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## BROOKS LAW KNOCKED OUT.

The Original Package Industry Encouraged in Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURG, June 16.—A Pennsylvania jury practically decided that the Brooks law license law in Pennsylvania is null and void.

A telegram from Kittanning, the county seat of Armstrong county, says the jury in the case of Charles Silverman brought in a verdict of not guilty. Silverman sold a carload of beer at Leechburg, as agent of a Hamilton brewery, and expected to escape prosecution under the original package decision of the United States supreme court. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty of selling without a license, not guilty of selling to minors, but guilty of selling to persons of known intemperate habits.

Silverman says this conforms with the original package decision, and that sales can be made in every town in the state with or without a license. Leechburg is a local option town and a prohibitory district, by vote of its citizens, under a state law which antedates the Brooks law.

## Will Nominate Delamater.

PHILADELPHIA, June 16.—The nomination of Senator Delamater for governor by the Harrisburg convention seems assured. His name will be placed before the convention by Col. John J. Carter, ex-mayor of Meadville, a large oil producer and one of the leading men in that portion of the state. Col. Carter is an eloquent and forceful speaker, and the fact that he is an individual oil producer will effectively set at rest the report that Senator Delamater will be opposed by the oil men outside of the Standard Oil company on account of his attitude in the state senate on the Billingsley bill. It is not improbable that District Attorney Graham may make the speech seconding the nomination of Senator Delamater.

## Another Dunkard Love Feast.

DERRY CHURCH, Pa., June 16.—The annual lovefeast of the German Baptists, or Dunkards, at this place, has ended, after very impressive ceremonies. The services lasted two days, and consisted of preaching, confession, feet washing, and communion. Several thousand people were present, including members of this peculiar denomination from Berks, Lebanon, Lancaster, Dauphin and Cumberland counties. Many came in vehicles, filling all available space for a quarter of a mile. This is the largest church of the kind in the state, and it was crowded at every session, many having been unable to get in.

## Hopeful Wallace Men.

PHILADELPHIA, June 16.—The Wallace advocates expect much encouragement in the results of today's Democratic primaries in Westmoreland, Clarion, Crawford, Dauphin and Washington counties. In some cases in these localities the conventions select the state delegates and in others the county committees settle the issue. The Wallace supporters believe that they will capture the delegates in four out of five of the aforementioned counties.

## An Extensive Coal Deal.

BROCKWAYVILLE, Pa., June 16.—A most extensive coal sale is now in progress in the Mahoning Valley in Jefferson county, Pennsylvania. The tract is about 18,000 acres, and the price is about \$1,000,000. The land belongs to the farmers of the Mahoning region and extends from the village of Troutville, in Clearfield county, to the Big Run station, on the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh railroad. The land is not, as a rule, sold in fee, but simply the coal right transferred, with all the rights to mine and remove the product.

## Commencement Week at Lehigh.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., June 16.—Lehigh university of this week. Yesterday Rev. George Williamson Smith, D. D., LL. D., preached the baccalaureate sermon in the university chapel. Tomorrow afternoon the exercises incident to class day will be held on the mall fronting Packer hall. Wednesday is alumni day, with President Lamerton's reception in the evening, and the commencement exercises will be held in the chapel Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

## Williamsport's Population.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., June 16.—The census enumerators of this city have completed their canvass. From a hasty compilation of their figures the population of the city is put down at 31,000. This is a gain of over 12,000 for the ten years. As there are at least 7,000 in South Williamsport and the other suburbs, the actual population of the city is about 38,000.

## Wind Storm at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, June 16.—A severe wind and rainstorm, accompanied by heavy thunder and lightning, passed over this city at 8 o'clock last night. O'Neill's carriage shop, in Lawrenceville, was blown down, causing a loss of several thousand dollars. The railroad and street car tracks were also considerably damaged.

## Engineer Bennett Acquitted.

MAUCH CHUK, Pa., June 16.—In the case against E. W. Bennett, an engineer on the Lehigh Valley road, on trial here during the past week for criminal neglect in causing the death of William Gearing, the jury found Bennett not guilty. He was defended by Gen. McCarty and Frederick Bertholt.

## Allentown's Increase.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., June 16.—The census enumerators of this city have completed their work, and have met very little opposition in obtaining answers to the different questions, no positive refusals having been reported. The result will show a population of about 30,000, an increase of 9,000 since the last census.

## Miners Resume Work.

PITTSBURG, June 16.—The strike of the coal miners at the Clayton mines, Beaver county, for an advance of 3 cents per car of ten bushels, has ended favorably to the men, the operators conceding the increase. The men returned to work, after being out six weeks.

# THIRTY-ONE KILLED.

The Dreadful Mining Disaster at Dunbar, Pa.

## MANY BODIES STILL ENTOMBED.

A Fierce Fire Raging in the Pit and Relief Impossible—How the Explosion Occurred—Twenty-six Out of the Fifty-seven Men in the Mine Saved—Two Bodies Recovered—Scenes of Anguish at the Mouth of the Mines.

