EVENING STAR.

FRIDAY.....December 15, 1876.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES TO-DAY.

OFFICE OF CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, WASHINGTON, December 15, 1876.

For New England and the middle states, colder and clear or partly cloudy weather, with southwest to northwest winds and rising barometer on the coast.

LOCAL NEWS.

Amusements, &c., To-night.

National Theater.—Mr. Chas. Fechter in "Monte Christo."

Ford's Opera House.—Mr. Joseph Murphy in "Kerry Gow."

Theater Comique.—"Jim Bludsoe."

New Trinity School, Georgetown.—Fair of the ladies of Trinity Church.

Odd Fellows' Hall.—"Ticket-of-Leave-Man."

Condensed Locals.

Lighting of street lamps at 5:10 p. m., extinguished at 5:20 a. m.

From J. C. Parker we have New York and Philadelphia papers to-day in advance of the mails.

Mrs. Alexander, of Vermont, residing at 810 12th street northwest, died very suddenly of heart disease last night.

The rush still continues at Carter's dry goods store, Market Space. Read his new advertisement.

J. C. Parker and J. Shillington send early copies of *Harper's Magazine* for January; a fine number.

We have *Harper's Monthly* and other current popular publications from Brad Adams' popular branch news room, adjoining Willard's.

The marines on the U. S. steamer Michigan, in charge of Lieut. Green Clay Goodloe, have been ordered to report at the marine barracks in this city, and they will leave Erie, Pa., Monday.

The District Commissioners have pardoned Lindsay Jackson, convicted in the Police Court of carrying concealed weapons, Oct. 14th, and sentenced to pay a fine of $50, or in default 90 days in workhouse.

The members of the Board of Police Commissioners, with Major Richards and Inspector of Buildings Plowman, by appointment visited the National Theater building at 1 o'clock to-day to see for themselves the capacity of exit from that building in case of panic. They also visited Lincoln Hall, the Theater Comique and Ford's Opera House.

AMUSEMENTS — *National Theater.* — Mr. Chas. Fechter delighted all who heard him last evening in the famous play of "Monte Christo." In this play he has probably made his most successful hit, and none should fail to see it. "Monte Christo" will be repeated this evening.

Ford's Opera House.—"Kerry Gow" is presented in capital style, with Mr. Jos. Murphy in the leading role. The play is full of interest and the characters are all well sustained. The admission prices are reduced to 50 and 25 cents, to suit the times.

Odd Fellows' Hall.—An entertainment will be given here this evening under the auspices of Phoenix Text, No. 12, I. O. of R. "The Ticket-of-Leave-Man" will be presented, followed by an oyster supper.

Theater Comique.—An attractive bill draws a crowded house here nightly.

Odd Fellows' Hall.—Mr. Theodore Tilton will lecture here on Monday evening. His subject will be "Master Motives." A literary treat may be expected.

THIEVERY.—Last night, about 7 o'clock, an unknown white man entered the store of N. T. Metzger & Bro., 417 7th street, and while a pal engaged the attention of the clerk he seized a tub of butter and escaped with it. ···· Last night Officer Reeder arrested Richard Hill and Armistead Lee and locked them up in the 4th precinct station house, on the charge of snatching hats and caps from the heads of little boys on the street and making off with them. ···· Yesterday, two colored thieves stole a bolt of water-proof cloth from a dry goods store, and were pursued by Officer McGreavey. At the corner of I and 1st street they dropped the cloth and escaped. The goods were worth $64. ···· Wednesday night last thieves went through the yard of Collector Cook, taking some valuable chickens and turkeys reserved for Christmas. Several other persons in that neighborhood suffered by thieves the same night.

THE CASE OF MAXWELL AGAINST THE DISTRICT.—In the Criminal Court, Judge MacArthur, this morning the trial of the case of Charles D. Maxwell agt. the District of Columbia was resumed—Messrs. Sands and Hoban for the plaintiff, and Mr. Birney for the defendant. This is an action to recover damages alleged to have been received by plaintiff falling into an excavation on G street, between 20th and 21st, in May, 1872, by which he had his foot and leg injured, and he alleges that said damages was caused by reason of the defendants negligence in not barricading or otherwise protecting the excavation.

