

WEATHER INDICATIONS. WASHINGTON, March 5.—For the Middle Atlantic states, rising barometer, falling temperature, southwest to northwest winds ranging from brisk to high on the coast, cloudy weather and rain, followed by clearing weather.

THE INDIAN CONTRACT SWINDLER. The Game Played by a Confidence Man—Dr. Charles Worms Released from the Penitentiary.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5.—An examination was made by the United States commissioner to-day, into the application of Dr. Charles Worms, for his release from the Eastern Penitentiary. Worms was convicted in 1876 of forging the name of Secretary of the Interior Chandler to a contract for Indian supplies amounting to \$1,250,000.

It was shown that Worms, who was a physician in Montreal, induced William Newman, of Chicago, to believe he had sufficient influence at Washington to obtain a large contract from the interior department. He came to this city with Newman, and upon arriving here a package purporting to contain the contract, signed by Secretary Chandler, was received. Upon this Newman swore he gave Worms \$5,000.

The case excited great interest from the fact that the names of Gen. Grant, Gen. Babcock and others were brought in at the trial. The forgery was established and Worms, who had fled, was arrested in Canada. His sentence having expired, and being unable to pay the fine imposed upon him, he made application for release. The examination took place this afternoon and the prisoner was released.

WASHINGTON. Want the Tax Removed.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The subcommittee of the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives, Mr. Carlisle chairman, gave a hearing to-day to Dr. Wakefield of Illinois and W. A. Gelleff, of New York, who urged the removal of the internal revenue stamp tax upon cosmetics, perfumery and proprietary medicines.

Alaska's New Form of Government. The Senate committee on territories have reported favorably a bill establishing a territorial form of government in Alaska.

THE BALANCE OF TRADE. Large Excess of United States Exports Over Imports.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The chief of the bureau of statistics, in a report to the secretary of the treasury says the excess of the value of exports of merchandise over imports during the first seven months of the current fiscal year amounted to \$148,200,000, as against a similar excess during the corresponding months of the preceding year of \$175,000,000. The excess of imports of gold and silver were \$75,170,000 and \$3,295,000 respectively.

SWIFT PUNISHMENT. Vladatski, the Nihilist, Executed.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 5.—Vladatski, the Nihilist, who attempted to shoot General Medkoff on Wednesday was hanged to-day in presence of an immense concourse and with imposing ceremonies. He died game. Seven young men in the crowd having the appearance of students, were arrested and taken to the fortress.

TERRIBLE TORNADO AT TOLEDO.—Destruction of Property and Loss of Life.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—The signal officer at Toledo, Ohio, reports a severe storm there last night. The wind blew seventy-two miles an hour. Immense damage was done and two policemen were killed.

FIGHTING THE TIGER. Notice to Quit the Exciting Sport.

CINCINNATI, March 5.—The proprietor of every gambling house in this city has received notice from the new superintendent of police to close their places. All but three obeyed the mandate last night.

Sherman. John Sherman's grandfather was an accomplished scholar and able jurist of Connecticut; he emigrated to Ohio, where his son Charles R. Sherman became a justice of the supreme court and the father of eleven children, of whom John was the eighth and Gen. Wm. T. the third.

The general was educated by Tom Ewing's father and John was aided in that direction by his Uncle John, a merchant. John Sherman was married on August 30, 1848, to Miss Cecilia, daughter of Judge Stewart, who had removed from Western Pennsylvania to Mansfield, Ohio, and hence Mrs. Sherman is a cousin of Rev. C. W. Stewart, D. D., pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, this county. In the spring of 1848 Sherman was a delegate to the national convention held at Philadelphia. When the convention was being organized, upon motion of Colonel Collier, he was made secretary of the body by the jocular remark that there was a young man there from the state of Ohio who lived in a district so strongly Democratic that he never could hope to get an office unless that convention gave him one, and with the laugh of this created Mr. Sherman advanced to his position. Mr. Deffees, now public printer, said there was a young man from Indiana in precisely the same situation, and moved that Schuyler Colfax be made assistant secretary. Colfax and Sherman walked up to the stand together.

A Man of Mark. Sam Randall would attract interest in almost any crowd. He is tall, broad-shouldered and very individual in his personal bearing. His face is a dead, sallow white and stands out in marked contrast with his intensely jet-black eyes and coal-black hair. He almost always wears steel-bowed glasses. The lower part of his face, which is always clean-shaven, indicates bull-dog firmness and tenacity. He almost invariably dresses in black. He lives in a very quiet, unpretentious way, in a very inexpensive house on Capitol Hill. He is never seen in a carriage, but wanders about town. He used to be a great drinker several years ago, when he first entered Congress. The temptations of Washington life were, for a time, too strong for him, and a weaker man would have been absolutely ruined. He brought that bulging tenacity of his to bear, and absolutely swore off the liquor, some four years ago, and since that time no one has ever seen him taste a drop. So far as private life goes he is a model. He is devoted to his family and his children.

DR. C. A. GREENE, (3 Years Experience), No. 326 North Queen Street.

Wanted to buy—Clean Old White or Green Glass Vials or Bottles in any size. (13-6mTu, THAS)

COLLAR FACTORY AND LEATHER STORE FOR RENT. A well established Collar Factory and Leather Store for rent. Also suitable for any other business. Apply to JOHN A. SHOBER, 132-Tu, THAS(10)

THE OLDEST PRINTER. He is neither Dr. Hitz nor Mr. Pearson. The New Era on Wednesday, in noticing the 67th birthday of Abraham Hitz, of that office, styles him the oldest English printer in the city, he having begun life as a printer in 1823, when he was 15 years of age. To this statement the Examiner responds by naming John H. Pearson, who began setting type in the Journal office (now INTELLIGENCER) of Hugh Maxwell in the year 1825, when but 7 years old. He is now 62 years of age and has been at the business 35 years. Maxwell's office was then in the rear of where Amos Milroy now has his saddlery.

