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HOW THE MINERS DIED.

FULL DETAILS OF THE MINE HORROR IN LUZERNE COUNTY.

A Thoughtless Engineer Stops the Fan to Make Repairs, Gas Accumulates and Twelve Men Lose Their Lives—The Terrible Scene at the Mouth of the Mine.

The mine of the West End coal company operated by Conyngham, Teasdale & Co., at Mocanaqua, Luzerne county, was the scene of a peculiar and terrible accident on Tuesday morning. About ninety men were at work in the mine when it was discovered that gas was accumulating in large quantities in several portions of the mine. At first no attention was paid to it, as it was thought the fan which supplies air for the mines would be able to overcome the difficulty by running at an increased speed. But while the lives of nearly 100 men were at stake in the bowels of the earth the engineer was wrestling with a problem which he could not solve, and if he failed death was sure to follow. A link in the crank shaft of the fan became bent, and the engineer endeavored to straighten it out. For that purpose he slackened the speed of the engine and went to work. He consumed twenty minutes in the attempt to repair the machinery, and during all this time, when the fan should have been kept running at full speed in order to keep up the full quota of air in the mine, the gas was rapidly accumulating. Had the engineer notified the superintendent and got the men out of the mine and then stopped his engine and made the repair all would have been well, but he was thoughtless, and a great horror followed.

The men in the mine at last began to feel alarmed at the presence of the deadly gas, and made preparations to reach the opening. The fire boss was sent to notify them, but it was too late in many cases. The gas filled every chamber, and the men were too far away from the openings, some of them at a distance of half a mile. Those who worked nearest the slope made their exit in good time, but others were not so fortunate. The scenes as described are heartrending in the extreme. When the fire boss walked through the mine crying: "Men, run for your lives, the gas is coming," the miners and laborers threw down their tools and made a wild dash for the openings. Father would grasp son and son his father, and with arms interlocked they started for life or death, every one realizing his dangerous position. The gas was filling every quarter, and every step they made only added to the danger. In the main passage, which led to the foot of the slope, the gas was very strong, and before many of the men could reach the bottom of the slope on the second opening they were overcome by the gas and prostrated. Some became exhausted early and fell to the ground, only to be trampled upon by their fellow-workmen who followed in their footsteps.

AGONIZING SCENES.

Willie Jones, a door-tender, tells a pitiful story of his father. Both were running at full speed for the opening, when the father fell from exhaustion. The son tried to drag him out was unable. The father then told the boy to hurry and make his escape, and tell his mother that "father died happy."

At one time fully sixty men lay scattered in all directions through the mine. Rescuing parties were organized as soon as possible and doctors from the surrounding country summoned. The scene at the mouth of the mine was one never to be forgotten. Men, women and children gathered in large numbers, and as the rescuing party brought up the dead and dying loud shrieks rent the air.

The rescuing party went down fifteen times and brought up about forty seven men. They found them in most any portion of the mine. As soon as they were brought to the surface kind and willing hands administered to their wants, hoping they were not too far gone.

Superintendent John Teasdale, with a corps of men as a relief, went down the mine to assist the men in making their escape, and and after being in the mine half an hour, Teasdale became unconscious, as did several of his men, who were with difficulty rescued.

THE DEAD.

The death roll is twelve, and as now fully ascertained is as follows:

Joseph Whelan, aged 54, years, miner, widower, with six small children.

Hiram O. Mead, aged 40 years, married, two children.

William Zientry, aged 21 years, laborer, single.

Peter Bordaski, aged 27 years, miner, single.

John Bilby, aged 40 years, miner, married, five children.

James Fry, aged 32 years, miner, married, two children.

Nicholas Bertels, aged 36 years, miner, five children.

Wilson Rymer, aged 28 years, laborer, married, two children.

Anthony Robaski, aged 24 years, miner, single.

John Brofokoski, miner, married, three children.

Sabin Uyurskofski, aged 26, miner, single.

William Price, aged 22 years, laborer.

Among those who are seriously overcome with gas and badly injured are John Andrews, John Teasdale, jr., and John Eastby.

Dr. Hughes, a prominent physician of Shickshinny, went down into the mine to assist the injured men and was overcome by gas. He was rescued with difficulty, and was brought to the surface at 2 p. m.

Those who were overcome with gas and brought senseless from the mine are now doing well and are out of danger.

The boss at the mine says he notified the men before they entered the mine that the fan had stopped and that it was not safe for them to enter, as the mine was filling with gas. This is denied by the miners and laborers, who, on the contrary, say that he told them to go to work; that the fan was broken but would be repaired and put in working order in an hour. When they entered the mine everything appeared to be all right until they began to smell the fatal air and sulphur fumes. This disaster in considered singular in its nature, and stands alone and unprecedented in the history of mining.

A Doctor Poisons a Rival.

From the St. James' Gazette.

