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SIX PERISHED IN A TRAINING SCHOOL FIRE.

Five Young Ladies and the Janitor at the Fredonia Normal Lose Their Lives by the Flames.

FIFTY MANAGED TO ESCAPE.

One Girl Returned to Get a Diamond Ring and Was Suffocated. Loss \$200,000.

The Dead. Phineas J. Morris, janitor. Irene Jones, of Busti, N. Y. Bessie Hathaway, of Cannonsville, N. Y.

Ruth Thomas, Pike, N. Y. Cora Storms, Boston, N. Y. Mae Williams, Lake Coma, Pa. Maud F. Fizzell, Bradford, Pa.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Dec. 14.—From the smouldering ruins of the Fredonia State Normal and Training School, which was destroyed by fire at 6 o'clock this morning, one charred body has been recovered and a revision of the list of missing makes it certain that seven persons perished in the fire, which also entailed a property loss of \$200,000.

There were seventy-five young women students in the building, of whom six perished. The other victim was the aged janitor.

The young women occupied rooms on the third floor of the building in company with a matron and fifty other young women, who succeeded in escaping by descending the fire escapes. The body which was recovered from the ruins is supposed to be that of Miss Storms.

Origin of Fire Unknown. It was burned beyond recognition. To account for the origin of the fire puzzles the local board of managers, as there was no fire in the building, the heat being piped from a boiler two blocks away.

The fire started in the private room of Janitor Morris and was discovered by Charles Gibbs, assistant janitor, who notified Janitor Morris and ran to the fire alarm station a block away. Janitor Morris evidently lost his life while fighting. Miss Fizzell was at the head of the fire escape and turned back into the burning building to save a diamond ring, thus losing her life. The others who perished suffocated without being able to find the fire escape. It is stated that heavy wire screens were firmly nailed across the windows leading to the fire escapes and the only way the lucky ones escaped was by crawling through windows adjacent to the escapes and then creeping along the gutter of the mansard roof.

Search for Remains. A search is being made as rapidly as possible, but digging over the acre of debris which is still burning, is slow work. Principal Palmer estimates the loss at \$200,000, with \$50,000 insurance.

Nothing was saved from the magnificent building, not even the personal effects of the ladies in the dormitory or the valuable records of the school. Grief-stricken parents are arriving to assist in the search for their dead. School has been adjourned until January 2d, when classes will meet in the different halls and churches of the village. Plans for a new and larger structure are already under way. The legislature will be asked to make an appropriation equal to the insurance.

HUNG JURY

In the Morrison Murder Case—Nine of the Jurors Voted for Acquittal. Defendant May be Released on Bail.

ELDORADO, Kas., Dec. 14.—Jessie Morrison's trial for the murder of Mrs. G. Olin Castle, ended to-day at noon with a hung jury. Although the jury did not agree on a verdict, the result of their deliberations came near being an acquittal. Almost from the start and before the case had been discussed by them, nine of the jurors voted for acquittal and three for conviction, the three holding out for manslaughter in the fourth degree, the punishment for which ranges from six months in jail to two years in the penitentiary. The jurors had been out since Tuesday morning and for the last three days, realizing that they could not reach a verdict, they had waited patiently for their discharge.

The case will now go to the spring term of court. In the meantime Miss Morrison's lawyers will make application for her release on bond, which it is believed Judge Shinn has already made up his mind to grant. It is not believed that another jury could be secured in the county to try the case.

Miss Morrison, who is a frail little woman, twenty-nine years of age, has undergone a terrible strain, not only during her five months' imprisonment, but during the tedious three weeks' hearing of the case.

Wept Violently. She showed little anxiety or nervousness when she appeared in the court room to-day, and after the jury had been discharged she walked quietly with her relatives to her cell. There she threw herself upon her cot and wept bitterly. Later when seen by a newspaper man, she would not talk of her case.

"I don't want to say a thing," she pleaded. Former Probate Judge Morrison, the prisoner's father, who has attended his daughter daily, through the trial, said that he was greatly encouraged.

