GOSSIP OF THE HOTEL LOBBIES

STORIES OF HUMAN INTEREST FROM EVERYWHERE.

Poultrymen in the State of Washington Are Planning to Hold a Worldwide Egg-laying Contest—Polygamy Abolished, but Mormonism Is Steadily Increasing—Iron Men Look to Canal.

"The poultrymen in the State of Washington are planning an egg-laying contest from all over the world," said T. P. Wilson, of Seattle, at the Hotel Rennert yesterday. "It is likely that the contest will be held in Tacoma. What the poultrymen of Washington want to do is to prove that the climate of that section produces the greatest egg-layers in the world. It is likely that the contest will cover a period of a year and that the hens will be in flocks of 50. It is hoped to have over 200 pens. It is estimated that it will cost about $1.50 a year to feed each hen, and that $5,000 will finance the exposition. Against the cost of the exposition it is calculated that 1,500 hens should average 10 dozen eggs, which can be sold on the market for 25 cents a dozen. They would bring in at least $2,500. An exposition of a similar nature may be given in other localities. It will bring the best-laying chickens from foreign countries to the United States and will be a national advertisement for the owner of the winning hens. Out in the Far West chicken-raising is carried on to a larger extent than it is in the East. But I see no reason why the Eastern chicken raisers cannot also have an international egg-laying contest."

Mormonism on the Increase.

"Although polygamy has been abolished in the Mormon church, Mormonism is steadily on the increase," said a well-known Western minister of the gospel at the Hotel Belvedere yesterday. Mormon missionaries are being sent out from Salt Lake City to every part of the civilized world. They are operating in nearly every city of any size in the United States. Many of them are going about under the guise of Sunday-school teachers, nurses and other Christian helpers. Every male Mormon must do missionary work. He is sent out into the world at the expense of his family, who in some way must get the money to pay his expenses. In many places they operate in secret, in others they have churches and openly carry on their missionary work. In many foreign countries laws have been passed prohibiting Mormon missionaries from holding meetings and trying to convert the people of the country to their religion. Nevertheless, many converts are being constantly sent to this country from Europe. They arrive on the steamers in New York and are met by agents of the Mormon church, who have them sent to Utah in special cars. After they reach their destination they are sent out into the farming districts of Utah. No one ever knows how many of them leave the state after they get a good insight into the Mormon church. Many of the converts that come from Europe make good American citizens."

Dairying in Panama.

"There is a movement on foot to manufacture butter, oleomargarine, lard compound, cheese and like products in Panama," said M. E. Roberts, a Canadian, who spent yesterday at the Hotel Emerson. Mr. Roberts has recently returned from an inspection of the canal zone. "There should be something done in Panama to increase the interest in cattle raising and dairying. Already orders have been given for high-grade American cattle to be used in the proposed project. It is understood that a number of Englishmen are interested in the industry. There are many chances to make money in the canal zone and a large number of Americans are constantly going over the field."

Iron Men Look to Canal.

"Already the iron men of the United States are looking ahead in order to take advantage of the Panama Canal when it is completed," said Henry McDowell, who is interested in the iron business in Pennsylvania. "Much of my time is spent in Pittsburgh," said Mr. McDowell, "but I travel through the districts a great deal. From a report recently received by the United States government it is generally understood that the Bethlehem Steel Company, of Pennsylvania, has purchased a very large body of rich iron ore in the vicinity of Coquimbo, Chile, and in addition has entered into a contract with a French company, owners of large deposits of rich iron ore near the same place, for delivery of immense quantities or ore up to 1,000,000 tons per year for 15 years. The ore is said to be more than 60 per cent. pure, with a little sulphur, and can be very easily mined.

This is practically the same quality of ore that has been consumed in the steel mills at Corral, Chile, and shipped to England last year to the amount of 28,600 tons, where it was highly praised. The Chilean government now has men out searching in that part of Chile for additional deposits that are said to exist.

It is understood that it is proposed to ship this ore to the United States as soon as the Panama Canal is opened, and much is expected from this industry in that part of the country."

Roller-skate Hip New Disease.

