

CASH ON HER HAND

An Aged Fish Peddler Sues a Young Girl

FOR A BREACH OF PROMISE

He Lavished Presents Upon Her While He Begged for Food—News of the Two Pennsylvanians.

WEST BAY CITY, Mich., Jan. 25.—Alex. Coign, aged 65, threatens to sue a 14-year-old girl for breach of promise. Miss King, who will figure as defendant in the case, has been attending school here and promised to marry Coign as soon as she graduated. The would-be bridegroom is a fish peddler and has made the girl promise of considerable jewelry, silk dresses and money. She is about to graduate from the high school and the aged lover found that his attention was no longer welcome. He demanded a return of the presents, and after a considerable time secured a portion of them.

He has placed his affair in the hands of an attorney, but says if the girl returns all the presents, he won't bring suit. Coign's income is barely sufficient to support himself and in order to secure the necessary funds to buy presents he worked the poverty racket on the county poor commissioners, securing help in the way of necessities of life, and spent the money he earned on the girl.

JUDGE SWAN THE KEY.

Mt. Clemens Anxiously Awaiting a Decision from Judge Swan.

MT. CLEMENS, Mich., Jan. 25.—Some seven months ago a number of capitalists from various parts of the country declared their intention to build a mammoth hotel and bath house in Mt. Clemens, to cost \$150,000 or more, providing the city would vacate a part of Water street for their uses. The city council were in favor of doing so, but adjoining property holders objected to the move, claiming that the hotel had no power to make such a vacation. The council were enjoined from taking action upon the matter, and the question was then submitted to the United States court for a decision. Judge Swan has held the matter before him for six months and the people would like to hear from his honor.

BURNED TO THE GROUND.

Hotel Occupants Have Narrow Escapes From the Flames.

WYANDOTTE, Mich., Jan. 25.—The hotel owned by John Swabrow and run by Herman Buch at the new South Detroit resort, burned to the ground this morning. Loss on building, \$3500; loss on contents, \$1200; fully insured. The flames spread to the residence and barn of Mrs. Anna Hobbs and both were also consumed. Loss, \$2500; insurance, \$450. There were twelve or fifteen persons in the hotel when the fire started at 2 o'clock a. m., and they had barely time to make their escape.

Ruined by a Fire.

YALE, Mich., Jan. 25.—Yesterday morning the turning and planing shops of William Cavanaugh and Alfred Lubeck burned at this place, and also the store of the latter. The loss is \$3,000; no insurance. The fire was the work of unknown incendiary, and both men are impoverished.

Founders of a Library.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Jan. 25.—Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Van Deusen, of this city, well known throughout the state for their charities, are lying seriously ill at their home with a grippe. Latest reports pronounce them slightly more comfortable.

Marine Engineer Dead.

FRANKFORD, Mich., Jan. 25.—William McDonald, of Port Huron, engineer on the steamer Osceola, was killed yesterday by the bursting of a steam pipe. He was a single man, 25 years old, and well liked among his associates.

GENERAL STATE NEWS.

Lake St. Clair is frozen over with ice. The lumber output last year was very evenly divided between the Saginaw and Bay City mills, there being only about 200,000 feet difference.

The Belknap dam on the Intermediate river bridge at Bellairs is laid and ready for use. Two necessary side tracks have also been laid.

Robert Heaton, a farmer living three miles west of Cassopolis, died Saturday morning, aged 92. Mr. Heaton settled in Newaygo county in 1811. The remains will be taken to Big Prairie, Newaygo county, for burial, Tuesday, the 26th.

Mrs. Esther J. Tobias, wife of James Tobias, who was killed on the evening of Oct. 30 at a Michigan Central crossing near Mt. Hope cemetery in Lansing, has commenced suit against the Michigan Central road, placing the damages at \$10,000.

William Lyons, a tramp, entered a boarding house in Jackson, Sunday morning, and stole therefrom \$50 worth of stuff. There were six or seven persons in the house at the time, but they never knew anything about it. The thief was captured the same afternoon.

Saturday Sheriff Prentice of Marshall received intelligence from Delaware, O., that Kirby, the City National bank defaulter, was captured there. Kirby's identity having been established, Prentice proceeded farther. On his arrival there he recognized Kirby, and Saturday night he wired that he had his man.

Two Indians at Acme, Grand Traverse county, were run over and instantly killed Saturday night by an engine and caboose on the Chicago & Northern Michigan railroad. Seven bottles of whiskey were found on their persons. Their names were Mitchell Blackman and Long John, both prominent members of the Ottawa and Ojibwa tribes. The Blackman family is widely known for the intelligence and prominent part they have taken in Indian affairs in the Grand Traverse region.

