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QUERY: What is the limit of the absorbing power of Western Union?

IT seems that in the Capital City of the United States swine are permitted to run at large and attend banquets.

MRS. CLEVELAND continues to run well. If Grover were a wise man he would decline in her favor. "The gray mare is the better horse."

IN these days everything grows big in Wheeling. Big Reunion, big State Fair, last night the biggest musical event in the city annals. "Nothing succeeds like success."

IF we have ever said anything against Mr. Gould absorbing the Baltimore & Ohio or any other telegraph line, we desire to take it back in a hurry. When the lion roareth the prudent man taketh a back seat.

THIS is a year of big fairs, big reunions, big business enterprises and big things generally in West Virginia. Judging from the length of the strides being taken just now, it won't be a great while until the boom reaches high water mark.

THE wife of Count Mitkiewicz is more envied by her sex than any of the numerous fortunate women in Washington City. And no wonder! It isn't every woman who receives a present of a hundred silk dresses and jewels without number all in one day.

THE President need go no farther than the office of his Collector of Internal Revenue in Tennessee for an opportunity to exercise his boasted civil service reform. There Collector Hillsman, it is reliably shown, assesses his subordinates from five to ten dollars each to aid the anti-prohibition campaign fund.

COLONEL McLEAN, whose friends made so earnest a fight for his nomination for Governor in the last Republican State Convention, talks entertainingly in today's INTELLIGENCER. At this stage of the game it is not necessary to get excited over the next ticket, but it is not too early to remark that Colonel McLean would make a rattling good run and a first rate Governor. There are more good men in the Republican party in West Virginia, and any one of them may prove to be the elect. At this time the INTELLIGENCER is not loading up with anybody's preferred stock.

IF the reports concerning the Medical Congress at Washington are not grossly exaggerated, the visiting doctors from other countries are fully justified in complaining about the peculiar style of hospitality that they have been experiencing for the past few days.

In view of the fact that these gentlemen, representing every civilized government in the world, are guests of the Nation, a perusal of the accounts of the rowdyish performances by our people at Wednesday night's banquet is enough to bring a blush of shame to the face of every citizen of refinement. Less than a year ago just such disgraceful scenes were witnessed at a public reception given by the Chinese minister in the Capital city.

These episodes reflect little credit upon those concerned in them, least of all upon the committee whose mismanagement has made them possible. Let us hope that our foreign guests will not go home with the impression that the outrageous treatment to which they have been subjected is a specimen of real American hospitality, or that the boorish element of Washington society represents American breeding.

THE "PROGRESSIVE PARTY."

Socialists Present Their Petition for Appointment of Inspectors.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—The committee of Socialists appointed at the Webster Hall meeting last night, called at police headquarters this morning, to present their petition for the appointment of Inspectors of election.

Clerk Delamater received them in the absence of the Commissioners. The petition, which covers twelve pages of legal cap, declares that the Progressive Labor party is a distinct organization capable of obtaining and casting votes, and contemplates holding a State convention to nominate State officers.

The party claim to alone embody the labor societies, and asserts that it is responsible for the 68,000 votes cast in this county last year for George. The committee expressed confidence that the Commission at their meeting, next Tuesday, would recognize the Socialists to the exclusion of the Georgeites.

One Democrat Looked.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Sept. 9.—There is considerable excitement over the charges against Collector Hillaman, of the Internal Revenue district, that he had assessed all his subordinates $5 to $10 each for the anti-Prohibition campaign fund. The matter got out from a private letter from Ed. Wells, a storekeeper at Maxwell, to his mother, in which he says he doesn't like to contribute, but supposes he must. His mother and father, who are warm Prohibitionists, made the letter public. Wells yesterday reiterated his statement and additional details.

Jeff Davis Favors Local Option.

BOONEVILLE, Mo., Sept. 9.—In a letter to Wallace Williams, editor of the *Advertiser*, in response to an inquiry as to his position respecting local option and prohibition, Jefferson Davis writes that he is in favor of the exercise of the power of local option. He commends it because the adoption of the rule would depend upon the consent of the governed, and, being supported by public opinion, could be peaceably and properly enforced.

German Resistance to Prohibition.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 9.—Alarmed at the rapid spread of Prohibition, which is enlisting the ladies in its cause, and turning polling places into free picnics and gospel song meetings, counter associations are organizing, and one of the most vigorous is that known as the League of Personal Liberty, which, so far, is confined to the Germans. It has for its object resistance to Prohibition. There is every prospect for a branch of the league being established in every large city in the country.

