

### NEWS OBSERVATIONS.

—The average age of the British peer is 58.  
 —Mr. Gladstone was 76 years old on Tuesday.  
 —Mr. Tennyson's fortune is put down at \$400,000.  
 —Montreal is to have a larger ice palace than ever this year.  
 —The great tunnel under the Mersey is to be opened on the 20th inst.  
 —Some one is trying to prove that Shakespeare intended that Hamlet should be a fat man.  
 —The term "mugwump" has emigrated to Great Britain. Now if the wump himself would go!  
 —Says Russia to Italy and Bulgaria: "What part of Turkey do you prefer?" The carving is expected to begin in the spring.  
 —The bailiffs are after the King of Bavaria. Perhaps Louis is the first monarch who has been threatened with having his bed sold from under him. The bailiffs have been restrained from making a levy.  
 —Governor-elect Fitzhugh Lee, in answer to a letter of congratulation from the colored editor of a paper at Staunton, says: "The colored people have equal rights under the law with all other classes as long as I am Governor of Virginia."

### A DEATH TRAP

**VERY NEARLY CATCHES IOWA PROHIBITION OFFICERS.**  
 A Very Curious Case Indeed.—The Great Pennsylvania Miners' Strike Practically Ended.—Another Bank Office Goes Wrong.—Other News.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 1.—The path of the officers who attempt to enforce the prohibition law in Iowa is not always strewn with roses. Wednesday night deputy sheriff Pierce went to the saloon of Lorenzo Ill. in Des Moines, with a search-warrant. Not finding any of the "contraband" in the bar room he tried the door to the cellar but found it locked, when the bar-keeper refused to open the door. Pierce then broke the door open. Descending the stair case by a dim light he saw a beer keg in the cellar and started for it but walked into a pit about nine deep, the bottom of which was set with sharpened stakes. Pierce threw out his arms and caught on the sides of the wall, but by the aid of constable Henson, who accompanied him, he was rescued before falling on the stakes. Officers say the pit had been freshly dug and had every appearance of having been especially constructed for a trap. When released Pierce seized the beer keg and carried it up stairs and placed it in the hands of constable Henson. Meanwhile the bar-keeper had sent for Pierce. Two officers came up and arrested Pierce on the charge of injuring the building. Lorenzo Ill also filed a complaint him for malicious injury to the building. The case has not yet been decided.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 1.—The long strike of the River coal miners is virtually over. The miners of Walton, Hays, Risher and Munnall have returned to work at the 25 cent rate, and there are now almost 2,000 men at work at that price. The call issued for tomorrow's convention does not meet the approval of a large number of the miners, as they seem to consider it an acknowledgment of defeat. The others, however, assert that it is a most commendable course to be pursued, alleging that with such a large number of men at work it would be impolitic to continue the strike much longer. The excuse for taking this step by the officers of the Knights of Labor is that all attempts to get those miners who are working to throw down their picks have proved futile.

CLINTON, Mass., Jan. 1.—The Lancaster national bank of this place closed its doors last night after a searching examination of the books by the directors. The president, W. H. McNeill, is missing and has not been heard from since Tuesday, when he was in Lowell, when he started ostensibly for Boston. He is charged with having used the bank's money for speculative enterprises in which he was interested and which do not furnish ample security. This is thought to be the cause of the present trouble. What the bank's condition is no one knows or can anyone know till after the arrival tomorrow of bank examiner Gatchell.

FITCHBURG, Mass., Jan. 1.—W. H. McNeill, the missing president of the Lancaster bank, of Clinton, was at the depot here about 7.45 p. m. Tuesday, and probably took the Cheshire train to the North. One of his acquaintances here twice tried to speak to him, but McNeill took no notice of him.

DUBLIN, Jan. 1.—T. D. Sullivan, the new lord mayor, was formally installed in office today, with much ceremony. The populace was very enthusiastic and turned out en masse in honor of the event. An immense procession, composed of artisans and laborers carrying green banners and bearing other emblems of green color, was one of the features of the day's celebration. Thirty bands were interspersed throughout the procession. Good order prevailed. No soldiers were seen on the streets during the demonstration.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 1.—A special despatch from Braddock says: There will be no suspension of work at the Edgar Thomson steel works, enough men having accepted the ten per cent in advance offered by the firm to continue the mill in operation. The men wanted to work and divided into three turns per day of eight hours each, instead of two turns of twelve hours each. This the firm refused. It is thought that all the employees will sign in a few days.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Jan. 1.—The tobacco association of this city has issued a circular announcing sales during the month of December of 5,461,260 lbs of tobacco, the largest sale for the same month for years.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 1.—Today there are 330 idle convicts in the Riverside penitentiary, the contracts in the iron, cigar and broom departments having expired. The convicts in these departments will remain idle until they can be placed at rug-making or other industries that the State may see fit to establish.

