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LIFE IN THE FAR WEST.

A LANCASTER OF A PARTY OF TOURISTS HAVING PLEASANT EXPERIENCES.

The Hot Springs of South Dakota and a Natural Temple—A Mammoth Cave. Indians Indulge in a Sun Dance.

HOT SPRINGS, South Dakota, July 19.—A trip to Europe, a season at the seashore, summering in the mountains, all have their staunch advocates as being the one way to pass a summer and pursue and capture pleasure.

I would not disparage these or any of them, but as a Lancaster girl summering in the far West I would say that pleasure, like empires, has taken a Western lead.

I wrote this letter in the Chautauqua grounds at Hot Springs, South Dakota, sitting on a rock (boulder) as large as the great stones used in the building of King Solomon's temple, which nature in its youth at random cast here. Man has done nothing to beautify these grounds. Heaven built a temple here and adorned it with a grandeur that the hand of man could not desecrate by change. These grounds will in a thousand years be as they now are. A level amphitheatre ten acres in extent, shaded by noble elm and ash, surrounded by a perpendicular natural wall of solid red sand stone from one hundred to one hundred and fifty feet in height. A placid stream of crystal waters, circling and washing the inner base of this natural wall, murmuring sweet music as the waters glide over the pebbled bottom. Hundreds of springs bubbling up from the bottom and through the rocks of the mountain side, pure and clear from the mother spring in the heart of the mountain, many of them of the temperature of about 95 degrees (hence the Indian name of the creek, Minnekahta, Minne: water, Kahta: hot) while in others near by the water is ice cold.

These wall tops as well as the summit of the hills are crested and fringed with the evergreen pine and cedar.

Nature at the place where the walls is the highest, built an "altar" and provided it with a cover, a table rock at the very summit about forty feet in length by eighteen feet in breadth, projecting over the perpendicular wall one hundred and fifty feet above the pulpit; this seems to be an answer to the line, "Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing."

There is a rugged and wild grandeur about this spot that awes and subdues; you feel that you are in a church not built by hands.

I can well understand the feeling of the venerable bishop of Deadwood, a few weeks ago, as he stood with uncovered head, in the middle of these grounds, and with burning words of eloquence dedicated them as sacred to the worship of nature's God. Peace will now reign in this spot under the very shadow of Battle Mountain, where but a few years ago the warlike Sioux and Cheyennes fought for supremacy, where after weeks of battle an Indian nation was nearly wiped out, and all this before time, the leveler, has effaced the evidences of the struggle. What a contrast; a Chautauqua within twenty-five miles of Custer City, with its history and memories!

Hot Springs is a resort for pleasure seekers and invalids, where plunge baths and tub baths are enjoyed daily by many thousands. Although this resort is in its infancy, so many wonderful and permanent cures have been effected by the curative qualities of the waters that success is assured. Large and costly hotels, first class in their appointments, furnish ample accommodations. Elegant bath-houses, equipped for Turkish, Russian, common, and all kinds of bathing, accommodate the health-seekers. Rapid City and Deadwood are distant a few hours ride. Rugged mountain scenery, countless mountain rills and streams, dashing cascades, and dignified falls, add greatly to the beauty of the place. During the heated term there are but a few hours in a day when it is warm, and then only in a lesser degree. The climate is dry, there being but three or four rainfalls during a year The sky is perfect, nearly always illuminated with grand and glorious clouds.

"Wind Cave," twelve miles distant, is a curious freak of nature. The entrance is an ordinary hole in the ground. You descend ten feet and meet a passageway: following that forty feet in a downward course you enter the first chamber, the size of an ordinary room, from this room a number of passageways lead in different directions, which when followed, lead to different rooms, some as large as Trinity Lutheran church room at Lancaster. This cave has been penetrated for over two miles in one direction. The formations are peculiar and striking. At a certain season of the year there is a strong suction of wind, and during the balance of the time a strong current of air issues from the mouth. Visitors have placed numerous little windmills here which make a weird and ceaseless hum. Crystal Palace is rightly named, it is the largest of the apartments of this cave that has been explored up to this time. The "Bad Lands" begin at this point, where everything is in a state of petrification. This is the specimen hunters' Paradise.

Our trip in Nebraska before coming to the Springs was interesting. We started from West Point, Neb., for the Winnebago reservation and agency, distant from the latter place about fifty-five miles; a party of eight, fully equipped, bent upon having a good time, and we had it. The prairies, rich and broad, bound by the horizon on every side, reminded one of the ocean and eternity. I know I would only fail if I tried to describe them, so I desist. The second day at noon we arrived at the Winnebago agency and pitched our tent at a convenient place where water and shade mingled and contributed to our comfort. During the early evening we drove from one Indian camp to another, invited ourselves to enter and did enter their wigwams. They were "at home." Being received with a grunt we concluded we were welcome. They did not dissemble and we could not make our visit even seemingly agreeable to them. The dusky maids and matrons should by all means take lessons from some of their hypocritical white sisters. They were having their sun dance, and during that night at all hours as we lay in our tent in camp we could hear the monotonous and ceaseless sound of their "tom-toms," increasing in fervency as the small hours succeeded each other until at early dawn it ceased. I purchased a pair of ear-rings made out of the ears of one of the chiefs. I rested in the wigwam of John A. Logan, the father of the young Logan chosen this spring from Carlisle, Pa., to take a law course at Harvard. I saw Indian life as it is. I saw night upon the wild prairies, many miles away from the habitation of man.