FOR cramps and colics. The original Brown's Ginger. Frederick Brown, Philadelphia, 1822.

DISGRACEFUL SCENE

AT THE WASHINGTON BANQUET

Given to the Medical Congress—Gross Exhibition of Ill Breeding on the Part of Some Citizens who Attended—Interesting Proceedings Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 9.—The doctors are not altogether satisfied with their visit. The trouble is that the whole affair has been managed in an execrable manner. Crowds of hungry clerks and boarding house keepers, together with a considerable sprinkling of the demi monde, were wedged in everywhere at the grand reception on Wednesday evening. The guests were crowded into the hallways because of the rush of outsiders. At the President's reception on Tuesday many of the doctors and their families were unable to see the President and Mrs. Cleveland. The reason was that more citizens of Washington were in the line. But last night capped the climax. A "buffet banquet" was given at the Pension building. Preparations were made for the comfortable accommodation of about five hundred people. There was nearly five thousand present. In consequence it was aptly described as a "hog drove." To the credit of the doctors, it must be said they conducted themselves admirably under the trying circumstances, but there were hundreds of people present who have no connection whatever with the profession, except to accept treatment and to forget to pay the fees. These people seized bottles of champagne, grabbed cakes from the tables and appropriated the floral decorations by wholesale. They broke glass and crockery, and created a scene which has not been witnessed since the celebrated raid on the Chinese legation last winter. Washington has a very unenviable reputation for events of this character.

INTERESTING TALK ON INSANITY.

Most of the sections of the Congress had their final meeting-to-day. Of all the sections that on dental and oral surgery has probably attracted the most people. Two large rooms were fitted up with the latest appliances in the dental art, and each morning clinics were held at which dentistry was exemplified by free operation performed by leading dentists in this country and Europe. Dr. Pavy, the celebrated London physician, read a paper on diabetis before the section on general medicine.

Dr. W. W. Gooding, Superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the Insane, in a paper on Insanity as a Defense for Crime, read before the physiological section, said that insanity is the mental manifestations of bodily disease and not a question of the knowledge of right and wrong. The position of the courts to-day on this question, the doctor said, was most fairly represented by the ruling of Judge Cox in the Guiteau case—that a jury must decide whether the accused at the time of committing the act knew the difference between right and wrong in respect of the acts. The trouble was that judges have made only a metaphysical study of insanity. They should spend a few weeks in a hospital and make the acquaintance of a few crazy people and they would not then be guilty of the absurdity of expecting an insane person to act reasonably in regard to his delusions. He predicted that the New Hampshire rulings as to insanity, which Judge Cox rejected as judicial heresy, would one day prevail. These rulings were that all questions of insanity were facts for the jury to determine and not rulings for the court. He further predicted the abolition of the knowledge of the right and wrong test as applied to insanity, and that law and medicine would unite on this test question as a fact for the jury to decide, viz, did the crime result from the insanity of the defendant?

A reception was tendered to the Congress this afternoon by Secretary Whitney at his country residence.

CARLISLE EXPLAINS.

He Says it Was Unnecessary for Him to Take Testimony.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 9.—Mr. Carlisle, in explaining his position in the Thoebe contest, last night, said: "I don't want to try the case in the newspapers or to talk about it for publication; but there is so singular a misapprehension in regard to it that it is not improper, I suppose, for me to say that I took no testimony, for the simple reason that it was unnecessary for me to do so.

The contestant in his notice charged fraud and irregularity in almost every precinct in the district, but when he came to his evidence he did not even attempt to prove anything except that there were four illegal votes cast for me in one precinct at Covington, and I do not think the evidence is sufficient to show that these four votes were actually cast for me. But assuming that they were, it makes no difference in the result, as my majority was 815. I saw no reason why I should take testimony.

"The charge that I intend to rely upon legal technicality only, and that I will ask an extension of time to take testimony, is preposterous. The law allowed me all the time necessary, if I had decided to avail myself of it. Certainly I would not accept a seat in the House if my right to it could be sustained only by relying on technicality, and, so far from relying on any such ground, I do not even intend to employ an attorney or submit any argument to a committee of the House. Members can take the record just as my opponents have made it up, and upon that they can decide the case without inference from me."

