

PORTSMOUTH, Pa., Dec. 1.—A misapprehension seems to have gone abroad to the effect that an extensive suspension of collieries in this region will go into effect to-day. It is the customary and long-established practice of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, which controls the greater portion of the coal operations in this county, to temporarily suspend all collieries at the close of the year, or at such other times as are deemed profitable, or at which repairs are required.

This policy is pursued for the reason that at this time the market has usually been well stocked with coal and the demand for the remainder of the season will be less active than earlier. In pursuance of this policy a number of collieries which "don't work" is needed, suspending mining operations for an indefinite period to-day. Among these are the "East," at Ashland, the "Knickerbocker," at Shumandob, and probably a few in the Mahony region, and at other points.

The number of men affected will be comparatively small and many of them will secure work at mines for included in the suspension. There, however, goes into effect to-day a general reduction of work at all the collieries to three-quarters time. How long the conditions will continue will depend upon the future demands of the coal trade.

COMING BACK TO TOWN.

The President and Mrs. Cleveland to Return to the White House on Monday.

Special to the N. Y. Herald. WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The President and Mrs. Cleveland will forsake the charms and privacy of their country home for the more prominent but fading glory of the Executive Mansion by Monday next. They may come in to-morrow and spend Sunday there. It all depends on the weather.

The French chef does not get in his work on the Presidential table until January, and, meanwhile, a colored woman presides at the big range down in the kitchen. The season of the chef, all along, has averaged three months, but the coming year he will be only long enough in Mr. Cleveland's employ to prepare a substantial luncheon for Mr. Harrison and his family on the afternoon of March 4.

I heard to-day that Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland is coming to the White House soon to spend the winter there. She is at present entertaining Miss Van Vechten at her Holland Patent home.

Mrs. Cleveland is anxious, since Miss Cleveland started the social part of the Administration, that she should here to see it go out in full glory. Besides, Miss Cleveland has had her very close occupation the past year, and the coming season here will be one of enjoyment and relaxation—indeed, much more than any year since the reigning mistress of the White House.

A TERRIFIC SHOCK.

The Fall of a Steam Elevator With Five Persons on It.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 1.—At 7:15 a. m. to-day a powerful steam elevator employed by N. B. Horton in the erection of a large brick barn at Olneyville for the Union Railroad Company, fell from the second lift owing to the breaking of a cable and was precipitated to the cellar where it was smashed into fragments.

The elevator contained five men and four large barrels of cement. Fred Horton, son of the contractor, had his leg fractured and one heel torn off, and his spine was severely contused. Two workmen suffered compound fractures of the leg and were bruised badly. It is feared they will not survive, as they are well advanced in years. The other men received bruises and were severely shocked.

A Theatrical Enterprise Fails.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Thomas B. Baker and wife, owners of Baker's Theatre, yesterday made a voluntary assignment of the theatre and all its contents to W. W. Charles, the assessor and liquidator of the theatre. The failure is not due to bad business, but to the fact that the bills incurred in building the theatre, which was only recently completed, were heavier than the Baker's theatre, and friends whom they depended upon for financial backing failing to respond.

Great Excitement in Helena, Mont.

HELENA, MONT., Dec. 1.—The second big mineral strike in Helena was made yesterday. The first was about a month ago on the principal street of placer gold. The strike yesterday was in the residence of the late John W. Smith, a gold quartz vein seven feet wide, assaying handsomely. Property-owners in the vicinity are much excited.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The Stock and Money Market. New York, Dec. 1.—Money called at 2 per cent, the highest rate. The lowest was 1 1/2. Exchange closed steady; posted rates, 48 1/2-49 1/2; actual rates, 48 1/2-49 1/2 for sixty days and 48 1/2-49 1/2 for ninety days. Government bonds closed steady; currency, 115 1/2-116 1/2; coupon, 128 1/2-129 1/2; 4 1/2, do, 108 bid.

