

PISTOL BATTLE ON TRAIN.

Wilmington, Del., March 24.—After killing the conductor and porter on a Royal Blue limited train of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, as it was approaching Wilmington, J. H. Bethea, an insane man, barricaded himself in the ladies' retiring room of a Pullman car and defied a small army of policemen who surrounded the car when the train reached Wilmington. He was finally shot to death, but only after he had wounded three men.

The victims of the tragedy are: Killed, J. H. Bethea, aged about forty years, of Dillon, S. C., shot in the face, arms, shoulder and head.

G. E. Williams, conductor of the express train, of Philadelphia, shot in the abdomen by Bethea and died immediately.

Samuel Williams, colored, of Baltimore, porter of the Pullman car, who was shot in the chest by Bethea. Wounded, Patrolman John Wiley, shot in the hand and groin by Bethea; seriously injured.

Matthew Haley, spectator of the battle; removed to a physician's hospital; not serious. Unknown colored man, shot in the shoulder, but disappeared later.

Created Scene in Car. Bethea boarded the train at Baltimore taking a seat in a well filled chair car. He appeared to be slightly intoxicated. A few minutes after the train left Newark, Del., he burst into obscene language. Williams, the porter, told him to keep quiet, and finally the conductor added his protests to those of Williams. Bethea with a wild yell sprang to his feet, drew a gun and shot the two men dead. The horror-stricken passengers dashed from the car, leaving the murderer and the dead alone.

Nothing more was heard of him until the train pulled up at the station here, three or four minutes later, at which time the other men of the train force had been notified of what had happened in the car ahead. On the arrival of the train the police and railroad officials were notified and the train was ordered held up until the car could be surrounded.

Several men with guns took refuge behind box cars and two policemen of the Wilmington city force kept watch until automobiles carrying a squad of police from the city hall could be rushed to the scene, at which time it was discovered that the man had taken refuge in the little toilet room off the main portion of the car. Here he remained, going out once or twice to feel the breast of the two men, in the manner of going through their pockets, but it is believed that he was feeling to see if they were dead.

When the train had reached here the man had barricaded himself in the toilet room, the police were summoned and a fire company was called. The murderer fired repeatedly at the crowd collected and was forced by a stream of water to the car platform. He continued to shoot repeatedly and finally he was shot three times by the police. He was then captured and died in a few minutes.

Citizens Spent a Day Cleaning Out Rubbish. Burlington, N. J., March 24.—Maid and matrons, merchants and professional men, employees and factory heads and 10,000 other citizens on the common ground of "city cleaners," joined hands with Mayor Farnor and the city officials to convert Burlington into a living illustration of "spotless town" officially. The date was fixed by Mayor Farnor as the first annual city cleaning day, the executive calling upon citizens to observe the occasion for brushing out from their premises the waste and rubbish accumulating during the winter.

Smoke from scores of bonfires, the hundreds of mounds of street sweepings that dotted the freshly brushed highways, and the piles of debris that were piled on the sidewalks attested to the activity, both among private citizens and city authorities.

High school girls played a prominent part in the "scrubbing" act. Groups of them formed "shovel and rake" brigades and made trips from yard to yard.

Some of the most prominent society women in the city endorsed the mayor's recommendations for a "city cleaning" by using the rake or the broom to help clean up lawns and garden paths.

Unearths Ruins of Church. Richmond, Va., March 24.—Lyon G. Tyler, president of William and Mary college, directing excavations on the Tabb farm, near Hampton, has unearthed the ruins of a church built in 1612, the existence of which had been forgotten. Records found by Dr. Tyler in Hampton Court House led to the discovery.

Ruined Speculator a Suicide. Philadelphia, March 24.—W. H. Swanberg, manager of a Chestnut street department store, shot himself dead on an express train from Buffalo as it pulled into the Reading Terminal station here. Swanberg was returning from Chicago. A letter to his wife said he had met with reverses in Wall street speculation and was badly embarrassed.

Will Cross Continent Afoot. Los Angeles, Cal., March 24.—Paul Lange, of Atlantic City, started a trans-continental walk back to his home. He walked from New York to San Francisco in 100 days last fall, but on the way east has made a schedule which calls for the completion of the journey in eighty-five days. He will have to cover more than forty miles a day to do it.

TO CUT DOWN SPEAKER'S POWER.

The success of the house insurgents in ousting Speaker Cannon from the committee on rules will be followed by an attempt to take from him the power to name committees.

This will not be done this session or in this congress in all probability. It is likely no further attempt will be made to change the rules this session. But when the next house is organized, then it is probable that the great work which was begun in the last few days will be completed by a provision in the rules that the house shall elect its own committees as the senate does now. Until that is done the speaker will have more authority than a large share of the house members believe he can be safely entrusted with.

