



The Jeffersonian.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1877.

The Legislature of this State will adjourn to-morrow.

The local option bill was defeated in the House of Representatives, at Harrisburg, on Thursday last.

What a source of consolation it must be to the mourning Democrats that the Electoral Commission was a tribunal of their own invention.

The American Newspaper Reporter has changed hands and is now published by R. H. C. Valentine who will make it the best publication of its kind.

It must make our radical Democrats feel rather flat to see how cordially the policy of Hayes is endorsed by their political brethren in many quarters.

It is funny to see the small potato country newspapers call President Hayes "Mister Hayes," "Returning Board Hayes," "Fraudulent President," &c. The fools are not all dead yet.

Samuel C. Ball, the defaulting cashier of the Harlboro National Bank, was on Saturday last, sentenced to ten years imprisonment at Norristown, Pa. The amount of his defalcation was \$24,000, belonging to the bank.

The Bank of Lansburg, New York, has suspended, and A. D. Powers has been appointed receiver. The liabilities of the bank are \$875,000, and the nominal assets \$1,150,000. The suspension is thought to have been caused by speculation in New Jersey Central and other railroad stocks.

HON. J. DONALD CAMERON, ex-Secretary of War under President Grant, was elected to a seat in the United States Senate on Thursday last, to fill the unexpired term of his father, Hon. Simon Cameron, who resigned a few days ago.

The new Senator is the oldest son of Simon Cameron, and never held an office until appointed Secretary of War by President Grant in May, 1876. He is a gentleman of excellent capacity, of very large means, estimated at from two to three millions, and has the reputation of possessing administrative powers of a very high order. His home is in Harrisburg, where he was born 50 years ago, though he seems much younger than he is. He never manifested much interest in politics until ten years ago, since which time he has shown himself to be an adept in the management of Legislatures and Conventions. He is regarded as a shrewd and daring leader, troubling himself little about consequences. He was a prominent member of the last State Convention which met at Harrisburg in March last, and was selected by it to head the Pennsylvania delegation to the Presidential Convention at Cincinnati.

For a number of years Mr. Cameron was President of the Northern Central Railway of Pennsylvania, in which position he was succeeded by Col. Thomas A. Scott when the managers of the Pennsylvania Railroad obtained a controlling interest in the Northern Central.

Hayes Reforming the "Reformers."

The Democracy plead for reformation so hard and piteously during the late Presidential canvass that President Hayes feels called upon to use his utmost endeavors to reform them; and so earnestly has he set about this work that the Democratic make-believe reformers, find themselves completely astonished. They can't understand how it is that President Hayes is indeed a reformer. For reform with the Democracy meant official spoils; but with President Hayes it means real reform without any regard to spoils. This is a new and strange reform to the Democracy. They never saw its like before, nor can they understand its meaning. They even now doubt their own eyes, for many are questioning what they see, and are trying to make themselves believe that it is something different from what it seems to be. The Democratic place-seekers are afraid that Hayes will totally break down the Democratic opposition to his administration in the South, and such a result they clearly see betokens an utter breaking down of their party power in a national point of view. Hence the resolutions of the ex-Rebel element of the South to support Hayes' administration strikes on their ears like a funeral note. Poor fellows; they prayed for reform, and now that they have got it pure and simple, as it were through a special providence, the all-absorbing question of one Democratic reformer to another is, "what are you going to do about it?" But to all such we would say, hold your peace, and in four years you will be reformed to a degree you never wished, hoped or prayed to attain to.

UNDER date of March 5 the Times, in its financial article, says: "United States funds are now almost the only legitimate objects of investment in the foreign market." Times have changed. This same London Times begged its Continental readers in May, 1864, to sell out Federal stocks at 38 per centum and invest the proceeds in the famous (or infamous) cotton loan at 90 per centum. But then the Confederate seemed likely to be the winning side.

The Johnstown Democrat says: The champion heavy weight of Altoona is named Eli Green. He tips the beam just now at 400 pounds, and it is said that for a number of years he has not slept in a bed. Up until some six years ago he was employed as a locomotive engineer on the mountain division, Pennsylvania railroad, but owing to his obesity and tendency to fall asleep while running his engine, it became necessary to discharge him.

GRANT AND HAYES.

