

THE NEWS.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob a Missouri, Kansas and Texas train near Moran, Kansas. Dr. A. H. King, a veterinary surgeon of national fame, is dying at the Cincinnati Hospital as the result of an assault by James Welton, a park policeman. The trouble arose over the election of a delegate at a political primary. Frank Cannon aged fourteen, stabbed and fatally wounded his brother Edward at their home in Covington, Ky. Frank came home at noon and quarreled with Edward because he was not working. The brothers went into the backyard to fight it out. Frank drew his pocket knife and stabbed Edward in the side. A road agent made an attempt to hold up a stage coach near Jackson, Cal., and killed Michael Lovey, the guard. Jack Barnitz, of Carlisle, Pa., placed his neck against a rail near Monahan, Texas, and was killed by a train. The liabilities of S. Bonham, the banker who failed in Fairfield, Ill., are in the neighborhood of \$125,000, with assets equal to more than that amount. It is thought the bank will pay dollar for dollar. Bonham's large merchandise store is included in the assignment. A bad wreck occurred on the Central bridge over the Tonawanda Creek, near Batavia, N. Y. An eastbound freight stood on the bridge, when another eastbound crashed into it. Many cars were telescoped, and about one hundred head of live stock were killed. Fire started in the wreck, but was extinguished by the firemen. J. R. Harris, of the Lubricating Company of Minneapolis, was killed by two burglars who had been discovered by him in his parlor. He attempted to seize them, and was shot twice. George Pike, the embezzling accountant of the Imperial Bank of Toronto, who was arrested recently in Kansas City, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment. Pike stole \$12,000, which he lost in speculation. Fire destroyed the sheds of laths and shingles of the Eastern Lumber Company, in Tonawanda, N. Y. The works of the Merian & Morgan Paraffine Company, corner of Seneca and Ohio streets, Cleveland, were partially destroyed by fire. The plant consisted of a three-story brick building used for making paraffine wax, a three-story frame cooper shop and a four-story brick candle factory; loss \$200,000. Destructive forest fires have been raging in the vicinity of Creede, Col., for two weeks, and the flames swept over a portion of Bachelor Hill, destroying a number of cabins and the shaft houses of the Argenta, White Star, Moran and the Park Regent companies. Five persons were injured, one fatally, by being thrown from a runaway car in Chicago. The People's Guarantee Savings Bank, of Kansas City, made an assignment. The liabilities are supposed to be about \$70,000, and the assets between \$50,000 and \$65,000. The terribly mangled body of Gustave Koenig, a well-known young business man, was found beside the Hannibal tracks near St. Joseph, Mo. He had been murdered and robbed, after which the body was laid on the track to cover up the cause of death. There is a clue to the murderers, which the officials are following up. Koenig was to have been married Sunday, and was returning from calling on his fiancée when murdered. John L. Osmond, was electrocuted in Sing Sing, for the murder of his wife and his cousin, John C. Burehe. Nine prisoners escaped from the jail at Tyler, Texas. The keys were left by the warden in the office, and are believed to have been handed to the prisoner by a colored servant. The officers recaptured the prisoners subsequently. The passenger steamer Nyack, which left Buffalo with a large excursion party for the World's Fair, and which was reported as having foundered, arrived safely in Cleveland. The vessel encountered a heavy gale soon after leaving Buffalo, and put into Erie until the storm moderated. Miss Clara Weaver drowned her children and herself in Buckeye Creek, near Fultonham. About sixty feet of the state dam across the Hudson river, at Troy, gave way, and the timbers were carried a hundred yards down stream. Graduating exercises were held at West Point. Butler Lowry, a real estate dealer, made an assignment in Chicago, with estimated liabilities of \$80,000. The assets are said to be in excess of that amount. A receiver was appointed for the Harvey World's Fair Hotel and Harvey Home Improvement Companies in Chicago. William E. Mitchell, a jealous husband, shot at his wife and her mother in the vestibule of a church in Boston. Bandit Sontag was mortally wounded in a fight with officers near Visalia, Cal. In the Sangamon Circuit Court, at Springfield, Ill., the Atlantic Trust Company, of New York, filed a petition for foreclosure of a mortgage against the St. Louis, Chicago and St. Paul Railroad for \$1,250,000. The court appointed the Charles E. Kimball Company receivers, with Joseph Dickson for the road. Albert Von Gelder, son of a Holan nobleman, was arrested in Chicago on a charge of stealing diamonds. George Helms, snuff manufacturer, and owner of the town of Helmsville, N. J., died of heart disease. He was seventy-four years old, and worth about \$4,000,000. Mrs. James Kirkendall, of Spokane, Wash., fed her little daughter of strychnine, and then took some herself. Both are dead. Mrs. Kate Kerch, living near Parkersburg, W. Va., lost her reason, killed two children, threw two others in a well, and then poisoned herself. The Dexter Wagon Works, at Canton, Ohio, were destroyed by a fire supposed to be of incendiary origin. Loss \$12,000; insurance \$10,000. The plant had been on fire three times during the past month. The Backus Wire Nail company, of Cleveland, has made an assignment. Postmaster Charles B. Worley, postmaster at Long Branch City, has disappeared. There is a shortage of \$2,000 in his accounts.