An extraordinary attempt made by a French doctor to poison a rival practitioner was brought before the assize court of Vaucluse on Wednesday. In the course of the proceedings the accused asserted that he had been advised by the magistrates to confess his guilt, as if he did so he would escape trial by jury. The accused, Dr. Estachy, is a practitioner of Pertuis, forty years of age, and a member of the Legion of Honor. He had the reputation of being an able but not very temperate man. Some years ago another medical man, Dr. Tournatoire, settled at Pertuis. Both doctors were candidates for the post of assistant to the Juge de Paix, and the appointment was given to Tournatoire. This irritated Dr. Estachy, and he inserted articles in a local newspaper which led to an open quarrel. At a political dinner at Pertuis he made the remark that if he gave vent to his feeling he would kick Tournatoire out of the room. In newspaper paragraphs he subsequently spoke of a certain person, known to this rival, as a "Jesuit scamp, coward and drunkard." He was accordingly brought in November last before the correctional tribunal on a charge of defamation, and was sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-five francs and twenty-five francs as damages. Some of his patients then left him and called in his rival. This seems to have excited him very much. He ordered M. Zureau, a druggist, to prepare an ointment, the chief ingredient in which was atropine, which he said he meant to use upon his shoulder to remove a pain. The ointment contained twenty-five centigrammes of the neutral sulphate of atrophine in twenty-five grammes of vaseline. The druggist said that he would not have consented to prepare a salve containing so much atrophine for any one but a medical man. The medicine was sent to Estachy on the 9th of January. On the following day he bought four tarts. On the 15th of January there was found in an omnibus a packet bearing visiting cards with the words, "To be sent to M. Tournatoire, doctor at Pertuis, Vaucluse." The packet was sent to this address and was found to contain four tarts. On the following evening Mme. Tournatoire ate one of the tarts. She immediately afterward felt very ill. The pupils of her eyes became dilated and she could not read. Then she had spasms and hallucinations, which continued all night. She thought that her child was dead and that her husband was going to fight a duel. She recovered on the following day. The next day Claire Sazio, a maiden servant, began to eat another of the tarts for breakfast, but it was so bitter that she did not finish it. She suffered as her mistress had suffered, but recovered her senses on the following day. The two tarts which had not been eaten were submitted to chemical analysis, and found to contain the neutral sulphate of atropine. Suspicion fell on Estachy, who was taken into custody. At first he protested indignantly, then he said that he had sent the tarts, but only as a joke. It was shown that forty-six milligrammes at least of the poison had been introduced into each of the tarts—a quantity sufficient to cause death, and that there had been a narrow escape from those who had eaten them. In order that the magistrate who advised the prisoner to plead guilty might be present, the court ordered the trial to be delayed until October.

THE STATE LODGES

Of the Brotherhood of the Union and P. O. S. of A. in Annual Session

The session of the Grand Circle of Pennsylvania Brotherhood of the Union was opened in Easton Tuesday morning with a large attendance, over eighty delegates being present. More are to come. The officers presiding are: Grand Chief Washington O. W. Whinna, of Philadelphia; Grand Chief Jefferson Hugh Stillwagon, of Connellsville; Grand Chief Franklin Henry John, of Philadelphia; Grand Seal Keeper William Carson, of Philadelphia; Grand Treasurer Charles Whinna, of Philadelphia; Grand Herald T. Kendell, of Reading; Great Warden of Day S. Willerbotton, of Frankford; Great Warden of Night A. Rogers, of Columbia. The Great Circle degrees were conferred on twenty-five members. In the afternoon there was a parade of the Knights of the Revolution, a branch of the order, delegations from Lancaster, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Reading being in line. A circle was established in Easton in the evening. The sessions will close Thursday.

The annual meeting of the State Camp, Patriotic Order Sons of America, was held in Norristown on Tuesday, with 250 delegates present. Burgess White delivered an address of welcome. State President J. I. Hollenbeck, in delivering his annual address, spoke of General Grant as a supporter of the principles of the order. During the past year twenty new camps were organized and 981 new members added. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: State president, H. J. Stager, of Camp 7, Philadelphia; state vice president, Dr. J. W. Cooper, No. 256, Friedensburg; state secretary, Wm. Weand, No. 77, Philadelphia; state treasurer, I. S. Smith, No. 89, Reading; master of forms and ceremonies, J. H. Dugan, No. 261, Audenreid; state marshal, Norris M. Woodland, Norristown; state sergeant-at-arms, G. W. Meyer, White Haven; state camp trustees, D. M. Sharp, Lebanon; F. P. Speise, Tamaqua, and J. I. Hollenbeck. In the afternoon the Norristown camp entertained the visitors by an excursion to Valley Forge.

A Mischievous Girl Tricks Her Mother.

