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## EXCESSIVE CHARGES.

County Officials Found Guilty by Committee of Lawyers.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., July 28.—The Chester county bar held the most exciting meeting of its history here yester-day. Nearly every member of the bar was present to hear the reading of the report of a committee appointed to look into charges made against county officials. This committee consisted of J. F. E. Hause, T. W. Pierce, A. M. Holding, H. H. Gilkyson and A. P. Reid, and their report clearly shows that nearly all the court house officers have for many years been taking advantage of their position by charging amounts largely in excess of those allowed by law. This is particularly so in the case of the clerk of the court's office and the sheriff's. In his remarks on the matter T. W. Pierce said that there have been clients who complained of the large amounts charged them in the county offices and have pushed the matter, and the excess money was returned to them, a manifest pleading of guilty on the part of the officials. Register Frank A. Thomas. Sheriff James G. Parker and Clerk of the Courts Morgan Ruth are the ones who came under the fire. They have been doing just what their predecessors have, but the matter is now to be probed

CHILDREN. YET MURDERERS A Boy of 14 and a Girl of 16 Charged

to the bottom and mended. After a

long discussion the report was accepted.

With Killing Their Infant. PHILADELPHIA, July 27.-Harris J Edwards, of 1710 Lambert street, dis covered blood in his celler, and upon investigating, found the dead body of an infant buried in a basket in the cellar. He reported the case to the police and Ida Reed, a 16-year-old girl employed by Edwards as a servant, was charged with having given birth to the child and having killed it. She refused at first to divulge the name of its father, but after being threatened with all the penalties of the law she named Frank Cornwall, of 2204 Ridge avenue, a youth of 14. When the boy was arrested he refused to make any statement.

A medical examination revealed the fact that the child was born alive and healthy. A severe bruise on the back of the head indicated the probable cause of

Ida Reed is an orphan who came to Philadelphia from Maryland. She first entered the family of the Cornwalls, where she became intimate with the boy charged with her child's murder.

An Iron Mill to Resume. Uniontown, Pa., July 27.—After five months idleness the Columbia Iron and Steel mill is at last ready to resume. The company made an assignment in March, and afterward a receiver was appointed. Since then the company has been reorganized, and an extension se-cured from the creditors, whose claims aggregate over \$500,000. In this is not included \$18,000 in wages due the men when the mill suspended. Suit was brought by the workmen some weeks ago and judgment secured. The new management satisfied the docket in all the cases, and if an agreement on the scale can be reached the big mill will b put in full operation this week. It gives employment to 500 men.

Money for the Teachers.

HARRISBURG, July 27 .- At a conference between the governor, Attorney-General Hensel and Dr. Z. Snyder, the governor's appointee as superintendent of public instruction, an arrangement was reached by means of which the school warrants can be paid. John Q. Stewart, who is Dr. Waller's deputy, was also appointed deputy on Saturday by Mr. Snyder, and consequently is legally empowered to issue the school warrants. This is eminently satisfac tory to Dr. Waller, who has all along been anxious to have some conclusion arrived at regarding money matters.

Quay Makes a Denial.

PITTSBURG, July 27.—Senator Quay, at his home in Beaver, was shown a dispatch from Philadelphia, which stated that intimate political friends of the senator's throughout the state said he was determined to resign his seat in the United States senate upon the meeting of congress in December next. When asked if the statement was true Senator Quay replied: "It's a fake, pure and I have not so much as thought of it, and really I don't see why the story was started, for there is no foundation for it whatever."

Fatal Fall of a Signalman.

