

WITCHCRAFT AT EPHRATA.

A Dubious Story From a Dubious Source. A Reading correspondent of the Philadelphia Times writes the following sensational story to that paper:

Dr. Diller Luther, secretary of the state board of charities, returned to his home in this city from Lancaster yesterday, in which place he brought suit against a number of persons on the charge of robbing a grave. The defendants live in the small village of Ephrata, a Dunkard village of Lancaster county.

An old resident of Ephrata drove to this city to-day, from whom additional details were learned. He says: "Things are very much mixed up over there among those old Dunkards. The fight is for the possession of the old property that was originally established by the brethren and sisters of the cloister. Those old Seven-day Baptists were a queer people, you know; wore no buttons, but fastened their clothing with hooks and eyes; wore their hair long, great broad rim black hat, and very plain, brown clothing. The sisters wore plain and simple gowns and white caps and black pasteboard bonnets. They lived in a colony at Ephrata several hundred years ago. A number of the wooden buildings they erected are still standing and are in splendid condition, including fair to stand another century. There are several hundred acres of excellent land connected with the old cloister. The control of all this property, it appears, has recently changed hands and there is a fight among those staid old people. The 'outs' are making an effort to find some lost records. They have in vain searched the history of the cloister that was printed at Ephrata away back in the last century. It is in the German language. Now, it is said, the report was started that a number of valuable records were buried with some of the old dead people in the vaults and that that Dr. Luther's ancestor was not the only one invaded and searched for old papers and titles. But this suit of the doctor's will clear up the mystery. I am sure that a number of startling things will be revealed. The men who were arrested are too smart to open a vault simply through curiosity and mischief. I have even heard it intimated that an old witch woman named Fisher, residing near Heidelberg, Pa., far from Ephrata, had something to do with the robbing of the graves. I don't believe in witches, but there are plenty in that neighborhood who do. I will simply give you the story as it is repeated over there. It is to the effect that a number of old Dunkards connected with the cloister woman about some lost records they were after. She went through a number of incantations and strange movements at midnight, and finally told them to ransack a certain grave where the records would be found. Whether the parties were arrested by Dr. Luther after the same ones that went to the witch woman I cannot say. Another story is that the witch woman advised them to steal a certain skull, hang it under the eaves of a smoke house and wait until after the first thunder storm. The whereabouts of the lost records would then be revealed. Now the facts are that a grave and vault were broken open and a skull stolen therefrom, but whether it was done in accordance with the witch woman's advice I certainly don't know. Just the other day I heard of a young woman of that neighborhood who buried a lock of her hair in a graveyard at night in order that she would dream of the hiding place of a lot of stolen jewelry. She had been told to do it by the old witch woman I refer to. She can make many of the people about there believe most anything.

ATTEMPTED INCENDIARISM.

Knapp's Brewery Set on Fire. Between 1 and 2 o'clock Sunday morning an attempt was made to burn Knapp's brewery on Locust street, this city. Adjoining the brewery, which is a large, substantial brick structure, is a large frame shed and ice house. The ice house is double walled, and the interstices between the two walls are filled with shavings. Near one corner of the building there is a small opening in the boards with which the building is covered, and into this opening the incendiary had stuffed a quantity of cotton waste, saturated with coal oil. Mrs. Brimmer, wife of Andrew Brimmer, the pretzel baker, who lives near by, was the first to discover the fire and at once gave the alarm. Mr. John Knapp, Mr. Kegel and the Messrs. Huber were soon on hand and without much difficulty succeeded in extinguishing the flames, the loss being trifling. Had the fire gained a very slight headway the result might have been disastrous, as the building fired and others in the vicinity are located on such high ground that it is almost impossible to get from the city mains a supply of water sufficient to furnish the fire-engines.

LOCAL TOBACCO MARKET.