A Hundred Silk Dresses.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—The Chinese officials, besides falling in love with Count Mitkiewicz, have taken a violent fancy to his wife. They have never seen the lady, but they sent her some wonderful presents. There are in the assortment a magnificent pair of diamond ear-rings, one hundred beautiful silk dresses of as many different designs, countless pieces of Chinese bric-a-brac, thirty or forty rings of the most exquisite workmanship, besides a great array of gold and ivory ornaments and idols that only a Chinese artist can produce. Countess Mitkiewicz gave a reception to members of the Chinese legation yesterday evening. There was a rumor last night, which could not be traced to any particular source, that the reason that led ex-Governor Porter to resign as assistant Secretary of the State, was an offer that he had received of a place in the directory of the contemplated Chinese National bank. Governor Porter could not be found to deny or confirm the rumor.

Are They Afraid?

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 9.—It can be settled upon authority that the friends of ex-Speaker Carlisle in the next Congress have been seriously considering with him the advisability of not allowing his name to go before the Democratic caucus as a candidate for speaker, but to put some one of their number forward for that position, and to make Mr. Carlisle chairman of the ways and means committee.

Killed by a Base Ball.

BROOKLYN, Sept. 9.—John Gale, colored, aged forty, was struck on the temple by a base ball while crossing a field where some boys were playing and died last night. Charles Miller, who batted the ball, was arrested.

GORED TO DEATH.

An Illinois Farmer Terribly Mangled by a Mad Bull.

HINSDALE, ILL., Sept. 9.—Farmer Lyman, a resident of the southern part of Downer's Grove township, was gored to death by a bull on Wednesday.

Mr. Lyman and another man went into the pasture to look at some cattle, when the bull attacked the owner and gored him in a terrible manner. His companion escaped to a barn, and he and another man mounted horses, armed themselves with pitchforks, and galloped back to the rescue. They were too late, however, for Mr. Lyman was dead.

The bull stood near the mutilated body, bellowing angrily. His eyes were rolling, froth was dripping from his mouth, and his tail was lashing the air. The excited horsemen charged fiercely upon him with the pitchforks, and after a stubborn fight the bull ran away.

Returning to the body of Mr. Lyman, the men found it terribly mutilated and disfigured. One ear was torn off and he was nearly disemboweled. Mr. Lyman's companion says, that when the infuriated bull first knocked his victim down, Mr. Lyman lay still and the animal simply walked around his prostrate form, pawing and bellowing. It was then that the witness ran for a horse, thinking that Mr. Lyman would lie still until he should arrive armed. It is supposed that Mr. Lyman got up, and that the act was the signal for the animal to renew the attack which resulted in the death of the unfortunate man.

KENTUCKY FORESTS AFIRE.

Property of Farmers Destroyed Owing to a Scarcity of Water.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Sept. 9.—A disastrous forest fire is raging near Meadow Lawn, about fifteen miles from this city, and many acres of fine timber have been destroyed.

The fire originated on the farm of Meinhert Hassel, where a barn caught fire from some unknown cause. Communicating to the dry grass of the parched meadow land the woods were soon ignited, and a brisk breeze fanned and spread the flames.

The farmers are obliged to stand idly by and see their possessions swept from them on account of the scarcity of water, there being barely enough for the stock on their places. In many instances farmers saved their property from destruction by cutting their stubble lands on fire ahead of the main fire, and thus the great blaze would die out when it reached their places for want of fuel.

The fires extended for a distance of about three miles square, and are easily communicated from one strip of woods to another. Much valuable property has already been consumed, but it is thought the progress of the fire has been checked, and that it will soon exhaust itself.

A $55,000 Blaze.

ROARING SPRINGS, PA., Sept. 9.—The Roaring Springs blank book factory and ware room, with all their contents, and also a wagon factory, were burned this morning. Loss, $55,000; insurance $12,000.

Minnie Maddern Sues For Divorce.

DETROIT, MICH., Sept. 9.—It is announced that during the recent visit of Minnie Maddern to Detroit, steps were taken looking to a divorce of the actress from her husband, LeGrand White. Few people outside of the profession knew that Minnie Maddern was married, and fewer in the ranks knew that she had not lived with her husband for three years. She was married in St. Louis when only sixteen years old. White was then in the orchestra of Pope's Theatre. What grounds Miss Maddern will sue on are not stated.

A School for Convicts.

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 9.—The school for convicts at the State prison, the first ever attempted in this country, was opened here last evening. A short address was made to the twenty-five convicts by Deputy-Keeper Hemsing, designed to stimulate a desire for study in the pupils. A. V. Stanley and Frank Sidney, two well educated prisoners, have been delegated as teachers. Attendance is optional. All pupils are provided with slates and books. Yesterday's session lasted two hours. As accommodations are meagre it will require a division into four classes to accommodate all who wish to attend.

