

A BOLD SHARPER.

BE FLEES SOME RURAL LANDS. Caught for Over Eleven Thousand Dollars.

In the early part of June a sharp young man paid a visit to three old residents of Mount Joy township and left an impression which will last for a long time.

He traveled on the covered wagon, the phonous name of Smith. Amos G. Smith, of Philadelphia, he claimed to represent a manufactory which turned out wooden wares in the Quaker city, and the woods in the vicinity of Milton Grove had just the material he had long been looking after.

John Balmer, of near Milton Grove, Andrew Heisey, of near Oberholtzer's school house and Abraham Herr, who lives not far from the Heisey homestead on the road leading from Elizabethtown to Milton Grove, are the men who owned the lumber.

The alleged agent was not slow in driving a bargain and it was no close one. He offered good prices, at the rate of \$100 for three trees. At these figures the above named persons readily sold the timber and in order to clear the land they paid to one man \$5, to each of the other two \$5, on the purchase, and in order to account for the outlay to his employer asked for a receipt.

This seemed to be a square transaction and Mr. Balmer wrote his name, not once but twice on what he supposed was a receipt. The stranger was accompanied by a man from Elizabethtown who placed his autograph on the paper as a witness to the transaction.

Very little more was thought by the farmer of the transaction. On his return, however, his attention was called to the affair when Addison Ely, esq., of Elizabethtown, and John Dennison, formerly of that place, now of Westminster, Maryland, called on Mr. Balmer and presented a note of \$1,800 for payment, the note having fallen due about that time.

The gentleman knew nothing about the note, but the visitors insisted that he did and wanted it paid, or acknowledged in some way or other. They referred to a letter they had sent him on Friday, but Mr. Balmer not having been to the postoffice, knew nothing about it. He did not pay it, neither did he acknowledge that he ever signed such a paper. They threatened to institute legal proceedings against him for the amount of the claim.

But that is not the worst of it. The gentleman interviewed, Squire John H. Zeller, of Mount Joy, on Monday noon. They tried to keep reticent about the affair, but our correspondent learned from them that this man Smith has sold notes whose aggregate in the sum of \$11,100, The one for \$1,800, again, is the first to fall due and at any time notes for the other part of the amount are likely to turn up.

Smith is about 25 years old, of a very pleasant address and he speaks the English and German languages fluently. It is said that to persons who bought the notes from him Smith represented that he sold Western land to the farmers and took their notes in payment. It is probable that he sold them at a big discount. The victims of the fraud, however, they will fight hard before they will pay a cent. They are men, at least two of them, of considerable means.

THAT BIG BILL. The work for which McMillen got \$1,800. On Monday afternoon John L. Miller and J. Kahler Snyder, former clerks in the prothonotary's office under Capt. McMillen, were examined by the county auditors with reference to the work done in arranging the papers in that office for which McMillen was paid \$1,800 by County Commissioners Coble and Bushong.

Miller testified that he helped to do the work; was employed by Capt. McMillen in November, 1880 and worked until April 1881, and that he received a regular salary as a clerk and nothing extra. He was employed as a general clerk at a salary of between \$300 and \$600 a year; was on the special work of re-arranging the papers between three or four months; the papers were had collected by Mr. Edwards assisted part of the time.

Snyder testified that he worked nearly ten months in the office, nearly all the time at this special work, from March to the end of December; was paid \$10 per week, received \$480 to \$490 in all; Edwards worked some time at it, most of the summer months; witness did not consider \$1,800 too much for the work.

Election Officers. The "Liederkrans" singing society held its semi-annual meeting on Monday evening. The following officers were elected: President—J. A. Sobuh. Vice President—H. C. Keller. Recording Secretary—John Vogelsang. Financial Secretary—Lawrence Falk. Treasurer—Philip Lebzelter.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BOWERS & HURST'S, LANCASTER, PA.

NEW STORE, NOS. 129 and 131 NORTH QUEEN STREET. SIX SPECIAL BARGAINS IN VICTORIA LAWS: FIRST AT 19 CENTS, SECOND AT 15 CENTS, THIRD AT 18 CENTS, FOURTH AT 20 CENTS, FIFTH AT 25 CENTS, SIXTH AT 25 CENTS.

TWO SPECIAL BARGAINS IN INDIA LINENS: FIRST AT 20 CENTS, SECOND AT 25 CENTS. These goods will upon examination be found to be extra nice and fine for the money we ask for them. We have bought large lots and at VERY LOW PRICES, and are now prepared to offer excellent inducements to all who may favor us with a call.

Laces and Embroideries, large assortment, very low. BOWERS & HURST.

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"The Commodore." Joe L. Foote, the Commodore, Eight, Ill., was cured of a severe cold and cough. He thinks it a very valuable remedy, and will never be without it. For sale at H. E. Cochran's drug store, 137 North Queen street.

When you feel out of sorts, have the blues, melancholy, etc., it must be indisposition that ails you. Brown's Iron Bitters cures it. For sale at H. E. Cochran's drug store, 137 North Queen street.

Olden's Liquid Beech and Tonic Vigorator will cure Indigestion, dyspepsia or loss of appetite. Ask for Olden's, of drug stores.

"Who Grasps Much Holds Little." The proprietors of Ely's Cream Balm do not claim it to be a cure-all, but it is a remedy for Catarrh and Catarrhal Diseases, Colds in the Head and Hay Fever.