DETROIT, Jan. 1.—At 9 o'clock this morning the whole fire department was called out by a fire in D. M. Ferry & Co.'s seed store, on Lafayette street. The flames spread rapidly and at this hour the entire building is a mass of flames.

10.45 a. m.—The fire has spread to the box department, on the opposite side of Lafayette street. White's theatre is in flames and seems doomed. The entire seed store, an immense, four-story brick building is totally consumed. The insurance on the Ferry block is \$300,000.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 1.—The coolness and heroism of John Beckley, the foreman of a gang of street workmen,

probably saved several lives yesterday. Eight or ten men under his direction were repairing a leakage in a forty-inch main, at the corner of High street and Eggleston avenue. They had to dig a hole about twenty feet square and ten feet deep in the middle of the street, and were quietly at work this morning, when suddenly a sound like an underground explosion was heard from the east bank of the cavity. Then the earth of one side began to slip away rapidly and was followed by an overwhelming flood of water. "Jump for your lives, boys," the foreman shouted. "Climb out, climb out, or drown." The men began to scramble up, but it was almost impossible, and the water poured in like a mill race and heavy banks of earth began crumbling in. It looked as though the men would be caught and drowned like rats in a pit before help could be given, when Beckley called to them to climb on his shoulders. In that manner every man was saved. Beckley is the last to be pulled out of the ditch, and when he left it the water was up to his eyes. Just as he was drawn out two sides of the hole caved in, carrying several tons of earth into the place where the men had been struggling but a moment before. But for Beckley's action several would have been caught in it and inevitably drowned.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—For the first time in several years new year's day dawned clear and beautiful. The frost was soon dissipated by the rising sun, and long before noon the temperature was like that of a spring day.

The occasion was observed here as in former years by a general calling. Business was suspended to a considerable extent and all the executive departments were closed. At the entrance to the White House grounds two policemen kept back the crowd of curious idlers who gazed with interest at the handsome equipages of the diplomatic corps, the high officials of the government and distinguished persons. Mounted policemen kept clear the carriage approach and a long line of officers was formed on either side of the doorway. The full Marine band occupied the main vestibule and discoursed strains of music during the progress of the ceremonies. The decorations of the mansion were exceedingly simple, being confined to tasteful floral arrangements. Graceful palms and rare tropical plants were there in profusion. Bouquets of great size and harmonious colors stood on the centre tables and delicate garlands of smilax contrived with crystal chandeliers. At 11 o'clock, to the accompaniment of "Hail to the Chief," by the Marine band, the presidential party entered the reception rooms and took up their station in the blue parlor. Mrs. Bayard leaned upon the arm of the President; Secretary Bayard escorted Miss Cleveland, and the remaining members of the cabinet followed with their ladies, secretary Lamar being the only absentee. They exchanged cordial greetings, and the ceremonies opened with a reception to the diplomatic corps. The Portuguese minister, Count Das Nogueiras, acted as dean of the corps in the absence of the Haytian minister. Mr. Prestan, representative of the foreign powers, was introduced to the President by the secretary of state. The chief justice and associate justices of the United States supreme court came next in order, and were followed by the judges of the court of claims, United States Senators and Representatives in Congress, judges of the supreme court of the District of Columbia and the judicial officers of the district, ex-members of the cabinet and ex-ministers of the United States. A few minutes before noon the band burst forth with martial air from the "Black Hussar" and the officers of the army and navy filed into the reception rooms, headed by Lt. Gen. Sheridan and his staff. As the officers passed through into the east parlor and mingled their glittering uniforms with the elegant toilettes of the ladies there assembled, the scene was one of notable brilliancy. Next in the order of reception came Prof. Baird, commissioner Colman, the civil service commissioners, the assistant secretaries, heads of bureau and other government officials. Next came the veterans of the wars of 1812 and 1846. A few in the number were bowed with old age. The Grand Army of the Republic made a fine display and were received with marked deference. Many colored men, some of them crippled and maimed, were included in the ranks of this organization. While the oldest inhabitants of the organization were passing through the reception room the citizens were being thrust under line on the sidewalk. Their number ran up into thousands, and the line beginning at the gateway nearest Seventeenth street, stretched well over towards Fifteenth street. Shortly after 1 o'clock the public reception began and is now in progress.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 1.—At Davidson College today a street accident occurred between J. D. Hood, a merchant and J. W. Summers a lawyer in which Hood was shot and it is supposed fatally injured. Hood and Summers are brothers-in-law and quarrelled about the settlement of an estate. Hood was attacking Summers with a hatchet when the latter used his pistol.