"The roller-skate hip is the latest disease in Chicago," said Jackson Morris, of Chicago, who dined at the New Howard yesterday afternoon. "The disease was discovered following an investigation of many cases of deformity of the spine and hips among young children in Chicago. After careful investigation it was found by the authorities that many children skate with one roller skate and not two. They skate upon the smooth streets. Many of the children who have two skates loan one of them to a friend. Children upon one skate are to be found in every city in the United States. An ordinance has been introduced in Chicago not to allow children to skate in this manner, as they only injure themselves."

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BOARD OF ESTIMATES

Additional Engineer for Commissioners for Opening Streets.

At its weekly meeting yesterday the Board of Estimates approved the request of the Commissioners for Opening Streets for an additional engineer at a salary of $1,800 per annum. The new engineer will become the assistant to Chief Engineer H. K. Faust, of the commission, while Jefferson C. Grinnalds, the present assistant, will be assigned to work inside the office. His salary will be reduced from $1,500 to $1,200 per annum.

A request of Harbor Engineer Lackey that William L. Miller, the contractor for the commercial and recreation pier, be allowed half payment on the concrete piles already cast for the structure, was approved by the board. According to Mr. Lackey, Miller has already furnished $12,000 worth of concrete piles, which are laying at the site of the new pier, and the contractor has requested that he receive 50 per cent. of the cost of their casting from the city.

Health Commissioner Gorter requested the board to allow him a bacteriologist at $1,000 and a laboratory boy at $300. The board disapproved the request on the ground that the ordinance of estimates made full provision for the number of employes of the department. It was explained that the appointments could be made next year.

Carville Benson and Rev. Edward Leach appeared before the board in the interest of Franklin Street Memorial United Brotherhood Church, and asked that the franchise charge of $40 for an areaway be obviated. The request was granted.

The board approved the purchase by the Water Board of two acres of land in the Gunpowder Valley from Mrs. R. James Maderia for $5,000.

The board authorized the expenditure of $2,500 for repairs to the buildings at Quarantine, which were damaged by the dynamite explosion on the Alum Chine. It was decided, upon the recommendation of the Building Inspector, to spend about $350 of the money for a plumbing and heating plant.

George Dobbin Penniman, counsel for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, notified the board that he had prepared an amended ordinance providing that other railroad companies be allowed to use the switches and tracks on the old Quarantine grounds. The ordinance will probably be introduced in the First Branch City Council in the next two weeks.

It was decided to accept an offer of $400 from R. Sladky, for the leasehold property owned by the city on the Belair Road.

Crook, Kries & Co., which recently received the contract for new boilers in the pumping station of the Sewerage Commission, offered to put in piping in the boilers for $4,350. Building Inspector Stubbs told the board that he thought that was a high figure, and suggested that the bids be advertised. His idea met with approval.

The board approved an offer of the Canton Company to be permitted to obtain water from the disposal plant at Back River at 15 cents for every 1,000 gallons.

ROADS TO BE PAVED

Conference of City Officials and Good Roads Commission.

Following a two-hour conference yesterday between Mayor Preston, other municipal officials and Chairman Weller, of the Good Roads Commission, announcement was made that the commission will promptly proceed to pave the following thoroughfares:

Frederick road, from Bentalou street to the city line.

Reistertown road, from Fulton avenue to the park gate.

Belair road, from North avenue to the city line.

Hanover street, from Winder street to the city line.

City Solicitor Field, chairman R. Keith Compton, of the Paving Commission, Chief Engineer Hendrick, of the Sewerage Commission, and City Engineer McCay attended the conference, as did several engineers for the Good Roads Commission.

It was stated that the paving by the commission of the foregoing thoroughfares will cost about $700,000. The ridding of the cobblestones in the city proper and the transformation of all the important approaches to the city into smooth boulevards, in the opinion of city officials, will do much to establish the prestige of the Monumental City as a first-class municipality.

Major Shirley, of the Good Roads Commission, announced last night that he would proceed to prepare specifications with a view to expediting the paving work. Municipal officials, he said, are anxious to rush the improvement and he is desirous of cooperating with them.