ELLA L. SHERTZER.

Struck by the Day Express.

Two steers belonging to Myers & Hawthorne, cattle dealers of Parkesburg, were struck by the second section of the Day Express, on Tuesday evening, near that town. They had broken out of the field and were walking on the track.

BEDFORD BUBBLES.

A Big One, With Little in It About the South Penn Railroad.

BEDFORD SPRINGS, Pa., July 28.—This fine old Pennsylvania "Saratoga" is booming grandly this year in a good, steady Quaker state way without ostentatious fuss or feathers. The people who summer at Bedford care little for dash and style and do their pleasuring with more thought of the enjoyment than of appearances. They have a remarkably fine orchestra here and some good horses, but excel chiefly in good people. Lawyers, manufacturers, railroad men, representative citizens of this and neighboring states, are here in shoals with their families. The hotel register shows a good sprinkling of Lancaster names, already noted in your "Summer Leisure" column, but its pages also have the signatures of many from other cities who are well known socially and by reputation in your town. On Tuesday, Miss North, of Columbia, will give a morning german, the first of the season, but at Bedford they nightly "tip the light fantastic" until the very reasonable hour of ten p. m. The routine of the day is an early morning walk to the top of one of the hills that crowd about us, and breakfast is always preceded by a draught of water from one of the famous mineral springs. After breakfast there is chatting for a while on the porches or the lawn, and then riding, driving or walking through the forest paths to some point of interest. The beauty of the mountain scenery defies the art of pen or pallet, but memory cannot fail to save it for the pleasant future use of all who appreciate the majesty and beauty of nature. The view from Sunset Hill is always ready for a mental photograph, because it is hard for mountain mist to spoil it, and the point of view is only a few minutes' walk from the hotel. There you see little Bedford town, hiding like a pig in clover, among the steep ranges of forest-clad mountains: and over the foreground of quickly-sloping fields and pastures comes the tinkling of sheep bells and the musically mingled noises of busy life. When sunset colors all creation, and the moon and stars begin to gleam through marvelously delicate shades of many colors, then the top of this hill is even a little better stamping ground than can be found inside the fence at Paine's burning of Pompeii. Nature's pyrotechnics can never be rivalled

By the way, the pyrotechnics at Harrisburg were warmly praised in my hearing by an intelligent ironworker of Lancaster just before I left home. He can puddle iron with the thermometer in the nineties and never wink as he cooks his eye before the furnace door, but the pronunciation of Pompeii was too much for him. He said: "I hev been takin' a run to Harrisborg to see the burnin' of Pompy-i-i. Foine spectackle!"

The Pittsburg *Dispatch* has been making a first-class sensation for all this region out of the rumors afloat of the plots and intrigues over the corpse of the old South Penn railroad. In a voluble and rather romantic letter from Bedford that paper recently drew attention to the operations of a force of surveyors known as the Cumberland Valley Railroad corps, now at work on the line of the South Penn, and said to be in the pay of the Pennsylvania railroad. The president of the road is George F. Baer, esq., Reading, and the article assumes that he is acting as the attorney of the Vanderbilts for the completion of the famous South Penn deal with the Pennsylvania railroad, but this is smilingly denied by men who are in a position to know all about it. The *Dispatch* correspondent refers to the movement as the Vanderbilt-Baer combination. The surveys referred to have been in progress for several months, and their purpose seems to be to devise, if possible, a route that will lower the very high bridges, avoid tunnels and cost less to build than the South Penn, although the fact that nature has only left room for one road in part of the route prevents a complete change of plan. The Pennsylvania railroad is doing a heavy business with its two tracks over the mountains, and two more are becoming an absolute necessity. The only question is whether they shall double the present line or build another and shorter route over the remains of their slaughtered or sleeping rival, the South Penn. Surveyors and railroad officials are close-mouthed, and while gossips are speculating on the rumors, and wondering what's up, the men who like to say they "knew that long ago," "lay low" like brer rabbit and "ain't sayin' nothin'." What puzzles many is the marvelous acrobatic evolutions ascribed to Mr. Baer, of the Reading, by the genius who has had a vision of "Pennsy and Vanderbilt" plottings among the beautiful hills and valleys of Fulton and Bedford counties.

C. S. F.

TRAIN ROBBERS BUSY.

They Take Up a Large Collection On a Nebraska Passenger Train.