AWFUL TRAGEDY.

An Insane Mother Kills Four of Her Children and Commits Suicide.

Strychnine Mixed With Butter Spread on the Boys' Bread.

A terrible tragedy, the most horrible that ever took place in Wood county, W. Va., occurred Wednesday at noon. It took place at Pleasant Hill, a thrifty settlement about sixteen miles from Parkersburg, in Walker district. At that place there lived Philip Kirsch with his family, consisting of a wife and six children, the eldest of whom is a girl about sixteen years of age, the youngest a babe of ten months. Mrs. Kirsch had been ill for a long time, suffering from mental depression and nervous disorders, and it had been observed that her mind was not entirely under control, though no one ever entertained fears of any tragic consequences from her troubles. She had been under the treatment of a competent physician and it was thought she was improving in health. Her husband was at a barnraising at Mr. Ellet's, a neighbor living about a mile and a half distant. The two elder boys were engaged in the corn field and the eldest daughter, Mollie, was washing clothes in the yard. At dinner time the boys came to the house and sat down to their noon meal, the daughter continuing at her work and not then coming into the house. Mollie did not observe her mother until she came up and said: "I have poisoned John and Fred, and thrown my babies in the well. Now come, Mollie, and die with me." At the same time the mother laid hold of the girl and tried to throw her into the well also. The daughter, having lost all her power, and the well being about two feet high she was able to keep herself from being thrown in. At this moment a younger child eight years old, appeared, and the mother abandoned the effort to throw Mollie in the well and caught the younger child. The daughter fought with desperation and almost superhuman strength to release the younger child, and finally succeeded in releasing him from his mother's grasp, and then told him to run for his life to an uncle's house, near by. The mother then started to throw herself into the well where the two younger children had already been drowned. Mollie caught her mother and screamed for her brothers to come to her aid. They arose from the table and started out, but one of them fell dead before he got to the door, and the other, just as he reached the doorway, pitched headlong to the ground, a corpse. In the meantime the daughter was engaged in a desperate struggle to prevent her mother from throwing herself into the well. She fought with courage and heroic strength and tore almost all the clothing from her body, but her efforts were unsuccessful, and at last the mother pitched headlong into the well and was drowned. The poison given the boys was strychnine mixed with the butter that the mother spread on her boys' bread at their dinner. One piece of bread so spread was lying beside the plate set for one of the boys only partly eaten. Whether he was taken sick before it was all eaten or whether it was laid aside when the sister screamed for help from the outside of the house will never be known. In a brief time the neighbors assembled and the three bodies were taken from the well and the coroner notified. Justice of the Peace DeVaughn, of Walker district, held the inquest, and his finding was in accordance with the facts. The funeral of all the dead took place at the Skidmore graveyard at Dalton.

LAUNCH OF A BATTLESHIP.

The Massachusetts Christened by Miss Leila Herbert.