We clip the following racy description of Grant and Hayes, at the inauguration of the latter, from the pen of Mary Clemmer, taken from the N. Y. Independent of the 15th inst. Its perusal will well repay the reader:

"At precisely 12 o'clock, amid the breathless silence of that vast multitude—followed by Fish, Robeson, and Tyler—the two Presidents slowly entered. Every eye was fixed upon the out-going and in-coming man. They walked side by side, Grant and Hayes. The contrast between them struck me at once. Grant is not an ignoble-looking man. He impresses you with his power, such as it is. It is of that broad, sinewy fiber that spreads over the earth and clings to it. It is of the earth, earthy. It may be sordid; it is never spiritual. To that far spiritual looking and longing that characterized Lincoln, Grant is a stranger. This world and its good things—its wines, its horses, its riches—suffice him. Give him enough of them, and he is happy in his own way. And nothing in Heaven or on earth can make him so happy as to have his own way. He has conscience, honor, a sense of duty; but not the sentiment of either. None of them oppress him; for, whatever he makes up his mind about either one, he is sure he is right. His affections are as strong as his prejudices, which is saying that they are of the strongest. He will not turn from anybody he likes, no matter how bad he is. He not only hugs him himself; but thrusts him upon other people, which is unjust and has made much of the sin and sorrow of his administration. With some of the strongest traits of strong human nature and not a few of its sweetest and truest instincts, where his being should rise highest it is cut short. He is strong upon the earth, but he does not rise skyward.

You look up to see the other man. Not only does he ascend in stature, but his head soars so symmetrically that you remark its height. He is strong where human beings most need strength—in his moral perceptions and faculties. He is capable of chivalric honor and of a consciousness of duty strong as death. His pictures give but a faint shadow of the man; for his stature, his movement, his presence indicate him even more than his face. All express the highest manliness. The light step, the erect head, the splendid figure, the clear, open countenance—all indicate purity, health, and power. We have been told so often that he is "not a great man" that I expected to see a rather weak-looking brother, and confess to positive surprise when I saw before me a man who made the men about him look rather poor and small, who, if there be anything in temperament, physique, and head, has enough of each and all for himself, with considerable to spare for others. Having seen him, nobody now could ever make me believe that he has not a mind of his own, with will enough and sense enough to put it to the best use. And the whimpering Thomases of the party, who have expected him to be putty in the fingers of his Republican makers, may hang up their fears.

Meanwhile, on this man of whom every one in the nation is this moment thinking a fair woman between two little children looks down. She has a singularly gentle and winning face. It looks out from the bands of smooth dark hair with that tender light in the eyes which we have come to associate always with the Madonna. I have never seen such a face reign in the White House. I wonder what the world of Vanity Fair will do with it. Will it friz that hair? powder that face? Or will those sweet, pure lines away with pride? bare those shoulders? shorten those sleeves? hide John Wesley's discipline out of sight, as it poses and minces before "the first lady of the land?"

What will she do with it, this woman of the hearth and home? Strong as she is fair, will she have the "grace" to use it as not abusing it; to be in it, yet not of it; priestess of a religion pure and undefiled, holding the white lamp of her womanhood, unshaken and unswayed, high above the heated crowd that fawns, flatters, and spoils? The Lord in Heaven knows. All I know is that Mr. and Mrs. Hayes are the finest-looking type of man and woman that I have ever seen take up their abode in the White House.

President Hayes stood on the eastern steps of the Capitol, where Lincoln stood, and pronounced his inaugural address. Around him was the flower of fashion and of state. Below him were regiments of men, black and white, whose blue uniforms recalled, at least to one, the silent army of their brothers whose bivouac on yonder heights made this picture of the nation possible. Banners waved, and far away across the pale green grounds spread the people. The gray cloud-mass of the morning, that promised "a dark and smuffling day," and passed away. The low Maryland hills flickered in sunshine and shadow. The city, covered all over with the bloom of banners, stood stately and beautifully beside its embracing river, within encircling hills. In one long street the firemen rested. In another the artillery waited. The last words were uttered, and "the deep-mouthed guns" sent out salvo after salvo, that shook the hills. Drums began to beat; men to march. Then from the vast multitude went up a peal of exultation.

Four days ago this scene would have seemed impossible. But a little more than a week ago, assassination was threatened if this hour came. How low the clouds hung! How deadly was the battle! Who could dream it possible now? To look on this sight is enough to make one believe that already things are ordered on the best and surest foundations—that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety are even now established. For over all, more than all, the people have peace and a President. Our homes are saved, commerce is unimpeded, industry is quickened, the avocations of life go on without interruption, and the world has learned anew that a republic founded in righteousness and preserved by free government strikes far below the roots of anarchy and the storms of human passion; and, though it can be shaken, it will not be destroyed."

