## THE KEYSTONE STATE

#### Latest News of Pennsylvania Told in Short Order. .

Work on the Wabash Station and trainshed in Pittsburg was stopped by a strike of bricklayers. The contractors, the George A. Fuller Com-pany, sublet the contract for pointing and cleaning the building to a nonunion contractor who was employing laborers to do this class of work. The Fuller Company was notified that the pointing and cleaning of the buildings properly belonged to mem-bers of the bricklayers' organization, but this did not have the desired effect and a strike was ordered.

The Funeral Directors' Association of Pennsylvania, in annual convention elected the following offi-President, F. C. Benhauer, Pittsburg; vice-presidents, A. C. Hookey, Philadelphia; William D. Sharon; Joseph S. Rice, Sample, Newcastle; secretary, George Chandler Paul, Philadelphia; treasurer, Jacob S. Fisher, Philadelpha; deiegates to national conventon. George handler Paul, Philadelphia; S. G. Samson, Pittsburg; A. C. Hookey, Philadelpha; E. S. Lawrie, Alle-gheny, and Joseph Stephens, Altoona. Philadelphia was selected as the next place of meeting.

Pierce B. Pontius, a telegraph operator on the Schuylkill divison of the Pennsylvania Railroa, applied for leave of absence ten days ago and went to Chicago on a pleasure trip. While there he met Miss Lena Leek, of Bloomington, Ill., and after three days' courtship he proposed marriage. They were wedded in Chicago, and Pontius returned home with his bride. The information of the wedding was sent all along the division by another operator, and the blushing bridegroom was kept busy answering the congraulations sent to him over the wire.

At their monthly meeting, the commissioners of Springfield Township, which adjoins Philadelpha, decided to fix the tax rate at 51/2 mills for the ensuing year, a decrease of 1/2 mill from last year's rate. The tax duplicate shows a total valuation of nearly \$3,000,000 worth of property, taxable for township purposes.

Deputy Attorney General Fleitz has given Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer a construction of the law of 1903, designating the number of school directors to be elected in boroughs not divided into wards, and fixing the lengths of their terms. The act provides that at the first election after its passage the borougns in question shall elect two directors for one year, two for two years and two for three years, and annually afterwards for three years. Mr. Fleitz says that the act is ambiguous and some boroughs not entitled to elect six school directors elected under it and now have more than their legal quota, three having held over from previous elections. Mr. Fleitz says: "I instruct you, that no borough entitled to elect six directors, and enjoying that privilege at the time of the passage of this act, comes within its provisons, and any election held ugh in accordance with the terms of this statute is invalid, and of the six directors so elected only the two whose terms were designated as for three years are entitled to sit on the board or to take a part in its proceedings." As the schools boards of the State will organize next week, this opinion comes at an opportune time to prevent any confusion.

The Home for the Aged, conducted by the Little Sisters of the Poor, of the Catholic Church, at Rebecca and Penn avenues, Pittsburg, was robbed of \$3000 by a man who gained aca cess to the establishment by repres senting that a contract for plumbing had been sublet to him. The sisters are building an addition and the sum stolen was collected for this object. It was in a tin box in the Mother Superior's cabinet. When the stranger came and told his story, he was allowed to loiter about, apparently for the purpose inspecting the premises. At noon, when the sisters were called to prayer, the stranger climbed the fire escape to the third floor and then came down to the second, where the Mother Superior has her room. He jimmied open the door of the room, broke into the cabinet and got away with the contents of the tin

A robber entered the Reading Railway station at Souderton at I o'clock the other afternoon, stole \$35 and shot the telegraph operator in charge. The operator, though suffering from his wound, pluckily seized the operating key and telegraphed for assistance with the result that the thief was captured and we was arraigned before Magistrate Loux, of Souderton, who committed him to jail. The prisoner gave his name as Raymond T. Stone, of North Wales.

By the premature discharge of a cannon at Marietta both of George Sargen's hands were blown off and his face was terribly burned, and John Kugle lost the thumb of his left hand, Both men are veterans of the Civil War and members of Lieutenant William H. Child Post, of Marietta. Kugle was an artilleryman during the war and had charge of the cannon. He held his thumb over the touch hole, and Sargen was ramming the charge home when the cannon was discharged. Amoutation at the for \*arms, it is hoped, may save Sargen's life if he is able to withstand the shock. He is 63 years of age and has a wife and family. The accident oc-curred in the Marietta Cemetery while the Memorial Day exercises were in progress.

