A Desert Impression. The hour before dawn, Rach breath is a sigh, The camel-men yawn And glance at the sky. The distance is drear With silhouettes drawn And ghastly. We fear The hour before dawn.

The hour before noon, Each breath is a gasp, Oh, water us soon! Each tongue, like a rasp, Is rugged with thirst; Our starvelings swoon, Oh, sunshine-accursed, The hour before noon!

The hour before dusk, Each breath is a sob. A ration of husk! Our weary limbs throb, Made sick with their load Of spices and musk. It acts like a goad,

The hour before dusk. -Robert Visittart, in Mexican Herald.

## Widow Tipperary's Coup

BY M. WYCKOFF

ward on a blast he left behind him handsome Mulligan. Tommy alone widow, \$500 in life insurance and disapproved of the alliance. "This three children. For a while the Wid- school business is n. g.," was his w Tipperary was inconsolable; then comment. "He don't like us, that's the returned to her looking-glass. But plain. I deersay when ma, meaning the children! That was the pity of it. Mrs. T., is married, they'll be turn-Coogan, the saloon man, paid his ad- in us out and tryin to send us home. dresses for a spell and was seen no Home! I wonder where the Cassidys more. Dinneen, the district leader, live. As fer Mulligan, I'd give a called a few times and never came nickel to call him 'pa' jes' once and scain. That they admired the widow, see how he'd take it." the was more than certain. That | The next day was Friday, Tommy's they were ready, willing and anxious recollection of the exact time is disto ask her to name the day, she had tinct because he remembers it markno doubt. That the latter event did ed his fifteenth summary dismissal not transpire, she blamed upon her from school. This time he had been incumbrances. For who-'twas thus caught in the act of carving a caricashe reasoned-would care to wed a ture of a policeman on the top of widow, however desirable, when such his desk. He was marched out of the wenture involved the simultaneous an- school and commanded never to remexation of three obstreperous and turn. unkempt "kids"? So the widow continued to gaze sorrowfully into her mirror and bewailed the fate that robbed her of her prospects.

It was in September that the Bighth District Chowder Association Let's take a walk." held its annual picnic. The widow was there-alone. In due time she was introduced to Officer Mulligan, a handsome bachelor. Officer Mulli- figure of a policeman. It was Officer gan was smitten at first sight. For the remainder of the day he scarce took eyes off the baxom lady. To- know this is school hours?" he askgether they nibbled nectar in its pic- ed gruffly mic aspect or hot frankfurter sausages; together they sipped ambrosial chowder; together they wandered by wider's school, where yez belong?" the sands of the sea and watched the ships as they flitted to and fro over my curtly. the sun-kissed waters. Ere long Officer Mulligan, by dint of close ques- who had an abiding faith in Tomtioning, learned that his partner was my's pugilistic potentiality. a widow and therefore matrimonially eligible. She also divulged her ad- while we're on our honeymoon," dress and he asked her permission to thought the officer. Aloud he added, call. In an evil moment she told him "I'll arrist both of yez. Come along." she was alone-all alone in the world. Whence this tale.

bor, Mrs. Doogan, anent the events that at the psychological moment of the preceding afternoon. "It wor when Mulligan had been lulled into a foine time," said the widow coyly, unwariness, he'd soak "im yet." "an' I met yer frien' Mulligan, a foine he had oyes fer no wan but me from comin' Froiday night "

gan, "I suppose you know he hates fate. childer. He hate 'em worse nor poison. It wor only last week he arrested them Dooley kids fer obstructin' the sidewalk. He jes' dispises childer."

The widow sighed wearlly. "I knew that. So I told him I wor alone." "How can you kape thim when he comes to see you?"

"Til send thim away." "But if he's really serious he'll the practical Mrs. Doogan.

come often-and unexpected," said The widow sighed again and became sorrowful.

Presently Mrs. Doogan smiled. "I tor." how it!" she cried in triumph. "I boy a scheme that'll do the business. Listen. If the officer ever catches sight of the childer, and he's shure ary. We live at No. 26 Blank street." to do that, tell him they're not your childer at all. Tell him you kape a sald the sergeant. school. Tell him they're somebody else's childer that are sent to you to the childer, of course. Tell Tommy under p'lice rules?" his name is not Tipperary at all, it is Cassidy. You are not his mother at all, at all. Willie can be his brother, another Cassidy. As for Maggie, goes out on a beat?" her name is O'Brien."