Having passed the Norris resolution enlarging the rules committee and removing Speaker Cannon from it, the next thing for the house to do is to pick the new rules committee. That body has been composed of Speaker Cannon, Representative Dalzell and Representative W. L. Smith, Republican, and Champ Clark and Fitzgerald, Democrats. It will now consist of six Republicans and four Democrats, and Mr. Cannon will not be one of the Republicans.

Under the resolution of Mr. Norris the election must be in the next ten days. It is expected the Republicans will caucus to select their six members, and that the Democrats will caucus to pick their four. The probabilities are that the regulars will control the situation as to the caucus so completely that not an insurgent will be put on the rules committee, though for the sake of inducing party harmony some concessions may be made.

Representative John Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, one of the high priests of the Republican organization in the house, a man unrelenting in his bitter antagonism to the progressive wing of his party, has long been identified with the rules committee. Almost as much as Cannon himself, he typifies in the eyes of the country the tyranny exercised through a long series of years by the committee on rules. The house regulars would go far to smooth things over in the house and satisfy the sentiment in the country against control of the house by a small coterie of Dalzell were kept off the new rules committee. But there is no sign thus far that anything of this kind will be done.

It is probable Dalzell and Smith will be kept on, and that such powerful chairmen of committees as Tanney, Payne, Weeks, of Massachusetts, and Mann, of Illinois, will be added on the Republican side. While these men, and others aligned with them, who are possibilities, are Cannon men, it would be impossible for them to run the rules committee with the high hand it has been run in the past.

The first battle against the system that has so long dominated the house has been fought and the system has been lost. It is a forerunner of other battles by those who believe the house should be the truly representative body that the fathers of the republic contemplated. Not only has the Cannon organization been shattered, but the whole organization of which Joseph G. Cannon is the head in the house and Nelson W. Aldrich is the head in the senate has been jarred.

Not yet is the end in sight of revolt against rule of the house by a small coterie of powerful politicians. But a tremendous step in advance has been taken since the outbreak of the Democrats and insurgents last Thursday afternoon against the speaker. These are the chief things that have been accomplished:

By 191 to 155 the house adopted the amended Norris resolution, which deposes the speaker from the rules committee and enlarges that committee to ten.

Speaker Cannon has been made an absolute impossibility for re-election to the position of speaker of the house after this congress, despite the fact that the house on Saturday, by a vote of 191 to 155, refused to throw him out of office.

45 Dead in Train Wreck. At least forty-five persons were killed and thirty-one injured in the wreck of a Rock Island train four miles north of Marshalltown, Ia. It is feared the death list resulting from the crash, which occurred on the Great Western tracks, will reach sixty. Three thousand searchers are working in the debris and an effort is being made to account for a number of passengers who are reported missing. No easterners are among the dead and injured so far as reported.

The wrecked train is a combination train. The train was forced to make a detour over the Great Western tracks on account of the burning of a bridge seventeen miles north of Cedar Rapids. It was while the train was moving over this stretch of track that the crash came.

The engine left the track and stuck in the bank in a deep cut at the top of a hill while going at the speed of twenty-five miles an hour. The second engine hurled itself on top of the other, crushing it further into the earth. The sudden impact caused the Pullman sleeper to telescope the smoking car just behind, driving the sleeping car clear through the smoker. The smoker in turn telescoped the woman's day coach. In these two cars the death loss was appalling, there being eighty passengers in the women's coach and almost as many in the smoker.

Girl Killed For Refusing Kiss. Sarah Porter, twenty years of age, was drowned in the canal immediately under the Holton place bridge at Indianapolis, Ind. James Parnell, who was her suitor, was arrested on a charge of throwing the girl from the bridge to the water below a distance

of 20 feet. A police say that Parnell and Miss Porter had stopped on the bridge and that because the girl refused to kiss him, Parnell became angry and threw her over the railing. Parnell, seeing what he had done, jumped into the canal and tried to save her, but she sank out of sight, and the body was not recovered for several hours. Parnell was arrested at his home and is held pending investigation.

Pays \$500,000 For Painting. Half a million dollars—a record high price for a painting—was paid for the celebrated portrait of Frans Hals, the Dutch painter, and his family, painted by himself. The purchaser was Otto Kahn, the New York banker, who purchased the portrait from Duveen Bros. J. P. Morgan bid between \$350,000 and \$400,000 for the picture.

Efforts were made to keep the painting in England, but they failed, and it is one of the first really great European masterpieces to be brought to this country duty free, under the new tariff provisions.

