

The Tow Boat Iron City Explodes Her Boilers and Kills the Engineer and Severely Injures Several Other Persons.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 2--The towboat Iron City was blown to pieces this morning about 2 o'clock while stuck on the bar at the head of Herr's island, in Allegheny river. The crew, which numbered six men, were blown into the river. Engineer Geo. Ashton was instantly killed, Fred Jackson fatally injured, and others seriously hurt. The vessel was burned to the water's edge and is a total loss. About 6 o'clock in the evening the Iron City, in running down the river, was swung on to a bar, where she went badly aground, just over the main pipe of the Philadelphia gas company. All the evening and up to the time of the explosion the vessel tried to back off into deeper water. Shortly after 2 o'clock a final effort was made to get her off the bar. The engines were forced to the fullest capacity, but boilers could not stand the pressure and collapsed. The concussion from the explosion was so terrible as to awaken people in the upper end of the two cities. Pieces of the vessel were blown from the middle of the river, where the boat was grounded, to the Allegheny shore, 500 yards away. Part of the cabin alighted on the roof of Geerd's tannery, directly opposite, on the Allegheny side. The water was shallow and the crew, with the exception of Ashton and Jackson, easily reached the bar within a few minutes. After the explosion the river banks and island became thickly crowded with people. The few skills that could be secured were at once filled with eager crews of rescuers, who hastened to the scene of the disaster. The survivors of the crew were taken from the bar and rowed to Allegheny, where all possible was done for their injuries. Their names were Robert Jackson, fireman, badly bruised and scalded; Joe Richardson, badly injured; Ex-Councilman Smith Walker, severely hurt; Billy Wently, leg broken. Jas. Omsler, the owner, is said to be severely injured. The remains of George Ashton, the engineer, was removed to his home. The Iron City was built here eleven years ago and was 135 feet long and 25 feet wide. When built she was considered an excellent craft and has continually been engaged in harbor rowing. Her original cost was about \$16,000.

Feeble Frames, Shaky Nerves And dyspeptic stomachs are usually found in conjunction. Vitality is lacking in all three. How can this be created? Simply by using Hostetter's Stomach Bitters with regularity. It obtains from habits inconsistent with health, and by the use of a dietetic diet. As an initial step toward the reformation of a depleted system, a resort to Hostetter's stomach Bitters is most desirable, since it corrects acidity consequent upon a violation of the gastric juices and the presence of bile in the stomach, and having regulated and, as it were, lubricated the digestive mechanism, sets it and keeps it at work. An immediate gain in vigor is the result. The food is converted into blood, upon which the system draws for nutrition, the nerves as they acquire vigor become tranquil, the muscular fiber gains substance and firmness, and appetite and sleep improve. Constipation, fever and ague, rheumatism and venal ailments yield to the Bitters.

A Horrible Death. LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 2--M. F. McGinnis, of Peoria, Ill., a machinist of the Iron Mountain railway company, while testing an engine which he had just repaired, met his death in a horrible manner yesterday. He was making a run of a few miles with the engine, when it suddenly toppled over. He was caught under the engine so that the engineer couldn't extricate him, the hot water and fire pouring out upon him. When he was taken out the clothing had been burned from his legs and the flesh upon his left hip fried and smoked, and his right side was burned to a crisp. He died shortly afterwards.

The Kansas Husband's Murder now exciting such a sensation specially at Emporia, Kansas, the scene of the occurrence, is being discussed from various phases. The prevailing theory is that when a wife is in ill health, suffering from nervous exhaustion or otherwise deranged in the delicate organs peculiar to her sex, the best course is to use regularly Creole Female Tonic, the great regulator, and woman's best friend.

Turkey Massing Troops on the Roumelia Frontier. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 2--The Sultan has issued a manifesto to the inhabitants of eastern Roumelia, stating that a commissioner will rule there until the new governor is appointed. Troops and military stores are being pushed to the frontier.

O'DONOVAN ROSSA says Parnell is doing the best work a statesman ever performed. He evidently thinks, however, that it takes dynamite backing to make a statesman potent.

Rosadalis for Rheumatism. Messrs. H. Peck & Son, of Streetsboro, O., write us, June 5, 1882: "Why do you not advertise the ROSADALIS for Inflammatory Rheumatism? It is doing wonders here in curing the disease." Well, we do advertise it to cure Rheumatism, as any one can see by reading our circular. It is a splendid Blood Medicine; and it reaches the very root and seat of disease by being conveyed through the blood. Druggists, leading physicians and citizens of the highest standing unite in commendation of ROSADALIS. For sale by all druggists.

