled "Deacon Giles' Dissillery." He then gave five reasons why a man should sign the pledge, each of which he proved by apt illustrations, and cited many instances to substantiate his statements. The reasons were: First, because it brings in more money; second, because it gives better health; third, because he is better fitted for his work; fourth, because he is stronger intellectually, and lastly, because he has more happiness. The speaker also alluded to moderate drinking, and told of the disastrous results arising from it. Many, he said, were today going down the rapids of danger through moderate drinking, and yet they think they are in no imminent danger. He closed by appealing to all to come forward and sign the pledge. President French made the usual closing appeal, and strongly urged the necessity of electing temperance Councilmen at the coming municipal election. At the close of his remarks fourteen persons came forward and attached their signatures to the total abstinence pledge, making fifty-five names added within the past three weeks. The meeting throughout was very instructive and entertaining, and shows that with the advent of cooler weather, renewed interest is taken in these Sunday evening meetings.

Seventh-Day Baptist Convention.

The yearly meeting of the Seventh-Day Baptist churches of New York, New Market, Shiloh, Marlboro and Plainfield began in this city on Friday evening and concluded yesterday morning. Services were held in the Seventh-Day Baptist church on Friday evening, and on Saturday morning confirmation services were held, and Messrs. Nathan H. Randolph and Frank S. Wells were ordained as deacons of the church. Rev. Dr. Lewis, the pastor, preached an eloquent sermon, and especially fine music for the occasion was furnished by a double quartette. In the evening Rev. Mr. Bowen of Marlboro preached, and yesterday morning Rev. J. G. Burdick of New York, preached the concluding sermon. Delegates were present from each of the above churches, and during their stay in this city, they were entertained by members of the church and congregation.

Another Help for Evona's Chapel.

So successful was the recent parlor entertainment at the residence of Mrs. Conant, of Evona, she has kindly consented to arrange another for the same laudable purpose—the benefit of the Church of The Heavenly Rest. The date will be Thursday evening of next week, and the programme will be similar to that of the past occasion. The first part will consist of musical selections by the same talented artists as donated their services before. The latter portion of the programme will be entirely devoted to another comedy—but of a higher order—by the same clever and charming amateurs as made such a success at their debut. Tickets will be placed at one dollar, that the house may not again be so overcrowded.

Ramblings in Rome.

These are what our people may please themselves with Tuesday evening at Music Hall, "personally conducted" by Mr. Ragan, who has shown himself a very competent guide in other interesting localities. The Rome of our day, the capital of Italy, is a wonderful city, even aside from the memories in past ages when, from her seven hills, she ruled the world. And by what means, short of an actual visit, can one acquire so adequate a conception of her magnificence as is offered by Ragan's views and description? Take note of the advertisement and go to the hall with your family and friends.

—It is all well enough to say that 13 is an unlucky number. But this country started in business with 13 States, and seemed to be holding her own up to the time of going to press.

That Football Match.

The game of football on Thanksgiving Day played between a New Brunswick team and the Plainfield representatives, was one of the hardest fought battles ever contested between athletes of these cities. The team sent over to compete with us consisted of a number of Y. M. C. A. boys and Rutgers College students who have trained since the opening of college, just for this work. The centre rush was an old timer, having fought battles with the Harvard and Yale teams, and displayed with much éclat a scar on his hand from the vicious tooth of big Cox of Yale. The Plainfield boys felt the loss keenly of their old standbys Yates, Tracy and Vincent, but with the following gentlemen who composed the team played ball that would credit a college:

Fred Walz, centre rush; Herbert Peck, right guard; Dean Byder, right tackle; Robert Tracy, right end rush; Edward French, left guard; Cass Kirkner, left tackle; Fletcher Hallock, left end rush; Duncan Morgan, half back; Marion Ackerman, half back; Jacobus, full back. The boys all played so well that individual work was not as noticeable as of former years, but Ackerman's pointing and rushing, also Morgan's excellent dodging deserves especial notice. Beebe the little quarter back is destined to rival Beecher of Yale, both men gained their early knowledge of football from the Polytechnic School of Brooklyn, and both are grand players. Peck's tackling was good and when he put his hands on a man he generally came down.

It had been agreed at the outset of the game in order to catch the 12.33 train for the great Yale and Harvard contest, to play but one-half or three-quarters of an hour. The ground was in excellent condition and the boys showed fight, so we think it just as well the New Brunswick team did not finish the game. We bear New Brunswick no hard feelings but really when a team enters our peaceful town and engages in a friendly contest of any kind, we wish they would size up a little better and not try to win a game by bluff or slugging, though the boys are small they are gritty. We would like to mention that the New Brunswick referee filled his position with honor and acted at all times in a most courteous manner. Plainfield should indeed be proud of her boys. When a college president will so enthrall as to throw his hat into the air at the success of his college in a football game, there is no reason why Plainfield should not turn out next Saturday when the Columbia Freshmen meet our boys for the third consecutive year. Columbia having won one game, the second resulting in a draw; and this year a most exciting contest may be expected. As we announced in our issue of last Friday, the score at the close of the game was 10 to 0 in favor of Plainfield.

"Jim, the Penman."

This great dramatic work will be presented here on Friday evening of next week by Mr. A. M. Palmer's company, with the same perfection that characterized its recent run at the Madison Square Theatre. This is the principal organization now presenting the play, and it is the same one which appears in New York and all the large cities of the country. It is headed by Miss Ada Dyas and Mr. Jos. G. Whiting, and also includes Mr. W. J. Ferguson, whose light comedy efforts are always so popular in the metropolis. We have Mr. Palmer's personal guaranty that the performance will be of a high order of excellence, and this is quite sufficient to fully satisfy our theatre-goers. And no manager stands higher in the public estimation or with greater reason than Mr. Palmer. Music Hall will surely be crowded by those who have already seen the play at the home theatre, as well as by those who, having missed that chance, can now witness it presented by the best company who will ever be seen in the play in this country.

Salesman Wanted.

One who never sleeps; who goes after business early and late; accosts the merchant in his store; the scholar in his study; the lawyer in his office; the lady at her breakfast table. Who can be in a thousand places at once and speak to thousands of people every day, saying to each the best thing in the best manner, one that can be relied on without fear of embezzlement, and will build up an enormous trade. An advertisement in THE DAILY PRESS will be found to be such a salesman.

—Mrs. W. R. Mattox lost a valuable locket, over 100 years old, at the W. R. C. bazaar on Saturday evening. She requests its return to her residence on Park avenue.

—Julia Cuff, the colored woman from North Plainfield who was sentenced to the Somerville Jail on Friday, Nov. 4th, for twenty days, for drunkenness, was released on Saturday. During that day Julia again imbibed freely and at night confiscated a box of shirts from a West Front street dry goods store, and several bars of soap from a grocery store. Officer Lynch arrested her and this afternoon she was taken to the lockup in North Plainfield.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IT WILL VERY LIKELY BE READY BY SATURDAY.

The Care That Will Be Taken to Prevent Advance Copies From Being Obtained.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The president devotes the bigger part of every afternoon to the construction of his message. In the middle of November each of the cabinet officers presents to the president a synopsis of his report. The president takes each in its turn, carefully digests it, and weighs each point with the greatest deliberation. He has not progressed as rapidly as he had hoped, but he expects now to have the message finished by Saturday.

