THE MAN WHO WINS. .

The man who wins is the man who works-The man who toils, while the next

man shirks; The man who stands in his deep dis-

tress With his head held high in the deadly

Yes, he is the man who wins.

The man who wins is the man who

The value of pain and the worth or woeswho fails

And a moral finds in his mournful woils:

Yes, he is the man who wins.

The man who wins is the man who stava In the unsought paths and the rocky

And, perhaps, who lingers now and then. To help some failure to rise again.

Ah! he is the man who wins! And the man who wins is the man who

The curse of the envious in his ears, But who goes his way with his head held high

And passes the wrecks of the failures For he is the man who wins.

Henry Edward Warner, in Baltimore

## THE STEP ON THE STAIRS

When my old friend Geoffrey Lancaster bought a house and a good bit of ground in Wiltshire, he gave me a sort of general invitation to run down there for a few days whenever I felt so inclined, and without further formality than a post-card to announce my arrival. But some three months later I received so urgent an entreaty to come as soon as possible that I felt fairly certain something was amiss, or that he was not quite satisfled with his surroundings.

The town had never in any way been remarkable, so I may be pardoned for admitting that until the Lancasters selected it as the place in which they would settle quietly for what remained to them of life, I do not think I had ever heard of it.

Certainly the situation was picturesque; the buildings rising in ranks one above the other on the hill, and a view from the summit over many a mile of wooded fields and the valley of the Avon.

The house which had captivated my Priend's fancy dated back to the reign getting it in the discovery of some relative to the step on the stairs, and of Henry VIII.; it had not been spoil. thing newer." ed even in necessary restorations.

"It is most interesting," I said after I had visited every room and duly admired the oak staircase and several painted ceilings. "but a little lonely for so small a family, isn't it? The sort of place to my thinking which needs grown up sons and daughters to enliven it and make merry in these big rooms. This hall, for instancewhy you might give a dance to eighty or a hundred young people!"

Geoffrey Lancaster slightly shrugged his shoulders. No children had been partical of self-respect left within his think he regretted it; for he was of opinion that the world was largely Lancaster?" I said. "I am sure not. over populated and those were the The only hope is that he or she-may true benefactors of the human race | deign to walk about a little when all bers.

ought to have a ghost." I went on. | thought of." "Do you boast anything so gruesome?" My host slightly shook his head.

cles she has heard something, and she does not like it. To tell the truth, that was in a great measure my reason for hurrying you down-I want your opinion upon the matter."

We were sitting together in the library after inspecting the place thoroughly. I settled myself comfortably in one of the big easy chairs and begged for enlightenment.

"I tell Mrs. Lancaster it must be mere fancy; but she will not believe

"What has she seen or heard?" I

enquired. "So far, she has seen nothing. She declares that she has been awakened

for three weeks past by a step on the stairs." "And just as the clock strikes the orthodox hour of midnight?" I

laughed. "Not so," rejoined Lancaster, seriously. "At one, at two and at three in the early morning. And as my wife is neither a timid nor an imaginative person, I should much like to get to the root of this mystery and I

want your assistance." "Delighted, I'm sure! Is there any record of a murder, or some other crime connected with the house? Was it ever inhabited by monks or nuns. whose spirits might be supposed to come back and make things uncom-

fortable for other people?" "I have read up all the books and records I could obtain, and I can discover no mention of crime in connection with this property. In early times-though of course the town was Catholic-there seem to have been no monasteries or convents here. But this was the Chantry priest's house,

(by one of the doors leading to the garden) was, as some antiquarians suppose, used for the keeping of fish caught in the river for his reverence's

I lapsed into silence for several minutes; before I spoke again one of the maids came to say that tea was waiting for us in the drawing room.

After some preliminary conversation, I expressed to Mrs. Lancaster my admiration for her house.

"Yes, an interesting old place, isna it?" she said. "Still---'

"Not quite perfection," I hastened to remark. "Well, I suppose it may Who a lesson learns from the man be a trifle lonely toward evening and in the dead of the night, for instance?"

