

OUR HARRISBURG LETTER.

What Our State Lawmakers Are Doing at the Capital City. HARRISBURG, April 5.—Compulsory education has taken a step forward by being finally passed by the house.

NEWS FROM ALL AROUND

Condensed Accounts of Important Happenings.

SOLID FACTS BRIEFLY MENTIONED.

The News Gathered from all Parts of the World and Put in Shape for the Convenience of the Busy Reader.

Mrs. Maria Walden Morris, wife of William H. Morris, died at her home in Orange, N. J.

Miss Mary Ketter, for thirty-seven years a public school teacher in Reading, died of cancer.

The date for the reciprocity convention, to be held in St. Paul, has been fixed for June 5.

A passenger train on the Lehigh Valley road struck and killed John Koske of Stockton.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Maxwell Saturday appointed 107 fourth-class postmasters.

Cholera has broken out among the natives at Wong Lee, China. An average of ten deaths are reported daily.

Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris, with her children, will return to the United States and reside in New York city.

Albert Hamilton, a brakeman on the Alton railroad, was cut in two by a train at Joliet, Ill., while coupling cars.

Edward Sterrett, a laboring man of Auburn, N. Y., shot his wife and then himself. Both will die. Jealousy was the cause.

The will of the late Colonel D. V. Ahl, of Newville, bequeathed \$1,000 to the Ahl Spring Presbyterian church at Newville.

United States Treasurer Nebeker took charge of the New York sub-treasury this morning, relieving Sub-treasurer Roberts.

St. Barnabas's P. E. church was burned in Baltimore. The fire started near the furnace in the basement. Loss, \$30,000.

The wage trouble between the Ohio and Mississippi railroad and its telegraph operators has been finally settled by a compromise.

Governor Pattison issued a death warrant for Pietro Buccieri, an Italian murderer, who will be hanged at Reading on June 1.

An average of fifteen deaths a day for the past week have been reported in St. Petersburg as a result of the cholera scourge in that city.

John Price, a notorious character, was sentenced at Baltimore to seven years' imprisonment for attempting the life of Carrie Rock.

Owing to an accumulation of business Consul General P. A. Collins has postponed his departure for London from April 6 to April 22.

A Washington dispatch says that Mgr. Satoli has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to appear on the street again.

A lumber shanty in the woods near Calumet, Mich., was burned and its occupants, two men and a woman, were cremated.

Frank P. Slavin and Jim Hall have been matched in London to fight inside of two months for a stake of \$2,500 a side and the largest purse offered.

William C. Elam, chief of the division of railroads, and Henry G. Potter, chief of the division of mineral claims, general land office, have resigned.

Mike Chambers, in jail at Sacramento, Cal., has confessed that he is the man who murdered Fred Fetterman some months ago at Huntsville, Tenn.

The Paris Temps states that Italy, following the example of England and France, will raise her legation at Washington to the dignity of an embassy.

Senator Gorman, chairman of the senate committee on printing, has appointed F. M. Cox, editor of the Port Tobacco Times, as clerk of that committee.

Peter Maher, the Irish champion pugilist, will travel with "Denver" Ed. Smith. He will be the Denver man's sparring partner at a salary of \$100 per week.

Joseph Dumas, a French lad, 14 years old, was run over at Putnam, Conn., by six box cars. Being small and keeping his presence of mind he managed to avoid the wheels, but the last car broke his leg.

Several arrests have taken place in Chicago as a result of the fist fight in the Presbyterian church there Monday afternoon. An effort is being made in the Windy City to hush the matter up and put an end to the outrageous proceedings.

Harpin A. Batsford, the Philadelphia embezzler, who, in company with A. A. Caldwell, the defunct Wisconsin bank cashier, was brought back to this country has been given a hearing at Philadelphia and held for trial in the criminal court.

John A. Haney, who was some time ago released from Moyamensing jail, where he had been confined on the charge of murdering Ella Winters, died of consumption at the home of his brother in Philadelphia. Haney contracted the disease while in jail.

Joseph Chambers, a former brakeman on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, who had lost two limbs, was killed by a freight train near Hinton, W. Va. A note was found in his possession which read: "Rather than be a burden to you I will end my life."

