

NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

THIEF FRIGHTENS ARTIST.

Painter of "The Bath" Offers Treasure On Demand.

Pittsburg (Special).—McKeesport has a very unusual and mysterious series of cases which are baffling the police department. The art studio of H. L. Ward, artist of that city, was robbed a few days ago of \$8,000 worth of paintings. A few days later, in broad daylight, two strange men called at the house representing themselves as book agents and asked for a rope to tie some books together, but instead tried to tie Mrs. Ward, who was alone in the house, so that they apparently could rob the place.

A strange man since has called at the house while her husband was out, and told Mrs. Ward he would kidnap her only son if she did not give up a picture called "The Bath." Mr. and Mrs. Ward are terribly worried and fear harm. Mr. Ward now announces he is willing to give up the painting to the thieves if they will only let him and his wife and son alone.

QUOTES TAFT AS DEFENSE.

Declares President-Elect Said Courts Were A Little Loose.

Reading (Special).—"This thing is all wrong. I read in the papers only the other day that President-elect Taft said 'all the courts were a little loose,' declared Frederick Snyder before Judge Bland in the Orphans' Court on behalf of his son, Newton M. Snyder, of Boyertown. The latter had been arrested on a capias to answer a charge of contempt in not having complied with a former order to pay \$50 entrusted to him in the estate of Abigail Manser, his defense being that he had performed work for it.

Judge Bland interrupted the father with the remark that Mr. Taft had nothing to do with this case. But that the opinion of the President-elect would probably be that Snyder must produce or go to jail, which the court made as an order.

Snyder was saved from jail by a friend.

ASKS \$10,000 FOR TRIP.

Easton Man Accuses Williams Of Stealing Wife's Love.

Easton (Special).—Mrs. Mabel Hottenstein, wife of Leslie C. Hottenstein, went to Philadelphia recently on a shopping tour. Not returning when expected Mr. Hottenstein, who is a machinist for the Phoenix Laundry Co., went to Philadelphia and the story is that he found her there in the company of a man.

Hottenstein entered suit for \$10,000 damages against Leslie C. Williams, of Nazareth, son of a hotel proprietor, for alienating the affection of his wife. He alleges that Williams is the man who was with his wife in Philadelphia.

MINE FIRE KILLS 18 MULES.

Dense Smoke And Gas Prevents Firemen From Working.

Mahanoy City (Special).—Eighteen mules were burned to death in the Suffolk Mine during the night and the smoke so filled the workings that the mine was obliged to suspend operations.

Thus far the efforts of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company officials to locate and successfully combat the blaze have proven unavailing. Dense volumes of smoke, noxious odors and poisonous gases still drive the firefighters back. The blaze started in an underground shaft.

Xmas Cash For Reading Employees.

Reading (Special).—The November pay of the Reading Railway to employees in this city will be distributed December 17, 18 and 19 and will amount to over \$240,000. Railroad and shop employees in this city will be paid on December 17 and 18. The pay car will run as far as Pottsville and Palo Alto, and on December 19 the employees south and over the East Penn and Perkiomen branches will receive their pay.

Scores Reading Fire Department.

Reading (Special).—Reading's Volunteer Fire Department, the largest in the United States, is pronounced inefficient in the report of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, agents of which recently made an examination of local conditions. The city's fire-fighting apparatus and other facilities are also severely criticized.

Wounded In Killing Cattle.

Allentown (Special).—Dr. Courtney McLean, one of the inspectors of the State Live Stock Board, is in a local hospital, suffering from a broken leg, an injury that he sustained while assisting in despatching a herd of cattle inflicted with foot-and-mouth disease on the farm of John Jacoby.

Engineer Buried Under Train.

Bellefonte (Special).—A fatal freight wreck occurred at the "Big Hill" on the Snow Shoe branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, when an engine and two cars left the rails and went down over a 50-foot embankment. Alonzo Baughman, the engineer, was caught under the engine and so badly injured that he died in the Bellefonte Hospital shortly after being admitted. The other members of the crew escaped. Baughman was married and resided in Tyrone.

STARVED ANIMALS ON FARM.

Plenty Of Food On Hand, But Feared Stock Would Die From Poisoned Drain.