If the gentleman whose lips pressed the lady's snowy brow and thus caught a severe cold had but used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, no doctor's bill would have been necessary.

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### FITZHUGH LEE.

**THE OLD DOMINION'S NOBLE SON IN AUGURATED.**  
 An Absence of Display—A Fatal Railway Accident in the South—The Danville, Va., Tobacco Report—Other General News by Wire.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 1.—Governor Fitzhugh Lee was inducted into office today in the presence of the general assembly of Virginia gathered in joint convention in the hall of the house of delegates, the galleries of which and every inch of available standing room were occupied by interested spectators, including many ladies. The rotunda and the approaches thereto were also crowded with people, all eagerly striving to gain admission to the hall or catch a glimpse of the new Governor as he passed.

The Joel Parker association, of Newark, N. J., which arrived this morning, were assigned to privileged places on the floor of the house and attracted much attention by their fine appearance. At 11.50 a. m. the speaker called the house to order and the proceedings were opened with prayer by Rt. Rev. Dr. A. M. Randolph, Bishop of the Episcopal church. Clerk Bigler then read the journal of yesterday. Just as he concluded Hon. John W. Daniel, United States Senator-elect, entered the hall and was escorted to a seat. He was greeted with enthusiasm.

At 12 o'clock the senate of Virginia was announced, and that body filed in by twos and took the seats assigned them. The speaker then called the joint convention to order and immediately named delegates, Messrs. A. Fulkerson, R. M. Stribley and Senator Taylor Berry as a committee to notify Gov. Lee that the general assembly of Virginia was ready to receive him. In a few minutes loud cheering on the outside announced the approach of the gubernatorial party and soon afterwards Gov. Lee, arm-in-arm with the retiring executive, Gov. Cameron, entered the hall, followed by a number of ladies and gentlemen, including Hon. John E. Massey, Lt. Governor-elect, and Mrs. Gen. Lee (wife of the Governor), and Mrs. Beckham (wife of ex-Mayor Beckham, of Alexandria, Va.), escorted respectively by Frank W. Dawson, of the Charleston News and Courier, and Dr. George W. Ross, of Richmond. The appearance of the party was the signal for a perfect ovation of enthusiastic applause, which continued several minutes. The two Governors were escorted to the speakers' platform, where the Hon. L. L. Lewis, president of the supreme court of appeals of Virginia, administered the oath of office to the new Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. At the conclusion of this brief ceremony the joint convention was dissolved and the house took a recess for fifteen minutes. Congratulations and hand-shaking then became the order of the day, the Governor descending to the floor and meeting friends and strangers alike, with a pleasant word for each. The Joel Parker association were individually presented, the first member introduced fastening to the lapel of Gov. Lee's coat a handsome badge of the association. A noticeable incident to the ceremonies was the almost total absence of colored people in the hall. Only two colored delegates were present, and a colored man wearing a badge of the Joel Parker association. The latter joined in the stream of visitors who passed by the Governor and congratulated him. He extended his hand to the Governor and with a smile upon his face said: "Governor, let me congratulate you." Governor Lee looked at him and breaking out into a laugh exclaimed: "My friend, don't you think the county is safe now?" The colored man laughingly replied: "Governor, I believe it is." It was an amusing incident and no one enjoyed it more than Gov. Lee. Capt. E. M. Hayes, of the Fifth U. S. Cavalry, who was a bosom friend and companion of Gov. Lee when the latter was a lieutenant in the same regiment before the war, and who came all the way from the Indian Territory to be present, was among the crowd, and when Governor Lee spied him he hailed the captain with, "Hello, Jack, how are you today?" To which Capt. Hayes answered, "Very well, Fitz; allow me to congratulate you," and a warm and cordial grasp of the hand followed. After the assemblage had dispersed Gov. Lee proceeded to the gubernatorial office in the capitol, where the retiring Governor turned the office over to him. Ex-Gov. Cameron remained in the hall during the reception, and was greeted by many of those present. The Newark association were taken in charge by the city democratic committee and handsomely entertained.