"I'll do it," said the widow. In furtherance of the scheme Tommy was duly informed that evening as to the new facts concerning his existence. Tommy was a bright boy; fourteen years on the city streets had his years. He at once comprehended that there was something behind precipitate orphanage. name is Cassidy?" he repeated with a that before. We're all poopils, are looked up at him and called him "Pa,"

have to take it with thanks. Only

le over."

please let me know when the game

lineage and threatened to run away. In the meantime she wept copious tears. As for Willie, the six-year-old, ae received the tidings with stoic unconcern. Tommy was still his brother

that was all he cared about. That night Tommy stood in the hallway when Officer Mulligan, resplendent in the blue uniform and brass buttons of his calling, entered the vestibule and rang the Tipperary bell. "That cop is off'n his beat," commented the astute boy. "If the roundsman comes around he's in fer it. But my name is Cassidy."

The next night the visit was repeated, and yet the next; and yet many succeeding nexts. His courtship was progressing smoothly. The widow's ruse was working like the proverbial charm.

In the hallway below stood Tommy smoking a cigarette. "That's a fancy stunt," he mused. "He's been, six times off'n his beat and six times he's been up to our floor. "Guess he's keepin' comp'ny with my mother-I mean Mrs. Tipperary as used to be my mother. But my name is still Cassidy. He pushed me outen the way tonight. I guess he don't like kids. It's all in the game, though," So Tommy smoked away and patiently awaited developments.

Three days afterward the entire flat learned that the Widow Tipperary When Michael Tipperary went sky- was engaged to be married to the

When he reached home he found the six-year-old Willie in tears. "Cheer up, old sport!" said he resuringly. "Get a smile on, Mr.

William Cassidy. I'm off for the day. Hand in hand they meandered toward the river front. Suddenly, as they walked they espied the looming

Mulligan. The bluecoat approached. "Do you

"I do that," said Tommy. "Why aren't you at school, at the "None of your business," said Tom

"Punch him." whispered Willie, "A good chanst to get rid of thim

Tommy went, smiling. Seeing that Willie smiled too. The latter young The next morning the Widow Tip- gentleman was certain that Tommy's perary held converse with her neigh- apparent docility was feigned and

Nothing of the kind happened, howmon. Bechune the two of us now, ever, and they soon reached the station house. A sergeant received them. the time we met. An' what's more, He was large and fat and he paraded he's asked permission ter call. He's gilt galore. But Tommy did not care; he had resolved upon his course of "But the childer," said Mrs. Doo. action and was careless as to his

> The sergeant turned to Tommy. that little feller your brother?" "Sure, can't you see?" said the boy. "We've the same shade of freckles. His name is Bill. W-I-I-I-a-m."

"And yours?" "Thomas Tipperary."

"That's a lie!" shouted Officer Mulligan, "His name is Cassidy. He's a peopil at Widder Tipperary's school. I caught them playing hookey." "Is your father livin'?" asked the

sergeant. "No, sir. He's dead. He was shot dead in the service of his co-contrac-

"Mother livin'?" "Dunno. I guess she is. Anyway, I used to think her name was Tipper-"Go and fetch Mrs. Tipperary,"

Tommy felt that his time had come. "Just a minute," he said, "Sergit an eddication. You must coach geant when an officer is a officer he's

> Mulligan glared savagely. "Yes, sir/" answered the sergeant. "And when a officer goes out he

"Yes, sir." "And if he goes off'n his beat, he's

punished. "Yes-fined and dismissed." "And if he goes off'n his beat six

time it's worse?" Mulligan fled. Soon afterward he reequipped him with wisdom far beyond turned and informed the sergeant that | \$1,300. it was all a mistake.

"I've found the parents-both of "My thim."

But he omitted to explain that one smirk. "So you're not my mother, of those parents was a new one and is it? Willie is me brother and Mag- wore brass buttons. When they gie isn't? I knew the last half of emerged from the station and Tommy we? All right, mother—that is to say, he slapped the youngster on the back Mrs. Tipperary. You're the boss and and told him he was all "roight."if you said my name was Dinnis I'd New York Evening Journal.

> The zverage snowfall in the vicinity of New York is seven feet.

# Maggie refused to accept her new neage and threatened to run away. State Pennsylvania

COMFORT FOR MRS. BOYLE.

Woman Kidnaper Has Strange Caller With Important Mission.

Pittsburg .- Having in his possession a lengthy essay, entitled "Words of Comfort to Helen Boyle," and insisting that he wanted to get into the penitentiary to see the woman, Thomas Comforter, 48 years old, of Altoona, Pa., was arrested at the doors of the big prison.

