

Andover News.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1895.
The farmlands of this country are estimated to be worth \$13,279,252,-849.

Pennsylvania is going to appropriate \$5,000,000 for the improvement of the public roads of the State.

The cigarette youth merits almost any treatment that will squelch his fatal habit, believes The Pathfinder. The latest method, that of denying him admission to the public schools unless he gives up smoking has been employed in a Missouri town. This sort of ostracism may bring pretty effective influence to bear through the parents. But may it not cause some stubborn youngsters to go the other way into depraved paths?

We have in this country many churches with a very large membership, some of them numbering over 2000. But in Europe the churches boast of many more members than this—2000 being as a rule but a fair-sized congregation. There is one church in St. Petersburg, Russia, numbering nearly six thousand souls. The largest membership, perhaps, in the world is that of a church in Elterfeld, in Rhenish Prussia, which has over six thousand. The congregation has six pastors and two churches, while a third church is in course of erection. Several members of the famous Krummacher family of preachers have been pastors at that church.

A remarkable trial has just ended at Bucharest, Hungary. Two boys, one six years and the other fourteen, were charged upon their own confession with attempting to drown a child two years old. Their defense was that the long drought had to be terminated, and that the crime for which they were on trial was the only successful method known to accomplish the end. An explanation of this curious defense is that the children of the villages in times of great drought are made to throw the clay figure of a child into the water. The boys threw in the child merely because they had no clay figure. The elder was sentenced to two years' imprisonment and the younger returned to his mother for chastisement.

In his speech in the United States Senate, at the acceptance of the Webster statue, Senator Morrill, of Vermont, spoke of the fashionable garb worn by "Black Dan" when he dined with him in Washington in 1852.

"Mr. Webster," said the Senator, "appeared in his blue coat with gilt buttons, light buff vest, low shoes and white silk half-hose, and led the conversation most happily, whether grave or gay." This was the custom of the great American statesman a little more than forty years ago, a period which can be recalled by hundreds of thousands of our living citizens. What would be thought of any man, even a Webster, who should appear thus dressed in our time? Would he not be an object of ridicule?

The clothes of the American people have been getting plainer and diller right straight along for over a hundred years. Look at the costumes of Washington, Adams and the other great men after peace had been won through the Revolution. Look at the rich and gay dress which was worn by men who could afford it when our own immediate sires trod the land. Then look at the black and white dress of fashion in the banquet hall in this unpicturesque and blustering age. It is lovely woman alone who dares to make a display of colors, frills, flowers, fringes, spangles, jewelry and ornaments at this dismal time.

Was She His Wife?
Providence, R. I., March 4.—A man and woman were found dead in bed at the National hotel on Orange street in this city yesterday. The gas jet was supposed to have been accidentally turned on, and death resulted from asphyxiation. The man has been identified as Bernard Murphy, married, aged 36. The woman is unknown.

\$50,000 Fire in St. Louis.
St. Louis, March 4.—Fire from an unknown cause yesterday destroyed the buildings and machinery of the Parker-Russell Fire Brick Manufacturing company at Oak Hill Avenue and Morgan road. Loss \$50,000; fully insured.

THE COMING FESTIVAL

All Germany Will Honor Prince Bismarck.

Arrangements for the Birthday Celebrations Are Nearly Completed—To Surpass All Other Occasions. State Socialism for Farmers—Presentations to the Court.

Berlin, March 4.—Arrangements for the Bismarck birthday festival are nearing completion. They show that the celebration will exceed all previous expectations. They have been planned on such an enormous scale that Dr. Schweninger has become alarmed for the prince's health and has taken steps to spread the receptions and processions over a week or ten days. He has been aided by Herr Pfleger, the organizer of the students' demonstrations and by the Hamburg administrators of the prince.

The Countess Perponcher, arrested for perjury in denying her intimacy with Dr. Voigt is still in jail although 10,000 marks bail was offered for her on Friday. Dr. Voigt has been arrested for perjury and conspiracy.