Six cadet cavalrymen, selected from the regular squad at the Pennsylvania Military College, contested for the Bergiels medal. The medal was awarded to Robert K. Mosser, of Noxen, Pa. John L. Wetherill, of Chester, and James Henry, Jr., of Philadelphia, received honorable mention. The judges were Major George A. Dodd, Third Cavalry, U. S. A.; Major John T. Knight and Captain James E. Normeyle, Quartermaster's Department, U. S. A.

#### COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

R. G. Dun Co.'s weekly review of

Retail trade is stimulated by seasonable weather and the industrial outlook is brighter on the whole, although several adverse factors have Manufacturing lines reappeared. port a slight improvement at wooler mills and shoe factories, and, while there is more idle cotton mmachinery, it is worthy of note that the last Fall River statement showed very little

reduction in dividends. Railway earnings thus far reported for May fall 3.7 per cent, short of the same time last year.

It is increasingly difficult to find encouraging indications pertaining to the iron and steel industry. Purchases are small and frequently effected at further concessions, although it is difficult to find definitely lower quotations, except from pig iron which now averages from \$5 to \$7 a ton cheaper than at the corresponding date last year.

Textile markets have improved to some extent during the past week. weather conditions being notably favorable for retail trade, while the orders for woolens and worsteds in crease more than the most sanguine manufacturers anticipated.

Failures this week number 226 it the United States against 206 las' year, and 7 in Canada, compared with 7 a year ago.

Bradstreet's says: Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending May 26, aggregate 1,132/157 bushels auginst 1,225,763 last week, 4,677,678 this week last year 3,900,645 in 1902 and 4,138,970 in 1901 Corn exports for the week aggregate 233,695 bushels against 118,337 las' week 1,179,739 a year ago, 71,478 ir 1902 and 2,037,348 in 1901.

#### WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Baltimore, - FLOUR - Quiet and unchanged; receipts, 4,427 barrels; exports, 592 barrels.

WHEAT-Weak; spot, contract 102; spot, No. 2 red, Western, 1.021/2 May, 1.02; July, 881/2 asked; steamer No. 2 red, 92; receipts, 1,260 bushels Southern by sample, 92@1.02; South-

ern on grade, 92@1.02. CORN-Easier; spot and May, 52 July, 53; steamer mixed, 401/2; receipts 1,671 bushels: Southern white corn 51@58; Southern yellow corn, 51@

OATS-Firm; No. 2 white, 481/2 No. 2 mixed, 45 sales; receipts, 12, 327 bushels. RYE-Very dull; No. 2, uptown, 7;

@78. No. 2 Western, 79 asked; receipts, 900 bushels. HAY-Steady at decline; unchang-

BUTTER-Weak and unchanged fancy imitation, 17@18; fancy creamery, 19@20: fancy ladle, 14@15; store packed. 11@12.

EGGS-Steady and unchanged, 17 CHEESE-Firm and unchanged: large, 81/2@84/4 small, 87/8@91/4. 81/2@83/4; medium, 81/4@9:

New York, BUTTER-Firm: receipts, 5,689; creamery, common to extra, 18@1814; State dairy, to common to extra, 13@171/2.

CHEESE-Steady: receipts, 1.532; State full cream small colored, choice, 8; do. fair to good, 71/4@71/4; small white, choice, 734; do. fair to good, 644@714: large white and ored. choice, 71/2; do. fair to good, 61/4@7. EGGS-Irregular; receipts. 14,229; State, Pennsylvania, and near by fancy

selected, white, 20@21; firsts, 17@ 171/2; storage selections, 17@18, sec-POULTRY - Alive, firm; spring chickens, 20@23; fowls, 14; turkeys, 12; dressed, steady; Western fowls, 13; turkeys, 14@15.

FLOUR-Receipts, 9,483 barrels; exports, 23,184 barrels; dull at unchanged prices.

LARD.—Firm; Western steamed.