On Wednesday, the president will send one-half of the government printing office. It will be carried by a special messenger to and from the printing office, because six years ago one of President Hayes' messages was stolen. A dispute arose between the messenger from the white house and the messenger from the printing office. The present system was then adopted, by which the responsibility is placed on the public printer alone.

Thirty selected men are put to work on the message, not because they are good, and would not steal the document, but because they are the best composition. They are not put under oath or secrecy, because their "takes" are so small that they would avail them nothing were they disposed to be dishonest. They have a room by themselves. The proofs are read in Foreman Brian's office. More vigilance is exercised over the care of the proofs than over the composition.

The director of the mint, in his annual report, says that the value of the gold and silver received at the mints and assay offices during the year was greater than in any previous year since 1881. The value of the gold deposited was \$63,233,072. In addition there were deposits of the value of \$13,147,066, making the total \$76,380,138, against \$63,006,344.65 in 1896, being an excess of \$13,373,793.43. The value of the silver deposited and purchased was \$47,754,918. In addition there were redeposits of silver amounting to \$403,112, making the total, calculated at the coining rate, \$48,158,030, against \$57,917,026 in the preceding year, an excess of \$10,392,003.

Of the gold deposited \$32,773,927 was of domestic production, \$22,517,925 of foreign gold, \$10,089,512 of foreign gold coin, \$118,944 of United States gold coin, and \$4,165,210 of old material. The coining of the fiscal year was as follows:

Description.	Pieces.	Value.
Gold.....	2,724,131	\$22,517,925
Silver.....	44,281,228	\$47,754,918
Minor coins.....	34,158,568	\$4,165,210
Totals.....	81,164,927	\$74,438,053

In addition to the coining, gold and silver bars were manufactured as follows: Gold, \$8,185,943; silver, \$6,451,611. Total, \$14,637,554.

The silver bullion purchased during the year for the silver dollar coinage was \$2,485,342 standard ounces, of the cost of \$25,188,620.

The director estimates the stock of coin and bullion in the United States on July 1, 1897, as follows:

	Coin.	Bullion.	Total.
Gold.....	\$69,448,065	\$5,512,970	\$74,961,035
Silver.....	\$44,281,228	\$10,465,590	\$54,746,818

The director estimates the stock of gold and silver on Nov. 1, 1897, to have been: Gold, \$74,927,573; silver dollars, \$27,110,157; subsidiary silver, \$75,758,186; total coin, \$277,795,916.

Revised estimates of the production of gold and silver in the world for the calendar years 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896 show:

	Gold.	Silver.	Coining value.
1893.....	\$25,392,300	\$115,068,000	\$140,460,300
1894.....	30,194,000	116,564,000	\$146,758,000
1895.....	32,753,900	127,257,000	\$160,010,900
1896.....	37,951,000	130,288,000	\$168,239,000

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The report contains several articles on the technical operations of the mint, and on new legislation proposed for the consideration of congress.

LYNCHERS HANG A BOY.

He Was Accused of Being Responsible For Numerous Incendiary Fires.

MODESTO, Cal., Nov. 23.—A boy was found hanging to a tree in Patterson's field about half a mile from Oakdale yesterday morning. Investigation proved the body to be that of a boy named Frank McCutcheon, aged 16 years, and that he came to his death at the hands of a mob.

Oakdale has been visited by a great many fires recently, all of which gave unmistakable evidence of being the work of an incendiary.

On Friday evening, about 5 o'clock, young McCutcheon was caught in the act of setting fire to a barn belonging to Moller and Dunlap, and taken before Justice Warder, who held him to answer before the superior court.

Excitement was running high in Oakdale and it was deemed a precautionary measure to move the prisoner immediately to the county jail, and Constable James Savantoi started out at a late hour for this city.

A Patterson's field, the constable was overpowered by a crowd, who took the prisoner out of the officer's charge, and hanged him to an oak tree in the field near the road.

A Great Event for California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The completion of the California and Oregon railroad, which will give direct communication between San Diego and Portland and points on Puget Sound, and which has been regarded on the Pacific coast as second in importance only to driving the last spike which completed the overland system connecting the East with the West, is near a hand. Nine miles of track remain to be laid on the northern grade of the Niskiyou mountains, and this will be finished by Dec. 1. The authorities of San Francisco, Sacramento and Portland are making arrangements for the celebration of the event.

Another Reduction in Dressed Meat Rates.

HEAVY SNOW IN THE WEST.

Iowa, Minnesota and Dakota Visited by a Genuine Blizzard.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 23.—About 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon the wind shifted suddenly to the north, snow began to fall and the temperature took a surprising drop, falling fifteen degrees in six hours. A brisk north wind drifted the snow badly. The storm has all the symptoms of a Dakota blizzard, and indicates a probable blockade of railway traffic.

MASON CITY, Ia., Nov. 23.—A genuine blizzard set in at noon Saturday, and continued for some time without any sign of abatement. Snow fell thick and drifted badly. Trains are all late.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Nov. 23.—The mercury has fallen twenty-five degrees in the last ten hours and last night it reached zero. A blinding snow storm raged all day yesterday and all trains are delayed. The roads will be blocked in a few hours unless the storms abate.

WATERLOO, Ia., Nov. 23.—A terrific blizzard raged here last night with a rapidly falling temperature.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 23.—Reports received show a general snow storm with high winds prevailing throughout Iowa, Minnesota and Dakota. Railroad traffic in several instances has been delayed.

Business Troubles.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 23.—Robert D. Robinson, assistant for L. S. Butterfield (the Detroit Paper company), has filed a schedule of assets and liabilities with the county clerk. The aggregate debts are placed at \$115,445, and the assets at \$26,600. The list of creditors is a long one, and includes business houses in the East and in Ohio.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 23.—Theodore Ezendorff, wholesale and retail druggist, 541 Main street, has made an assignment. His liabilities are \$61,000 and his assets \$63,000. Snow collections caused the failure.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 23.—Joseph W. Branch, for a long time at the head of the firm of Branch, Crookes & Co., one of the members of the Branch Crookes Saw company, both of which concerns have done a large business, has made an individual assignment for the benefit of his creditors. No statement of assets and liabilities is made, but it would seem that the assets above the mortgage will prove to be very small.

A Present for Dr. Bacon.

SAVANNAH, Nov. 23.—Dr. Leonard Woolley Bacon, recently of Connecticut and Philadelphia, and who was dismissed from his congregation here, has been presented by his friends with a costly gold watch and chain. His daughter was also presented with a check for a handsome amount. Yesterday he preached his farewell sermon to the independent Presbyterian congregation. After the morning services five of the seven elders resigned. Two did so through chagrin at the doctor's defeat for re-election. The other three probably wanted to counteract any sentiment that might develop in favor of Dr. Bacon through the resignation of two elders who had supported him. The schism in the church does not give any promise of closing. Dr. Bacon leaves for New York on Tuesday, after an eventful pastorate of thirteen months.