Two young men of the cowboy variety, attempted the role of Jesse James successfully on train No. 3, on the Fremont & Elkhorn railroad on Monday evening between Long Pine, Nev., and Arabian. The conductor had just entered the first coach to collect fares when the two men, wearing broadbrimmed white hats and having handkerchiefs over their faces, stepped from the closet, and levelling their revolvers at the conductor compelled him to march ahead of them down the aisle. The robber in the rear had a small satchel swung by a strap from his shoulders, and into this the passengers were compelled to throw their valuables.

A brakeman who entered through the rear door while the robbers were taking up their collection was told to throw up his hands, but dodged out, and a bullet was sent after him which went through the door of the forward sleeper. The conductor was then compelled to lead the way into the smoker, where the same process was gone through as with the passengers in the other car.

The brakeman in the mean time pulled the bell, and the robbers, feeling the train slow up, jumped off, taking another harmless shot at the brakeman as they did so. They clambered up a bank along the track. They were visible in the moonlight, and the conductor tried to bring them down with a Winchester rifle, but, being unused to the weapon, was unable to discharge it.

He Pleaded For Liberty.

Hugh Dougherty, an old time tinker, was before Mayor Clark this morning. He was found at East King and Ann streets, late last night, very drunk and making a speech. Hugh admitted the charge to be true, and made so eloquent a plea for liberty that Mayor Clark was carried away with it and allowed Hughey to go, providing he made a bee line for out of town. Dougherty made the desired promise.

Made Two Complaints.

Wayne H. Root, who was arrested, committed and released on habeas corpus on Tuesday, has made two complaints before Alderman Halbach. He alleges that Fritz Turner and his father came into his house on High street and assaulted him. Bail was entered for a hearing. The other side of the case is that Root was abusing his wife, and these men and others answered her calls for help.

260,000 Apply.

Up to date the number of applications for pensions received in Washington under the department pensions act approximates 260,000.

AT CAMPMEETING.

YOUNG PEOPLE MANIFEST MUCH INTEREST IN THEIR DAILY GATHERINGS.

Eloquent Sermons and Fine Music—Four or Five of Those at the Altar Converted on Tuesday Evening.

LANDISVILLE, July 30.—At 1:30 yesterday afternoon the young people held their meeting led by Mr. George Gaul, of Columbia. He talked upon this verse: "To live is Christ, to die is gain." Rev. E. H. Yocum and others gave interesting talks on the subject. Prof. Sweeney had entire charge of the singing. After the meeting a business session was held for the purpose of considering plans for next year. A committee was appointed to complete all arrangements. The young people are awaking to the great work they may do, and every effort is going to be made for a successful year in '91.

The children's meeting was held at the same hour and it was, as usual, very interesting. The children begin to go to the meeting about an hour before, so interested are they.

At 3 o'clock Rev. Wm. Powick, of Springfield, preached. He chose for his text Ephesians iii, 20: "Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." It was one of the most powerful sermons delivered at the camp this year. A delightful prayer service was held after the sermon. Some seeking salvation were found at the altar.

At 6:30 the holiness meeting, led by Mrs. Wheeler, was held in the prayer meeting tent. Many who had habitually attended these meetings found their way to the auditorium, where the evening song service was held, conducted by Professors Sweeney and Kirkpatrick. Prof. Sweeney sang a solo, "The Haven of Rest." Everyone was thrilled with his deep, sweet voice.

The bell rang at 7:15 for the evening service. Fifteen minutes is given for the people to gather together for the evening worship. The sermon was preached by Rev. Geo. S. Kerr, Bird-in-Hand. His text was found in Psalm cii., 14: "For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof."

After a brief sermon, Rev. Jenkins exhorted. The usual prayer service was held afterwards, and quite a number came to the altar, four or five of the number professing conversion.

Serenading has now begun on the grounds. Mr. Crouch was first to be serenaded; then followed Mrs. Wheeler, the preachers staying in their cottage, Rev. Chas. Roads and Mr. Patton, of Columbia. They sang until almost hoarse.

Summer Leisure.

Mrs. Reinhold, of Marietta, is visiting Miss Gertie Mayer, Maple Homestead, Mauheim township.

Walter A. Reinoehl left this morning for Wyoming, Delaware, where he will visit friends.

Mrs. Ernest Zahm and her two sons have gone to Ocean Grove.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Dubbs, Mrs. Henry Trout, Miss Maud Trout, Mrs. Bitner and daughter, Miss Sallie Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Eshleman, Charles E. Long, Christian Liller, Letter-Carrier Pinkerton and his sons, Herbert and Nelson, left this morning for Atlantic City.

The picnic of the St. Stephen's Lutheran church, postponed on account of the weather, will be held to-morrow at Tell's Hain.

Misses Lillie Miles and Katie Schupp have gone to Quarryville to spend a few days.

Sixty-nine excursionists left the Pennsylvania depot this morning on the cheap excursion for Atlantic City, and four started by way of the Philadelphia & Reading road for the same place.