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Personal.

Mr. James Edinger, of this Borough, left town on Tuesday for Scranton, on business.

Mr. J. E. M. Keller, will start for Philadelphia, on Monday next, and expects to be absent for some time.

Rev. Francis A. Gilbert, of the Williamsport Seminary, occupied the Rev. Mr. Howell's pulpit, at East Stroudsburg, on Sunday last.

A line from J. S. White, who left here for Kansas, on Monday evening last, announces his safe arrival at Pittsburg, on the morning of the 20th, and intends proceeding on his journey at 1:20 same day, and returns thanks to all who aided him in getting off.

Miss Sue Van Burkle, one of the most obliging operators on the line of the W. U. T. Co., who has been visiting friends and relatives in New York State, for the past several weeks, has returned to her old position in this Borough, highly delighted with her trip, and greatly improved in health.

A letter from Mrs. Ella Fillmore, residing near Sacramento, California, to her father, Mr. R. S. Staples, says garden truck is growing finely in the open gardens, bouquets of lilies and other choice flowers can be gathered outside of conservatories and that no fires are needed only for the purpose of cooking.

Hon. Stoddell Stokes, arrived in town on Thursday and after arranging matters left again on Saturday last, for Moorestown, N. J., and will spend some time with his daughter Martha. Judge Stokes is enjoying good health, and was highly pleased with the warm greeting he received from his many personal friends in this place.

Mr. Allen Snyder, oldest son of J. E. Snyder, Esq., of this Borough, returned home from the Millerstown Normal School, on Saturday 10th inst. Allen will return to the school again on the 1st of April next, and by close attention to his studies expects to graduate at the close of the term. Success attend his efforts.

PAINTS and Oils cheap for cash at Hollinshead's Drug Store. [March 1-Inst]

A BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.—On last Saturday evening a grand surprise took place at the residence of Mr. Peter Williams, it being in honor of his 70th birthday. It was a complete surprise to the old gentleman, every thing having been kept so quiet that he had not the slightest glimmer of the coming event. At 6 o'clock he went home to supper, which was his usual hour, when to his overwhelming surprise on entering his house, he found a table set extending from one corner of the room to the other richly freighted with all the good things calculated to please the eye and gratify the appetite that fancy and affection could invent and supply. Mr. W.'s feelings on that occasion can better be imagined than described. There were assembled six of his own children, three sons-in-law three daughters-in-law and 16 grand children. May he and they live to enjoy many such festive occasions.

ANOTHER WARNING TO BOYS!—On Saturday last, Amos, son of Burnace Haines, aged about 14 years, in company with several of his associates in this Borough, went to East Stroudsburg, and whilst there attempted to steal a ride on a passing coal train and succeeded in getting on and in attempting to cross between two jimmies slipped and was caught by the cuff of the leg and came very near having the flesh torn off; the skin was stripped from near the knee joint to the ankle. Dr. J. H. Shull of this place was called and attended to the wants of the sufferer.

THERE is a "corner" in marriages in New Castle, Lawrence county. And thus it happened: The young damsel signed a pledge to the effect that they "will not marry any young man who drinks intoxicating liquors or uses tobacco," and the young men of the same place say they "will neither court nor marry any young lady who uses pads, wears a big bustle, palpator or other patent appliance as an improvement on nature." This has "cast a gloom" over social life in that vicinity. Its a fine thing for the billiard rooms and sewing societies.

THE letters under the device of the eagle on the reverse of our silver halves and quarters indicate the branch mint at which they were coined. "O" means the New Orleans mint; "C" means Carson City mint; "D" means Charlotte, N. C. mint; "S" means Dahlonega, Ga. mint; "P" means San Francisco mint; the coins made at the Philadelphia mint have no such designating letter.

HOLLINSHEAD DRUG STORE.—This old and well known established house, situated on Main street, in this Borough, has recently been re-papered, painted and fitted up in the most convenient manner, and reflects great credit on its present proprietor, Mr. E. P. Hollinshead. The papering and painting was done by Mr. Joseph L. Bowers, a master workman in his line of business.

LARGE EGG.—Mr. Charles L. Hallett, one of the most enterprising farmers of Stroud township, on Thursday last, presented us with a hens egg which measured the longest way around it 7 1/2 inches and 6 1/2 inches the other way, perfectly shaped. This egg is the production of a two-year old Brahma hen. Next.

ALL the foreman and station agents employed by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company were notified on Monday last, of a reduction in their wages to take effect from the first of March. The wages of the foremen will be reduced \$10, and of the station agents \$5 per month.