Proposed Memphis Bridge.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 23.—According to the statements of Mr. Reese T. Edmondson, of Washington, and Mr. Ford, of New York who are now in the city, and who hold the only charter for bridging the Mississippi river at Memphis, arrangements were entered into Saturday whereby, it is claimed that work will begin in earnest in less than a month. It is understood that the matter is so arranged that Mr. Vanben thuyzen, who represents the Poughkeepsie N. Y. Construction company, is to have charge of the work, which is to be done by the Union Bridge company, of New York city. This is the same company that built the great iron bridge at Niagara Falls and is now building the bridge for the Illinois Central railway across the Ohio at Cairo. Mr. Vanben thuyzen left for New York last evening.

International Quarantine.

MONTREAL, Nov. 23.—The Province board of health has adopted resolutions to be forwarded to Sir Charles Tupper, asking that, in view of his intimate connection with the American authorities at the present time, he should urge upon them the necessity for establishing uniform quarantine regulations for both countries. The resolutions point out that Canada and the United States were connected to the same extent with the quarantine question, and in view of the recent arrivals of cholera cases in New York they should mutually protect each other.

Baseball in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The Chicago Philadelphia and St. Louis baseball club have arranged to play a schedule of thirty six games in the city, to conclude Feb. 11, playing three games a week. The first game was played Sunday afternoon between the Chicago and St. Louis, resulting in favor of St. Louis, by a score of 16 to 6. The New York club is playing a series of games with the California league club. They played with the Pioneers, champion of the California league, Sunday afternoon, and New York won by a score of 1 to 0.

Why Prohibition Failed in Oregon.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 23.—It is a striking fact that in the towns in this state where partial or complete prohibition is in force about as much liquor is used as before. A Portland gentleman recently visited Goldendale, a prohibition town, and he says that in less than fifteen minutes seven prominent citizens promised to shoot him as many places where he could get drunk on the sly. In view of this state of affairs it is not surprising that state prohibition failed in the recent election.

Resignation of an Erie Official.

ELMHURST, N. Y., Nov. 23.—The anticipated resignation of Supt. A. M. Tucker, of the Susquehanna division of the Erie, was announced to-day. It will take effect on Dec. 15, when Mr. Tucker will retire from the railroad business with which he has been identified for thirty-five years. Clinton V. Merrick, now trainmaster of the division, is mentioned as the possible successor. Mr. Tucker will retire to his home in Elkhart, Ind., and devote himself to his property in that place.

Old Soldiers Excited.

BUFFALO, Nov. 23.—Members of the Grand Army of the Republic are excited over the reported indictment of 150 veterans who are inmates of the Soldiers' Home at Bath in the charge of illegal voting. They were practically disfranchised by a recent decision of the higher courts, which held that the home was a charitable institution and the old soldiers did not gain voting residence.

LIST OF ADVERTISED LETTERS.

REMAINING IN PLAINFIELD POST OFFICE FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 23, 1897.

Coedit, Mrs. John Conroy, Kate Courrid, Miss Katie Carpenter, Mr. Howard F. Donahue, Miss Kate Donnell, Miss Ellis O. Dunn, John Horton, Mrs. T. R. Homer, G. H. Haines, Mrs. Kate Halsey, Miss E. D. Jukes, Mrs. E. J. Lowe, Mr. Fred J. Nedean, John (3) Warmser, Mr. Field.

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SHOCKING SCENE IN A JAIL

INDIAN DESPERADOES STAB THEIR WHITE COMRADES.

They Then Escape Trial By Suicide—Three Persons Killed in an Effort to Arrest a Horse Thief.

GLENVIEW, Mo., Nov. 23.—Three Sioux Indians named Finger-Nail, Sitting-in-Front and Pete Matthews, confined in the county jail here for horse stealing, made an attack on two white prisoners. Their weapons were table knives, a pair of scissors, and common chairs with which the jail was supplied. After inflicting mortal wounds on one of the white prisoners, Finger-Nail and Sitting-in-Front hanged themselves in their cells with their bunk straps. They were assisted by the other Indian, Pete Matthews, who, after they had committed the deed, tried to butt his brains out against the wall of the cell, but was secured and ironed by Sheriff Tuttle and several other persons. The two Indians who hanged themselves stabbed themselves all over their bodies before resorting to hanging.

Francisco Salamo, an Italian, who was confined on a charge of burglary, was stabbed in several places, and the county physician does not expect him to live. The other prisoner, L. H. Tuck, awaiting the action of the grand jury on a charge of rape, was stabbed and pounded over the head with chairs in the hands of the Indians. He regained consciousness late in the afternoon, and only remembered that the Indians attacked him with knives, after which he became unconscious. The doctor says he will recover with proper care.

The Indians tried to startle themselves to death several months ago, and after that remarked that they would not live to be tried for horse stealing.

Three Persons Killed.

PORT SMITH, Ark., Nov. 23.—Deputy Marshal Frank Dalton and J. R. Cole crossed the river into the Cherokee nation yesterday to arrest a horse thief and whisky peddler named Smith, who, they were told, was at a tent on the Alexander place, about a mile and a half from here. Arriving at the tent, Cole rode upon one side and Dalton on the other. Seeing a man at the door of the tent Dalton inquired for Smith, who rushed out, pistol in hand. Dalton said: "Don't shoot; I want no trouble." But Smith fired, shooting him in the left breast, inflicting a mortal wound. Dalton fell from his horse with the hammer of his pistol caught at half cock. Cole shot Smith as he turned to enter the tent. Then a woman ran out with a child in her arms, and a man named Dixon followed her. Cole, who had dismounted, stepped backward, but his spur catching in a tent cord, he tripped and fell. As he rose Dixon shot him through the right breast. Cole tried to shoot him, but the woman caught his Winchester. Quickly jerking loose, however, he fired, shooting Dixon in the shoulder.

He then backed to a tree, and a regular fight followed in which the wife of Dixon was accidentally killed, and two bullets were put through Cole's coat and the barb was peeled off the tree behind which he was sheltered. Finding a chance to escape, Cole hurried

COERCION'S CRUEL CLUB

SEVERAL PEOPLE HURT AT LIMERICK YESTERDAY.

The Attempt to Demonstrate in Honor of the Manchester Martyrs Results in a Serious Collision With the Police.

LIMERICK, Nov. 28.—The attempt to demonstrate here yesterday in honor of the Manchester martyrs was frustrated by the police and resulted in a serious riot.

Mr. John McInerney, formerly of New York, who came here to preside over the ceremony of unveiling the statue of the martyrs, proceeded to deliver an oration in the presence of an immense crowd of people, when the police appeared and forbade further exercises.

The crowd, however, defied the police, and the latter attempted to disperse the gathering and clear the streets, using bayonets and batons freely. This summary action infuriated the people, who made a desperate resistance, many civilians and constables being injured and taken to the hospital.

The unwarrantable brutality of the police incensed the people in the houses and hotels along the streets, who taunted the constables from the windows with cowardice. The police became reckless and threw stones and other missiles, many of them throwing their staves at the windows, smashing hundreds of panes of glass and inflicting severe cuts upon some persons who were unable to get out of the way.

Meanwhile the resistance of the people in the streets, who resorted to the use of stones and every conceivable form of missile, became so formidable that the police were compelled to send for the military to aid them.