Miss Daisy M. Albright is visiting friends at Colemanville and Marticville.

Fred Werkheiser is spending part of his vacation at White Oak.

Miss Amy V. Sides is visiting at Lampeter and Strasburg.

Mrs. M. Gershel and children left to day for New York. They will visit Long Branch and Saratoga before their return home.

Geo. S. Norbeck and wife went to Atlantic City for a week's stay.

Mrs. W. T. Wylie, Miss M. Grace and Anna Wylie, left Lancaster to-day for Atlantic City.

Charles F. Rengier and Wm. D. Stauffer, with their two sons started on a tramp to-day through the northern part of the county. They will turn up at Penryn to-morrow and come home with the Young Men's Democratic picnic.

Samuel E. Ball, wife and children are visiting Charles M. Strine, the brother of Mrs. Ball.

Harry D. Bubb, of Girard college, Philadelphia, is spending his vacation with his aunt, Mrs. J. M. Arment, of this city.

About 150 Lancastrians availed themselves of the excursion to Harrisburg yesterday to see the destruction of Pompeii. Only two more excursions will be run; on Saturday and Tuesday next, when the exhibition will close.

Miss Randolph, of Charlotteville, Va., is visiting the Misses Hager at "The Maples."

Misses Emily and Leah Roberts, of Philadelphia, are visiting friends in this city.

In addition to the trains already noted between Mt. Gretna and Lebanon that will allow excursionists to view the great ore banks at Cornwall, the Odd Fellows have arranged for an extra train on Monday next. This train will leave the picnic grounds at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Mrs. Francis Shroder, Mrs. C. J. Swarr and Miss Elizabeth Ellmaker left on the East Line this afternoon for Bedford. Miss Kate Blackwood left on the same train for St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Flora Hardy and daughter, of this city, are spending a week in Mount Joy, with their relatives.

Harry Brubaker is spending a few days in Marietta.

Harvey Clark, of Lebanon, is in this city, visiting his relatives.

Mrs. T. A. Kinzer, daughter and son are spending a few weeks in New Holland and vicinity.

Shot By His Companion.

A tramp went to the Styer house, New Holland, on Tuesday afternoon, said he was lame and could not work, and began begging from the guests of the hotel. He was ordered off by John Gable, the bartender, and refused to go. Gable attempted to put him off and the tramp struck him. Wm. Grimley happened along and he took a hand in it. The result was that the tramp was bounced. Later in the afternoon he was found back of the New Holland house wounded, and Dr. Harner was sent for. He examined him and found a bullet wound in his leg. He probed for the ball, but was unable to find it. He bandaged the leg and the tramp went away. He says he was accidentally shot by his partner, who then ran away. The last seen of the tramp was about a mile from the town, lying along the pike very drunk.

TO CRUSH THE LOTTERIES.

The President and Postmaster General Ask For More Power.

President Harrison on Tuesday sent to Congress a message, accompanied by a letter from Postmaster General Wanamaker, in which Congress is asked to give the postoffice department such power as will effectually stop lottery companies from using the mails. The president in his message says:

"If the baneful effects of the lotteries were confined to the states that gave the companies corporate powers and a license to conduct a business, the citizens of other states, being powerless to apply legal remedies, might clear themselves of responsibility by the use of such moral agencies as were within their reach. But the case is not so. The people of all the states are debauched and defrauded. The vast sums of money offered to the states for charters are drawn from the people of the United States, and the general government, through its mail system, is made the effective and profitable medium of intercourse between the lottery company and its victims. The use of the mails is quite as essential to the companies as the state license. It would be practically impossible for those companies to exist if the public mails were once effectually closed against their advertisements and remittances. The use of the mails by these companies is a prostitution of an agency only intended to serve purposes of legitimate trade and a decent social intercourse. It is not necessary, I am sure, for me to attempt to portray the robbery of the poor and the widespread corruption of public and private morals, which are the necessary incidents of these lottery schemes."

The message further stated that a vast business was being carried on at Washington by agents of the lottery company, and their corrupting touch had been felt by goverment employes. In conclusion, the message asks Congress to enact such laws as will give the postoffice department power to crush the evil, and also regulate the carrying of letters by the express companies so as to prevent the use of those agencies to maintain communication between the lottery companies and their agents or customers in other cities.

In his letter Mr. Wanamaker feels compelled, in view of the urgent necessities of the case, to anticipate the annual report in regard to use of the mails by the Louisiana Lottery company. He says that, notwithstanding the declaration that no letters and circulars concerning lotteries shall be carried in the mails, and that public sentiment condemns the use of the postoffice for lottery purposes, every railway postal car, Star route, money order and registry office is in active daily use by the Louisiana Lottery company; that the foothold of the business seems to be firmer, its operation wider and its enterprises bolder than ever before. This vast business is terribly demoralizing to the postal service. The postal employe readily assumes that a letter directed to the lottery company contains money—that it is in the mails in violation of the spirit of the law; that its loss would be difficult to trace, and that an attempt to punish the offender who shall abstract it will more likely fail than prosecutions of an ordinary character. Hence the temptation to purloin it is exceptionally great.

