

# THE CENTRE REPORTER.

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## AFTER MR. HIGBEE.

The Morning Patriot says the management of the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools of Pennsylvania engaged the attention of a group of lawyers on 25th at the Executive Department. Those present were Governor Pattison, Deputy Attorney General Snodgrass, District Attorney McCarroll, of Dauphin county, and J. Howard Gendell, Esq., of Philadelphia, who has been retained as special counsel for the Commonwealth. The consultation lasted three hours and related to the preparation of criminal proceedings which were to have been commenced in this term of the Dauphin county court that opens next Monday. The recent report of General Wagner, who as State Inspector of the schools, had made a close examination into their condition and management, was incidentally referred to and is expected to constitute an important factor in the proceedings. It is understood that thirty specifications of wrong doing have been formulated against Superintendent Higbee. It was stated at the conference that Mr. Higbee had gone to Michigan and would not return until October. In view of this fact it is likely that a warrant for his arrest will not be issued until his return, and therefore the case cannot be brought to trial until the November term of the Dauphin county court. The charges against the school proprietors who had profited by the abuses were also made the subject of consultation, but it is said that Superintendent Higbee was regarded as the one who was chiefly responsible to the public for the wrongs that grew up under his administration, and that proceedings against the school proprietors would await the disposition of the proceedings against Higbee.

There is not a single good, solid reason that any one can give, why any Democrat should scratch a name on the Democratic ticket from Black on down to the end of the county ticket. We defy any one to send us a solid reason over his signature and we will refuse it or give him the Reporter for one year for nothing.

## LANDLORD OPPRESSION IN IRELAND.

Thousands of People Escort Evicted Tenants to the Workhouse.

London, Aug. 24.—Following are particulars of the extraordinary eviction scene that took place at New Ross, Wexford, yesterday. At 4 o'clock an immense procession entered the town from Fethard, County Wexford. First came a Ross brass band, then three waggons containing sixty-two persons, being the wife and children of thirteen small farmers evicted last week from their holdings on the Marquis of Ely's estates. The waggons were followed by 300 horsemen four deep, a number of priests on cars headed by Father Tom Doyle, the friend of Sir Charles Gavan Duffy. The procession was closed by a string of cars in single file said to be several miles in length. Some five or six bands accompanied the procession. A great number of men carried green flags on gilded pikes. The object of this extraordinary gathering was to escort the evicted families to the New Ross Workhouse, where a "ward of honor" had been set apart for their use. Notices had been previously posted about the town calling upon the people to assemble in their thousands to "witness the last resource of landlord oppression and to comfort the poor victim on their way to the workhouse." In compliance with this suggestion all the shops were shut and the town was decorated. A platform was erected, from which Nationalists harangued the people. An extra force of police was drafted into the town, and about 1 o'clock a battery of artillery from the garrison, on and en route to Clonmel arrived and assigned quarters for the night in view of a possible disturbance.

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## A BOY'S AWFUL DEATH FROM HYDROPHOBIA.

Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 26.—On the farm of Mr. Gandy, near this city, a rabid dog bit Walter Gandy, four years old, in the face. Several of the animals, both entered the flesh in the cheek and above the eye. The little boy did not suffer, except from the laceration, but the parents at once took him to Denton, where a mudstone was applied. It would not adhere, and it was said that no virus had entered the system. Not satisfied, the father took the boy to Mansfield, where a second mudstone was applied. It also refused to adhere. Saturday the little fellow said his throat was sore and refused to eat. He would cry when water was brought near him, and soon became frantic. Physicians went out from Fort Worth and exhausted their skill, but the boy grew worse, and greenish foam issued from his mouth. His piteous cries and contortions were simply horrible. A little playmate came to see him yesterday, and Walter snapped at him, biting him slightly in the face. The physicians fear this boy has also been inoculated with the poison. Last evening the sufferer became quiet for a while and slept for a few moments. He awoke with a tremor, barked like a dog, bent himself nearly double, gnashed his teeth, blood and foam gushed from his mouth, and was dead.

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## POWDER EXPLOSION.

A CHICAGO SUBURB BADLY SHAKEN AND SEVERAL PEOPLE PERISH.