The big battleship Massachusetts was successfully launched from the shipyard of the Cramps in Philadelphia, Pa., in the presence of Secretary of the Navy Herbert, Attorney-General Olney, the latter representing the state of Massachusetts, a number of distinguished naval and army officers and a multitude of 16,000. Miss Leila Herbert, daughter of the head of the Naval Department, christened the vessel with the customary and prettily decorated bottle of champagne. The Washington party came on a special train. The weather was pleasant. The sun was shining bright and clear, but its warmth was tempered with gentle, cool breezes. The big hull had received the last touches of a coat of white paint above the water line, and of deep red below, and lowered on the ways all ready to be sent overboard as soon as the tide should be at its flood. When this arrived, the supports were cut away, and the vessel began to move. Miss Herbert gracefully broke the bottle on the ship's prow and christened her the "Massachusetts." By her own momentum, the latest addition to Uncle Sam's navy slid gracefully down the greased incline and dashed into the Delaware river. When she reached mid-stream, lines were thrown to tug, and the large craft was towed to the wharves where she also moored the cruisers New York and Columbia, and the ship-of-war Indiana. A naval battalion, consisting of 125 men and divided into two companies, participated in the ceremonies. One company acted as escort to the guests and stood guard at the launching stand, and when the launch was effected, cleared the way to the cruiser New York, on which the second company, with a band, was stationed to salute the Massachusetts as she took to the water. When the guests had boarded the cruiser, the entire battalion acted as the crew and saluted the vessel as she passed. The young ladies, the dignitaries inspected the New York, and after languishing in the office of the Cramps, returned to Washington on the special train which had conveyed them hither. The big warship left the ways a minute or so before the expected time, but no accident of any kind occurred. The warm weather had softened the tallow, and the vessel slid into the river before the three forward keel blocks on the sole pieces had been loosened. Miss Herbert, the fair christener, was attired in a becoming costume of black Brussels net, and wore a small black hat trimmed with crushed roses.

HONORING OUR FLAG.

Celebration of the Anniversary of the Stars and Stripes.

For the first time in American history, there was a general celebration in Philadelphia of the anniversary of the adoption by Congress, June 14, 1777, of the stars and stripes. The historic dwelling 239 Arch street, whereetsy Bess made the first flag, was handsomely decorated with flags and bunting. Members of the Colonial Bazaar, with whom the idea of a commemoration of the day originated, distributed 3,000 flags to school children at the above mentioned house. The children then marched to Independence Square, where patriotic songs were sung and appropriate addresses made. In every school in Philadelphia the story of how the first flag was made was told, and the "Star-spangled Banner" and other National anthems were sung. Buildings on all the principal streets of the city were liberally decorated.

PINKNEY IN JAIL.

The Escaped Maryland Murderer Recaptured by the Officers.

William Pinkney, the colored murderer who escaped from jail more than three weeks ago, was recaptured near Marlboro'. He is under sentence along with Barber, also colored, to hang June 30th, for the murder of Francis H. Bowie. A reward of \$750 was offered for Pinkney's capture. The value of Louis Halbertstadt, of Naperville, Ill., who died in Brockville, Canada, two years ago, was sold to a drummer at an auction of unclaimed express packages for \$2. It contained gas stock worth \$107,000.

CABLE SPARKS.