A Reasonable Plea For The Stomach

If Your Stomach Is Lacking in Digestive Power, Why Not Help the Stomach Do Its Work?

Not with drugs, but with a reinforcement of digestive agents, such as are naturally at work in the stomach. Scientific analysis shows that digestion requires pepsin, nitrogenous ferments and the secretion of hydrochloric acid. When your food fails to digest it is proof positive that some of these agents are lacking in your digestive apparatus.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets contain nothing but these natural elements necessary to digestion, and when placed at work in the weak stomach and small intestines supply what these organs need. They stimulate the gastric glands and gradually bring the digestive organs back to their normal condition.

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Chemical Laboratory. Telegraphic address, "Diffindo," London. Telephone No. 11029 Central. 20 Cullum St., Fenchurch St., E. C.

London, 9th Aug., 1905.

I have analyzed most carefully a box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets (which I bought myself at a city chemist's shop for the purpose), manufactured by the F. A. Stuart Co., 86 Clerkenwell Road, London, E. C., and have to report that I cannot find any trace of vegetable or mineral poisons. Knowing the ingredients of the tablets, I am of opinion that they are admirably adaptable for the purpose for which they are intended.

(Signed)

John R. Brooke, F. I. C., F. C. S.

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Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are at once a safe and powerful remedy. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will digest your food for you when your stomach can't.

Ask your druggist for a fifty-cent box.

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THE PEOPLE'S LETTER BOX

TOPICS DISCUSSED BY READERS OF THIS PAPER.

Mr. John Henry Keene Steps Forth to Champion Christian Science Against Dr. Finney's Imputations—The Physician, He Affirms, Is Not a Great Artist in the Faculty of Expression.

Letters designed for publication in this column must be indorsed with the name and address of the writer.
Anonymous communications will not be considered.
When the writer so prefers his name will not be published.
Letters should not exceed 500 words.

To the Editor: An "illegitimate offspring" of pseudo-science is less intelligible than a legitimate offspring of a false science. In his assault upon Christian Science Dr. Finney has not been happy in the choice of his terminology.

Obviously the doctor is not a real artist in the faculty of expression. What abstract ideas he meant to convey by these terms it is impossible to discern. Probably the professor intended only to record the old school mercenary animosity to the free healing of Christian Science.

It is rather late in the day to condemn Christian Science to the diabolical diplomacy of the lower regions. Scurrilous abuse of Christian Science today is an amusing proof of stolid ignorance. No student of the physics or metaphysics of Christian Science can easily pass over its inexpressible deep significance. The capitals of the world, New and Old, are the seats of its propaganda. The distinguished men and women who adhere to its cultus are as innumerable as the sands of the sea. Christian Science is the rebirth, or better expressed (as it is most correctly called), the renaissance of the era of the Christ. Grunt, bellow, bleat and hiss as its enemies may, Christian Science is safely, easily and nobly the throne of civilization.

Christian Science is the great spiritual salvation of Protestantism. The civilized world is beginning to see that it need not be longer cursed with the stupidity, mercenary ferocity and weakness of the old school. America, as Europe, blows the air of the time of the Reformation. Do not, infatuated and blinded man, seek to blacken the sublime, and pull the brilliant light down into the dust. Remember, a little troop of men pressed into the great Roman world, defying both its societies and its lodges and triumphed by the Word alone. Dry and crumbling heathenism, now as then, was shattered by the men and women who announced a new kingdom of heaven and feared nothing of the Old World; not the claws of wild beasts, nor the wrath of wicked men, nor fire or sword, for they themselves were the fire and sword—sword and fire of God.

JOHN HENRY KEENE.

Baltimore, March 18.

For a Downtown Station.

To the Editor: I trust that the reports are true concerning the probable construction by the Pennsylvania Railroad of a new Calvert Station. The present station is antiquated, and not adequate to present needs. It is to be hoped that the road's officials will see the necessity for a new station, built along modern ideas, and nearer Baltimore street. The Pennsylvania is looked upon as a progressive railroad and one always willing to keep abreast of the times, and if it can be shown that a new downtown station is needed in Baltimore President Rea and his associates will doubtless not be long in meeting the wants of this city.