CHESTER, Pa., July 27.-James M. Johnson, the night telegraph operator at Sharon Hill station, on the Philadel-phia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad, died at his home in Upland from injuries received by some cause un-The unfortunate man was found lying unconscious just south of his station at the foot of the semaphore signal post. It is supposed he climbed the post on the ladder to take the signal lamp out, and fell from vertigo or some

At Work with Non-Unionists. READING, Pa., July 28.—The West Hamburg Rolling mill, operated by the the Pottsville Iron and Steel company, which has been idle for several weeks, has resumed work. Three furnaces are in blast with non-union men, and special officers are on duty, rlthough there has been no attempt at interference. The trouble arose through the refusal of the employers and lessees to sign the amal-

A Youthful Hero's Death.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., July 28.—George Brophy, aged 6 years, and William Peacock, aged 8, were drowned in the Lehigh canal at Catasauqua. The boys were plying on the bank of the canal when Brophy fell in. Peacock jumped in to save him, and both were drowned. Another boy ran away and gave the alarm. Both bodies were recovered.

An Aged Man's Suicide.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., July 25.—James R. Read, an old citizen of Milheim, Centre county, drowned himself in Elk creek at that place, the cause of the suicide being mental trouble resulting from a surgical operation, which refused to heal and left the old man very weak both physically and mentally. Mr. Read was 72 years old.

## THE SPEAKERSHIP.

Who Will Preside Over the Next Session of the House.

ORISP, MILLS AND M'MILLAN.

Each of These Are Mentioned as in the Race to Stick-Mills, However, Is Making No Personal Canvass, and This Operates to His Disadvantage.

WASHINGTON, July 28.-There is a quiet undercurrent of speakership gossip going on in this city, although few of the candidates for that office are here. McMillin seems to be the only one who is seriously in the race to remain on duty.

The most interesting gossip is the posi-tion of Roger Q. Mills. It was about July 4 that it was reported Mills would withdraw from the contest, but since that time things have changed and Mills

is in the race for all it is worth. The trouble arose because of Cleve-land's flirting with Crisp's boom. There is no doubt that there came near being a serious and open rupture between Mr. Cleveland and Mills. It was brought to Mr. Cleveland's attention that such a rupture would alienate from him the support of several friends of Mr. Mills and the south, including Carlisle, Mc-Millan and the entire Texas delegation.

Since then overtures have been made to Mills by friends of Cleveland, and it is understood that negotiations are now going on between some of those interests which favor the election of Mills to the speakership and manager of Cleveland's campaign. Coupled with this statement comes the report, seemingly well founded, that Mr. Mills has been promised the vote of the Democratic representatives from the northwest after the first ballot.

All these elements in Mills' favor have, within the last week, given new strength to his candidacy for the speakership. Mr. Mills, it is said, is ersonally making no canvass among fellow Democrats of the next house, but that he is leaving this practical part of the work entirely to his friends. This operates to his disadvantage, inasmuch as the other candidates do not hesitate to work hard in their own behalf. It is perhaps largely due to this fact that the impression is growing in Washington that Mr. Crisp has now the best chances of being the next speaker.

More Chinese Outrages.

San Francisco, July 28. - Advices just received from China give particulars of fresh depredations by the Chinese against the missionaries. The latest at-tack was made at Yankao on June 29, when the Catholic mission was methodically looted, the crowd passing things from hand to hand in a chain. The buildings were afterwards set on fire. A few days previous four chapels were destroyed in Kiangsi, near the city of Fuchom. The chapel, school and residence of the priest were plundered and burned on June 26. On the same day some predatory bands completely destroyed a French orphanage at a place In addition to the decalled Haimen. struction of the orphanage, eight or nine of the wretched little children cared for in the building were carried off.

A Venerable Ex-Governor Dead. WATERBURY, Vt., July 28 .- Ex-Governor Paul Dillingham died yesterday. He would have been 91 years old in August. From 1835 to 1838 Mr. Dillingham was state's attorney for Washington county; he sat in the constitutional convention of 1836-37; was a member of the lower branch of the state legislature for six years, and of the state senate for two years. In 1843 he was elected a member of congress, in which body he served two terms. Mr. Dillingham became a Republican on the organization of that party, and in 1865 was elected governor of the state, serving two years in that office.