Favors the Sale of Oklahoma.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., September 9.—The National election for Chief, Second Chief and members of the House of Kings Warriors occurred Tuesday. Returns come in slowly, but so far indicate the election of Lagus Perryman, of Tulsa, as Chief over Joe Perryman, the present incumbent. Legus Perryman favors the sale of Oklahoma. He is a man of good ability, fine education, has been delegate to Washington, D. C., and enjoys the confidence of the people. The election went off quietly, and but one shooting scrape occurred.

A Defalcation that Causes Talk.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—A defalcation that is all the talk among the members of the Manufacturing Jewelers' Board of Trade, has just been made public. Through the dishonesty of George E. Emery, Secretary of that organization, it loses $3,000 or more. With the aid of friends and relatives Mr. Emery has been able to make practical restitution in order to avoid prosecution. His whereabouts are at present unknown.

Five Libel Suits in Three Years.

WABASH, IND., September 9.—Nannie Linn, the divorced wife of Lee Linn, at present editor of the Dennison (Texas) *News*, but formerly editor of the Wabash *Courier*, is next of kin of Lee Linn, jr., has begun suit against the Wabash *Times* for $5,000. The suit is based on an article published last February. The *Times* is but three years old and has been sued for libel five times.

He Assaulted an American.

EL PASO, TEX., Sept. 9.—Licenciado Nyera, of Paso del Norte, who is prosecuting attorney and next in authority to Judge Zubia, who recently assaulted Consul Brigham, has received a telegram announcing the suspension of Zubia and instructing him to turn over immediately the archives, etc., of the court letters to the first alcaide, Juan Barelo.

Meeting of the Western Nail Association.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 9.—A meeting of the Western Nail Association will be held at Cincinnati on next Wednesday. A member of the Association stated to-day that there was no improvement in the stagnancy of the market. He did not believe that there would be any change made in the card rate of nails.

Ex-Congressman Talbott Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Sept. 9.—Ex-Congressman Albert G. Talbott, of Kentucky, died from heart failure this morning at the residence of his father-in-law, Mr. P. Watson, at Chestnut Hill. Mr. Talbott formerly took an active part in Kentucky politics and represented that State in Congress from 1855 to 1859.

Death of Rachel Booth, the Actress.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—Pretty little Rachel Booth, the actress, died yesterday at her home in this city of an illness of long standing.

PROBABLY SOLD.

THE B. & O. TELEGRAPH LINES

Reported to Have been Disposed of to Jay Gould and the Western Union—Great Excitement, and Western Union Stock Forced Up—The Syndicate Reticent.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—It was reported on Stock Exchange this afternoon that Jay Gould had purchased the Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph lines, the consideration being $3,500,000 in Western Union stock. The announcement was followed by a wild scene in the Western Union. A crowd of fully 200 brokers gathered around the spot alloted to it in the exchange, and their purchases, which were enormous, forced the price from 77⅞ to 79¼ in less than a quarter of an hour. Gould was on Wall street a good part of the day in conference with members of the Baltimore & Ohio syndicate for over an hour and a half. At three o'clock he left for Irvington. President Green, of the W. U. refused to speak in regard to this matter. One of the representatives of the syndicate admitted, however, that the report is only premature and that the sale is inevitable. What the terms were he refused to state. It is said on the street that stock of the Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph Company, amounting to $3,872,600, and held by the B. & O. R.R. Co. among its assets will be exchanged for Western Union stock, and that the arrangements made will probably be placed before the stockholders at the annual meeting on the second Wednesday in October.

The Report Denied.

BALTIMORE, MD., Sept. 9.—D. H. Bates, President of the Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph Company, in an interview tonight positively denies the rumor that the Baltimore & Ohio telegraph system had been sold to the Western Union and says further that no negotiations are pending that are likely to so result.

ANOTHER BIG TIME.

Meeting of the Jefferson County Agricultural Society—Speech by Mr. Faulkner.

Special Correspondence of the Intelligencer.