On Tuesday, the 6th inst., the Sheriff of Luzerne county, received from the Hamilton Rope Works a coil of rope designed to be used in the execution of Campbell on the 10th of next month. It is made of fine American hemp and is a little over a half inch in thickness.

LEAD has been found in Cameron county.

THE "Spring fever" epidemic is fast approaching.

Gold bead embroidery on lace is coming into vogue.

It will be safe now to put away the sleighs and bells.

PARASOLS, to be in style, must match the color of the dress.

THERE is still three feet of snow in some parts of Potter county.

OUR farmers, as a rule, have not yet begun plowing for oats.

AN eagle recently attacked and killed a calf in Clearfield county.

CELERY is nearly over; parsnips and watercress are coming in.

THE Philadelphia colleges this year graduated 587 medical students.

LEGHORN straw hats, always so graceful, will be worn this summer.

NOW is the time to make your contracts for erecting new buildings.

LOW shoes and black stockings are becoming tannish for gentlemen.

PAINT and whitewash brushes are good investments at this time of year.

SOME of the farmers of Chester county have begun to plough for corn.

THE newest polonaises are so long as to show only a glimpse of the skirt.

ONE thousand sheep died in Washington county during the past winter.

THE cost of the fire department of Allentown last year was \$7,082.06.

MORE attention ought to be given to growing the better varieties of fruit.

PEOPLE who desire to be in the fashion must wear gloves of a deep pink color.

SOME women won't be happy in heaven unless they can scrub it out once a year.

WE had an old fashioned snow storm last Friday. Fully six inches of snow fell on the level.

HELP to revive business by making improvements while labor and material are cheap.

A FINE quality of green marble is found on the banks of the Delaware, about a mile above Banks.

THE vivacious youth now trundleth his hoop on the sidewalk, to the annoyance of the pedestrian.

THE March winds cause a flutter in ladies' dress goods and a looking up in the article of hosiery.

OUR milliners are getting ready for their grand openings next month. The new styles are said to be handsome.

THE Board of Commissioners of York county have reduced the valuation of all real estate in that county fifteen per cent.

How many wives can a man have? Sixteen—four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer. Four times four are sixteen.

At Weatherly, Carbon county, a citizen killed a chicken last week, and found in its gizzard one five cent piece and three pennies.

MONDAY morning last the thermometer stood five degrees above zero. On Tuesday morning one degree below. Not much springlike.

IN Allentown they have a wheelbarrow so awful ugly that it scared four shoes off Nathan Frederick's horse and made him kick a buggy to pieces.

IT is said that a piece of cotton put into a bird's cage over night will attract the insects. The cotton may be removed in the morning and cremated.

A Rochester woman's plan for clearing the sidewalks in winter: Bore holes in the ice, fill them with petroleum, set it on fire, and wait till the snow melts.

TAKE NOTICE.—O. B. Gordon, will open his subscription school, in Ann street School House, on Monday morning next, (March 26th, 1877), to continue 4 months.

As you pull your overcoat up around your ears it is pleasant to reflect that in less than ninety days you will be anathematizing Adam for bringing clothes into fashion.

WHAT will the harvest be? Well, it's hard to tell so early in the season, but from the appearance of the grain, as far as heard from, the prospect for a large yield is good.

FIFTY acres of tobacco will be cultivated near Freeburg, Snyder county, this season. Those who were engaged in business last year were well compensated for their trouble.

THE pugilistic display in front of the Tanite Company's office, about 6 o'clock in the morning on Friday last, was anything but encouraging to William. Adam came off victorious.

MILES OGLE, the notorious counterfeiter, has been convicted at Pittsburg, Pa., and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment and \$8000 fine. Several others were convicted at the same time.

AN exchange truthfully says that it is true of newspapers as well as of churches, that those who contribute the least to their support criticize and find the most fault with their management.

THE Huntingdon county treasury contained about \$3,000 at the last settlement, and the county is virtually out of debt.

