

WEATHER FACTS.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Ohio:
Colder, fair weather.

IT IS IMPORTANT

To you who are as yet short a garment or two for zero weather, it is important that you acquaint yourselves with the doings of

THE WHEN CLOTHING HOUSE

AT THIS TIME.

The year's rally of trade to this favored spot has caused many breaks in lots and sizes, remnants of which are being closed this side of stock counting time, for so little in money as to almost induce you to buy whether short or not.

We stop a moment on overcoats, fearing that some one of the city's population are as yet without knowledge of the overcoat goodness we are dealing out at

\$2 A COAT.

In our three dollar boys' knee pant suit sale we include Corduroy suits, with double breasted coats, cassimers, worsteds, tricots, etc.

You are reasonably sure of the size in one or the other any day not unreasonably distant.

New lines in men's and youths' cassimere and worsted pantaloons are taking the place of those gone before.

It's pant time, anyway.
10c sock stock replenished and they're moving by feet and inches.
35c scarlet lambs-wool socks that you'd ordinarily pay 50c for, are a conspicuous feature of our hosiery department.

OVEN BROTHERS

Springfield's Only One Price
Clothing,
25 AND 27 WEST MAIN ST.

WHEN, WHEN, WHEN.

HEADQUARTERS FOR

FOUR XXXX SUGAR!

GLACE CHERRIES,
Fara Dates,
Persian Dates,
ENGLISH WALNUTS,
Princess Paper,
Shell Almonds.

TAWAGON ALMONDS.

FINEST RAISINS IN THE CITY.
Frogme DeRoquefort,
Frogme DeCambert.

J. M. NUFFER

ARCADE GROCER,
NO. 13 EAST HIGH ST.
PAUL A. STALEY,
Attorney and Expert
—IN—
PATENT CASES,
SOLICITOR OF PATENTS,
Room 8, Arcade Building.

MR. HENRY GEORGE.

What Mr. Eugene Kelley, New York Banker, Thinks About the Great Land and Labor Reformer.

The Catholic Religion "Means Sympathy and Aid to the Poor"—Fifty Thousand Pennsylvania Miners Ready to Strike—Bridge Breaks in Michigan.

A GAS EXPLOSION

Creates Panic in the Chicago Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Just before the close of the afternoon session of the board of trade Tuesday the traders in the great exchange were startled by a terrific explosion. An instant later a piece of iron, weighing probably eight or ten pounds, crashed through one of the plate glass windows in the front of the building, and fell on the floor of the hall. Thoughts of bombs and anarchists flitted through the minds of the members, and a general alarm was given. The explosion had occurred in the under-ground conduit in which the gas from the Western Union telegraph company are laid, and the cover to the man-hole directly in front of the building had been blown to fragments. It was one of these fragments which flew a distance of seventy-five feet, and smacking through a window created such commotion on the floor. The only person in the room who was not struck by the flying glass, a member of the board, who was slightly cut on the forehead by a fragment of flying glass. A leak in one of the gas pipes under the floor of the building, which had been discovered by the board, was the cause of the explosion. The gas was ignited by a spark from a match which had been lit by one of the men who were working on the main shaft on Lassie street, and a fireman who went into the basement with a light to look for a broken wire in the mine. The firemen and whisks of the fireman were severely scorched, but no serious damage was done.

OHIO LEGISLATURE.

Second Session, Sixty-Seventh General Assembly.
COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 11.—SENATE.—Bills passed: House bill, authorizing the commissioners of Montgomery county to borrow money for the immediate relief of indigent soldiers, sailors and marines. Bill introduced: To punish fraudulent registry and transfers on bond books; amending the law for placing guide and marker boards on roads near cities and villages. Resolutions adopted: In respect to the memory of Senator Schaeffer; house joint resolution for the week's observance is amended to begin January 21.

HOUSE.—House joint resolutions adopted: Asking Congress to pass a law refunding to the several states and territories the revenues raised by direct taxation by the general government in 1861; requesting the passage of a law by Congress distributing to the several states the revenue raised from the taxation of dealers in liquors and tobacco. Bills passed: House bill to admit children from children's homes to the township schools. Bills introduced: To regulate canal navigation; making the holder of a note receivable in a money market and finger bonds killing bill 1886; requiring that persons shall have been examined two years for color blindness before being employed on a railroad.