Baltimore, March 18. CITIZEN.

Car Service in West Baltimore.

To the Editor: Why can't West Baltimore have better car service? I am a resident of the 2500 block West Fayette street, and would like to know if there is any way in which I can reach Walbrook, Forest Park, Park Heights avenue or any other suburban point without paying a double care fare, or else walking 10 squares or more. A few days ago I saw an article in The Baltimore American about transferring to another car, even if you have to walk two or three squares. Perhaps the officials of the railway company have never thought of this, but I am sure it is better to walk three squares on a cold, rainy or windy day than walk 10 squares or pay an extra five cents when it is really not necessary or just. Why can't the people of the western section of the city have convenience to the car lines as well as the people of the other sections? There is only one car line in West Baltimore, and in other sections there are as many as three and four and sometimes more.

I. J. W.

Baltimore, March 17.

Recognition of Huerta.

To the Editor: If Major Cassius E. Gillette, a retired officer of the United States Army, who is interested in mining properties in Mexico, expects us to recognize the Huerta government, he must assure us that Huerta and his party will continue permanently in power. In urging immediate action at Washington, Major Gillette says the sooner the Huerta regime is recognized by the United States, the more quickly will the Mexican government be able to get money and suppress the "little revolution in the outlying states."

Huerta obtained power by force of arms, and is holding that power with powder and steel. If he continues to hold it, the Mexican elections will be controlled by the bayonet for some time to come. But that "little revolution" which Major Gillette refers to may unseat him. What then? Shall we recognize the leader of that revolution if he attains success? Huerta has yet to prove a clear title to his seat. He was not chosen; he took the seat by force, and the method he employed was contrary to law and order. It is the same method now being employed by the "little revolutionists." There is, therefore, no solid ground upon which Huerta can demand the recognition, the sympathy or the approval of the United States. He must show us that he is able to properly run the government. It will take some time to do that. Let us wait and see.

M. T. L.

Baltimore, March 17.

Wages and Workers.

To the Editor: While the demand for a minimum wage for young girls is being agitated throughout the land, it is hoped that good results will follow. If all employers are compelled to pay a minimum wage for help, they will be on the same footing. Many girls who are more capable or better educated and better managers will receive better pay, in proportion to their abilities, &c. This is illustrated by one store taking from another its best salesladies, at higher wages, because it pays them to do so, and their former employer only discovers their value when they inform him they intend to leave. The same thing applies to young men. It is then too late, as they might linger forever at the same salary if they did not look out for themselves. In the eagerness of some employers to make all they can they give low pay to enrich themselves and live in luxury, yet don't think that their employes like to see a little enjoyment, besides saving a little for a rainy lay. It is sad to relate, however, but few think of saving, either young or old. Where the young have homes and parents they expect them to live forever, and they take no heed of the future. Pay fair wages to all, and make those around you happy and respect you and say a kind word for you when you are dead and gone, as well as while you are living.

I write the foregoing in behalf of the girls and women, but in our zeal for them let us not lose sight of the thousands of poorly paid young men in offices, factories and catalogue houses and every line of business receiving $4, $5 and $6 per week, working from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M., and later in busy seasons, who, if they had no assistance from home or elsewhere, could not honestly live. The young man's employer expects him to look presentable, and to do so and pay his board, clothe himself, pay for washing and other incidentals he cannot on such wages and live without help, while some are obliged to help their aged parents. He has no virtue to sell, but he has his good name, honesty and integrity—his capital in business. Then why should they be placed in jeopardy? for when opportunity presents itself, in some cases, he takes that which does not belong to him, and if caught cannot walk off like the young girl and hide the shame, but the penitentiary or jail awaits him. Why shouldn't young men be placed in the same class with the young women and receive living wages? They are equally to be pitied. I am aware of young men receiving $5 and $6 per week in offices, factories, &c., and if they ask for a few dollars raise, or sufficient to pay their living expenses, are put off from month to month with promises, "we will do something for you later." In the meantime they become heartbroken, disgusted with human life and business methods unless fortunate enough to obtain a better position where their services are appreciated.