"It is worse than that." The lady strolled across to the inner drawing room, and was ferreting among a collection of valuable old china for some specimen he would expect me to admire. "Geoffrey does not like me to say so, Mr. Marshall, but my firm conviction is that-' and here she slightly paused, then in a lower tone added -"it is haunted."

I raised my eyebrows and shook my

"I think you are mistaken," I answered in an undertone which matched up to this period of my existence. I have never seen a ghost, much as I should enjoy doing so. Therefore, as 'seeing is believing,' I need scarcely add that I don't believe in them. What people usually attribute to those restless spirits may generally be set down to rats, old boards that crack and creak, and so forth."

Mrs. Lancaster did not look convinced, but as her husband came toward us at that momen', holding out a plate which he considered as the choicest among his treasures. I turned to him with the assurance that it was evidently a most valuable article, but, frankly speaking, old china was a matter concerning which I was hopelessly ignorant.

It was growing late, and my host and I were tete-a-tete in the smoke room, when the ghost was again rementioned.

"I particularly want the opinion of a practical, common sense man like you, Marshall," he said, "as to whether there is any sound in the passages or upon the staircases of this house. which cannot be accounted for. If so, well, what it can be."

"I said a few words about the ering she was only sixteen. charm of the house to Mrs. Lancaster." I admitted, "and she asserted her said, after listening to these details. belief that it is haunted. But our conversation was interrupted just then, so she gave me no details."

"A very good thing, too." said Geof- the eyes of my host and hostess. frey impatiently. "When once a woman gets an idea into her head, it is

I rose and began to walk up and down the room.

"The only thing for me to do," I myself of that comfortable bedroom till day is dawning. Ghosts never Waverly Magazine. walk about in the morning, do they?"

My tone might have been flippant. Any way, my friend ignored that question, and merely proposed to share my vigil. But this I would not hear of. protesting that no ghost who had a who did not contribute to its num- is still and silent. Two of us would "It's just the sort of house that or playing chess. It's not to be

I had my way, and was fortified by a strong cup of coffee to help me keep "I should not, personally, object to awake by Mr. Lancaster's private ora ghost," he answered quietly, as in. der to the housekeeper. I believe he deed he always spoke. "It would be said that I was going to pass some interesting. But-well, my wife fan- hours in important study, nor could this-from his point of view-be deemed untrue.

and having kept my solitary watch until the clock struck four, I went upstairs feeling chilly, sleepy, disgusted with things in general, and confirmed in my unbelief.

After some hours' repose and a capital breakfast at half-past nine, however. I felt better-even somewhat eager to solve the question of the step on the stairs.

With my friend's permission I made another survey of the commodious old house, examining in particular a secret chamber which could only be approached by means of a sliding panel in the wall and a concealed spring.

Any author at work upon a sensational story of murder and violence, would have been delighted with the place. But I. being a prosaic individ. in the morning and, leaving my key ual accustomed to deal with facts. wished only to convince my host and his wife that the supposed mystery was no mystery at all.

Otherwise, one could describe some child heir to the property, drowned in that was the way to find out. the fish tank (it must needs be a child, as four or five feet deep of water | ly. Evidently the result of his inwould not drown a man, and the spection was not reassuring, for, after guilty relation hiding in the secret making a bluff at feeling in my box, chember and dying there, prior to the he replied stiffly. nocturnal wanderings as a lost spirit

about the premises. I said something of this sort to calmly. Geoffrey in the presence of his wife: but he looked more solemn than usual, him that he is here looking for himand Mrs. Lancaster's face betrayed self." such real alarm that I regretted my words, and made a lame effort to turn stairs."-New York Tribune. into a mere joke.

I sat listening to every sound and that old tank which I showed you through the second night of my stay, ened in the nick of time.

but I heard absolutely nothing except the wind in the chimney and the voices of two cats outside whose tones seemed to indicate a somewhat angry discussion.

