



HOW THE BRITISH LANCERS OPENED THE WAY TO PRETORIA.

WHITNEY'S WEEKLY BUDGET OF NEWS

THE STRANGE CASE OF PHILIP VETTER, OF BROOKDALE.

Glimpse at the Graduates from the Erie—Other Notes Concerning the Railroaders—Opinions from a Close Observer—The Long and Short of It—Personal and Other Notes.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Susquehanna, June 24.—The investigation made by several physicians in Philadelphia in the case of Philip Vetter, of Brookdale, this county, has brought to light a strange condition. Vetter was born an idiot. He is harmless until a new moon appears in the sky. Then his quick nature becomes demoralized, and he can only be controlled by being tightly bound. His "new moon" spells, as his father calls them, have increased in violence and duration during the last few years, and his father, a South-Carolina man, has feared that he would kill the family. In the old of the moon Philip is good-natured and even jovial. It is said that, by slow degrees, his skin is turning white.

SOME NEWS MATTERS. At the home of the bride, Wednesday evening, by Rev. David I. Swenson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, J. Storm Varick and Mrs. Louise Swenson were united in marriage. They left last night for the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence and other points of interest. The Canawana Water Supply company will next commence the erection of a covered reservoir of 5,000 barrel capacity, in Laneshore. There will be a big fruit crop this season in Susquehanna county. Apples and peaches will be especially plentiful. The yield of strawberries will be larger than producers do not want to pick five-cent berries this year, as they did last year. The organization of the Automobile club in Susquehanna has been indefinitely deferred. Quite a number of Tribune fresh-air children will soon arrive in this vicinity.

GRADUATED FROM THE ERIE. A larger proportion, perhaps, of the well-known railroad managers of this country graduated from the Erie railroad than from any other railroad, among them Benjamin Thomas, president and general manager of the Western Indiana Railroad and Chicago Belt Line, who began with the Erie as a telegraph operator; Frank S. Gannon, third vice-president and general manager of the great Southern railroad system, who started his career as an engine wiper on the Erie; Edgar Van Etten, general superintendent of the Michigan Midland division of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad, who began as an Erie paymaster's clerk; J. N. Abbott, vice-president and general manager of the Consolidated Electric Lighting and Equipment company, who started in as a clerk in the operating department of the Erie; W. J. Murphy, general superintendent of the Queen and Crescent line, who began as a telegraph operator for the Erie, and J. B. Moran, superintendent of the Canada and Michigan Midland division of the Michigan Central, who was originally a water boy on the Erie.

MERELY SAID ASIDE. The average girl would rather admit she was not a Christian than to admit she had been eating onions. Farmer Woodward, of Cascade, has a big carp pond. The other night they left the confines of the pond, passed over a six-acre potato field, and ate every vine in sight. There are no Susquehanna county people thus far engaged in the grand international hunt for pigtales. Let the sweet girl graduate believe she knows it all. She will know better later on. The "Boxer" will eventually be knocked out. This is the open season for hunting Chinese dragons. It is stated that the ties of human kinship are so far-reaching that when we meet a guilty man we shrink from looking him in the face. There are trying times when life seems like a woman's work-basket, all hooks and no eyes.

RAILROAD NOTES. Quite a number of Erie train men have recently secured positions on southern railroads. The Erie expects and is prepared for a business excursion business this season. Railroad men report slightly improved business on the Jefferson branch of the Erie. If Tuscarora is made the northern terminus of the Pennsylvania division of the Delaware and Hudson road, will there be a second "Fall of Nineveh"? At present Tuscarora consists of several piles of railroad ties and mine props and a few other things of less value. Willis Harris, foreman of the Erie car repair shops, is in Saratoga, attending a meeting of car builders. PLOTSAM AND JETSAM. Many Susquehanna and vicinity horses are suffering from distemper. Astronomers are busy searching for another world. And yet this one seems to be more than people can readily handle. A Carbondale gold mine recently purchased a gold brick, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Bryan has warned people a thousand times to beware of gold. A close observer notes that when a woman is feeling the airiest is generally the time when a big, ugly safety pin sticks out from under her belt at the back. Some old circus, same old band; Some old sawdust, same old stand; Some old beats and some parade; Some old peaches, some lemonade; Some old clowns, same old jest; Some old crowd, with brand new zest.—Flattler.

