

A QUAKER CITY SCANDAL

An Infant's Body Secured by a Sensational Newspaper Reporter.

Corpses Needed to Support a "Yellow Journal" Story—The Coroner Steps in and Summons the Offender for an Explanation—The District Attorney May Take Up the Matter.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.—Coroner Dugan late yesterday afternoon issued a subpoena for Edwin Slocum, a reporter on a morning newspaper better known as "a yellow journal," commanding him to appear and explain where he got the body of an infant which he yesterday deposited in the morgue.

With the body was a note to the morgue-keeper from Dr. Benjamin Lee, of the State Board of Health, requesting him to receive the body that the reporter would bring. It was the first notice the coroner had that something suspicious was on foot when he received word from the morgue that there was a body there. The coroner detailed Detective McKinney on the case, and the latter reported that the remains looked as though they had once been buried and then dug up.

Had Coroner Dugan been with Coroner Ashton, of Montgomery county, early in the morning he would have secured some valuable information as to where the infant came from. It is generally known that yellow journals are not scrupulous when they seek to work up a sensation. Coroner Ashton, with Justice of the Peace Board, developed the story in an inquiry he conducted at Somerton's trench. If he had jurisdiction to investigate the alleged illegal burial of infants in Somerton Hills Cemetery.

The charges had been made by members of the Somerton Improvement Association, who claim that the bodies of forty-eight infants had been buried out from the city and dumped into a trench. The trench, it was shown, had been filled up since the charges became public, but, according to the stories told the coroner, there is one body lying in the trench now there on Friday night. The missing corpse, it was stated, was taken out of the trench on Saturday morning, and up to the time of the arrival of the "dead infant" at the Morgue. It is the possession of employees of the newspaper whose reporter has just been called before the coroner. Presumably the instrument of the infant had been paid for by its parents.

There is no record of a permit for its removal, as required by law, and no record of a permit for bringing a body into the city. Apparently, from the statements made to Coroner Ashton, the taking of the corpse was accompanied by that process known as "body snatching." A letter from Dr. Lee to a member of the Somerton Improvement Association stated that out of sympathy to Mr. Slocum he had directed him to take the body to the Philadelphia Morgue. He did not do this, the doctor explained in the office, as a member of the State Board of Health, nor did he want his action to be known as official.

Why the body was taken is not quite clear. John Depeue, who made the original complaint, told Coroner Ashton yesterday that the trench in which the forty-eight dead babies had been thrown was easily enough searched. It was four feet deep, "six and a half feet long, five feet wide, and two feet eight inches wide. It was covered with loose boards. All of the boards except one were hidden by a shallow layer of earth. The board left uncovered served as the trapdoor through which bodies could be dumped into the trench as they were brought in to the cemetery. This thing has been going on since a year or two ago, the incident of the Somerton Improvement Association and the matter got into the newspapers. Since then the cemetery people have covered up the trench and have been charged with malice in this matter. Malice we have none. We only want to protect our families from the danger from contagious diseases."

While Mr. Depeue was telling his story to the coroner the postman brought him a letter from Dr. Benjamin Lee, of the State Board of Health. In the letter the doctor told of the examination that had been made by a medical inspector from Norristown, and said it was clear that the law requiring a trench to be covered up at least four feet of earth had not been complied with. The letter also told how he had disposed of the body taken from the cemetery in order to save the ambitious yellow journalists from the penalties for body snatching.

J. C. Lewis, the president of the Somerton Improvement Association, told how he had brought the nuisance to the attention of Chief Good, of the Bureau of Health of Philadelphia. The latter, however, could only act so far as the improper removal of bodies from the city was concerned. The trench in which the interments were made lay on the corner of the corner of the cemetery, and was not in the jurisdiction of the city authorities.

Coroner Ashton, after considering the matter, said he would like very much to conduct an investigation, and if he could find ground for legal action he promised that such investigation would be most thorough. He thought, however, that he could only conduct an inquiry if it were shown that one of the bodies thrown into the trench was that of an infant that had died in Montgomery county.

He would, he said, lay the matter before District Attorney Henderson, and the latter might possibly reach the root of the evil by securing indictments against those responsible for the violation of the statutes governing burials. Coroner Ashton, with Justice of the Peace Board, of Moreland township, rode over to the cemetery and made an inspection of the trench. The committee of five which represents the Somerton Improvement Association includes H. S. Bomer, Fremont, Henman, John Depeue, H. B. Edwards and Dr. McKenrite. All are residents of that portion of Somerton which lies inside of the Philadelphia county line, and is included in the Thirty-fifth ward.