The postmaster general, in conclusion, states that as he is utterly powerless to act his position is a humiliating one when he contemplates the fact that the entire postoffice department is, in point of fact, the principal agent of the Louisiana State Lottery company, and that every extension of the postal system spreads the hurtful power and influence of that company. He presents the draft of a bill, which, if enacted into law, will enable the department to get this business under control.

The bill is the one reported to the House from the committee on postoffices and postroads.

A SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

A Group of Children Caught on a Railroad Bridge—Three Killed.

A slaughter occurred on the Erie railroad bridge over the Passaic river, at Paterson, N. J., on Tuesday evening. Five children, returning from a blackberry expedition with well-filled baskets, started to cross the bridge. When nearly across the bridge, which is without rail or foot-path, the children saw a train approaching on the west-bound track and stepped upon the east-bound track, but a fast passenger train came rushing toward them. The children were paralyzed with fear and crouched together directly before the approaching train. The engineer saw them, but dared not apply the brakes suddenly, as that course might have sent the train through the bridge. It was an awful moment.

People on the banks of the river shouted to the children to get between the tracks, but their cries were useless, for the locomotive struck the group of little ones and hurled three of them upon the other track dead. The engineer was overcome at the appalling sight. He had strength left, however, to stick to his post and stop the train as soon as it had crossed the trestle. The passengers left the cars, and strong men and women felt a sickly feeling creeping over them as the remains of the three slaughtered children met their gaze. Jennie Drews, aged 13; Nellie Warren, aged 10, and Mamie Warren, her sister, aged 8, were dashed to death. Jane Warren, aged 14, was frightfully injured. Willie Warren was hurled into the river, where he was found alive in about a foot of water.

The Warren children all belonged to the same family. When the parents of the unfortunate children were notified the anguish of the stricken parents was such as to move the policemen and undertaker to tears. Hundreds of persons hastened to the scene of the disaster to look upon the blood-stained railroad ties and to gather up the shreds of clothing that littered the spot—awful mementos of the accident.

ANNIE HERMON IN JAIL.

Mayor Clark Sent Her to That Institution for Disorderly Conduct.

Annie Hermon, referred to in Tuesday's INTELLIGENCER as being too dangerous a woman to be at large, was arrested at an early hour this morning by Officer Babel. He found her wandering about the Pennsylvania railroad station, followed by a number of young men, and considering her a proper subject for the station house took her there. This morning she was taken before Mayor Clark and heard on a charge of disorderly conduct. The testimony of the officers was that she wanders around town and can be seen at all hours of the night. The mayor asked her if she had anything to say and she replied that she had not.

The mayor sent her to prison for thirty days. He also sent a letter to Keeper Smith requesting him to have her examined by the prison physician and if of unsound mind to have her sent to the insane asylum.

The mayor sent her home to Rohrerstown once or twice before in the ambulance, but she will not remain there. He committed her to the county hospital, but she ran away from that institution. She will not get away from the jail. Her husband has been notified to take steps looking to the placing of his wife in an institution where she can be treated.

Coming to Lancaster.

Joseph Hall, who during the past fifteen years has gained a thorough knowledge of the hardware business, having been employed by Heckel & Paine, of Columbia, will after the middle of August be found in the rapidly growing establishment of Reilly Bros. & Raub, of this city. Mr. Hall is an affable gentleman, and his manner of treating buyers will add many to the large number of patrons of this enterprising firm.

Given Pensions.

Pensions have been granted to Augustus Kleinhaus, Bethesda; Milton A. Lightner, Lancaster, and Daniel Muckel, Lancaster.

A Good Day's Fishing.

Christ Haenlen, of Harrisburg, a former resident of Marietta, spent Tuesday fishing at Chickies Falls. He caught 13 salmon, weighing 52 pounds.

NINETY-EIGHT VICTIMS.

AN EXPLOSION OF FIREDAMP KILLS MANY MINERS IN FRANCE.

Fifty-nine Rescued Alive From a Pit at St. Etienne—The Bodies of the Unfortunate Are Recovered.

PARIS, July 30.—An explosion of firedamp occurred in the Pelissier pit at St. Etienne yesterday. It is reported that 120 men were killed and 35 injured.

PARIS, July 30.—Pelissier pit, at St. Etienne, in which an explosion of firedamp occurred yesterday, has been cleared. Fifty-nine of the persons who were at work in the pit when the explosion occurred have been rescued. The bodies of the victims of the explosion, numbering 98, have been recovered.

WANT THEIR TITLE CLEAR.

Controversy Over Lancaster County Land of the Late Henry M. Watts.

From the Philadelphia Ledger.