Geoffrey appeared disappointed when we walked around the gardens next morning and I had nothing to tell him, all the more so because Mrs. Lancaster had been again alarmed, and was strengthened in her conviction that some ghost was on the premises.

not be expected to unravel this perplexity at the first or second sitting." That third night, in spite of strenuous efforts to keep eyes and ears open. I fell asleep. But not for long, as a glanced at her husband, who had just | glance at the clock showed me. And

"Give me time,' I answered,' "I could

I fancied I had been dreaming, yet could not remember the dream-I only knew that some sound, like the quiet closing of a door, had roused me. It took me several seconds to recall

why I was seated alone there in Geoffrey Lancaster's library, when the hands of the clock and of my own watch were perfectly agreed that it wanted only ten minutes to three in the morning.

Then, recalling everything, I took a hand lamp from the side table. lit it. her own. "I may as well confess that, and went into the hall to see-well, yes, there was a form such as the credulous would consider ghost like, seeing that it was wrapped in white drapery, and that its long hair floated on its back. But it suggested so strongly to my unromantic mind the figure of a somnambulist, that 1 thought my best plan was to follow and get a good look at it.

It went swiftly up the stairs-so did I. It paused at Mrs. Lancaster's door and then passed silently on. I did the same. It mounted to the second flood and made for the servants' rooms and there, of course, I could not penetrate; but I could seek my own chamber with some satisfaction, for I saw my way to the complete reassurance of Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster.

My first step, however, was to interview the housekeeper, and put a few questions as to the maids under her supervision. Was there, for instance, one slight of figure and with exceedingly fair hair?

Yes there was Louise-a girl whom Mrs. Lancaster had taken from a miserable home so that she might be properly trained for respectable service; a nervous excitable sort of girl, but "willing" and useful, too, consid-

"I think she walks in her sleep." | The housekeeper could not believe that; however, my suspicion was proved true on the following night to

Old Geoffrey was, I am certain, regretful that he had not purchased a hopeless. Every discussion only roots ghost with the rest of the property; it more firmly. The best plan is to ig- but Mrs. Lancaster was really thanknore the subject, and trust to her for- ful to me for thus easing her mind felt able to settle down contently in

the old Chantry As for the girl-well, they put her into a Home or Orphanage, where it exclaimed at last, "is to listen. As is to be hoped she lost her somnambufar as I know myself, mere fancy will listic tendencies; at any rate, when I not run away with me. I will not avail made inquiry of my friends they had and injure the logging, timber and received no complaints about her .-

Death Came With the Song.

It is not often that a musical festival closes so pathetically as did an Eisteddfod at Colwyn Bay, Wales,

Welsh choirs were competing born of that marriage and I do not shadowy form would stand espionage. time came for his choir to make its melodiously as usual, and fhen the "Now, would you, if you were a ghost effort, Henry Hughes, a quarryman, mounted a chair to lead it. In a few moments he tottered and fell. Ready arms carried him into an anteroom, and the choir, led by E. T. Davies, a be passing the time in conversation clerk, sang on, continuing their melody amid a round of admiring cheers.

No other choir excelled the company of songsters whom Hughes had vainly attempted to lead, for they won the prize, and the sounding cheers broke out again.

It was these cheers of triumph that rang in the ears of the failing conductor as he lay in the anteroom, for Well, I heard nothing, saw nothing; to save him, but in vain; and not the he was dying. Every effort was made least sad accompaniment of this pathetic incident was the fact that the dying conductor's own son and daughter were singers in the victorious choir.

A gloom spread over the great audience as the sad news spread, and the Eisteddfod when the end was reached closed with deep sorrow.

Got the Better of Hotel Clerk.

"With all his faults," began Mr. Fairchild, "the hotel man is a first class follow, who will be a long way to keep his guests from shining too much in public or from being seen by doubtful guests. I recall an instance which happened to me in New York not long ago. I had registered at the hotel, came back again in the evening. Finding the night clerk on, but not on to me. I asked him, giving him my name, if I was in. Not knowing the number of my room, I decided

"He looked at me rather suspicious-

"'No, sir; Mr. Fairchild is not in. I sat down on the lounge, and said

"'Well, when he comes in please tell "The porter carried the clerk up-

Lots of people have their wits sharp-



One of the Astor family is reported as having said that no one can be called a gentleman who has not enjoyed a university education. How much money besides is necessary for the distinction is not mentioned, but a "poor gentleman" is gradually becoming a misnomer. It does not appear, however, that the honest old fur dealer who was the first of the Astors had more than a common school education, and little of that: but he was more of a gentleman than many of his descendants, remarks the Philadelphia Record.