SORES AND ULCERS.

Sores and ulcers never become chronic unless the blood is in poor condition. It is sluggish and weak and unable to throw off the poisons that accumulate in it. The system must be relieved of the unhealthy matter through the sore, and great danger to life would follow should it head before the blood has been made pure and healthy and all impurities eliminated from the system. S.S.S. begins the cure by first cleansing and invigorating the blood, building up the general health and removing from the system a CONSTANT DRAIN UPON THE SYSTEM.

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A NEW CORPORATION LAW.

Provisions of the Measure Passed in West Virginia.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 22.—The new corporation bill has passed both houses, and will become a law as soon as approved by the Governor. The bill makes some radical changes, which will be of interest to the thousands of West Virginia corporations doing business all over the United States. It changes the mode of paying the license tax, which has heretofore been the nominal sum of \$50 on all non-resident corporations. As it now stands the license tax is graded on the amount of the authorized capital of the corporation, being less than formerly on corporations having an authorized capital of less than \$25,000, the same as heretofore on companies from \$25,000 to \$100,000, and \$50 on an additional 40 cents for each thousand of authorized capital from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000; on the second million, 20 cents per thousand; on the third million, 30 cents per thousand; on the fourth million, 40 cents per thousand; and for every million after the fourth, \$50 per million.

This may seem a hardship on some non-resident concerns, but the bill provides for the reduction of the authorized maximum limit of the capital stock of such corporations as have a larger authorized stock than their subscribed stock. The bill removes the limit as to the amount of stock a corporation can issue; it removes the limit as to the amount of real estate a corporation may hold; it authorizes a corporation to purchase the stock or securities of another corporation without this State; it provides that 60 per cent of the stock may sell the property of the corporation; it provides for the removal of corporations from the laws of other States that desire to transact business in West Virginia; and provides a license tax upon the actual amount of the property owned and used in West Virginia, and provides a minimum license of \$100 for such corporations. It provides adequate means for enforcing the penalties for non-payment of license taxes.

WOMAN WEATHER OBSERVER.

Work of Mrs. Greenwald Appreciated by the Officials.

YORK, Pa., Feb. 22.—One of the brainy women of the country is Mrs. L. H. Greenwald, of York. She is the genius that presides over the local station of the United States Weather Bureau, and daily makes forecasts and records that are of great value to the weather authorities at the National Capital. Mrs. Greenwald was sought out by a correspondent and gave him an account of her work. She has one of the best observation stations in the volunteer service, and the equipment is as good as the Government can make it. In 1887 Mrs. Greenwald was given charge of the voluntary observation work for the State. The assignment was at Philadelphia. Daily she displayed the weather flags and received reports from her chief in the Quaker City. The Franklin institute of Philadelphia in 1888 recommended her as an observer in the State weather service. She accepted the commission and set to work in earnest. Her notification by wire of the approach of storms has been especially valuable, and has brought her favorable comment from officials high up in the service. At the request of the Weather Bureau she had an exhibit at the Philadelphia Exhibition that attracted a good deal of interest.

NEWS FROM GEORGETOWN

The Merrick Debate at Georgetown College to Be Held Tonight.

Government Control of Railroads to Be the Question Discussed—The Speakers and Judges—Patriotic Exercises in the Public Schools. The Funeral of John T. Marcey.

The Merrick debate at Georgetown College will take place tonight under the direction of the Philodemic Society. The subject selected is: "Resolved, That the Federal Government should own, operate, and control all the railroads in the United States." The speakers will be introduced by Warrick J. Kennan, New York class of 1901, Thomas A. Fernand and vice W. Jones will speak for the affirmative side and Ignatius J. Costigan and George C. Green will represent the negative. The judges will be Senator Stephen B. Mallory, Representative Martin P. Glynn, and George E. Hamilton, LL. D., Dean of the law school.

At all the public schools in Georgetown the 22d was appropriately observed yesterday. At the Western High School the assembly hall was crowded with pupils and their friends. The stage was draped with flags and bunting. The exercises were opened with the singing of the first two verses of "America" and closed by the singing of the last two. An introductory address was made by Dr. A. P. Fardon, President of the Board of Trade, and speeches were made by Messrs. Charles F. Nesbitt and Leman Pierce. A paper prepared by Miss Lillian Mulligan, on "Washington's Military Ability," was read by Miss Anna Cora Gandy, and a paper on "The Influence of the 'Course of Events' intervening the Revolution and its inauguration," prepared by Miss Edith Hudson, proved very interesting.

