

State of Pennsylvania

Social Co-operation.

Philadelphia.—That the constant growing standard of living among Americans is partly responsible for the present high cost of living, and that in social co-operation lies the remedy, is the opinion of Prof. Simon Nelson Patten, of the Wharton School of Finance and Economics of the University of Pennsylvania.

"The subject is one of many ramifications," said Professor Patten, "and the reasons for existing conditions are manifold. Society has got itself in the complication, but not far enough to know what it is going to do, or to resolve upon a means of adjusting prices to fit all purses."

"There is no doubt that the combinations controlling food and other commodities make the high prices. They are but taking advantage of natural conditions and reaping the profit that could be disseminated among the consumers if they could bring themselves to act as a unit. Prosperity has wrought great changes in the mode of living in America, and shrewd business men have taken advantage of these changes. Their combination to handle products in large quantities at third and fourth hand entirely to the people, although some classes have been less benefited than others."

Nurse Stabs Thug.

Chester.—Miss Emily Hayes, a nurse, of Upland, was attacked by a colored man at Seventh and Barclay Streets, in this city, but drove the thug away by stabbing him several times with a hat pin. The man screamed with pain as he fled. The commotion was heard by Rev. J. M. T. Childrey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, who made a search of the locality for the assailant, but no trace of him was found.

While on their way home the Misses Hannah and Evaline Desmond were followed several squares by a colored man. At Third and Rensselaer Streets the young women met their brother, Joseph, who endeavored to capture his sisters' annoy, but the fellow escaped.

A sneak thief entered the home of Charles M. Pyle, on Morton Street, and breaking open the slot gas meter, secured two dollars in quarters.

Philip J. Downey's store, on West Third Street, was broken into by thieves, who got away with large quantities of cigars and tobacco and all the money in the cash register.

Some one entered the yard of Israel Ginzburg's home and stole a quilt and other articles from the clothesline.

1,045 Miners Killed.

A marked decrease in the fatal accidents in the mines of the State is shown for 1909 as compared with 1908, according to reports received from the anthracite and bituminous mining districts of Pennsylvania, by Chief of Mines, Jas. E. Roderick. During the year just closed the total number of lives lost was 1,045 as compared with 1,250 in 1908, showing a decrease of 205, or sixteen per cent. The record for the year in the soft coal region was 494 fatal accidents, against 572 in the previous year, a decrease of 78, or about four per cent. In the hard coal region the decrease was more marked. In all 551 persons lost their lives against 678 in 1908, the decrease being 127 or about nineteen per cent. During 1909 the number of accidents was 2,198, or just two more than in the previous year.

Girl Of 12 Elopes.

Pottsville.—When her mother objected to her marrying Michael Strurrof, aged 22 years, because she was so young, Mary Pollick, of St. Clair, aged 12 years, eloped, the couple securing tickets for Cleveland, Ohio. Strurrof met interference on the part of the girl's mother when he appeared at her home and it is alleged he struck the parent a blow on the head, rendering her unconscious. By the time she recovered to give the alarm the pair were on their way West. Mrs. Pollick, who is but 30 years of age, has preferred a charge of kidnapping against Strurrof and the State constabulary, stationed at this place, are on the trail of the pair. This is the youngest girl to run away and get married within the recollection of Schuylkill's police officials.

Horse Not Horse Company.

Media.—Through a typographical error a recent court record dissolving the Radnor Horse Company made the title read the Radnor Fire Company. Many persons believed from this that the Radnor Fire Company, the millionaire organization of fire fighters, had gone out of existence, but this, fortunately, is not true.

Sleeper's Uncovered Feet Freeze.

Bethlehem.—Emanuel Hunsicker, an aged recluse, of Macungie, was found with both his feet so badly frozen that they will have to be amputated. Hunsicker, who is 75 years old, says that in the night his feet slipped from under the covers and he did not know they were frozen until he tried to rise in the morning.

Preached For 63 Years.

Reading.—Rev. Jefferson M. Dietzler, said to be the oldest minister in the Lutheran synod of Pennsylvania, died at Lyons, this country, aged 81 years. He was in the ministry 63 years and served various congregations in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Horse Drags Chester Athlete.

Chester.—While driving in Ninth Street, Wallace Oglesby, a young athlete, was thrown from his wagon by a snow bank. The horse, which became frightened, dashed down the street. Oglesby held to the lines and was dragged over the street for several squares. As he swayed from one side of the road to the other he managed to keep clear of the horse's flying hoofs, but his strength gave way and he was compelled to relax his hold on the lines.