Lightning Supposed to be the Cause of the Disaster—The Shock Felt for Many Miles—Property Damaged Six Miles From the Scene.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—A severe shock, like that of an earthquake, was felt in every portion of the city yesterday morning. The cause was the explosion of the Laffin & Randall Powder company's magazine, on the Archer road, near the McCormick Temple works. It is supposed that a bolt of lightning struck the magazine and the concussion set off the dynamite and the gunpowder stored there.

The shock caused in the two magazines of the Oriental Powder company and those belonging to the Warren Powder company, the Hazard, the Dupont and the Forcite dynamite companies' storerooms. The latter, which stood about three-quarters of a mile distant, was unharmed. The Laffin & Randall company's magazine was the only one which exploded. The house of John Gahl, a driver for the Oriental Powder company, was flattened out upon the ground, a mass of kindling wood. Gahl and his wife were fatally injured, and Carrie Erwin, their servant girl, was instantly killed. The residence of Mrs. Devine was demolished in the same way. Mrs. Devine had her leg broken and her body bruised, but suffered no other injuries. She was dragged out of the ragged heap of splinters and taken to the hospital. A farmer, whose name could not be learned, was driving past toward the city when the explosion occurred. His skull was fractured and his neck badly lacerated by blocks of stone. He cannot live. The horse he was driving was instantly killed and the wagon smashed to bits. The whole side of Justice Michael Toarney's house, near the Oriental magazine was ripped off and the roof caved in, but not one of the—unhappily was injured. Little Tom Toarney, 9 years old, was lifted bodily from the back stoop onto an out-house about ten feet from the dwelling. The out-house collapsed, but the boy came out unhurt. Several people received slight wounds from falling stones, and a number of barns were riddled. The scene of the disaster was crowded with people this afternoon. Where the Laffin & Randall powder works had stood there was a deep hole in the clay, in which not a vestige of the building remained. Over the prairie for half a mile were scattered bits of stone and slivers from the roof timbers. A block of stone said to weigh nearly 150 pounds went through the wall of the Grand Trunk round house about a mile north, and another dropped through the roof, smashing in the cab of an engine. The Chicago and Alton round house, nearly a mile northeast, was riddled with small fragments, and every window smashed to pieces. John Shannon, aged 15, and Willie and Dan Kelly, lads of about the same age, found a can of black powder on the prairie about three-quarters of a mile from the explosion. It was still hot and they had a curiosity to know its contents. They pried it open, and the powder exploded, scorching them severely about the face and hands. They may lose their sight on account of their burns.

Throughout the southern and western portions of the city damage to the extent of many thousands of dollars was done by the explosion. Plate glass windows all along State and Halsted streets, and on Clark, Madison and several other streets fully six miles distant, were demolished. Two plate glass windows in the Board of Trade building and one in the Johnson building, opposite, were destroyed.

The congregations at St. Patrick's church and at the Jesuit church were panic stricken, and stamped. At the Jesuit church a boy named Fitzgerald was thrown from a window by the concussion.

The farmer who was injured, and whose name could not be learned, died last night at the county hospital. It is also reported that Mrs. Devine will not recover.

Jersey Sits Down On Sullivan.

New York, Aug. 27.—Governor Alsmelt, of New Jersey, has written Chief Justice Murphy, of Jersey City, requesting him to cooperate with Sheriff Holme, of Hudson county, in dispersing the proposed unlawful assembly at Schuettez park, Union Hill, on Saturday, the 28th inst., when Sullivan and Herold are advertised to fight. In case there is any assembly there for the purpose described the sheriff shall read the riot act and disperse the crowd. All persons lingering in the vicinity after the riot act has been read will be arrested as disorderly persons.

In accordance with these proceedings the proprietor of the Schuettez park has announced that he will return the money deposited with him for the use of the park and will not allow any one connected with the proposed contest to enter the gates.

New Pension Arrangements.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Assistant Secretary Hawkins, of the interior department, has about completed the reorganization of the board of pension appeals so as to conform to the provisions of the appropriation act passed at the last session of congress. Instead of three, the reorganized board will consist of nine members, who will be formed into three divisions, each of which will consider and pass upon one or more of the several classes of claims. Thus increased, it is expected that the work of the board, which is about a year behind, will very soon be brought up to date.