The troops appeared, but they were not called into active service, as the municipal officers of the city had succeeded in quieting the people and inducing them to return to their homes.

The town was perfectly quiet at 11 o'clock last night and no further trouble is expected. Thirty wounded persons were treated in the hospitals, and a large number were taken or were able to walk to their homes.

NO TROUBLE OCCURRED.

Trafalgar Square and Hyde Park Were Quiet Sunday.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Although the general quietude of yesterday was in marked contrast with the disorder of the last few Sundays, there was still enough of the aggressive element among those who spent their time in the vicinity of Trafalgar Square to give the police something to do and to dissipate the confidence of a great many persons who believed that no further trouble was possible.

Several skirmishes took place during the day, and in each case the police cleared the square in a remarkably short space of time. Nobody was allowed to loiter, and bodies of mounted police made the circuit of the square to see to it that the general order to "keep moving" was obeyed. At neither Trafalgar Square nor Hyde Park was there any demonstration suggesting a disposition to start a riot, and on the whole both the people and the police behaved admirably. The streets were not swarming with police, as they were last Sunday, and the few special constables to be seen here and there made no effort to assert their temporary authority beyond giving an occasional warning to loiterers, which, in almost every case, was immediately heeded.

Emperor William's Grief.

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—Emperor William received the president and vice-president of the reichstag yesterday and was presented by them with an address expressing sympathy with the Crown Prince in his affliction. In reply the emperor said the ailment of the Crown Prince was a severe visitation, in view of the abilities he possessed to continue the policy of Germany in a manner which would have enabled him (the emperor) to have closed his eyes in peace. He also expressed his sincere regret at the resignation of the presidency of the French republic by M. Grevy.

Grevy Will Resign Thursday.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—M. Grevy formally informed M. Rouvier yesterday that he had resolved to resign the presidency and would send a message to that effect to the senate and chamber of deputies on Thursday. M. Rouvier, upon the receipt of this information, proceeded at once to the residence of M. Floquet, the president of the chamber, to announce M. Grevy's resignation. Motions to adjourn until Thursday will be made in both houses to-day.

Stanley Men Reported Starving.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The last mail advice received from the Upper Congo says that Tippu Tib had not yet sent the promised carriers to Stanley's rear guard at Yam-buya to convey stores for Emin Pasha, and that Stanley had proceeded without them. Many of the men had died from starvation.

TOBACCO CROP SHORT.

The New Yield Millions of Pounds Less Than the Average.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 28.—The leaf tobacco situation is comparatively recovered in the Courier Journal of this date, and a yield much less than recent averages is shown.

The western leaf crop foots up 76,000,000 pounds, which is 62.6 per cent. of recent averages, and the eastern leaf crop, 72,000,000 pounds, or fifty per cent. decrease.

The eastern and western leaf crops and all the market stocks of the United States make up 263,000,000 pounds against 591,000,000 a year ago and 575,000,000 two years ago. The supply from the new crop and market stocks falls 211,000,000 pounds below the late average taken for domestic and foreign consumption, while in 1895 there was a surplus of 23,000,000 pounds, and in 1896 a surplus of 24,000,000 pounds. The western crop is 37,000,000 pounds and the eastern crop is 35,000,000 pounds.

An Addition to "Ben Hur."

Recently a new line has been put in Lew Wallace's "Ben Hur." It is on the dedicatory page, which was formerly inscribed

To the wife of my youth.

Now he has added the line:

Who still abides with me.

A friend of the author explained the other day that General Wallace received so many consolatory and sympathetic letters from readers of "Ben Hur" who thought a deep grief and lasting sorrow were associated with the wife of his youth that it was necessary to inform them that she was also the loving wife of his old age.

WHAT CANADIANS THINK.

About the Fisheries, Commercial Union and Annexation.

BANGOR, Me., Nov. 28.—The Bangor Commercial sent representatives to St. John and other New Brunswick points and interviewed many prominent men there on the subjects of commercial union, the fisheries and other leading questions. Among those who expressed opinions are Hon. David McClellan, provincial secretary of New Brunswick; Hon. C. A. Everitt, late member of the Dominion parliament; Thomas R. Jones, member of the New Brunswick legislative council; Sir Leonard Tilley, Alexander Gibson and Lewis Dexter. None of these gentlemen endorse commercial union with the exception of Mr. Jones.

All express friendly feeling toward the United States, which feeling they say exists throughout the entire province.

They look to the settlement of the fishery dispute by the commission, and that very soon. There is no great feeling in the province for annexation, but several think the people would readily favor it if it were broached in the right manner.

When asked in regard to the project for purchasing the provinces by the United States, they asserted that such a proposition would not be considered by the people of the Dominion for a moment.

The people of the Dominion would accept such a proposition in the same spirit as would the people of the United States in case Canada should make an offer for the purchase of the state of Maine.

GLADSTONE WILE COME.

He Proposes to Make a Two Months Visit in America.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 28.—Charles A. Gillig, of the American exchange, London, registered at the American Saturday. Mr. Gillig stated that his present visit to the United States was for the purpose of perfecting the necessary arrangements for a visit by Mr. Gladstone in April next. "Mr. Gladstone," said Mr. Gillig, "has so far overcome his dread of an ocean voyage that he will make a short stop to this country in the spring. One thing that tended to bring about this change of mind in Mr. Gladstone was the fact that his physicians have long advised him that an ocean voyage would be beneficial to his health, and as he has always cherished a desire to visit this country, now that his dread of the ocean has been conquered, he embraces the opportunity eagerly." Mr. Gillig says that Mr. Gladstone's visit will occupy about two months' time, and that he will visit only the principal cities.

Prospecting for Oil.

NORWALK, Conn., Nov. 28.—Peter P. Cohen, a wealthy citizen of Ridgefield, who has had years of experience in the Pennsylvania oil fields, after months of prospecting believed that the little town was situated over an oil field of considerable magnitude. When these facts became public no little excitement was produced, and a score or more of the resident capitalists grew at once deeply interested. The result was the calling of a special oil meeting and the organization of the Ridgefield oil and gas heating and gas lighting company, for the purpose of boring for oil and gas. The capital stock is \$12,500, in shares of \$5 each and the amount is being rapidly subscribed for. Work will be commenced as soon as the necessary preparations can be made.

She Fights Her Own Battles.

PLAINFIELD, Nov. 28.—Miss Emma J. Porter's term as postmaster of Somerville, will expire on December 17. She is a candidate for reappointment, and she has gone to Washington laden with letters and credentials from many of the prominent democrats in Somerset county. She is a very fine looking woman, has an attractive face, a graceful figure and moreover is a brilliant talker. That she has gone to bring the best adjuncts of victory to bear upon President Cleveland is considered unfair by the four other candidates. Betting is lively on the result, and odds are given that she will receive the appointment. The salary is \$1,500.

Iron Deposit in Vermont.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt., Nov. 28.—Parties who have been mining iron and manganese in South Wallingford for several months past have struck at a depth of 600 feet the most extensive deposit ever found in this section. The iron is in so pure a state that it is shipped as it comes out of the earth to Bessemer, where, after being mixed with other metal, it is said to form the best quality of steel. The deposit shows that at some time in the past great heat caused the melting and running together of the metal, leaving it free from impurity.

