

News of the Week

In March 97,000 emigrants landed in New York city.

Edmond Booth, editor of the Annona (Iowa) Eureka, died March 29. He was born August 24, 1810.

In the 43 days, ending on March 31, there were 104 deaths in New York City from cerebrospinal meningitis.

The Baldwin Works (Philadelphia) built 225 locomotives in twenty-seven working days, establishing a record.

The seat of the Presiding Bishop of the Greek-Russian Church is to be transferred from San Francisco to New York.

California redwood is being shipped east. It will be much used for interior fittings, especially the curly and straight grained.

Mrs. Mary Brockwell, of Paducah, Ky., confessed that she had murdered her three children so that she could marry George Albert.

At Peoria, Illinois, March 28, Otis Burt, 21 years old, was found guilty of murdering his wife. Punishment was fixed at death.

Reports made to the National Association of State Dairy and Food Departments, at Chicago, showed that 455,000 infants died last year from poison administered in impure foods.

Governor General Wright has issued a proclamation announcing that the census of the Philippines had been completed, and that in two years, provided peace prevails, an election would be held for a general assembly.

According to statistics furnished by Samuel Manifold, sheriff of York county, Pa., crime among women of the county is on the decline.

Of the 102 inmates now in the jail, six are women. In former years there would be as many as 40 women in the jail. Sometimes half of the inmates were females.

A small tank used for the storage of nitro glycerin exploded at the dynamite manufacturing plant of H. H. Thomas, near Bay City, Michigan, April 3. Three men were killed, a building that covers the tank. They were blown to pieces. The cause of the explosion is a mystery. The monetary loss does not exceed \$150.

The Vesta Coal Company, composed of stockholders of the Laughlins Steel Company of Pittsburgh, has closed a deal for the purchase of 9,000 acres of coal land in Washington county, Pa.

The purchase price is said to be over \$5,000,000. It is one of the largest single sales of coal lands ever consummated in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

The four-year-old Mrs. Robert Douglas, who resides in Elizabeth City, Virginia, on April 2 was horribly mutilated by a vicious bulldog kept on the premises.

The animal was chained by the neck, but when the child tried to dog it to the fence the brute broke the chain and attacked the girl. The wounds could not be frenzied by a physician without burning the boy to death.

Within 16 days the importation of canned, dried and preserved fruits into France has doubled. California peaches, apricots and peaches are found in every grocery store, and dried fruits of every variety, of better quality than the domestic products, are sold throughout France generally.

However, there is still an opening for a large increase in this industry, and if the fruit is properly prepared sales could be doubled.

Some 50 women were outwitted April 3, in Joseph Letier's case, in Zeigler, Illinois, by a terrific explosion of gas. It is probable that 50 or more of the buried men are dead.

Thus far four bodies have been found. The explosion, it is said, was due to the fact that the Letier mines are not worked on Sunday, thus allowing gas to accumulate to the lower workings. When the mine was opened, the gas had descended into the mine to resume work a terrific explosion blew the mouth of the mine into the air.

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A BIG BLAST.

Windows in Great Oceanport Are Demolished by Explosion.

CUMBERLAND, Md., March 28.—Nearly all the windows in the village of Great Oceanport, opposite dam No. 6, on the Potomac river, 10 miles west of Hancock, were blown out by the concussion from a blast set off on the Western Maryland connecting link on the Maryland side of the river yesterday. A pass of high winds and Ohio accommodation train had nearly every window pane on the side exposed to the river broken. The passengers were for a moment panic-stricken. The windows of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal boats as if it had been visited by a violent windstorm. The windows of residences are stuffed up with pillows and the contents of the stores are boarded up.

Since the blasting for the Western Maryland canal has been in progress heavy rocks have frequently been hurled clear across the river. Some of them weigh several hundred pounds.

The contractors have a number of steam shovels employed removing from the bed of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal debris from the bluff blasted away to make the roadbed. This is being dumped into the Potomac river.

Maryland Affairs.

Leahuel Wilson, an educated negro, aged 18 years, was indicted and arrested on a charge of forging an order for a watch on George W. Phipps, a jeweler, Cambridge.

Rev. John B. Kolaria, a native of Jersey City and a member of the Christian faith, April 2, was installed as pastor of the Reformed church, Frederick county. Leahuel Wilson was indicted on April 2 to 5 per cent, and some as low as 4 per cent, guile security. An unusual number of mortgages were released and very few new ones were made.

Five broke out on South Mountain, Washington county, on March 31, and the high wind carried the cinders in several directions. The proprietors of the houses in the Talbot county have decided not to pack as many cases of corn and tomatoes this season as they have heretofore been doing. The account of the decline in demand for canned goods throughout the United States, and the fact that they experienced with farmers to plant a sufficient number of acres in corn and tomatoes keep the factories running through the year.