UNIQUE MONUMENTS.

Necessary Testimony That Are Essential in Design and Construction.

"In nearly every cemetery of any importance," remarked a well-known vault and monument builder to a New York Commercial Advertiser man, "there are two or three memorials to the departed that are scientific in design and remarkable in construction. Strange to say they are invariably erected by women, who seem to think that they are honoring the deceased by causing their life or her principal characteristics in stone or marble. One of the most prominent examples of this peculiarity can be found down on Staten Island. Some time ago a well-known broker died suddenly at his country place from overexercise. His reigning passion during life was love of athletic sports, and he himself was a frequent prize winner in various amateur contests. After he had been laid at rest his widow went to a New York architect and submitted one of the most remarkable ideas for a mausoleum that ever emanated from a human brain. It was to be built of white marble, and every variety of gymnasium implement, from dumbbells to Indian clubs, was to be reproduced upon it in bas-relief. Despite the objections of the other relatives that mausoleum was erected, and fills the visitors to the graveyard wherein it stands with awe and wonder. In one of the Boston cemeteries there is a reproduction of an old time whaling vessel done in stone and iron work, which was placed over the remains of a departed sea captain by his sorrowing relatives. A granite tile tops the grave of a St. Louis hatter, and a pair of marble boxing gloves adorn the tomb of an old time New Orleans prize fighter. The oddest monument that I have ever seen personally stands in the church of St. Saviour's, London. It has been there for two hundred years, and it preserves the memory of a certain Dr. Taylor, who was famous for his pills. It represents that gentleman in a reclining attitude with an expression of deep reflection on his features, and in one hand he holds a scroll bearing a most enthusiastic eulogy of the pills before mentioned. As it stands near the pulpit where the congregation could not help seeing it, it must have been a very valuable advertisement for the doctor's successors."

The Match Trade. The oldest, and it is said, the largest match manufacturing in the world is in Sweden. Matches were made there long before the old roughly trimmed splinter of wood, tipped with sulphur, was discarded with the tinder-boxes for which they were used. In twenty-five years the export trade of Sweden in modern matches increased 1,000,000,000 boxes a year. Some of the machines for making the matches which we use in these days make 200 revolutions a minute each, and turn out about 2,500,000 of matches daily, or \$21,000,000 annually. Rather more than five matches are used daily in the United States. In France 200,000,000 of matches are used daily. Strange to say the quality in many cases is so bad that the state "intends to resume the manufacture," and computes that the profits will produce a revenue of \$200,000. Altogether there are in Europe about 50,000 factories, and they yearly produce matches valued at \$10,000,000.—Chambers' Journal.

Choate's Meekness. As illustrating the meekness, not to say timidity, of that great barrister, Rufus Choate, some one tells the Boston Courier this story about him: Bidding in a stage coach in Vermont one day, in company with the late Joseph Bell, Mr. Choate remarked: "What a fine wall surrounds that house." In the same vehicle sat a burly Englishman, somewhat the worse for liquor and offensively pugnacious. "That is not a wall, sir, it is a fence," said he, addressing the speaker. Mr. Choate modestly replied: "I call it a wall, a stone wall." "I say, sir, it is a fence, and I insist upon it." This was said in such a belligerent tone that for the sake of peace Mr. Choate was proceeding to admit that it was a fence, when Mr. Bell jumped up and thus addressed the Englishman: "I say, sir, that it is a stone wall, and if you again call it a fence I will throw you out of this coach." As Mr. Bell was a man of commanding size and mien his threat proved effective, and the argument ceased right there.

Strength of Men and Women. A French experimenter has tested the strength of fifty robust men and fifty healthy women, all of the middle class of society and between twenty-five and forty-five years of age. The strongest man was able to give with the right hand a pressure equivalent to one hundred and eighty-seven pounds, and the weakest one of eighty-eight pounds. The short men were nearly as strong as the tall, the average difference being less than seven pounds. The force exerted by the strongest woman was only ninety-seven pounds, and that by the weakest was but thirty-five pounds, while the average was seventy-two pounds.

Kept His Oath. A blacksmith in Belfast, Me., relates that forty years ago, when he was an apprentice, his employer bought a superannated horse for fifty cents, ordered him to shoe the animal, and sold it, with its four new shoes, for seventy-five cents. The apprentice was so incensed at having his work valued at only twenty-five cents that he took an oath then and there never to shoe another horse, and he never has, although he has been in the blacksmith business ever since.

Freddie's Mischief. "What does a volcano do with lava?" asked Freddie. "Give it up," replied his father. "That's right," said Freddie.—Harper's Young People.

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