William Dayas, an American pianist, made his debut in Linz last Tuesday. He is criticised favorably by all the newspapers.

With a Gold Sword.
Emperor William's refusal to interfere in behalf of Armenia seems to have won him the heartfelt gratitude of the sultan's porte. Saturday evening Shakin Pasha, the sultan's special envoy, appeared before the emperor and empress at the Old Castle and, in his master's name, gave the emperor a diamond set gold sword. To Prince Eitel-Frederick and Prince Adalbert, the emperor's second and third sons, he presented the decorations of the Osman order. He will be entertained at a state banquet on March 8.

The emperor and empress will go to Castle Urville near the French border on March 5. They will complete the consecration of the new Protestant church near the castle and the emperor will hunt woodcock in the Vosges.

The Bavarian Farmers' league, meeting in Regensburg, voted a general approval of Count Kanitz's schemes of state socialism for the benefit of the landowners. They endorsed especially his motion to abolish ground rent and to establish a government mortgage bank to which all mortgages on agricultural land shall be transferred.

They Will Celebrate.
The people of the Rhineland will have their main celebration at the National monument on the Niederwald. This monument, erected in commemoration of the union of Germany will be to the Rhineland what Friedrichshuh is to north Germany. Special trains and Rhine steamers will convey thousands from Cologne, Strassburg, Mayence, Frankfurt and smaller cities to the foot of the hill from which Prof. Schilling's Germania overlooks Bingen. There will be speeches, music, Rhine wine and beer all day, and fireworks and illumination of the Rhine at night.

Present indications are that the whole first week of April will be given up throughout Germany to honoring the old chancellor and that at Friedrichshuh the arrival of presents and congratulations and the reception of deputations are likely to reach over well into May.

Is Suicide a Sin?
New York, March 4.—A man apparently a little under 30 years of age shot himself in the right temple yesterday in the summer house in Central park. The man was unconscious when found and died at the Presbyterian hospital shortly after his removal there. The only thing found like a clue to his identity was a triangular fragment of a card, which bore the inscription "ments," and on a lower line, "Mackey." It was suggested that this might mean "Compliments of Mackey." Twelve dollars and sixty-three cents in currency was found in his pockets. Up to a late hour no one had called to identify the body.

Afraid of Women.
Derby, Conn., March 4.—James Fitzpatrick, the famous Derby hermit, was found dead in his hut yesterday. He had not been seen for several days. A party found him lying dead on the floor. Half a century ago he was a very prominent person, but he was disappointed in love and for forty years he has not spoken to a woman. During this time he has lived as a recluse in an old hut in the suburbs. If a woman approached his hut he would run away and hide. He is wealthy, but his money has not yet been found.

Stagnant After Him.
Lakeland, Fla., March 4.—A negro who has been working in this city tried to assault the 8-year-old daughter of Mrs. C. F. Holton yesterday morning. Mrs. Holton heard the screams of the child in time and went to her assistance. The negro made his escape before he had time to accomplish his aim. Bloodhounds have been sent for, and it is thought that he will yet be caught and lynched.

Fire-Struck in City.
Toronto, Ont., March 4.—The third disastrous conflagration which has visited this fire-stricken city in less than two months occurred yesterday and the loss by the disaster is fully as great as either of the two previous visitations. This time the fire originated in the heart of the retail section of the city, starting in the morning in the splendid new departmental store of Robert Simpson's on the southwest corner of Yonge and Queen streets. Simpson's building was an immense seven-story structure completed only six months ago at a cost of \$1,000,000.

Council Bluffs, Ia., March 4.—Sheriff Hasen yesterday received a telegram from the mayor of Carson, Ia., saying that a man supposed to be Bliley, the escaped Griswold bank burglar, had been captured there and was being held awaiting identification. Officers have started for Carson to bring the prisoner here.