The Case of Editor Hennessy.

NEW YORK, July 28.—Charles O'Conner Hennessy, who, as city editor of The Daily News, was indicted last week for publishing an account of the electrocutions at Sing Sing, was called to the bar of general sessions yesterday. His coun-sel, Assemblyman Stein, filed a de-murrer, setting forth that the law under which Mr. Hennessy was indicted was unconstitutional. Some days will probably elapse before the recorder is heard from. William Bourke Cockran has been retained by the proprietor of The News to argue the case.

Murder Ends a Drunken Brawl. Long Island City, July 28.—A murder resulted from a quarrel in Weeks' hotel, New Hyde Park, L. I., yesterday. The victim was Frank Ovee, and his slayer was William Covert, both well known local characters. The men quar-reled in their cups, and Covert drew a knife with which he stabbed Ovee several times. The latter died in a few moments. Covert escaped, but was arrested soon afterward. A man named Baker, who said the knife with which Ovee was stabbed belonged to him, has also been arrested.

Wanted to Fight William. Berlin, July 28.—A man named Gurt-ler recently arrived in this city from New York with the announced inten-tion of challenging the emperor of Germany to fight a duel. Gurtler's relatives, who are people in an influential position, caused him to be closely watched by detectives in order to prevent the man from getting into trouble. Finally the visitor's relatives were compelled to have him confined in an asy-

um for the insane.

Torn by a Tornado. Wichita Falls, July 28.—A small sized tornado passed along the southeast side of town about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A house occupied by J. T. Lee was torn to pieces. Lee, his wife and mother-in-law, J. W. Rodgers and two children were seriously injured. Several other houses were moved from their foundations, but no one else was

Not a Store Left Standing. MILWAUKEE, July 28. — The entire business portion of the little village of Blair, Teamperleau county, was burned, not a store being left standing. Four-teen families are left homeless. The loss

is \$150,000; insurance very small. The Earl of Wicklow Dead. London, July 25.—Cecil Ralph Howard, sixth Earl of Wicklow, died yesterday. His eldest son, Lord Clonmore,

THE HISTORY OF A WEEK

Wednesday, July 22.

At Minneapolis last night Joe Ellingsworth was knocked out in the fifth round of a glove fight by Harris Martin, better known as the "Black Pearl."

William H. Pope, the defaulting state treasurer of Tennessee, has been arrested in the City of Mexico, and is held by the police awaiting the action of the Tennessee authorities.

Thursday, July 23. News is received from points in Southern lowa of damage to oats and other grains

by furious wind and rain storms. The Highland association, of Illinois, has unanimously elected Sir William Gordon-Cumming honorary chief of the asso ciation, in place of the late Sir John Mac-

An unknown man shot and killed James Nesbitt at Chicopee, Mass., yesterday and also injured another man. He has been arrested. The motive for the crime is not

The fight that was to have taken place last night at St. Paul, between Fitzsim-mons and Hall was prevented by proclamation of Governor Merriam, and the Minnesota Athletic club declared the contest indefinitely postponed

Friday, July 24. The Massachusetts Prohibition convention will be held at Worcester, Sept. 9. The secretary of the treasury has appointed DeWitt C. Wheeler superintendent of the New York custom house, vice Joseph A. Murray, resigned.

William O'Brien, a prominent merchant of Troy. N. Y., while walking in his sleep fell out of a third story window of his residence and was instantly killed.

Rev. Phillips Brooks, D. D., will be consecrated as bishop of the diocese of Massa-chusetts on Wednesday, Oct. 14, in Trinity church, Boston. Bishop Potter will preach

Queen Victoria has conferred upon Earl Cadagon the title of Knight Companion of the Order of the Garter, thus filling the vacancy in the order caused by the death of Earl Granville. Saturday, July 25.

