

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS.

Items Which Are of Particular Interest to Pennsylvanians.

IN THIS AND NEARBY COUNTIES.

Brief Mention of Matters Which Every-body Should Know About—A Week's Accidents and Crimes Accurately and Concisely Chronicled.

SCRANTON, July 7.—The press mill of the Moosic Powder company at Jermin exploded with a terrific shock, instantly killing John Lutey and Philip Forke, who were the only workmen in the place at the time. The mill was shattered into fragments.

Heaten and Robbed by Footpad.
ENH, July 7.—Mr. Henry D. Young, a well known business man of this city, was beaten almost to death and robbed by footpads while on his way home from a picnic. He is in a critical condition, and it is thought he will die. His assailants escaped.

Attacked by Burglars.
READING, July 7.—Isaac Koch, who is a switchman at the Mount Penn Gravity Railroad station, was attacked by four men shortly after 1 a. m., shot at and clubbed into submission. They then began an attack on the safe. Meanwhile Koch's cries for assistance brought some neighbors and caused the burglars to beat a hasty retreat.

Hon. John B. Packer Dead.
STURBY, July 8.—The Hon. John B. Packer died suddenly of heart disease in this city July 7. In 1898 Mr. Packer was elected to congress, and was re-elected in 1899, 1899 and 1900, declining a unanimous re-nomination in 1900. His wife is a niece of Hon. Simon Cameron.

Electric Cars Crash Together.
PITTSBURG, July 8.—Car No. 1, on the Atwood Street Electric road, and car No. 61, on the Duquesne Electric road, collided at the Forbes avenue and Atwood street crossing. The cars crashed together at full speed. The Atwood street car, with its seventeen passengers, was knocked over twenty feet from the crossing and thrown upon its side. The Duquesne car was also derailed and damaged. John Hazlett, Jr., the fourteen-year-old son of City Editor Hazlett, of the Leader, was knocked, rolled and dragged several feet. His shoulders and limbs are terribly cut, and it is stated that the skull was badly fractured. It is believed that his injuries will prove fatal. Mrs. D. F. Davies, of Fifth avenue, a passenger on the Atwood car, and Mrs. William Nagle, a passenger on the Duquesne car, were also seriously bruised and cut. Several other persons were less seriously hurt. Both of the motor men were arrested and locked up.

Eight Hundred Men Out.
POTTSVILLE, July 8.—The employees of the Pottsville Iron and Steel company, 800 in number, have gone on strike owing to the refusal of the president to sign the amalgamated scale. It is not likely that the trouble will be soon over, as both sides are standing firm.

A Big Mine Affair.
LANCASTER, July 9.—John Dorsey and John Pickmont were fatally and Christopher Shoftall very seriously injured by an explosion of gas at the Green Ridge colliery. The inner workings were ignited by the explosion. The mine is one of the largest in the anthracite region.

Broke His Back Trying to Escape.
STURBY, July 9.—D. Kelly and James Bolan, two of the prisoners in the jail in this city, attempted to escape. They unlocked the doors of their cell and got into the corridor and attached a rope to the skylight. When Kelly had climbed about ten feet he slipped and fell, breaking his leg and back. The doctors say he will die. Their terms would have expired in September.

Hardsley Transferred.
PHILADELPHIA, July 9.—Ex-City Treasurer John Hardsley was transferred from Moyamensing prison to the Eastern penitentiary Wednesday afternoon and began his fifteen years' imprisonment.

Killed by a Rolling Log.
WASHINGTON, July 9.—William Schaffer, a conductor on the Chartiers division of the Pennsylvania railroad, met with a sudden death at this place yesterday. He was standing by the side of the track when a log which rolled from a freight train struck him, killing him instantly. He resided at Mansfield and was thirty-seven years old and married.

A Cherry Pit Killed Him.
SCRANTON, July 9.—A cherry pit is a very small thing, but it proved fatal to Julius Merkes, a merchant of this city. It lodged in his intestines and defied removal until three physicians performed a difficult operation and cut a part of the intestines open. The operation seemed successful, but the patient died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning.