"It shows that there is no real doubt of Jessie's innocence," he said. Then he added:

"I hear a good many people say that if the county attorney does the right thing, he will dismiss the case." "It was all a farce. I knew that there were three jurors unfavorable to the state and would hang the jury. I will begin at once to investigate and arrests for perjury are pretty sure to follow. Perjury has been committed in the testimony of the defense."

Paddy Ryan Dead. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from Albany, N. Y., says: Paddy Ryan, at one time champion pugilist of the world, who was defeated by John L. Sullivan in their famous fight in Mississippi, some years ago, died at his home in Glen Falls, N. Y., this afternoon.

COMING HOME.

Soldier Boys in the Orient Will Start to Return at Once, by Order of Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The secretary of war has cabled instructions to Major General MacArthur, at Manila, to begin the work of returning the volunteer troops from the Philippines in order to permit their discharge in this country by the 20th of June next. This action has been taken in anticipation of the authorization by Congress of the estimated regular regiments to replace the volunteer troops.

The opinion is expressed at the war department that there is no prospect of a general re-enlistment on the part of the volunteers in the Philippines. The records of the department all tend to show that only a small percentage of the state troops are likely to serve beyond their present term of enlistment.

The plans of the war department for bringing home the volunteer troops are shown in the following cable message:

Message to MacArthur. War Department. Adjutant General's Office. December 11, 1900.

MacArthur, Manila. Send volunteers convalescent to the capacity of the next transport returning and a volunteer regiment by transport following. As you report 69,000 now, the secretary of war directs that the force is reduced to 60,000, the regular number fixed before beginning reinforcement by regulars. Will send you regular regiments to further relieve the volunteers.

(Signed) CORBIN. MANILA, Dec. 13, 1900.

With reference to your telegram of 11th, the Thirty-seventh infantry regiment United States Volunteer Infantry, sails on transport Sheridan January 1st; and the Eleventh regiment United States Volunteer Infantry on January 15th. The movement will continue as directed until completed. Transport Sherman leaves December 15th with about 500 volunteer convalescents and the transport Warren, December 22nd, with the same number. Any remaining will go on transport Sheridan, January 1st.

(Signed) M'ARTHUR. SLEPT AT HIS POST.

American Soldier Ordered to be Shot on Christmas Day.

SOUTHAMPTON, Conn., Dec. 14.—News has reached here in the form of an official communication from General MacArthur, that Linas Skinner, a former Southamptonian boy, was ordered to be shot on Christmas day for sleeping at his post when on sentry duty. His father, John P. Skinner, who is seventy-one years old, is nearly heart-broken by the news and has left for Washington to see President McKinley for his son's life.

Czar Takes an Airing. LIVADIA, European Russia, Dec. 14.—Emperor Nicholas, for the first time since his illness began, went into the open air yesterday, sitting on a veranda. Subsequently he received one of the ministers in audience.

MIDNIGHT BRIEFS.

NEW YORK—It is reported at St. Luke's hospital to-day that the condition of Field Reed unchanged. He is resting easily and is not in any immediate danger.

MONTREAL—Donald McGills, one of the three directors of the Montreal Cold Storage Company, who were indicted for fraud in this city, and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

NEW YORK—It was reported at the Presbyterian hospital to-day that Lieutenant Richmond P. Hobson had passed a very comfortable night and that his condition was much improved.

SEATTLE, Wash.—Letters have been received in Seattle announcing the grounding of the transport Garoune on the coast of Northern Luzon. She struck twice, being rescued both times by the Yorktown.

NEW YORK—The run on the Harmon savings bank was contained in this morning, but with fewer people in line. There were about 200 persons in front of the building at 9 o'clock, when the doors were opened.

BERLIN—The Berliner Tageblatt has received a dispatch from its correspondent in Peking stating that the complete reopening of the Tien Tsin-Pekin railway is impossible on account of the lack of locomotives and rolling stock.

VICTORIA, B. C.—A new world's record has been established by the gunnery of her majesty's ship Terrible, the big battleship of the Asiatic squadron. The percentage of actual hits made in target practice with the six inch guns on the Terrible was 76.5.

WAPAKONETA, O.—Leroy R. Piper, former cashier of the First National Bank, of St. Marys, Ohio, who disappeared several months ago while on a pleasure trip in Yellowstone Park, has been given up for dead, and O. E. Dunham has been appointed administrator of his estate.