A dispatch from Madison, Wis., says that Senator Vilas has not yet been appraised of the death of his daughter, Miss Nellie Vilas, owing to the fact that his location in Florida cannot be ascertained by his friends. Over fifty telegrams have been sent and all have failed to reach him.

The fire in the Lattimer mine at Wilkes-Barre has not yet been extinguished and fears are entertained that it will work its way over to the Millersville colliery. A force of men are still at work trying to subdue the flames, but are making little headway in the attempt.

The contemplated strike of carpenters at the World's Fair grounds in Chicago has been averted by the demands of the men being granted. The carpenters are to receive an increase in pay and the contractors are to dismiss from their employ all of the non-union men employed in the construction of buildings on the grounds.

Since Lattimer's escape from the Jackson, Mich., penitentiary, an investigation into the management of the concern has been instituted, in the progress of which gross irregularities on the part of the warden and guards has been unearthed. Many of the convicts have been allowed to go outside of the walls unguarded, whenever they saw fit to ask for the privilege, and one man, Dr. Mason, who is serving a five-year sentence, has been allowed to spend three nights a week under his own roof for many months past. The prison management is being thoroughly overhauled and a new warden will at once take the place of Captain Davis, who now holds that responsible position.

The Chameleon.

A FLORIDA VISITOR WHO THOUGHT IT WAS TIME TO SWEAR OFF.

From The Chicago Tribune.

A tipsy traveling man took an impressive vow never again to taste liquor yesterday. He was in earnest, too. He had good reason to be, for he thought he had "em. This is how it happened: L. B. Dyke, a Colorado mine owner, on his way from St. Augustine, Fla., went into the bar room of the Great Northern.

Among other curious things picked up in the city of the Southeastern peninsula he had a fine chameleon, a little fellow with a body about an inch and a half long and a tapering tail two inches long. This he wore as a scarf pin, having it tethered to his tie by a fine gold chain. At the bar stood a traveling man, who was telling his companions, in a maudlin tone, of a wonderful concoction of mixed drinks he had discovered. Happening to glance at Mr. Dyke, he caught sight of the chameleon. The glance was a casual one, but soon became fixed in intensity. The chameleon seemed to fascinate him. He was able to look away from it but for an instant at a time, and then his gaze was diverted toward the untouched glass of liquor in front of him. Finally he seemed unable to stand the suspense longer and approached Mr. Dyke.

"Pardon me," he said in a husky voice, "but that's a queer scarf-pin you wear."

"You are mistaken sir; I wear no scarf-pin."

"I wear no pin in my scarf." As if to emphasize his denial he brushed his hand lightly over the pin. The chameleon ran rapidly to the end of the chain and rested on his coat collar.

"Great Heavens, man, it moved! It's on your coat collar now."

"Oh, I guess you're mistaken. See, there is nothing there," and again the hand touched the animated pin. This time the chameleon ran down out of sight beneath Mr. Dyke's vest.

"No, there is nothing there," said the traveling man, slowly. He stood there fully a minute, apparently oblivious to all surroundings. A fearful possibility seemed to present itself to him. Finally he raised his right hand.

"I swear I will never touch a drop of liquor again as long as I live. I've often heard of them but never thought I'd see 'em," and, leaving the liquor untouched he slowly walked to the elevator and had a bell boy show him to his room.

"Chameleons are common in Florida," said Mr. Dyke. "Ladies as well as gentlemen wear them for ornaments."

Specimen Cases.

S. C. Clifford, New Cassel Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Katawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by C. A. Klein's Drug Store.

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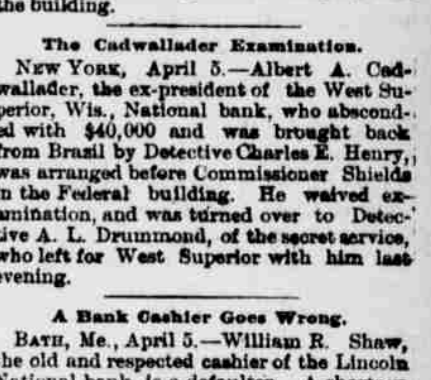
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