The Battle Was a Fierce One.
ENH, June 11.—A bloody battle between the Sweet and Cobb families on one side and the Andersons and McGahans on the other occurred at Edinboro. All the parties were injured, but Frank Anderson was the only one whose recovery is in doubt. All the persons to the feud are under arrest and will be arraigned on charges of shooting with intent to kill.

The Clarks Were Convicted.
PITTSBURG, July 11.—Ambrose Fitzsimons, with Mr. and Mrs. Clark as accessories, was convicted of robbing Schmidt's jewelry store in Hempstead last January. The stolen goods were found in the Clarks' house. They were well to do and have always borne a good reputation. Their arrest caused quite a social sensation.

H. H. Yard to Be Arrested.
PHILADELPHIA, July 12.—In the common pleas court an attachment was issued for the arrest of H. H. Yard for his failure to appear and testify before the council's investigating committee as ordered by the court. The court held that the appeal taken from the common pleas decision to the supreme court did not excuse Yard from obeying the court's order.

Thirty-one Horses Burned.
PHILADELPHIA, July 13.—The large brick livery stable belonging to Samuel Luggery, on Harvey street, Germantown, was burned early in the morning. Thirty-one horses perished in the flames. Loss, \$24,000.

Another Cavern at Wilkesbarre.
WILKESBARRE, July 13.—The old slope of the Kingston Coal company, near Larksville, caved in about 1 a. m. The cavern was caused by the snapping of the old timbers in the slope directly under the fanhouse, where the surface sank so suddenly that the upward rush of the air lifted the roof of the fanhouse. A number of houses in the vicinity were damaged. A dozen men were at work in the mines at the time, but they all escaped.

SECRETARY BLAINE TALKS.

He Says He Takes No Medicine and Is Not a Sick Man.

BAR HARBOR, July 13.—Secretary Blaine has consented to be interviewed by a United Press correspondent. He said: "I am as well as usual today. The sensational reports about my health sent to the press all over the country are lies. I am not a sick man. They have magnified a slight illness into something very serious. I am taking no medicine whatever. I go out every day and often twice a day. I have a good appetite, eat whatever I desire, rise at 8 o'clock and retire at 10 or 11. In short, live in my usual manner. There is nothing more to say."

Mr. Blaine took a long ride in the morning in an open carriage, and did not seem to be in the least fatigued, although he did his own driving. That Mr. Blaine is mentally unsound, as reported, is absurd. Mr. Emmons Blaine said today: "We no longer consider my father a sick man. He is constantly improving."

Secretary Blaine's physician said that he was improving rapidly, and within the last few days he has seemed to take a fresh hold on life and health. Those who are near the secretary are confident he will return to Washington in the fall a well man.

Blaine's Cousin an Alleged Defaulter?

VINCENNES, Ind., July 14.—The county board of supervisors have examined the books of Richland county for two years back, and found a shortage of \$9,095.32. The treasurer who held office at that time was Mr. Frank Gillespie, who was elected by the Democracy for two terms, 1880 to 1883. In 1884 Gillespie changed his politics and warmly advocated Blaine's election. Gillespie is a cousin of James G. Blaine, and is now the postmaster at Olney. There are many who believe there must be some mistake about the matter.

IT IS "CAMP LEON ABBETT."

Sea Girt's Soldiers Honor New Jersey's Governor.

SEA GIRT, N. J., July 14.—Camp Leon Abbett was formerly opened here yesterday with various interesting events.

At 11 o'clock the Fourth regiment of Jersey City, Colonel P. Farmer Warner commanding, reached the camp. The regiment mustered about 473 men, and was preceded by a fine drum and fife corps and bugle corps.

A few minutes later the Second battalion, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Moore, reached the camp. The command comprised one company from Hackensack, one from Leonia and one from Englewood and numbered 399 men.

Next came the first battalion, one company from Passaic two from Paterson, 225 strong, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Muzzy.

