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The Telegraphers' Strike.

The managers of the Western Union telegraph company can hardly feel gratified over the general expression of the public sympathy with the striking oper. ators ; yet it is not likely that these managers feel any acute chagrin at the condemnation visited upon them by the public, since they are quite used and hardened to it. There is probably no more generally disliked corporation in the country. It has well earned the hostile feeling to it by its gross disregard of public sentiment, its arbitrary treatment of the people, its inefficient discharge of the important duty it has assumed towards them, and particularly by its incensant effort to secure a monopoly of the service which it shows constantly its unfitness to perform. A telegraph service to be useful needs to be prompt and certain. That provided by the Western Union company is known to be both dilatory and uncertain. It is not safe to trust a message to it and it is not possible to feel sure that it will be all along been willing to take an appordelivered in advance of the mail. If tionment that gives them twenty two to there was free competition with this twenty eight for their opponents. company it would have to improve its The latter insist on giving them service or lose its business. Its policy only twenty, that is, they offer has been to preserve its business by buying up its competitors. It has thus swelled its capital to many times the cost of its plant, and is still without the facilities which would enable it to perform in a satisfactory way the business which it has been permitted to monopolize. The company is rotten to the core. Its plan of buy. ing off competition is one that cannot last forever. Its stock cannot be swelled to any larger figure without being given additional value. Jay Gould is issue! desperately engaged in a present endea vor to hold its value up until he can get debt is now held in Europe. out ; a plan which is so plainly indicated in his undertaking to pay the dividends on its illegal stock that only the very gullible can be gulled by his device.

It is this overgrown and unpopular concern which is now assailed by its employes. They have suffered from the same cause that has injured the company's customers.

The necessity for paying dividends on a grossly exaggerated stock has required a reduction of operatives' salaries ; and this has been possible because the company monopolized the telegraphing business, and alone offered employment to telegraphers. It is just under these circumstances that a combination among

employes becomes necessary for their protection. If there was any competiprotection. If there was any competi-tion for telegraphers there would be no they will co-operate with the Democrats to shave off his elegant blonde mustache, oecasion for a strike by them to get rather than with Mahone. At their state which was four inches long. Then, the

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cost or expense of doing them, the opinion mid : "We think this question admits of but one answer. The entrase has in law no validity. The duties imposed must be discharged at whatever cost. They cannot be laid down or

abandoned or suspended without the legally expressed consent of the state. The trusts are active, potential, and imperative, and must be executed until lawfully surrendered ; otherwise a public highway of great utility is closed or obstructed without any process recognized by law."

In all the estimates which have been made of a fair apportionment in this state, based upon the relative strength of the two great political parties, the presidential vote of 1880 has been the basis of calculation, because it is the fullest and, therefore, deemed the fairest trial of their strength. It is eminently fair to the Republicans, because to concede them the advantage of 37.000 plurality is an extra liberal allowance. Upon this vote, as the Times says, the in Pennsylvania Likely Stewart was not Democrats are entitled to fully twenty- aware of this. three of the state senators ; they have railroad. them, as they say, twenty-two, including the districts of Montgomery and Lackawanna. But both the latter coun-

ties were carried by the Republicans in 1880, and as that is the only vote upon which the apportionment estimates are being calculated, the wiring in and wiring out of the Republicans is only an illustration of their determination to make no apportionment unless they can hundred dollar clerkships. get a dishonest, unjust and untrue one. To the people and the polls with the

Nor over 20 per cent of our national

KANSAS has passed the million popula tion post, grashopper devastations notwithstanding.

THE "extra session " of the presen Legislature has not cost the state nearly as much as the Republican deadlock over the election of a United States senator in As for me, I like them both best in the

THE telegraph operators are still out ten thousand cigar makers were locked out in New York yesterday ; two thous and Bessemer steel operatives went out according to programme Judge Waite at Chicago, and the New York dress and will return to Fort Snelling. cloak makers struck yesterday.

THE straightout Virginia Republicans are a live party ; Blaine backs them, and wages. The matter would regu- committee meeting yesterday they de guards report, he shed tears. REV. DR. J. W. WOOD has tender clared themselves Republicans on principle late itself, just as other wages are reguand condemned the Arthur administration for "throwing its influence against Re publican candidates in Virginia at the for nineteen years, and his congregation instance of the 'bosses' of the Readjuster 18 large and flourishing. It is understood tained this power by combining with party in removing from office Republicans who have always been active in support of their party, and placing in their positions men who, fighting under false colors, re fuse to acknowledge themselves to be Re publicans."