There is more profit in going forward to future good than in kicking at by-gone wrongs.

NO SYMPATHY FOR EX-PRIESTS.

They Should Not Viliify the Homes That Have Nourished Them.

New York, March 4.—In a sermon which Rev. Thomas Dixon delivered yesterday on "Savannah Riots and Religious Intolerance," he said in reference to the attempt of the Savannah authorities to prevent the ex-priest Slattery and his wife, the ex-nun, from delivering addresses: "I have no sympathy with an ex-priest or an ex-nun who attempt to make a living out of their experience learned in the church that nourished them—and taught them what they learned. No man should enter a church and after enjoying its benefits come out and vilify it."

"BRASS-POUNDERS" MEET.

They Also Adopt a Populist Plank. Boys, Fall in Line.

New York, March 4.—A number of telegraph operators of this city met at Clarendon hall yesterday, and organized the American Telegraph union. There were about 200 operators present.

The meeting was called to order by Robert L. De Akers, who made an address advocating government control of the telegraph lines of the country. He was followed by others in the same vein, after which the meeting went into secret session. A committee was then selected from the three companies represented at the meeting, viz., The Western union, Postal Cable company and the Railroad and Press wires.

It was said by one of the board of directors that there were to be "no officers, no dues, national councils or meetings." This would give the organization the distinction of being the most silent and least expensive society of modern times. The director said propaganda would be carried on by means of a weekly paper which they will start. The members, he said, would meet as emergency required on the call of the board of directors.

It was said that organizations were being formed in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and other cities.

A DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Killed in a Fit of Jealousy—His Letter to His Mother.

Elkhorn, W. Va., March 4.—George Howell shot and killed Alice Gibson at Powhatan yesterday in a fit of jealousy, and then took his own life. This letter to his mother was found on his person:

"Dear Mother:—I will write you these few lines to let you know that I have not forgotten you. I am going to my long home in three hours. It is not on account of whiskey, but on account of love and nothing else so good by dear mother. Do not grieve after me for my life will be misery to me so good by dear mother. Tell Pa good bye and kiss all the children good bye for me. When you receive this I will be in eternity, pray for me. I will be in heaven with my loved one. Good bye darling mother. Your son

"George Howell."
The weapon used was a thirty-eight calibre revolver. The bodies were sent to their old homes. Four shots were fired, three lodging in the woman's body, the other ending the young man's career.

CRITICISED LADY SOMERSET.

William Hicks Calls Her a Stalking Horse for Aristocracy.

New York, March 4.—William Everett Hicks, secretary of the International Land congress at Paris, spoke last evening on "Lady Henry Somerset and Bogus Reform" before the Manhattan Single Tax club at Chickering hall. The meeting was an open one, and many who were not members of the club were attracted by the prospects of an attack on Lady Somerset, who so far has had an undisputed field for the exploiting of her theories of reform and has escaped criticism.

Mr. Hicks did not handle the subjects with gloves, but called the eminent English woman to account for not turning over her acres to the people instead of devoting them to parks. He said that she was "a stalking horse" for the aristocracy, and only attacked intemperance as a blind. He was frequently applauded.

STEAM RADIATOR EXPLODES.

A Newark Store Overaken and One Man Injured.

Newark, N. J., March 4.—The explosion of a steam radiator in Hahn's big dry goods store, in this city, yesterday afternoon, caused severe injuries to one man and wrecked a section of the store.

The establishment fronts on Broad, Halsey, New and West Park streets. The radiator which burst was on the Halsey street side, on the ground floor, close to the show windows. The concussion blew out the windows close to the radiator. Under them, on the sidewalk, Frank Bell was standing. He was badly cut by the falling glass and bruised by the woodwork. The goods about the store were considerably damaged.

BURNED HIM FOR A JOKE

Sunday Saloon Crowd Set Fire to a Sleeping Man.