DUNBAR, Pa., June 17.—Thirty-one miners were killed by an explosion of gas in the coal mines at Hill farm, owned by the Dunbar Furnace company, 1 mile west of this place. The explosion occurred at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The bodies of two of the unfortunates were taken out. The others are still entombed in the mine, where a fierce fire is raging. There is little doubt that all are dead. Desperate efforts are in progress to clear the way to recover the bodies, but so far without avail.

A rescuing party of 100 men, headed by Mine Inspector Keighly, of this district, spent yesterday afternoon in the pit, but were able to rescue but two bodies. These had died from the force of the explosion and are badly burned. The features are distorted and disfigured and could only be recognized by their clothes.

## How It Happened.

Fifty-seven miners were at work about 5,000 feet from the mouth of the slope when the explosion occurred. Near the point at which the heading started, an air hole had been drilled recently. Gas and water had accumulated in it. A miner named Patrick Kerwin punctured this air hole, six inches in diameter, with his pick, whereupon a strong stream of water gushed out. Kerwin, alarmed, sounded the danger signal. His assistant, Patrick Hayes, started hurriedly for the main entrance, and had scarcely moved when the foul gas was ignited from his lamp.

The explosion that followed was terrific. What little air there was in the place drifted to the heading to the right of the main entrance. The fire followed swiftly and before the thirty-one men could be alarmed all hope of escape was shut off by the flames.

The twenty-six men employed in the left heading were notified of the danger in time to save their lives, although their escape was thrilling and was accompanied by the wildest confusion. At a point near where the explosion occurred the bodies of Paul Sheiran, a fire boss, and David Hayes were found. They had evidently attempted to escape through the flames.

## List of the Missing.

Following is a full list of the missing miners: Joseph Brigner, Richard Brigner, Mill, Ferny, Barney, Moss, Peter Egan, Robert McGill, Martin Cawner, John Cope and Andy Cope, his son; Pat Devlin, John Debanney, John Jay, John Debanney, Jr., David Davis, Thomas Davis (son), Patrick Cahill, William Cahill, Patrick Courtney, John Courtney (his son), Jack Mitchell, Dan South, James Sheeran, Danny Sheeran, single, David Hayes, William Hayes (his son) James McCleary, Thomas McCleary, Elmer Dewey, Joseph Bigley, Barney Maust, Emanuel Maust, John Mitchell.

## An Excited Community.

The explosion was one of the most disastrous and deadly in the history of the coke regions. In the Leisnering disaster, in 1883, twenty-three men lost their lives; at Col. J. M. Reed's works, at this place, two years earlier, five men were killed, while at the Youngtown works, a year later, some fourteen lives were lost. This latest calamity has unnerved the community and the inhabitants are wild with excitement.

Thousands of people gathered at the mouth of the mines. Among them were the parents, wives, children and sweethearts and a strong guard of police was necessary to prevent many of them, mad with anguish, from rushing into the deadly hole. Wives widowed by the disaster stood about lily clad and sore footed, killing to sleep their babes in arms. Mothers wrung their hands and cried aloud for their boys, while children from 8 to 15 years of age hurried about looking into the blackened faces of the escaped miners, in the hope of finding their fathers and brothers.

Their suffering was pitiable, and while the authorities of the company were exerting all their energies to recover the bodies, the total absence of information regarding the fate of the missing men made their distress more severe, and moans and groans went up unconsciously from many of the pale lips in the unhappy crowd.

These works furnish coke for the Dunbar Furnace company, who own them. George Parish, of Wilkesbarre, is president of the company, and Samuel Dickson and J. C. Bullitt, of Philadelphia, are among the heaviest stockholders.

The officers of the furnace company have been notified of the disaster and the authorities here have been instructed to do everything in their power to relieve the distress of those who have suffered by the calamity.

## Assistance Volunteered.

The Scottsdale Rolling Mill company last evening sent a force of men to aid the rescuers and they will close their works and send all their employees.

The Olyphant furnace people telegraphed asking if assistance was needed. Their services will not be needed, as more men have already volunteered than can find work.

The loss by the explosion cannot now be ascertained. It will be heavy, however, and the owners are fearful that the works will have to be abandoned.

Night never fell on a gloomier scene than this. Men, women and children still stood about, hoping against hope, and painfully, awfully silent. Just inside the manhole, holding in his hand a flickering lamp, stood Father Malody, with his prayer book in hand, reading the last sacrament to the unseen unfortunates. He was not disturbed by the excited, earnest workmen, who rushed hither and thither in their endeavor to get at the lost. Armful of hay were carried in by the men to close off all possible escape of the fresh air.

## Mangled by a Mowing Machine.

LYNNSPORT, Pa., June 17.—Harrison A. Henry was cutting grass on his farm with a mowing machine when he tried to chase a hen out of the way of the cutter. The horses were frightened and started on a run. In endeavoring to stop them Mr. Henry fell under the machine and was terribly mangled.

# CONGRESSIONAL RESUME.

Labors of the National Legislators at Washington.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—The house agreed to the conference report on the general pension bill and discussed the senate anti-trust bill, which went over without action.