The British vessel Ban Righ, which recently got into so much trouble in South America, was named after the late Queen Victoria. The Celts of Scotland had made no provision in their language for a reigning Queen, and as "righ" (pronounced "ree") is Gaelic for king, a way had to be found out of the difficulty, and "ban" was prefixed; the word signifying "fair" or 'woman," so that Ban Righ means Woman King.

Cheap wheat has been found an excellent substitute for the corn crop which proved so complete a failure. The farmers of Kansas have installed grinding machinery and are feeding the substitute "balance rations" to their stock to the consternation of the millers and elevator men. The total amount of wheat used in this way in a single season is estimated at 45.-000,000 bushels.

The action of the Italian Government in preventing the sailing for the United States of seven dangerous anarchists is to be commented. Time was when the departure of such criminals was winked at by the authorities, but now steamship companies are loth to take such passengers, as they run a strong risk of having to return the undesirable persons to Italy.

London doctors have issued a proscription against the admission of the young woman who is engaged to be married as a probationer to the training schools for nurses, on the ground that she only dallies with nursing until the time comes to marry, and thus stands in the way of those women who intend to devote themselves unreservedly to the profession.

Since 1895 Great Britain has received from the United States an average of 50,000 horses annually. Our exports have included trotters, pacers, roadsters, runners, draught horses, and, in fact, horses of all sorts which \$3.00; do., fair to good, 1.50a\$2.00. Turwere capable either of rendering immediate service or of being used ad: vantageously for breeding purposes.

An effort will be made to secure from Congress an appropriation sufficient to exterminate the water hyacinth, which has of late years spread so rapidly in Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida streams as to seriously impede their navigation and to harass oyster business.

An idea of the inroads, present and prospective, which the American automobile is making and will make in foreign territory may be had from the fact that during the present year an exhibition composed entirely of motor vehicles designed and built in the United States, will be held in the Crystal Palace, London.

English as our great-grandmothers spoke it would surprise us today. They said "lay" at a place, when they meant they had slept there, and spoke of "using the potticary," when they expected a call from the physician. "Diamond" in the mouths was "dimand," and they were constantly

There is no fitting monument on the grave of Salmon P. Chase in Cincinnati, Ohio, only a simple stone bearing an inscription of four lines, and reciting that he was "Senator, Governor, Secretary of the Treasury, Chief Justice of the United States." His daughter, who idolized him, rests be-

The Literary Digest asks the question: "Is fear mental or physical?" The Kansas City World explains that it all depends on the nature of the individual case. If the object that inspires the fear is a bill collector, it's mental, but if it is a footpad, it's

Change is the salt of life, and the aphorism may be applied with equal force to food. Persons who are slaves to their stomach will find in time that that organ is a hard master, and will regret that they ever put themselves under its rule.

A book that came from the press of Caxton, the first English printer, has been sold at auction in London for \$11,000. The same amount of money would stock a big library. The higher books come the more the collector wants them.

The results of the census show that the population of Italy is 32,900,000. In the north only a slight percentage of the people cannot read or write, but in the south and in the Italian Islands from five to sixty per cent, are illiterate.

In Humboldt and Mendocino Counties, Cal., there are sixty-six sawmills at work upon the famous redwood forests, which are gradually disappearing, the value of the output for the year 1900 being nearly \$5,000,000.

## COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

General Trade Conditions.

Bradstreet's Review of Trade says: "Weather conditions have operated irregularly affecting prices of staples on the exchanges and the distribution of nerchandise through regular channels, out not in all cases, however, unfavorably. Prices of provisions of all kinds, out particularly beef, hog products and butter, have been advanced ostensibly and apparently because of reduced re-

"Production and consumption of iron and steel are apparently at the maximum. Large buying is less noticeable, but there s still an eager demand for small lots.