Messrs. Kline, Wiltbank and North yesterday filed in the common pleas a bill in equity on behalf of Matilda W. Ormerod and Anna Watts against the surviving trustees of Emily Pepper and Ethelbert Watts. The question at issue is the title to a tract of land in East Donegal township, Lancaster county, containing upwards of 40 acres. It appears from the bill that in April, 1873, Henry M. Wtts, formerly United States minister to Austria, conveyed the property to Ethelbert Watts for the consideration of $28,037.60, Ethelbert Watts giving a mortgage upon the premises for the purchase money, which was to be paid in five annual instalments. Ethelbert Watts, in October, 1879, reconveyed the property to Henry M. Watts for the same amount of consideration, the conveyance being made a year and a half after the last instalment of the purchase money became due and payable. In March, 1885, Henry M. Watts, being indebted to his wife and under bond to her for $50,000, conveyed this property at the valuation of $30,000 to a trustee for his wife, as part payment of his debt to her. In February, 1888, Mrs. Watts died, leaving a will in which this property was devised to her two daughters, the complainants in this case. According to the record, the property passed to them clear of all incumbrances, but they subsequently ascertained that Ethelbert Watts had pledged the mortgage on the property as collateral security for obligations due by him to others, and those obligations not being paid, the defendants proceeded to obtain judgment in Lancaster county under the mortgage, and were about to sell it. Under all these circumstances, the complainants claim that the property was not subject to the lien of the mortgage and ask the court to decree that their title to it is clear.

A New Loan Association.

A local union of the Beneficial Loan Fraternity was organized on Tuesday evening at 108½ East King street, under very favorable auspices. After Dr. Linnæus Smith, of Philadelphia, one of the supreme officers, explained the purpose and scope of the fraternity, a number of well known citizens signed the roll of membership. The officers of the new organization, which will be known as the Star Union, were then elected. They are: President, Henry Martin; vice president, Mrs. C. L. King; secretary, A. T. Salziger; treasurer, Hon. D. W. Patterson; chaplain, Mrs. Alice Martin; inside doorkeeper, Mrs. Eliza Short. The board of trustees and examining physician will be elected later. Meetings will be held every Monday evening at the place of organization.

He Was a Fugitive a Year.

Israel Smith, a colored man, whose home is on the Welsh mountain, was arrested on Tuesday night by Special Officer McGinnis. Smith was at Intercourse a year ago and while drunk behaved badly. Complaint was made against him at the time and Constable Warfel had the warrant for his arrest. Smith kept out of the way of the officer and was not arrested. Warfel told the Lancaster officers to be on the lookout for him, with the above result. The dispatches in the morning papers would indicate that Smith is a horse thief and highway robber. Such is not the case. It was a drunk and nothing else that got him into trouble. His brothers live in this city and they will raise the money to pay the costs.

Drowned In a Well.

Philip D., the eight-year-old son of John Eckman, of Drumore township, near Fairfield, met with a terrible death on Monday afternoon. He and his brother went to an old-fashioned draw well for a drink of water, and as Philip was about leaving the well he made a misstep and fell to the bottom of the well, a distance of 90 feet. His head struck the sides of the well, his scalp was torn off, and he was instantly killed. Deputy Coroner Moore was notified and he empanelled as his jury: G. W. Shade, S. L. Gregg, Cooper Peters, J. H. Booth, Edwin Gregg and B. Pyle. The verdict of the jury was that death resulted from drowning, by accidentally falling into the well.

The Trees Were Cut Down.

Numerous complaints were made to Street Commissioner Smeltz that the limbs of the maple trees in front of the premises of Peter S. McTague, at Duke and Frederick streets, by projecting into the street, caused accidents to passing teams. They were so low that several buggy tops were caught and broken. No attention was paid to the complaints, and the street commissioner on Tuesday afternoon removed the cause of the accidents. He had the trees cut down.

Left Without a Quorum.

Tuesday evening was the regular time for the meeting of the street committee. There were five members present. In the absence of the president, who is with the Chesapeake club, Mr. Auxer presided. Mr. White wanted to explain the necessity of some work he wanted done, but the chair did not recognize him as quickly as he thought he should, and White left the room, leaving the committee without a quorum, and it had to adjourn.

Cotton Growing In This County.

MARIETTA, July 30.—From seed which Fred D. Orth brought along from Georgia several months ago, he has a pretty little patch of cotton growing in his garden. The plants are doing remarkably well, and promise to reach maturity. The leaves are of a dark green color, and notched somewhat similar to a maple leaf, and the stems are already as thick as an ordinary lead pencil.

Charged With Assault and Battery.

William Simon, charged by Theodore Klinger before Alderman Hershey with assault and battery, has given bail for a hearing. On last Friday, Klinger claims that Simon attacked him, struck him on the breast and cut his forehead.

Verdict For Mrs. Dunlo.

LONDON, July 30.—In the suits of Lord Dunlo against his wife for divorce, on the ground of infidelity, a verdict for the defendant was returned to-day.