Mrs. Mann, of Easton, is a widow in fair circumstances, with a 13-year-old daughter. Theodore Oliver, also of Easton, is a widower and well-to-do manufacturer. The widow's daughter often visited Mr. Oliver's house, and about a year ago handed her mother a note, purporting to be from Mr. Oliver, in which a small loan was asked. The was granted, and was followed by another note, which led the widow to believe that Mr. Oliver was pleased with her. As he had lost his wife but a short time before Mrs. Mann thought well of his discretion in not calling, and believed he had taken this method of signifying his friendship for her. This was followed by more notes from the hand of the daughter, purporting to be from Mr. Oliver, asking for small loans, all of which were granted. The next note brought by the girl was addressed "My Dear Wife," and Mrs. Mann, in her reply, addressed Mr. Oliver as "My Dear Husband." The girl's next freak was to place a gold ring on her mother's finger, which she said was a present from Mr. Oliver. Another note proposed marriage, and still another suggested that the widow consult a minister. Finally Mrs. Mann ordered a bridal outfit, and, as Mr. Oliver did not call around to claim his bride, some gentlemen called upon him to explain. This led to the exposure of the girl's scheme. She made a clean breast of the whole matter, stating that she had destroyed all the notes her mother had given her, and that she had spent the money for the gifts which she made her mother believe came from Mr. Oliver.

Two Young Women Defend a House.

Lewisburg, Pa., was greatly excited again on Monday over the Harrison-Orwig contest regarding the boundary wall between the Cameron house and Mr. Orwig's residence. Whenever Mr. Orwig is absent from home Mrs. Harrison takes advantage of his absence to tear down a portion of his property. On Monday she appeared upon the ground with three workmen and commenced cutting off two feet of Mr. Orwig's porch. Three or four women of the house constituted its only defenders. Two nieces of Mr. Orwig, who chanced to be visiting their uncle, quick as lightning adjusted the hose and turned a full stream of water on Dr. Harrison and the workmen. A large crowd quickly gathered and cheered on the pluckly girls. Dr. Harrison threatened to throw an iron down on the girls if they did not desist, but at this the crowd became infuriated and threatened to demolish the new addition to the Cameron house and the doctor with it if he dared to lay a hand upon the girls, who by this time had climbed up to within close range of the workmen who were taking off the roof, and placing the nozzle close to the workmen's faces gave them the benefit of the full stream. The workmen got an umbrella and tried to shield themselves, but it was useless. The girls had "enlisted for the war" and were bound to "fight it out on that line," and after battling for an hour and a half they had the satisfaction of seeing their enemies lay down their "arms" and surrender. Large crowds of the most respectable ladies and gentlemen of the place gathered around the girls and cheered them on. If there was any one in the crowd that sympathized with the other party it was not demonstrated during the contest. A complicated lawsuit is already in progress.

King Alfonso Threatened.

Paul Angulo and other Spanish refugees in London are under surveillance, the Spanish government having received information that a plot to assassinate King Alfonso has been arranged in England, and that emissaries have left England via France for the Spanish frontier. The Madrid government is considering whether to demand the surrender of Angulo the charge of the murderer of General Prim. All the leading Republicans, including Castelar, Salmeron, Zorrilla and Margall, declare they have no sympathy with the Angulo party. The *Globe*, Castelar's organ, declares that Angulo should be classed among common criminals, and the *Progresso* demands that he be brought to justice.

Liberal Premiums Offered.

From the Germantown Telegraph.

The premium list of the Lancaster County Agricultural society, for the exhibition to be held in the city of Lancaster, on September 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 is a very liberal one. The fair promises to be unusually interesting. Many Philadelphia exhibitors will no doubt add to the display.

THE POETRY OF THE SEA.

Had I the choice to tally greatest bards,
To limn their portraits, stately, beautiful, and
emulate at will,
Homer with all his wars and warriors—Hector,
Achilles, Ajax,
Or Shakspeare's woe-entangling Hamlet, Lear,
Othello—Tennyson's fair ladies,
Metre or wit the best, or choice conceit to wield
in perfect rhyme, delight of singers;
These, these, O sea, all these I'd gladly barter,
Would you the undulation of one wave, its trick
to me transfer,
Or breathe one breath of yours upon my verse,
And leave its odor there.

—Walt Whitman.

BARRING THE WAY.

TRYING TO KEEP THE B. & O. COMPANY OUT OF NEW YORK.

The Scheme of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to Block the Prosperity of a Rival. Threatening a Sacrifice of the Anthracite Coal Trade if Resistance is Made.