FRATURES OF THE STATE PRESS. Looking at the funny side of it, to the Pitteburgh Telegraph Mr. Wharton Bar per mems to be the " Toots of politics." The Scranton Republican depresates the howl against the jury system whenever a

verdict is rendered contrary to the current of popular passion. The Philadelphia Chronicle Herald load ly calls for an investigation of the alleged bartering away of a seat on the supreme bench in return for Jay Gould's contribution to the Republican campaign fund. The Pittsburgh Post has the highest assurance that under no circumstances will

Tilden permit his name to come before the national convention in connection with the presidency. The Philadelphia Ledger declares that the Republican state Senate by another day of factious and obstructive proceed

ings, has put itself still further in the wrong in the apportionment contest. The Carlisle Herald, Rep., thinks Gov. Pattison owes his present position more to John Stewart than to any one individual

PERSONAL.

W. P. BRINTON, esq., is at Ocean Beach A. J. CASSAT is said to be slated for the presidency of the Denver & Rio Grande

COLONEL M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, of the Public Ledger, will start on a European tour on Wednesday next on the steamship Zeeland

DORSEY is challenged by Garfield's friends to produce the proof that he was ever offered a cabinet place. Probably this is what Dorsey has been waiting for. SECRETARY TELLER, it is reported, will make an effort to have waived so much of the civil service act as requires examination of women who are applicants for nine

SIR CHARLES MICHAEL WOLSELEY. baronet, was married yesterday in the procathedral, at Kensington, to Miss Anita Theresa Murphy, daughter of Mr. D. T. Murphy, of San Francisco, Cal.

TOM THUMB was buried yesterday, and to protect his body from resurrectionists, before the grave was filled, there was low ered upon the casket, by a derrick, a slab

of granite of many tons weight. THOMAS HARDY, in his novel, " But Yet a Woman," says : " Nature is like a woman. In the morning she is fresh from her bath, at noon she is in her working dress, and at night she wears her jewels.

morning." CHIEF JUSTICE WAITE was thrown from his horse while going from Livingston M. T., to Yellowstone. He received pain ful but nct serious injuries, which will prevent his proceeding with the party

MAJOR WASSON, sent to the Leavenworth miiltary jail to serve 18 months for embezzlement of money belonging to the United States pay roll, bore up bravely

THE TELEGRAPH STRIKE. TROUBARDS OF OFFEATURS 90 OUT.

mbers of the Electric Bro Leave their Keys is all Farts of the United States and Canada,

The orders of the brotherhood to the telegraph operators to strike Thursday were pretty generally obeyed, especially in the large cities. Wherever the signal was given most of the operators at once left the operating rooms. In many cities preparations had been made for the strike the Indianapolis district, embracing Inparations had been made for the strike plan generally followed was to close up the shows all points, except three or four, sub-offices and call in to the main offices with full forces. F. H. Tubbs, superinsub-offices and call in to the main offices all the managers of the branches, thus securing small forces to transact pressing business. By these methods a few instruments are kept going almost every-

The news comes from Boston that when the signal was given in the Western Union office all but two male and four women operators went out. Yesterday afternoon the working force comprised

about thirty operators, including officials, clerks, office boys who had been impressed into the service and the two men who re-

mained at their desks. Four wires are working between New York and Boston, and Boston is doing some business with New England wires. At Portland, Maine, the wires are left with the superintendent and managers. There is no strike in Providence, R. I., among Western Union operators, but the American

Rapid are out. At New Haven, Conn., the main office is running, but the branchs are closed. At Springfield, Mass., the Western Union manager and his brother

are the only operators working. No strike mong telegraphers on the railroads running out of Boston is reported. At 11:30 o'clock in Cincinnati the local

chief of the Western Union gave the signal of three raps on his desk. The signal was obeyed by all the members of the brotherhood rising and going out. At the main office of the Baltimore & Ohio com. pany every operator went out and business was wholly suspended. The same thing happened at the main office of the Mutual Union company, On 'change no messages were received or sent by either of the

three companies having offices there. At the Western Union office a guard was immediately placed to prevent outsiders from

entering the operating room. All the operators about the office were sent to duty up stairs. Notice had previously been given to all operators not members of the rotherhood to come in in case of a strike. A number of responses have been made already, and a force of over thirty operators is now on hand. Superintendent district seriously crippled ; that but one operator struck at Columbus, while Dayon, Springfield and other points have a

full working force. The strike at Pittsburgh was inaugurated at 11.47. At that hour at a given signal every member of the brotherhood quit work, and coming out of the several

headquarters, where a meeting was held. A canvass of the offices a few minutes A canvass of the onces a rew minutes were out of work. It would be impossible later found fifteen men at work in the Western Union, three in the Baltimore & thoroughly acquainted with the work, to Ohio, one in the American Rapid and none do it satisfactorily, and especially in the in the Mutual Union. The number of men matter of press dispatches, where great who came out is as follows : Western Union, 67; American Rapid, 16; Balti-English operators, he said, were in symmore & Ohio, 7; Mutual Union, 4. The pathy with the movement and informed

ing every circuit ; sixty-nine operators, the full day force on duty. Cleveland-Pennsylvania, and the East Tennes elephone company.