GRANGERS ALARMED.

A "Secret Circular" From the Worthy Master of the State Grange.

Leonard H. Rhone, worthy master of the State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, is evidently alarmed at the defections from the ranks of the Grangers into the Farmers' Alliance and similar organizations. He has addressed a circular letter to all the subordinate granges, a note at the head of which reads thus:

"Worthy Master: Please read or cause this circular to be read before your grange at this first opportunity and place a copy in the hands of every patron's family, but enjoin them not to make its contents public."

Following is the circular in full:

"Pennsylvania State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, Centre Hall, Centre county, Pa., July 18, 1890.—To the Subordinate Granges and Patrons of Pennsylvania: I have been credibly informed that money is being distributed throughout the state to get up counter organizations to the grange, in order to divide the farmers up into numerous organizations and factions, to break their influence; that the grange was becoming so strong and aggressive as to endanger political control to party managers and dominate legislation in the state. The men who are at the head of this pretended farmers' movement are not farmers, but lawyers, reporters and politicians who never farmed a day in their lives. It is to be hoped that farmers and patrons will take no stock in these professional cattle and swindlers, who are trying to disorganize our people for the purpose of breaking the influence of the grange and defeat farmers in detail and rob them of the victory which is so near their grasp.

It is earnestly enjoined upon every officer and deputy of the state grange and the officers of the county and subordinate granges to be vigilant and watchful, that no inroad is made upon our noble and beneficent order. We have reason to believe that the order of Patrons of Husbandry is so deeply enshrined in the hearts of our people that no patron will so far forget his or her obligation as to become unwittingly a party to such a conspiracy against our order. I therefore confidently appeal to you and every loyal patron to stand unflinchingly by our noble order and its grand principles, remembering that before the farmers instituted the grange they were allowed to wallow in the mire of contempt by these sidewalk codfish gentry. Now, when their arrogant power is about being broken, they enter into a conspiracy to overthrow the grange and allure the farmer from his stronghold by side issues and by-paths, urging them to go into anything but the granges, and their vile intrigues can conceive to defeat the only farmers' permanent organization in this country, knowing full well that they cannot get control of the grange, it being dominated by actual farmers, the master and executive committees of the state and National Granges being farmers, tilling their own farms, having the confidence and respect of farmers throughout the land. We therefore appeal to patrons for a renewed effort and determination that the Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry shall be the farmers' organization for all time to come, and the beacon light that shall lead the farmers out of the land of oppression into that of freedom, honor and power commanding an influence equal to that of all other callings. Trusting that every patron may be awake to the situation and place the grange banner in every community over his broad state, I am, fraternally yours,

"LEONARD RHONE."

Her Mortal Fear of Hydrophobia.

Miss Jennie Hartman, a pretty and accomplished girl, shot herself dead early Tuesday morning, at Meritztown, Pa. Ten days ago Miss Hartman, while playing in the garden, was bitten in the cheek by her pet dog. Miss Hartman was apprehensive of fatal results, and grew melancholy. On Tuesday she became alarmingly despondent, and confessed to her friend, Miss Walker, she could not recover. "The horrors of that awful malady are ever before me," she said. "I am its victim, but I prefer any other death to the one I know is in store for me."

Her friends were now convinced her mind was affected. Arrangements were therefore commenced for a trip to Kane, Pa., which the physicians unanimously agreed would restore her health mentally and physically. They were to start the next day. Miss Hartman became more calm, and before retiring Monday night was cheerful and expressed the pleasure she felt at the prospect of so pleasant a journey. Both ladies occupied the same room, retiring earlier than usual. Shortly after midnight Miss Walker was startled by the words:

"Lou, Lou, I must end this misery."

Before the half-awakened girl could realize the meaning of the words, the report of a pistol shot was heard and Miss Hartman fell a corpse, the ball having pierced her heart. Visions of hydrophobia had haunted her day and night. Miss Hartman was 23 years of age.

Might Contaminate the Water.

Mayor Clark was informed on Tuesday evening that a dead hog was on the bank of the Conestoga near Eden, close to the creek. The mayor sent word to Jacob Zook, on whose property the hog is, to have it buried at the city's expense, as it might contaminate the city water if left where it is.

This morning the mayor and Superintendent Frailey drove to Mr. Zook's farm. Mr. Zook told them that one of his hogs was found dead in the creek last Thursday. He tied a rope to its legs and dragged it from the creek and allowed it to remain on the banks. Mr. Zook agreed to have the hog buried at once.

Mr. Zook reported to these officials that a hog was seen to float down the creek a week ago but it was not caught. Arrangements were made with Mr. Zook to bury all animals floating in the creek. Mr. Zook lost 26 hogs this season from hog cholera.

May Succeed Col. Lehr.

From the Reading Times.

