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## CHILD SEIZED LIVE WIRE.

Life Saved by a Speedy Rescue.

On Tuesday afternoon a boy rushed into the office of the Columbia Power, Light, and Railways Company, and said that a child was lying in the gutter in front of J. G. Quick's residence, corner of Main and Jefferson streets, with a live wire in his hand, and asked that some one come to the rescue. Superintendent W. M. Terwilliger happened to be at the door, and ran down to the spot. The boy lay in the gutter with his head towards the middle of the street. His mouth was open and his eyes turned up showing the whites, and he had the appearance of being dead. The wire was still in his hand.

Others had seen him, but everybody was afraid to touch the wire or the boy for fear of a shock, and so he lay there with 2200 volts passing through him, slowly burning to death. Mr. Terwilliger had an umbrella and with its wooden handle hooked on the wire, where the rubber covering was intact, he at once removed the wire from the boy's hand, and directed some one to go for a doctor.

In a few moments Drs. Montgomery and Miller were there, the boy in the meantime having shown signs of life by gasping and heavy breathing, and a little later by moaning. He was carried into the residence of J. G. Quick, and about 20 minutes later was taken to his home in Dr. Miller's automobile.

The boy's name is Paul Swisher, aged 9 years, a son of William Swisher of Glen Heights.

The child with a number of other children was returning from the Third street school where he is a pupil in the room of Miss Rhodomoy, and had reached the residence of Mr. Quick when he saw a wire hanging from a tree. Unconscious of any danger he caught hold of it and was thrown violently to the ground and soon lapsed into unconsciousness.

His companions spread the alarm, and it was Peter Hoover, clerk in Bomboy's meat market, who first got word to the Trolley office.

The boy's right hand is badly burned, and the back of his head is bruised by falling on the ground.

The wire was an electric light wire that had been broken only a short time before by the wind swaying it against the limb of a tree through which it passed, and it had not yet been reported to the company.

This is a lesson for all children not to take hold of wires of any kind on the street. There may be death in them.

On Wednesday morning the boy was up and playing about the house, apparently feeling well with the exception of a badly burned hand.

## VESTRY WILL HOLD OVER.

Monday night was the regular time for the election of vestrymen of St. Paul's Episcopal church, but there was no election held as there was no one present but the Rector, three vestrymen, the sexton, and one member of the congregation. Under the provisions of the charter, when there is no election the old board holds over. The vestry is composed of Col. J. G. Freeze, Geo. E. Elwell, J. R. Townsend, P. E. Wirt, J. G. Wells, C. W. Funston, H. Bruce Clark, J. Lee Harman, A. W. Duy, Samuel H. Harman, and John Morris.

## THE EASTER BALL.

A Large Attendance Marked the Easter Ball of the Knights Templar.

About one hundred and twenty-five couples were present at the Easter ball given in Caldwell Cathedral last Monday evening.

The ball room was beautifully decorated with festoons of the Templar colors, black and white, and with large Easter bells suspended from the ceiling. At the lower end of the beautiful ball room was a large Knight Templar shield, electrically illuminated. Crossed swords were used in the wall decorations, as well as Knights Templar banners. In the lobby were draped the American flag and the Knights Templar banner.

The music for the grand march was furnished by the Citizens Band, and the dance music was by Elwell's orchestra. It was of a high order throughout, and was very much enjoyed and complimented.

The grand march was led by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Caswell, and was participated in by the Knights Templar in full uniform, and their ladies. It was a beautiful and imposing spectacle.

Excellent refreshments were served by the members of St. Margaret's Guild, under the direction of Mrs. Hawley.

Besides the Bloomsburg people there was a large contingent from Danville. Other towns represented were Millville, Pottsgrove, Annapolis, Md., Catawissa, Camden, N. J., Hazleton, Lewisburg, Pittsburg, New York, Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Wilkes-Barre, Montgomery and Northumberland.

## T. F. FORREST DIES SUDDENLY.

Thomas F. Forrest of New York city has spent much time in Bloomsburg for some years past, and was well known, and popular with a large circle of friends. He was spending an Easter vacation here, and on Monday night attended the ball at the Temple. On Tuesday he was around as usual, and apparently in the best of health and spirits. He was a genial companion and polished gentleman.

It was his strong friendship for the Caswell family that first brought him to Bloomsburg and the friendship has continued for many years. He was invited to dine at the home of Mrs. Mary F. Caswell on Tuesday evening. At the conclusion of the meal he said he felt faint, and would go outside and get some fresh air. Starting from the table he staggered a little, and Mrs. Caswell said she would go with him. Before they could reach the front door he said he believed he was "going to have a stroke." Those were his last words. He sank to the floor unconscious.

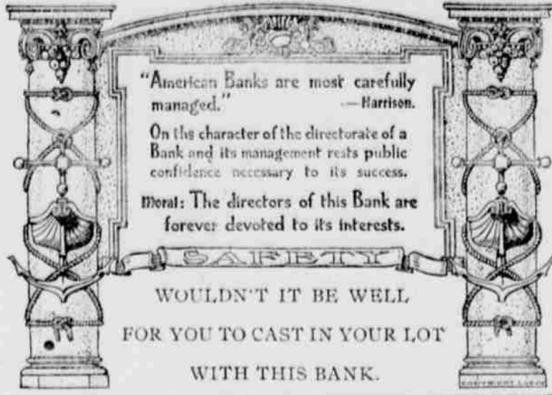
Dr. Miller was sent for, and did all that medical skill could do, but in vain. About 8 o'clock he passed away.

