

EXPLODING CARS FIRE A TOWN.

BRICK IN GREENWOOD, DEL., STARTS A BIG BLAZE.

Two Persons Killed, a Score Wounded and Nine Dwellings Destroyed—A Freight Train Carrying Naphtha Hit a Shifting Train, Causing an Explosion.

GREENWOOD, Del., Dec. 2.—An south-bound freight train on the Pennsylvania Railroad was passing through this town this afternoon it struck the rear of a shifting train and the wreck caused a car carrying naphtha to explode. The explosion resulted in the loss of two lives, the burning of nine houses, the destruction of three cars and of telephone and telegraph wires, disconcerting the little town with the outside world.

The blazing naphtha set fire to the cars, and the flames spread to the buildings of the town. It was at first thought that the explosion had been caused by dynamite although the deep hole ploughed in the ground for the length of two cars looked as though a disastrous earthquake had visited the place. The railroad men still believe that exploding dynamite caused the concussion. When the residents of Greenwood hurried from their homes they were in a state of great confusion. The wreckage and burning oil were all around them, and they were further hindered by the blinding snow-storm that was raging at the time. Not only were they unable to reach the unfortunate men under the train, but they were unable to communicate with other towns to ask for help.

As soon as possible a locomotive was sent back to Seaford, and shortly afterward a special train was made up at Harrington and rushed to the scene, carrying physicians and helpers. The railroad men rigged up a temporary telegraph wire, and then word was sent through to railroad headquarters. The rescuers began at once their search for the train's crew, and Brakeman William J. Roach of Georgetown was taken out dead. While the rescuers, including nine physicians, worked around the wrecked train another party directed their efforts to the burning buildings. The loss may reach \$200,000.

The Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Protestant churches were partly wrecked. Nearly a score of citizens, a large number of whom were women, were seriously burned.

HOW TO THE "TRAMP INDUSTRY"

Rockland County's Sheriff and Deputies Will Lose Most of Their Graft.

New City, Dec. 2.—Yesterday the Board of Supervisors of Rockland county decided to abolish the "tramps" paradise, and at the same time end a public scandal, by conducting a workhouse in connection with the jail here. The tramps will be compelled to crack stone for the roads, with which Rockland county abounds.

Many a deputy sheriff owes his property to the fees collected for arresting and conveying tramps to the jail, and several sheriffs have retired with a competency from the proceeds of the "tramp industry," as it is known by the taxpayers.

Public sentiment has forced the Supervisors to provide the workhouse. A frame building has been secured a quarter of a mile from the jail in the woods, and hammers and other implements ordered.

The jail has already begun to fill up with its winter boarders. There are about 100 there now, and more are coming every day. The deputy sheriffs and constables have a regular system in the arrest of tramps. They take the willing prisoners before a convenient Justice of the Peace, who commits them to terms of from ten to thirty days. The deputy gets a fee for the arrest, and another fee for conveying the prisoners to the jail. The Justice gets his commitment fee, and then the Sheriff gets \$2.50 a week for the board of each prisoner.

When the "tramp industry" was investigated some time ago it was proved that deputies were in the habit of conveying prisoners to Justice located at a great distance, so as to get more mileage, and that brief sentences were given tramps, who were rearrested on leaving the jail and committed over again. Several deputies did a thriving business by conveying prisoners in wagons, while others were found to be paying tramps upon their release to allow the deputies to rearrest them. The "industry" has cost the county several hundred thousand dollars, it is estimated.

TO DINE FLORRIE SULLIVAN.

The Loyal and the Fleet of "De Ato" Will Feast at Sherry's.

The Democrats of "de Ato" plan to give a dinner on the night of Dec. 7 to the Hon. Florrie Sullivan. The Hon. Jay Cohn says that the dinner will outline the McClellan feast and make the famous \$10 a plate dinners of the Martin Engel Association "look like thirty cents." It will be given in recognition of the Hon. Florrie's work in carrying "de Ato" for Tammany after Charlie Adler carried it seven times for the Republican party and then refused to run.

Tickets will be limited to the select few of the Florrie Sullivan Association who are willing to put up \$20 per plate. The dinner will be given in Sherry's.

Rosey the lawyer was mystified yesterday upon receiving an invitation with the \$20 string attached. The invitation read that the affair would be held in Sherry's Roman court.