THE GENERAL TERM.—The Court in General Term will resume its sessions on Monday, and it is expected that quite a number of opinions will be delivered, and that there will be no more cases heard at this term. Among the decisions looked forward to with interest will be that in the building association cases, the case of Bernard May, convicted of abortion, and a number of cases in which the railroad companies are parties—that of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad against the District (injunction to prevent sale of property for arrears of taxes) being the most important.

BUILDING PERMITS issued by Inspector Plowman:—W. H. Garges & Bro., a two-story brick livery stable and carriage-house, north side Pennsylvania avenue southeast, between 6th and 7th streets; $2,500. John Adam Roth, remodel a frame dwelling, west side 3d, between D and E streets northeast; $400. Loring Chappel, a frame school-house, west side 8th, between H and I streets northeast; $2,500. C. Ruppert, remodel a brick dwelling, west side 13th, between B and C streets southwest; $350. A. G. Ryan, a two-story brick shop, west side 6th, between East Capitol and A streets; $600.

RUNAWAY AND ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday, the 5th instant, one of the horses belonging to the Remington Sewing Machine Company ran down C street northeast and when near 1st street turned upon the sidewalk, the horse or wagon striking Amos Hunt, esq., as he was about to get into his buggy, throwing him down with such force as to break his collar bone and bruise his side seriously. He was taken up insensible and carried into Mr. Linville's, where restoratives were administered, and he was soon taken to his residence, 210 A street northeast, where Dr. Fisher is attending him.

THE BOARD OF POLICE met yesterday and Patrick H. Skidmore was appointed an additional private for twelve months, to do duty on Water street, Georgetown. W. W. Morris, charged with ... private of the rules and ... gross violation fined $5. ... ...ecutions of the board was ... Applications from the following persons for liquor licenses were disapproved: Charles A. Roth, Dallas Knowlton, John Brady, Chas. Klotz, Theo. Rauth, Henry Young, G. Eisebraun, and Earnest Dahle. The board will hold their regular meetings on Fridays hereafter.

RIFLE SHOOTING AT BENNING'S.—Yesterday several members of the Columbia Long Range Rifle Association practised at Benning's, Mr. Frank Hyde, of the American Team, was present, and gave the marksmen some practical hints which seemed to have the desired effect, the shooting being much above the average. The following are the totals made out of a possible 75, being 800 yards: Mr. P. J. Lauritzen, 67; Col. J. O. P. Burnside, 66; James E. Bell, 65; Prof. Wm. Harkness, 65.

CUTTING OFF THE WATER.—Water Registrar Lubey to-day commenced cutting off water where parties have been notified and failed to prevent waste of water on their premises. Persons who have been notified once, no matter if a year ago, will not be notified the second time, but the employes have been directed to cut off the water without ceremony after the second notice, and in aggravated cases the parties will be brought before the Police Court to answer.

FIRE.—This morning a fire was discovered in a frame building on Pennsylvania avenue, near the Georgetown bridge, owned by S. D. Castleman, and used as an office for his lime kilns. An alarm was turned in from box 71, and the fire department promptly responded, but the building was entirely destroyed. Loss between $300 and $400.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—Thos. Dowling commences an extensive sale for S. Goldstein & Co. to-morrow (Saturday), at his auction rooms, when an extensive collection of gold and silver watches, diamonds, and jewelry of every description is to be sold. See special notices.

MR. JAMES A. HOFFMAN will have on his stalls in the Center market to-morrow a fine display of Southdown lamb and mutton and the finest quality of beef. By looking for the display the stalls cannot be missed—the numbers are 634 and 635. †

DON'T TRIFLE with rheumatism, but use Durang's Rheumatic Remedy. Sure cure.—*Advt.*

HOLIDAY BOOKS. Milans & Wilkins, 619 7th street, opposite Patent Office.—*Adv.*

A FINE GOLD WATCH is to be sold at Dowling's to-morrow. †

Inspection of Washington Theaters.

Sanitary Officer John Connell, who was instructed to inspect the theaters of this city for the purpose of ascertaining the means of egress in the case of fire, and other information in regard to the safety of the buildings, yesterday submitted his report to the Board of Police Commissioners:

THE NATIONAL.