6.85; refined firm; continent, 6.90; South American, 7.35; compound, 554 POTATOES-Steady; new Southern, 4.00@5.55; State and Western

sacks, 2.50@2.70; Jersey sweets, 3.00 PEANUTS - Firm; fancy handpicked, 51/2@6; other omestics, 31/4@

### Live Stock

Chicago .- Good to prime steers, 5.23 @5.75; poor to medium, 4.40@5.25; stockers and feeders, 3.25@4-75; cows and heifers, 1.75@5.00; canners, 1.75@ 2.90; bulls, 2.50@4.25; calves, 2.50@ 5.75; Texas fed steers, 4.50@510. HOGS—Mixed and buchers, 4.55@

475; good to choice heavy, 4.79@ 4.80; rough heavy, 4.50@4.65; light, 4.50@4.65; bulk of sales, 4.60@4.70. SHEEP—Good to choice wethers 5.25@5.60; fair to choice mixed, 4.00 @5.00; native lambs, 5.00 6 50; spring

lambs, 5.50@7.50. New York—STEERS, 4.75@5.60 stags, 5.00; bulls, 3.50@4.60; cows, 2.00 @4.05. Cables quote live cattle slow at 111/2@121/2c. per pound; few tops 12%c. dressed weight; sheep dull at 12@14c.; dressed weight; refrigerator sheep AND LAMBS - Sheep

weak; winter lambs and .pring lambs, 25c. lower. Sheep, 3.50@5.00; no choice here; winter lambs, 5.50@6.75; spring lambs, 6.50@8.25; one deck

HOGS-Receipts, 2,183; State hogs, 5.15; light Ohio do., 5.00 mixed Western, 4.65.

#### WORLD OF LABOR

Butte (Mont.) granite cutters receive a minimum wage of \$6 a day. Lynn (Mass.) Bakers' Union has rejected the arbitration offer of the master bakers.

Winsor( Canada) plumbers are on strike, a demand for 35 cents an hour having been refused A dispute at the Denaby-Main col-lieries, in Wales, has resulted in a

lockout of nearly 1,000 men. In the matter of salaries paid to highschool teachers Kansas City, Kan., stands at the bottom of a list of 58

cities. The Longshoremen at Manistee, Mich., have returned to work at 50 cents an hour, and the strike on the lumber docks is ended.

The annual convention of the Inter-national Brotherhood of Bookbinders will be held in St. Paul, Minn., the second week in June. Formation of unions among women will be encouraged in Iowa. During

the past year these organizations in-

creased more than 100 per cent.

LOS NOTAS AND COMMENTS

What is of chief significance in the result of the recent municipal elections in France is the decisive defeat of the Nationalists, who have controlled the governments of several large cities, including Paris. It goes to show that the French people are tired at last of Chauvinism and its eterna' incitements to international conflicts What the French need is peace with their neighbors; and they will no longer tolerate a party that seeks to disturb the friendly relations which they have established on all sides

Professor Lounsbury takes ur another question of English in Harp er's Magazine, treating it in the same scholarly and entertaining manner as in his paper on the split infinitive. Now, in "The tSory of an Idiom," he carefully outlines the beginning and growth of the use of would better for had better, a practice of recent incep tion, but which bids fair to increase if not checked by a knowledge of the real facts in the case. Would better says Professor Lounsbury, "is as ungrammatical as it is unidiomatic"-statement which will challenge the at tention of a number of people who have been conscientiously if thoughtlessly training themselves to the use of would better.

A Japanese house is the simplest thing in the world. It consists of a post at each corner and a roof. One may say it is all on one floor. And in the daytime it is all one room, if it is a small house. The number of roomy in it depends on the number of bedrooms the owner requires. They are divided by night by papers shutters fixed in grooves like the divisions of an old fashioned workbox. There are no doors or passages. Your bedroom acts as a passage, and when you want a door you slide back the nearest

Stanley, the explorer, had little con fidence in the material value of tropi cal Africa until after he met Livingstone. But it was not long before he became imbued with the sublime faith of this great man that there was good in Africa and in its peoples which every popular influence of civilization should help to develop. This faith strengthened in him to his last days. He never tired of African topics. He welcomed at his London or his couratry home all who knew the work that was being done and had confidence in its value. He lived to see predictions realized that had been counted as idle dreams. He was laughed at when he pleasures of life in the country. 1 said that a few years more would see ning regularly between the Indian Ocean and Victoria Nyanza.

Mrs. Gertrude Atherton's remarks on American literature in the North American Review call forth some pointed comment in Harper's Weekly Mrs. Atherton, it will be remembered complained of the bad effect of the magazines in demanding from authors "anæmic literature with vigor, audacity and all American characteristics bleached out of it"; and she derided the magazine authors as "good family men, who eat well, rarely drink, and are too dull to be bored by their own wives." The Harper's Weekly writer rejoins that, on the contrary, "great authors are almost incorrigibly addicted to the comforts of life, and get them if they can," and he cites Mark Twain, Stevenson, Kipling, Dickens, Thackeray, and Bret Harte as examples. There is nothing, he says, the matter with current American literature. "The publishers print the best books they can get; the magazines print the best stories they can get; the public reads the best books and magazines it can find. There is no con spiracy to put down talent, and some notable minds that ought to be making literature are otherwise employed We fear that there is no better reason for it than the sordid on that the other jobs pay better."