All Three Were Drowned.

MORRISTOWN, Ill., Nov. 28.—Three children of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. White, Little, aged twelve; George, aged fifteen, and Charles, aged eight, were playing with their sleds on the ice on Rock creek when Charles broke through. George ran to his assistance and in his efforts to save the drowning boy he also went under the ice. The sister Little then made a frantic attempt to save her two brothers and all three were drowned. The bodies were recovered after being in the water about an hour.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

Mr. Rider Haggard has announced that he will not visit America at present, but may next autumn.

Japanese papers just received in San Francisco declare that James G. Blaine is expected to visit that country next spring.

William Morley, employed at the Kerr Submarine Cable Co., N. Y., fell into a vat of scalding brine Saturday and cannot recover.

Henry Jones, a rich shoe manufacturer of Lynn, Mass., has been sued by Miss Ella F. Trivison, of Swampscott, for breach of promise, and she fixes the injury at \$20,000.

Isaac Ellis, formerly United States deputy internal revenue collector, at Lockport, N. Y., and editor and proprietor of the St. George Advocate, has disappeared, heavily indebted.

The race for the Manchester November handicap at Manchester, Saturday, was won by Mr. Somers's 4-year-old Carlton. Mr. J. H. Houldsworth's 3-year-old Sorrento was second, and Mr. A. Taylor's 6-year-old Stourhead third.

A man giving his name as Armistage, was arrested in Pittsburgh Saturday night for forging the name of J. W. Mackey. He said he represented the California millionaire and tried to borrow \$100 on a \$500 check, it being after banking hours.

G. W. Hafford, editor of The Detroit Trade Journal, died through the streets of Akron, Ohio, Saturday. His wife following him with a stone. He came here and found her keeping house with a single boarder and was boistered for remonstrating.

At Wausau, Wis., early Saturday morning, a building occupied as a dwelling by an English, his wife and five children, was consumed by fire, and before assistance could reach them three of the children perished, and the other two and the father have since died of their injuries.

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Leave New York from foot of Liberty Street 4.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.30, 9.00, 10.15, 11.00 a. m., 1.00, 1.30, 2.15, 3.30, 4.45, 4.00, 4.30, 5.00, 5.15, 5.30, 5.45, 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.15, 9.30, 11.30, 12.00 p. m. Sunday—4.00, 8.45, 9.00 a. m., 12.00, p. m., 1.30, 4.00, 5.30, 6.30, 9.30, 12.00 p. m.

PLAINFIELD AND NEWARK.

Leave Plainfield 5.43, 6.29, 6.59, 7.29, 7.58, 8.40, 9.52, 10.37, 11.08, 11.42, a. m., 12.35, 1.21, 2.25, 2.54, 3.51, 5.25, 5.32, 6.05, 7.03, 8.39, 9.18, 11.23, p. m. Sunday—5.43, 10.33, 11.32, a. m., 1.27, 3.30, 5.16, 7.28, 9.25, p. m.

Leave Newark—6.20, 7.05, 8.35, 9.05, 10.35, 11.00, a. m., 1.05, 1.35, 2.57, 3.40, 4.00, 4.35, 5.05, 5.35, 5.54, 6.29, 7.10, 7.35, 8.20, 9.50, 11.15 p. m. Sunday—8.50, a. m., 12.20, 1.45, 4.10, 5.35, 9.15, p. m.

Passengers for Newark change cars at Elizabeth.

PLAINFIELD AND SOMERVILLE.

Leave Plainfield 5.10, 7.14, 8.05, 9.21, 11.30, 11.44, a. m., 2.02, 3.30, 4.34, 5.16, 5.31, 6.02, 6.34, 6.58, 7.36, 8.08, 8.17, 9.29, 10.45, 12.43, p. m. Sunday—5.10, 10.14, a. m., 2.45, 5.14, 6.34, 10.45, p. m.

Leave Somerville 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 7.35, 7.50, 8.15, 9.25, 10.15, 11.15, a. m., 12.35, 2.00, 3.25, 5.00, 5.40, 6.15, 8.40, 11.00, p. m. Sunday—6.00, 11.05, a. m., 1.00, 4.50, 7.00, 8.50, p. m.

PLAINFIELD AND EASTON.

Leave Plainfield 5.10, 8.05, 9.21, a. m., 2.02, 2.16, 4.34, 5.02, 5.16, 6.38, p. m. Sunday—5.10, a. m., 6.34, p. m.

Leave Easton 6.55, 8.57, a. m., 12.40, 4.15, 7.00, p. m. Sunday—7.15, a. m., 7.00, p. m.

WESTWARD CONNECTIONS.

LEAVE PLAINFIELD

5.10, a. m.—For Easton, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg and Mauch Chunk, connecting at High Bridge for Schooley's Mountain, etc. Sundays, to Easton.

7.14, a. m.—For Flemington.

8.05, a. m.—For Easton, Wind Gap, and Mauch Chunk.

9.21, a. m.—For Flemington, High Bridge, Branch, Easton, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Mauch Chunk, Williamsport, Pottsville, Nanticoke, Upper Lehigh, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, etc.

2.02, p. m.—For Flemington, Easton, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Mauch Chunk, &c.

4.34, p. m.—For Easton, Wind Gap, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Shamokin, Drifton, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, &c.

5.02 and 5.16, p. m.—For Flemington, High Bridge, Branch, Schooley's Mountain, Easton, &c.

6.02, p. m.—For Flemington.

6.38, p. m.—For Easton, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Mauch Chunk, &c.

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Leave Plainfield 3.27, 8.00, 11.08, 11.42, a. m., 12.35, 2.51, 5.25, 6.05 p. m. Sunday—3.27, 8.01, 8.51, 10.35, 11.52 a. m., 1.27, 3.30, 5.16, 7.20, 7.28, 9.25 p. m.

For Perth Amboy—3.27, 5.43, 8.00, 11.08, 11.42, a. m., 12.35, 2.51, 5.25, 6.05 p. m. Sunday—3.27, 8.01, 8.51, 10.35, 11.52 a. m., 1.27, 3.30, 5.16, 7.20, 7.28, 9.25 p. m.

For Matawan—3.27, 5.43, 8.00, 11.08, a. m., 12.35, 2.51, 5.25, 6.05 p. m. Sunday—3.27, 8.01, 8.51, 10.35, 11.52 a. m., 1.27, 3.30, 5.16, 7.20, 7.28, 9.25 p. m.

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Leave Plainfield for Philadelphia and Trenton, 5.10, 8.05, 9.45, 11.44, a. m., 2.16, 3.30, 4.07, 8.17, p. m., 1.15, night. Sunday—5.10, 9.45, a. m., 6.34, p. m., 1.22, night.

RETURNING—LEAVE PHILADELPHIA

Ninth and Green streets, 7.30, 8.30, 9.30, 11.00, a. m., 1.15, 2.45, 5.15, 6.45, 12.00, p. m. Sunday—8.30, a. m., 5.30, 12.00, p. m.

From Third and Berks streets, 8.30, 9.05, 10.30, a. m., 1.00, 3.30, 5.00, 6.00, p. m. Sunday—8.30, a. m., 6.30, p. m.