He describes in detail the means of exit at the National Theater, noticing that there is no stove about the stage, it being heated by steam, and on each side of it there is fifty feet of two inch hose, also hose in the flies, and the men employed are thoroughly instructed to watch for a fire. He says: "It appears to me that the means of exit from this building (other than from the gallery) are sufficient for any emergency. There may be danger apprehended from persons falling from the dress-circle stairway in case of a rush, but not from any other cause. As to the gallery, if it is true that the attendance there does not average over thirty persons a night, as stated by Mr. Ford—and I do not doubt his word, for he seems very anxious to do all he can for the protection of the public—there is in that event ample room for egress. Mr. Ford states that this house can be emptied in three minutes."

AS TO THE THEATER COMIQUE,

he recommends that the proprietor be instructed to erect a stairway leading from the gallery, on the west side, to the pavement on 11th street. There should be a similar stairway from the main floor. The number of seats should be reduced on the main floor. Earthen crocks should be put in wherever stovepipes go through wood partitions, and proper preventives should be taken in regard to hot-air pipes. There should be introduced into the stage at least a three-inch water pipe, with the necessary hose attached, and men on hand ready to act in case of fire, as a preventive. Guards should be placed over all gas-burners. Last, but not least, there should be removed from the building everything of an inflammable nature which is not actually necessary for immediate use. As it now stands there is great danger, owing to the immense quantity of superfluous rubbish and combustible matter in and around the building. Mr. Rodgers, the proprietor, states that his house can be emptied in five minutes.

Narrow Gauge Railroad.

FALLS CHURCH, VA., Dec. 14th, 1876.

A meeting of the citizens of this place was held at Jefferson Institute, last night, to listen to an address from the Hon. P. B. Borst, president of the Washington, Cincinnati, and St. Louis Narrow Gauge Railroad. Mr. J. S. Riley called the meeting to order, and upon his motion J. J. Moran took the chair, and C. E. Dailey acted as secretary.

The chairman congratulated the meeting on the large number of ladies and gentlemen present who had shown their interest and enthusiasm in this new enterprise, and with a few pertinent remarks relative to the significance of a new and direct railway into Washington, introduced the president of the road, Mr. Borst, who addressed the audience at length, entering into the details of the subject, the route, grades, and progress already made, and by the aid of a chart prepared by Geo. B. Whiting, of the naval engineering bureau, the topography of the country, and survey of the road through Alexandria and Fairfax counties, in which this community most especially is interested, was exhibited, showing the feasibility of the route, and the advantages to be derived by the people, especially of the cities of Georgetown and Washington, which will reap the benefits of trade and commerce this road will produce. Traversing, as this road will, one of the best agricultural sections of the state of Virginia, through the wood, coal, and mineral regions of this and the state of West Virginia, the advantages of it will be incalculably greater than all other roads leading into the District of Columbia combined. With the subscriptions asked from the citizens of Georgetown and Falls Church, Mr. Borst agrees to commence work on this end of the route, and will complete and have the road in running order as far as this place in three months' time, with a rate of fare not to exceed ten cents, thus opening up this whole section, the most desirable, in point of healthfulness and good neighborhood, of any suburb of the District cities.

At the conclusion of the address, the chairman asked an expression from the audience, when various practical questions and answers were elicited, bearing particularly upon the action proposed to be taken by our citizens to secure an immediate commencement of the road, and, upon the motion of H. W. Throckmorton, a committee, consisting of Geo. B. Whiting, C. H. Buxton, J. S. Riley, C. E. Dailey, Almond Birch, and J. J. Moran, was appointed to prepare lists and solicit subscriptions, and to institute such measures as will hasten the work.

It is the expectation that $25,000 will be subscribed here, and with the liberal subscriptions hoped for from the citizens of Georgetown, the road will be pushed to a successful completion. †

OUR LONG EXPERIENCE, constantly increasing business and unequaled facilities, enable us to offer a larger and finer stock of boys' and children's clothing than others, and at lower prices than common goods are sold elsewhere. B. Robinson & Co., boys' clothiers, 909 Pennsylvania avenue, next to Willian's.—*Adet.*

THE CASES AGAINST THE MARKET DEALERS, charged with a violation of the license law, which had been set for a hearing in the Police Court to-day, were, on motion of counsel, indefinitely postponed to wait a decision of the case of appeal now pending in the Court in Banc.

