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#### SCANDAL IN A JAIL. The Warden in the Berks County Prison

Must Explain in Court. READING, Pa., Dec. 21.—Developments in court here indicate that there is gross mismanagement in the Berks county Reuben Rhoades, tormerly the

night watchman, was placed on trial on the charge of helping Beatrice Col-lins, the notorious New York female counterfeiter, and John Miller, a burglar, to escape. He created a sensation pleading guilty, and followed this up with a detailed statement in which he showed a shocking state of affairs in the

Mrs. Collins and other female prisoners, he said, had the free run of the They were often seen in the prison parlor and inspectors' meeting room lounging about. One night Mrs. Collins and another woman was made so drunk in the warden's private room that they could not walk. Rhoades said that the cells of the female prisoners were visited by Warden Mensh and others late at night, and that finally Mrs. Collins said that if they would not let her go she would "blow on" them, when the warden told him that they had better let her "escape." Rhoades laid his keys on the desk one night, and Miller, who had the run of the corridor, immediately released Mrs. Collins, and he and she

left the jail together. A rule was entered by the court to show cause why the warden should not be removed from office, returnable this

#### Death in the Tunnel.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 19 .- By the collision of two freight trains in the tunnel on the Catawissa branch of the Rending railroad near here yesterday. Engineer Fisher and Fireman Smith were killed, Conductor Rinker and Brakeman Steltz fatally injured and Brakeman Jones and Comton seriously injured. All the victims live at Catawissa.

The dead bodies of Engineer Fisher and Fireman Smith were found covered with smouldering coals, lying in the cab of the engine. Brakeman Steele was found pinned between the tender and cab with his leg almost pinched off. Conductor Rinker's arm and part of one of his legs were jammed into a shapeless mass of bone and flesh.

Jones and Comton were extricated from two broken box cars. They were covered with car wheels and timber, and their escape from death is a miracle. Their bodies are badly bruised and cut.

The cause of the accident has not been determined, but it is supposed to be a misunderstanding of orders.

## A Quaker City Tragedy.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—A desperate woman, bent on vengeance, shot and killed the man whom she believed had wronged her, and then tried to take her own life in expiation. On the steps which lead from the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad to the little waiting room of the Powelton avenue depot Josephine Mallison, the daughter James Mallison, 419 North Thirty-third street, deliberately killed John Hobbs, a young commission merchan of 3102 Baring street, and then turned the smoking pistol with which she had done the deed to her own temple. Only the prompt action of bystanders prevented the sui-

## Poisoned by Cream Puffs.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 22.—Members of the family of ex-President of Town Council Henry C. Wentz were made deathly sick by eating cream puffs. It is understood the filling for the puffs was prepared in a copper vessel, and allowed to remain in it for some time before it was sandwiched between the two layers of crust, and that the filling about the edges of the vessel became impregnated with the copper, the poisonous impregnation not reaching to the central part of the batch.

Brothers Drowned While Skating. SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 22.-Late yesterday afternoon, while two sons of C. John, of Sharptown, were skating on Trout Run pond, a few miles from here, the ice broke and the young victims went under. Their cries for help attracted the attention of passers by, who went to their assistance. Before they could be rescued, however, they were dead. The boys were aged 6 and 8 years respectively.

## Rhoads Sticks to His Story. READING, Pa., Dec. 22.-In the investigation into the jail management yes-

te rday Warden Mensch entered a sweeping denial of the charges made against him by Night Watchman Rhoads. The night watchman, however, reiterated his statements under oath, and the cross examination of Mensch's counsel failed to shake his testimony.

General Hartranft's Estate. Norristown, Pa., Dec. 22 .- Walter S. Jennings, auditor in the estate of the late General John F. Hartranft, has filed his report, in which it is shown that the amount for distribution, realized from the sale of personalty, is \$9,-182.09, whilst the claime aggregate \$61,-930.31. Amongst the claimants are: Samuel G. Thompson, assignee of E. K. Jamison & Co., \$10,000; Allentown Na-tional bank, \$12,732.39; Commonwealth Trust and Safe Deposit company, \$3,402; George H. North, \$11,145,87; assignce of Michael Schall, \$13,000; and others.