Republican Stronghold Democratic. For the first time in its history the Fourteenth congressional district of Massachusetts went Democratic, when Eugene N. Foss, of Boston, not a resident of the district, was elected over William R. Buchanan, Republican, of Brockton, by a plurality of 5640. The special election was held to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William C. Lovering, a Republican, who represented the district since 1896.

Mr. Lovering had 14,000 Republican plurality when he was re-elected in 1908.

See Companion Burn to Death. A cigarette falling on his powder-covered clothes caused the death of Matthew Madison, a neeple of the Burton Powder company, near New Castle, Pa. His companions were compelled to watch him burn to death for fear that their own clothes would become ignited.

Robs to Pay His Rent. Henry Hoffman pleaded guilty at Lancaster, Pa., to stealing his landlord's chickens, and had a very novel excuse. He said he was in arrears for rent and threatened with eviction, and with the proceeds of the theft had paid the rent. He goes to jail for nine months.

Chinaman Strikes It Rich. Ah Kai, a Chinaman, cleaned up \$204,000 in gold from a gravel pit at You Bet, just across the Bear river from Dutch Flat, near Auburn, Cal. Ah Kai, who had leased the ground, ran a 200-foot tunnel and struck an old river bed. It is the largest find since the early days of the old placer county gold mining.

Beef Cattle Sell For \$100 a Head. One hundred dollars a head was paid at Fort Worth, Tex., for a herd of 450 Oklahoma fed beef cattle. This is said to be the highest price for this class of cattle ever paid in the United States.

Mother and Baby Burned. Mrs. George Hamilton and her two-year-old baby were killed and another child was fatally burnt when their home at Springfield, Ky., was destroyed by fire.

Real Estate Transfers. Harry Keller et ux to Edward H. Witmer et ux, tract of land in Bellefonte Boro, March 14, 1910; consideration \$1650. William L. Foster et al to Keystone Real Estate & Improvement Co., of State College, Feb. 25, 1910, tract of land in State College; consideration \$335. Phillipsburg Coal & Land Co. to Grayson Vaughn, Sept. 6, 1909, tract of land in Rich twp.; consideration \$75. Edgar T. Bechtel et ux to Edgar L. Morrison, March 6, 1910, tract of land in Liberty twp.; consideration \$400. John W. Yearick et ux to A. A. Stevens, March 12, 1910, tract of land in Marion twp.; consideration \$5,000. John H. Best et ux to Isabella Yocum, March 14, 1910, tract of land in Walker twp.; consideration \$725. Annie B. Tate et bar. to John W. Fry, March 3, 1910, tract of land in Ferguson twp.; consideration \$700. Bridget Smith to Harry Action et ux, March 15, 1910, tract of land in Phillipsburg; consideration \$2,000. Sara M. Harisock et al to Franklin D. Lee, Sept. 4, 1909, tract of land in Spring twp.; consideration \$5,800. W. E. Hurley, sheriff, to Mary R. Harris, March 5, 1910, tract of land in Honesdale; consideration \$1,000. Annie Irvin Blanchard et al to Boyd A. Noll, Feb. 28, 1910, tract of land in Bellefonte Boro; consideration \$1,950. Mary C. Vallmont et bar. to Henry J. Kohlbecker, March 17, 1910, tract of land in Centre county; consideration \$500.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. FOR CONGRESS. To the Editor: I hereby announce myself a candidate for Congress in the 21st Pennsylvania district, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries to be held June 4, 1910. I make this announcement and enter the contest in compliance with the earnest requests of many prominent members of the party in the district and also because I believe that in Congress, if elected, I would be in a position to effectively advocate those principles and measures of good government, which now more than ever, should be embodied in Federal legislation. I believe in clean politics and progressive Roosevelt policies. And to the end that I may serve their best interests, I ask the support of the Republicans of this district. LEWIS EMERY, Jr. Bradford, Pa., March 15, 1910. 55-11

STATE SENATOR. We are authorized to announce Hon. George M. Dimeling, of Clearfield county, as a candidate for Senate, subject to the endorsement of the Democratic voters of the 34th Senatorial district, at the Primaries to be held Saturday, June 4th, 1910.

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Low Rates to the West. Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets to Rocky Mountains, Pacific Coast, Western Canada, Mexico and Southwestern points on sale daily, until April 14 at reduced rates. Consult nearest Ticket Agent, or Thos. E. Watt, D. P. A., Pittsburg, Pa. 55-12-2c

An advertisement in the WATCHMAN always pays.

Legal Notices. AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—In the Orphans Court of Centre county, in the matter of the estate of Thomas J. Sexton, late of Bellefonte borough, deceased.