Forces Thug To Jig.

Chester.—The residents of the extreme northwestern section of the city are much alarmed over the numerous holdups which have occurred during the past two weeks, and as a consequence the majority of them, including several young women, go armed after nightfall.

Miss Emma Grace, who resides along Boyd's Lane, was approached by a colored man who asked her for some money, saying he wanted to get to Wilmington. When she told him she had no money to give him the thug made a grab for her. Pulling a small revolver from her pocket Miss Grace fired several shots at the feet of her assailant, who danced a jig for several seconds, and then ran.

The other evening Miss Winnie Ebright, of Highland Avenue, was followed by a strange man. Having been similarly annoyed Mrs. Ebright had fortified herself with a revolver and in order to frighten her pursuer she fired the weapon in the air.

The fellow, retraced his steps and disappeared.

A couple of nights ago William Wobnus, who lives at Ninth Street and Highland Avenue, was approached by two men who demanded money. Wobnus moved to the side of a house, so that neither of the men could get behind him, and flourished a revolver. The footpads departed.

Forgives Slayer.

Wilkes-Barre.—A strange scene was witnessed in Court here when Mrs. Susan Lee, of Zion City, and her daughter, Grace, offered to forgive George L. Marion, an actor and theatrical agent, for the murder of Mrs. Lee's daughter, in this city, some months ago.

Marion followed the woman to this city after she had married another man and shot her dead in the office of the chief of police.

The mother and daughter of the victim are members of the Dowie faith and, manifesting a spirit of forgiveness in accordance with the doctrine of their church, they approached the prisoner and said they were willing to forgive him. Marion spurned the offer and said he did not know the women.

After John D.'s Offering.

Holidaysburg.—John D. Rockefeller may be the involuntary contributor of \$5,000 for the erection of a Methodist chapel in this county. Oil pipe lines controlled by Mr. Rockefeller were constructed over the farm of Captain John H. Law, in North Woodberry Township without first securing a right of way from Mr. Law. A suit resulted and when the case came up for trial before a Board of Arbitrators Mr. Law fixed his damages at \$5,000 and announced he would apply this amount to the building of a Methodist chapel on the farm. The arbitrators have the award under consideration.

George M. Benz's Will Filed.

Norristown.—The will of George M. Benz, of Conshohocken, was admitted to probate. His widow, Catherine Benz, is to receive the income from the estate during the life of their son. At his death the estate is to be divided equally between Mr. Benz's sister, Mrs. Mary Kubler, of New York, and brother, Christian J. Benz, of Conshohocken.

Assaults Woman, Robs House.

Altoona.—Shortly after her husband had gone to work, Mrs. Clarence McCool was attacked by an unknown man, who walked boldly into the house and dealt her a terrific blow in the face, knocking her unconscious. When she recovered an hour later the man had ransacked the house and disappeared.

Reading Firm Works Three Shifts.

Reading.—Owing to the many large orders on hand the Carpenter Steel Company has been obliged to work three shifts at its big plant here. One of the big orders the firm is getting out is for 200 tons of steel for gun barrels for the Government. Seven hundred hands are employed.

Charles Creamer Dies.

Chester.—Charles Creamer, a pioneer commission merchant, of this city, who served as chief of police under the late John Larkin, Jr., Chester's first mayor, was found dead in bed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ella T. Stroud. He was 72 years old and returned yesterday from a several month's stay in Florida.

\$60,000 Fire At New Kensington.

New Kensington.—Fire in the plant of the American Conduit Company here damaged the building and contents and destroyed a dwelling adjoining, causing a loss of about \$60,000. Seventy-five employees are thrown out of work.

Carpenters Demand 8-Hour Day.

Easton.—The Carpenters' Union of Easton gave notice that the members will demand an eight-hour day after May 1 next at 40 cents per hour as their pay. The carpenters now work nine hours a day and receive \$3.24.

Forged Certificate.

Wilkes-Barre.—Mine officials of the Lackawanna Company caused the arrest of Peter Ciplies, who presented a bogus mining certificate and asked for work. The man said he was given the certificate by another party. The names of the members of one of the mining examining boards were signed to the certificate. The latter declared that their signatures were forged. It is believed the party issuing the certificates has conducted a wholesale business in that line.

WHY DO THEY DRESS SO?