Let a committee or those interested in charities and good morals go into some of the factories and offices and see for themselves. A little more interest on the part of societies for cruelty to animals, etc., taken in humanity and the uplift of both young men and girls would be more commendable and receive the thanks and "God bless you" of the man or girl or underpaid wage-earner in our various large cities.

The many young girls in business today have taken the places of young men because they can be employed at lower wages. The young man of today is confronted with this condition, except where the houses cannot help themselves and are obliged to have a young man. Then let us protect both men and girls.

EQUAL RIGHTS.

Baltimore, March 16.

To Inspect New Hospital Site.

Governor Goldsborough and members of the new Hospital for Insane on the Eastern Shore will today inspect the site of the new hospital near Cambridge. They will leave Annapolis this morning for Cambridge on the state steamer Governor Thomas.

"Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days." Your druggist will refund money if Pazo Ointment fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

—Advertisement.

Skin Peeling Nature's Aid to New Complexion

(*From Woman's Tribune.*)

Mercolized wax is a natural beautifier. By flaking off the devitalized surface skin, it merely hastens Nature's work. The second skin layer, brought gradually to view, exhibits the healthy, youthful color produced by capillary circulation. This because the capillaries are thus brought nearer the surface; also because the new skin is unsoiled by dust and dirt. This wax, to be had at any drugstore (an ounce will do) is put on nightly like cold cream, washed off mornings with warm water. Its work usually is completed in from seven to ten days, long enough not to show too marked results from day to day, or cause pain or detention indoors.

A face bath to remove wrinkles, made by dissolving an ounce of saxolite in a half-pint witch hazel, is another natural beautifier, since its astringent and tonic effects smooth out the wrinkles in accordance with Nature's own process.

—Advertisement.

SETTLE FARE BOOK QUESTION

SUBURBANITES AND UNITED RAILWAYS AGREE.

A Number of Modifications Urged by Commuters Agreed to by the Corporation — Statement Issued by Mr. House Regarding Concessions Made and the New Books to Be Issued.

Announcement was made yesterday that an agreement had been reached between the suburbanites of Baltimore and the United Railways and Electric Company concerning the nature and manner of issuance of the commutation books authorized by the Public Service Commission December 24, 1912. In order to satisfy the demands of the suburbanites a number of concessions were granted by the company, and after an agreement had been reached it was filed with the Public Service Commission. The commission then passed an order setting a hearing on the matter for March 23, and it is expected that the new books provided for by the agreement will be authorized and placed on sale immediately thereafter. A statement issued by William A. House, president of the railway company, describes the books and the nature of the concessions made by the company.

It was explained by Mr. House that the commission's reduction of fares had been rather severe on the company. He pointed out that few of the suburban lines were operated at a profit, and that business men came into town and went out during the rush hours when the cars were crowded and were apt to forget that during all the other hours of the day and night the company was often obliged to operate nearly empty cars on a frequent schedule. The position of the committee was that the books authorized by the commission did not subserve the purpose for which they were intended and that the numerous restrictions destroyed their usefulness. Mr. House said that the restrictions provided were the usual ones for commuters' books, but in view of the criticisms made as to the restrictions the company was willing to consent to a number of the modifications desired upon the assumption that the book in the suggested form would be entirely acceptable to substantially all of its suburban patrons. The committee accepted the terms as a fair adjustment of the respective contentions and gave their unanimous approval, which has been confirmed by the associations represented by the committee. As a result of the agreed modifications the books in the numbers required will be issued in the name of the head of the family, and when presented by any member of the family or domestic servants the coupons will be accepted for his or her fare only. The books will be purchasable at any time and will be good for the current year stamped thereon. The unused coupons, if undetached, will be redeemed at any time during the current year and within three months from the expiration thereof. While the coupons will be issued for use only in connection with a continuous city ride, no city coupons will be included in the book, the regular city fare being payable in cash.

MR. MURNANE CLAIMS BODY

Identifies It as That of His Son—Takes It From Morgue.

The body of the man found in Jones' Falls last Saturday has been positively identified. It is that of John F. Murnane, 24 years old, 1024 Brentwood avenue, who had been missing from his home since last Friday evening. Last night the body was taken to the Murnane home and from there it will be buried.