They First Poured Oil Over His Shoes—Awoke To Find Himself in Flames—Beer Their Ex-tinguisher. Suffering at the Hospital—No Arrests Made.

New York, March 4.—Michael Keating, a poor gardener, who makes a scanty living by doing odd jobs around the city, lies in Bellevue hospital in intense pain, as the result of a practical joke played on him yesterday.

The incident occurred in the saloon at 225 East 35th street at a time when all saloons were supposed to be closed, and the victim is so badly injured that he will be unable to walk for several days.

No Arrests Made.
No one has been arrested and the police of the East 35th street station, in whose precinct the saloon is situated, stated that they had no evidence which would permit them to make a prisoner of the saloonkeeper for violation of the excise law.

According to Keating's story he was in the saloon at noon yesterday, and under the influence of too much beer, fell asleep with his feet against the stove. There was a gang of half a dozen young men whom he knew in the saloon at the time.

After sleeping for about half an hour an intolerable pain in his feet awakened him. He found himself surrounded by the youths, who were laughing hugely, and pointing to his shoes, which were all ablaze.

Keating jumped out of his chair with a yell, and snatching a glass of beer, threw the contents on his feet and put out the flames.

Then he hobbled into the street, and sitting down on the curb stone, pulled off the damaged shoes and began to cool his burned and blistered feet in the snow in the gutter.

Policeman Fox came along and Keating told him the story. He helped him to the East 35th street police station, and then telephoned for an ambulance in which the sufferer was conveyed to Bellevue hospital.

ALLEGHENY PEOPLE IN TERROR.

Streets Patrolled All Night To Watch the Ice Gorge.

Pittsburg, March 4.—Reports from up the Allegheny river show that the large ice gorges at and above Kittanning have not yet moved out, and there does not appear to be enough of water in the river to budge the ice. The people of Kittanning and other towns above, where the gorges are expected to break, anxiously patrolled the streets yesterday waiting for the upheaval which seemed bound to come at any minute, but all agree that there is not enough water to move the large body of ice, and this has somewhat diminished the nervous strain.

His Head Brought Off.

McKeesport, Pa., March 4.—William Morgan, age 55, married, and William Will, 25, were killed by an explosion of sulphuric acid gas at the National Tube works yesterday. Together with William Laveete they were about to unload a car of acid into a reservoir tank when the explosion occurred. Both men were blown some distance and Will's head was torn off. Morgan's neck was broken. Laveete escaped death but was badly burned.

Shot Dead Before His Children.

Pittsburg, March 4.—Louis Schraiver, a laborer, aged 45, committed suicide at his home yesterday by shooting himself in the head with a fobert rifle. Schraiver had been drinking for some time past. When his wife left the house for a moment Schraiver got the rifle and before his two little children in the room, shot himself dead.

And He Did.

Alliance, O., March 4.—"I am tired of collecting for other people; I am going to collect for myself to-day," jocularly remarked Howard Yocum, the driver for the Adams Express company. At noon he left the office with a large number of packages and failed to return. After a search the express wagon was found abandoned in the fourth part of the town, empty. The police cannot find Yocum and the express company will not say how much money he had collected.

Law-Enforcement in South.

Rahway, N. J., March 4.—John Stone, the tramp who shot and killed Special Police Officer Alfred E. Jewell, of this city, while Jewell and other officers were attempting to arrest Stone and a gang of fellow tramps, waived examination yesterday, and was committed to the county jail in Essex.

NORTON'S HIRED ASSASSIN.

His Drunken "Scab" Uses a Pistol as a Means To Collect a Fare.

Brooklyn, N. Y., March 4.—There was quite an exciting time in front of the Long Island railroad station, Atlantic avenue, yesterday morning when one of the new conductors, President Norton's cars shot twice at two passengers with whom he had had a quarrel over their fare.