THE SHORT OF IT. There will probably be a parade of the Susquehanna fire department next fall. The County Christian Endeavor convention at Uniondale closed last evening. It was a success. Rev. P. E. Broderick, the able and popular pastor of St. John's Catholic church, is at Glen Summit attending the annual retreat of the priests of the Scranton diocese. It is said that number of Democratic candidates for congressman in this district "are in the hands of their friends." If the friends are wise they will keep them there. By the death of an aunt in England, a thirty-year young man has fallen heir to \$10,000. "Good to the aunt, too stupid to guard!" Miss Morris came to Charles Gilmore's to help with the summer sewing.—Ontario Herald. Sewing or sewing. Friday will be a good day to take the census in Montrose, Circuit! The census will undoubtedly show that Susquehanna is the largest town in the county, by a large majority. Forest City is a second worthy of honorable mention. Whitney.

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DEBATE AT BLOOMSBURG. Recognized Societies at Normal, Discuss Philippine Affairs. Special to the Scranton Tribune. Bloomsburg, June 24.—The annual prize debate between the Philologist society and the Webster Debating club, two of the recognized societies of the Normal school, took place last evening in the Normal auditorium. The participants in the annual prize debate are selected by the respective societies from among those most successful in the periodical debates during the year. It is considered a special distinction to be a participant in the annual event, at which time cash prizes in gold are awarded to the successful contestants. The event of last evening was participated in by Messrs. J. H. Oliver, (Pro), of Scranton; G. E. Elmer Wilbur, (Con), of Bloomsburg; Laurence C. Moore, (W. D. C.), of Marysville, for the affirmative; and Miss Fredrica Bogart, (W. D. C.), of Huntington Mills; Messrs. Edward L. Yerg, (W. D. C.), of Forttown, and J. Grant Kehler, (Pro), of Mt. Carmel, for the negative. The subject was, "Resolved, That the United States Should Recognize the Independence of the Philippine Islands." The judges were Prof. W. A. Turnbull, Hazleton; Prof. Raymond Wilson, Danville, and Dr. Martin, Orangeville. The judges awarded first prize to Mr. G. Elmer Wilbur; second, to Mr. J. H. Oliver; and third to Mr. J. Grant Kehler, two of the affirmative, and one of the negative—all of Philologist society. The B. S. N. S. orchestra rendered selections at the opening and closing of the debate. This afternoon Rev. D. John P. Doucher, president of the Women's college of Baltimore, Md., delivered the baccalaureate sermon, which was an able effort, and listened to attentively by the graduates, students and many assembled visitors.

NICHOLSON. Special to the Scranton Tribune. Nicholson, June 23.—Ray Snyder has a thoroughbred bird dog, a pointer named Jennie, that is the mother of ten little puppies. At a meeting of the Daughters of Erin held on Friday evening the following officers were elected: President, Elizabeth Hines; vice president, Bridget Walsh; recording secretary, Cecelia McGlynn; financial secretary, Anna Ward; stewards, Alice Conway, Mrs. D. J. Burns, Elizabeth Lawlor; Mrs. D. J. Burns, Elizabeth Lawlor; sentinel, Margaret McKee; treasurer, Mrs. Margaret O'Malley. William Hoban, Owen Ruane, Michael Hopkins, St. Michael's, Toronto; M. J. Murray, of St. Bonaventura's,

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AVOCA. John, the 24-year-old son of ex-Mayor Loftus, of Moosic, died yesterday morning at the Hillside sanitarium, to which place he was removed a few years ago. The remains were conveyed to the home of his parents yesterday. His mother has several drawers in use. One contained a small sum of money and the other was empty. They missed the one containing money, but ransacked the empty one. D. Conklin Torrey, who was stabbed by his brother, James, near White's Ferry, Wyoming county, last Wednesday afternoon, died at the Wilkes-Barre hospital Friday morning. Both men had been drinking and became engaged in a quarrel over family affairs. Their mother had owned property near Moosic, and when she died she left a good share of it to D. Conklin Torrey. This was not pleasing to the elder brother, James, and quarrels over the matter were frequent. The quarrel on Wednesday was of this nature. George Sutton, father-in-law of the deceased, in company with George Torrey, a brother, came to Tunkhannock Saturday morning and made information against James Torrey. Sheriff Gray and constable Robert Platt were sent to arrest him. Dell Scott, who has been employed for some time in the bobbin factory at Carbondale, has accepted a position with the Winola woolen mill of this place. Mrs. Rose Herrick and son, Chase, are at Kingston, visiting with Mrs. Herrick's parents.