"Business failures for the week in the United States number 193, as against 182 ast week, 212 in this week last year, 161 n 1900, 187 in 1899 and 224 in 1898. In Canada for the week 20, as against 16 ast week and 28 in this week a year ago.

"Wheat, including flour, exports for he week aggregate 4.118,108 bushels, against 3,842,012 last week and 5,306,217 n this week last year."

## LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Flour-Spring clear, \$2.90a\$3.15; best Patent, \$4.80; choice Family, \$4.05. Wheat—New York No. 2, 861/8c.; Philadelphia No. 2, 85a851/2c.; Baltimore vo. 2, 83 cents.

Corn-New York No. 2, 693/4c.; Phildelphia No. 2, 65a651/2c.; Baltimore No. Oats-New York No. 2, 48c.; Phila-

elphia No. 2, 501/2a51c.; Baltimore No. 51a511/20 Pay-No. 1 timothy, \$15.00a15.50; No.

timothy, \$14.00214.50; No. 3 timothy,

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Geen Fruits and Vegetables.-Apples. ew York mixed, per barrel, 3.75a\$4.25 spe.ragus-Charleston, per doz., prime 2.25a\$3.00. Beets-Florida, new, per rate, \$3.00a\$3.50. Cabbage-New Florda, per crate, 1.75a\$2.00. Celery-Florda, per box or crate, 1.75a\$2.25. Cucum--Florida, per crate, 2.25a\$2.50. Eggplants-Florida, per crate, 3-00a\$4.00. ireen Peas-Florida, per box, 2-50a 3.00. Horseradish-Native, per bushel ox, 8oc.a\$1.00. Kale-Native, per bushbox, 121/2215c. Lettuce-North Caroina, per half barrel basket, 1.50a\$2.25. nions-Maryland and Pennsylvania, ellow, per bushel, 40c.a\$1.00; do., West rn, yellow, per bushel, 40c-a\$1.00. Oringes—California seedlings, per box, 1.50a\$3.00. Oysterplants—Native, per unch, 1/2a2c. Radishes—North Caro-na, per bunch, long, 1/2a2c.; do., Norolk, per bunch, 2a3c. Rhubarb—Na-ive, per bunch, 2a3c. Spinach—Native, per bushel box, 40a55c. Spring Onions— 'er 100 bunches, 60a65c. Strawberries lorida, per quart, refrigerator, 20a25c. open crate, 14a18c. String Beansflorida, per basket, green, 1.75a\$2.25; lo., wax, 2.00a\$2.25. Tomatoes—Florda, per six-basket carrier, fancy, 2.25a ips, native, per bushel box, 15a20c. Potatoes .- White-Maryland and Pennylvania, per bu, No. 1, 75a8oc; do, sec onds, 65a7oc; do, New York, per bu, best tock, 80a85; do, Western, per bu, rime, 80a85c. Sweets-Eastern Shore,

Provisions and Hog Products.-Bulk lear rib sides, toc; bulk clear sides, '01/4c; sugar-cured breasts, small, 111/2c; ugar-cured breasts, 12 lbs and over, sugar-cured shoulders, broad, 101/2c; sugar-cured California ams, 9c; hams, canvased or uncanased, 12 lbs and over, 121/2c; refined ard, tierces, barrels and 50-lb cans ross, 101/c

Butter.-Separator, 31a32c-; gathered ream, 27a28c.; imitation, 23a24c.; prints, ne-pound, 31a32c.: rolls, two-pounds, 11a32c.; dairy prints, Md., Fa. and Va.,

Eggs-Western Maryland and Pennylvania, per dozen, -a151/2c.; Eastern Shore (Maryland and Virginia), do. -a151/2c.; Virginia do., -a151/2c.; West Virginia do., 15a151/2c.; Western do., -a151/2c.; Southern do., -a15c. Duck-Eastern Shore, fancy, 19a20c. per dozen; do., Western and Southern do., 17a18c. oose, per dozen, 20225c.