Lancaster (Special).—Israel B. Beebler and his sister, Maria, residents of West Earl Township, aged between 50 and 60 years, have been arrested on the charge of cruelty to animals, the specific allegation being that they starved to death a horse, a cow, cat and fifty chickens while they had under lock on their farm a plentiful supply of food for all.

The alleged action of the pair is the result of a dispute with the township supervisors, who opened a drain on the public road along the Deibler property. The farmer immediately closed it, and after this performance was repeated several times, the supervisors brought suit and Deibler was fined \$10, which he refused to pay. Execution was issued against him and the sheriff will sell his farm to satisfy the \$10 execution.

Deibler said the water turned on his farm by the drain opened by the supervisors was poisonous to his stock, and as they would die anyway they might just as well perish from starvation.

Jailed For Getting "Square."

Easton (Special).—John Unangst, aged 18 years, tried to hire a team of Quintus Fritchman, of Hellertown, this county, last week, but was refused. He went away angry and decided to get square, he says, and so on Wednesday night he set fire to a hay stack. This was the story Unangst told when committed to jail charged with arson.

Black Diphtheria Darkens Home.

Downingtown (Special).—A sad home is that of Mrs. Ella Doubs, at Cain, where her two children, John, aged 5 years, and Ella, aged 2 years, were stricken with black diphtheria and died within twenty-four hours. When the children were first taken ill the mother thought they were suffering from colds and applied home remedies.

Quarantine Herd Near Altoona.

Altoona (Special).—A carload of cattle recently brought to Blair County from Buffalo, has been located by a State veterinarian on the farm of five farmers in Catherine Township and quarantined as a precaution against the foot and mouth disease. With the 100 head of cattle has also been quarantined 200 hogs.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

George Miller, a Princeton student, was held up, sand-bagged and robbed of his watch and wallet, near Morrisville.

Resolutions were adopted by the Wrightstown Farmers' Club disapproving of the proposed highway from Philadelphia to Pittsburg and favoring the distribution of the \$5,000,000 among the townships.

Bert Engle, aged 22 years, of Bethlehem, confessed that he had set fire to the storage house and coopers works at the Henry Irwin Paint Mill, which were destroyed a week ago.

Andrew Catalfo, aged 36, was caught beneath a fall of roof in the Pennsylvania mine at Old Forge, and sustained a broken neck, but still lives.

Senator E. F. Blewitt and Ellsworth Davis, who were hired by the County Commissioners to estimate assessment of coal properties in Lackawanna County, have put in bills at Scranton for \$17,000. The Commissioners refuse to pay them saying the amount is exorbitant.

Edmund William, a self-styled prophet of Niagara Falls, predicts the end of the world early next year, and says Scranton will start all the trouble.

Freight traffic on the Reading Division of the Reading Railway is maintaining an average of about 14,000 cars a day.

Just before Patrick McConnell, of Johnstown, died he made a sworn statement that Emil Francusky had assaulted him with a knife a few days ago. Francusky was arrested on a charge of murder.

Charles Osborn fell fifty feet from an electric crane in Worth's Mill, at Coatesville, fracturing both arms.

Draper Colliery, employing eight hundred men and boys, closed down at Gilberton for an indefinite period because of a big squeeze on the main slope.

On information furnished by the charity organization society of Easton County Detective Johnson had Richard Young, a tobacco dealer, arrested on charge of selling cigarettes to small boys.

Although several charges of dynamite have been discharged over the place where he was drowned, the body of David Walker, the Darby motorman, has not been recovered from the waters of Darby Creek.

Oliver C. Gunn, a well-known resident of Uchland Township, near Downingtown, was found dead in his home at Dowlin's Forge, by a visiting hide dealer. He found Gunn sitting by the stove with his feet in the oven.

Farmers' Week will be observed at the State College Wednesday and Thursday, December 30 and 31, and January 1-6. Among the many speakers will be Dr. S. W. Dixon, Commissioner of Health, and J. H. Funk, of Boyertown.

Mrs. Harry Kulp, 35 years old, was fatally burned at Swamp. An open fire, kindled for washing, ignited her dress.