Two men jumped on the car. One was in sailor costume and the other in plain clothing. They had been transferred from the Seventh avenue line. The conductor demanded their fare, and the men refused to pay, saying that they had paid their fare on a Seventh avenue car, and the conductor on that car said the Fifth avenue car would carry them to their destination without paying another fare. On their refusal to pay, the conductor ordered them off the car, and the men threatened to do him bodily injury, so he claims. It was then that he drew a revolver and fired one shot at the two men. They ran to the door and jumped off, at the same time calling the conductor a "scab." Conductor Appleton then ran to the rear platform and fired another shot at the two men who ran in the direction of Flatbush avenue. Two policemen heard the shots and one of them rode to the end of the route where he placed the conductor under arrest for carrying a concealed weapon.

JAPS AGAIN VICTORIOUS.

Their Forces Prove Too Powerful for the Chinese.

London, March 4.—The Hat-Chen correspondent of the Central News telegraphs under the date of Feb. 28: "The first army to-day attacked the enemy encamped between the Liaoyang and Ney-Chwang roads. The Fifth brigade engaged the right wing, routed it, and drove it back toward Daifong. The main column attacked and routed the enemy at Cianghotai. The Sixth brigade marched along the Liaoyang road, joined the main division, and with it occupied Tungyenta; and the immediate neighborhood in the direction of the Liaoyang.

"The Japanese loss was ten killed and eighty-two wounded. The Chinese left 150 dead on the field."

A general news dispatch from Peking says that Li Hung Chang, the head of China's new peace mission, is still at the capital. He has conferred with all the conspicuous officials and most of the Chinese diplomats.

There is a unanimous desire among men of influence in Peking that United States Minister Denby help the Chinese mission by acting as interpreter in arranging for the meeting of the negotiators and the course of procedure.

The wreck caused fire from the engine, and the Bayonne fire department were summoned to the scene. The put out the fire and assisted the railroad men in searching the wreck.

William Thomas, the engineer, stood by his post. He was taken out and laid on the bank where he died. His legs were broken and he was injured internally.

Fireman Orrell was taken out and carried to the 49th street station. An ambulance surgeon attended to his wounds and he was taken to the Bayonne hospital. He is badly bruised but not fatally injured. Baggage-master George Hopkins does not know how he got out of his car. Nothing remained of the car, but a portion of the roof, Frank Applegate, a passenger in the smoker, was slightly injured. He proceeded on his journey later in the evening.

Climbing Through the Windows.

The body of Winfield Holland was taken from the wreck after the fire had been put out. The passengers had a bad shaking up and a dozen of the sustained slight bruises. Mr. Applegate was the only one seriously injured. Those who were in the smoking car escaped through the car windows as both ends of the car were demolished. Express trains to the west were sent by way of the Newark loop.

W. H. Peddle, division superintendent, arrived on the scene shortly after the accident, and two wrecking cranes were put at work clearing the track. The second, third and fourth tracks were completely blocked.

Not Friends of the Goulets.

New York, March 4.—Mrs. Ann Lougherty, 36 years old, became insane at her home yesterday, and had to be removed to Bellevue. Her husband has been out of work for some time and there was nothing in the house to eat. The poverty and absolute want of the Lougherty's had preyed upon Mrs. Lougherty's mind until yesterday, when she became so violent her husband could not control her.

She Is a Terror.

Bangor, Me., March 4.—The jury case of Mrs. Mary Cowan, charged with poisoning Willie Cowan, the two-year-old son of Elias Cowan, the wayward son of Mrs. Cowan, last night brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree. Mrs. Cowan heard the verdict without apparent emotion. J. F. Robinson, her counsel, will file a motion for a new trial.

France Inver Peace.

Rome, March 4.—It is learned from an official source that France is about to approach Italy with a view to arranging a commercial treaty and ending the long period of commercial hostility which has existed between the two countries.

Deal in Wild Land

Right for the Musselshell Willing

BY LEON LEWIS.

CHAPTER XV.—(Continued.)