An outbreak of hostilities in Samoa is expected. A congress of military unions at Baden has decided in favor of the army bill. Germany's financial minister, Miquel, says he is opposed to the imposition of an imperial income tax. It is said that the Czarwitich of Russia has been betrothed to Princess Alice, of Hesse Darmstadt. The Budapest express train was wrecked at Keiskemet, Hungary, and 22 persons were injured, many of them fatally. The regulations proposed by the United States for seal-hunting in Bering sea are distasteful to the British consul. There has been but little change in the condition of affairs in Honolulu according to advices received at San Francisco. The episcopal jubilee money received by the Pope amounted to 9,000,000 francs, of which 600,000 came from America. The Italian government has taken steps to punish the bank plunderers. The manager of the Bank of Naples has confessed his guilt. Count Zinzki declares that the race track incident in Vienna, in which he rode down his trainer, was due to a fractious and uncontrollable horse. People are said to be dying by thousands from cholera in the valley of the Tigris, and fugitives from the afflicted towns are spreading the epidemic through Turkey. The journals recognized as organs of the Vatican concur in declaring that the Pope has modified his schismatic policy heretofore enunciated in regard to the United States. Rev. Thomas Spurgeon arrived in San Francisco from New Zealand. He will hold a two week's revival at Chicago with Mr. Moody before proceeding to take charge of the London Theatricals. The discovery of dynamite bombs near the residence of the ex-Queen of the Sandwich Islands has occasioned great alarm at Honolulu, where, it is said, a plot existed to blow up the government barracks. WORK AND WORKERS. About 100 hod carriers of Wilkesbarre, Pa., went on strike for an increase of wages. Stivers have been taken for a general reduction in the force of employees of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Seventy furniture factories in Cincinnati, Ohio, have shut down, throwing 5,000 men out of employment. The eighteenth annual convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers was held in Pittsburgh. Two hundred and twenty men in the mechanical department of the Standard Oil Company at Whiting, Indiana, have struck for a day of nine hours, with ten hours' pay. The works of the Domestic Sewing Machine Company, at Newark, New Jersey, were shut down, throwing out of work. There was no money to pay the employees. A COMMITTEE of the Ohio Valley Manufacturers' Association was in conference at Pittsburgh with the iron wage committee of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers. No result was reached. The lace weavers of the Patchogue Lace Mills, at Patchogue, Long Island, are on a strike against a proposed reduction of 20 per cent. in their wages. The strike involves about 250 men. The weavers have been earning from \$25 to \$30 per week. COMMITTEES of the iron manufacturers and the Finishers' Union of the Mahoning and Shenango valleys met in Youngstown to arrange the rate for the coming year. No agreement was reached. The manufacturers desiring a reduction of about 10 per cent. The Secretary of the Amalgamated Association said the action of the finishers would have no bearing on the Amalgamated scale. HOUSES CRUSHED. Torrent Caused by a Cloud-Burst at a Mexican Mining Camp. A cloud-burst at San Jose de Gracia Mining Camp, in Pueblo, caused a rush of water which tore up trees and carried along huge fragments of rock. Some houses in its course were crushed in, burying the inmates. Houses which remained stood the torrent quickly filled with water, and the people who were had to escape from the upper stories on rudely fashioned rafts. The surviving inhabitants have taken refuge on the mountain sides. Relief is being forwarded by the State Government. ROBBERS USE THE GAG. They Loot a Home at Palaski While the Owner was Helpless. Just at dusk the other evening three men called at the residence of W. D. Byers at Palaski, Pa., and got Byers from the house. Then two pistols were placed against his face and he was ordered to throw up his hands. The men then bound and gagged him, after which they pushed him into an old shed. They entered the house and ransacked it from top to bottom, first tying Mrs. Byers and other members of the family to beds and chairs. The thieves secured a revolver and only \$3 in money. It was daybreak before one of the members of the family could untie himself and liberate the others. PEOPLE AND EVENTS. It appears that much of the work of towing the Italian cruiser to Chicago will be done by Canadian contractors. The tow will cost about \$7,000. GEORGE KENNAN is being made the object of great newspaper attention in London, where his work is almost as well known as in America. He was the chief guest at a dinner of a considerable group of the younger literary men in London. The condition of Senator Oolcott of Georgia, is improving, and is not out of a sort to cause serious concern. The feeling of returning health makes him more than usually alive to passing events, and he expects to be ready for duty at the next roll-call of the Senate. The new Harvard Catholic association elected as its president a descendant of Thomas Addis Emmet, brother of the young Irish patriot whose "epitaph is yet unwritten." Mr. Emmett, who is a New Yorker, is a member of the senior class, and is president also of the Heavy Pudding Club. RUBYARD KIPPING's father has been forced by reason of ill-health to resign his gubernatorial post at Lahore. Kipping pere is the author of a book called "Man and beast in India," but his best-known contribution to literature is his separation of Lahore as "Hell with the Lid On." The school of applied ethics will not hold a session at Plymouth, Mass., this summer. One reason is that the World's Fair congress at Chicago in this general line of study will attract attention to this quarter, and another is that the managers of the school wish for time to put on a more permanent and enlarged basis. REV. THOMAS C. FRASE, of Andover, who has been chosen by the trustees of the Theological Seminary to the Bartlett professorship