PHILADELPHIA—Max Apt and Morris Apt, trading as Apt Brothers, of this city, have been adjudged voluntary bankrupts in the United States district court. The liabilities of the firm are said to amount to \$100,000, and their assets are said to be wearing apparel valued at \$100.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wis.—The Oriental steamship Olympia, arrived from Yokohama six days behind time. After leaving Yokohama Captain Truchings says he encountered a severe storm which continued with more or less severity all the way across the Pacific and was the stormiest passage he ever experienced.

CHICAGO—Announcement was made here to-day of the death in New York city of George A. Fuller, of Chicago, one of the most widely known contracting architects in the country. Mr. Fuller was the originator of the modern steel skeleton building and erected in a city the first structure of that character in the United States—the Tacoma building.

LANCASTER, Pa.—Major A. C. Reinhold, postmaster of this city, and a prominent member of the Lancaster bar, was found dead at his office to-day, having committed suicide. The light in the gas jets and one from a heating coil were turned on, and the crack under the door was stopped up by his secretary, who was called to the door by the sound of a telephone call.

BOSTON, O.—John W. George, secretary of steel works at Chester and Philadelphia, in a letter to his father, Colonel George N. Gray, of this city, said that another jury had been found in the hall of the American life steamer St. Paul, now in Cramps ship yards on the Delaware. The skeleton was in one of the bulkhead compartments of the vessel, and a carpenter who was visiting a neighbor where young Prier was boarding. Prier claims it was an accident. Mrs. Harrah is still alive, but cannot recover. Price has been arrested.

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Production of Gold. Greatest in the History of Our Country.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The report of the director of the mint on the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1899, shows only slight variation from the approximate figures given out early in the present year. The total figures are \$71,652,400 for gold and \$32,858,700 for silver at its average commercial value during the year. The gold product was the greatest in the history of the country, exceeding that of 1898 by \$6,500,400 and greater by \$6,052,400 than the estimated product of 1893, the record year in the working of the California placers.

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STORY OF HAY'S RESIGNATION IS NOT BELIEVED.

Secretary Will Remain in the Cabinet For Present, at Least—Many Conflicting Reports.

BEER MEN FIGHTING HARD

To Secure Reduction in House Tax Bill—Express Companies Must Bear the Brunt.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Notwithstanding what amounted to the authoritative denial that the secretary of state had resigned, the story was persistently circulated during the day, and finally reached the ears of some of Secretary Hay's fellow cabinet officers. These declared that nothing whatever was said at the cabinet meeting to-day on this subject and said even the treaty proceedings in the senate yesterday were not discussed. So, as before stated, it is not to be expected that there will be any change in the head of the state department, for the present at least.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The house to-day adjourned without disposing of more than half of the war revenue reduction bill. General debate closed at 2 o'clock, after which the bill was opened to amendments under the five minute rule. A determined effort was made to reduce still further the tax on beer below the committee rate of \$1.00 a barrel, but the ways and means committee overwhelmed the opposition. The committee, however, sustained two signal defeats. In connection with the beer tax, Mr. Payne, offered an amendment in the language of the bill passed by the house last session designed to abolish the use of small beer packages, one-sixth and one-eighth barrels, but it was defeated by 48 to 85, after charges that its purpose was to crush out the small brewers. Another defeat occurred in connection with the amendment offered by Mr. Henry C. Smith, of Michigan. The bill abolished the one cent postage tax on express receipts and telegraph messages, but retained the tax on railroad and steamship freight receipts. Mr. Smith's amendment restored the tax on express receipts and altered the form of the section so as to compel the company instead of the shipper to pay the tax.

Precipitated Lively Debate. The amendment precipitated a lively debate, in the course of which Mr. Smith made a personal allusion to a United States senator who is connected with one of the express companies.

Mr. Payne vigorously fought the amendment, but it was carried, 123 to 108.

The text of the amendment is as follows: "Express and freight: It shall be the duty of every railroad or steamboat company, carrier, express company or corporation, or person whose business is to receive for carriage and transportation, whether in bulk or in boxes, bales, packages, bundles, or not so included or included, for which any charges whatsoever have been made, and for each of such shipments received, the adoption of the house resolution providing for a holiday recess to extend from Friday, December 21, to Thursday, January 2.