Operations During the Week Past. Although a good many buyers have been in town during the past week, no great amount of trade has been done so far as is known to the outside world. There are rumors that quite a number of packings of 1879 have changed hands, but if this be so, the buyers and sellers alike are very close-mouthed about the operations, and neither the amount of sales nor the prices paid have been made public.

Of old tobacco, about 300 cases of 1878 are known to have been sold during the week on private terms. The young plants are growing finely, but in many places have been attacked by flies and numbers of them hopelessly injured. We hear of a few fields that have been already set out with early plants, but general planting will not commence for a week or two at least—and not so soon unless we should be blessed with good soaking rain. The warm, dry weather has almost unfitted the soil for seedling, even if the plants were in readiness.

SALE OF STOCKS.

This afternoon Samuel Hess & Son, auctioneers, sold the following stocks at Cooper's hotel for Jacob B. Long, stock broker and real estate agent: Ten shares Farmers' national bank stock to W. S. Shirk, at \$93.75 per share; five shares of same to Henry Resh, at \$93.20; Twenty-five shares of same to George Schlott, at \$94.50; Twenty shares of same to Henry B. Resh, at \$94.50; Five shares of same to Levi Rhoads, at \$94.50; Ten shares of same to John Miller, at \$94.50; Seven shares of same to A. Brubaker, at \$94.60.

THE BANCK STOCK WAS ALL SOLD.

The bank stock was all sold last week at the rate of \$92.75 per share. Thirty-seven shares of Millersville street railway stock were withdrawn at \$20 per share.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PASTOR.

A large audience last night greeted Rev. Home, the new pastor of the Presbyterian Memorial mission, who selected as a text the 1st and 2nd verses of the 6th chapter of 2nd Corinthians, from which he preached a very able and appropriate sermon. Mr. H. is a pulpit orator of decided ability. He speaks rapidly, but articulately distinctly, and preaches entirely without notes. The impression created last night was very favorable. He will be absent until the 23d, when regular services will be established.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Mrs. Gable Breaks a Leg. On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Charles Gable and some lady friends made a visit to the Conestoga near Woodward Hill cemetery, for the purpose of gathering moss. While thus engaged Mrs. Gable slipped from a rock, and falling, broke both bones of her left leg about six inches above the ankle. She was carried to her home No. 334 Church street, and Dr. L. A. Warren was summoned to her assistance. The fractures were reduced and to-day Mrs. Gable is doing well.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

At a congregational meeting of St. Stephens Lutheran church, held yesterday in the lecture room of the church, at the corner of Duke and Church streets, it was decided to furnish the interior of the building during the coming summer. At the request of the members of the organ association, permission was given them to hold a fair for the benefit of a new pipe organ, to be held next fall, the time to be hereafter announced.

SAFE HARBOR IRON WORKS.

Engine Disabled—Wages Reduced. On Tuesday last the piston of the large engine at the Safe Harbor iron works was broken, compelling a suspension of operations. The works will probably resume on Wednesday. Owing to the heavy decline in the price of iron, the wages of puddlers have been reduced to \$4.50 per ton. The price heretofore paid was \$5.

BASEBALL.

The first game of baseball of the season came off on the Ironsides ground on Saturday afternoon, between a picked nine and the Ironsides club. The day was very warm and the attendance was therefore not as large as it otherwise would have been. The Ironsides appeared for the first time in their new and handsome uniforms and they defeated their opponents easily by the score of 16 to 6.

TAKEN ILL ON THE STREET.

Rev. W. L. Reber, a retired Evangelical clergyman, formerly of Reading, who resides with his daughter on Church street near Duke, while walking along Duke street, on Saturday afternoon was taken with something like a stroke and had to be taken to his home, where he is still quite ill.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Messrs. Bausman & Burns, real estate agents, have sold for C. Rine, agent for Mrs. T. E. Diller, 42 feet of ground fronting on Shippen street, of the lot situated on southwest corner of East Orange and Shippen streets, to J. P. Weise and Geo. A. Smith for \$40.00 per foot.