HARPER'S FERRY, W. VA., Sept. 8.—It was my pleasure on Wednesday to attend the fourth annual free exhibition of the Farmer's Stock and Agricultural Society, held at Moler's Grove, Jefferson county, W. Va. This exhibition, without going into detail, partakes very much of the nature of what is known as a county fair, except, perhaps, there is no gambling, no wheels of fortune, no balloon venders, no umbrella peddlers and no organ grinders. The remarkable success with which this Society has been attended, when we consider that there no actual organization, is truly wonderful, and the secret, we think, is that it is no money-making scheme, being devoted simply to the advancement of the social and agricultural interests of the county. The special feature of this, the opening day, was the address of welcome by the Hon. E. Boyd Faulkner, of Martinsburg. When the carriage containing the distinguished speaker and his party pulled into the grove the woods rang with the

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that greeted it; from every side came flocking the true, hardy sons of the soil to do honor to their honored guest. Words fail us when we would express what we felt, standing there silent witnesses of this scene. With a hearty shake of the hand, a kind word, and pleasant greeting for all, he was finally elbowed through the crowd to the speaker's stand, which had been neat beautifully and tastefully decorated for the occasion. Capt. Lee H. Moler, in a few pertinent remarks, introduced Mr Faulkner as the orator of the day, and amid a lusty round of applause from an admiring audience of perhaps twelve hundred persons, Mr. F. acknowledged the introduction. His speech born of a thorough acquaintance with his subject, the object and

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was one long to be remembered. Everyone was charmed not less by the easy and natural flow of his elegant language, the high and lofty sentiments of his heart, than by the earnest, impelling, graceful bearings of the speaker himself. He referred in glowing terms to the hospitality of the Jefferson people, to their beautiful and accomplished women, to their comfortable homesteads, to their friendly social gatherings, the necessity of thorough organization and the results which have been accomplished by it, and concluded in a grand rhetorical flight in a welcome to all—"welcome as kindly showers to a long parched earth."

A letter was read by the President of the Society explaining the unavoidable absence of the Hon. William H. Travers, who was also to have delivered an address.

In the afternoon Mr. John O. Aglionby, said to be the happiest old bachelor in Jefferson, entertained the audience with one of his incomparable speeches. To-morrow other distinguished speakers will be present. B.

Reward for Cartwright's Murderer.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

FAIRMONT, W. VA., Sept. 9.—The County Court to-day offered a reward of $500 for the apprehension of the murderer of John Cartwright.

A Preacher Who Carried a Pistol.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Sept. 9.—Last night while ascending a flight of stairs in the hotel at Hurricane, a small town in Putnam county, the Rev. Wm. Fully fell. A pistol in his pocket was discharged, the bullet entered his body near the heart, and he died in a few minutes. He was thirty years old.

Methodist Church in Luck.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Sept. 9.—The *Journal's* Wabash special reports that at Warsaw, Ind., to-day Chaplain McCabe, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, received in behalf of the Board the largest private donation ever made to that body or for missions in the history of the Church. The gift consists of property in Warsaw valued at $130,000, and the donors are Elijah Hayes and wife.

Three Men Buried Alive.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—Thomas Kelly, Michael Crowe and another man named Walters were buried alive this evening in the aqueduct at North Yonkers. The earth above caved in on them. They lie under 120 feet of earth and there is no possible chance of their having escaped instant death.

The Legal Holiday There.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—To-day is a legal holiday in California, it being the 37th anniversary of the admission of California in the Union. Business is almost entirely suspended throughout the State and celebrations are being held in all large cities.

About the only way to make it certain that a Napoleon of Finance will know where his books are would be to put the books in jail and keep the Napoleon handy to watch them.

POWDERLY TO RESIGN.

Tom O'Reilly Says His Next Message will be his Last.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—Tom O'Reilly, Master Workman of the Telegraphers' Brotherhood, says Powderly's message to the next assembly will be his last. In an interview in the *Herald* he says: "Powderly has been calumniated with a bitterness and malevolence that are painful to contemplate. He has been stimatized as a drunkard, although he has never known the taste of intoxicants; has been charged with servile submission to this or that faction, although in the full consciousness of his own honesty, and moral courage, he fears neither man nor devil. The character of his private life and uniform tenor of his public conduct is sufficient answer to the calumny and abuse heaped upon him." "What is the present condition of the order?" "I believe there is no man, however, indifferent about the interests of the movement, who will not readily confess that the situation to which we are now reduced, whether it has arisen from the violence of faction, or otherwise, justifies the most melancholy apprehension, and calls for the exertion of whatever wisdom or vigor is left among us. The delegates to the Minneapolis convention will represent fully eight hundred thousand members in good standing, but it is unquestionably true that the order numbers less active members than it did one year ago. I believe that were it not for internal dissensions and radical differences of opinion as to purposes and methods, the membership would be two million at the present moment. As it is, however, the order to-day is the most powerful illustration of unity that organized labor has ever exhibited." "Will the present officers be deposed at Minneapolis?" "It is very probable that the personnel of the board will be slightly changed. I trust that the service of John W. Hayes will be retained. He is a faithful and competent officer, and a true and zealous Knight. No one has a more perfect knowledge of the workings of the order than Mr. Hayes, and his sincerity in the cause cannot be called in question. The organization of the Knights of Labor is doing a most beneficial work in bringing men of different occupations into contact, inspiring a feeling of fraternity and a consciousness of strength." "Who is likely to succeed Mr. Powderly in the event of the General Assembly being unable to hold him?" "I cannot say. There are many who believe in their own capability to fill the position. Believe me, that the coming General Assembly will be wise enough to perceive the absolute necessity of electing a leader who will fearlessly maintain the pure, cautious and conservative policy of T. V. Powderly."