RESCUED FROM DEATH. The following statement of William J. Coughlin, of Somerville, Mass., is so remarkable that we beg to call to the attention of our readers. He says: "In the fall of 1871 I was taken with a severe cold, and the lungs, followed by a severe cough. I soon began to lose my appetite and flesh. I was so weak at one time that I could not leave my bed. In the summer of 1872 I was admitted to the City Hospital. While there the doctors said I had a hole in my left lung as big as a half-dollar. I expended over a hundred dollars in doctors and medicine. I was so far gone at one time a report went around that I was dead. I gave up hope but a friend told me of DR. WM. HALL'S BALSAM FOR THE LUNGS. I bought it and used it until I was cured. I had taken two bottles and can positively say that it has done me more good than all the other medicines I have taken. My cough has almost entirely disappeared and I shall soon be able to go to work." Sold by H. E. Cochran, 137 North Queen street.

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THIRD EDITION. WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 5, 1882. DISASTER ON THE OHIO.

THE SINKING OF THE STEAMER SCIO. The freight steamer Scio, owned by the Engineer. Twenty lives supposed to be lost. Recovering the Bodies.

WRECKING, W. Va., July 5.—3:30 A. M.—It is impossible at this hour to estimate accurately the loss of life from the sinking of the Scio. Dan Thomas, son of the captain, and a deck hand, name unknown, were drowned from the Scio. The remainder of her crew are safe.

CINCINNATI, O., July 5.—A special from Mingo Junction says it is impossible to obtain the names of all the missing, but it is well established that the number is not greater than twenty. The following bodies have been recovered: David Fago, 41; Stewart Figo, L. S. Smith, a boy, of Steubenville, Ohio, and E. Thomas, a son of Capt. Thomas. Among those missing, and who are not likely to have escaped alive, are the following boys: Harper Stewart, Willie Booth, Charles Davidson and Joe Conners. Three or four members of the Wellsville brass band are reported missing.

COMMODORE SHUFFLET. What is Thought of His Extra-Official Conduct in China. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 5.—It is stated at the navy department to-day that the diplomatic mission of Commodore R. W. Shufflet to China is completed and it is not necessary to detail another officer to that duty. A few days ago a telegram was received from Commodore Shufflet, stating that he had completed his mission to China and wishing to be placed in command of the Asiatic squadron. The navy department officials are undoubtedly displeased with his extra-official conduct in China, but do not admit that such was the cause of his recall.

THE FREIGHT HANDLERS' STRIKE. NEW YORK, July 5.—The strike of the freight handlers is unchanged to-day. The report that the demands of the men would be acceded to to-day proves erroneous. The Pennsylvania road have increased their force and are making better time than heretofore.

NEW YORK'S LATEST BIG FIRE. NEW YORK, July 5.—The owners of the candle factory, burned last night, estimate their losses at from \$250,000 to \$400,000; insured for about half the value of the loss.

READING, July 5.—The state encampment of the Sons of Veterans convened here to-day, and will continue in session for several days.

Large Fire in Quebec. SHERBROOKE, Quebec, July 5.—The round house here is on fire. There are five locomotives inside, which will all be lost. The loss will exceed \$100,000.

Washington, July 5.—At 12 o'clock the House went into committee of the whole on the naval appropriation bill. Proceedings in the Senate. In the Senate Mr. Cameron (Pa.) introduced a bill amending the revised statutes so as to refer upon all manufactures, etc., made from hoop, band or scroll iron or any such iron shall be the chief material the same duty as is imposed on the hoop, band or scroll iron from which the manufactures are made. Referred.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 5.—Col. A. R. Lamar, editor of the Mason Telegraph, and his friend, Col. H. B. Sackett, were arrested about midnight on the Atlanta and West Point train, on the presumption that they were about to cross the state line with Col. E. P. Howell, editor of the Constitution, to fight a duel. An attempt was made to arrest Col. Howell and his friend Capt. Harry Jackson, but it has failed up to this hour. Col. Lamar and Sackett were bound over this morning in bonds of \$2,000 each, to keep the peace.

BOSTON, July 5.—There was much excitement in the state prison at Concord, yesterday, by the riotous conduct of the prisoners because they were deprived of certain Fourth of July privileges. They shouted and yelled and broke up their cell furniture. Trouble continued this morning, the convicts being on a strike against prison discipline.

FOOTING WITH FIREWORKS. LEWISTON, Me., July 5.—Two boys named Knowles and one named Leighton got possession of a quantity of fireworks, and this morning while experimenting with them an explosion occurred, breaking windows and considerably damaging the house. The boys were badly injured, Leighton critically.

Probably Fatal Injuries. PHILADELPHIA, July 5.—Benjamin Baker who was shot at Meriville, N. J., yesterday by Abbot Wilson, his wife's paramour is still lying, but his injuries are pronounced fatal. Wilson has not yet been arrested. Both men were colored.

MANHATTAN, N. Y., July 5.—Philip Ginn, aged 79, while standing on the porch of his house removing furniture yesterday, fell to the ground and broke his neck. He was a highly respectable citizen of the borough.

LEGAL NOTICES. STATE OF GEORGE BREITENBACH. In the city of Lancaster, deceased. Letters testamentary on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same, will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned, residing in Strasburg township, in the county of Lancaster, Pa. MARGARET BREITENBACH, Attorney. MARY E. WOLBERT and wife, of Lancaster city, having by deed of voluntary assignment, assigned and transferred to the undersigned, all the assets of the said estate, and effects to be therefor given notice to all persons indebted thereto, to make payment to the undersigned, and those having claims or demands against the same, to present them to the undersigned, residing in Strasburg township, in the county of Lancaster, Pa. WILLIAM SHULTZ, Assignee, residing in Lancaster city.