AGENCY FOR FLOWERS—I HAVE APPOINTED MR. JESSE SCHEFFER.

Mr. Jesse Scheffer, I have appointed Mr. Jesse Scheffer sole agent for the sale of flowers in Lancaster. He will have constantly on hand at his residence, corner of Lime and Chestnut streets, a choice lot of roses, geraniums and other bedding plants which are in a healthy condition, and can be had at reasonable rates. Any orders left with her will receive prompt attention. S. H. PURPLE, 1st Columbia Nurseries, Columbia, Pa.

POSTAL APPOINTMENT.

S. D. Frey has been appointed postmaster at McCally's Ferry, on the York county side.

The foreman of the New York and New Haven Steamboat Co., Mr. G. B. Haver, sends us the following: "I can hardly find words to express my praise of Sr. Jacob's Oil. For a while my wife suffered with pains in the back and was not able to go about; the pains were at times almost unbearable. Advised by a friend, I procured a bottle of Sr. Jacob's Oil from my druggist, Mr. Otto Meyer, and used it without delay, and experienced instant relief from my sufferings."

A Stitch in Time Saves Nine is true of old coats and muffs. When the former shows the first defect take a "stitch," and always keep the mouth right by using SIZING. It costs less for a new coat than a set of teeth, and is not so liable to go out of natural color. False teeth are a pleasant as natural ones. my3-widc6k

SPECIAL NOTICES.

From the Old "Salamander" Drug House. CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 12, 1880. Messrs. J. H. W. Hooper, Wholesale and Retail. GENTLEMEN: We trust our order will reach you in season to be promptly filled. The demand for your Safe Remedies, especially the Safe Kidney Cure, is continuous and increasing, and our customers speak in the highest terms of their value. Several cases of cures which have come under our observation are complete and most remarkable. Very truly yours, VAN SCHIAACK, STEVENSON & CO. ml-2wdk

Try Locher's Renowned Cough Syrup.

You bet, when coughs and colds are trying about like gnats in a storm, "Dr. Locher's Cough Syrup" is a sure cure.

Doctors May Disagree

as to the best method of cure, and crying for the cure of constipation and disordered liver and kidneys. But those that have used Kidney-Wort agree that it is by far the best medicine known. Its action is prompt, thorough and lasting. It does not irritate the bowels, and it restores the system, but by using Kidney-Wort restore the natural action of all the organs. my3-widc6k

Timely Caution.

Genuine Hop Bitters are put up in square paneled, amber-colored bottles, with white labels on one side printed in black letters, and green paper on the other side, and the other side of the paper with red letters; revenue stamp over the cork. This is the only form in which genuine Hop Bitters are put up, and the sole right to make, and sell, and distribute, to the Hop Bitters Manufacturing Company of Rochester, N. Y., and Toronto, Ont., by patents, copyright and trade mark. All others put up in any other way are not genuine, and are to be like it or pretending to contain hops, by whatever names they may be called, are bogus and unfit for use, and only put up to sell and cheat the people on the credit and popularity of Hop Bitters. my3-widc6k

When exhausted by mental labor take Kidney-Wort to maintain healthy action of all organs.

"Great Blood Tonic," for the cure of all blood diseases.—Dr. Lindsey's Blood Searcher.

Mothers! Mothers!! Mothers!!!

Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child, or fretting with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? It is so, go at once and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the sufferer in a few minutes. It is a safe and reliable remedy; there is no mistake about it. There is no mother on earth who has ever used it, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in different parts of the world. It costs 25 cents a bottle. my3-widc6k

Vine Culture and Wine Making.