Messrs. Kuss and Turple addressed the senate on the silver bill. Mr. Vest's resolution in regard to the export trade in cattle was adopted. The bill to provide for the inspection of live cattle and beef products intended for export was passed. Seventy-five individual pension bills were passed.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—After unimportant business was transacted Mr. Everts addressed the senate in favor of the silver bill. Messrs. Vance and Morgan spoke in favor of free coinage.

The house rejected the conference report on the anti-trust bill. The agricultural appropriation bill was passed.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—The senate agreed to the conference report on the bill for a public building at Beaver Falls, Pa., to cost \$20,000. The bill for a public building at Wilkesbarre, Pa., to cost \$125,000, was placed on the calendar. The close of the general debate on the silver bill was postponed until Monday at 3 o'clock. The house bill was substituted for the senate bill.

The house in committee of the whole considered the sundry civil bill. At last evening's session a number of private pension bills were passed.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—In the house twenty representatives paid eloquent tributes to the character and public services of the late Samuel J. Randall. At the close of the address the house, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, adjourned.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The house considered the sundry civil appropriation bill in committee of the whole.

The senate passed the deficiency appropriation bill for pensions and the census. Messrs. Daniels and Allison spoke on the silver bill.

## SAM JONES TO THE NEGROES

He Told Them to Eschew Politics and Stick to the South.

RICHMOND, Va., June 16.—Rev. Sam Jones preached to 2,500 colored people here. He advised them against taking part in politics, telling them that the race problem will never be settled by votes. He said if the colored man will apply himself to learning and give up all evil habits his race will become a great people. Their very best friends were the white people of the south. They have some true friends in the north, he said, but the great mass of the people there cared very little for the black man.

## Killed by Lightning.

PARIS, Ky., June 16.—A terrific lightning and thunder storm passed over the northern part of this city. Two of a fishing party were killed and two others badly injured. They took shelter under a couple of cattle troughs. Lightning struck the troughs and Joseph S. Peaks, aged 18, and Lish Wilson, colored, aged 15, were killed. Blanton Speaks was badly burned about the face and one of his eyes was forced from its socket. Edward Kennedy was also stunned and dazed and knew nothing for several hours, although able to walk home, a distance of two miles. He was unable to talk or give any account of himself or companions. After a while Blanton Speaks got home. All he could say was "the trough," meaning that the other boys could be found at the trough. He has since been unconscious and will likely die.

## Wrangling Over the Fair Site.

CHICAGO, June 16.—The west side of the city is up in arms on the world's fair site question. Nearly 700,000 people live there and they say if the fair is located at Jackson park they will defeat the \$5,000,000 city appropriation amendment to the state constitution. This would seriously embarrass the exposition. The west side wants the fair on the lake front. Local feeling regarding the fair is running high, and there is more to fear from that than anything else, though the directors say they will come out all right. This is interpreted that Jackson park will finally be chosen.

## Jubilant Original Package Men.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 16.—The original package liquor dealers feel jubilant over the decision of Judge Campbell of the United States circuit court. The decision is against the state in accordance with the recent supreme court decision. The court asserts that the original package agent had the right to import and sell the liquor and the state had no right to interfere by seizure or otherwise. No attempt to sell packages has been made since the arrests of the first lot. The places have been closed, but the stocks remain in account and preparations are being made to open this week. Application will be made to dissolve the injunction in the district court today.

## Refuse to Indorse Harrison.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 16.—At the Republican county convention held here to select delegates to the gubernatorial convention in July resolutions indorsing President Harrison's administration were voted down. Half a dozen counties in the state have refused to indorse the administration, notably Rutherford, the home of President Harrison's brother, Carter B. Harrison, United States marshal. The opposition to the president comes from the rank and file of the party because of his appointments in the state.

## They Want Free Wool.

BOSTON, June 16.—The woolen manufacturers of Boston have forwarded a memorial to congress in which they say: "For the protection of the woolen manufacture of the country and for its rescue from a most hampered and depressed condition we ask for a great reduction or the total abolition of the duty on wool." The memorial is interspersed with an elaborate argument in favor of this proposition.

## Grant and Lee Monument.

LOUISVILLE, June 16.—A meeting was held at Middlesborough to organize permanently the Grant and Lee Monument association. The subscription committee reported \$14,000 received. Telegrams of encouragement were read from Governor Hill, Governor Campbell, Governor Taylor, Charles A. Dana and others. At a meeting \$3,000 was subscribed.

## Mary Anderson's Wedding.

LONDON, June 17.—The marriage of Mr. Antonio Navarro and Miss Mary Anderson, which took place in the Brompton oratory this morning, was a very quiet affair, only the relatives of the bride and groom being present. The ceremony was of the plainest character.

## Little Lord Fauntleroy Dying.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Lionel Burnett, son of Mrs. Francis Hodgson Burnett, and the hero of the novel Little Lord Fauntleroy, which has been dramatized successfully, is reported as dying in Philadelphia from consumption.

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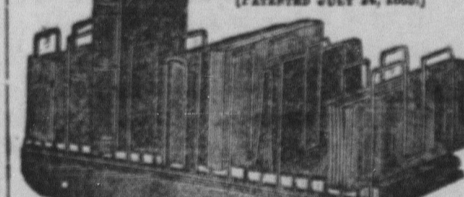
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