When Alva D. Feete, 809 North Fulton avenue, identified the body Sunday afternoon as that of his brother Carroll Feete, of Middletown, Md., the body was taken directly from the City Morgue to the funeral parlors of George A. Gerbig, at Baltimore and Payson streets, and prepared for shipment to Middletown. The undertaker took the body from the Morgue about 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. John Murnane, 1024 Brentwood avenue, had also read the description of the man in the paper and believed it to be his son. With another son, Daniel A. Murnane, he went to the Morgue, arriving there about 5:30 o'clock. Then he was told that the body had been identified and taken away. Mr. Murnane returned home and continued inquiries for his son. Yesterday morning he read in The American that Mr. Feete's identification had not been established and that the body had been returned to the Morgue. With his son, Mr. Murnane again paid a visit to the Morgue yesterday afternoon and then he positively identified the body. The identification of the body by Mr. Murnane sets at rest all doubts that may remain in the minds of the members of the Feete family, who still believe that the body was that of Carroll Feete.

There is still no explanation as to how Murnane fell into the Falls and Coroner Chambers, of the Central district, is investigating. Young Murnane had been working with his father Friday morning, and returned with him Friday afternoon. He ate his supper at his home about 6 o'clock and told his mother he was going out. "I will be back before 9 o'clock," he said, "so I don't want the key."

"He was always in the house before 9 o'clock at night," said Mrs. Honora Murnane, his mother, yesterday. "He was bright and cheerful and he did not have any enemies. He carried no great amount of money with him, so he could not have been robbed. I can't imagine how he got into the Falls."

Beside his parents, young Murnane is survived by three brothers (James E., Daniel A. and Joseph J. Murnane), and three sisters (Katherine A., Mary A. and Honora M. Murnane). The body was taken to the home last night, and the funeral will probably take place from there tomorrow morning.

MR. ANDERSON AGAIN

Antisaloon League Superintendent Challenges Lloyd Wilkinson.

William H. Anderson, superintendent of the Antisaloon League, who recently declined to accept Lloyd Wilkinson's challenge to a joint debate on the local option question, yesterday announced that he "will turn the tables" and challenge Mr. Wilkinson to debate six propositions which he submits.

Mr. Anderson's letter to Mr. Wilkinson follows:

"Dear Sir: Since, in your apparent belief that I am afraid to meet you in debate, you have gotten in so deep you cannot back out gracefully and with dignity. I now propose to turn the tables and let the public decide whether you are seeking a little cheap reputation for courage by making what you know to be a perfectly safe play because of the settled policy of the league, or whether you want to meet me as badly as you evidently hope your stage fury and tin thunder will lead the people to believe.

"I now extend to you what you know to be the only challenge I have made (another copy enclosed), viz: to debate six propositions defending the local option bill. If you accept, I will consent that if you think 30 minutes is enough to dispose of the bill you may use the hour remaining to you to abuse me and my methods to your heart's content, within legal limits, of course.

"I offer this because I realize that nobody can talk an hour and a half against this bill and stick to his text, and if your speech is one-third argument and two-thirds personalities, it will average as well as any speech against this bill which I have heard. Besides, I want to help you in your apparent effort to get Mr. Crain's job as liquor attorney by showing more courage in this direction than he has manifested."

Mr. Anderson says that he cannot, because of a previous engagement, meet Mr. Wilkinson on the evening of March 31, for which evening Mr. Wilkinson has engaged the Lyceum Theater for the purpose of addressing the audience, giving his views of Mr. Anderson and of the Local Option Bill.

Rule of Law.

Pleas of insanity can hardly be entertained in cases involving less than $500. Pittsburgh Post.

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU,
Washington, March 18.

Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: For Maryland, New England, Eastern New York, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, District of Columbia and Virginia, fair Wednesday and Thursday, warmer; moderate to brisk south winds.

For North Carolina, fair Wednesday and Thursday, rising temperature; moderate east, shifting to southeast winds.

For South Carolina, generally fair Wednesday and Thursday, except rain along the coast, slowly rising temperature; brisk east wind.