STRIKE WITH A STRING TO IT.

30,000 Hard-Coal Miners Will Go Out on Occasion.
HAZLETON, Pa., Jan. 12.—The executive committee of the Miners' and Laborers' union of the anthracite coal fields, has resolved to declare a general strike of all employees engaged in mining and preparation of coal that goes to places affected by the strike of the New Jersey coal handlers, providing the strikers approve of this as the most effective manner of rendering their assistance. If the action of the committee is approved by the strikers, 50,000 of the 100,000 mine employees in the anthracite coal fields would stop work.

CHINESE TREATY.

Modifications Made That Will Prevent the Importation of Coolies.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—It is understood that the negotiations with the Chinese government, to which allusion was made in the president's message, for such a modification of existing treaties as will entirely prevent the introduction of Chinese coolie labor into this country, have just been brought to a successful termination and that in a few days an amended treaty covering this point will be submitted to the senate for ratification. Both the state department and the Chinese embassy are much gratified at the satisfactory conclusion reached.

OLDEST HARVARD GRADUATE.

Death of Dr. Wm. Ferrard at the Age of 98 Years.
EXETER, N. H., Jan. 12.—Dr. Wm. Ferrard, the oldest person in Exeter, and the oldest graduate of Harvard college, died yesterday morning, aged 98 years. He was the sole survivor of the passengers on Fulton's first steamboat ride down the Hudson river, seventy-nine years ago. He was grandfather of Sarah Orne Jewett, the authoress. He leaves two sons, one of whom is a practicing physician here, and the other, John T. Ferrard, was, until within a few years, connected with the Cincinnati Gazette.

Death Under Terrible Circumstances.

BRISTOL, O., Jan. 12.—Charles Pratt, aged 55, engineer at the Kelly mill and iron-works, was killed Tuesday in a shaft-tunnel under the works. His clothing caught on the shaft and he was bruised horribly, dying three hours after, two of which were spent in the tunnel before he was found.

The Logan Fund.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Mrs. General Logan has received from William Penn Nixon, manager of the Chicago Inter Ocean, the sum of \$6,500 collected in Chicago. The amount of the Chicago fund now delivered to Mrs. Logan is \$13,000.

Suffering Among the Indians.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—A special to the Times from Fort Shaw, Mont., says: A dispatch from Fort Keogh states that there is terrible suffering and privation among the Creek Indians on the south fork of the Sun river.

CONGRESS.

Second Session—Forty-third Congress.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—SENATE.—Mr. Sherman, by request, introduced a bill to reimburse the depositors of the Freedmen's bank of Washington. Referred.

The senate then, at 2 o'clock, resumed consideration of the inter-state commerce bill and was addressed by Mr. Coke in favor of the conference report.

Mr. Cullom reported the notice heretofore given by him that he would ask the senate to remain in session tomorrow till the bill was disposed of.

After an executive session the senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—Mr. Willis (Ky.) reported back the river and harbor appropriation bill, and the appointment of congressional committees to attend funerals at the public expense outside the District of Columbia, and also to prohibit the draping of public buildings in mourning, except by the authority of the president. Passed on House calendar.

In motion of Mr. Hatch (Mo.), and in spite of the antagonism of Mr. Willis (Ky.) with the river and harbor bill, the House went into the committee of the whole (Mr. Springer, of Illinois, in the chair) on a bill creating a department of agriculture and labor.

On motion of Mr. Foran, of Ohio, an amendment was adopted, investing from \$4,000 to \$5,000 the salary of the commissioner of labor. The committee then rose and the bill was passed—yeas, 222; nays, 117.

BRIDGE BREAKS.

Cold Constricts the Iron and Causes the Death of Two Men.
ADRIAN, Mich., Jan. 12.—The iron passenger bridge, spanning Raisin river, connecting the two principal portions of the village of Blissfield, ten miles east of this place, fell yesterday, intense cold causing the bridge to contract and break. The bridge was built by the Michigan Central railroad, and was supported by William Slack and Charles Quigley, with a herd of cattle, were precipitated to the ice below. Both men were fatally injured.