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Southern Industrial College.

The following letter from Bishop Hugh Miller Thompson calls attention to an institution in the neighboring State of Mississippi which is doing much to educate its people in many lines of industry, which is indeed spreading a new spirit throughout that portion of the South:

To the Editor of the Times-Democrat. I have just seen what I consider the most hopeful sight so far visible to my eyes in Mississippi--fifty or sixty young men--white men, mind you--with hands and toes down in the soil digging potatoes and planting strawberries at eight cents an hour. They were not tramps, nor boozers, but scholars and gentlemen--sons of our best people--and were learning many things of vast promise to themselves and Mississippi, in this close and practical acquaintance with its soil!

It was at the Agricultural College at Starkville where I spent last Friday, partly, and all of Saturday. The institution is filled this year to its utmost capacity. There are, I believe, 375 students. I was struck with the admirable discipline, the independent and self-respecting bearing of the young men, the military alertness, the courtesy of manner to the professors and to each other.

The students live very plainly and serve themselves as to their personal needs. There is a quite Spartan simplicity about their quarters. They are like soldiers in barracks, and endure hardness bravely. The equipment for study, I judge, very sufficient for present needs, but many things must come hereafter. The buildings are insufficient now, in view of the fact that many boys were necessarily refused this year.

The instructors are men in earnest. The president a prompt disciplinarian, has the respect and affection of the young men as one who deals with them squarely and without favoritism, and seeks their best interests, and Mrs. Lee's motherly kindness is just delightful to see. The air is filled with enthusiasm. Even a visitor, like myself, catches it. The overpowering purpose clearly controls professors and students, and a lazy man at Starkville would be in misery.

I had placed my own rather self-indulgent son in the institution, and found him entered into all the life and enthusiasm of work and drill and study.

I saw the young men upon parade, in their "mess hall" at the substantial supper, in the chapel, in their plain, anti-luxurious quarters, and at their work, as I have described, in the field and the dairy--saw a half-hundred with axes on their shoulders returning from clearing land, and did my own thinking about it all as a sort of new era wherein labor is honorable and intellect goes with toil and brains guide the hands.

There was far-seeing wisdom somewhere when this University at Starkville was founded. There appears to have been marvelous good fortune in the selection of Gen. Lee and the faculty, and the whole concern has a very high pulpit, and is doing, in my judgment, some of the most efficient and important preaching ever done in Mississippi. HUGH MILLER THOMPSON. Oxford, Thanksgiving Day.

Most Excellent. J. J. Atkins, Chief of Police, Knoxville, Tenn., writes: "My family and I are beneficiaries of your most excellent medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption; having found it to be all that you claim for it, desire to testify to its virtue. My friends to whom I have recommended it, praise it at every opportunity. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is guaranteed to cure Coughs, Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup and every affection of throat, Chest and Lungs. Trial Bottles free at Hardway & Cassell's Drug Store. Large size \$1.00."

A Difference of Opinion Regarding Parnell's Policy. KINGSTON, ONT., Dec. 2--A mass meeting of citizens was held last night to denounce the action of the small meeting held here a week ago, at which a resolution endorsing Parnell's policy was adopted. A resolution was passed declaring the citizens of Kingston have no sympathy with Home Rule in Ireland as promulgated by Parnell, and as subjects of Her Majesty in Canada, they deprecate the agitation now going on with that end in view.

F. B. Culver, of Westfield, Chautauque Co., N. Y., was afflicted with scrofulous eruptions over the back and thigh, accompanied with nausea and neuralgic pains in the head, so severe that on one occasion he fell unconscious in the street. Physicians failing to do him good, he commenced using Brandreth's Pills--five every night for a week, then rested three days, and took five every night for another week, then two every night for thirty days. To his delight, at the end of that time, the eruptions had disappeared and all pain had gone. He continues to take one pill occasionally as a precaution.

SHILOH'S CURE will immediately relieve Croup, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis. For sale by Hardway & Cassell.

ANOTHER general change of the names of the streets of Paris has been ordered. The last vestige both of royalty and of the empire are to be wiped off the municipal maps.

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The postmaster at Washington has suggested a plan by which the special-delivery system can be made much more useful and popular, and has submitted to the Postoffice Department the question whether or not under the law his plan can be adopted. He proposes to furnish the messengers with the ten-cent stamps to sell to persons who wish to return an answer, and to allow the messengers to carry an answer to any point within the local delivery.