A good working force on duty. Also at Detroit and Toledo and more men are coming in. Minespolis - All circuits manned. Omaha-Will have nearly a full THE SITUATION IN PHILADELPHIA. ident Zeublin Ropetul of Bart In Philadelphia Superintendent Zeuhlin had closed all the Western Union branel

that, including the "extras,"

force at the principal points by to morrow morning. San Francisco—Of the fall reg-ular force of 29 operators 16 joined the offices except the one at Third and Chest strikers. All vacancies will be filled tonut streets, and called in all the operators night. At St. Joseph, Mo., the full force has returned to work. Des Moines, Iowa who stood by the company. By this means he had gathered at the main offices during There is only one striker. A report from the day, including men from the business department who could work a wire, thirty-three operators, including himself, Mr. Jones, his manager, and the chiefs. He also telegraphed to the country offices near tendent of the Chicago district, reports by to send up assistance, and received from that eighty good operators went to work immediately after the strike and business these sources a few more operators. He said that he had at work in the afternoon was practically clear at three, o'clock. thirty-one operators, as against seventy, Reports from the Chicago district, em-bracing most of Illinois, Wisconsin, Min the usual complement, and last night five as against the usual complement of thirnesota, lows and Dakota, show nearly full teen. Mr. Laverty, however, says that this is to say the least, a disingenuous forces at most points and business gener ally clear. statement. He says that the usual day force at the main office is eighty-five, and

ALD FOR THE STRIKERS.

Good Supply of Funds-Help from Outsi

service and the five at night-making All the members of the executive con mittee of the brotherhood, except Mr. John Campbell, have left New York for thirty-six in all-is the entire force in Philadelphia at Mr. Zeublin's disposal, in their homes. He will remain to answer comparison with 145, the usual number he any communications. He said that incould command. structions were sent out by the committee

Mr. Zueblin says that he will be able to to the men all over the country and in handle the business of the office effectively Canada that unless a countermanding and satisfactorily. He said that all the order was given meanwhile there should business received yesterday had been be a general suspension of business at gotten off in good time and all important Washington time. At 9:30 a last nessages to the office well handled. noon, men who have gone out," said he, "I am bound to say, have acted like gentlemen. appeal was sent to General Eckert, in hope that at the last moment he might They left no unfinished work behind accede to the demands of the operators, but as no reply was reexcept that which would at any time at ceived it was decided to let matthe noon hour accumulate. They stopped in the midst of what they had in hand, but tions were not countermanded, and at we have no complaints to make on that noon the operators in two hundred cities score." in the United States and Canada struck. Mr. Zueblin stated that in his opinion The operators of the Western Union there are 14,000 commercial operators in

Mutual Union, American Rapid, Baltithis country and Canada, and that 60 per more & Ohio. Great Northwestern, of cant., or 8,400, have gone out on the strike. He expects that many of the men Canada, and Mutual Union, of Canada, joined in the strike, and the linemen of the who are now out will come back again to telegraph, telephone and electric light companies. The brotherhood numbers day, and others later. The Strikers will be Taken Back-

about 7,000 men and 1,000 women. Mr. Campbell stated that the strikers are plentifully supplied with funds. As the brotherhood has a large striking fund and is also an assembly of the Knights of Labor, application was made several days ago to the central committee of that organization for aid, which was promised them. Communications had also been received from several of the largest labor unions in Miller says this is the only office in his the country, including the Amalgamated district seriously crippled : that but one order of iron and steel workers of Penntrouble. I have no doubt of the success sylvania, offering substantial assistance in case it should be needed. Mr. Campbell and we are essential to them. We canno thought that many of the operators would succeed in getting situations.

In regard to the prospect of the com-pany securing new hands, he stated that brotherhood men." their only resource would be in employing offices formed a procession and marched to a few third-rate operators from the counthe reporter asked. try and that no good men were left who were out of work. It would be impossible care and accuracy were required. The

we have closed a number of small offices, and no messages are sent to or received from the places where the railroad opera-tor is our only agent. Thus such places saying that he did not have time to spend a

DROWNED IN THE SURF.