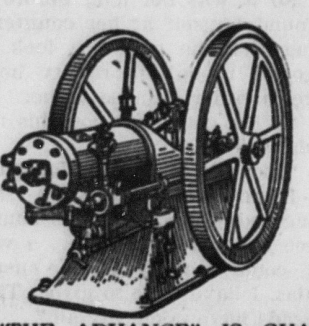
The undersigned, an Auditor appointed by said court to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the Administratrix as shown by her first and partial account, to and among those legally entitled to receive the same, will meet all parties in interest for the purpose of his appointment on Monday, the 11th day of April, 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m., at his office, No. 3 E. High St. Bellefonte, Pa., where and where all parties interested will be required to make and prove their claims or be forever barred from coming in upon said fund. 55-12-3c J. K. JOHNSTON, Auditor.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Estate of Jane E. Welch, late of the borough of Bellefonte deceased. Letters testamentary in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre county, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and all persons having claims or demands against said estate are requested to present and make the same known without delay to JOHN BLANCHARD, J. HARRIS HOY, Executors. BLANCHARD & BLANCHARD, Bellefonte, Pa. 55-10-6t Attorneys.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Estate of Anna Dale Roller, late of College township, Centre county, Pennsylvania, deceased. Letters testamentary in the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Centre county, Pennsylvania, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and all persons having claims or demands against said estate are requested to present and make the same known, without delay, to DAVID DALE, Executor. BLANCHARD & BLANCHARD, Bellefonte, Pa. 55-10-6t Attorneys.

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Legal Notices. NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHARTER OF CORPORATION OF THE SNOW SHOE DRIVE. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania on Tuesday, April 19th, 1910, by W. H. Noll Jr., Charles T. Bigger and Harry E. Bilger under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled "an act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29th, 1874, and the supplements thereto for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "Pleasant Gap Water Supply Company." The character and object of which is to supply water to the inhabitants of Pleasant Gap and vicinity for domestic and manufacturing purposes, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

The proposed charter is now on file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. N. B. SPANGLER, Solicitor. 55-12-3c.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.— Letters of Administration on the estate of Michael Hayes deceased, late of Spring township, having been granted to the undersigned he requests all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make payment and those persons having claims or demands against the same to present them to the undersigned for settlement. W. S. BUDDINGER, Snow Shoe, Pa. 55-9-4t J. C. MEYER Atty.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. Hughes Palmer & Co. No. 47 Sept Term 1907 vs. Snow Shoe Driving Park Assn. In the Court of Common Pleas for Centre County, Pa.

The undersigned an Auditor appointed by the foregoing Court to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the Prothonotary arising from the sale of the real estate of the Snow Shoe Driving Park Association, to and among those legally entitled to receive the same will meet the parties interested at his Office, No. 18, Crider's Exchange, Bellefonte, Pa., at 10 o'clock a. m., Thursday, April 7th, 1910, at which time and place all parties are required to present and prove their claims or be forever barred therefrom. S. KLINE WOODRING, Auditor. 55-11-3c

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.— Letters of administration on the estate of J. Green Irvin, deceased, late of College township, having been granted to the undersigned he request all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement. ANNIE I. MITCHELL, LETITIA I. JOHNSTON, Administratrix. HARRY KELLER, Atty. 55-9-6*

NOTICE.—In accordance with the Act of Assembly, passed the twenty-first day of April, A. D. 1903, the Commissioners of Centre county will receive sealed bids for the scraping, tightening of bolts and painting in accordance with specifications which are on file in the Commissioners' office for the following bridges:

Balsburg bridge, over Spring creek, in Harris township; length 30 feet, width of roadway 14 feet. Low truss.

Oak Hill bridge, over Logan Branch, in College township; length 50 feet, width of roadway 14 feet. Low truss.

Julian bridge, over Bald Eagle creek, in Huston township; length 81 feet, width of roadway 16 feet. High truss.

Port Matilda bridge, over Bald Eagle creek, in Worth township; length 74 feet, width of roadway 16 feet. High truss. Do not include sidewalk.

Miles township bridge at Kramerville, in Miles township; length 50 feet, width of roadway 16 feet, over Elk creek. Low truss.

Taylor township bridge, over Bald Eagle creek, in Taylor township; length 30 feet, width of roadway 14 feet. Low truss.

All bids must be in by 12 o'clock noon of the 2nd day of May, 1910, and will be opened on the 3rd of May, 1910.

Print will be furnished by the county, and bids will be received on each bridge separately.

Each bidder shall deposit a certified check for one-half of his bid with the Commissioners' clerk as an evidence of good faith.

On awarding the contracts the Commissioners will require a bond for the faithful performance of contract.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

JACOB WOODRING, H. E. ZIMMERMAN, JOHN L. DUNLAP, Commissioners. Attest: J. WILLIAMS, Clerk. Commissioners' Office, 55-11-2t Bellefonte, Pa., March 14 1910.

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