Next came the Gatling Gun Company A, Veteran Zouaves, of Elizabeth, commanded by Captain and Brevet General J. Madison Drake, who was the first Jerseyman to enlist in the late war.

The brigade band of fifty men, under the leadership of Professor Fred Voss, of Newark, came in about 11 o'clock. This completed the complement of the brigade, and at 12 o'clock the formal opening of the camp took place. It was christened "Camp Leon Abbett."

In the morning what might have been a fatal accident occurred to Surgeon Kudlich, of the Second regiment, who was thrown from his horse. The horse put his forehead squarely on the surgeon's chest, but the latter seized the animal's legs and raised the horse from his chest.

ONE OF THE HANLONS KILLED.

William Missed the Net and Broke His Neck.
CLINTON, Ia., July 14.—During the afternoon performance of Adam Forepaugh's show the crane broke upon which William Hanlon, of Hanlon Brothers, gymnast, was performing. He fell to the ground, missing the net, and striking upon his head, broke his neck, dying almost instantly. He was thirty-one years old, born in London and had for twenty-four years been associated with the Hanlon brothers. Last August he had a similar accident at the Academy of Music, New York, falling from the dome and breaking two parquet chairs. His work was upon the horizontal bar in the center, Robert and James Hanlon doing the flying trapeze.

Robert and James will remain with Forepaugh through the balance of the season. William leaves a widow, but had no children. Coroner Meyers impaneled a jury, who returned a verdict of accidental death, exonerating Manager Cooper from all blame.

Founder Bradley on the Warpath.

ASHURY PARK, N. J., July 14.—William Griffin, Jr., a beer bottler, has been arrested for violating the liquor law in selling liquor within the mile limit. This is the second arrest within a week. Founder Bradley says he will stop all sale of liquor in the town if he has to follow up the peddlers personally. Mr. Bradley has detectives following every beer wagon that arrives in town.

What Colonel Polk Says.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Colonel L. L. Polk, president of the National Farmers' Alliance, says: "As far as the northwest is concerned the third party has come to stay. It will have a ticket in the field that will sweep Kansas, North and South Dakota, Nebraska and other states. If the southern Democratic leaders do not put an end to their denunciation of our order, there will be a third party in the south also."

Atlantic City's Invitation Declined.

CAPE MAY, July 14.—A delegation from Atlantic City invited the president to visit that resort. He courteously declined, saying that he was here for rest, and there was none in accepting the many invitations daily received from all over the country. Mayor Hoffman and General Hustings, of Pennsylvania, were the spokesmen of the committee.

Editor Morgan Arrested.

SCRANTON, Pa., July 14.—Editor Failla Morgan, of The People, the state Prohibitionists' organ, has been arrested charged with libeling Charles E. Steel, of Honesdale, the state secretary of the Good Templars. Morgan had published a statement to the effect that Steel, upon his recent return from Scotland, had been banqueted by saloon keepers.

Prince George's Watch Stolen.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 14.—Just before the Thrush sailed for England some one entered Prince George's cabin and stole a hunting case watch. Detectives have been put on the case.

Warships Off for New York.

BOSTON, July 14.—The United States warships Vesuvius, Yorktown, Atlanta and Newark sailed for New York shortly after 1 p. m. to take part in the naval maneuvers.

MONUMENT IN BORN.

TO THOSE WHO DIED IN THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR.

These died in war; they died a cruel death. By maddened horses trampled to the ground; While boldly fighting, with impatient soul, Death found them, and with silence wrapped them round.

They died in war and no familiar hand Clasp'd theirs in death; a restless, fighting blood Of soldiers overwhelmed them, and they sank To death in heat and dust and wounds and blood.

They died, and of their gallantry and faith, Their bravery and valour—what remains? And is the conquest worth the widow's tears? And are the victories such certain gains?

Nay, not the victories; but see, they raise A monument of love that shall be read When we and all our age is past and gone, And wives and mothers have rejoined their dead.