MARRIAGE LICENSES have been issued to Reuben Scott and Mary Richardson; Augustus James and Matilda Brown; Josiah Johnson and Matilda Cross; Philip H. Nelson and Letitia F. Payne; Benjamin Bryan and Laura Lee.

YOU WILL FIND most beautiful juvenile and toy books for little folks at the very lowest prices, at Shillington's bookstore, corner 4½ street and Pennsylvania avenue. †

ROMAN GOLD, gold-filled and diamond jewelry for holiday presents, received at Prigg's jewelry store, No. 457 Pennsylvania ave., near 4½ street.—*Adet.*

THE MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA BOUNDARY.—The decision reached by the commissioners in regard to the boundary line which has been for so many years a matter of dispute between Maryland and Virginia is at present altogether a matter of surmise. The Washington papers, since the commission closed its sessions in that city, have attempted to foreshadow what that decision will be, but it is at present a secret, and will not be made public until formally announced at a meeting of the arbitrators in Washington city on the 4th of January next. The newspapers in question state that the award will be in favor of Maryland, and will give her the control of the fisheries of the Potomac river and a larger slice of the oyster fisheries of the lower Chesapeake. In respect to the Potomac fisheries the statement is clearly a mistake. Those fisheries will not be disturbed by the award, the compact of 1785 between the two states giving the common right of fishing in the Potomac river to the citizens of both states.

Speaking in general terms, the state of Maryland claims that her true boundary line on the Potomac river is the southwestern or Virginia bank of that river, and that all the islands in the bed of the river, from the Point of Rocks to its mouth, belong to her. She also claims as her boundary on the lower Chesapeake a line drawn from Smith's Point to Hawkins' Point, which, if conceded by the arbitrators, will include Smith's Island in whole or in part, and the Tangier and other oyster grounds. But although any statement as to the award must at this time be conjectured, it may be inferred from the designation of the Maryland arbitrator (Judge Black) to draw up the paper that the verdict is at least to some extent in favor of Maryland, it being the usual custom to appoint the counsel of the successful side to draw up the decree of the court.—[*Balt. Sun, 14th.*

THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER.—A young man of extremely jealous disposition recently visited one of the most famous clairvoyants in the city. Being far from home, he wanted to know what his wife was doing. "She is looking out of the window, evidently expecting some one." "That is strange," said Benedict, "who can she expect?" "Some one enters the door, and she caresses him fondly," went on the clairvoyant. "It can't be!" cried the excited husband. "My wife is true to me." "Now he lays his head in her lap and looks tenderly in her eyes." "It's false! I'll make you pay dearly for this," yelled the jealous husband. "Now he wags his tail," said the medium. The green-eyed monster subsided, and the young husband cheerfully paid his $5.—*Kansas City Times.*

THE ICE-LOCKED STEAMERS AT ST. LOUIS.—There was no change in the condition of the ice-locked steamers at the St. Louis gorge yesterday. The ice was still firm, and there is no doubt that all the boats that can float will be extricated and placed in safe quarters. The loss to the Keokuk and Northern line will not exceed $100,000, and may not reach $75,000.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY IN THE HANDS OF A RECEIVER.—The president of the Security life insurance company appeared before Judge Brady at New York last evening on an order to show cause why a receiver of the company should not be appointed, and acknowledged its insolvency. Mayor Wickham was appointed receiver.

☞Rev. Simon Howard Calhoun, the venerable missionary of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions, died in Buffalo, N. Y., last evening, after a long illness. He has been a laborer in Holy Land for nearly forty years.

THE COURTS.

CIRCUIT COURT—*Judge Cartter.*

To-day, Rittenhouse, Fowler & Co. agt. B. and P. R. R., action for damages alleged to have been sustained by the removal of defendants' buildings from the site of the depot; verdict for plaintiff, $700. Brien agt. Morsell; motion to quash certiorari granted; appeal prayed. Cohen agt. Sharp, replevin case; on trial.

