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ROBERT LINCOLN goes to London, Murat Holstead to Germany, and Patrick Egan, of Lincoln goes to Chili, so Nebraska is honored, whether Mr. Egan will accept or not.

PRESIDENT HARRISON issued his proclamation yesterday opening the Oklahoma lands in the territory. It opens the lands in the territory for settlement on April 22, 1889.

The railroads of Iowa complain that they have lost money by shipping liquor into Iowa under the name of "vinegar." Hereafter wet goods will wear their own smile or not go at all.

CORP. TANNER, the newly appointed commissioner of pensions, holds that when an old soldier presents a claim which is manifestly good, but which he can not quite substantiate by the required technical proof, the pension office should help him to secure that proof, instead of arbitrarily ruling against him. This will now enable many an old soldier who has been deprived of his just dues, so long to get what little there is to cheer him in his last days.

A black list has been prepared by "The Atlanta Constitution" of railroad "whose trains are constantly coming into Atlanta behind time." One of the best of the stories that were attributed to Artemus Ward related to railroad whose trains were exasperatingly slow and untrustworthy. Said Artemus to one of the conductors of this road, as he was riding along at a snail's pace upon "the morning express," "Does this road allow passengers to make suggestions in regard to its management, in case the suggestions are submitted in a friendly spirit?" The conductor replied that he was prepared to listen to any hints on railway management that passengers chose to tender him. "Well," Artemus went on, "I've been thinking it over, and it occurs to me that

you ought to transfer your cow-catcher from the front to the rear of this train. For of course we're not likely to overtake a cow, but a cow might stray into the train from the rear and bite a passenger." It is to be hoped that no train that runs into Atlanta needs to have its cowcatcher reversed.

COAL AND WAGES.

There has been much outcry of late, specially among democratic politicians and journalists, about the intolerably low wages paid in Pennsylvania coal mines. The coal barons, it has been said, being protected by the tariff, plunder the public in the price of coal, and plunder the miners in the low wages imposed. The ignorance of such criticism may be in part apprehended when it is remembered that no duties whatever protect anthracite coal producers, who have to meet competition from the producers of other coal costing in this country less than half as much. The official report for the last year shows that the actual value of anthracite mined, was but \$1.95 per ton, but in the same state, Pennsylvania, the average value of bituminous coal mined was but 95 cents, in Maryland the same, and in Ohio 93 cents per ton.

The question as to actual wages paid is less easily settled, and yet abundant evidence is accessible for any who honestly desire it. A short time ago, for example, there was contributed to "The Engineering and Mining Journal" a table taken from the actual payrolls of a Schuylkill county colliery for the year 1888, showing the exact amount earned by each individual, the number of days' work and the average rate per day of ten hours, the figures being in every case net wages, after deducting the cost of all power and supplies. The following shows the actual earnings of the ten who earned most during the year, and also of the ten who earned least, at this colliery:

MAXIMUM WAGES.				MINIMUM WAGES.			
No.	Total Wages	Rate per day of 10 hours	No.	Total Wages	Rate per day of 10 hours		
1	\$1,055.93	\$4.23.9	1	\$433.29	\$1.78.2		
2	1,011.86	4.10.4	2	435.23	1.82.9		
3	853.57	3.46.2	3	402.44	1.59.9		
4	837.53	3.40.7	4	415.71	1.62.1		
5	837.45	3.39.2	5	50.92	2.13.1		
6	836.98	3.38.4	6	523.16	2.22.9		
7	815.02	3.21.9	7	529.63	2.24.6		
8	814.99	3.21.9	8	531.64	2.25.8		
9	814.60	3.20.4	9	528.69	2.25.4		
10	796.37	3.08.4	10	590.88	2.36.8		

In this table the number of days and hours worked by each man are omitted, though given in the original. The men who average from \$3 to \$4.24 per day for a whole year can hardly be said to receive starvation wages. They were the most capable, no doubt, and yet it also

appears that the least capable or least zealous earned over \$2 per day, with only three exceptions, and those earned from \$1.78 upward. Only four men of the entire working force made as little as \$500, and that is more than the average wages of first-class skilled workmen in 1869, when the democratic party went out of power and the long period of free trade came to an end.

But if the producers of anthracite are not protected, what influence can the tariff have upon the wages of miners? A very direct and controlling influence, because it creates new demand for labor in thousands of new mines, factories, mills and shops. The protected industries are expanded so rapidly that workers are drawn from other employments all over the country, and the wages of all are thus advanced. The increasing demand for men, and the advance in wages paid in other employments, surely and rapidly lift the wages even of those whose products meet no foreign competition whatever.—New York Tribune.

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