At the Jackson building, J. Hadley Doyle spoke on "Washington as a Boy." At the Addison, Dr. George Wood presided and Duane E. Cox was the orator of the day. The exercises at the Carver were participated in by the children alone, George J. Zastler and Rev. W. S. O. Thomas being unable to appear. Dr. Rufus Cheate, of the Episcopal church, and Rev. William C. Alexander, editor of the country's first newspaper, at the Phillips Col. L. B. Bridges, editor of the "Herald of Washington," of Washington, Albert Stabler presided.

The Washington Birthday exercises at the Templeton building, Annapolis, Chorus, "America," by entire school recitations, "Memory of Washington," by Lillie Smith; "Little Red Stamp," by John Johnson; "Washington," by Edith Allen; "Friend of Washington," by Fred Pumphrey.

Composition, "George Washington," by William Trigg; "Washington's Boyhood," by Harry Rider.

Chorus, "Star Spangled Banner," by fifth grade.

Recitations by younger students, "A Ballad," by Hilda Simpson; "Annabelle Paxton," and "Washington's First Letter," by Doris Sabin.

Chorus, "Breath Into This Quiet Vale," by boys of seventh and eighth grades.

Addresses were made by Rev. Father J. C. Mallon and the Rev. Mr. Peck. The exercises closed with the chorus, "God Bless our Native Land," by the entire school.

Harry White, who pitched so successfully last year for the Georgetown University baseball team, signed articles yesterday to play for the Philadelphia team, of the National League, the coming season. Last year White was considered the best college pitcher in the East.

The funeral of John T. Marcey took place today at 2 p. m. from the home of his sister, Mrs. Emma Reynolds, 315 O Street. The Rev. Dr. Frank H. Havener, of Dunbar M. E. Church, officiated at the services. The interment was at Oak Hill Cemetery. Those who acted as pallbearers were Cicero Beckham, Calvin Payne, Thomas Bremmerman, and Marshall Deener.

Rev. Sandy Alexander, the aged pastor of the First Baptist Church, is growing weaker daily.

The bursting of a steam pipe at the Georgetown College early this morning brought the fire department out, though the engine's services were not needed.

DEATH OF EX-SENATOR WHITE.

The Legislature Superior Court and the California Adjourned.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 22.—Death came suddenly yesterday to Stephen M. White, who was considered one of the ablest Senators California ever sent to Washington. He had been suffering from ulceration of the stomach for several days, and his condition was not thought to be dangerous. After midnight he began to show alarming symptoms, and sank rapidly when he was surrounded by his family. Since his retirement from the United States Senate several months ago, Senator White had been living quietly in Los Angeles, attending to his legal business. He had not been in the best of health for some time. His wife and children were at his bedside when he came and he was conscious to the last. Mrs. White at first desired the funeral should be of a private character, but the Senator's friends are so numerous that this plan has been abandoned. All the departments of the Superior Court adjourned as a token of respect and a meeting of the Los Angeles Bar Association has been called to allow the expression of respect and condolence. The State Legislature also adopted resolutions and adjourned.

Senator White was the most popular Democrat in California and before his health broke down many of his friends believed he was marked out for a Presidential nomination. He came of good country stock of Irish extraction. He was a great-grandnephew of Gerald Griffin, the Irish novelist. His father was a rancher of Santa Clara County.

Mr. White was educated at the Catholic College of Santa Clara, and then went to the law office of San Francisco. He began practice in Los Angeles, and soon gained a wide reputation for learning and eloquence. As a political speaker he was without an equal in the State. He was elected in the United States Senate in 1892, and his term expired in 1899.

NO BRYAN BIRTHDAY DINNER.

A Request Made That the Anniversary Be Not Honored.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 22.—The birthday of William J. Bryan will not be celebrated this year, as it has been for several years past. The Bryan Anniversary Club recently held a meeting at which time objection was raised to celebrating Mr. Bryan's birthday. This reached Mr. Bryan, and he wrote a 400-word letter in which he said among other things: "I wish you would announce that I prefer not to have my birthday celebrated. I do not wish a party to be given in my honor, and, if possible, misconstrue my acts. While I appreciate the honor done me by your club in the past, I fear the observance of my birthday would be misconstrued by some as an effort to keep me before the public as a candidate." In view of this letter the club unanimously decided not to have the banquet.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE NATIONAL METROPOLITAN BANK.

At Washington, D. C., at the close of business February 5, 1901.

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