Comforter is believed to be mentally unbalanced. The authorities are holding him pending an investigation and arrival of his relatives. The man is well dressed, and in addition to the essay and newspaper clippings of the kidnaping case had over \$200

When Comforter was informed that the prison inspectors were the highest authorities and he would have to secure a permit from them to enter the penitentiary, he answered: 'No, they are not. Christ is above

them all. I have been sent here to give words of comfort to Helen Boyle.' HERO'S FAMILY PENSIONED.

Carnegie Fund Commission Rewards Brave Act Of Conductor.

Pottsville.—Sallie A. Dillinger was awarded a pension of \$50 per month, a silver medal and an additional grant of \$5 per month for her daughter until she becomes 16 years of age by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

On January 23 John Dillinger, conductor of Reading freight train No. 80, attempted to drag Mrs. Mary A. Groff, wife of Reuben Groff, a Civil War veteran, from in front of a moving train. He succeeded, but was struck by a section of his own train, which was backing.

Both Dillinger and Mrs. Groff were run over, Dillinger being horribly mangled, while Mrs. Groff was so seriously injured that she died in the Pottstown Hospital two hours after her admittance. Had he been a second earlier in attempting the rescue both he and Mrs. Groff would have escaped death.

ANNOUNCE BUTTER AWARDS. H. H. Stivel, Of Kumry, Wins State

College Prize, State College.-The third year's educational butter scoring contest, conducted by the Pennsylvania State College, was judged by C. W. Fryhofer, federal inspector at New York ton, have been appointed to select a City; analysis and suggestions were made by C. W. Larson, of State Col-

H. H. Stivel, of Kumry, received the highest score, 95, while W. D. ward Stevenson, for eighteen years Marshall, Lyndell; Theodore Niering, employed at Lehigh University, died burg; tied for second with a score years. of 92.5

The next contest will be held the last week in June and all who are not already entered, and wish to take forty-seven fine trout. part, should write Prof. H. E. Van lot was one fourteen inches in length, Norman, State College, Pa.

Whitla Case Led Boy To Crime, Chambersburg .- Leland Dartt, the former Girard College lad, who was arrested for sending a Black Hand letter to a widow here with threats of an awful death, if she failed to fold \$25 in a newspaper and leave it on her steps, confessed to Postmaster Charles Suesserott. He was alone in the transaction, and said his head was turned by reading about the Whitla kidnaping case.

Two Coal Miners Killed.

Potisville .- Buried so deep under a fall of tons of coal that it took twelve hours to recover his body. James Gallagher was smothered to Christ. death at the Silver Creek colliery At the same time Thomas J. Butler, of Minersville, was killed at Lytle colliery.

His Life's Long Walk Ends.

Franklin .-- C. W. Broocks, aged 75, veteran of the Civil War, died at his home in Clarion County. For years he was employed as pipe line walker, and it is est mated that during that period he walked 162, the circumference of the globe.

Helen Taft To Unveil Shaft.

Gettysburg .- Miss Helen Taft will unveil the new monument to the United States Regulars to be dedicated here Monday, May 31, at which time the President will deliver the Danville, Sunbury and Shamokin will principal address. Miss Taft has been chosen to loosen the cords which will bind the huge United States flag around the granite shaft, and as the Stars and Stripes fall the Marine band will play.

Borough Council declared the office cers: W. H. Wetzel, president; John

Tamaqua's Solicitor Wins Out,

of solicitor vacant, claiming that Attorney J. O. Ulrich had been elected Miller. for one year, the latter declared the term was good for three years. Legal advice consulted, ruled with Ulrich, with the result that Council paid him back salary amounting to

Fined For Clipping Hen's Toes. South Bethlehem.—Because he had clipped off the toes of a hen belonging to Martin Schultz, of this place, Michael Hoffman was arrested and John Harvey and A. W. Truchses. heavily fined by Justice Bloom. Hoffman had just planted several grape tion has elected the following offivines, when the hen and brood wandered into his yard and scratched them up. He caught the hen and cut off her toes. Harvey Ueberroth, an er. Miss Annie J. Darlington; trusagent of the S. P. C. A. preferred the tees, Mrs. J. Cook McAllister and

TO MINE BY SUNLIGHT.

Two Hundred Acres Of Surface Land To Be Removed.

Pottsville.-Daylight mining of anthracite coal is to be started by the St. Clair Coal Company, which awarded to Contractor Thomas Nolan, of Reading, the work of stripping off the surface earth from the Mammoth vein so that coal can be mined under the broad light of the

Millions of tons of coal can be secured in this way, although the largest steam shovels in the country will be at work on the preliminary excavation six or seven years before the coal can be secured. Engineers say it is one of the biggest undertakings in the country. The surface to be stripped covers over 200 acres.

Woman Kills Another.