The angel stands with mighty shield to guard The dying warrior from the opponent's arm; And every feeble man shall feel his soul Assured of safety, shielded from all harm.

And strength and valour shall go hand in hand, And angel purity shall guard the right; And dying men shall point us to the star That dawning on the world shall make it light.

—[Lucy Elizabeth Orr.]

MATCHED COPPERS.

Three Young Men Toss Up for the Right to Court a Girl.

A wedding is announced between two well known young people of Des Moines. There is an interesting story connected with the event, and it would be unfair to call names.

Four years ago the prospective bride, then quite young, was receiving the attention of three gentlemen. They, too, were young, little more than boys, and just entering upon the different lines of work which they had adopted for life.

Two of them, indeed, were still students. Matters ran along without much change with the four for some time. They each understood the situation. Nothing in the girl's manner indicated any preference. The three boys were the best of friends, although the situation was such as to strain their relations a little.

Finally the three met one day by accident. In some way the young lady's name was brought up, and after consideration it was decided to match pennies to see who should withdraw from the contest. It was stipulated that the winner should be in honor bound to devote himself exclusively to the young lady in the future, and to win her hand if possible. The losers from that moment were to withdraw from the race completely. The losers were further pledged to act as guardian brothers to the young lady and see that the winner carried on no flirtations with other girls.

The contracts were carried out to the letter, and the girl was never told why two of her admirers so suddenly retired. And so, after these years, she is at last to become the wife of him whom luck favored in a game of chance. Both are still young and the gentleman is prospering in business.

Of the losers in the contest, one adopted a trade and is married. The other entered upon a professional career. He is unmarried and his name would be recognized, were it mentioned, all over the Western city.—[Des Moines Leader.]

American Immigration Agents in Italy.

The agents of the steamship lines cover Italy as the locusts covered Egypt. They paint the charms of big wages in the United States; they often induce the poor peasant to sell his cow and move on the United States. In this business the commission money of clouds of emigrant agents is the chief inspiration. The ship would starve without a steerage list; there is a large profit in handling large numbers, and thousands of drummers for emigrants swarm over Italy, and their fruit is in the 5,000 Italians who, in one week of the recent spring, cut loose from the life of the Italian peasantry to try chances in the United States. Many more applied in the spring of 1890 than the ships could carry.

There is a factor in Italian emigration which is larger and more important than perhaps any other European factor of its class. I allude to the devotion of nationality. The Irishman loves Ireland, the Englishman loves England, and the German loves Germany, but more intense than any of these loyalties is the devotion of the Italian to his ancient and now United States. This sentiment is as profound among the peasantry as among any class, and nothing but the most pressing poverty would drive the Italian people in such numbers from their native land.

Hence, when they have made a few dollars in the United States beyond the present wants they hasten to their old homes. They love to spend their savings in Italy; it seems to them almost a sacrilege to spend them elsewhere. As a Chinaman's bones can never rest or his spirit be free until his mortal remains are celestially interred, so an Italian peasant's dollars seem to bring him real peace only when they are spent in the place where he was born. The returning legions amaze the home people of Italy with their financial resources; for men who never had a dollar look on \$75 as a rich reserve, and \$100 is wealth. These returned emigrants flourish at their native Italian towns and set their neighborhoods aflame with a desire to see the land where even the shovel and the pick are transformed into gold.—[Consul Dingley's report from the Naples Consulate.]

Sympathetic.

Hostess—I don't see how anyone can speak well of those horrid Indians. I can never forget how they made several of my ancestors suffer at the stake.

Mr. Grampas (struggling with an alleged sirloin)—I can assure you, madam, they have my profoundest sympathy.—[Boston Courier.]

Dr. David Starr Jordan, president elect of the Leland Stanford University, is an athlete and sportsman, as well as a scholar and parson. He says of himself: "Six feet one and one-half inches high, I weigh 215 pounds, but I can swim, play baseball, and talk Norwegian; and you can not tell him much, if anything, that he does not already know about trout, rods, and reels."

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