Mr. Alfred Speer, of Passaic, N. J., so long and favorably known to the wine and grape growers, exports a larger yield of grapes this year than last year, has reduced the price of his four-year-old Port wine to \$1.00 per gallon, and his four-year-old Burgundy to \$1.00 per gallon. Mr. Speer's mode of fermenting and keeping his wine differs from the usual methods. It is the reason why his wine is so superior in quality; but it requires four years' management and change of temperature in order to make a perfect wine. This is the knowledge of changing to various temperatures at different periods of the year, and it is where he has the advantage of getting so rich a wine without the use of liquor. Large quantities of our wine are being ordered to London and Paris. Physicians recommend it to the sick, and it is sold by all druggists. It is dealt in largely by Druggists—Daily Express. This wine is sold by Mrs. A. J. Speer and Davis, and sold by H. E. Slaymaker.

STATISTICS PROVE THAT TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE DEATHS IN OUR LARGER CITIES ARE CAUSED BY CONSUMPTION, AND WHEN WE REFLECT THAT THIS TERRIBLE DISEASE IN ITS WORST STAGE YIELD TO A BOTTLE OF LOCHER'S COUGH SYRUP, SHALL WE CONDEMN THE SUFFERERS FOR THEIR NEGLIGENCE, OR PITY THEM FOR THEIR IGNORANCE? No. 9 East King Street.

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POLITICAL.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, GEORGE A. JENKS.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

FOR CONGRESS, J. L. STEINMETZ.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, W. F. MONTGOMERY.

FOR JUDGE (13th DISTRICT,) J. B. DODGLASS.

FOR ASSASSIN (20th DISTRICT,) S. C. STEVENSON.

FOR ASSEMBLY (3d DISTRICT,) AMOS DILLER.

JACOB M. HAENSEN.

BARTON M. WINTER.

BENJ. MILLER.

FOR POOR DIRECTORS, A. J. SNYDER.

JOHN FRANCISCUS.

LANCASTER COUNTY APPOINTMENTS.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.

E. J. MCGRATH.

W. H. HENSEL.

(ALTERNATES.) E. S. HAMBRIGT.

C. J. RHOADS.

ELECTOR, JAMES G. McSPARRAN.

STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

GEO. W. REBER.

M. S. MOORE.

MARRIAGES.

CAMPBELL—JOHNSON.—March 29, 1879, by Rev. W. T. Gerhart, at his residence, Lancaster, Pa. William Campbell, of Carlisle, and Nellie Johnson, daughter of J. M. Johnston, of Lancaster.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

10,000 Bushels at 2 cents per Bushel. my3-4tdaw&tw GEO. K. REED, Treas.

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WE desire to call attention to our complete line of

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In addition to a full stock of the celebrated Rogers Bros.' goods, we have the exclusive sale in this city of the electro-plated ware of the Graham Manufacturing Company. These are the best finished and most durable in the market, and in recommending them to the trade this company (whose representations are always reliable) claim for them the following merits: The base of the Graham electro-plate is of nickel silver. The silver-plate wares made upon this base combine all the excellence of the solid silver goods except the intrinsic value of the silver itself. One of the remarkable features of the process of electro-plating is perfect accuracy and delicacy with which the finest line of the engraving or chasing traced on the surface of the nickel base is reproduced on the surface of the silver coating. Thus all the excellence of workmanship which has earned for the company its reputation as makers of sterling silver goods is made tributary to the production of unsurpassed electro-plate. The quantity of pure silver deposited on the finely finished base exceeds that upon the best of foreign plate. This silver would be excellent and take a fine polish without a coating of silver, yet upon it is laid a silver surface which will if not abused last more than a generation. The object is to produce plated ware which shall have all the beauty of the solid wares. This high grade of ware is undistinguishable from work in Sterling Silver. Its pattern, ornaments and workmanship are made equal to those for which the Company's Sterling Silverware has been so highly commended. To these conditions is added the undoubted art or style which distinguishes the genuine in everything from the work of imitators and which naturally transfers itself from the sterling to the plated ware. The price of these goods is only a trifle higher than some of the inferior productions.

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