A Philadelphia dispatch reports that a powerful pressure is still being brought to bear by the Pennsylvania railroad company to secure means by which the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company may be kept out of New York. The refusal of the Reading railroad to entertain any proposition having this for its object does not seem to have by any means ended the determination of the Pennsylvania in this direction. A movement now on foot to have Robert H. Sayre, president of the South Pennsylvania railroad company, accept the presidency of the Reading, is believed in railroad circles to have been partly inspired by the Pennsylvania. It is claimed that Mr. Sayre, being a director in the Lehigh Valley as well as in the Reading, is doubly interested in any measure looking to the protection of the anthracite coal trade, and that he would willingly make some alliance with the Pennsylvania line which would prevent such a sacrifice of the anthracite coal trade as the Pennsylvania now threatens, by cutting tolls and prices, if the Baltimore & Ohio is allowed to go to New York over the Reading and Jersey Central track.

In the same connection is mentioned the fact that the Jersey Central is largely interested in the production and carrying of anthracite, and that that company, too, would be effected very considerably in a warfare upon anthracite tolls and prices. Mr. Sloan, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, is also a director of the Jersey Central, and it is contended that he would rather mollify than offend the Pennsylvania railroad during the present unsettled condition of the anthracite coal trade. The contemplation, therefore, is practically this: That the Lehigh Valley, which is a close ally of the Pennsylvania, will urge Mr. Sayre, for the safety of the anthracite trade, to accept the presidency of the Reading; that Mr. Vanderbilt will cast his block of shares—variously estimated from 147,000 to 200,000—for his (Sayre's) election; that the Reading, after his election, will declare its policy to be the protection of the anthracite coal trade at the sacrifice of the business of the Baltimore & Ohio, and a similar policy to be pursued by the Jersey Central. In the meantime it is believed that the Baltimore & Ohio has provided for the emergency of getting into Jersey City should these plans be consummated.

THE PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATS.

The Party Alive and Active in Gov. Curtin's Congressional District.

The Democratic Centre county convention opened by L. T. Munson, president, nominated John S. Roan, of Spring township, for jury commissioner, and Dr. Hoy, of Bellefonte, for coroner; L. G. Lingle, of Philipsburg; B. F. Hunter, of Benner township; C. M. Bower, of Bellefonte, and D. C. Keller, of Potter township, were selected as delegates to the state gubernatorial convention next year. Resolutions passed warmly indorse both the national and state administrations and also the course of Congressman Curtin. The action of the Vanderbilt interest in selling out the South Penn and Beach Creek railroads to the Pennsylvania company was condemned in the strongest terms. J. N. Cassanova, of Philipsburg, was made the member of the state committee, and Adam Hoy county chairman.

In Clinton County.

In Lock Haven the Democratic convention nominated L. B. McGill for prothonotory without opposition for the second term. For register and recorder J. C. Smith, of Beach Creek, received four votes and H. T. Jarrett, of Lock Haven, thirty-six votes on first ballot. Dr. J. S. Mader, of Lock Haven, was named for coroner on second ballot and John Simcox, of Wayne, for jury commissioner on fifth ballot. J. F. Clark, of Lock Haven, was made chairman of the county committee.

In Chester County.

The Democratic Chester county convention to select delegates to the state convention was held on Monday at West Chester. Representatives were present from forty-six voting districts. The following named gentlemen were chosen as delegates: Senatorial—Septimus E. Nivin and John Gilfillan. Representative—Northern district, A. S. Vanderslice; Western, Samuel C. Black; Eastern, Henry B. Schofield; Southern, Joseph Miller. After the adjournment of the convention the annual county meeting took place and was addressed R. Jones Monaghan, John H. Brinton, R. E. Monaghan and others. Resolutions were adopted indorsing the official actions of President Cleveland, Governor Pattison and Postmaster Evans. William Hemphill was elected chairman of the Democratic county committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ezra Evans, lately appointed Postmaster of West Chester.

A Corpse Asks for a Drink of Water.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

On last Wednesday Mr. D. A. Pangburn, living in Oregon township, about four miles north of Charlestown, Ind., was taken very ill of pneumonia. He grew worse, and on Thursday morning Drs. Sanderson and Carr were called in. At 6 o'clock on that evening he was pronounced dead, and laid out for the grave. About an hour afterward those in attendance were astonished to hear the supposed corpse ask for a drink of water. The water was given him, and in a short time he breathed freely, although he still seemed in a dying condition. He grew worse however, during the night, and was again laid out for dead.

His brother, Mr. S. C. Pangburn, of Jeffersonville, was sent for to attend the funeral and started on the early train Friday morning. He arrived just in time to see his brother return to life and consciousness the second time.

This case is pronounced one of the most singular known to the medical profession. Mr. Pangburn, though still very ill, is alive, and may entirely recover. He has for some time past been affected with a cold, and the phlegm lodging in his throat caused a suspension of his breathing. During the whole time, however, he was dimly conscious of all that passed around him, but was powerless to move or speak.

A $500 Dog-House.