The Senate. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Throughout nearly the entire legislative day the senate was in secret session, discussing the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty. No business of importance was transacted in the brief open session, except the adoption of the house resolution providing for a holiday recess to extend from Friday, December 21, to Thursday, January 2.

Reapportionment Bill. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—During the day he introduced a reapportionment bill making the house membership 357. He said that the bill has no special significance as coming from him as chairman of the census committee and will take its chances with other propositions. The changes it makes are:

Losses—One each Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Nebraska, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia; gains, one each Louisiana, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York and West Virginia; gains, two each, Pennsylvania and Texas.

Serious Railroad Collision. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 14.—The day express No. 8, from Chicago, on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago railway, at 6:20 o'clock this morning, collided with the Leetsdale accommodation, east-bound, at Edgeworth, Pa., near here. Both trains were wrecked and eleven persons were injured.

Linsly Institute Notes. The senior class has elected officers for commencement day as follows: Valetudinarian—Herbert Sonneborn. Salutatorian—George Caldwell. Prophet—Arch Hugus. Historian—Charles Deignan.

The final examinations for the first half of the year will begin Monday and continue during the week. The students are working hard on their studies and considerable "midnight oil" is being burned.

The newly organized hockey team will practice this week and it is expected that the boys will develop into a crack team.

The preparations have been completed for the annual senior reception of the Linsly Institute, to be given at the armory, December 21. The armory will be artistically decorated with the class colors, orange and white. "Little Tip," the intellencer's cartoon, will figure in the decorations, which are military.

HOLIDAY TRADE

Increased in Wholesale Staples—Collections Good—Scarcity of Coal. More Idle Mills Resumed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—R. G. Dun & Company's weekly review of trade to-morrow will say:

Holiday trade has been increased moderately and in wholesale trade lines no relapse is seen, either in volume of transaction or in prices. Cold weather has helped New York, but it is still behind the rest of the country, for some recent losses from failures in the textile markets have fallen rather heavily here. Collections in the country continue good and this relieves anxiety which might be otherwise felt over the higher rates for money. Merchants' accounts are in good position, so that new sales of commercial paper are light, even for this season. Industrial conditions continue with no great accumulation of new merchandise in any quarter. In spite of the break in cotton the market for fabrics is still in good position, sellers having little to offer and nothing at cuts in prices, fully 35 cents in two weeks, reflects actual scarcity of the product more than negotiations to harmonize the trade. Even the estimates did not equal the actual decrease in furnace stocks of the iron and steel industry, which amounted to \$4,830 tons, according to the Iron Age.

Capacity of Furnaces Increasing. This authority reports an increase in weekly capacity of furnaces in blast to 23,814 tons on December 1, which is the first gain recorded since July. General conditions as to partially manufactured and finished products in the iron and steel industry are little changed. Prices are hard and mills are working on old orders that will take them well into the new year. At Pittsburgh there is still complaint that new business is not being offered, but Chicago concerns have no such difficulty, more idle mills have resumed and a little wage controversy is heard. It is estimated that 1,200,000 tons of

TWO JUDICIAL DISTRICTS FOR THIS STATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The house committee on judiciary to-day reported favorably bills establishing two United States judicial districts in Kentucky and West Virginia, respectively, and making the requisite provision for additional judges.

Margalesburg, which was held by four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and were thus able to command Clements' camp. He retired on Hekpoort, and took up a position on a hill in the center of the valley.

Fighting Severe. "The casualties have not been completely reported, but the fighting was very severe, and I deeply regret that Colonel Legge, of the Twentieth Hussars, and Captains Mackean, Murdoch and Atkins were killed. Reinforcements have left here."

Lord Kitchener also reports that the Boers made an attack, and were repulsed at Lichtenburg, and that General Latimer was killed. Attacks were upon Bethlehem and Brede were also repulsed, the Boers losing ten killed and fourteen wounded. Bryheld was attacked on November 11. Shipping continued when the message was dispatched.

The scenes at the war office to-day recall those witnessed in the early stages of the war. A constant stream of excited people filled the lobbies, all seeking details of the disaster.