UNION OF ALL MINERS.

The Federation Invites Knights to Unite in Calling a National Convention.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 9.—The most important feature of the closing session of the Federated Miners' Convention was the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That we extend an invitation to the officers of the National District Assembly 135, K. of L., to unite with us in issuing a call for a National Convention of miners and mine laborers, regardless of existing organizations, and urge upon them the necessity of protecting our interests as a craft rather than seeking to perpetuate an organization or organizations of miners upon the merits of which our miners are now divided, the convention to be held not later than January, 1888.

A resolution was adopted requesting that at the next convention a scale of prices for day laborers at mines be adopted.

The Executive Committee was authorized to take steps to increase the membership in the Pennsylvania anthracite coal region, Southern Illinois and Missouri. The Federation endorsed the action of the last convention referring to the weighing of coal before screening, and urged that this rule be more scrupulously observed. The Executive Committee was instructed to arrange for the commencement of the scale year in November instead of May. An assessment of 10 cents per member was ordered for those who are locked out.

Christopher Evans, of New Straitsville, was elected Secretary, and Daniel McLaughlin, of Braidwood, Ill., Treasurer. The Executive Board consists of Robert Fisher, Cardonia, Ind.; John McBride, Massillon, O.; George Harris, Reynoldsville, Pa., and J. T. Johnson, Shamokin, Pa.

THE LUTHERANS.

Second Day of the General Council at Greenville, Pa.

GREENVILLE, PA., Sept. 9.—The Lutheran General Council resumed its sessions this morning with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Hayes, of New York city. The special order of business was the consideration of ministerial acts. The church book committee, charged with the liturgical form, a part of which report has been considered at previous conventions, presented a form of marriage ceremony.

Dr. Schumeker, secretary of the committee, stated that over fifty forms had been considered by them, and that one was chosen which was in general use during the sixteenth century, as regards its arrangements of parts. This morning's session was spent in discussing and adopting this form. Rev. Mr. Weir, District Secretary of the National Reform Association was granted the privilege of addressing the council in reference to the work of the Association. His address was eloquent and was well received.

The Conductor Held for Manslaughter.

CRESTON, IA., Sept. 9.—The little son of Charles E. Cook, of Brooklyn, N. Y., injured in the Alton wreck, died last night. Miss Sarah Grunniger, of Cleveland, O., badly scalded, is still very low. The other injured ones are doing very well, including Mrs. Mosher, who was pronounced fatally injured. The coroner's jury were taking testimony all day, and returned a sealed verdict. Conductor B. S. Childs, of the fast mail, was held for manslaughter, and his bond fixed at $1,500.

Married a Song and Dance Girl.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—A sensation has been created in theatrical circles by the announcement that ex-State Senator Tom Grady, Tammany's silver tongued orator, was some time ago secretly married to Florence Irwin, of the Irwin sisters, song and dance girls of Tony Pastor. The marriage was kept secret because of a difference in religion, the wife being a Protestant. Mrs. Grady has wearried of domestic life and longs to return to the stage.

Charged with Poisoning His Wife.

DENNIS, PA., Sept. 9.—A month a ago Mrs. Vandeman, wife of a prominent dentist, died under suspicious circumstances. The body was exhumed, and yesterday the Coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Mrs. Vandeman had been given poison by her servant girl, prepared at the direction of Mr. Vandeman. Vandeman was arrested charged with murder.

An Execution Postponed.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Counsel for Wilson, convicted of strangling his wife, and sentenced to be hanged to-day, has filed a notice of appeal to the general term. This in itself acts as a respite until the motion for appeal is decided. Preparations for the hanging had progressed, but were at once suspended.