Leave Trenton, Warren and Tucker streets, 1.25, 8.09, 9.29, 10.10, 11.25, a. m., 1.54, 4.15, 7.25, p. m. Sunday—1.25, 9.18, 9.40, a. m., 6.15, 7.25, p. m.

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A MYSTERY SOLVED.
A Child's Shoe Found Imbedded in an Abalone After Many Years.
Twenty-six years ago a little child toddled from its mother's door-step on the shores of Halfmoon Bay to its playground on the smooth, pebbly beach, where it was accustomed to pass the sunny hours in innocent play, gathering shining shells, bright pebbles and gay sea mosses to carry home to add to its little hoard of treasures. There was, says the San Francisco Chronicle, no thought of danger in the mother's mind as she saw her little one go with unsteady steps down toward the shore, where the wavesets, lapping on the strand, were throwing up the objects for which the little toddler made a daily search. The hours passed on, and, at length, the mother becoming anxious at the prolonged absence of her baby, went to the door to call her home. She scanned the long stretch of the beach, but the little one was no where to be seen. This tide which was at the ebb when the little one left her home had come in, and there was nothing but white sand to be seen as far as the eye could reach. A search among the neighbors' houses brought no tidings of the little one, and the mother, now thoroughly alarmed, assisted by other members of the family, began an anxious search for the missing babe. The afternoon and evening wore away, and through the night the friends and neighbors kept up the search among the sand-hills and shrubs which lined the beach, but without avail. Not a trace could be found of the child.
The hours lengthened into days and the search had been abandoned so far as hopes of finding the child alive were concerned, but still the sorrowing mother made her daily search along the beach where her baby had been wont to play, hoping to find something which would give at least a clue to the fate of her darling. One day, the third or fourth after the disappearance of the child, the mother found a little bundle of clothing, wet and torn by the waves, which covered the remains of her little one, the body having been cast up by the sea during the night.
Catching the body up, she ran with it to the little house from which the light seemed to have fled with the loss of the child.
The little body was prepared by tender hands for burial, but it was found that the right foot of the little one was missing. It was supposed that the child had fallen from a reef of rocks which ran out into deep water, and had been drowned, and that some fish or sea monster had eaten off the foot. There seemed to be no mystery about the death, and the other children of the family were wont to listen with awe as the mother told in the gloaming how the little sister wandered away from home and was drowned. The children grew up and married and had little ones of their own, and the grandmother told again to a new set of auditors how her little baby girl went out to play and was killed by the cruel sea.
Simple as the death of the child seemed at the time, it turns out to have been one of those mysteries of the sea which are only revealed by accident. A short time ago one of the sons of the old lady, and a brother of the lost girl, picked up on the beach a piece of a large abalone shell which had been thrown up by the tide. He was attracted by the bright colors of the shell, and as he turned the shell to look at the inside, he was astonished to find attached to the interior of the shell the perfect representation of a child's shoe. Even to the little break in the toe, where the leather had worn away, every detail was reproduced in the brilliant colors which are characteristic of the interior of the abalone shell. Little thinking of the mystery revealed by the reproduction by nature of a baby's shoe, the young man carried the shell home as a curiosity. The first person to whom he showed it was his mother. No sooner did the old lady see the curiosity than she exclaimed: "It is my baby's shoe! The shoe of my little girl that was lost twenty-six years ago." The rest of the family ridiculed the idea, but going to the beach, such as most mothers have in the house, she produced the mate to the shoe. A careful comparison showed that the time-incrusted shoe in the shell and the memento of the dead child, carefully kept by a loving mother through the long years that she had mourned her little one, were undoubtedly mates.
The mystery of the child's death was revealed at last. Any one who knows the nature and habits of the abalone can readily understand what occurred. The little one had ventured out in the rocky reef, and in her clamoring had slipped from the slimy, moss-covered rocks into the shallow water below. Perhaps nothing more than a wetting would have happened to her, but as fate would have it her tiny foot slipped between the rock and the edge of a huge abalone which was clinging to the rock. The shell at once closed on the tender ankle, and the little one who was a prisoner, to be held till the rising tide swept over her and put an end to the innocent life. It may be that she was thrown into the water and held by the vise-like grip of the univalve so that her agony was brief, or she may have been held until the slowly-rising water choked her feeble cries for help.
Such cases are not unknown. A gentleman connected with one of the newspapers in this city was wandering with some friends on the reefs near Cypress Point at Monterey. His companions had gone ahead, and as he hurried on to overtake them he slipped in a hole on the reef. His foot went into the mouth, as it may be called, of an abalone. To his horror he was unable to extricate himself. It was just about the turn of tide, and realizing his danger he shouted lustily for help. Fortunately the other members of the party were not too far away to hear him and they returned to his rescue. One of party stripped and plunged into the pool, and with a large knife cut the cartilage with which the mollusk held the shell clasped to the rock. Had help not been at hand he would have been drowned by the incoming tide, and in all probability his fate would forever have remained a mystery.
Carrying the War Into Africa.
The negro children of Cameroon, the German colony on the east coast of Africa, are already prepared to receive the blessings of a German education, if it may judge from the fact that the teacher sent there by the Imperial Government has placed an order for a large number of black slates and pencils with the Rhinisch slate factory at Hamm. The German schoolmaster, so they said seventeen years ago, conquered the French. Is he now selected to conquer Africa?
The Smallest Manuscript in the World is to be sold: A grain of rice, with the whole first chapter of the Koran written on it; given to an English officer in 181

PLUCKY SWITCH ANNIE.

The Only Female Exponent of the Art of "Throwing Switches."

Milwaukee has a curious figure in the person of a female "switchman," writes a Chicago Times correspondent. Her name is "Switch Annie," and she is in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Company. She has the honor of being the only female exponent of the art of "throwing switches" in the country. The work is masculine, but the worker is feminine from the sole of her sensible walking-shoe to the top of her shapely head, possessed of the beauty of an English dairymaid and the muscle of a blacksmith. The eleven switches which she looks after are out near the stock-yards and include the most important points in the yards. They were formerly in charge of the girl's father, Joseph Grautner. For years Annie was his assistant, helping him almost from the time she was large enough to throw the switch-lever. She was advanced to regular assistant. The old man was easily "rattled" but Annie never. Her coolness and dexterity have saved many a loss to the company, while for herself she was never known to make a mistake that involved the loss of a dollar to the company.

Although Annie has been "throwing switches" for over twelve years her peculiar history has been hidden under the bushel of her isolated station. Of the thousands of people who used every year to pass her brown switch shanty not one was aware that it hid a curious history.

When I applied for information at the general offices in regard to Annie, I was referred to the yardmaster, H. S. Teal. I found him in his office on the second floor of a dingy and historic brick pile "down in the yards." My request brought a smile.

"You want to know about Annie?" said the rugged yardmaster, as he swung himself around so as to keep in view the glistening tracks and moving panorama of puffing engines shifting trains that kept weaving the transportation thread in the patch-work of commerce as we talked.

"She has the cleanest record of any one in my employ, and we have two hundred men in the yard. She never lost a dollar for the company, and that is more than I can say for any man in the yard. She rarely makes a mistake, and when she does it is always through a signal carelessly given."

"How is she regarded among the yardmen?"