Pacific Railroad bonds closed as follows: Union Pacific, 113 1/2-114 1/2; do, 115 1/2-116 1/2; do, sinking funds, 120-122; Central, 113-114.

The stock market was weak throughout the half day's session. Prices were on the down grade almost continuously from the opening until noon, principally on selling by London houses and hammering by the smaller traders here. The bank statement published at noon was very unfavorable and added to the general weakness. The bank reserves show a decrease of \$2,353,253. The decline in the close ranged from 1/2 to 3/4.

Chicago Market. CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Wheat, 109 1/2-110 1/2; do, 109 1/2-110 1/2; do, 109 1/2-110 1/2; do, 109 1/2-110 1/2; do, 109 1/2-110 1/2.

The Chicago Stock Market. CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Wash. Light Infantry, 113; Wash. Light Infantry, 113; Wash. Light Infantry, 113; Wash. Light Infantry, 113.

The Cream of European Gossip. Parisians claim that the Eiffel tower on the Exposition grounds there is thirty-one metres higher than the Washington Monument.

Local Weather Indications. Fair, slightly colder; northwesterly winds.

THE EVENING POST.

WASHINGTON, SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 1, 1888.

LIVE TOPICS AT THE CAPITOL.

Many More Representatives and Senators on Hand.

MR. RICHARDSON AND THE POSTOFFICE.

Gossips Anent the Organization of the House—Probable Legislation.

LITTLE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.

Senators Butler, Paddock and Stockbridge have arrived and are located at their former residences. Messrs. McKinley and Randall are expected this afternoon. A number of Senators are expected to-night. The following Members, in addition to those mentioned yesterday, have notified the postmaster of the House to send their mail as follows:

L. C. Hoek of Tennessee, 205 Twelfth street; I. E. Atkinson of Pennsylvania, 710 Eleventh street; Charles Tracy of New York, Arlington; M. S. Brewer of Michigan, National Hotel; Q. MIRA of Texas, 1145 street; N. Dingley, Jr., of Maine, Hamilton House; A. C. Thompson of Ohio, 316 North Capitol street; Charles N. Crisp of Georgia, Metropolitan Hotel.

Gossip about Organization.

While nearly every Republican claims the next House, yet very few Democrats can be found who will give up all hope. A number of Democratic Members have said to an EVENING POST reporter that it will require a recount to determine the districts in which disputes have arisen. And whether the House is Democratic or Republican it will only be a very slender majority.

Being to the number of seats that will be contested for a very interesting question has come up within the past few days concerning the organization of the House.

If the Democrats in the doubtful and disputed districts are given the certificates of election, General Clark, Clerk of the House, can not do otherwise than acknowledge the certificate, and thus the Democrats will have a small majority, and can organize the House.

The Democrats should have the organization of the House by death or the unseating of one or two of the members (which is not, according to Mr. Ryan of Kansas, in the range of probabilities, i. e., unseating a Democrat by a Democratic House) they should become a majority in the House, and then be in the control of the House, but its organization would still be Democratic.

Now the question that is agitating the mind of the members is this: The organization of the House being Democratic, what good would the majority be to the Republicans, provided they obtain it as stated above?

THEY CANNOT DECIDE. Congressman Sayers of Texas, when asked what he thought of it, declined to express an opinion. But, in a general talk on the subject with several officials of the House, no one could answer the question. An examination of the rules of that body failed to throw much additional light on the question.

THE PROBABLE LEGISLATION. The talk most indulged in has been about counting railroad ties and the condition of the road will be in just after the inauguration. The general opinion in reference to the legislation of the short session is that the time will be taken up principally in the discussion and passage of the appropriation bills, with a day or two set apart for the consideration of bills reported from committees.

OHIO SOLID FOR McKinLEY. Congressman M. M. Boothman of Ohio has arrived in the city. As he called at the House Postoffice for his mail he said: "I'll bet that these two letters are applications for not keeping the streets in proper condition she was seriously hurt on May 5, 1888. She was tripped by a hole caused by the sinking of a gas box on C street south, between First and Second streets."