A Strange Robbery in London.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 12.—W. J. Butcher of Western, W. Va., en route to Kansas City, last night reported to the police that during the day he had been robbed of a valise containing \$2,300 in cash.

Bank Elections.

The five banking houses of this city held elections yesterday afternoon with the following results:
Springfield National—Directors: P. P. Mack, John F. Foss, William West, Robert Johnson and Conrad Nagel. The directors organized by the election of the following: President, P. P. Mack; vice president, John Foss; vice president, F. S. Penfield.
Laguna National—Directors: John Howell, J. Warren Keller, George Spencer, Amos Whiteley, D. P. J. Jeffers. The directors will organize the first of next week.

First National—Directors: B. H. Warner, Ross Mitchell, John H. Thomas, Asa S. Bushnell and William Rogers. The directors organized by the election of the following: President, P. P. Mack; vice president, John Foss; vice president, F. S. Penfield.

Mad River National—Directors: James S. Good, Charles H. Bacon, Thos. F. McGrew, L. H. Hughes, Jacob Steff. Officers will be elected next Monday.

Death of Mrs. Mary A. Cummings.

Mrs. Mary A. Cummings, an aged and much-esteemed pioneer citizen of this city, died at noon today at the residence of her son, James W. Cummings, probate clerk, corner of Maple street and Johnson avenue. Deceased was a fine advanced woman in years and was a noble woman. She took a prominent part in the church work and was always identified with all that tended to advance the cause of Christ and the welfare of her people. She was also the mother of Capt. Finley O. Cummings. The funeral will occur Friday or Saturday.

That Anglerbarge Failure.

B. F. Blessinger writes the REPUBLIC a long and rather incoherent card from which the following facts are gleaned: He says that he never had any interest in the Anglerbarge project at New Carlisle until December 25, 1886, when Anglerbarge sold to Zorodia Blessinger, his wife, a one-half interest in the stock. On December 30, 1886, Anglerbarge secured the services of William Willard, who afterward sold his share to Zorodia Blessinger, making her owner of the whole stock. Blessinger then never acted crookedly in the matter at all.

Poor Man's House Burned.

The house of John Vance, near Spring hills, was destroyed by fire on Friday last, together with his household goods. The fire occurred during the absence of the family. The loss is placed at \$500, and no insurance. Mr. Vance is a poor man and cannot sustain the loss. His neighbors placed a plan in circulation to raise money and assist him. At last accounts there were one hundred dollars subscribed.—Urban Citizen.

Secondary Hemorrhage.

Tony D. Acostino, the Italian fruit dealer who so badly cut about the fruit Saturday by Tony Tagliaferra, got to rolling around in bed last night and burst open his anus. Violent secondary hemorrhage set in and the fellow almost died to death before his physician, Dr. Russell, could be summoned. The hemorrhage was finally checked but the Italian was terribly exhausted before this could be accomplished.

A FIENDISH PLOT.

How Murray, the Diamond Thief, Conspired to Murder Chief Walker and Detective Norris.

Foiled, He Confesses to a Bloody and Sensational Railroad Express Robbery, Implicating His Two Pals and Companions.

A startling plot to murder Chief of Police James C. Walker, Detective John T. Norris and Mr. William Murray, formerly of this city, but now residing in Columbus, has just been brought to light, and the cold-bloodedness and concentrated villainy of the plotters is without parallel in the history of Springfield. A representative of the REPUBLIC worked up the case this morning, and the particulars of the

DIABOLICAL SCHEME

are, in brief, as follows:
The chief conspirator is William Murray, who is now in the penitentiary serving an eight-year term for burglary and larceny. Murray, who is the husband of the Mrs. Murray referred to above, formerly resided in Springfield, and was sent to the penitentiary from Troy. He was known here as one of the most desperate burglars that ever operated in this vicinity—a man who would hesitate at nothing, not even at taking the life of a fellow being. If by doing so he could accomplish his purpose, he would not hesitate to do so. On the evening of Saturday, the 10th of January, 1886, now almost a year ago, Detective John T. Norris and ex-police-man Charles Bay, arrested Murray at the I. & W. station here on the charge of burglary and larceny, the specific charge being that he had burglarized the residence of Mrs. Ross, of Troy, and stolen therefrom jewelry and diamonds amounting, in all, to \$1,500. Murray protested his innocence, but upon being taken to Troy and confronted with the evidence, he confessed, pleaded guilty, in order to get a light sentence, and was sent by the judge to the "pen" for eight years.