The board of trustees of Wilson College, at Chambersburg, has authorized the erection of a new recitation hall at a cost of \$50,000.

COMMERCIAL COLUMN

Weekly Review of Trade and Latest Market Reports.

Bradstreet's says:

Weather conditions have been irregular, but the arrival of a cold wave following unseasonably mild temperatures has stimulated retail trade North, West and East, and even helped business at the South at some points, though holding of cotton and low prices there have tended to check buying in the cotton belt as a whole. Collections have shared in the irregularity in trade, and there is noticeable more complaint as to those than to business generally, more particularly at the South. Heavy wearing apparel, shoes and coal have been helped by climatic developments. Holiday trade, too, shows signs of expansion, and comparisons with a year ago in all lines are naturally in favor of current business. In some lines of wholesale trade there are evidences of more quiet conditions. Thus in raw wool, leather and some lines of cottons and Iron and steel there is rather less doing, partly because of large business recently booked, partly because of a desire to see what the next month or so will bring forth, and also because of recent advances in many prices.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending December 3 number 222, against 193 last week, 227 in the like week of 1907, 216 in 1906, 203 in 1905 and 231 in 1904.

Wholesale Markets.

New York.—Wheat—Receipts, 9,000 bush.; exports, 136,758 bush.; spot irregular; No. 2 red, 1.12 1/4 @ 1.14 1/4 elevator; No. 2 red, 1.14 1/4 f. o. b. adroit; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 1.19 1/4 f. o. b. adroit; No. 2 hard winter, 1.19 1/4 f. o. b. adroit.

Corn—Receipts, 29,750 bush.; spot easy; No. 2, 70 to arrive elevator, and 70 1/2 spot f. o. b. adroit. Option market was without transactions, closing net unchanged. December closed 70 1/2; May closed 70 1/2; July closed 70 1/2.

Oats—Receipts, 84,000 bush.; exports, 617,000 bush.; natural white, 26 to 32 pounds, 55 @ 57 1/2; clipped white, 24 to 42 pounds, 56 @ 61 1/2.

Poultry—Alive firm; spring chickens, 12 @ 20; fowls, 10 @ 13; spring turkeys, 10 @ 17.

Butter—Steady; receipts, 4,713; creamery thirds to firsts, 22 @ 23; head creamery, common to special, 22 @ 23; State dairy, common to special, 21 @ 23.

Philadelphia.—Wheat—Firm, 1/2 c. higher; contract grade December, 1.06 @ 1.08 1/2 c.

Corn—Steady; December, 67 @ 67 1/2 c.

Oats—Quiet; No. 2 white, natural, 55 1/2 @ 56 c.

Butter—Firm; extra Western creamery, 33c; do., nearby prints, 35.

Eggs—Steady; Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, f. c., 34c. at mark; do., current receipts, in return cases, 33 at mark; Western firsts, f. c., 34 at mark; do., current receipts, f. c., 32 @ 33 at mark.

Cheese—Firm; New York full cream, choice, 14 @ 14 1/2 c.; do., fair to good, 13 @ 13 1/2 c.

Poultry—Alive, firmer; fowls, 11 1/2 @ 12 1/2 c.; old roosters, 8 1/2 @ 9; spring chickens, 11 1/2 @ 12 1/2 c.; turkeys, 14 @ 15; ducks, 11 @ 12; geese, 10 @ 11.

Dressed poultry steady; fresh killed fowls, choice, 13 1/2 c.; do., fair to good, 11 1/2 @ 12 1/2 c.; old roosters, 9 1/2; Western roasting chickens, 15 @ 16; do., broiling, 12 @ 16; turkey, choice, 17 @ 18; fair to good, 15 @ 16; ducks, 9 1/2 @ 10; geese, 9 @ 10.

Baltimore.—Flour—Firm and unchanged. Receipts, 2,906 bbls.; exports, 1,095 bbls.

Wheat—Easier; spot, contract, 1.06 1/4 @ 1.06 1/2 c.; spot No. 2 red Western, 1.03 1/4 @ 1.03 1/2 c.; December, 1.06 1/4 @ 1.06 1/2 c.; January, 1.07 1/4 @ 1.07 1/2 c.; May, 1.12 1/2 asked; steamer No. 2 red, 1.03 1/4 @ 1.03 1/2 c. Receipts, 47,587 bush.; exports, 48,000 bush.