The Christmas Club. Mrs. Judge Hagner has resigned as president of the Children's Christmas Club and Mrs. Feltman has been asked to take her place. At a meeting held at Justice Strong's it was decided to hold the dinner this year on the 25th.

THE COURT RECORD. Equity Court—Justice Cox. Purman vs. Purman; reference to auditor on account of Purman vs. Purman. Judge Boswick vs. Levett; leave to file supplemental bill granted. Taylor vs. Tyler; motion for rescission of order of November 24 denied.

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OTHER IMMIGRATION MATTERS.

Half Fare by the Pennsylvania Road.

Chairman Britton received this morning a letter from Gov. James A. Beaver of Pennsylvania accepting the position of marshal. General Beaver said he felt specially honored on having his name mentioned in connection with that of General Sherman. He closed the letter by saying he would name his chief of staff in a few days and so notify the committee.

Chairman Britton also received a letter from General Passenger Agent Park of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with a circular letter giving rates from points on the Pennsylvania line to Washington on the occasion of the inauguration. The rate fixed is one fare for the round trip, except some points, where it is less for organized bodies of 50 or more.

A letter has been received from Mr. George A. Moulton asking the committee to inform him what the expense will be for the Hudson Light Infantry and an additional light company, organized at Tallahassee, Tenn., to attend the inauguration.

Colonel L. P. Wright, chairman of the Committee on Public Comfort, received to-day a letter from Morris J. Keck, colonel of the Ninth Regiment, National Guard, of Tennessee, asking the committee to secure quarters for the regiment.

They were quartered last inauguration in the War, State and Navy Departments. Colonel Wright has been all morning hunting a place to locate the troops. They will probably be located upon Seventeenth street, near Pennsylvania avenue.

Chairman H. A. Willard of the Committee on Parks and Reservations called on the Commissioners to-day to secure permission to erect reviewing stands on certain reservations. The Commissioners requested him to put the request in writing, which he will do.

The following subscriptions were received for Captain Lemon to-day: The Chamber, \$10; H. W. Ward, \$50; W. J. Newton, \$100; the American House, \$100; E. J. Jackson & Co., \$25; H. L. Cranford, \$25; Marcus S. Hopkins, \$25; John Ferran, \$25; George T. Dunn, \$100; W. C. Edmondson, \$25; cash, \$25; Hotel Richmond, \$25; Dr. Z. T. Sowers, \$25; Dr. C. B. Purvis, \$25; Robert A. Phillips, \$25; James L. Norris, \$100; C. M. Matthews, \$25; total, \$1,025.

The subscription of Joseph F. Birch was \$20, and not \$10, as published; that of B. U. Keyser \$150, and not \$50.

GENERAL SHERMAN'S RETIREMENT.

He Wants To Enjoy The Peace Which He Thinks He Has Earned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—General W. T. Sherman contributes to the North American Review for December a copy of a letter written him by James G. Blaine in 1884 urging him to accept the Republican nomination for the Presidency in case it should be tendered him by the approaching Chicago convention.

The General argues that he was entirely satisfied with his present life, and that it would be foolish for him to enter into the worriment of a political strife; moreover he believed that "the civilians should buffet with the thankless office and leave an old soldier to enjoy the peace we fought for and think we earned."

THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW also publishes General Sherman's reply to Mr. Blaine's letter, in which the General states that he will not in any event entertain or accept a nomination as a candidate for President by the Chicago Republican Convention, or any other convention, for reasons personal to himself.

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MRS. SHERMAN'S REMAINS.