A wealthy lady of Philadelphia is having built a miniature castle for the use of a pet dog, a handsome-looking, full-blooded mastiff. The future home of his dogship is modeled after one of the famous round towers of Ireland, and when completed will cost $500. The house is 5½ feet long, 6 feet high and 4½ feet in width, only highly polished antique oak being used in its construction. It is being built at Hale & Kilburn's, the workmen using a plaster cast model to guide them in putting the wood together. The entrance to the house is by a fine arched doorway, and that portion of the front adjoining the latter is oval-shaped. The corners are rounded, and in every way the outlines are pleasing. The front and sides are carved in the shape of massive masonary, and around the edges of the roof the customary parapet can be seen.

An Agreement in the Roach Assignment.

The secretary of the navy and John Roach's assignees have reached an agreement, the substance of which is that the assignees are to relinquish the shipyard to the navy department, and the work of completing the cruisers is to be done under the secretary's personal supervision, the assignees to furnish the labor, materials and tools, and to receive the full contract price for each vessel, unless it should cost more than the stipulated price, when the bondsmen are to be held.

Ten Thousand Christians Massacred.

Further advices from Tonquin say that the bishop of Quinhon reports that over 10,000 Christians have been massacred in the provinces of Blendinh and Phyyen. Murders and incendiary fires are of daily occurrence. The vicariate has been annihilated.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENTS.

Two Events in Which the Frisky Horse Figured Conspicuously.

Tuesday afternoon a horse and wagon, was left stand on East Strawberry street in front of Wohlsen's new buildings. The horse took fright and ran out Strawberry street to the Conestoga, crossing the rickety bridge at that point and jumping over the wing-wall into a meadow on the opposite side, taking the wagon along with him. After running for some time in the meadow the horse returned to the creek plunged into it and, with the wagon still attached swam across, reaching the shore opposite Fordney's ice houses. A stone wall in front of the icehouse prevented him from getting ashore and it was with great difficulty and after he was almost exhausted that he got out further down the creek. His unusual feat was witnessed by a large number of men and boys, who were in the vicinity, some of whom assisted him in getting out after his perilous swim.

This morning about 9 o'clock as an employe of Christian Brackbill, of Strasburg, was driving a two-horse team on Orange street near Water, this city, the horses scared at a train of cars on Water street. The driver jumped from his seat and tried to catch the horses, but they wheeled around and ran furiously up Orange street. When near North Queen street a man seized the off horse by the head and checked their speed, but being struck on the arm by the yoke, by which the horses were coupled, he lost his hold and fell under the wagon and narrowly escaped being run over. The horses were caught by Harry Furlow and others before any damage was done. In the wagon were a pair of fine fat hogs that were being taken to the slaughter house. They received a good shaking up and appeared to enjoy the ride.

DAMAGES FOR STREET OPENINGS.

More Than Nine Thousand Dollars Awarded to Local Property Owners.

The viewers, appointed by the court to assess damages caused by the proposed opening of Fourth, Coral, Crystal and Second streets, filed their award in the quarter sessions office this morning. The following were the amounts of damages assessed for the opening of Fourth street:

	City.	County.
Charles Fritch	$700	$900
William Fritch	700	900
Philip Stumpf		150
Daniel Rhoads		100
Sebastian Fritch		100
Robert Houston		20
Edward Brangley		100
SECOND STREET.		
Jacob L. Frey		800
John G. Hager		100
Paul Ritchey		250
Peter Ziegler		250
Peter Weber		200
CRYSTAL STREET.		
Jacob L. Fry		250
Conrad Gasser		100
David Beitel		25
Wm. R. White	600	600
Philip Ruth	50	200
Chas. Spitzberger	5	50
George McCann		15
Jacob Ottheffer		200
CORAL STREET.		
Jacob L. Frey		200
Geo. Miller		125
Amos Dreppert		175
Philip Ruth		125
Stephen Market		250
Casper Market		400
David Pontz	50	350
Charles Fritch		25
Daniel Rhoads		25

The grand total of damages awarded foots up $9,050.

The National Game.

The following is the result of yesterday's games: At Philadelphia: Athletic 4, Baltimore 4, (13-inning game); at St. Louis: Pittsburg 1, St. Louis 3, (14 innings); at Cincinnati: Louisville 12, Cincinnati 2; at New York: Brooklyn 4, Metropolitan 1; at Providence: Philadelphia 5, Providence 1; at Boston: New York 4, Boston 8; at Buffalo: Chicago 7, Buffalo 2; at Richmond: Virginia 0, National 7; at Jersey City: Trenton 4, Newark 4, (10 innings—stopped by darkness); at Macon, Ga.: Macon 9, Birmingham 5; at Raleigh, N. C.: Norfolk 7, Raleigh 4; at Milton: Milton 6, Mt. Joy 3; at Williamsport: Williamsport 5, Painted Post, of Painted Post, N. Y., 2.

The Athletic and Baltimore play again today.