POLICE COURT—*Judge Snell.*

To-day, Wm. Banks, charged with flourishing a razor, was fined $20 or thirty days. Allen Williams and Llewellyn Ashton were sent down to the chain gang as tramps and vagrants. Anderson Long, same; sixty days in chain gang. Charles Jackson, colored, charged with picking the pocket of Ellen Brown, at Gallifean Fisherman's hall, taking $5 from her. This was at a colored ball there last night. Ellen caught this fellow in the act, with the money in his hand, and had him arrested on the spot by Officer Boyle; six months in jail. John Carter, larceny of a wire dressmaker's figure, and some petticoats from the front of a fancy store; six months in jail. Charles Hall, colored, larceny of a board sign from Dr. R. B. Ferguson's drug store; $10 or thirty days. Charles Walker, colored, larceny of ten hymn books, twenty-eight spelling books, eleven testaments, and thirty-four spelling and reading books from Asbury Church; six months in jail. Frank Smith and Alfred Lee, larceny of hats from several boys by snatching them from their heads on the street and running off with them; sent to the Reform School. Henry Arenz, was charged with assault on Maria McCarty. This grew out of a demand made by the latter upon the former, a fancy goods merchant, for the exchange of a scarf, which she claimed had been wrapped upon her package, and which was not so valuable as the one she had purchased. She discovered the difference after she got home, and went back to claim an exchange. The demand was refused, but the proprietor offered to exchange for any other kind of goods in the store, which she refused to accept, and a war of words followed, ending, as she testified, in blows upon her head, and an unceremonious ejectment from the store. For defense, several witnesses testified that the first blows came from Miss McCarty, and that she struck from the shoulder like a man, shivering the old man's pipe, which he was smoking at the time. The testimony for defense preponderating, the court had to dismiss the case of assault. The prosecuting witness expressed her determination not to let the case drop there, and a civil suit for the recovery of the money or the goods she claims to have purchased may follow. Frank Taylor, assault on Cassie Taylor; $5. James Adams, larceny of two pairs of boots from John Oberheim, (second offense;) grand jury.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Postage on Drop Letters.

Editor Star:—A bill has been recently offered in the House to reduce the postage on letters to be sent through the mail from three cents to two cents each half ounce. While the committee has that under consideration would it not be a good idea to amend the postal laws in relation to local or drop letters, in order that they may be "forwarded," like letters bearing three cent stamps, from one post office to another under the same stamp? As the law now stands, a person in leaving his residence may have his letters, except local ones, sent to him in any section of the country, and any deficient postage is collected on delivery to the amount of more than a dollar, but a local letter with a one or two cent stamp on it, it matters not how important it may be, can not be forwarded, when only one cent is due on it. Hundreds of cases occur where a person drops a letter in the mail, to be sent to some other place, and by mistake places only local postage on it, and, instead of going to the party addressed, it is sent to the Dead Letter Office. Then if the name of the writer happens to be in it he receives a notice from the D. L. O. that it is held for one or two cents, as the case may be. I have heard many complaints on this subject, but the postal officials are not to blame. They must obey the law. I think if the attention of Congress is drawn to this matter it will receive proper consideration, as it is something that effects every one in the country, including even the law makers.

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LUCKY DANIEL JENNINGS—*He Finds a Father and a Fortune of $80,000 One Day, and an Aged Aunt Wills Him $20,000 the Next.*—A dispatch from Vevay, Ind., Dec. 12, says: A hard working, honest, but poor citizen of our county, by the name of Daniel Jennings, was greatly surprised a few days ago by the appearance of a stranger who, upon investigation, was found to be his father, from Galena, Illinois, whom he had not seen for thirty years, and supposed to have long since died. The newly discovered father is said to be worth about $80,000; is quite old, and not long since executed his will, giving Daniel, his only heir, his entire wealth. This was such a surprise to Daniel that he hardly realized his situation. The discovered father and the sudden wealth he had inherited filled his cup of joy to overflowing. Scarcely had he began to appreciate the situation of affairs, until an aged aunt wheeled into line and divided her property of twenty thousand dollars between eight heirs, one of which was this same Daniel Jennings. To simply say he is happy, no longer does the matter justice. We will leave the reader to imagine how he would feel if placed in similar circumstances, and then draw his own conclusions. Once more in the history of time has the poor and honest laborer been rewarded.