An Anti-Convict Labor Convention.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—A well attended convention of manufacturers in all branches of trade interested in the abolition of convict labor opened in the parlors of the Grand Pacific hotel to-day. Considerable doubt was, however, expressed by a number of those in attendance regarding the specific action which it was proposed to take. The convention is the result of a circular call issued in July last by W. T. Lewis, of Racine, Wis., and which has been extensively circulated in the West.

Delegates to the Richmond Convention.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—The following delegates are among those selected to attend the Richmond convention of the Knights of Labor from this city: George Rogers, George Schilling, T. E. Randall, C. F. Sieb, William Gleason, D. J. Doyle and R. C. Owen. The delegates are stated to favor Mr. Powderly, but the choice of Schilling, Gleason and Randall is declared to be an unqualified victory for the Socialistic element in the order.

Another Public Printer.

MIDDLERTOWN, N. J., Aug. 27.—The Ellenville Press announces that President Cleveland has appointed Thomas E. Benedict as public printer at Washington. Mr. Benedict was formerly editor of The Press, and is now deputy state comptroller. He is a native of Warwick, N. J., and is 45 years old. He is a straight-out Democrat. His brother, Gilbert H. Benedict, at present editor of The Press, will become his chief clerk.

Deceased Clever, You Know.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—An Englishman has been arrested at Altona, Prussia, on a charge of defrauding the Bank of Naples out of 250,000 francs.

## AN OLD STORY REVIVED

About an Alleged Attempt to Dispose of Powderly.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 30.—A workingman who resides here, and who was formerly an active member of the Knights of Labor, has come out in an interview with a startling story concerning a plot to kill T. V. Powderly. The alleged plot was concocted in New York city in October, 1882, and one or two members of the Home club are said to have been implicated in it.

During the summer of 1882, Mr. Powderly and Robert D. Layton, then the grand secretary of the Knights of Labor, rendered a decision with respect to a boycott which caused intense dissatisfaction among the Knights of Labor of New York and Brooklyn. It was charged that Layton had been influenced to make the decision and that Mr. Powderly allowed himself to be used by Layton. The result was the formation of the Home club in New York. Powderly and Layton had occasion to visit New York in October following on business connected with the order and several friends of the Home club, the informant alleges, concluded that they would waylay and beat Layton. A few days later one of the men concerned in the intended assault met one of his companions, who told him that Mr. Powderly was to be included in the attack.

The man who received the information imparted it to a confidential friend, who endorsed the idea of assaulting Layton, but who revolted at the thought of attacking a man like Powderly. The confidential friend wrote a note to Mr. Powderly, who was then in New York, advising him of the intended attack and when he might look for it. The ex-Knight, who now reveals the alleged plot, says: "The New York men became desperate and changed their plan of assault. They determined to dump Mr. Powderly and Layton into the North river on a certain night when he would have occasion to cross it on his way to Philadelphia, and to let them take chances on being rescued."

He went on to say that the men who arranged the plot were not actuated by the malicious or murderous motives of slayers, but by an idea that something desperate would have to be done to save the order of the Knights of Labor, which they then declared was being killed by the executive officers. The ex-Knight goes on to say: "I have the recollection of the alleged plot from Mr. Powderly himself. He told me that two men were selected to throw him into the river. He received a note of warning from a friend. Mr. Powderly assured me that on the night in question he was followed by two men on board of the Jersey City boat. He said he noticed them get pretty close to him as the boat passed the New York river. He did not want to raise an alarm, or to show that he suspected any violence, so he went into the cabin and remained there until the boat reached Jersey City. He had never seen or heard of the men since, although he would know them if he met them."

TOO UTTERLY MODEST.

A Few Lessons Taught by a Drowning Accident.

BOSTON, Aug. 30.—The circumstances attending the drowning of Harry D. Smith, of Chelsea, at Lake Idlewild, Wrentham, on Friday, illustrates in a marked manner the idiotic folly which takes possession of many people when in the presence of a drowning human being. Smith, who was 17 years old, was spending his vacation at Hamilton. On Friday he went in swimming with companions, was taken with cramps and called for aid. The boys thought he was trying to fool them and only laughed at him. Smith repeatedly shouted that he was not shamming and begged them for God's sake to save his life. Finally his mates realized his danger and endeavored to secure assistance. Not far from the spot where Smith was struggling was a boat containing two young men and two young women. The former started to row to Smith's assistance, but the young women were suddenly smitten with a senseless modesty and refused to allow their escorts to row near Smith.