The Virginias had their first shut out this season yesterday. The Nationals outplayed them at every point.

Chicago increased her lead by whipping Buffalo while the gilt-edged Giants were being whipped at the Hub.

Peter Browning, of the Louisville club, is keeping up his record as a heavy batsman. In Cincinnati yesterday he made three single and two double hits out of five times at the bat.

Rodger Connor, the giant of the New York team, gave the Bostons some lessons in heavy batting yesterday. He hit the curves of Whitney 4 times for a total of 7 bases. He was unfortunate, however, in run scoring.

The New Yorks have won more games from the Chicago club than all the League clubs combined. Even if they fail to win the championship the Giants will have the credit of winning their series from the champions.

The Bridgeport (Conn.) base ball club has left the Southern New England League and joined the Eastern League. The arrangements were perfected on Monday. The first game will be played in Bridgeport on Friday with the Trenton, of Jersey City.

Little Laura Claxton Found.

Laura Claxton, the colored baby stolen about a month ago from a coach at Eighth and Catharine streets, Philadelphia, was recovered on Tuesday in Chester, Pa., where it was found in the custody of Ellen Darien, a colored woman. The discovery was made by a peddler, who took a detective to the place. The woman said she had taken the baby to board. The police do not think she abducted the child, but believe she has knowledge of the guilty person. The officers would not make her statement public, but at once began a search for other parties.

A Maine Compromise.

From the Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

In a town in Somerset county there has been a bitter squabble for the postoffice between two old hunkers. A patriotic Democrat in that town, has made a valuable suggestion to the president. Out of the depths of his disinterestedness he has written him: "I am anxious that your administration should be a success, and not be disturbed by any of these fights. To the end that peace and harmony may prevail, I would suggest that you appoint my son."

A Level-Headed Administration.

From the Philadelphia Ledger.

The administration evidently believes in putting the largest man to work in any department for an important matter. General Hancock was not too high in rank to marshal the Grant funeral procession, nor was General Sheridan too lofty a personage to be detailed for examining the cattlemen's disputes with the Indians. That is a pretty good idea to work by heads instead of subheads.

Republican Committee Secretaries.

Chariman Cooper has announced the following as secretaries of the Republican state committee: George Pearson, chief; Frank Willing Leach, Joseph M. Gazzam, E. F. Acheson, Joseph A. Thompson, John H. Landis, John S. Blair, Charles C. Matten, John McCullough, John Lockhart, George O. Cornelius, John A. Seiders, Charles Evans, Ezra Lukens, J. D. Laciar, A. W. McCow, C. F. Ettla and J. M. Vanderslice.

Lancaster County Appointments.

C. W. Binkley has been appointed postmaster at Wheatland Mills, Strasburg township; E. M. Bachman at West Willow, Pequea, township. Both are Republicans, appointed to fill vacancies caused by the resignations of their Republicans predecessors. They were the only applicants, and the patrons of the respective offices were solid "for 'em," regardless of party.

Building Improvements on North Queen.

The old two-story brick building on North Queen street, owned by Baumgardner and Brimmer, and occupied by Mr. Brimmer as a livery office and Mr. Bernard as a cigar store, is to be torn down and a fine three-story building erected on the site. It is expected the demolition of the old building will be begun on Monday next.

CLEAN DEMOCRATIC SWEEP.

COLUMBIA'S REPUBLICAN COUNCILMEN CAUGHT NAPPING.

The Absence of Hershey, Republican, Gives the Democrats Control and They Proceed to Fill the Borough Offices—Gen. Patton Elected to Paine's Place.

Regular Correspondence of INTELLIGENCER.

COLUMBIA, Pa., Aug. 12.—Council held their regular monthly meeting for August last evening in council chamber of opera house. All members, excepting Hershey, present; President Bucher in the chair. Minutes of last regular meeting were read and approved.

Finance committee reported as follows:

Balance on hand at last report	$ 3,666.84
Receipts during month	6,660.48
	$10,327.32
Expenditures during month	1,486.10
Balance on hand	$ 8,841.22

In reference to the matter of 3 broken lamps and repairs done to other lamps the gas and water committee will arrange everything with the Columbia gas company. The proposition of D. F. Gohn about the drainage on 8th street was accepted by council. Several citizens, whose property is on Alley K., sent a petition to council to have this alley paved and graded. The road commitee will have the same done. A number of bills were ordered to be paid. The appropriations for the fire company were ordered to be paid. An order was granted in favor of the sinking fund for $1,005.18 and $1,200 was drawn out of this fund to pay off part of the floating debt of the borough.