The latest reports in regard to the English election indicate that the Liberals have abandoned the hope of attaining a majority; that the most of the Liberals who will sit in the next Parliament will be moderates and Lord Hartington will be their leader--not Mr. Chamberlain, and that the Tories will not have a majority over all, and Mr. Parnell will hold the balance of power. It is extremely improbable that anything will happen to change those features of the outlook.

A FRIEND of Senator Jno. F. Miller, of California, arrived in Washington Sunday and says that it is extremely doubtful if he ever comes to Washington again. His condition is very alarming, as his constitution seems to have given way entirely from the effects of the wounds he received during the war, and all of his vigor is gone. The Senator is now at his country residence in the Napa valley, in the northern part of California, and is under the constant surveillance of a physician, who has been treating him for a long time.

In regard to the President pro tem. of the Senate, section 28 of the revised statutes, which provides that "the oath of office shall be administered by the President of the Senate to each Senator who shall hereafter be elected previous to his taking his seat" excludes Senator-elect Logan from the list of possible candidates for the Presidency of the Senate pro tem. Should his supporters for that office be numerous enough and unwise enough, they might put some one of their number in the chair to administer the oath to Mr. Logan and then elect him to the Presidency pro tem. at the first convenient opportunity, which would, no doubt, soon present itself. But the New York Times enters its protest against such a proceeding, in the following vigorous language:

We do not look for any such proceeding, however. Whatever his zealous friends may propose in his behalf, Senator Logan is sensible enough to understand that he is the one member of the Senate who cannot with propriety take this office. Nearly five millions of people last year recorded themselves against the proposition that John A. Logan should stand next the President of the United States in the order of succession and defeated it. For party men in the United States Senate to assume the responsibility of reversing this express and positive decision of the people at large would be so obviously injudicious and irrational that the utterances of Republican Senators in Mr. Logan's favor must be looked upon, we think, rather as tokens of their personal good will to him than as serious expressions of a well considered purpose.

Dr. J. R. Graves, editor and proprietor of the Baptist, Memphis, Tenn., says: "To M. A. Simmons, M. D., Iuka, Miss.: I received a package of your Liver Medicine, and have used half of it. It works like a charm. I want no better liver regulator, and certainly no more of Zedlin's mixture." J. R. GRAVES, Memphis, Tenn. For sale by all Westing drug stores.

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A Novel Cotton Plant. A dispatch from Baton Rouge to the Picayune says: "The Hon. Thompson Bird, Commissioner of Agriculture, has in his office a curiosity in the shape of an agricultural product, which was grown on the place of ex-Mayor Schorton, of this city. It is a cotton plant hybridized about 14 feet in height, and is said to be capable of producing four bales to an acre, should a successful culture of it be accomplished. The process by which it is matured is as follows: Early in the morning before the blossoms open the stamens of the cotton blossoms are taken out, and the pistils of the cotton are hybridized by the pollen of an oca blossom. The hybridized blossom is then protected by cloths to prevent insects from doing harm. As soon as the boll is formed the cloths are removed. Mr. Schorton will secure from the two prolific stalks he has raised this year, a sufficient amount of seed to plant an acre of this novel growth. The lint of the cotton is of the finest, being silky, long and stout in fibre."

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Mrs. Garfield has an income of \$12,500 per year from the Garfield fund.

Mrs. Augusta Evans Wilson, it is said, has realized \$100,000 from her literary work.

Gen. Hancock visited the battlefield of Gettburg, recently, for the first time in twenty years.

Men became so scarce in Chili during the late war with Peru that girls were employed as street car conductors.

The lightning has knocked the stopper out of the "Little Brown Jug," in Atlanta, Ga.

Two Baltimore fathers, after comparing notes, have come to the conclusion that a son is a less expensive luxury than a daughter.

Mrs. Coleman, wife of Dr. St. Coleman, of Madison county, and a sister of Mrs. E. P. Peyton, of Hazelhurst, died at Sharon, Miss., on Monday, 30th ult.

It is said that Congressman Ben Butterworth has resolved to say nothing obscene during the sitting of the next congress. He'll be a silent member if that's the case.

They have "vaccinating bees" in Maine. A young lady gives a party and has a surgeon present who vaccinates all the guests "for the fun of the thing" at the hostess' expense.

Two jealous married women recently fought a duel at Ballston, N. Y. They met in a neighbor's house, exchanged shots and then one fled to the cellar and the other to the garret.

The English of Canada rejoice over the late execution of Riel, not because of their desire to have the law vindicated, but to show the French Canadians who are masters in Canada.