"They think the world of Annie. They would fight for her in a minute, if necessary."

"Do not complaints come in occasionally?"

"I never had but one complaint from Annie in the whole twelve years she has been throwing switches. Once she was given a signal imperfectly, and sent a car down the wrong track. This is very annoying to the engine crew, as they have to back down and get it. As the engine went by one of the switchmen gave Annie a blast for her mistake. Well, the poor girl was heartbroken to think she had made a mistake—for she takes great pride in her work—and then to have this on top broke her all up. I happened to come out soon afterwards and she told me about it. The man was given his time, and that was the last complaint I ever heard from Annie."

The most prominent feature in Annie's character is her sunny disposition. This, perhaps, is the secret of her hold on the rough men with whom she is thrown in contact. She is never idle. When sitting in the switch "shanty" she knits mittens and stockings both for herself and the remainder of the family. When all are provided for she employs her needles on wristlets, which find a ready sale among the train-crews.

Many stories are told of Annie's pluck and dexterity, whereby serious accidents which would have entailed great destruction of life and property were averted. One of the most exciting instances of the kind occurred a year or more ago. By way of preface it must be explained that there is a down grade from the west towards the switch shanty. On the occasion in question a heavy freight train was coming down at full speed. As it neared one of the switches the engineer was horrified to find that it was turned wrong. The clear, glistening iron lines sparkled mischievously in the sunlight up to the switch. There they broke sharp off. Beyond was wreck and danger. The engineer whistled for brakes, reversed his engine, sanded the track, in an endeavor to check the ponderous mass behind him. The wheels hissed, snapped and cracked as they endeavored to get a reverse grip on the treacherous rails, but in vain. Annie was in the house at the time, fifty yards from the track. The whistle for brakes brought her to the door. A single glance showed her the danger, and her father hobbling towards the switch. With a bound she sprang from the doorstep and sped down the grassy path. Over the big foot-bridge that spanned a dip in the field she flew up on to the track. The switch was still twenty to thirty yards away. Heedless of the danger, for if the train left the track she was certain to be crushed, intent only on her duty, the faithful girl ran on. Nearer the engine came, creaking and groaning. Just as the wheels touched the last rail, Annie reached the switch. One hand pulled the pin, the other turned the lever, and the switch was set right, with less than ten feet to spare. The train rushed on in safety, with Annie breathless but triumphant, waving a salute to the crew without the least thought of having done the least thing heroic. The story got out, however, and Annie found herself, whether she would or no, a heroine. This was only one of the many instances where she has saved property from destruction by her cool head and prompt action.

The family live in a modest two-story frame, painted a sober brown, which stands back from the track in the midst of an unshaded meadow. The house and fuel are furnished free by the company. This, with the \$10 salary, is supposed to equal the \$35 paid other switchmen. Like them, Annie has a family to support; but, unlike them, she gets no pay for Sunday work. On this small income the family live—as do hundreds of others—comfortably, but with little chance to lay by anything for the inevitable "rainy day."

Bridegrooms in Hard Luck.
Young couples in Portland, Me., who have recently returned from bridal tours are comparing notes. One bridegroom was detained by the police on suspicion that he might be a law-breaker for whom they were looking. Another was taken into custody because he answered the description of a man who had eloped. The incident spoiled the journey of the bride, who was thereafter seized with nervousness whenever a policeman came in sight.

The great trouble with men who borrow from Peter to pay Paul is that they don't pay Paul.

JIM "GUV. OUT."

A Domestic Episode in Which Woman Was the Victor.

Jim Akers was a small, tow-headed, knock-kneed man, with irregular teeth, which made his mouth look like a steel trap twisted out of plumb, says a writer in the *Southern Biotac*. His wife was a large, raw-boned woman, fully a head taller and fifty pounds heavier than Jim. She had a temper of a half-famished wildcat, and no darkey just "gettin' religion" was ever half as much afraid of the devil as Jim was of her. He had reason to be. When she was fairly on the war-path she breathed chained lightning and dung cyclones from the tip of her tongue. Nor did she content herself with words only, however bitter and furious. She very often brushed the poor little wretch with a hickory until he felt as if he had borrowed his back of a saint fresh from the gridiron.

One bright, golden, delicious afternoon in the latter part of May, Jim left the patch where he had been hard at work all day, and "snuck een" to his cabin by the back way. He proceeded hastily to doff his every-day clothes and don his Sunday garments, casting furtive glances all the while at the black-doorway, terrible dame sitting in the front doorway knitting. With trembling haste he completed his preparations, and was shambling out again when his wife, previously apparently oblivious to his presence, shot a fierce glance at him to make him jump almost out of his shoes and brought the perspiration out from every pore.

"What you boun' for?" she asked.

"I 'lowed wuz gwine down to the fish-fry for a hour or two. Them boys is hev'in'—"

"Well, you 'lowed wrong. You jest histe off them close an' go on back inter that patch and finish hoein' them pertaters. Don't you distress yerself 'bout no fish-fries."

"But I done tole the boys I wuz gwine to be thar."

"Well, you tole 'em a lie."

"But Ed Sykes and Hank Evans is a-waitin' for me now at the cross-roads, and I'd rather not disappoint 'em."

"Well, I'd rather you would. Shet up, now, and do as you're tole."

Jim gasped and quaked with fear; but, for the first time in many years, he thoroughly realized the tyranny under which he was crushed. His heart was set on going to a fish-fry, and on that feeble, fluttering little organ a faint shadow, a dim eidolon of spirit became suddenly aroused. He hesitated a moment, ventured even to return the gaze of those glowing, wrathful eyes, and then started, saying:

"Well, I'm a-gwine."

Great Jehosaphat! Houp-la!

She swooped on him like an owl on a mouse. The air was filled and darkened with dust and sandy hair and a ouzing shriek.

Ed Sykes and Hank Evans, at the "cross-roads," became convinced that Jim's cabin had caught fire, and that he was perishing in the flames. They rushed in all haste to his assistance, but as they neared the spot the clatter subsided, and they heard a stern feminine voice, which caused them to halt and keep out of sight, say:

"Now I reckon you'll do as yer tole."

Then they recognized Jim's piping voice, protesting between convulsive sobs:

"I'd sorter giv out gwine befo' you spoke."

PRACTICAL REFORM.

The Colleague Way of Getting Rid and Keeping Rid of the Corset.

Mrs. Colonel Parker, of the Cook County Normal College, is doing more to bring about a reformation in women's dress than all the societies, clubs, shops and lecturers for the promotion of dress reform in the State, says the *Chicago Mail*. An average of one hundred and fifty pupil-teachers come under her instruction every year, and some of the most valuable lessons taught these young women were never dreamed of by bookmakers; and as ninety per cent. of the classes adopt the profession of teacher her influence is immeasurable. The beauty of her instruction is its practicality. She is one of the few who preach from their own practices.

At the Women's Club Mrs. Parker said:

"I begin the subject of dress orally. That is to say, with the use of statuettes, prints and art models. I keep the ideal constantly before my girls, just as the object for a drawing lesson is held before the class. More than that, I show them in an unobtrusive way that I myself am an apostle and make my habits conform to the ideal."