TRADE REVIEW

FOR THE WEEK JUST CLOSED.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Statement—Great Improvement in Commerce and Industry Iron Mills Pressed With Orders. Money Active and Collections Fair.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trades, says: Commerce and industry have improved while speculation has slackened. A very different result was expected when it was announced a week ago that a syndicate had undertaken to raise $10,000,000 for the Baltimore & Ohio and to establish harmony between the trunk lines. At first stock rose quickly an average of $4 per share, but soon it was seen that the borrowing of millions by a great company did not necessarily mean or bring prosperity, and heavy declines in Baltimore & Ohio and other stocks affected by the Ives failure followed, and a gradual reaction toward lower prices and speculative inactivity has continued this week. On the other hand evidence appears of a decided improvement in legitimate business with larger sales, larger production and a more wholesome feeling even in branches lately most depressed.

The improvement in the woolen goods trade is clearly marked, though that trade cannot yet be called active. Lower prices for woolen goods encourage manufacturers and the demand for goods is broadening. Distribution of cotton continues large, with especial demand for the best qualities. Iron furnaces of 138,725 tons capacity were in blast September 1, the largest output yet reported. The increase since a year ago is 142 per cent. Disheartenment in some quarters lest an output far surpassing the consumptive demand should depress prices is met by the fact that the best grades are scarce and well sustained, though in other grades and brands not well known weakness appears.

The mills in which iron is worked into forms of use are generally pressed with orders; bar iron has a good demand; the orders for sheet, plate and tank iron press the works to their full capacity. Makers of structural iron are crowded, and the nail business slightly better. In steel rails, though even the Thomas Company sells at $36 for winter delivery and the yielding in prices disheartens some makers, there is a general disposition to shutout foreign products and facilities for producing at lower cost are steadily increasing.

Wheat speculation seems to have gone into bankruptcy, stagnation ruling in of the reduction of Liverpool freight rates to 1½d. The price has lifted only an eighth the past week, while corn and oats have risen ½c, pork 25c per bbl. and lard 10c per 100 lbs. Oil has raised 5c in belief that producers will succeed in limiting the supply. Sugar shows a tendency to boom, having risen 18c per 100 lbs., while coffee is ⅛c weaker, high rates for money affecting Brazil holders. Large offerings of tea at auction resulted in moderate prices and the rice market is improving in activity. Supplies are very liberal and prices for grades under extra are irregular. Evidence of general improvement comes from nearly all cities.

There is a remarkably heavy distribution of hardware and farmer's supplies at Chicago and St. Louis, with activity of banks, not from speculative demands, and reports of nine.

Money is generally active at interior points, and collections are fair. The large supplies of money from Europe already received and on the way clear off heavy loans which have tied up home capital, and thus promise much relief. Failures at New Haven and Philadelphia have involved some minor houses but do not indicate especial weakness in any particular branch of trade. For the present the signs favor a large and profitable fall business, unless monetary stringency should interrupt. The business failures during the last seven days number for the United States 152, for Canada 22; total 174, compared with 199 last week, and 176 in the corresponding week of last year.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONS.

The PanHandle Coffee Team beats the Morgantown "Ball Club."

The crack ball team of the State, players picked from the clubs of Morgantown and Bowlesburg, came down yesterday with a lemon roller, scorer, umpire and other paphernalia to do up Wheeling for the amateur championship of the State at the Island Ball Park. They were also accompanied by a goodly following of backers, but the backers are not ball players, and unfortunately the ball players they brought were not backers. A miscellaneous nine picked up hep-hazzard was induced to tackle this invincible team from the interior of the State, which being accustomed to using hill-side ploughs to catch flies had small economy for hands in the industrious pursuit of any scarers. It was a funny game all the way through. In the first place the Rough and Ready's came as confident as Cæsar, and left as crest-fallen as Napoleon at Waterloo. In the second place they came to learn how to play ball—and they learned to their sorrow. The amusing feature was the pitching of Kiger, who violated all the rules known to base ball, and disturbed the rythmic verse of base hits by his failure to observe the meter.

After several sporadic kicks accompanied by emphasis of a classical nature, both teams adjourned to the pitcher's box to inspect the ground work of the poetry that silenced the muse of the "alleged" Panhandle club, "as it were," as *Higgins* says in "The Doctor," and if no one has ever seen "The Doctor" he is none the worse off and, perhaps, feels just as good. But these Morgantown scalp takers! They "fit" for their pitcher and they "fit" right through, and the umpire, he "fit" for them, too. But all boats have their day on the "Mississip," and after changing batteries three times and failing to find the ball at any time, the conquerors of the cornfields of Preston and the heroes of Monongalia's plains were virtually killed, but their ghostly following had enough spirit to rise up and say, "I will meet thee again at Philippi;" ta, ta!