Cheese-New Cheese, large 60lbs.121/2 o 1234c; do, flats, 37 lbs, 13a131/4c; nienies, 23 lbs. 131/4a131/2e

Live and Dressed Poultry.-Chickens Hens, per pound, 12a121/2c ; old roosters, each, 25a3oc.; do., young stags, 11a 12c.; do., spring, according to size, 28a 35c.; do., winter, 18a22c. Ducks-Fancy. arge. -- a13c. pound; do., do., small, 11a 12c.; do., muscovy and mongrels, 12a 3c-: guinea fowl, each, 15a2oc. Pigeons -Old, strong flyers, per pair, -a25c.; do., young do., 20a25c.

Dressed Poultry. — Capons, fancy, large, 18a19c, per pound; do, good to

10ice, 16a17c Hides.-Heavy steers, association and alters, late kill, 60 pounds and up, close selection, toa191/2c.; cows and light steers, 8a8%c.

Live Stock.

Chicago.-Cattle-Good to prime steers, 6.75a\$7.25; poor to medium, \$6.50; stockers and feeders, 2.50a\$5.25; cows, 1.50a\$5.75; heifers, 2.50a\$6.25; canners, 1.50a\$2.50; bulls, 2.50a\$6.00; talves, 2.50a\$5.50; Texas-fed steers, 5.25a \$6,25 Hogs-Mixed and butchers', 6.80a\$7.30; good to choice, heavy, 7.25a \$7.40; rough, heavy, 6.90a\$7.15; light, 6.75a\$7.00; bulk of sales, 6.95a\$7.20 Sheep-Good to choice wethers, 5-25a \$6.00; Western Sheep, 4.75a\$6.00; native lambs, 4-75a\$6.85; Western lambs, 5.50a \$5.00.

East Buffalo.-Cattle firm; veals, tops, 7.00a\$7.25. Hogs-Mediums, 7-35a\$7.45: pigs, 6.80a\$6.90; roughs, 6.75a\$6.90; stags Sheep and Lambs-4-50a\$5.25. lambs, 7.40a\$7.50; fair to good, 7.00a \$7.26; culls and common, 5.75a\$6.75; vearlings, 6.50a\$6.75; sheep, tops, mixed, 6.00a\$6.50; fair to good, 5.50a\$\$5.75.

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San Francisco mechanics are agitating an all-night car service there. Indianapolis bricklayers secured their demand for 50 cents an hour and an

eight-hour day. St. Louis painters numbering 1,500, who wanted an advance from 37 1/2 cents to 45 cents an hour, compromised on 4c

## PENNSYLVANIA

BRIEFLY TOLD.

Special Dispatches Boiled Down for Quick Reading.

LIST OF NEW PENSIONERS ENROLLED

First Defenders' Reunion - Continuous Trolley Ride From Statington to Philadelphia-Woman Tries Suicide-Raid Reveals Plunder-Hazleton Operators' Orders Considered as Challenge by Some Unions-Other News.

Pennsylvania Pensions:--John Watson, Watson, Titusville, \$8; Samuel T. Smith, Calvin, \$14; Richard Hoover, Marshview, \$14; John J. Frey Vogel, Pittsburg, \$8; John Nelson, Banksville, \$8; Joseph Shriek, Meadville, \$10; Jas. McGervey, Pittsburg, \$12; Silvester Fidler, Kearns City, \$8; John H. Gaston, Finleyville, \$12; William G. Myers Sylvis, \$10; Bayle Smith, New Castle \$12; Thomas Hart, Clarksburg, \$10; Hunter, C. Frampton, Tarentum, \$6; Josiah Biddle, New Castle, \$12; Johr Stauffer, Lindsay, \$17; George Johnson Monroeton, \$12; Henry Burns, Pitts-burg, \$40; Abbie P. Reed, Erie, \$12; Elizabeth Young, Pittsburg, \$8; minor of Daniel Byers, Nector, \$12; Sarah J Kaffensparger, Mewry, \$8; William A Wilson, Clinton, \$8; Alexander Ingram Sewickley, \$8; Judson E. Clark, Brad-dock, \$6; John C. Hicklen, Philipsburg, \$8; Joseph Wilson, Sligo, \$14; George M. Holderbaum, Somerset, \$12; Alexander S. Latt, Elco, \$8; John Schreck engost, Meadville, \$12; Noah Keefer, Somerset, \$17; John S. Border, Waterside, \$10; Amon Long, Broadtop, \$12; James T. Sheeder, Everett, \$10; Geo K. Carl, Corry, \$17; Margaretta R. Miller, Ohioville, \$8; Elizabeth Eisenbise Lewistown, \$12; Mary C. Leitzell. Brookville, \$12; Sally M. Kelly, Sabinsville, \$12 ville, \$12.