FOR EIGHT YEARS.

The prisoner insisted that he committed the burglary single-handed, but the officers, both in this city and in Troy, always believed that he had accomplices. Every least thing stolen from Mrs. Ross was recovered. A few months prior to the arrest of Murray a series of burglaries were committed in Springfield, Urbana and Mechanicburg, the two most important being the robbery of the residence of Mr. Gustav S. Foss, of this city, on the night of the 29th of August, 1885, and the robbery of Mr. James M. Russell's residence at Urbana on the night of September 15, of the same year. A gold watch and a quantity of valuable silverware were taken from Mr. Foss's and a large lot of very valuable jewelry from Mr. Russell's. It was supposed that Murray had also committed these burglaries and after his arrest pressure was brought to bear on his wife and she revealed all, told where the jewelry was and went herself to Marion and got an elegant pearl and onyx set of jewelry, which her husband had given to his sister.

When Murray heard of this, he flew into a violent rage and within the walls of his cell in the penitentiary he

MADE A SOLLEM VOW

that he would, at the first opportunity, murder his wife for revealing his secret and would then kill John Norris and Chief of Police Walker, both of whom had been active in securing his conviction and subsequent incarceration in the "pen" and in the recovery of the goods stolen from Mr. Foss and Mr. Russell. Little attention was paid to his threats, as they were considered as no more than the idle vapors of a man in a rage, but those threats had a deeper significance than anybody at that time imagined.

In order to make clear the details of the plot which has recently been developed, it is now necessary to ask the reader to go back to the year 1874, in order that he may become acquainted with the dramatic personage of the desperate play in which Murray was to be the chief actor.

One night in August of that year a limited express on the Vandavia line was rushing through intense darkness en route from St. Louis to Terre Haute, Ind. The train made but three stops between those cities, and one of the stops was at Long Point watering tank, situated at a

LOVELY SPOT

in a strip of heavy woodland, four miles west of Casey, Ill., and five miles east of Greenup. It was a dark and dreary spot, well calculated for the consummation of robbery and murder. At a few minutes before 2 o'clock in the morning, the express came to a stop at the tank to take on water. The fireman was just about to start the engine, when two men, one on each side of the locomotive, sprang forward from their hiding places, and presenting cocked revolvers at the heads of both the engineer and fireman, ordered them to keep still and obey their orders on penalty of their lives. Stepping aboard the engine the men, still keeping the engineer and fireman covered with their revolvers, stood like graven images, without saying a word or moving a muscle. Apparently they were waiting for something, and the fireman, looking into the muzzles of the pistols the minutes seemed hours.

Presently, the gang in the cab signalled to go ahead, and in a firm voice one of the men ordered the engineer to obey the signal. He refused, and was again given the order, with an admonition that he would better obey. Still he refused, and, without another word, the villain

PLACING HIS REVOLVER IN HIS BELT,

the murderer seized the throttle and in a few seconds the engine was dashing away from the tank, drawing behind it the Adams express car. After running about three-quarters of a mile the engine was stopped. The murderer stepped off the engine, leaving his companion to guard the fireman. It was now developed that the scheme was to rob the express car, and that while two of the gang had boarded the engine, a third had to do with the passengers. The express car from the train and given the signal to go ahead. These two men now signalled the express car and, with a railroad tie, endeavored to burst open the door. The express messenger, suspecting that all was not right, had barred the door, and the robbers' attempts to batter it open were fruitless. Every time they approached the door the messenger would shout through it at them. This he did so many times that the door was rattled with bullets.

Conductor Himes, who had charge of the train, discovering what had occurred, gathered together the train men and male passengers and

HURRIED FORWARD

to search for the express car. Seeing them

coming, the robbers fled without being successful in their scheme to rob. Miss Ames, the murdered engineer, was a particular friend of Chief of Police Walker, who had worked on the same road with him. He had frequently told the Chief that he feared that he had at the watering tank, and had a premonition that at some time he would be killed there. Strangely enough his premonition came true.