The Outlook says: The Department of Agriculture reports most interesting experiments made by Professor Poffa, of the University of California upon men engaged in hard manual la bor most of the time and students working to support themselves while pursuing their studies. The professor declares: "Nuts are the cheapest source of energy, peanuts ranging far ahead." The price, 3.6 cents per 1,000 calories of energy, is at less cost than any animal food, or potatoes at 90 cents a bushel. Peanuts deserve special mention because they are the cheapest domestic nut containing the highest percentage of proteine, with maximum fuel value and minimum refuse. Ten cents, for instance, will purchase more proteine and energy when spent for flour or meal, but these are raw materials, requiring considerable preparation before they are eaten. This is not necessary with fruits and nuts. Ten cents' worth of peanuts will contain about four ounces of proteine and 2,767 calories of energy. Although peanuts supply proteine and energy for a smaller sum than bread, they are outrahked by dried beans, which, at five cents a pound, will supply for 10 cents over 200 grame of proteine and 3,040 calories of energy. If more peanuts and dried beans were used by the fruitarians the diet would be enriched and the cost decreased. Fifteen cents a day was the average cost, with fruit, nuts, beans and a limited quantity of cottage sheese and eggs.

BEAUTY BENEATH THE WAVES. Diver Tells of Remarkable Co.

Formation. "You may talk about the beauties of the Yosemite, Niagara Falls, the Alps, or any place on the top of the earth," said a well-known gunner in the United States navy, "but they are not to be compared with the beauties of old ocean, particularly such as can be seen from a diver's helmet."

"You're right there," said another gunner. "The lubbers do not know what they have missed. I remember once when I was a gunner's mate sitting for more than an hour on the fluke of an anchor I had been sent fown to recover and gazing with awe on a beautiful coral bank. It was really the most beautiful thing I ever saw. Every color of the rainbow was there and aside from that there was enough variety in the strangeness of the formation in the coral to keep one busy several hours, cogitating or the wonderful things nature had seen fit to hide beneath the waves. I would probably have remained for severa hours, gazing with rapture on the bank, and was really thinking that down there in the depths, away from the noise and strife of mother earth would suit me for the rest of my days when a 'soup-and-bully' tin thrown over the side of the ship dropped be tween me and the coral bank. My dream was over. It was a case of quick transition from the sublime to the ridiculous and I immediately gave the signal to be hauled up."

Poor but Honest.

"Sir, I am an honest man," said the bank clerk. "I am poor, I know, but I have a good name, and that alone is an inheritance of which my children may well be proud. I am not an old man, I know, but I am too old to live down any reflections upon my good

"But," said the president of the bank, "there is money in it for you Think of that."

"I have thought of that," replied the clerk. "But what is a little money compared to a good name?" "But you know it is----'

"No more," interrupted the clerk "Once and for all let me tell you that ) will not accept the position of cashier of your bank."

First Money He Earned.

Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell of Chattanooga, Tenn., who presided at the New England Methodist Episcopal conference, in Springfield, Mass., was talking of the small salaries which ministers received and how often they were financially embarrassed. "I remember when I was a very small boy that my father moved to Norwalk, Conn., and I first began to enjoy the secured the job from a neighboring Central Africa joined to the ocean by farmer of driving the cows home from Horse! How to Pick Out a a railroad; but today trains are run- pasture every night, and at the end Good One! Know Imperfection of the week I received a quarter for tions and so Guard against this service.

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The Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor is now stronger in the an-thracite than in the bituminous coal fields, and has affiliated with it about 200,000 men.

Detroit (Mich.) tilesetters and helpers, who were out on strike recently, have returned to work. The helpers wanted 50 cents more a day, which they received.

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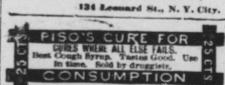
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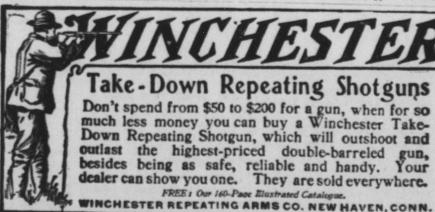
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