The highway committee reported the grading at Ninth street and Stoner's lane completed, and at the lowest point on Stoner's property a culvert has been placed. The gutters in Pleasant alley and in other parts of town received attention. Gutters on Walnut street between Second and Third and in alley I to Union street insufficient to carry off the water, and complaint has been made. Several gutters were in bad condition on account of heavy rains but have been repaired. On Eighth street and Ridge avenue the drainage is insufficient. D. F. Gohn consents to have the water turned into a field belonging to him if councils will have a covered gutter put down for teams to cross over. Progress was reported by property committee in reference to the work done at the opera house. The election of a chief and assistants of the fire department, last month, was reported by the committee on fire. Gas and water committee reported that the contract for lighting the borough with the electric light has been finished and the documents signed by the proper parties. The light will be in operation about September 1. The council accepted and approved the contract.

BOROUGH OFFICERS ELECTED.

At this juncture Mr. Tille, Democrat, called the attention of council to the fact that at the regular meeting in August of every year the employes of the opera house were elected. By the absence of Hershey, Republican, the council was Democratic by 4 to 3. This started a breeze in the meeting, and the Republicans asked that the matter be postponed for one month in justice to their absent member. The Democrats stood firm and insisted on having the election held at that time. Mr. Tille made a motion that the council proceed to elect the same. After some discussion this motion was carried by a strict party vote. The salaries of the employes were fixed at the same amount as last year. Henry Kitch was nominated for the position of engineer of the opera house, by John Westerman, Democrat. Mr. Musser, Republican, asked to be excused from the meeting, and left the room. The Democrats insisted on the roll-call, and the entire membership present, four Democrats and two Republicans, voted for Kitch, who was declared elected by the president.

The remaining Republicans seemed to be resigned to their fate and meekly voted with the majority. W. W. Wambaugh was elected stage carpenter, Jacob Tracy and John R. Kreider, were elected assistants, John Bucher was nominated for up-stairs police and D. Welsh for down stair officer. President Bucher tried to call a halt at this point and said that these persons nominated were not the right men for the positions. Feeling elated over their victory thus far the Democrats called for the question to be put and the parties nominated were declared elected. By the death of John Paine the council has stood a tie and the Democrats now held the vantage ground and were determined to profit by it. A motion was made by Mr. Perottet, Democrat, that council now proceed to elect a councilman to fill the existing vacancy. This caused consternation among the two remaining Republican members who had thought that the victors would be satisfied with electing the opera house employes. The motion was carried by a strict party vote. Mr. Tille then arose and in a short but stirring speech nominated Gen. Wm. Patton to fill the vacancy. President Bucher did not think it necessary to vote because there was but one nominee. The Democrats insisted upon a roll call, and Mr. Patton was elected a councilman by receiving the unanimous vote of all the members present.

Council then adjourned.

Police Intelligence.

A one-legged colored man, named Samuel Smith, living on Tow Hill, was arrested yesterday on the charge of beating his wife with his crutch. A hearing took place at the office of 'Squire Frank, and Smith was compelled to give bail to answer the charge at this term of court.

A Cane Presentation.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Tobias Manning, in Wrightsville, last Monday. A number of the members of Pennsylvania Castle, No. 76, A. O. K. of M. C. were present and presented Mr. Manning, who is a past commander of the order, with a very fine gold-headed cane. The cane was presented by P. C., E. K. Getz, and received by W. W. Moore, on behalf of Mr. Manning. The evening was very much enjoyed by the large number of friends present.

Personal Points.

Lieut. B. C. Welsh, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Lincoln, D. T., arrived home last evening on a furlough.

W. H. Moore is home from a visit to Cape May.

Eugene Filman left town for Norristown, this morning, where he will engage in the drug business.

Dr. N. B. Wolfe, of Cincinnati, is in town on a visit to his old friends of Columbia.

Town Notes

On Tuesday August 18th, the Bible class of Second street Lutheran church, taught by Mr. L. W. May, will picnic at Wild Cat.

Three colored men from Harrisburg serenaded several of our citizens last night and rendered very good music.

The many friends of Mrs. Joseph H. Black will be pained to learn that this lady is lying very seriously ill at the residence of her daughter Mrs. C. B. Jeffries.

Yesterday afternoon a large number of gypsies passed through the town. Many fine looking horses were in their possession.

At a special meeting of Vigilant fire company held last night its arrangements for the trip to Harrisburg was completed. Martin Smith was elected chief marshal and Ed. Baight and Patrick Moriarty assistants.

Reading's New School Superintendent.

At a special meeting of the board of school directors of Reading on Tuesday evening, Professor Thomas M. Balliet was chosen superintendent for three years of public schools of that city. His salary was fixed at $2,000. He is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall college, and well known in educational circles throughout the state.

Death of a Fast Trotter.

A fast trotting horse belonging to Mr. A. B. Sheaffer, wholesale liquor dealer, died of dropsy of the heart Tuesday night near midnight. She had a record of 2:35, and had been driven in private inside of 2:30. Mr. Sheaffer valued her at $2,800.

Returned Home.