Southern, on grade, 1.03 @ 1.04 c.

Corn—Steady; new spot, contract, 67 @ 67 1/2 c.; year, 67 @ 67 1/2 c.; January, 66 1/2 @ 66 1/2 c.; February, 66 1/2 @ 66 1/2 c.; steamer mixed, 64 @ 64 1/2 c. Receipts, 73,285 bush.; exports, 34,286 bush.

New Southern white corn, 61 1/2 @ 66 1/2 c.; new Southern yellow corn, 61 1/2 @ 66 1/2 c.

Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 55 1/2 sales; No. 3 white, 54 1/2 @ 55; No. 2 mixed, 53 1/2 @ 54. Receipts, 2,910 bush.

Rye—Firm; No. 2 Western export, 89 @ 92 1/2 c. Receipts, 2,068 bush.

Butter—Firm and unchanged; fancy imitation, 24 @ 25; fancy creamery, 32 @ 33; fancy ladle, 20 @ 21; store packed, 18 @ 19.

Eggs—Firm and unchanged, at 32 @ 33.

Cheese—Firm and unchanged; new large, 14 1/2; new flats, 14 1/2; new small, 14 1/2.

New York.—Bees—Receipts, 343; no trading; feeling steady; dressed beef slow at 7 1/2 @ 10 1/2 c. for native sides; no exports.

Calves—Receipts, 220; feeling steady, all sold; veals, 6.00 @ 10.00; culls, 5.00; barynard calves, 2.50 @ 3.75; Westerns, 4.75; dressed calves, 9 @ 15; country dressed veals, 9 @ 15; city dressed, 7 @ 13; a few at 13c. per pound.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2,096; sheep and good to prime lambs steady; medium and common lambs dull to a shade easier; sheep sold at 3.00 @ 4.00; no choice sheep offered; strictly common to choice lambs, 5.00 @ 7.35.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,675; feeling nominally steady; prime light to heavy weight State hogs sold at 6.00 @ 6.15.

Chicago.—Cattle—Receipts, estimated at 8,500; market strong; steers, 4.60 @ 8.00; cows, 3.00 @ 5.25; heifers, 2.50 @ 4.60; bulls, 2.75 @ 4.50; calves, 2.50 @ 6.75.

What Agriculture Needs.

Agriculture must rise to meet the college man. The leading agricultural colleges are now so well established and are teaching in such direct and applicable ways that they are creating a body of scientific and sentiment-loving equality life that has never been known before. The ability and sentiment is bound to express itself. The influence of these colleges and experiment stations will surely remake agriculture and redirect it.

This redirection will not show itself in increasing the productiveness of the earth only, although this must be the fundamental effort and result. It must consist as well in reorganizing the business or commercial interests of agriculture, and in a radical change in the ideals and modes of living. We shall be able to increase the profitability of farming when we have learned to apply our science, and to organize it as a part of good business systems. We are now in the epoch of the laudation of science itself, as if the mere knowledge of the laws underlying good crop and animal production can make a food farmer.—Century Magazine.

Youthful Ingenuity.

"I want another box of pills like I got for mother yesterday."

"Did your mother say they were good?"

"No—but they just fit my ailment."—Flegende Blaetter.

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A Peculiar Death.

Mabel (testing the wisdom of the grownups)—Well, how did Martin Luther die?

Uncle Jim—Die? Oh, in the ordinary way, I suppose.

Mabel—Oh, uncle, you really don't know anything. He was excommunicated by a bull.—Sketch.

Mix For Rheumatism.

The following is a never failing remedy for rheumatism, and if followed up it will effect a complete cure of the very worst cases: "Mix half pint of good whiskey with one ounce of Toris Compound and add one ounce syrup of Sarsaparilla Compound. Take in tablespoonful doses before each meal and at bedtime." The ingredients can be procured at any drug store and easily mixed at home.

Somewhat Different.

"Most men get their walking papers when they are discharged," remarked the letter-carrier, "but it was different with me."