They Do Say.

that the old silver dollars are rarely seen—that Easter eggs of bright colors please the young—that suckers, 14 on a string, sold for 20 cents—that Sunday last was a bright day—that young chickens of choice varieties have already been hatched this Spring—that Saturday was rather gloomy for the sparrows and other birds—that we have gas, and yet our street lamps are hid away in darkness—that we have a set of reckless youths in this town—that Reeves Bush has been engaged at Ruben Miller's saddlery—that a fine hog belonging to Wilson Dreher died of lock-jaw—that potatoes are arriving in Philadelphia from Ireland—that the earth is now thoroughly saturated with moisture—that the oldest man in New York is Capt. Larbush, aged 111 years—that "Fely" reports all things right in Germantown—that Metcalf is the most successful chicken-hatcher in the county, he having at present 90 young chickens and 20 hens hatching—that the sands of Delaware contain a small quantity of gold—that oranges are said to be good for the liver—that the A. M. E. School will give a concert for the benefit of their Pastor, at Williams' Hall, April 5th—that it will soon be warm enough for people to loaf around the store doors—that the Hess Brothers are building an addition to their store—that everybody feels "jolly" when the bands begin to play—that the Philadelphia Store has the finest sign in town—that the "Red Front" will be opened by H. S. Wagner & Co., April 1st—that the wide-awake business man takes care not to hide his light under a bush—that many little girls indulge in rope-jumping for exercise—that E. P. Hollinshead is very tasty in arranging articles in his drug store, and has procured the services of Milton Edinger to assist in compounding medicines—that "Joe" (?) feels happy since he has turned chairman—that a strong-minded woman will always be speaker of the house—that as the first of April comes on Sunday all movable people will remain quiet until the day following—that Sheriff Shafer will sell out the dry goods store of H. D. Bush to-morrow—that James White left for Kansas on Monday night—that Sebastian Eble is the finest boot and shoemaker in this county—that John E. Snyder is assigned for J. S. Williams—that some evil disposed person threw a brick-bat through the transparency at the Democratic headquarters—that bull-frogs will soon commence their evening concerts.

THE Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company are conveying to New York about 55,000 tons of railroad iron, 35,000 tons of which are for the Central Pacific Road, and which is put upon lighters in the North river, and the rest for other roads. It takes forty-five bars to make a carload, or eleven tons to the car, and of course a contract like this means a good deal of work at the rolling mills and on the road.

THE Lackawanna river is clear of ice. Though the amount to be rafted on the waters of the Lackawanna and Dyberry is small, perhaps there never was so large an amount on the Delaware. Report gives Holbert & Branning 8,000,000 feet, while Wood & Boyd come in for 2,500,000; then there is C. P. & G. G. Waller and many more that claim the small amount of 2,000,000 each.

THE Benevolent Association of York hired a stone quarry near that place, where a large number of otherwise unemployed laborers have been kept at work, at ten cents an hour, during the winter. The result of the work estimated to be about three thousand perch of broken stone, ready for piking streets or roads.

THE bonnet shapes for spring are very much like those during the winter. The change in trimming will be more decided, new hats being almost entirely covered with flowers. This will make the dear creatures still more attractive than ever.

SCHOLARS have been in the habit of taking loaded pistols into the High School of Easton. Last week one of the pistols was discharged during the session. Fortunately no damage was done. Several of the lads engaged in the practice have been dismissed from the school.

WILLIAM HARPER, of Forest county, Penn., recently received back \$36,000 from an agent who had absconded with \$20,000 twelve years ago. Having acquired great wealth in South America, the agent added \$16,000 for interest.

AN old lady, hearing some one reading about a Congressman-at-large, rushed to the kitchen door and shouted, "Mary Ann, Mary Ann, don't you leave the clothes out all night; mind, I tell you, for there's a Congressman at large."

BEES have suffered severely this winter in all parts of the State. The cause is attributed to a scarcity of bees' food last fall, the bees having commenced to consume their store earlier than usual in the end of the winter.

How a man wears his hat: At twenty, tipped sideways over one ear; at thirty, on the back of his head; at forty, drawn down over his eyes; at fifty, sitting square on his caput, with the brim trying to rest on both shoulders.

THE wedding ring of a lady who was buried in Pottsville twenty-seven years ago was recently unearthed by the sexton and sent to the husband of the deceased in California, where he now resides.

CLEAN your yards, empty your ash barrels, remove all superfluous and unsightly matter about your premises, do anything at all to employ your spare time till business revives.

THE people in the country are cautioned against a set of chaps now in Pennsylvania who pretend to be agents for a lottery promising great prizes. They are swindlers. Don't touch them.

THE grand jury of Schuylkill county acted upon eighty-four bills last week, ignoring seven.

From Ingersoll's New York Lecture.