Another trial of the Keely motor is announced to take place shortly in Philadelphia. Atomic ether, which Mr. Keely says is his active principle, seems to be able to survive a great deal of abuse. The Keely motor stock is still sellable in the market, and the shareholders are still asking for a suspension of public opinion.

A TELEGRAM from Reading, Pa., says that last Saturday three hundred Italian laborers passed through that city on their way to Charleston, S. C. They are believed to be the first foreign laborers sent South from Eastern Pennsylvania, and hundreds are preparing to follow them to various Southern States. They are promised \$1.25 to \$2 per day, and it is believed that the climate of the South will suit them better than that of the North. The indications are that a great exodus of Italians, Poles and Hungarians will take place from Eastern Pennsylvania this winter, and that most of them will go South.

The Boston Herald says: "The figures showing the increase in the capital invested in Southern railroads from 1881 to 1885 of over six hundred million dollars, and the extension of the mileage of steel track from four to fourteen thousand, in the same time, prove the wisdom of Mr. Hale's ante-election talk, that 'the South couldn't build a mile of railroad.' The largest part of the capital and much of the enterprise that produced this wonderful improvement, came from the North or abroad. The war which made the North rich, left the South very poor. But it is impossible that all this extension should have been made without help, both in brains and money, from the section through which the roads have been built. The New South is very much alive."

Don Carlos is preparing a manifesto to the Spanish people which will be published in a few days. Don Carlos occupies a position in Spanish politics singularly like that of the Stuart pretenders in the English history of the first year of the eighteenth century. Don Carlos Maria de los Doleros Juan Isidore Josef Francisco Quirino Antonio Miguel Gabriel Rafael de Bourbon, duke of Madrid, is the imposing name and title of this prince who claims to be king of Spain as Carlos VII. His claim has a very real basis of legitimacy. His father, Don Juan, was the brother of Don Carlos VI., who died without issue. The mother of the present pretender was the Archduchess of Austria, Maria Theresa. His wife is Margaret de Bourbon Mademoiselle de France, and sister of the late Comte de Chambord (Henry V.) Don Carlos has a large and enthusiastic following, especially in the north western provinces, although his friends are distributed very generally throughout the kingdom. Alfonso's death may yet seat him upon the throne of Spain.

It would warm the hearts of the nation, and would be heralded over the round globe as the testimony of a republic to universal peace.

KIND WORDS FOR THE SOUTH. Editor McClure, of the Philadelphia Times has this to say in behalf of the South and the wonderfully rapid development of its resources.

"One of the most gratifying signs of national development is the earnestness with which the now rapidly advancing industry and wealth of the South is pressing for national recognition. The leading Southern journals have waked up from their dreams of the past and are battling with energy and intelligent method for material progress." \* \* \* \* \* "A united and earnest movement is now made in the South for the improvement of the great water courses which nature has given her. The North should heartily and generously join in the effort to improve these great highways of trade and open gates to illimitable wealth in the South. If the question shall be fairly presented to and fully understood by Congress there can be no hesitation in making liberal appropriations for these improvements. Half the money profligately expended on mud-holes in North would give the grandest water courses to the grandest fountains of wealth in the South, and it should be promptly and generously done."

Let the South have a generous, helping hand from the whole Nation in the improvement of her water courses, and she will repay the Nation one hundred fold in National wealth and common prosperity. Her industrial advancement of the last few years, by which she has increased her products one hundred millions, beyond the products of the past, before or since the war, is the best guaranty that her people are ready to do their part in multiplying the wealth of the Nation if Congress will give the little that is necessary to perfect her natural highways of trade.

JACKSON is a good place for old maids and widows to go to just now; all the marriageable girls are about disposed of or spoken for, the supply is not equal to the demand. Then a rise is expected in the matrimonial market in January next, when the Legislature meets. It is said that there are not less than thirty widowers and as many more old bachelors in the two houses.

THE RIVER COMMITTEE.

The following from the Memphis Avalanche will meet with the hearty endorsement of every citizen of this District. Every word the Avalanche says of Mr. Catchings is true, and we predict before many days of the session have passed, he will be recognized as one of the most able and influential members of Congress:

The river and harbor committee as at present constituted has given the country nothing but disappointment. Its blundering attempts to frame an appropriate bill last winter that would be acceptable to congress were farcical in the extreme, and the people, or at least the people of the Mississippi valley, have settled into a feeling of hopelessness as to any good results to ensue from its deliberations in this Congress.

We hope that Speaker Carlisle will reorganize this committee, and without presuming to suggest any specific removals therefrom, we ourselves, and doubtless all the people of the valley, would be glad to see the newly-elected representative from Mississippi, the Hon. T. C. Catchings, put on that committee.