"You shall not! You shall not!" they screamed, "take that naked man into this boat." The young men were compelled to row the females ashore before helping Smith, and on reaching the spot again Smith had sunk for the last time. His body was recovered in an hour, but all efforts at resuscitation were futile. While the body was being recovered Smith's mother was suffering violent hysterics on shore, requiring the attention of a physician and several helpers to hold her back from the water and stifle her screams. At the same time one of the over-modest young women was pacing the depot platform hitting her head occasionally, lashing away with a tear with her delicate jeweled hand.

Speaker Carlisle's Undertaking.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—It is now said that Speaker Carlisle, who is chairman of the committee appointed by the Democratic reformers at the conference held here just after the Morrison tariff bill was killed, and who was delegated to prepare an address to the country on the revenue reform questions, will soon have it ready. Of course the speaker was too busy during the closing weeks of congress to prepare even a rough draft of an address, but it is understood that he has been working quietly on it since adjournment, and its promulgation—duly indorsed by the conference committee—is looked for during the coming month of September.

A Reckless Drive.

BOSTON, Aug. 30.—A party of ten young men living at Boston Highlands hired an express wagon and one horse for a ride to Forest Hills. On rounding a sharp curve in Jamaica Plain, while returning, the wagon was upset. Edwin Redington was killed, Thomas Jones suffered fractured ribs, the skull and William McCracken, Thomas Lowry and a third member of the party were very seriously injured. Jones will die. The horse ran three miles before it was stopped. The men were hilarious and the accident was doubtless caused by reckless driving.

Maxwell Not Hanged.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 27.—The hanging of Maxwell, the murderer of Preller, which was to have occurred to-day, has been postponed until Nov. 15, a stay having been granted pending the hearing of his case before the supreme court.

The hanging of three Chinamen, which was to have occurred to-day, has been postponed for the same reason.

English Holders of Texas Bonds.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—Virginian bondholders are signing a memorial, praying the foreign bondholders' corporation to call a meeting in view of Texas bonds falling due in December, to empower a committee to take immediate steps to give practical effect to the decision of the supreme court on behalf of the holders, and to give the latter ready access to the coupons.

Death of Capt. Smith.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 30.—Capt. Samuel Smith, a well-known sea captain, has died here of heart disease. He was 70 years old. He was formerly in the West Indian trade, and later was agent here for the American steamboat line. He sailed the yacht Dauntless across the ocean two years ago.



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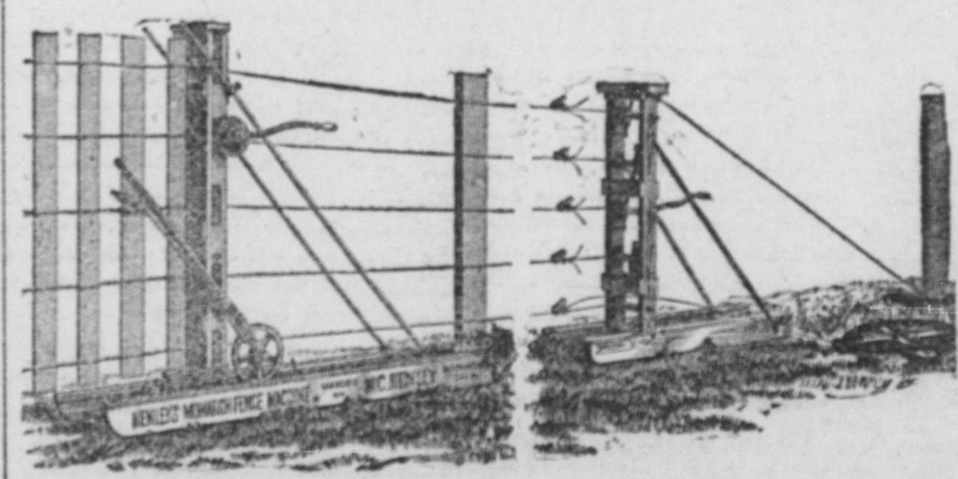
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