GALVESTON, TEX., Jan. 1.—A special to the News from Dallas says that a collision occurred yesterday morning on the Houston & Texas Central railway, at Garrett station, by which a passenger engine, a caboose and three freight cars were damaged and set on fire. The caboose was full of passengers, the most of whom sustained injuries. W. S. McGraw and a five-year-old son of Mr. Darby, both of Dallas, were seriously injured. The passengers were brought back to Dallas last evening, where the injured were cared for.

DANVILLE, Va., Jan. 1.—The tobacco association report the sales of leaf tobacco for the last three months to be 7,560,000 pounds, at an average price of 10.25 cents per pound. The sales for the same quarter of the preceding year amounted to 6,205,000 pounds, at an average of 11.24 cents. Since the 1st of November the planters marketed only

their most indifferent tobacco. The sales for the last twelve months have amounted to 38,579,000 pounds, at an average of 13.31 cents.

MONTREAL, Jan. 1.—The barricade between St. Cuneogonde and the city on St. James street was again pulled down last night and again put up. A row occurred and the officers were pelted with stones. One officer of the isolation force was cut on the head with a bottle, but no serious result ensued. A deputation from St. Cuneogonde waited upon the city authorities last night, and an agreement was arrived at by which the city is to withdraw the force from the barricades until Monday, and the St. Cuneogonde officials on their part are to comply with the health regulations. The agreement was signed at midnight.

STRAKATOR, Ill., Jan. 1.—About two weeks ago a physician was called upon to attend the family of an old German named August Feldt, members of which were suffering from a strange disease. The doctor asserted that the family had eaten heartily of pork purchased from a butcher in this place, and obtaining some of it proceeded to examine it with a microscope, finding unmistakable evidence of trichinae. About a week later one of the children, aged ten, died, and the following day another boy of fourteen was taken away. The mother was then prostrated, and in a few days she, too, died. During this time several doctors were called, but could do nothing toward checking the disease. On Monday last another member of the family, a girl of twelve, died, and the father now lies in a condition beyond all hope of recovery. Feldt purchased a quantity of this pork and had salted it down. The children had been in the habit of going to the barrel and eating the meat, and being rather careless he permitted them to do so. The house in which the family lives is wretchedly filthy, and this has probably aided the trichinae in their deadly work.

### THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

OF THE NEWS AND OBSERVER.  
 The article in Wednesday morning's paper, relative to the Philharmonic Society, has created considerable speculation as to the necessity for raising a contingent fund. Why it must be patent to the most indifferent that such an organization cannot be carried on without money. I am confident all who are connected with the society must be cognizant of the depleted state of the treasury; we have not money enough to furnish us with the necessary music, to pay for an orchestra, the rent of the hall, or costumes, when needed. Now if we could raise a certain amount, say one thousand dollars, by the contribution of ten dollars per year, paid semi-annually, by one hundred of the business men of Raleigh, the society would grow and flourish to a surprising degree, and the entertainments given would net us a sufficient amount to keep the treasury supplied with the much-needed funds, of which no small amount is necessary to carry on a musical organization. When we take into consideration that the musical director, pianist and secretary and treasurer are not paid, and that the orchestra give their services, we have much to be grateful for, as this is the only musical society of any note which is so fortunate. It is absolutely necessary that such an amount be raised to carry on the society, and I hope Dr. Kursteiner will take the names of the citizens who are willing to subscribe, raise that fund, deposit it in any bank for our needs, and then the society will be on a firm basis. If at any time it is deemed advisable to discontinue the Philharmonic of course the money in the treasury is to be divided among the subscribers. Take this matter into consideration, Dr. Kursteiner, and make a personal appeal to the business men of Raleigh, and my word for it you will meet with gratifying results.

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—A rigid mother in Bath, Me., has succeeded in having her daughter's beau arrested and arraigned for staying too late in her house at night. The Bath papers cut the affair short by saying that he was released on his promise to leave town the next day. This will give the world an exalted idea of the Bath daughters, for he had it been in any other State the daughter would have left town herself the next day, if only to keep her lover company.

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Well, the credit system is a bad system anyway, and the man who sells merchandise that way is simply an object of pity, as a rule; because the number who cannot pay and those who will not pay force him to charge such prices to those who do pay that he is actually ashamed of himself.

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