## Died of Trichinosis,

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 22. -- Edna Reese, aged 8 years, died as the result of thrichinosis. An examination of a small piece of muscular tissue showed it to be full of live trichinge. Six other children are down with the disease, two of them being dangerously ill. Those of the family who are ill ate pork put up some time ago, and also fresh pork bought from a butcher in the city market. The authorities will make a searching investiga-

A Grandmother's Sacrifice. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21. - While a grandchild of Mrs. Clemington Alexander, aged 74 years, of 320 South Juniper street, was playing with matches the lit-tle one's clothing caught fire and the old lady ran to its rescue. She succeeded in pulling the burning clothing off in time to save the child from death, but her own clothes ignited, and in a few moments she was in a mass of flames. Before aid could reach her she was fatally injured.

# DEATH OF MR. PLUMB | SECRETARY ELKINS.

The Distinguished Kansas Senator Suddenly Expires.

DEATH DUE TO APOPLEXY.

The Eminent Statesman Passes Away in His Unpretentious Quarters in the National Capital-The Body Will Be Forwarded to Emporia, Accompanied by a Congressonal Committee

Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator Preston B. Plumb, of Kansas, died suddenly of apoplexy shortly before noon yesterday. His death occurred in the unpre-tentious brick boarding house, 610 Fourteenth street, in this city, within a stone's throw of the Ebbitt House, Riggs House, and Willards hotel, in which convenient location he has for the last five or six seasons taken up his quarters during the sessions. In a very short space of time the news spread over the city, and the expressions of regret were universal, and not confined to any polit-

Mr. Plumb had been ailing more or less ever since the close of his herculean labors in the last campaign in his state, which resulted so satisfactorily to himself and party. He was at all times an indefatigable worker, but in this campaign he outdid himself.

There were round his bedside at the time of his death, besides his physician, Surgeon General Wales, Mr. B. F. Flenniken, who for many years has been clerk of the committee on public lands of which Senator Plumb was chairman and has acted as his private secretary his landlord and other attendants.

Senator Plumb had served fourteen years in the senate, and two years ago was re-elected for a term which would have expired in 1895. He was one of the best known men in congress. Born in Ohio, like so many other distinguished men, in 1837, he was 54 years of age. Before he became a lawyer and a banker he worked at the case as a practical printer. He moved to Kansas in 1856 and participated in much of the early exciting history of that state. Unlike senators of long service, he did not undergo a previous apprenticeship in the lower house of congress, but came straight to the senate in 1877. He had previously, however, served in many important positions in the Kansas legislature, closing his local career there as speaker. During the war he fought his way up from a second lieutenancy to the lieutenant colonelship of the Elev-enth Kansas infantry.

The senator leaves two unmarried daughters, who are now living with their widowed mother at his late home in Emporia, Kas., a son, 22 years of age, now under treatment for his eyesight in Philadelphia, and a boy of twelve, and a girl of fourteen at school in Pennsyl-

The body of the late senator was taken from his apartments under escort of the capitol police to the marble room of the senate at 10 o'clock this morning. At 1:15 the body was removed to the senate chamber, where the funeral services Rev. J. G. Butler, chaplain of the sen At 2:30 the body was taken to Baltimore and Potomac Railroad depot, accompanied by the congressional committee, the president, the cabinet, the chief justice and justices of the supreme court, members of the house, members of the diplomatic corps, and the friends of the late senator, invited to the senate gallery. The body, accompanied by the congressional committee, will be taken to Emporia, Kas. The car in which the remains will be conveyed will be attached to the Columbian express which leaves Washington at 3:30, and will reach Emporia on the evening of the 23d, where the interment will take place

at 2 o'clock on the 24th. The congressional committee selected to accompany the remains of Senator Plumb to Kansas are as follows: Senators Pfeffer, Paddock, Pasco, Dolph and

#### Other Notable Deaths. Colonel Theodore McGowan, in Cham-

bersburg, Pa. Joseph A. Thomson, postmaster at Media, Pa., suddenly of grip. A. P. K. Safford, ex-governor of Ari-

zona, at Tarpon Springs, Fla., aged 54. Professor J. A. Demorest, formerly superintendent of Bergen county (N. J.) schools, at New York. Right Rev. Edward Herold Browne,

D. D., formerly bishop of Winchester, in London, aged 80 years General Patrick Edward Connor, a

veteran of the Florida and Mexican war, who was called the "First Gentile in Utah," in Salt Lake City.

In London, Maddison Morton, playwright, aged 80. He was the author of nearly a hundred farces, including "Box and Cox," "Lend Me Five Shillings,"

The Duke of Devonshire, in London, aged 73. He was one of the richest no-blemen in England, and is succeeded by his eldest son, the Marquis of Harting-

William H. Blakeney, one of Rockland county's wealthiest citizens, at his home in Orangeburg, N. Y. He was 54 years old, and a brother of Madame Musard, a former wife of the late king of Holland.

