

# Democratic Sentinel



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## RENSSELAER TIME TABLE.

### PASSENGER TRAINS.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
4:39 A. M.	11:27 A. M.
8:46 A. M.	7:54 P. M.
4:01 P. M.	10:50 P. M.

Congress will convene next Monday.

Democratic majority in the next Indiana Legislature, on joint ballot, still registers at 2.

It is believed the Federal grand jury at Indianapolis will return no indictments of election frauds.

Let Congress, as soon as possible, tackle the monopolies, and give them to understand that the Lord reigneth.

A certain Ladd has been dropped from the pension roll's. Let Bros. Marshall and James join in a "loil" howl.

Evidently the point in Meagher's case was determined in the admission of Judge Larue, of Zippemacoo county, to a seat in the Senate some years ago.

### Obituary—Edward Kenton.

SURREY, IND., Dec. 1, 1886.—Edward Kenton was born Jan. 29, 1871, departed this life Nov. 29, 1886. A youth he of sterling worth, and was esteemed by all who knew him, and will be sadly missed by the many friends who mourn his untimely death.

It seems sad that so promising a youth should be laid low by the cold hand of death, just as he was entering the bloom of life; but so it has pleased God in His great and infinite wisdom, to take from us our dear young friend, whom we deeply mourn. But what is our loss is his gain, and sooner or later we must prepare to meet him on the other shore. This is God's promise, and is beautiful y portrayed in the following lines from Longfellow:

There is no death, what seems to be, Is transition; this life of mortal breath,

Is but a suburb of the life elysian. Whose Portals we call death.

The funeral services were conducted at the family residence on Tuesday, November 30th, by Eld. W. B. Bowels. A large concourse of friends and acquaintances were present to gaze for the last time upon the face of the departed, and to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of him who had but a few days before been one of their number. The body was then taken from the residence to the Smith Cemetery for interment.

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### Monopolies in Soft Coal.

New York, Nov. 30.—The Herald this morning prints the following: "There is to be an advance of from 25 to 30 per cent. in the cost of bituminous coal. The price is to be put at a higher figure than it has reached in over three years. Two great combinations have been formed to control the entire soft coal output of the country. They have rules as rigid as cast-iron, and they have sent forth the edict: 'Higher prices.' And they have not only advanced prices but will say how much coal shall be mined, who shall mine it, what railroad shall carry it, and in what quantities, and what the freight charges are to be. Every railroad and every manufacturer in the country will be affected by this gigantic scheme, meaning, as it does, an advance of 60 cents per ton in the price of all soft coal hereafter to be used in every furnace and engine in the United States."

"There are to be two new pools controlling the soft-coal production. One, the Ohio pool, has just been formed. It will direct absolutely the output from the great coal-field of Ohio. The syndicate consists of the four coal-carrying railroads which control the transportation from that section—the Hocking Valley railroad, the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad, the Toledo & Ohio Central railroad, and the Pan-Handle division of the Pennsylvania system. These four companies are name in the order of their importance as coal-carriers. Being in a position to dictate, they called the big coal operators together last week and formed a combination. The railroads advanced freight-rates on coal about 25 per cent and said to the operators: 'You must put up your prices 30 cents a ton all around at once. Later, by about the 1st of January, you must advance another 30 cents. Then we will stop and consider whether consumers will stand a further raise.—You must also restrict your mining so as not to overstock the market. We will carry so much coal for you, and no more.'

"Each of the four companies has fixed on the amount of coal which it estimates the market will stand and the operators along its line have been notified that they must agree among themselves as to the relative percentages of the total allotment allowed by the companies, for so strict have the railroads been in fixing the allotments and amounts which each operator can be permitted to mine that operators must prove how much coal they can sell by exhibiting their order-books and their contracts. The headquarters of the Ohio pool is at Columbus, O. All the details of the programme have been arranged and the first advance of 30 cts. per ton has already been made.

"The other soft-coal pool is known as the Buffalo pool. It consists of the three railroads which, like those in Ohio, control all the product which comes to Buffalo for a market—the Rochester & Pittsburg railroad, the Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia railroad and the Erie railroad. They are named in the order of their importance as coal-carriers. They bring the yield from the western Pennsylvania coal-fields. This pool is not so far advanced as the western pool, and the advances in freights and in the cost of coal have not yet been made. They may be looked for next week. The first advance to consumers will be 30 cents per ton. This will be followed by a second advance of a like amount before January, according to the statements of one who ought to know. This will be made before Jan. 1, and will afford a pretext for the 60c rise in Ohio coal."

Congress will assemble next Monday, and we trust early action will be taken in such measures as will convince these monopolies that there is yet a God in Israel.

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ROBERT ZICK.

Jas. C. Thrawles, County Surveyor.

Dec. 4, 1886.

PETERSON'S MAGAZINE for December, that old favorite, is before us, ahead of all others. It may be called a "prize number." It has two splendid steel engravings: one, "Meadow-Sweet," as lovely as we ever saw, and a title-page, with a beautiful girl's face, also unrivaled: in fact, "Peterson" is now the only magazine that goes to the expense, all the year through, of these costly and elegant original steel-engravings. There is also a mammoth colored fashion-plate, likewise engraved on steel, and colored by hand—a 'perfect love of a thing,' as the ladies would say. Still more, there is a colored pattern, in Berlin-work, such as would sell for fifty cents, but which is given, gratis, to subscribers, for a Christmas-gift. Beside these, there are about fifty wood-cuts of fashion, embroidery and crochet patterns, etc. The literary contents more than maintain the long established reputation of "Peterson" as giving the best original stories. Mrs. Ann S. Stephens, Frank Lee Benedict, Edgar Fawcett, Mrs. John Sherwood, etc., etc., being regular contributors. We do not see how any lady or any family can be without this magazine; its tone is always high and pure, so it is just the one for the home-circle. The price is but Two Dollars a year. To clubs, it is cheaper yet: four copies for six dollars and forty cents, with an extra copy to the person getting up the club. For larger clubs, costly premiums are given in addition. Specimens sent, gratis, if written for, so that there may be no deception. Now is the time to get up clubs. Address CHARLES J. PETERSON, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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