Gen. Catchings is a man of broad and enlightened views on all questions of statesmanship, a man somewhat of the Lamar type. As attorney-general of Mississippi, he won for himself a very high reputation as a jurist, and received nothing but encomiums at the hands of the bar. He is one of Mississippi's most promising sons and we predict for him a brilliant career.

He is moreover the representative of the "Shoestring" district, consisting of most of the riparian counties of the State, and is intimately connected with the subject of river improvement, which he has made a special study. It would seem eminently appropriate that he should be placed on the river and harbor committee, and we sincerely hope to see him occupy a place on it, where he would prove very useful.

Victory at Last.

Consumption, the greatest curse of the age, the destroyer of thousands of our brightest and best, is conquered. It is no longer incurable. Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" is a certain remedy for this terrible disease if taken in time. All scrofulous diseases--consumption is a scrofulous affection of the lungs--can be cured by it. Its effects in diseases of the throat and lungs are little less than miraculous. All druggists have it.

Decrease in Immigration.

TORONTO, Dec. 1--Up to the end of November, 8,180 immigrants arrived here, of whom 1,819 went to Western States. The arrivals last year for the same period were 12,600, 3,100 going West.

JOHN SHEKMAN says: "The mugg-wumps are frigid." Out in the cold we guess.

ALL enjoyed Thanksgiving day. Even the turkey was stuffed full of happiness.

GEORGE W. CABLE, the author, is now a Sunday-school teacher at Northampton, Mass.

St. Louis has organized a Cremation Society, with 300 members, and will build a \$10,000 crematory.

SENATOR EDMUNDS is far preferable to the South over any other Republican for President of the Senate.

JOHN WISE, of Virginia says: He is permanently out of politics and in the future will devote himself to the study and practice of his profession.

The Hon. John Mitchell, recently elected United States Senator by the Oregon Legislature, pledged himself to vote for the confirmation of President Cleveland's nominations.

The afterthought in connection with Gen. Phil Sheridan's official report of the condition of the army is that it is a great country that has an army with one officer to every eleven men.

"A HALF Hour with Insects," is the title of a new book. Probably its a tale of childhood's days when the author knelt at his mother's knee while she manipulated a fine-tooth comb.

It is said that Thanksgiving was celebrated in Virginia with a great deal of enthusiasm this year. The defeat of Billy Mahone meant a great deal to the afflicted, boss ridden people of that State.

AMONG the notable telegrams of condolence to Mrs. Hendricks upon the death of her distinguished husband, were those of Hons. Samuel J. Tilden, David Davis and Elihu B. Washburn. The tenderest was from Mrs. Gen. George B. McClellan.

The Republicans having a majority of the Senate, they may elect for Vice-President any one of their number whom they please. Logan is prominently mentioned for the place, and as a perfect safeguard against presidential assassination his election might not be a bad thing.

The carnival of death and lawlessness in New Orleans outstrips the Exposition carnival. Hardly a day passes that we do not read in one or more of the daily papers of that city, accounts of murders, cuttings, robberies, etc. These things are not calculated to attract visitors.

It is said that the president's message has been completed and is now in the hands of the printer. The president is probably about to be impressed with a vivid sense of the utter depravity of Washington newspaper correspondents. However, in case of the premature publication of the document he may console himself with the reflection that such has been the fate of most of his predecessors.

TALK about cheek. Kutherford B. Hayes telegraphing Mrs. Hendricks that he would attend the funeral of the man he had robbed of the position to which he had been elected, beat anything on record in that line. If your uncle Samuel Tilden were going to be married, ten to one Hayes would propose to act as groomsmen on the happy occasion.--Louisville Times.

THE other day a certain New York politician was urging President Cleveland with some emphasis and vigor a certain line of policy regarding appointments. The President closed him up by saying: I know of no paragraph in the constitution of the United States, or clause in the statute book which provides for the office of Assistant President.

COTTON is low, but it is some satisfaction to the growers to know that it was produced cheaply. Plantation supplies were never cheaper, and the proportion of the food crops grown at home was never greater. An economy forced by limited credit has put the South in a position to realize a profit on cheap cotton, says the New Orleans Picayune.

If the Senate really desires to do a graceful act, says a New Orleans paper, let it elect Harris of Tennessee, or Brown of Georgia, the old Confederate war Governors, known and trusted all over the country. Such an election would mean something. It would recognize the termination of internecine strife as it has never yet been recognized. It would continue the succession with the party which ought to have it. It would eliminate the danger of assassination. It would abolish sectionalism and moderate partisanship.