"Such bad taste, such bad taste," he remarked. "Why can't they leave court business out of an affair of this kind?" "Do I go?" asked Cross Eyed Sentinman. "No sir, you don't," said Rosey. "If some of you fellows behave yourselves we will let you eat some of the menu cards after the dinner."

Invitations will be extended to all the prominent Tammany leaders in the city and among those who are expected to attend are Mayor-Elect McClellan and Leader Murphy.

PROXY BRIDE ARRIVES.

U. S. Army Conveys Her From Havana to Her Jersey Husband.

Rafael Lopez of Paterson, N. J., stood on the Ward Line pier at dawn yesterday, gazing through the mist bayward for a glimpse of the Ward liner Mexico, which had got in in the night and had anchored off Quarantine. He was expecting the bride to whom he had been married by proxy on Nov. 19. She was Sofia, Anastasia Fernandez, an orphan, with beauty and money, living with her uncle in Havana, where Lopez's father is the superintendent of a railroad.

Lopez, himself, is a mechanical engineer employed at the Rogers Locomotive Works. He met his bride in Havana. They expected to be married several months ago; but, because of deaths in the family, the ceremony was postponed. Meanwhile, Lopez was compelled to return to his business in Paterson. As he couldn't leave his work, and as the bride's uncle wouldn't consent to let her come here until she was married, the proxy marriage was arranged. The bridegroom's father acted as the proxy, signing the marriage contract for his son.

The bride came in charge of Private John Sweeney of the United States Army hospital corps, who has attained years of discretion. The greeting at the foot of the gangplank when the bride leaped lightly to the chilly pier almost caused a precipitation of snow around the couple. They will go to Cuba next year and make their home there.

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He Thinks He Was Discourteously Treated by the New York University.

Prof. Andre Michel, curator of the Louvre Museum and professor of the history of art at the Louvre school, delivered a lecture in French on Tuesday evening in the building of the New York University, in Washington Square East, under circumstances which he thought required explanation. "I am much embarrassed," he said, "by the conditions under which I come before you. I invariably illustrate my lectures with lantern slides, and I have here about one hundred slides for that purpose. But the New York University has not seen proper to supply a lantern and an operator for my lecture, and I must therefore give it without the illustrations. I wish to say that if any of the professors of the New York University ever deliver lectures in Paris they will be treated with more courtesy."

Prof. Michel's subject was "The Transfiguration of Art from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance." As he developed his theme he distributed his slides one by one to persons in the front row, and they passed from hand to hand through the audience, which was constantly gazing toward the ceiling as the pictures were held up to the light. Prof. Michel is delivering a series

WILL WRITEN ON A MENU CARD.

That of W. J. Mann, Manager of a Buffalo Hotel, and Was Admitted to Probate.

BUFFALO, Dec. 2.—A will written on the back of a menu card of the Beasch Hotel, of which Mann was manager at the time the will was drawn, Sept. 20, 1900. Mr. Mann leaves all his property, with the exception of a crayon portrait of his first wife, to his wife, Lydia J. Mann of Buffalo. The portrait is left to his brother-in-law, Edward Strong of Kansas City.

Third Miss Atterbury Is Out.

John Turner Atterbury gave a tea yesterday afternoon at 12 West Forty-ninth street, at which his third daughter, Miss Ellen Mercer Atterbury, made her debut. Mrs. Charles Steele, an aunt, Mrs. Eliphaz Nott Potter, nee Atterbury, and Miss Mary Barton Atterbury were in the receiving party.

DOGS MAY RIDE ON CAR SEATS.

Magistrate Furlong Rules That B. R. T. Permits Allow Them to Do So.

Magistrate Furlong, in the Gates avenue court, Brooklyn, made a ruling yesterday of interest to passengers who ride on trolley cars accompanied by pet dogs. He dismissed a complaint of misconduct made against Charles H. Wright, who got on a Gates avenue trolley car on Nov. 17 with his cocker spaniel in his arms and planted the dog in a seat beside him. He was armed with a 25 cent yearly permit for the dog from the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company and refused to allow the dog to be removed from the seat by the conductor, who had him arrested.

In discussing the complaint Magistrate Furlong said: "A person is likely to detain his pet dog. There is nothing to prove that the accused was violating any rule by allowing his spaniel to ride on the seat. If the railroad company requires a dog to ride in any particular place in a car I hold that it must so specify in the permit it grants."

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