Judge Livingston, who has been spending his vacation at the White Mountains returned home last night. He was well pleased with his trip.

A Philadelphia Horseman's Escapade.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug 12.—About two months ago Gus Wilson, a noted horseman, came here from Philadelphia with a woman whom he represented to be his wife. The couple stopped at the Hawley house and conducted themselves so well that no suspicion was aroused as to their relationship. Some horsemen, friends of Wilson, who had known him in Philadelphia and who also knew his wife, got hold of the story and apprised the rightful Mrs. Wilson of her husband's doings. The lady accordingly set out for Cleveland immediately, and arrived here last night. Going to the hotel she found her husband and his comrade at the supper table. She rushed up to the pair, accused the woman of living in a state of fornication with her husband, and demanded that she leave him at once. As the dining-room was full of guests great excitement prevailed, and Wilson slunk away. This morning, however, he came back to the hotel, and he and his wife kissed and made up again, and the other woman was sent back to her home in Philadelphia.

Iron-Workers in Session.

WHEELING, W. Va., Aug. 12.—The Amalgamated association convention will probably conclude its labors to-day. The next annual session will be held in Pittsburg. It has been resolved that the old rail clause in the scale be withdrawn and that the question be dealt with locally. This practically leaves the question as it stood prior to June first. It has also been unanimously decided that if all scales for sheet rolling are not signed by Aug. 22d, last year's prices therefore will be declared adopted as the standard association price. The election of officers, which takes place to-day, promises a hot contest between P. F. Kinney, of Pittsburg, and Jas. Nutt, of Youngstown, for president. Kinney seems to be the favorite. Secretary Martin will probably be re-elected.

Charges Over 500 Women With Adultery.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 12.—This city is in such a social tumult as has never been known over the publication of an article in the *Sentinel* stating that "upward of five hundred women of this town are given over to adultery; for every three virtuous women there is one known to be impure." The excitement and indignation and rage increases as time passes. The women of the city of all grades of society have read the slanderous article, and they threaten if the men do not avenge the insult to their sex they will take it into their own hands and mete out to the editors of the newspaper their just deserts, and threaten them to a coat of tar and feathers.

A Negro Shot Dead.

MAYSVILLE, Ky., Aug. 12.—Jeff Philips, colored, was shot and killed yesterday afternoon, by Charles Boughner, deputy marshal of Chester, a suburb of this place. The shooting occurred on the river shore in Chester. Boughner was trying to arrest Philips and two other negroes for some trifling offence. They resisted and beat him over the head with pistols, and drove him away. He then armed himself and overtook them. Two of them submitted, but Philips shot at Boughner, whereupon the marshal fired upon him.

Aiming to Release Riel.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 12.—A dispatch from Fort Benton, Montana, says: "Dumont and Dumas have the sympathy and assistance of the cow boys and kindred spirits," and it is rumored that Dumont's real mission here is to organize a force of dare devils, make a dash on Regina, stir up the natives, and return under the leadership of Riel. It is no great distance from the boundary line to Regina, and the police force guarding the rebel leader is said to consist of only half-a-hundred mounted police.

Herrick's Stepson the Murderer.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., August 12.—The Herrick murder has been solved. Thomas Armstrong, the stepson of the murdered man, this morning confessed that he committed the murder. Details of the confession have not as yet been published.

The Reverend Wheelmen.

The touring clerical party reached Goderich, Ontario, at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon from Exeter, having ridden over thirty-six miles of the finest wheeling road in the Dominion. They were photographed at several stages of the journey while *en route*, and arriving in town were received by the mayor and by the local clergy. In the evening the largest church proved too small to accommodate the people at the public reception, at which a formal address of welcome was delivered by Rev. Thomas M. Campbell, of the Methodist church. This was responded to by the Rev. Sylvanus Stall, Rev. Dr. Barnes, Rev. Louis B. Pope, Rev. E. P. Johnson, Mr. E. W. Barnes and Rev. P. J. Maverty. After the reception the party was invited to a banquet in the basement of the church.

Rochester Society in a Flutter.

A Hungarian lady about forty-five years of age appeared in Rochester, N. Y., about three ago and claimed to be the wife of Edward H. Makk, LL. D., editor and proprietor of the Rochester *Volksblatt*. She said she was married to Dr. Makk in Burcharest, Hungary, about twenty years ago, and his name then was Edward Kherns. She lived with him, she states, about seven years and then he left her and came to this country. Since then she has been earning her living as a governess. Dr. Makk has a wife with whom he has lived during his several years' residence there, and the story of the woman has created something of a scandal in German society.

Cigarmakers' Union.

An informal meeting of cigarmakers was held at the Manor hotel, West King street, Tuesday evening, to hear what Mr. I. W. Bisbing, of New York, had to say in favor of the organization of a cigarmakers' union in this city. No formal action was taken by those present, but Mr.