"It takes me just two weeks to get the corsets off the girls. At first there is a radical aversion. Eyes snap defiantly, and protest is shown by the diligent assumption of correct attitudes, but I soon convince them in the course of physical exercise that the body compressed and distorted by the garb of fashion can not fulfill the requirements of health and duty."

"There is method in my work. I do not let them take their corsets off as they would a hat or street garment, for a sudden removal is always attended with depression and weakness, and often a cold ensues. First the steels are taken out and buttons substituted. In a day or so I have the laces replaced with elastics which give with every action of the muscles. That day my physical or calisthenic exercises begin to be encouraging, and in canvassing the class few regrets are expressed for the steels and stout laces. The next step, is to have the bones pulled from their casings, leaving the alternate lengths of whalebone in for a few days, and when, finally, the corset has been reduced to a jeans or silken waist I prescribe another, with sufficient cords and ribs to support the figure."

"I never lose sight of the beauty that must characterize the dress as well as the life and manner of woman, but there can never be beauty in a garment against which nature and art rebel."

Real Estate in Berlin.

Booms in real estate are by no means confined to this side of the Atlantic. In a central location in Berlin, Prussia, the "Society of the Friends of Water"—commonly called testotolers—is in possession of a garden of about five acres in size, with their sanitarium in its center, which had cost a few thousand dollars forty-nine years ago. When the city was about to build a new market hall that ground was considered most convenient, and a price of \$2,000,000 was offered for it.

Unknown Hands in Pickle.

A jar containing two hands preserved in alcohol caused considerable excitement at a St. Louis saloon recently. The bartender says that about four weeks ago a young man, well-dressed, entered the saloon and asked permission to leave a paper package until next day. When no one came for it he kept under the paper and found the pickled hands. A patrol wagon removed the jar to the morgue.

CASCARONE-BREAKING.

A Pretty Spanish-American Custom Observed in Southern California.

Many interesting stories could be told of the cascarone balls of the past, says the *Chicago Herald*, but only one will be mentioned as an instance of the popularity of this peculiar feature of the balls. On one occasion, at a ball given at the residence of Don Jose Abrego, in Monterey, Cal., Pete Serrano, then a muchacho, was on hand selling cascarones. A gentleman approached and asked what he would take for his cascarones.

"One dollar a dozen," was the answer.

"How many have you?" was the next inquiry.

"Forty dozen,"

"All right, I'll take them."

Taking the basket he started down the hall, but had not taken a dozen steps when he was surrounded by a number of young ladies, and in a moment all hands were diving into the basket, coming out with double handfuls and crushing them on his head, while he manfully strove to return a few of the compliments he received. In five minutes not one of the forty dozen cascarones remained whole.

The modus operandi of cascarone-making is very simple, and about as follows: Into an empty eggshell—whole, except for an opening in one end just large enough to remove the original contents—is placed about a teaspoonful of finely-chopped paper of various bright colors and gold tinsel; then the opening is neatly closed by pasting a piece of colored paper over it, and then the cascarone is all ready for use. In Mexico, in the good old times, gold dust mixed with diamond dust was often used to fill the egg shells at the swell fandangoes, given by the old grandees. And it is done occasionally nowadays by some of the wealthy old dons who wish to do the thing up in style.

Another way of filling the shells was to use finely-perfumed powder, and sometimes rare and costly perfumes were used. Very often the shells were beautifully decorated and sometimes hand-painted. In Monterey, before the decline of the custom, the shells were often colored in fanciful designs, like Easter eggs, and at other times tastefully decorated with different colors of paper. Chopped paper and tinsel were usually put in the shells, but on more than one occasion gold dollar pieces were used—one in each shell. Spiced candy was often used, and sometimes powder and perfumery. Housewives religiously save the shells of all the eggs they use, and put them away until cascarone season comes around.

In cascarone breaking, it is not necessary that one should be acquainted; in fact, it is a sort of "mashing" process all through. The act of breaking a cascarone on another's head is to be considered a compliment by the recipient, who is in honor bound to return it the first opportunity. The proper way to break them is to crush the shell in the hand over the person's head, allowing its contents to fall on the head. In the excitement, however, the shell is more frequently broken on the head, regardless of locality or force used, and is oftentimes suggestive of any thing but amiable feeling on the part of the bestower.

THIRTY YEARS IN BED.

One of the Most Wonderful Examples of Human Endurance.

Benjamin C. Cortelyou, who lives just outside of this city, is a wonderful example of human endurance, writes a correspondent of the *New York Herald* from New Brunswick, N. J. Some thirty years ago, while employed on a frame building, Mr. Cortelyou lost his balance and fell to the ground. It was discovered that his back was broken and that he had received internal injuries. He was conveyed to his home and put to bed, and has ever since been unable to leave it. For twenty-six years he has reposed on his right side, from which position he has been unable to move. He is in constant agony, and his attendants rarely touch him, so acute is the pain.

For six years he has been unable to sit up in bed, and just before he was compelled to abandon the effort his cries could be heard a long way from the house. Hundreds of physicians have visited him, but not one has been able to afford him any relief. He has had over two hundred attacks of erysipelas. Three thousand ounces of laudanum and two hundred boxes of pills have been given him to quiet the pain, but all to no avail.

His wife died of a broken heart several years ago, and two children followed shortly afterward. Two daughters, who were sent out West twenty-eight years ago, have since married, but neither has seen the father during that time. Mr. Cortelyou has just turned sixty years, but looks twenty years older. His face and head are covered with long gray hair, while his general appearance is of a person in great suffering and pain.

SAVED BY A MULE.

How a California Man Was Rescued from Death by a Kick.

From the days of Adam until to-day the kick of a mule has been considered as dangerous to human life and limb as a ball shot from a Parrot cannon. It remains for Mr. Forward, an employee of Fred Stevens, to furnish a remarkable exception to the above rule, says the *Fresno (Cal.) Republican*. Forward was coming down the steep hill below the toll-house, seated on a large load of lumber and driving a team of six mules. The distance from the top of the load of lumber to the ground was fully ten feet. On the way down one of the forward wheels of the wagon ran up on a rock, and the wagon, made top-heavy by the load, was in imminent danger of tipping over.

Forward jumped to the ground, and in alighting broke his right leg, his body falling directly in front of the forward wheels of the wagon, which were beginning to move. He was helpless, and, instantly realizing his position, he shut his eyes and waited for the heavily-loaded wagon to crush him to death. At the instant one of the rear mules seemed to take in the situation, and letting drive with both feet kicked Forward from under the wheels and into the ditch by the roadside. Shortly afterwards he was found lying in the ditch by passers-by and brought to this city, where the broken leg was set, and he is in a fair way to recover.

Troubles of a Detective.

The chief of police in Los Angeles had on his force a private detective—so private that no one in town, except the chief, knew that he was a detective. The other night, disguised as a Chinaman, he was sent to a Chinese gambling house; and after being admitted he gave a signal to the men on the outside. Immediately the Chinamen pounced on him, and gave him a thorough manning, and then fled. After they had gone he followed them through a hole in the roof, and as he stuck his head out he was seized by a policeman, thrown violently to another near the caves, and by him dropped to the ground at the feet of the chief who seized him. "It's me," gasped the detective, and thus he was saved from further injury. He has resigned.

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