For West Virginia, fair Wednesday and probably Thursday, warmer Wednesday.

Weather Condition and General Forecast: Rains have continued in the Pacific States and rain or snow from the North Pacific Coast eastward to the Lake Superior Region. The center of the Western disturbance is beyond the Rockies. Fair weather will prevail in Central, Eastern and Southern sections, with the exception of rain from the South Carolina Coast southward over the Florida Peninsula.

The temperature has risen over the eastern half of the country, while it is falling again in the Northwest, the reading in North Dakota and Montana being considerably below the seasonal normal.

The weather will gradually become unsettled in the East Gulf Region and be followed by rain. Rain or snow, moreover, is indicated for the Northwest either Wednesday or Thursday, reaching from Lake Michigan and North Illinois westward beyond the Rockies. In the West Gulf Region and in the North and Central States east of the Mississippi River fair weather will continue until Thursday or Thursday night.

The temperature will continue high east of the Mississippi River, but it will fall still further in the Northwest Wednesday and quite generally west of the Mississippi River by Thursday night.

The winds along the New England Coast will be moderate southerly; along the Middle Atlantic Coast, moderate variable; along the South Atlantic Coast, brisk northeast; along the East Gulf Coast, moderate east; along the West Gulf Coast, moderate east to south; on Lake Michigan, brisk southerly, shifting to northerly in north portion, becoming high.

Steamers departing Wednesday for European ports will have moderate southerly winds and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

Daily Report.

Custom-house, Baltimore, March 18.

Time.	Thermometer.	Relative Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Velocity of Wind.	Precipitation.	State of Weather.
8 A. M.	37	61	SE.	3	.00	Clear
8 P. M.	45	61	S.	5	.00	Clear

Normal temperature 42 | Highest temperature... 51
Mean temperature.. 42 | Lowest temperature.... 33

Maximum velocity of the wind, 15 miles per hour, from the south.

Record of Temperature.

The following table gives the minimum temperatures at 8 o'clock tonight for the past 24 hours at the following named stations:

Atlantic City, clear..	30	Montgomery, cloudy..	42
Bismarck, snow.....	12	Montreal, pt. cloudy.	16
Boston, clear.....	24	Nantucket, clear.....	26
Buffalo, clear.....	22	New Orleans, cloudy..	46
Charleston, clear.....	46	New York, clear.....	30
Chicago, clear.....	28	Oklahoma, clear.....	40
Cleveland, clear.....	32	Pittsburgh, clear.....	32
Corpus Christi, pt. cdy	54	Philadelphia, clear...	32
Denver, clear.....	48	Portland, Me., clear..	22
Detroit, clear.....	28	Portland, Ore., cloudy	46
Duluth, clear.....	24	Providence, clear.....	22
Eastport, cloudy.....	14	Quebec, cloudy.....	6
Galveston, clear.....	52	Raleigh, clear.....	32
Green Bay, cloudy....	24	Salt Lake City, snow.	48
Hatteras, clear.....	44	San Francisco, cloudy	48
Havre, snow.....	4	St. Louis, clear.....	44
Helena, snow.....	12	St. Paul, cloudy.....	32
Jacksonville, rain.....	52	Scranton, clear.....	24
Kansas City, pt. cldy	46	Shreveport, clear.....	40
Knoxville, clear.....	32	Spokane, pt. cloudy..	40
Louisville, clear.....	40	Tampa, rain.....	52
Marquette, cloudy.....	22	Washington, clear.....	26
Memphis, clear.....	42	Winnipeg, cloudy.....	6

Almanac for Today.

Sun rises.....6:16 A. M. | Sun Sets.....6:17 P. M.
Moon Sets.....5:08 A. M. Thursday.

HIGH WATER.

3:36 A. M.....0.8 Foot | 4:35 P. M.....1.2 Feet.
(Calculations expressed in Eastern Standard Time.)

PENNSY HAS BIG PLANS FOR CITY

BUT OFFICIALS WILL NOT MAKE PUBLIC DETAILS.

The Company Has Purchased Much Land—This May Mean Erection of a New Station, Extension of Freight Yards or Other Plans—Belt Line May Be Established Around the City.