Mr. An Ryan died April 3 at the residence of Major G. W. McCardell, her son-in-law, in Washington county, Pa. Mrs. Ryan was a native of Ireland and came to this country 50 years ago. She was a resident of Shepley, Pa., where she lived for many years. She was a member of the Catholic church. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. G. W. McCardell, and three sons, George E. Ryan, Portersmouth, Ohio, a divorcee, and the Norfolk and Western Railroad; Matthew, of Washington, and John, of Williamsport, Pa.

W. A. Pzwin, son of the late J. T. Baldwin, of Aberdeen, Harford county, last Sunday, committed suicide, by shooting off the top of his head with a shotgun. About 11 o'clock he went to his room to take a nap and requested to be called in during the night. He had been in the room for some time when he was found by a neighbor. He had evidently made a deliberate attempt to take his life, as some pillows and articles of clothing had been scattered about him. He had struck the trigger of the gun with a window curtain stick, which he took from a curtain in the room.

Joseph H. Bratton, of Willards, Wicomico county, a former sheriff of Wicomico under Democratic rule, but more recently a Republican politician, has been indicted by the grand jury, and arrested Monday. Bratton was indicted on three charges: assault on his mother, Mrs. W. B. Bratton; assault with intent to kill on his brother, Alvin Bratton, and carrying concealed weapons. Bratton gave \$5,000 for his appearance in court. It is stated that the ex-sheriff caused a great disturbance at the home of his parents Sunday last. After considerable trouble in the afternoon he returned at night, and it is said, his mother with a chair, and his brother Alvin with a gun, and he was killed. His brother Alvin did not run, however, and Jesse H. H. is asserted, ran at his mother's head, and was killed. Alvin picked up a Morris chair and hit Jesse in self-defense.

A Welsh Mountain Moving.

LONDON, ENGLAND, April 3.—A moving mountain was supposed to have descended in the Rhymney Valley in South Wales. About a quarter of a mile of mountain near New River bridge has been seen to move. It has caused damage amounting to thousands of pounds. More valuable property is in jeopardy.

The quake started with trifling falls of earth, but quickly assumed alarming proportions. A large mass of earth and rubble piled up in an impassable mass in the roadway. Thousands of tons of rock were displaced with a terrific noise as the slide continued, tearing a gash in the hillside about 400 square yards in the center of the hill.

Five or six cottages have been destroyed. The families occupying them were awakened in the middle of the night by falling plaster and bed-pans, articles, etc., escaping. About 200 houses on the Merthyr Railway has been destroyed, and the avalanche is moving in a direct line with two cottages and one in course of sinking operations.

The enginehouse of the new pit has been destroyed, and the steam and water pipes broken and twisted out of recognition. The tramroads to the collieries have been rendered useless. It is believed that none of the pits can escape destruction.

Work in the collieries has been stopped, and about 12,000 men have been thrown out of employment. Many others are out of work because of the damage done to the railway. Debris from the main line is believed to be the cause of the slide, a slight one occurring in 1901.

High-Priced Tabor Farms.

The Eastern (Md.) Ledger says: The recent sale of the Ellensburg farm, in Talbot county, to Charles C. Nickerson, for \$300,000, recalls several other real estate transactions in the Chesapeake region in the past few years. The Anchorage, on Miles river, the home of Mrs. Charles A. Chipley, widow of General Thomas Chipley, was sold for \$150,000. The Commodore Lowndes, nestled close to the river, was purchased by Charles H. Leonard, of Eastern, for \$120,000.

Eastman farm, on the same river, was sold by J. J. Speck, of Pittsburg, for \$120,000. The L. W. Trail farm, on Miles river, by Clifford Wharton, of Pittsburg, for \$28,000. Idaho, the farm of M. T. Goldsborough, on the Trevon, by J. Bell, of Philadelphia, for \$100,000.

The Villa, formerly owned by Simon Brady, by J. Lockwood, of New York, for \$25,000. Waverly, owned by the Roger heirs, Baltimore, by Dr. J. M. H. Bateman, for \$13,000. Radcliffe Manor, on the Trevon, by W. P. Hall, of Baltimore, for \$10,000. All these farms are water fronts and, therefore, brought fancy prices. There are many inland farms in the county which brought figures round about \$10,000.

Man Shrinks Two Feet.

PARIS, FRANCE, April 3.—At the Academy of Science a curious case of osteomalacia, or softening of the bones, was expounded by means of radiograms. The patient, who was originally 5 feet 4 inches in height, had shrunk by degrees to 5 feet 2 inches in the course of three years. Cases of this kind have almost invariably ended fatally, but the patient now in question is fairly good health, and, of course, there is no possibility of his regaining his former height.