Messrs. Hitz and Pearson are certainly well preserved representatives of the art preservative; but neither of them can claim the distinction of being the oldest printer in the city. That distinction belongs to Mr. Frederick Henry Trost, whom we had the pleasure of meeting to-day in the office of the Volksfreund und Beobachter, published by John Baer's Sons, and in which office he has worked continuously for 45 years.

Mr. Trost was born February 9th, 1805, in Itzehoe, Holstein. In 1820 at the age of 15 he was apprenticed to the printing business, and acquired a thorough knowledge of all its branches. In 1834 he came to America, bringing with him his wife and child. His first job of work in this country was on the New Bedford, Mass., Mercury, an English newspaper. From New Bedford, Mr. Trost removed to Easton, Pa., and worked for a short time on the Northampton Democrat. He then came to Lancaster and worked for Francis Frank, the publisher of the German Democrat. In 1835 he obtained a situation on the Volksfreund und Beobachter, published by John Baer, and has continued to work in that office ever since—not having lost a week's time by sickness during the entire 45 years, nor from any other cause, except occasionally when he was drawn as a juror or summoned as a witness in court. Ten years ago he celebrated the semi-centennial of his entry into the printing business. Being both a German and English scholar, a pressman and compositor, he is "at home" in all branches of the profession. He has done the presswork of thousands upon thousands of "Baer's Almanacs," (though he generally works at case)—"sticks to his stick" as the boys say—and it was working at case we found him to-day. He is the father of twelve children, only four of whom are living. These all married and have families. His aged wife still lives to comfort and cheer his declining days.

One of the oldest and most widely known printers in the city is Henry M. Geiter, of the INTELLIGENCER. He began his printing career in 1829 as an apprentice to Theophilus Penn, publisher of the Anti-Masonic Herald, of this city. He accompanied Penn to Harrisburg, when that gentleman bought out the Statesman, and established the Harrisburg Telegraph. After working on the Telegraph for seventeen years he returned to Lancaster and worked at different periods on the INTELLIGENCER, published by John W. Forney and Marcus D. Holbrook; the Examiner, published by Edw. C. Darlington; the Union, published by G. W. Hammersly; the Independent Whip, published by Edw. McPherson and John J. Cochran; the Island Daily, published at different periods by Edw. McPherson, Theophilus Penn and Harvey Goodall.

In 1861 Mr. Geiter threw down his stick and took up the rifle to aid in the preservation of the union. He served faithfully for nearly four years, and holds two honorable discharges from the army. While in the service he was a frequent contributor to the INTELLIGENCER under the nom de plume of "Ajax."

When the cruel war was over he returned to Lancaster and resumed his labors as a printer in the office of the Inquirer then published by Stuart A. Wiley. Remaining there but a short time, he took a position at case on the INTELLIGENCER and for 15 years has worked faithfully at case—generally being the first at work in the morning and the first to get through in the afternoon. In the language of the poet in the "Pirates of Penzance": "Taking one consideration with another, Mr. Geiter's life has been a chequer-board."

Among the other old printers in the city, none of whom are "at case" now, but all of whom began setting type probably forty years or more ago, are Luther Richards, Geo. W. Schroyer, J. M. Johnston, Reuben A. Baer and Jas. R. McNaughtan. "Dad" Cogley and Henry Paesig are also to be accounted among the old types and J. W. M. Geist was setting type as far back as 1813.

Mission Sunday School Entertainment. The Charlotte street M. E. mission—Rev. H. V. Givler pastor, and Elean G. Snyder superintending—gave an entertainment last evening which was attended by a very large audience. Before the literary exercises began there was a tea and coffee sociable in the basement, which the following programme was successfully carried out in the upper room: Singing by the school; prayer by Rev. Mr. Givler; duet by Misses Maudie Betz and Sallie Walton; recitation by Miss Gertrude Swenk; solo, "Down where the cedars grow," by Miss Jennie McCormey; recitation, "The Model Church," by Miss Gertrude Maurer; recitation by Miss Gertrude Swenk; singing by the school; recitation, "Poor Little Jim," by Miss Gertrude Maurer; semi-chorus by Misses Katie Benedict, Lillie Godfrey, Lizzie Trotter, Mamie Betz, Sallie Walton and Ellie Hoover; vocal solo by Miss Jennie McCormey. The programme throughout was a good one, and while all deserve favorable mention special praise is due to Bessie Nolan, a little girl scarcely three years of age, who recited a short poem in such a pretty style as to win hearty applause. The entertainment was for the benefit of the mission school.

Discharged. Jacob Marcus, who was charged with embezzlement by Mr. Goldstein, a Titusville merchant, and who was to have been taken to Titusville for trial, was discharged from custody last evening, the parties to the suit having satisfactorily arranged their difficulties. Mr. Marcus paid Mr. Goldstein a part of his claim and gave him a judgment note for the balance. He asserts that he had no intention of wronging Mr. Goldstein out of a dollar—he simply owed him a debt that he could not at once pay.

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Isaac Keesey, residing on South Queen street, is the owner of a colt, which was hitched up for the first time yesterday. In the evening, while he was in the stable, Elmer Caldwell, a young man, got too close to his heels and he kicked him in the face, cutting a severe gash below one of his eyes. Another man was also kicked by the animal, but not injured.

Amusements. "Dr. Clyde."—This evening Sidney Rosenfeld