of sacred rhetoric, lately occupied by President Tucker of Dartmouth college, is not widely known by the general public. He was graduated at Harvard in 1875 and from Andover in 1880, and is vouchered for as a competent man. A FOG VEILS THE FAIR. The Gates Were Open. But The Morning Was Gloomy. Priceless Laces Sent by the Queen of Italy Missing. A despatch from Chicago says: The uncertainty regarding the Sunday opening of the Fair kept early attendance down to a low mark. Chief Justice Fuller's action in granting the supersedeas was not made known far enough away from Chicago in time to bring a good crowd of countrymen, and as a result sight-seers were for the most part Chicagoans. The morning was damp and cold, a heavy fog blew in from the lake, hiding the towers and minarets of the great buildings, and making heavy overcoats almost a necessity. Along about one o'clock the sun came out warm, however, dispersing the mists and rendering the afternoon bright and pleasant. The crowds began to come about two o'clock, and from that hour until dark every mode of transportation was tested to its fullest capacity. The attendance for the day was good, exceeding that of last Sunday. Considerable work was done in Manufacturers Building behind the drawn curtains of some of the exhibits. The doors to the Japanese pavilion, in the north end of the building, were barred, and two guards stood on watch outside. Everything in the English section was shut up, while the neighboring French, across the wide aisle had thrown her gates wide open, as usual. Everything in the German section was in its ordinary appearance, but half of Austria's display was opened by long white curtains. Behind all the curtained departments, however, men were busily engaged in dressing windows and arranging displays, to render them, if possible, more attractive. Work in the Spanish Section. A large force of men had possession of the Spanish section in the big hall, and they were working hard under the supervision of the assistant commissioner. It is the intention of the Spaniards to have their displays in readiness in two or three days, and then give a reception to the Infanta. The only building on the grounds that were crowded with the Convention of Arabians and the Krupp gun exhibit. These structures are small, but they were jammed all day by never-ending crowds of people, who walked almost to the extreme southern portion of the grounds to see the treasures they contain. The free band concerts began at three o'clock. The programs of sacred and popular selections, were liberally applauded. Director-General Davis has issued an order that no exhibits or instructive material will be allowed to enter the grounds under any circumstances it intended for display. The Director-General says all permanent exhibits are now in place in all buildings with one or two exceptions. Rare Laces Missing. A startling disclosure was made at the World's Fair grounds when the priceless laces sent here by Queen Margherita, of Italy, was unpacked. While the laces were being taken out of their cases, and each piece counted, it was found that thirty pieces were missing. Cablegrams were immediately sent to Rome apprising the Queen of her great loss; for it is among the developments thus far indicate, that the loss will not fall upon the Exposition Company, their bond not covering the safety of the laces in transit. An effort was made to keep the discovery a secret, but the custom officers divulged the startling news. These rich possessions, out of reverence for the memory of her countryman, the discoverer of America, Queen Margherita consented to send to Chicago for the Fair. She sent a noble, trusted lady, the Countess di Brazza, to watch and guard her treasures, and the government of the United States gave a bond of \$100,000 to guarantee their safe return to Italy. Ex-President Harrison will spend several days in Chicago this week seeing the sights of the Exposition, and during the stay will be the guest of President Palmer. The attendance was about 75,000. KILLED BY A ROAD AGENT. A Desperate Highwayman Attempts to Hold Up a Stagecoach. An attempt was made to rob the mail stage from Lone to Jackson, Cal., by a lone highwayman, about five miles from Jackson. The stage had four passengers inside, two of whom were ladies. Outside was the driver, Clinton Radcliffe; Wells, Fargo's guard, Michael Ovey, and one passenger. The robber was concealed behind the rocks on the side of the road, and when the stage was opposite his place of concealment he fired, killing Ovey. Six horses were attached to the stage, and the crack of the rifle frightened them into a gallop. The robber fired again, and this time the ball gazed Radcliffe's back, producing a slight wound. The horses continued to run, and the highwayman fired twice more, wounding two of the animals. The stage was carried along by the uninjured horses, for about three hundred yards, when the driver halted, and turned to find the injured animals into a field and came on, bringing the body of the murdered messenger, Jackson. The robber made no effort to follow the stage. The firing was heard by several farmers working in a hay field nearby, and they came running to ascertain the cause. The robber escaped into the thick brush. There was treasure on board the stage, both for Annador City and Jackson. Ovey has been a messenger for Wells, Fargo for twenty years and had been wounded three times before by road agents. FIRE IN THE EXPOSITION. A Portion of the French Exhibit Destroyed. What might have been a disastrous fire was extinguished by prompt work of the firemen in Transportation Building at 5 o'clock p. m. A guard saw fire climbing up a draped post in the exhibit of the Trans-Atlantic French Mail Line steamers in the gallery and turned in an alarm, at the same time trying to extinguish the blaze. When the firemen arrived the blaze had reached the overhanging steamers and was rapidly approaching the adjoining sections, which are separated only by wooden partitions. The fire was extinguished, however, in a few minutes, but it necessitated the throwing of water, which did considerable damage. The exhibit contained many hand-colored paintings of steamship scenes, worth \$75,000, and some books. It is impossible to estimate the damage, as the paintings will have to dry to show the extent to which they were harmed. H. Dow, the guard, was badly burned about the neck and was taken to the hospital. JAMES GILBERT, the Irish dynamiter, who was released from prison because he was supposed to be dying, has recovered his health sufficiently to leave the hospital. He will sail shortly for New York. PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS. Epitome of News Gleaned from Various Parts of the State. The Summer meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, at Bethlehem, after papers on various subjects relating to farming were read, adjourned to meet at Kittanning in the Wintertime. A CONVENTION of candidates was held in West Chester, at which regulations to affect the primary nominations were passed. J. F. OLLEN, a business man of Waynesboro, while riding on a Philadelphia & Reading train in the Cumberland Valley, lost \$5,000 in money and papers, which was in a satchel which was stolen from him. This year the National Guard will have regimental camps probably arranged as follows: First Brigade, July 15th to 22d; Third, July 22d to 29th; Second, August 5th to 13th. The places are to be fixed by the colonels. In the Beaver County Courts George Ward was found guilty of libeling his brother-in-law trustee, John Duss, of Economy. The sixty-second annual convention of the Universalist Association of Pennsylvania, in session at Erie, adjourned to meet in To-wanda. The formal commencement of Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster was held and the corner-stone of the new theological seminary building was laid. The change in the dog tax law which provides for the collection of moneys only from those dog owners whose animals have killed sheep or poultry, is much regretted by the chief Burgess and Borough Council, of West Chester because the town loses an income of from \$400 to \$500 per year and the number of worthless curs, which heretofore has been reduced to the minimum, is expected to increase rapidly. MICHAEL DOOLEY, of New Philadelphia, while at work at the Eagle Colliery, had a miners' needle run into the lower part of his abdomen and was fatally injured. He had the fuse of a shot to be fired and was running away from it with the needle in his hand when it struck the side of the gangway and the needle entered his body. He pulled it out and walked to the foot of the slope when he fell exhausted. A STALWART tramp walked into the kitchen of Farmer Helen Heist, at Little Oley, and asked Mrs. Heist for victuals, which she refused because she did not care to go into the cellar while he was in the house. He became quite abusive, whereupon she belabored him with a broom about his shoulders and head until he ran from the premises. His bruises were so severe that he was forced to apply to a physician for relief. Adjutant-General Greenleaf stated officially that the Pennsylvania troops would not go to Chicago. GOV. PATTERSON vetoed the McCarrill bill which allowed the increase of toll rates on bridges and also negatived a number of other measures. JOHN DUSS, president of the Economic Society at Harmony, Beaver county, negotiated a mortgage on all the property of the society for \$100,000. Many members have seceded, leaving fifteen, only four of whom are males. COMMENCEMENT exercises were held at Wilson Female College, Chambersburg; state College, near Bellefonte; Dickinson at Carlisle and Franklin and Marshall, at Lancaster. WHILE testing a steel air chamber for a pneumatic gun at the shops of H. Wetherill & Co., at Chester, the head blew off two pieces striking James McIntyre killed him instantly and slightly injured another man named Pylant. THE fire bugs of East Media, although the buildings were being watched by armed guards, managed to set fire to a barn. The watch has been doubled. THE raw between the Nolan School Board and the regular School Board, in Butler Township, Schuylkill county, nearly resulted in bloodshed through the efforts of the Nolan faction to get the books of its opponents. REFERENDUM county conventions were held in both Cumberland and York counties, Judge Stewart, of Franklin county, was endorsed for the Supreme Court by the Republicans of York. LABORERS employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Lancaster & Columbia Electric Railway fought a pitched battle over the latter's occupation of a bridge over the railroad tracks at Mountville. SENATOR HARRY ALVAN HALL was appointed United States District Attorney at Pittsburg. BONDHOLDERS of the Lancaster & Quarryville Railroad met at Lancaster and decided not to agree to the reorganization plan of the Reading management. WM. F. MOYER, warden of the Norristown jail, dropped dead in the prison. He was 64 years old and has been connected with the jail since 1886 as under keeper and warden. ALTOONA has enjoyed the luxury of two city solicitors the past year. The Councils elected E. H. Flick, democrat, Solicitor in April, 1892, but Nicholson P. Mervine, republican, the then incumbent of the office, claimed the right to hold over on the ground that his successor had not been legally chosen. Both attorneys have represented the city in court litigation, and have freely exercised their rival claims to the office. The aid of the Blair County Courts was invoked to determine who is the legal occupant of the office, when Solicitor Flick secured an alternative mandamus, to show cause why his salary should not be paid. JAMES BOYER, a worthless character, of Tamaqua, came home drunk, and starting a quarrel with his wife, became so enraged that he threw a beer bottle at her. The bottle broke when it struck her and cut a gash in her throat from the effects of which she will probably die. Boyer has been committed to jail to await the result. A BOY MURDERER. He Killed His Half-Sister Because She Became Fretful. One of the most unnatural deeds ever perpetrated was committed in Charles Mix County, S. D. The 13-year old son of Mrs. Emlin, a farmer's wife, was left in charge of his half-sister 2 years old. Because the baby became fretful the inhuman boy got down a shotgun and shot the little one in the head, instantly killing it.

PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

DISASTERS AND CASUALTIES

By the premature explosion of blasting powder in the Jeddo colliery, at Hazleton, Penn., Daniel Marley was instantly killed and James Mahon fatally injured. The cyclone which visited Hope, Arkansas, Tuesday night left 5,000 people homeless and in destitute circumstances, and an appeal for aid has been made by Mrs. or Black. By an explosion of gasoline in the basement of a grocery store in St. Louis, sixteen persons were injured, four perishing fatally, namely: Hanner and Mrs. Hopper and two children, aged 5 and 10 years. The Governor of Louisiana arrived in New Orleans to negotiate with the banks for a loan of \$5,000,000 for the flood sufferers in the Lake Providence district. About 10,000 people, nearly all colored, are on the verge of starvation in this district. CHARLES RICHMOND, aged 33 years, of Springfield, Ill., was killed near Trenton, N. J., by the fall of a parachute. He had ascended in a balloon to a height of 8000 feet, and the parachute failed to act. He fell into a pond and was probably drowned. An express train for New York on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad collided with a runaway engine on an iron bridge near Court and six New York, and a frightful wreck took place. An express engineer, was killed, and Bert Sherwood, engineer, so badly injured that he died in a few hours. George Glatfelter, a night watchman, who had charge of the engine that ran away, was arrested for criminal negligence. THE Marine Hospital Service received a despatch from the United States Charge d'Affaires at Constantinople, stating "that latest news shows a rapid spread of the cholera in Mesopotamia. This will soon bring it into Mediterranean ports." Another despatch from the United States Consul at Gothenburg, Sweden, states that the epidemic of small pox in that region is increasing.

CRASHED INTO A CAR.

A Railroad Collision in Dayton, O., Results in the Death of One Man.

A passenger train on the Delphos Branch of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad collided with a White Line Electric car on the outskirts of the city of Dayton, demolishing the car and injuring the four people in it. One of them, Martin Randolph, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, died after being taken to the hospital. RUMBA is trying to weaken the power of Austria by working through the Hungarians in this country. Efforts are made to convert them to Pan-Slavism here and 60,000 of them return home every year to become missionaries of the Czar among the subjects of the Austrian Emperor. SERVICES were being made for another irrigation and water-storage enterprise on the Gila, twelve miles above Yuma, Arizona. The proposition is to put a sixty-foot dam on a ravine at a point where it is crossed by a natural ledge. The river has a fall of only three feet a mile, and it will consequently back the water twenty miles. The canal will run east of Yuma and into Mexico.

MARKETS.

Table with multiple columns listing market prices for various commodities such as BALTIMORE GRAIN, CANNED GOODS, POTATOES, EGGS, BUTTER, CHEESE, EGGS, POULTRY, TOBACCO, and LIVER STOCK. Includes prices for flour, wheat, corn, and various meats.