"In what way?" asked his friend.

"I got mine when I was appointed," answered the man of letters.—Boston Herald.

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A Dry Plant.

Yankee Visitor to Crystal Palace (addressing a policeman on duty)—I calculate, stranger, that if they keep you much longer under this glass roof you'll be in a fair way of sprouting.

Bobby (despondingly)—No fear of that, gov'nor; they don't keep me moist enough.—Tit-Bits.

INVALID'S SAD PLIGHT.

After Inflammatory Rheumatism, Hair Came Out, Skin Peeled, and Red Sores Developed—Only Cuticura Proved Successful.

"About four years ago I had a very severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. My skin peeled, and the high fever played havoc with my hair, which came out in bunches. I also had three large bed sores on my back. I did not gain very rapidly, and my appetite was very poor. I tried many 'sure cures' but they were of little help, and until I tried Cuticura Resolvent I had had no real relief. Then my complexion cleared and soon I felt better. The red sores went very soon after a few applications of Cuticura Ointment, and when I used Cuticura Soap and Ointment for my hair, it began to regain its former glossy appearance. Mrs. Lavinia J. Henderson, 138 Broad St., Stamford, Conn., March 6 and 12, 1907."

Our leading physician recommends Cuticura for eczema. Mrs. Aggie Cockerburn, Shiloh, O., June 11, 1907.

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Best Part Of The Game.

George William Sellers, the Western cricketer, described in Chicago his attempt to teach cricket to the men of his Indiana estate.

"Cricket is of course a more leisurely game than baseball," said Mr. Sellers. "We played it on my place in the proper leisurely manner and all my men seemed pleased. Our first match was with Concord."

"One of my men—his name is John—seemed particularly pleased. John did full justice before the match to the lunch served in the marquee on the lawn. He enjoyed, too, the meat tea that pleasantly interrupted the afternoon's play. At each innings he was on hand when the drinks and cigars and sandwiches were passed.

"During the open-air dinner that wound up the first day's play I turned to John and said: 'Well, old man, what do you think of cricket?'"

"Mr. Sellers," said he, "it would be a grand game if it wasn't for all this here feldin' and runnin' about between meals."—Washington Star.

Reason For Doubt.

Officials have a right to ask questions in the performance of their duty, but there are occasions when it seems they might curtail or forego the privilege. Not long ago an Irishman whose hand had been badly mangled in an accident entered the Boston City Hospital Relief Station in a great hurry. He stepped up to the man in charge and inquired:

"Is this the relief station, sor?"

"Yes. What is your name?"

"Patrick O'Connor, sor."

"Are you married?" questioned the officer.

"Yes, sor, but is this the relief station?" He was nursing his hand in agony.

"Of course, it is. How many children have you?"

"Eight, sor. But sure this is the relief station?"

"Yes, it is," replied the official growing a little angry at the man's persistence.

"Well," said Patrick, "sure, an' I was beginning to think it might be the pumping station."—Youth's Companion.

As Rich As Croesus.

The wealth of Croesus, which has passed into a proverb, has been variously accounted for. The possessors of Lydian, the capital of the Lydian kingdom, were enriched by the neighborhood of the river Pactolus, which flowed down from Mount Timolus toward the Hermes, and brought with it considerable quantities of gold in its sands. To this cause historians often ascribe the abundant treasures belonging to Croesus and his predecessors, but Croesus possessed besides other mines near Pergamus, and another cause of wealth is also to be found in the general industry of the Lydian people. They were the first (according to Herodotus), who ever carried on retail trade, and the first to coin money of gold and silver.

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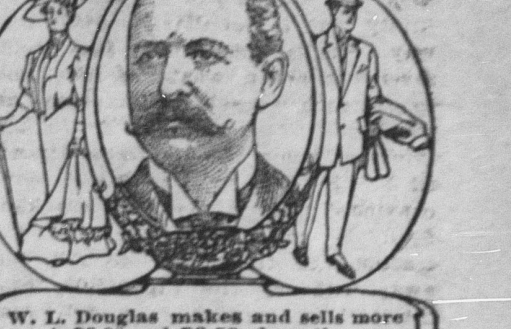
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