A Springfield Grocer's Humanity to an Unfortunate Family—The Weather Bit—For Colder—A Man's Communion—Impresso's Oath.

A well-known and leading grocer of south Market street had an adventure Sunday night that is worthy of repetition for a number of reasons. Chief among these is the fact that it demonstrated the grocer's kindness of heart and readiness of resource. Sunday night will be remembered as bitterly cold—one of the most severe nights of the recent frigid snap. Crossing the railroad tracks at Market street about 11 o'clock on his way to his home in the south end, the grocer came upon a group of four people, quaking with the cold, at their wit's end and almost perishing. They were a man, his wife, with a babe not yet out of long clothing, and a sturdy little baby boy. The woman was a faithful cripple and could not only get on her feet but could not even get up a step. It was afterwards learned that she was bent almost double from rheumatism. They live in the extreme northeastern part of the city and had been to Osborne, where the woman is taking medical treatment. They had missed the earlier train up, and the man had not a penny to procure transportation from the depot. The street car had stopped running for the night. The children were moaning piteously in the cold, and the mother was weeping. In this situation the poor woman was on her feet and had been in a delicate condition for seven months.

THE GROVER'S A HUMANE MAN.

The situation was not a heroic one—a lame woman, two helpless babes and a distracted man. It was not the kind of charity the world looks for, and applauds, but the grocer helped them. He picked up the older child in his arms, placed the babe in the man's grasp, and thus allowed the woman to use her unimpaired strength in getting up the stairs. He then took the man by the hand and led him to a room where he had a bed. He took the other child, and told the man to look his wife. The novel proposition again started and made better progress. When they came opposite the grocer's store in the south end—an aristocratic neighborhood, by the way—a thought struck him. It was a long distance yet to the people's home. Why not take them—at least the woman and children—in his delivery wagon?

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MARRIAGE AT YELLOW SPRINGS.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon, Mr. John Dadds, Pan Handle trolley agent at Yellow Springs, and Miss Alice Robinson, a prominent and talented young lady of the same village, were married at the bride's residence on High street, Yellow Springs. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Cannon, of the Second United Presbyterian church of Xenia, officiated. The wedding was pleasant affair and Mr. and Mrs. Dadds start on the voyage of life under a smiling and favorable breeze. Ticket agent Sam Dadds, brother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. Wise, and Mrs. Nobles attended from Springfield.

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BAND CONCERT

Given Last Night by the Big Six Band to a Crowded House at Temperance Hall.

Blustery and disagreeable as was last evening between 7 and 8 o'clock, and notwithstanding the meetings in the churches, and counter attractions, Temperance hall was filled with an audience as ever gathered together under similar circumstances. The drawing card was the Big Six band. It takes but little coaxing to get the people to come to hear this famous band make music. They know they can get no better anywhere. Indeed it is wonderful the amount and quality of the music those six horns can make. At St. Louis last fall the Big Six band came in direct competition with the best of the city, and they were victorious over nearly all of them.

THE PROGRAMME.

Last night was no exception. The audience was so large that the hall was filled with the auditors who left before the last note of the Old Hundred was sounded. The programme was well received all the way through. Possibly the only disappointment was that Professor Reising did not give one of his exquisite cornet solos. In the quartette Ben Barton played the second cornet. Near Mr. G. C. Cannon, of the Xenia band, if any one member of the programme is to be mentioned over its fellows. The following is the full programme as rendered.

BI BOYS.

Meeting of the Executive Board of the Ohio Division of the League of American Wheelmen met in Mansfield yesterday afternoon. Mr. T. J. Kirkpatrick, of this city, who is not only a member of the board, but also prominent among wheelmen all over the country, was present. The board was tendered a reception and banquet by the Richmond Rantlers, the Mansfield branch of the L. A. W. Under a line programme had been rendered in the Richmond Rantlers' club room the party adjourned to the Hotel, where the following programme was observed:

TABLE LINENS

25, 30, 37, 42, 45, 50, 65, 75, 85, 95c and \$1 per yard.
Bleached Table Linen at 47, 50, 65, 70, 75, 90c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.65 per yard.
Half-Bleached Napkins at 90c, \$1, \$1.25, \$