Heavy Casualties Expected. The absence of the names of any of the officers of the Northumberland Fusiliers in General Kitchener's dispatch leads to the foreboding that the four companies of the Fusiliers mentioned are in the hands of the Boers.

The war office officials evidently expect a heavy casualty list, but they are hopeful from the fact that the dispatch does not mention the capture of the Northumberlanders that such a great catastrophe has been escaped.

Orders were issued at Aldershot, Malta and other military centers to dispatch all the available mounted infantry to South Africa.

STORM SWEEP

Over the Pacific Coast—Rain Fell in Torrents—Wind Played Havoc With Telegraph Lines—No One Hurt.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 14.—One of the most severe storms that ever visited San Francisco, broke over the city at an early hour to-day and has raged in fitful gusts, rain and wind sweeping over the city with unusual violence, accompanied by thunder and forked lightning, a rather unusual occurrence in this city. At one time tall fell in such torrents that many thought a cloudburst imminent. During the height of the storm several houses were overturned by the wind, fences blown down and other damage done. One of the great receiving tanks of the San Francisco Gas & Electric Company was struck by lightning, the gas taking fire. No one was hurt in the explosion, but the tank was completely demolished. During the storm this city was entirely cut off from telegraphic communication with the rest of the world, the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Francisco fell of much damage by the storm. The storm ceased almost entirely at noon.

So far no marine disasters of any moment have been reported. On the bay several boats were capsized, but no one was drowned so far as is known. Several vessels dragged their anchors, but no damage is reported. Reports from points at short distances from San Francisco tell of much damage by the storm. Buildings were blown over and unroofed in many sections, chimneys blown down and other damage done, but so far no fatalities have been reported. The storm ceased almost entirely at noon.

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THREE BANK ROBBERS

Arrested Yesterday Morning at Bridgeport—The over-the-river Police Officers in a Clever Piece of Work—Some Money Recovered.

One of the most important arrests made in this vicinity for some time was the capturing at Bridgeport, yesterday morning, of three of the sextette of robbers who entered the bank at Shannville, Ohio, early Thursday morning, and after blowing open the safe and taking all the money which it contained made their escape from the authorities of that town. Five suspicious looking characters boarded the Massillon accommodation at Holloway yesterday morning and when the train reached Flushing, the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling agent at that place called the Bridgeport authorities and asked them to meet the train upon its arrival in that place and to arrest the fellows, giving the officers a good description of the men on board, who seemed to answer the description of the Shannville burglars. Officers Doubs and Melster and Constable McConaughy were placed on the case. Melster went out to Wheeling Creek and boarded the train, but was warned by the conductor not to attempt to handle the men single-handed. When the train reached Bridgeport, Officer Melster approached one of the men, who was in the rear car and placed him under arrest. The fellow made a desperate resistance and reached for his gun, which the officer got, after considerable difficulty. At the same time Officer Doubs and McConaughy were in the smoker car, describing the men to the conductor of the gang. Doubs succeeded in handling his man, but the one constable was dealing with a trifle too much for him and succeeded in making good his escape. He took to the southern portion of the town and as Doubs was taking his man to jail he spied the third and told the constable to go after him, giving him at the same time, his revolver. The third robber endeavored to conceal himself in the Crystal glass house and was here found and taken into custody.

The men were searched after they had been placed behind the bars and the following articles were found: 46-caliber Colt revolvers and about \$75, mostly in small change, which was wrapped in a bank sack. Marshal Doubs telephoned to the cashier of the bank at Shannville last night, describing the sack, and the cashier informed him that there was not the least doubt that they had captured the right men. It was a clever piece of work on the part of the officers of Bridgeport.

THE BOARD OF TRADE DIRECTORS

Hold Their First Meeting Last Night and Get Down to Work With a Vim.

On Advertising, Public Celebrations and Trade Excursions.

The board of directors of the Board of Trade met at its rooms in the Hub building last night, and every member was present, with the exception of W. E. Stone, who is sick, and N. E. Whittaker, who is out of the city. It was the first regular meeting of the board and considerable business was transacted. The next regular meeting will be held on the Friday following Christmas, on account of the regular meeting night falling on that day.