A SUCCESSFUL FORGERY.—It was learned on Wednesday, says the New York *Times*, notwithstanding efforts were made to keep the facts from the public, that a forgery to the extent of $25,000 had been perpetrated on the Third National bank of this city. About two weeks ago a man appeared at the bank and presented for payment a check for the above amount, purporting to have been drawn by the firm of Winslow, Lanier & Co., of No. 27 Pine street. The check appearing regular in every particular was promptly cashed. Emboldened by the success of this operation the man returned to the bank the same afternoon and presented another check for $10,000. Surprised at the somewhat unusual demands of Messrs. Winslow, Lanier & Co., the bank teller glanced at the man curiously, and was just about to make a movement as if to consult with the officer of the bank, when his attention was attracted to the hasty retreat of the man from the bank. The teller followed, but the man suddenly disappeared around the corner into Nassau street, where he was lost in the crowd. The checks were immediately taken to the offices of Winslow, Lanier & Co., who pronounced them raised checks. Sergeant Kealy, of the detective squad, and detective Elder are now engaged in the case. The officials of the bank and police authorities are silent regarding the particulars.

A YOUTH'S SELF-MURDER.—Frederick Viola, a lad 16 years of age, when at 2d avenue and 23d street, last evening shot himself through the right temple. He died instantly. Frank Droff of 228 west 28th street said to Sergt. Thompson: "Last Tuesday evening Frederick visited me at my home, and while there was very low spirited and said that he intended to kill himself the next night. This evening my mother sent me to look him up and bring him home. I found him in 23d street, near 1st avenue, and while we were walking up the street he drew a pistol and discharged it." The boy had no home. His mother died two years ago, and his father being unable to support him had left him to shift for himself. He was out of employment. [*N. Y. Sun, 14th.*

THE EUROPEAN POWERS TALKING PEACE AND PREPARING FOR WAR.—Preliminary conferences, according to a dispatch from Constantinople, are progressing rapidly, the Plenipotentiaries themselves affirming that the conference is already in a fair way towards a successful issue. The pacific prospects do not appear to have placed any check on the great preparations for war which Russia is persistently making. A vast fortified camp is forming at Bender, and there are being accumulated, both there and at other points, immense quantities of stores of every description. The Grand Duke Nicholas has asked that a reserve force of one hundred thousand men be mobilized, which has been ordered.

M. JULES SIMON, the new president of the French council and minister of the interior, made a statement in the chamber of deputies and in the senate yesterday regarding his policy, which was well received. He declared himself profoundly a republican and a conservative. At portions of his address the left—except, it was remarked, Gambetta—repeatedly cheered. The Bonapartists appear to be quiet and non-committal.

OIL INSTEAD OF GAS. The board of aldermen of New York have passed a resolution declaring that as the gas companies had entered into a combination to raise the price of gas the mayor and city authorities were authorized to consider the propriety of illuminating the city with oil and other illuminating material instead of gas, and the propriety of manufacturing gas for the city use.

"BOFFIN'S BOWER," in Boston, is thronged with working girls out of employment. The *Post* says: "The extent to which family hotels where male servants are employed are being patronized reduces one avenue of refuge for working girls, and indeed it seems as if the problem of 'women's work and women's wages' were growing more involved instead of getting clearer."

TWO RIVER STEAMERS LOST.—A Memphis, Tenn., dispatch says that the steamer Frank Forest was destroyed by fire above Cottonwood Wednesday night; loss not stated. The steamer Carl Schurz sunk at her wharf at Memphis yesterday; loss not ascertained.

GEORGETOWN.

ANOTHER OLD RESIDENT GONE.—Mr. J. S. Blackford, sr., who for several weeks has been confined to his room died at 9½ o'clock last evening, at his residence, No. 99 Bridge street, Georgetown. Mr. Blackford was one of the oldest and most respected business men in the District, and at the time of his death the efficient Secretary of the Industrial Home School Association. We learn the funeral is to take place on Sunday at 3 p. m. Mr. Blackford was an Englishman by birth, but left England in his 24th year and went to New York, where he lived one year, then moved to Georgetown, where he has resided for 44 years, being consequently 69 years of age. He has been for many years an official member of the West Street Presbyterian Church, and was noted for his uprightness and Christian integrity.