The National First Defenders' Association of Pennsylvania celebra ted its annual reunion at ville, being the guests of the Pottsville Fire Department. Forty-ons years ago the five companies of First Defenders, unarmed, passed through a mob in Baltimore on their way to Washington. There were 480 soldiers in this band of First Defenders. but now there are less than 120 survivors. A committee was appointed to arrange the details for the perpetuation of the First Defenders' Association by electing their sons and daughters members. The organization passed a resolution congratulating William A. Auman, of Pottsville, who was a First Defender and whom President Roosevelt has just recommended for brigadier general in the regular army.

Policemen made a raid on the home of Emil Wendt, a Philadelphia & Reading brakeman, of Mahanov City, and found two wagonloads of stolen goods, valued at over \$500 and consisting of a great variety of wearing apparel, silver ware and watches. When the officers entered the house, it is alleged, Mrs. Wendt seized a revolver, but was disarmed before she could do any dam-Most of the goods were identified by J. J. Franey as having been stolen from his store at Shenandoah. Wendt and his wife were committed to jail.

Fredericka Ley, 44 years, of Philadelshia, shot herself at the boarding house of her husband, 874 North Fifth street. According to the police, the woman sepaated from her husband several weeks ago, after twenty-one years of married She went to see him, hoping to effect a reconciliation. The two talked over their affairs for a few minutes, but the husband, it is said, was unrelenting. Mrs. Ley drew a pistol and aimed it at heart. The bullet missed its mark and the wound inflicted was not serious. The supervisors of Nether Providence

ownship have placed an assessment of \$20,000 for taxation purposes against the pringfield Water Company's water rights. The supervisors say that the ompany uses the roads for hauling. and should be made to contribute to keep them in repair. Council for the company has appealed, declaring there is no authority for an assessment of this

Coxe Bros. & Co., Hazelton, have

posted notices at their collieries to the

effect that hereafter all errors in wage claims must be made by the miners to op each car of coal six inches. Some of the mine workers believe that the Coxe and Markle firms have challenged the union and mean to bring matters to decision before the expiration of the thirty-day truce declared on March 27. Oliver Purvis, a watchman at the First National Bank, Wilkes-Barre, was shot and killed in the pay office of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, over the bank. Whether he committed suicide or was killed by a man who had entered the office is not certain. treet outside was crowded at the time church-goers, and the shot was plainly heard. A moment after, while people were looking around to see where it was, a young man appeared at the door of the building, and in a great hurry sprang down the steps and was lost in the crowd. The police were informed, and they found the body of Purvis lying on the floor of the pay office and a revolver by his side. He had been shot through the mouth and the bullet had lodged in the back of the brain. The revolver belonged to the company, and had been taken from an open drawer in which were several others.

The remaining link of twelve miles of the Lehigh Valley Traction line be tween North Wales and Chestnut Hill is likely to be finished by June. This will make feasible a continuous troller ride from Philadelphia to Slatington, a distance of seventy-six miles for 75 cents. The ride will require about four

The committee preparing suggestions for the Carnegie Polytechnic School in Pittsburg has arranged for special night courses for workingmen.

Judge Archbald, of the United States Court, at Scranton, set aside the indictments against certain sportsmen charged with violating the Lacey game law, the court holding that while the shipment of game out of the State is prohibited, preparation to do so is not an offense.

An absent-minded man was shot at Pottstown while trying to enter a house from which he had moved a few days Walter Strack, aged nine years, of

Hazleton, while playing baseball fell and sustained a fracture of the skull. The lad died without regaining conscious