They Arrive in St. Louis and Are Laid Away.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 1.—The special car bearing the remains of Mrs. General Sherman and the funeral party arrived at the Union Depot at 7:30 o'clock this morning over the Vandalla road. The party consisted of General Sherman, his daughter, Mrs. General Sherman, Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. Plummer, Mrs. Philadelphia and Miss Elizabeth Sherman, Miss Rachel Sherman, and the General's son, Rev. Father D. T. Sherman, a scholastic in the Order of the Jesuits; Judge Hugh Ewing, Lancaster, Ohio, a brother of the deceased, and his two sons; General Ewing of Lancaster, Ohio, another brother of the deceased; Major Thacker of Philadelphia, Lieutenant Fitch, U. S. Navy, and his little son.

The party was met at the depot by several St. Louis friends of the family. Breakfast was partaken in the restaurant of the Union Depot, after which the remains were conveyed from the special car to St. Francis Xavier's Church. The body was placed in charge of the service, the remains were taken to Calvary Cemetery and deposited in the family vault.

OLD MEN TO THE REAR.

Mr. Harrison Said to Want Young Timber for His Cabinet.

The New York Herald's Washington correspondent says that ex-Senator Sewell of Indiana recently made a journey to Indianapolis, where he had a conference with General Harrison. Shortly after this he wrote a letter to a friend in Washington, from which the following words are taken: "Tell the boys that the old fellows will have to go to the rear. Harrison wants young timber for his Cabinet and we have no more of the old kind."

The letter further stated that all signs pointed to Congressman Bottelle of Maine as President Harrison's selection for the Navy.

THE SIX DAYS' WALK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—A man, whose little word, 573; Herty, 553; Noremaw, 550; Moore, 552; Cartwright, 507; Hart, 497; Connor, 494; Howarth, 465; Golden, 485; Mason, 484; Campana, 445; Taylor, 436; Ellison, 394; Pomon, 243.

Twenty'clock score: Littlewood, 583; Herty, 549; Moore, 523; Cartwright, 515; Noremaw, 505; Hart, 505; Connor, 503; Howarth, 501; Golden, 497; Mason, 498; Campana, 485; Taylor, 485; Pomon, 485; Ellison, 402.

At 1 p. m. the end of the 1534 hour, Littlewood was exactly eight miles ahead of his own previous world record of 583 miles. He went off the track to be rubbed down shortly after 1 p. m.

Consigning Rabbits Not Cruelty.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—In the case of August Belmont, Jr., and other members of the Hays Club, charged with cruelty to "rabbits" in consigning rabbits, the jury last night rendered a verdict of acquittal.

John Bright Gaining. LONDON, Dec. 1.—Mr. John Bright continues to gain strength.

Death of John M. Graham. John M. Graham, who died on Thursday at an advanced age at his residence, 704 Fourth street, will be buried to-morrow. His death was the result of a cancer which appeared in his left ear last spring. It was removed but others formed until six weeks out. Though he exhibited great fortitude his constitution could not bear the strain.

IT LOOKS MUCH LIKE MURDER.

Frank McClellan Found Dead On the Railway Track.

TWO UNEXPLAINED PISTOL SHOTS.

The Deceased a Prominent Member of the Horsemen's Colony at Ivy City.

"Officer, that's a dead man on the track," said a couple of tramps to Policeman Coghill, out near the Boundary, about 11 o'clock last night.

Mr. Coghill notified his "partner," Policeman Slack, and the two officers, taking the two tramps with them, started on the track to find the dead man. One of the tramps handed the officer the dead man's watch, which he said he had taken from the body for fear that it would be stolen.

As the two policemen and the two tramps walked along, the tramps told how they had started from Baltimore that morning to walk to Richmond.

They walked over the B. & O. tracks, and about 10:30 last night they saw the body of a man lying between the tracks. It was about a mile from this city, and the body was still warm when they examined it.

When the spot was reached the tramps pointed out the body to the policeman, and a short while after it was removed to the morgue on New Jersey avenue. The two tramps were locked up in a cell in order that they might be examined by the coroner.

The body was lying face downward midway between the two tracks and the body was lying on its back. No other wounds were found and the coroner, after a cursory examination this morning, thought that the man had been struck by an on-going B. & O. train and instantly killed.

NOT AN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.