GRAIN TRADE.—Boat Seneca, with 1,050 bushels of wheat and 1,310 bushels of corn, to Hartley & Bro.; also, 500 bushels of wheat and 360 bushels corn, to H. M. Talbott; boat Medley, with 1,660 bushels of wheat and 500 bushels rye, to H. M. Talbott; also, 1,950 bushels of wheat and 100 bushels of corn, to Hartley & Bro.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE.—Offerings on 'Change this morning amounted to 5,100 bushels of wheat, with sales as follows: 450 bushels, at $1.55; 280 do., $1.52½; 520 do., $1.51; 400 do., do.; 225 do., $1.47½; 200 do., $1.45; 243 do., $1.45; 42 do., $1.25; 10 do., $1.20½; 12 do., $1.20; 40 do., $1.10. 19,000 bushels of wheat were sold Wednesday to Deener, Cissel & Welch, at prices from $1.50 to $1.55.

THE COAL TRADE.—Owing to the ice on the canal and river there has been no activity in the coal trade this week. Vessels already loaded are lying at their docks, unable to get away.

THE LICK ESTATE CONTROVERSY.—The Lebanon (Penn.) *Times* of Monday says: "Mr. James W. Lick, of Nepha county, Cal., who is contesting the right of administration with Mr. John H. Lick, of this place, for the settling of the estate of Mr. James Lick, late of San Francisco, Cal., arrived in town on Friday morning from Fredericksburg, where he visited Henry S. Lick, a half-brother of the deceased. He left in the 8:50 a. m. train the same day for Annville, where he will be the guest of Mr. Samuel Lick, and will consult with Mrs. Sarah Hessler, a sister of the deceased. On Monday, in company with Mr. Samuel Lick, he will go to Lancaster for the purpose of visiting Sarah A. Graham, a cousin of his, and a daughter of Catharine Lick, sister of the deceased James Lick. He will subsequently visit Mr. Julia Ann Antrim, a sister of his, at Paris, Ill., and in about ten days will leave for San Francisco. His object here is to procure proper papers for the final settlement of the estate, which is now pending. Josiah Funck, esq., counsel for the heirs in this county, on Friday morning informed the court that they desired him to visit San Francisco, and he would probably leave for said city between this and January. He stated propositions for a compromise for a final settlement were now pending."

DECEIVED BY A BURGLAR.—The Montreal *Witness* of the 9th instant says: "Ned Lyons, the notorious bank burglar and thief, who is now doing a term in Sing Sing prison, New York, was, when resident in Montreal, on terms of intimacy with some of our most prominent citizens. He resided at a leading hotel and gave out that he had made his 'pile' in speculations in the United States, and as proof of this he one evening drew out a parcel containing $24,000. He speculated in Montreal telegraph, and Richelieu and Ontario stock through a St. Sacrament street firm of brokers, and made a profit; he also dealt largely in New York speculative stocks. His habits, manners and appearance were most gentlemanly and attractive, and when some capitalists were about getting up a joint stock company, he was pressed to take stock in it; it is believed that about this time, however, he was preparing to take stock in the Hochelaga bank's safe by means of the powder can. His wife was an accomplished pianist and singer, and had her summer residence fixed at Terrebonne. However, despite the apparent gratification these criminals were obtaining from their ill-gotten wealth, they were unhappy and in constant fear of detection, as was repeatedly evidenced in their movements."

BANK ROBBERY BY MASKED MEN.—The banking house of Wm. M. Ream, at Somerset, Perry county, O., was entered by masked robbers Wednesday night, who compelled Mr. Ream to unlock his vaults, from which they stole $10,200, and then bound and gagged him, and departed.

☞The cost of maintaining 1,021 convicts, in the Virginia penitentiary was about seven cents per day per head.

☞John Ruskin, in contributing to an Edinburgh charity, says: "I wish I could have done so more largely, but my profession of fault-finding with the world in general is not a lucrative one."

☞In October next the question of woman suffrage will, by the new constitution of Colorado, be submitted to popular vote. Mrs. Margaret W. Campbell has the credit of doing the most toward securing this action.

FROM CENTENNIAL HEADQUARTERS.—"I find Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup excellent, having a ready sale and rendering more satisfaction than any Cough Syrup I have ever sold."—*A. B. Malony, M. D., Fifteenth and Carpenter Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.* 1t

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