Interesting developments in the activities of the Pennsylvania Railroad in this city, although only partly revealed, seem to indicate that extensive improvements on a scale never undertaken by any railroad in this city will soon be begun by the railroad here. Officials of the road in this city, including Gamble Latrobe, general agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Baltimore, deny any official knowledge of the nature of the proposed improvements, but it is intimated that President Rea may possibly give Baltimore extensive freight yards, a belt line around the city, large coal piers and additional terminal facilities, and possibly electrify the road from Philadelphia to Washington. President Rea at the meeting of stockholders of the Northern Central Railway in this city last month stated in his annual report that extensive improvements for Baltimore were contemplated by the road, but refused to outline these improvements in detail, stating that the plans had not yet been definitely worked out. This statement he reiterated at the banquet which was tendered him by President Willard, of the Baltimore and Ohio, at the Hotel Belvedere a few weeks past.

It was learned a few days ago that the Pennsylvania had purchased the block of property bounded by Calvert street and Guilford avenue on the west and east, and Franklin and Bath streets on the north and south, and it was further learned yesterday that the company had acquired additional property in the same locality, and that other lots were to be purchased as soon as the negotiations could be closed. What this property will be utilized for is still problematical, but it is not without the bounds of probability that a handsome new passenger station will be erected at a point considerably south of Calvert Station, thus doing away with that antiquated structure. Another possibility is that the newly acquired property will be utilized to further extend the freight yards of the present station.

It is stated that besides having acquired the property already mentioned, brokers representing the railroad have approached the owners of the Vansant Building, on Lexington street. This seems to indicate that the company wishes to obtain all of the property bounded by Franklin street, Guilford avenue, Lexington and North streets, which leads plausibly to the supposition that a new passenger station will be erected on Lexington street facing the Postoffice.

Several years ago the company sought to secure the right from the Maryland legislature to build a belt line around the city, but were blocked in their efforts and had to abandon the plan temporarily. The sentiment of Baltimoreans have changed considerably on this subject since it was first presented to the legislature and it is the belief of business men of Baltimore that the city would be benefited by the diversion of traffic around the city, thus relieving the congestion at Union Station. The Canton Company has, as is well known, the right to construct a line from tidewater to some point near Towson, and upon the completion of this line the Pennsylvania would be provided with a line from Bay View to Towson, and would have no difficulty in getting around the remainder of the city. It is also possible that they may acquire the electric line which has just been constructed from Towson to Timonium.

With regard to the electrification of the line from Baltimore to Washington it is understood that engineers and firemen of the company have been approached as to a possible agreement by which they would serve as motormen and helpers on the motors which will be substituted for locomotives. A number of the employes of the road have been asked to report to Philadelphia to learn the handling of motors, and it is also well known that the electric line operated by the road from Atlantic City to Philadelphia has proved most successful. In case the road is electrified it is probable that power would be furnished by the Pennsylvania Water and Power Company or else by the Susquehanna Power Company. This would help solve the smoke nuisance problem of North Baltimore.

Improved tidewater facilities are already assured. The company has purchased an extensive tract of land at Sollers Point, where extensive terminals will be constructed, and additional pier facilities will be supplied at Canton. Two piers of the company at this place are now being extended, and a large coal pier will shortly be built. After the completion of this pier it is regarded as highly probable that others will be constructed.

Two Homes Are Robbed.

When the family of Charles M. Mann, of 218 North Monroe street, turned out in force on Monday to witness the St. Patrick's Day parade on Baltimore street a thief saw them depart and a few minutes later effected an entrance to the home. He ransacked the house thoroughly, and when he left took away with him jewelry worth about $75. The intruder gained entrance to the house by forcing the front door with a "jimmy." A rear door, which was found open by the members of the family when they returned, told the story of how the thief made his escape. Mr. Mann reported the robbery to detective headquarters yesterday morning and Captain McGovern immediately assigned a man to the case.

Mrs. Josephine G. Craig, of 807 North Fremont street, reported to detective headquarters that her home was entered on Monday night and a gold watch and fob, worth about $25, stolen.

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