At Baltimore General John R. Kenly, of pneumonia. He was major general of volunteers, and the highest commissioned volunteer officer of the state of Maryland under the war. He was born

Miss Louise Bayard Married. WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 22. — Miss Louise Lee Bayard and Dr. Frank An-gell, of New York, were married at Delaware place, the residence of ex-Secretary of State Thomas F. Bayard yestertary of State Thomas F. Bayard yester-day afternoon. The wedding was very quiet, but few persons being present. Rev. Jesse Higgins, assistant rector of St. Luke's church. Baltimore, performed the ceremony. Miss Bayard is the exsecretary's fourth daughter. Dr. Angell is a professor at Cornell university. Dr. and Mrs. Angell will make their home in Ithaca, N. Y.

Will Settle Out of Court. St. Paul, Dec. 22.—Negotiations are pending at Butte, Mond., for the settlement of the celebrated Davis will case. A proposition comes from the contest-ants represented by Henry A. Root. It is positively certain that the care will not come to trial again. The absence of Administrator John V. Davis from this city caused delay. It is said that in three weeks all the details will be perfected. The estate involves about \$8,-

## SECRETARY ELKINS.

Portfolio in the Cabinet.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, has been nominated to be secretary of war. The appointment of Mr. Elkins does not, it is said, in any way affect the use or non-use of Mr. Blaine's name for the presi-dential nomination. Mr. Elkins is here and says this much himself. He does not credit the position given him to the influence of the secretary of state, and

yet he says he would not disown any influence his association with Mr. Blaine may have with the president in reaching the conclusion to appoint him to the secretaryship of war. It is known now that this portfolio was tendered to him at Cape May

STEPHEN B ELKINS it. He wanted General Nathan Goff of his state, provided for first. Now that General Goff made a United States circuit court judge, Mr. Elkins feels that he can well take the war office.

An Heroic Brakeman's Death. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19 William C. Griesh, the young brakeman in the employ of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, who nobly risked his life at American street and Lehigh avenue, to create from the 20 Next Largest Lists, each \$50 For the Ten Next Largest, each \$10 For the 20 Next Largest Lists, each \$50 For the 20 Next Largest Lists, each \$50 For the Ten Next Largest, each \$50 For the Ten Next Largest, each \$50 For the Ten Next Largest, each \$10 For the 20 Next Largest Lists, each \$50 For the Ten Next Largest, each \$10 For the 20 Next Largest Lists, each \$10 For the 2 snatch from danger and impending death under the wheels of an approaching train a poor woman who was pick-ing coal along the tracks, died yesterday in the Eoiscopal hospital of the injuries he received in his noble effort. Brakeman Griesh was but 26 years old.

Austria's Emperor Seriously III. Paris, Dec. 22.—The Vienna correspondent of La Prix telegraphs that Emperor Francis Joseph, who, some days ago, was suffering from a cold, but had almost entirely recovered, has had a relapse and is now a victim of the pre-vailing epidemic of influenza. The dis-patch further states that the emperor's attack is of a rather serious nature.

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EXECUTOR, S NOTICE.—LETTERS TESTAmentary on the estate of David Hennigh,
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and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

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Millheim, Pa.
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Siguee of Henry W. and Wm. Snyder, of Haines township, will offer at public sale on the premises of the said Henry W. Snyder, two miles north of Woodward, on

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 1892. at one o'clock, p. m., the following real estate: No. 1. A certain tract of land, situate as afore-said, bounded by lands of David Neidigh, Daniel Reed, et al. containing six acres and 151 perches, in a good-state of cultivation; Thereon erected a Dweiling House, Stable and other outbuildings. No. 2. Another tract of land situate as afore-said, bounded by land of Thos. Hosterman, Sam'l Motz. Thomas Hubler, dec'd., Gratz's heirs and others, containing twenty-six acres and 30 perches, part of which is cleared, and the balance in

No. 3. Another tract of land situate as afore-said, bounded by Pine Creek, land of John Garey, Wm. Hinkson and others, containing three fourth

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RPHAN'S COURT SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF an order of the Orphan's Court of Centre county, Pa., the undersigned executor of Samuel Treasuer, dec'd., late of Mifflin county, will ex-pose at public sale on tract No. 1, on

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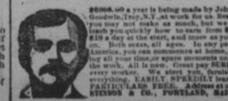
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