"What is the man driving at?" asked Baker.

"Why, he has learned from the title of the Musselshell bonanza is in your hands, and he is determined to get it. A transaction of some kind will leave him and his prospect in full possession. Ten to one you will not scruple at any cost to get it out of his path."

"You have your deeds with you?"

"Yes, and fortunately Gaddler's attention has not been directed to them."

"That's good," commented Baker. "We can only get clear of this place now and morning, well'll get on record during the next few hours, and thus put a barrier in the way of this murderous plot."

"They're gone home to protect their son from Hiram Skidder, who, as you and daughter, came West on the train taken by his brother. They're having a high old squabble over 'wild lands' which have slipped through their fingers, but just which one of them is the more dangerous for us it would be hard to determine. Hiram, has gone to the mine, or in that direction, but think Jerry and his men will keep at a distance. If we can get out of here, we may yet become masters of the situation. You must have made friends with some one in the house, Charley?"

"Yes—with that woman you see how about—Mrs. Cotter, who has Baker's housekeeper's ever since her possession of these premises. I'll befriend us in every way she can."

"Well, how are we to get out of this?" asked Perry, looking around anxiously. "Can you suggest anything?"

"Yes. First of all, patience. No dapper will be sent up to us, and after we may look for a visit from Gaddler. If he shows up here without escort, we must have some very serious dealings with him."

"And if he remains away?" suggested Mrs. Rankle.

"In that case," replied Baker, "Mr. Cotter may be able to give us a hint as to his whereabouts. At the worst, let us be patient and patient."

The silence that succeeded was broken by Baker, who said to Perry: "You see armed, of course?"

"Yes," replied Wynans, "for the reason that I have offered no resistance."

"You've had no chance, I suppose?"

"Not the least. Gaddler has had a weight men on guard over us ever since we reached Custer, so that we could not conform to his order."

"You a revolver?"

"I can't say, if your caliber is as small as mine."

The question was soon decided favorably, and then Baker remarked: "That's a point gained. If we don't get clear of these ruffians before daylight I shall be greatly mistaken."

The idea of escape gathered new strength in the hearts of the prisoners every moment, as they continued the confidences and consultations, and the course of a few minutes had become their one hope and thought.

"They did not neglect, however, to place on justice to a solid rest that was placed among them. In due course, by a couple of Gaddler's men."

The only drawback to the feast was the forced eclipse of Charley Baker, who was obliged to beat a retreat to a close shed to remain there until the withdrawal of the enemy, but he found that his friends had quietly put aside supplies for him.

The shades of night succeeded to twilight, but lights were duly furnished the prisoners at the suggestion of Mrs. Cotter, who found occasion to pass a few moments with them and give them some information.

"Mr. Gaddler is very much elated with his success in capturing you," she reported, "and is treating all of his men liberally that they are in a fair way to become as drunk as fiddlers. He himself is drinking like a fish with one of his favorites, but he can stand under a cargo that would swamp an ordinary man—excuse the simile, but his husband was a shipmaster—and would be rash to count upon his taking aboard more than he can carry."

"She listened a moment to the voices of the guards on the staircase, and remarked:

"We must not think of going until late, when these men will be helpfully asleep, but in the meantime there is a great deal to do, and you can depend upon me to do it."

A few questions were asked and answered, making plain the situation, and Mrs. Cotter finished.

The wait that succeeded, as might have been expected, proved a very long one.

The prisoners had even begun to have some apprehensions for the success of their plan; when they heard the heavy and uncertain footsteps of Gaddler approaching their door.

He was in a condition which the wildness of the shipmaster would have doubtless described as "three sheets in the wind."

"What still up?" he cried, with a madman's gravity, starting from one to the other, as he entered and closed the door, pushing his head against it.

"As you see," replied Perry, pushing a chair toward the villain. "We are waiting to have a few words with you."

The visitor sank into his proffered chair, his glance continually wandering around him.