The action of the members in employing S. A. Thompson as secretary, beginning December 1, was confirmed. B. W. Peterson was then elected treasurer, making up the complement of officers of the board.

The constitution provides for trustees of the sinking fund and the following members of the board were elected to serve in this capacity: L. E. Sands for two years; J. H. Wilson for two years; and L. F. Stifel for one year. The trustees will put in trust all the money of the board not needed for immediate uses. It is probable that the income of the board will be greater than the expenses, and the plan to place it where it will be drawing interest.

The constitution provides for the appointment of a committee on arbitration and one on appeals from the first meeting after the annual election, but as the best of men are needed on these committees it was decided to lay this matter over until the next meeting, to give the members more time to discuss the matter and select the men best suited to serve in this capacity.

Secretary Thompson was directed to have the charter, constitution and by-laws, as well as a list of all the members of the board, printed in pamphlet form for ready reference of the members. He was authorized the use of amounts as needed to properly furnish his office.

A member called attention to the fact that the scheduled trains on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad were such that it is almost impossible for people in the state to trade in this city. They were so arranged, he said, that it was perfectly an easy matter for them to go to Pittsburgh for this purpose. A committee was appointed to look into the matter and devise a remedy.

Three new standing committees were authorized, viz., advertising, public celebrations and trade excursions. Messrs. House, Stone, and McCaughy were appointed to the advertising committee and the appointments on the other committees were deferred until a later meeting.

The president, secretary and treasurer were appointed to a committee to meet with the members of the board of trade in neighboring towns. It is realized that all are in the same boat and it is better to work together than go it alone.

A number of bills were paid, after which the board adjourned.

OFFICERS FOR WOODMEN.

Wheeling Camp No. 6474, Modern Woodmen of America, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Venerable Consul, L. P. Thrig; Worthy Advisor, C. L. Tatt; banker, G. W. Prettyman; clerk, Duncan McKea; escort, Oscar Fisher; watchman, A. G. Armstrong; secretary, C. C. Fitch; managers, C. B. Murphy and J. Sellars. Delegate to state camp, G. P. Flock; alternate, L. P. Thrig. On the question of a reserve fund, the camp voted 14-12 in favor of the affirmative. This question is being decided by the different camps throughout the country. The membership of the organization is now over a half million. Wheeling Odd Fellows' hall.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On Wednesday evening, James A. Garfield Circle No. 1 Ladies of the G. A. R., elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. John H. Dickey; vice president, Mrs. Kate Cox; junior vice president, Mrs. Belle Shanley; treasurer, Mrs. Olivia Bottsford; chaplain, Mrs. Eleanor Surgenor; conductor, Mrs. Mary E. Bass; guard, Mrs. D. H. Taylor. Delegates to the department convention, Mrs. Sheets, Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Clark.

C. B. L. Elects Officers.

St. Killian Council No. 606, Catholic Benevolent Legion, met at their hall on South Chapline street, Thursday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, Michael Kirchner; secretary, William J. Sullivan; treasurer, Joseph Winesdorfer; guard, Joseph Ziegler; chancellor, John Emdig; marshal, Rudolph Hoffman.

Tongue Nearly Severed.

Yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, while at work with a heavy pair of tongs at the Whittaker mill, Will W. Neumann's tongue was struck in the chin by the handle with great force. The blow caused Mr. Neumann's teeth to penetrate clear through the member, almost severing it and producing a painful wound. Dr. D. H. Taylor rendered the necessary surgical aid.

Weather Forecast for To-Day.

For Ohio and Western Pennsylvania: Fair Saturday, except snow flurries near the lakes; continued cold. Sunday: Fair; mostly clear. Monday: Fair and clear. For West Virginia: Fair and continued cold Saturday. Sunday, fair; north to east wind.

Local Temperature. The temperature yesterday, as observed by C. Schepfer, druggist, corner Market and Market streets, is as follows: 7 a. m. 33 p. m. 77 8 a. m. 34 p. m. 78 9 a. m. 35 p. m. 79 10 a. m. 36 p. m. 80 11 a. m. 37 p. m. 81 12 m. 38 p. m. 82 (Weather changeable.)

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