Williamsport .- Following a violent quarrel in a colored boarding house here, Mrs. Carrie E. Potts shot through a door which Lizzie Jones was endeavoring to kold shut. The bullet entered the Jones girl's right temple, killing her instantly. Mrs. Potts escaped, but was captured two hours later after an exciting chase in an open field north of the city.

#### STATE ITEMS.

Mrs. Alice Layfield, 74 years old. attempted to burn brush in the yard of her home at Radmor. Her clothing caught fire and she died from burns in the Norristown Hospital.

While Oscar, the 4-year-old son of Mack Hill, of Catawissa, was feeding a dog it jumped upon him, bitting him in the mouth and sinking its teeth through his lips. Six stitches were required to close the wound.

While preparing to attend a church service, Mrs. Caroline M. Ott, aged 76, of Bethlehem, dropped dead from heart disease.

Frank G. Leidy, of Boyertown, has been awarded the contract to carry the United States mail between that point and Reading daily via Yellow House and Amityville.

Joseph R. Naugle, of Shillington, jackie on the Tennessee, flagship of the second division of the Pacific Fleet, has sent word to his father, Joseph R. Naugle, that he was married at Oakland, Cal., to Miss Lida Catterline and that he would bring his bride East to live as soon as he served his enlistment, which expires in a few months.

Aaron Hornberger, John K. Hartman and William Dankle, of Mohnsite for a proposed county bridge in Muhlenberg Township, Berks County, to span the Bernhart Creek.

Ill four days with pneumonia, Edanwallopen; and O. D. Mott, Edin- at his home in Bethlehem, aged 78

Zach C. Leiser, one of the expert fishermen of Lock Haven, in one day's fish in McElhattan Run caught several measured one foot, while the others ranged in size from seven to ten inches.

The Enterprise Colliery, at Shamokin, owned by W. L. Connell & Co., of Scranton, resumed operations after an idleness of five months, caused by an underground fire.

Two Lehigh University students while canoeing on the Lehigh River shot a rare species of the loon family, weighing nine pounds, the first seen around Bethlehem in a decade. The Coopersburg fire company has

elected these officers: President, D. H. Fleihr; vice-president, Charles Jordan; secretary, M. S. Landis; trustees, J. H. Fetzer, Sylvester Doll and Charles Stahler; chief, William H. Bregenzer; captain, William H.

In a quarrel and rough and tumble fight, at Williamsport. resulting from a bicycle collision, in which he lemanded payment for his damaged wheel, 17-year-old Clarence Berry fired three shots at Joe Cannennii, one of them taking effect in his Berry then escaped. The wounded man is expected to recover. Lying in the road two miles from his home, near Unityville, and with his head covered with blood, the 760 miles, or more than four times body of Michael Rodgers was found just before daylight by Alfred Hartman, a huckster. The dead man's team was found in the ditch about a mile beyond where the body lay. It is thought Rodgers fell from his wagon early in the night and lay in the road until found by Hartman.

Before the end of the summer be connected with as fine a system of improved State highways as exist in the Commonwealth, according to the State Highway Department. improvements, when completed, will make a stretch of macadam twenty miles long, from Mausdale, through Danville to Shamokin,

Tamaqua.—Although in 1908, ton, has elected the following offi-The Harmony Association, of Mil-Noriconk, secretary, and James R.

W. P. Scheesley, of Jersey Shore, after losing large numbers of chickens and guineas on his poultry yard set a trap and caught an im owl, which was detected as the rob-

The Allentown Boys' Brigade has elected these officers: William Greenawald; secretary, David T. Davies; treasurer, Charles Dieter; executive committee, Claude T Reno, Charles A. Reber, Calvin Roth, The Media Free Library Associa-President, Dr. E. L. Clark; cers:

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"We, the Catholic priests of Baltimore assembled in conference, view with alarm and indignation the attitude of certain influential publications, which circulate largely in the homes of our Catholic people, in regard to the dangerous and immoral practice of limiting families by the arbitary restriction of childbirth.

"When the daily newspapers begin to spread such theories, we feel that the time has come for plain speech on our part, and that it is our duty to protect the interests of the people and to prevent them from being inoculated with such dangerous doctrines. We pledge ourselves to accomplish this end, not only by teaching the truth on these subjects, but also, when necessary, by denouncing such publications as dangerous and

immoral. "(Signed) O. B. CORRIGAN, "Bishop of Macra, Chairman."

Bishop Corrigan stated that the resolution grew out of a series of articles in a Baltimore newspaper.

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March 4, 1881-1881. 21. Chester A. Arthur, New York, September 20, 1881-1835. 22. Grover Cleveland, New York, March 4, 1885-1889.

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