Mrs. Amelie Rives Chandler is expected to sail for New York next week and ar-

rive in America on Aug. 3. A street car, while turning a sharp curve at Decatur, Ills., jumped the track. Miss Lockwood, of Elgin, Ills., was thrown under the wheels and killed. A number

of others sustained slight injuries. At Northvale, N. Y., a young Italian girl named Ratto stood on a chair to light a lamp. She threw the match down after lighting the lamp, and it fell on her dress, igniting it. Before aid could reach her she was terribly burned and died soon after in great agony.

Monday, July 27. Richard S. Newcombe, the well known

New York lawyer, died at his residence at 8:30 o'clock last night. At Berlin the wrestler, Carl Abs, de-

world. Job Granger, colored, drew a knife on Dan Witt, white, near Franklin, Ky., a few days ago. A mob took Granger just farmers. It does not cost anything to across the Tennessee line and lynched him. examine the articles we have on exhibi-

At St. Louis Charles Cave, a painter, tion. shot his wife twice and then shot himself. Mrs. Cave will live, but Cave will die. The woman had left Cave and refused to re Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer,

who is in Switzerland with his wife, started to walk from Muerren toward the Schill valley. While passing through a wood he siipped on some rocky ground and fell heavily to the earth, fracturing his left thigh bone. The doctors think that the fracture will heal easily, and no complications are feared. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley ridicule the recently published story of their separation. They are thoroughly

Tuesday, July 28. Cardinal Gibbons left Cape May for Bal-

timore today. By the collapse of the condensers at the chemical works in Gateshead, near Lon-

don, six men were crushed to death. George O. Meyer, an old tramp, was burned to death in a fire that consumed the Kanawha Coal works at Cincinnati. Frank Wolff, aged 13, was killed yester-terday at Sing Sing, N. Y., by the bursting of an emery wheel in the grinding shop of

the Monitor Iron works. Theodore D. Lorich, aged 20, whose home is in Jersey City, and who has been employed in Boston about three months, was drowned while bathing at Sharon, Mass.

Arthur Thomas, the 9-year-old son of Manager Thomas of the "County Fair," now running at Hooley's, was thrown from his horse on the Lake Shore drive at Chicago and received fatal injuries, dying soon afterward.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS. Closing Quotations of the Stock and Produce Exchanges.

PHILADELPHIA, July 27.—The stock market opened steady, but soon became weak because of heavy sales, particularly in Northern Pa-cific, St. Paul, Louisville and Nashville and Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, but for the most part the list was well nigh motionloss. The feature was the raid made on Richmond Terminal and Chicago, Burlington and Quincy stocks. The decline in the terminal securities was attributed solely to an attack on the comwas attributed solely to an attack on the com-pany's credit by bear interests. The stock, which opened at 11%, was forced down at fractional declines, until at the close it was commanding only 10%.

Following were the closing bids: 

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Wheat—Quiet, firm, with 97c. bid and 99c. asked for July; 69½c. bid and 97c. asked for September; 98c. bid and 97c. asked for September; 98c. bid and 18½c. asked for October.

Corn—Strong, with 73c. bid and 74c. asked for July; 69½c. bid and 70c. asked for August; 67c. bid and 67½c. asked for September; 65½c. bid and 66½c. asked for October.

Oats—Firm, quiet, with 46½c. bid and 47½c. asked for July; 36c. bid and 38½c. asked for August; 33½c. bid and 34½c. asked for September; 34½c. bid and 35½c. asked for October.

Beef—Quiet, unchanged; extra mess, \$9.50@ 10.50; family, \$13@14.

Pork—Limited demand, firm; new mess,

Pork—Limited demand, firm; new mess, \$12.75@13.25; old mess, \$11.25@12.25; extra prime, \$10,50(8.11.

Lard-Quiet, nominal; steam rendered, \$6.85 626,8736 Eggs-Firmer, quiet; New York and Pennsylvania, 17%218c.; western, 17%17%c.; south-

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