Col. S. D. Lehr, of Allentown, commanding the Fourth Regiment, N. G. Pa., will retire from his position upon the expiration of his term in October next, when he will have served an enlistment of five years. He will decline a re-election. The terms of his staff, including all commissioned and non commissioned regimental officers, except lieutenant-colonel and major, will expire at the same time. From present indications Lieut. Col. D. Brainerd Case, of Marietta, will be advanced to the colonelcy, in which case the regimental headquarters will be removed from Allentown.

An Excellent Concert.

The orchestra of the Young Men's Democratic society gave a concert from the balcony of the Heiss building, in Centre Square, which was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd. A stereoptican exhibition of views at Penryn was given by W. W. Amos. The exhibition was greatly interfered with by the electric lights, but with disadvantage it was a success. Their picnic will take place to-morrow, and indications point to its being a large affair. All the arrangements have been made for a successful picnic to-morrow. The attractions will be many. The base ball attraction to-morrow will be the game between York and Lebanon.

Amnestry Granted Insurrectionists.

PARIS, July 30.—Dispatches received here from Buenos Ayres, dated last evening, announce that the government has granted general amnestry to all persons who took part in the insurrection which broke out on Saturday.

To Attend the Encampment.

BOSTON, July 30.—The committee that visited Washington for the purpose of inviting the president to visit Boston during the National Encampment of the G. A. R. returned to-day, having received from the president positive assurance that he would be present at the encampment.

HEAVY LOSS BY FI

MANY BUSINESS AND OTHER BUIL BURNED IN SENECA, N. Y.

The Flames Start In a House and Spread, Causing Damage Exceed a Quarter of a Million Dollars.

SENECA FALLS, N. Y., July 30.—Pew building, against the erection of three or more years ago such earnest test was made, fulfilled its mission fire trap this morning. A few mi after 3 o'clock the building, which directly opposite Hoag's opera was discovered to be burning Sutherland & Squire's restaurant, in a few minutes the entire str was on fire. The flames spread to ad ing buildings and at 7 o'clock the commercial portion of the town w ashes or in flames. The Pew bui was approachable from but one side the atmosphere quickly became so that the firemen could not endure it. splendid Phœnix block, involving electric light plant, electric railway postoffice, express office, the *Reveille* ing establishment, the *Courier*, Sandere furniture warerooms and Western U telegraph office, succumbed to the fl and within four hours fifteen stores of it to the Sheldon block ruined. The flames sprang across street to Hoag's opera house before hour had passed, and that was com with all of Fall street on that side the Sheldon block, while on the north the Co-operative block was the limits. State street the flames extended to and cluded Kellogg's livery stable, but all his stock was saved.

Among the heaviest losses are the lowing: The Phœnix block, $80,000; tric Light plant, $30,000, (not wholly stroyed); Sylvester P w, $3,000; Joh block, $16,000; Howe block, $13 Desky block, $10,000; on Sheldon $7,000; Hoag hotel, damages pre $15,000; Hoag's opera house and $40,000; Daniel's block, $13,000; the block, $4,000; Crowell block, $4,500 Carlin's block $6,500; Miller block, All three newspapers are burned out the telephone service is suspended.

The Western Union is doing busi the railroad station.

The Gleason & Bailey works were several times, but the flames were down with but little injury. The fi under control at 9 o'clock, but soon out anew in Tedman & Gladke's which is now burning.

THE LOSS MAY REACH A MILLION.

AUBURN, N. Y., July 30.—A repo ceived here places the loss at $1,000,0

Failed to Pay His Employes.

UTICA, N. Y., July 30.—Le Gr Scrafford was arrested at his home city last evening, on a warrant is Governor Hill under a requisition Governor Beaver, of Pennsylvania, ing him with bringing property in York from Potter county, Pa., with to defraud his creditors. He was eng a contractor in the lumber busine firm of F. A. & C. W. Goodyear, of and employed 125 men, to whom it is alleged, $6,000. It is said that Ist he received $6,000 in cash with pay his men, and that on July 2d horses and wagons across the taking the cash with him. He years of age and has a wife and chi this city. Scrafford had been a some prominence, and at one time candidate for county clerk.

An Independent Ticket.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 30.—The Ind ent state convention did not cons labors until after four o'clock this ing. The full ticket is as follows: For ernor, J. H. Powers; for lieutenant ernor, W. H. Deck; secretary of C. Maybury; treasurer, J. V. auditor, John Beatty; attorney George G. Edgerton; commission public lands and buildings, W. F. W superintendent of public instruction, D. Almond.

As soon as the state convention adjourned the delegates to the Fi trict congressional convention and unanimously nominated ex- C. H. Van Wicke for Congress.

A Brakeman Kills His Slayer.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 30.—A Lake freight train was attacked by tramps day night near South Bend. Charles Miller was killed but not had slain his assailant. The name latter is unknown. The Lake having trouble with an organized band of tramps. Of late trains have been attacked and se men seriously injured. It is pr an effort will be made to bre gang.

Stabbed to Death