There was some disposition to grumble when Mallory was put in the box for the Pan Handles, but when the umpire overlooked the outrageous violations of the rules on the part of alleged pitcher Kiger, the sufferance of the spectators relapsed into great good humor at the spectacle of fancy ball playing as it is taught in the mountain fastnesses of our State. To claim the amateur championship in one thing; to get it is another. And, even if the Pan Handles had been beaten there are a dozen clubs in the city which could—well, beat them badly.

A gentleman with a "plug" hat kindly volunteered to judge the balls and see that strikes were called at the proper time, and the candor of the reporter compels him to admit—much against the partial enthusiasm of the crowd—that he exhibited remarkable heroism and skill in dodging the balls that were called strikes, and calmly noting on his indicator the balls that should have been strikes. However all things have an end, and outside of the temporary injury to Mr. Ayersman's chest from a spent ball the battle was bravely fought and most ignominiously lost. The game was played for the alleged amateur championship of West Virginia—think of it! How many beating hearts will keep on beating, and—but here is the "tale of woe" in a nutshell.

PANHANDLE.	R.	B.	P.	A.	E.	MORGAN'WN.	R.	B.	P.	A.	E.
Burkett, r....	1	2	0	3	1	Ayersman, l	2	0	0	0	0
Shores, 2b&c	1	1	8	1	0	Kiger, N., p	0	2	0	8	1
Lukens, l....	1	0	0	0	1	Hays, c.....	0	0	0	1	1
Hunter, l....	2	2	13	0	0	Conuff, m....	0	0	1	0	0
Sheppard, p.	2	2	0	3	0	Kiger, J., 1.	1	0	10	2	1
Goudy cam	1	1	2	0	0	Fleming, 2.	0	1	2	1	2
Trainer, 2...	2	0	1	1	0	Hickman, s.	0	1	0	3	2
Mallory, p&3	2	2	3	11	0	Kelly, 3.....	0	0	2	0	0
Mansfield, r	1	2	0	0	1	Houston, r.	0	0	0	0	0
Total	13	12	27	21	3	Total.....	8	4	24	15	6

Innings.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Morgantown.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0—3
Pan Handle.....	0	0	3	3	3	3	0	1	*	—13

Earned runs, Pan Handle, 3. Two base hits, Burkett, Hunter, N. Kiger. Pass balls, by Goudy, 2; Shores, 1; Hays, 5. Hit by pitched ball, by Mallory, 1; by Kiger, 2. Struck out, by Mallory, 7; by Kiger, 8. Time of game 2:20. Umpire, Miller, of Morgantown.

SEVEN TO TWO.

Wheeling Could not hit Nyce and so lost the Game.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

COLUMBUS, Sept. 9.—Inability to hit Nyce lost the game for Wheeling to-day, while the Columbus boys thumped Kimber for a total of twenty-two bases, ten being made in the sixth inning, two three-baggers and a home run. Both teams fielded well, and the game was one of the prettiest seen for some time. The Wheeling team is by far the most popular club that visits Columbus, and losing to them occasions no ill feeling. Wheeling made her two runs by bunching three of her four hits in one inning. Stellberger gave good satisfaction as umpire. Score:

COLUMBUS.	R.	B.	P.	A.	E.	WHEELING.	R.	B.	P.	A.	E.
West, cf.....	1	2	2	0	1	Crogan, lf....	0	0	3	1	0
Hutchis'n, rf.	2	2	1	0	0	Dunn, rf.....	1	1	2	0	0
Welch, 2b...	1	1	4	2	1	Nichol m....	1	2	8	0	0
Kingsley, 3b	0	0	1	1	0	Nicholson, 2.	0	1	2	2	0
Erick, 1b....	0	1	8	0	1	Stentzel, c...	0	0	3	2	1
Nulton, ss..	2	1	0	1	0	White, 3.....	0	1	1	2	0
Goodfel'w, c	0	2	8	0	0	Myers, s.....	0	0	0	2	0
Murphy, ll..	0	0	0	0	0	Stetzline, l.	0	0	8	0	2
Nyce, p.....	1	1	0	0	0	Kimber, p...	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	7	10	27	10	3	Totals.....	2	4	27	10	4

Innings.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Columbus.....	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	—7
Wheeling.....	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	—2

Earned runs, Columbus, 4; Wheeling, 1. First base on balls, Columbus 3. Left on bases, Columbus 4; Wheeling 2. Struck out, by Nyce 2. Two base h