WHAT SOUTHERN CONGRESSMEN DID. Let me tell you something. If the High Joint Commission had failed; if the Vice-President had never counted the vote; if the election had been thrown into the House of Representatives, Samuel J. Tilden would not have been elected, but Rutherford B. Hayes would have been elected by Southern votes. [Great applause.] I know what I am talking about. During the last Congress the Southern members, not all of them, but enough of them, men who had fought upon the field of war against the life of our country, then held in their hands, so to speak, the destiny of the United States. With one word they could have plunged us into the hell of civil war. We were not saved by the Northern Democrats; we were not saved by the great host of honesty and reform. We were saved by those who once sought to destroy the nation, because they had had enough of war. [Applause.] They refused to act with the Bourbons of the North. They said: "We like this country; we know what war is; our land was laid waste; our homes and towns and cities were reduced to ashes; there shall be no more war that we can prevent. A President shall be chosen, and that President shall be inaugurated." Men, I say, who had fought upon the field of battle against our party, stood up in the caucuses of the Democratic Party in Washington, and used those very words. [Great applause.] To them we are indebted for the peaceful solution of the question. They gave us peace. They preserved it, so to speak; and I am willing to unite with them to preserve that priceless gift forever. [Applause.] Why should we live in enmity? If there is any way to settle this question by reasoning, by argument, by compromise, let us settle it in that way. When the President delivered his inaugural, he knew exactly the position that had been taken by these Southern men. He must have known it. He knew the patriotic stand they had taken. He knew that the opportunity had been presented to the South to show that they still loved this country, and he knew that the opportunity had been grandly improved by them. Knowing all this, he extended to these men, to the entire South, not the sword of war, but the olive branch of peace.

Boiled to Death.

TERRIBLE FATE OF A LABORER IN A TROY BREWERY—FALLING IN A VAT OF BOILING BEER.

The Port Jervis Gazette, 16 inst., contains the following:—A shocking and fatal accident, resulting in the death of the victim, occurred at the lager beer brewery of Lewis Boucher, at the junction of Fourth and Trouton streets, Troy, N. Y., Tuesday afternoon about half-past one o'clock. All that time Joseph Kautz, who had charge of the brewing rooms, was on his tour of inspection and seeing something amiss with the machinery over a vat of boiling malt, stepped upon the edge of the vat to arrange a faucet. In reaching up he lost his balance and fell back into the seething liquor. He uttered a piercing cry and disappeared. The depth of the boiling fluid being several feet. The terrible cry for help brought a fellow workman named Michael Seiler to the scene, and with great risk to his own life he pulled Kautz out, and in doing so had both hands terribly burned. When Kautz was drawn from the boiling vat the flesh hung in shreds from the body, his eyes were literally boiled to a jelly, and his tongue hung out stiffened. He vomited the boiling liquor for half an hour after being taken from the place of his terrible suffering, and when removed to his home No. 35 Ida street, lingered in great agony for two hours and then expired. Coroner Flood was notified and will hold an inquest. After the accident the liquor, about thirty barrels in all, was drawn off from the vat. The poor victim was in the vat about five minutes. He was only nineteen years of age, was single and a most exemplary young man.

The Delaware Ice.

IT IS GRADUALLY GOING OUT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE MILD WEATHER.

The ice in the Delaware, owing to the recent rains and the mild weather of the past few days, has broken loose at various points in this immediate vicinity. There is not, however, sufficient water to carry it far, and it lies in small masses near the shores, at bends in the stream, or around on the more exposed places in the river. It will require a good freshet to start the otherwise weakened ice and dislodge it effectually. There is no cause for alarm even among those who are inclined to be timid over the results of a "break up."

A Shower of Rocks.

The people of Walton county, Ga., were lately visited by one of the strangest of phenomena. According to the Vidette, it was nothing more or less than a genuine shower of stones, varying in size from as large as a hen's egg to that of a man's two fists. The stones are of irregular shape, of a dark grayish color, interspersed with a bright shiny substance resembling isinglass. The shower was brief, and extended over not more than four acres of ground, and followed by an explosive sound not unlike cannonading. A panicky feeling pervaded the vicinity visited by the shower. As many as a dozen stones fell on the roof of the editor's house, though without doing much damage.

Express Robbery.

TRAIN BOARDED AND A MESSENGER SHOT. NEW ORLEANS, March 18.—An express messenger on the train from Mobile, which arrived here at 10.15 last night, reports that at Lookout Station a man boarded the express car and presented a pistol at him. The messenger made a rush at the man and received a ball in the hand, disabling him. The highwayman then grabbed a \$500 package, leaped from the car and escaped.

MEN who have reached mature years without gaining any reputation on which they can stand may soon sit around on the boxes in front of the stores again.