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he had except in the latter city, as the interrupted track prevented the arrival of any train from Macon. Nearly the entire male population of McDonough went to the scene to render assistance, but little could be done by the rescuers, as the fire kept them at a distance. At daylight the bodies that had floated from the gorge were gathered up. One body was found a mile from the wreck and many were seen along its banks.

Wreck Train Starts. A wreck train was started out from Atlanta at midnight, but owing to the burning wreckage, nothing could be done until morning. A special train, at 6 o'clock this morning, took doctors, ministers, railroad officials and helpers to the scene, but nothing could be done, save to gather up the bodies.

As the dead were found they were removed to McDonough. There were two undertakers there. Both establishments were soon filled with mangled remains of the passengers. Some of the bodies were terribly burned, while others were crushed beyond recognition. The only means of identification in the majority of the cases were letters and papers in the pockets of the victims in the catastrophe.

The bodies were prepared for burial as rapidly as possible. Some may be buried at McDonough. Others will be sent to their homes in the next few days, as their proper addresses can be ascertained. Only three women were in the train. Two escaped. It is presumed that the other perished, but the body has not been found.

Besides the regular crew of the train several conductors and other employees were en route to Atlanta to spend Sunday. All were killed. Conductor W. A. Barely was in charge of the train. A section boss with a gang of eight negroes occupied seats in the second-class coach. They were on their way to repair a washout on the Georgia Midland and Gulf road. Not one escaped when the car went down.

Condensed Knowledge. As much as \$2,500,000,000 has been lent to other nations by the Irish. France has more money over 60 years of age than any other country. Ireland comes next. St. Paul's Cathedral is the most heavily insured building in Great Britain. It is insured for \$25,000 in ten offices. Years ago the word "idiot" meant simply a private person as distinguished from a public official. A "clown" was only a farmer. "Mac" the Scotchman means son, so Macperson means "son of a person," and Macdonald is the name of Donald. Fairness means "fair of face."

It used to be the custom to call an industrious peasant a "villain," and a "knave" was simply a boy. "Silly" meant bleated in old German and the old Saxon meant nothing out of the way when they met a "silly" man. Indiana has ninety-two counties. In these are 1,016 townships. Of this number forty-six were named after Jackson, forty-six after Washington, twenty after Harrison and Jefferson; Wayne and Clay each were honored twelve times.

It is announced that the Russian astronomical society has finally given up its attempt to revise the Julian calendar. The Russian calendar will stand with Greece in clinging to the system of the first Caesar and against all Europe. In China, twelve and one-half miles from the village of Liou-Chou, there is a mountain of alum, which, in addition to being a natural curiosity, is a source of wealth for the inhabitants of the country, who dig from it yearly tons of alum. The Chinese military academy at West Point was founded in 1802. It has graduated 3,032 cadets. Of these 2,010 are dead, 1,022 living. There are now in the army (on the active and retired lists) 1,259 graduates; in civil life, therefore, 850 living graduates.

Wall Street Review. New York, June 23.—The Saturday session of the stock exchange was a feverish and exciting one, resulting in a gain of much the same influence as for some days past. The sentiment observable for some time past among the professional members of the market was over-sold and was due for a rally in evidence at the opening and was reinforced by some of the cash results of the clearing house. Stocks began to come on the market in large volume toward the end of the first hour. Northern Pacific led the advance, rising to 42 1/2, the high level after the opening. Extreme volatility characterized the trading, the market holding comparatively firm and shorts covered in anticipation of the bank statement. The bank statement, issued at 10 o'clock, showed the bank in a strong position, with a surplus of \$10,000,000. The market was strengthened by the bank statement, which was expected to be a source of the drain which has distressed the cash results of the clearing house institutions to the extent of \$