Mr. Forrest was a broker in New York, and was a member of the Stock Exchange, his seat there being worth \$75,000 or more. His mother died a few years ago, and he leaves no known relatives, except some cousins.

The remains are at Mrs. Caswell's pending arrangements for the funeral.

## EASTER OFFERING.

The total amount of the offerings at St. Paul's Church on Easter was \$543.26. Of this, \$472.92 was the special Easter offering.



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## SUICIDE AT CATAWISSA.

Man Threw Himself Under Reading Freight Train.

Calvin Keller, a young man of Catawissa threw himself under a Reading freight train near his home in Catawissa on Easter morning, and was instantly killed. He had previously made several threats to end his life, the cause supposed to be long-continued worry over domestic troubles.

He ran across Railroad street, where he resides, and grabbing the rod that runs beneath a box car, threw himself directly across the rail just in front of the wheel of a box car on the moving train.

Fifteen of the remaining cars on the train passed over his body, severing it just below the ribs and cutting off his arms at the elbows. A peculiar fact was that there were no cuts on his face. The severed head and shoulders lay outside the rail and the remainder of the body on the inside.

The only eye witness was the young son of Clark Keller. A jury was empaneled by Justice Barwick, and the verdict was that the death was intentional.

Keller was about 30 years old and had been employed by the P. & R. for several years, at the time of his death was working on the Danville shifting engine. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Keller of Catawissa, a wife, and two small children.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon.

## DR. THOMAS HAS RESIGNED.

Rev. Dr. J. D. Thomas on Sunday evening announced to his congregation in the Reformed Church that he had received a call to a church at Germantown, Ohio. The announcement was a great surprise to his people, and has been received by the entire community with regret.

During his residence here Dr. Thomas has endeared himself to many. He has been pastor of the Reformed Church here for the past eleven years. Before he can sever his relations here the consent of the congregation must first be given, and their action be confirmed by the Classis.

The church to which he has been called is the fourth largest in the Miami classis of the Ohio Synod, and is a new church, not having yet been dedicated. The cost of the church was \$30,000 and it is planned to have the dedication ceremonies an occasion of a greeting to the new pastor. He filled the pulpit of the church on the 21st of March and the call was unanimous.

## PROF. ALBERT WILL LECTURE.

Prof. Albert has consented to give a talk in the Lutheran church tonight at 8 o'clock on Tuskegee Institute, and his recent trip there. It will be a most interesting address. Let every man of the church and Sunday School and their friends be present. An offering for the Diphtheria Relief Fund of the Loysville Orphans' Home will be taken from any who may feel disposed to make a contribution. This is not obligatory, however. The lecture is free and the public generally is invited.

## CHANDLEE EVES DEAD.

Stricken with Paralysis He Died soon after.

Chandlee Eves, a prominent resident of Millville, and well known throughout the county, was stricken with paralysis last Saturday night at 11 o'clock and expired about a half hour afterwards.

He had been in Bloomsburg that day attending to business, and seemed in his usual health. He ate a hearty supper, and was in good spirits when he retired for the night. Several years ago he had a slight attack of paralysis from which he recovered.

Mr. Eves was an active and good citizen, and was highly respected. He was an active leader in the religious society of Friends and was also a member of the Columbia County Agricultural Society, a trustee of the Friends' school at Millville, a Director of the board of the Bloom Poor District, and a charter member, a director and agent of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Millville. He was always prominently identified with the public interests of the town and vicinity. He was a lifelong resident of Millville and until about three years ago when he became interested in the insurance company followed the occupation of a farmer.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: Myron and Miss Edith Y. Eves, of Millville; Dr. Carl Eves, of Berwick; Prof. George Eves, of Newtown, Bucks county; also, by two grandchildren, Charles Chandlee Biddle and John Eves Biddle, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Rachael John, of Wilmington, Del.; Ellis Eves, John Eves, W. Webster Eves, of Millville, and J. Barton Eves, of town.

His age was 72 years. The funeral was held at the Friends' meeting house at Millville on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## ATTEMPTED ASSAULT.

It is a pretty bold ruffian who will attempt to assault a woman on the public streets of Bloomsburg, but such was the case on Tuesday night about 9 o'clock when Miss Irene Kahler was returning to her home from the Lutheran Church where she had attended a bible class.

As she was walking down East street and had reached the alley between the properties of H. J. Pursel and that occupied by Mrs. Titman, she was seized by a man who put his arm around her neck, and covered her mouth and nose with his left hand, and with his right struck her in the face. She fell to the ground and the villain's hand became loosened, and she gave a scream which brought Mrs. Titman to the door. The man ran down the alley.

Miss Kahler was taken into Mrs. Titman's house and her injured face given some care, and then went to her home. Her father, George Kahler, and her brother at once notified the police, who made diligent search but found no suspicious person.

Miss Kahler's home is on Fifth street near East, and she is a teacher in the public schools of North Berwick.

W. H. Hiday, cashier of the Bloomsburg National Bank, is building a new veranda at the front of his Fifth street residence.

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