Two Little Boys Lote Their Lives at Atlantic

tragedy of the season resulted about half

past nine o'clock Thursday morning in the deaths of Josie Patton, of that city, and Johnnie White, of Philadelphia. The

day was fine, the water warm and no

clouds on the horizon betokened any at

At Atlantic City the first drowning

BASEBALL.

THE LOCAL EXUITEMENT CONTINUES

The Investor Companies in State good and Sh

Everybody in town seems to have caught the baseball fever and the formation of nines, more or less, agitates stores, shops and households. No day passes without its games and the reports from all over the country are watched and waited for with absorbing interest. The second game be-tween the "Shoddies" and "Calicoss" -the former employes of Myers & Rath-von and the latter clerks from the New York store-was played on the college grounds last evening. The game was begun on Wednesday evening, when three innings were played, and the score then stood 15 to 8 in favor of the "Calicoes." Last evening, with stern determination depicted upon every face and dainty forms willing to stand the din and clash of the baseball field, the game was resumed, with the "Calicoes" at the bat. Five runs the usual were earned, with no notable occurrences night force twenty-one. Mr. Laverty also says that the thirty one operators on day except some artistic running and magnificent movements to keep out of the way of the ball. The game progressed then through two more innings, with the score standing 18 to 11 in favor of the "Calicoes"-which with the runs made the "Calleoes," favor. There was a great deal of fun during the game, which Cox of the "Shoddies" enhanced by a furious run after a ball thrown to him to first base and then sliding on to the plate with terri-ble disregard of his parlor clothes, but The putting the runner out before he rose to his feet covered with glory and mud. The wondrous strikes of S. Lichty generally brought him and his dainty little white hat near the bases, but he never appeared to get quite near enough, while Wilson of the "Calicoes" is order to court the good graces of fortune developed the extravagant habit of carefully dusting the home late with his cambric handkerchief before he proceeded to business. Another affort will be made to score the other three innings, to end the game, next week.

Fat and Lean Nines.

Yesterday afternoon on the Ironsides grounds a match game of ball was played When asked whether the strikers would between two nines, which were advertised by taken back by the company when tired to be composed of the fat and lean memof staying out, Mr. Zeublin said : "Oh bers of the Lancaster Mauanerchor. There yes; we will be glad to welcome themwere a number of fat men on the former that is, most of them. Some few may find nine, but there were also some very small their places tilled but the bulk of them ones, and the lean team was not composed will be put back on the keys when the of small men entirely, nor did the mon all strike is over. We expect them to come belong to the Mænnerchor. The game was full of fun, but as an exhibition of back. We do not blame the men so much as we do those who have led them into the baseball was very tiresome. Some of the men showed considerable skill at the bat, of the company in the end; but the as well as in the field, while there are others operators who are out are essential to us, who probably never saw a baseball except in a store window. The pitching was very use the local operators who remain, because slow and for this reason a great many of the balls were hit. The fat men seemed to if we gave them commercial business they would get out also, for they are all have the advantage at the bat and did heavy hitting. The fielding of both was " Have any of the strikers come back ?" fearful. It was but little trouble for a batter to make a home run, even if the ball " Only one, and he came back upon the did not go far, for the odds were so even advice of his uncle ; but the game is too young yet. You will see in a few days. that none of the basemen would hold a ball and the runger would not be inter-In order to put ourselves in good shape fered with. In the first inning the fat men made 14 runs and lean men 13. Before the next inning was over the umpire deserted.

as Elkton, Md., cannot be reached by our week on a baseball ground. A new one was We have concentrated selected and the pounding of balls and our business as much as possible, and in a turning of somersaults over them was con-few days, when we get fairly on our feet, tinued until five innings had been played when the score stood 34 to 35 ir favor of the fat men. During the game both nines were greatly changed, as many of the players became tired and hungry and desired to return to town. As they had sired to return to town. As they had signed no papers they were quickly re-leased and allowed to come home. Their places were usually filled with equally fine players.

lated in the open market for them-There is no market for the telegraphic services ; one company fixes the price and pays it : and that company has ob competing companies as they arise and swallowing them up. A corporation animated by such a policy, of course, cannot complain that its employes take a lesson from its operations and do a little combining on their own hook to raise the price of their services. The course was so manifestly forced upon them that they have the entire approval of the public in undertaking it. It is a a clear case of the biter bit.

The Western Union company proposes to have the public help it out of its diffi culty by submitting to an indefinite de privation of telegraphic facilities. Pres ilent Eckert, who we are sorry to be lieve to be a Pennsylvanian, has the impudence to announce that messages will be received by the company "sub ject to delay and to mailing en route if necessary." Mr. Eckert has been so long away from the free air of Pennsylvania and so long associated with the men who have made the Western Union com pany infamous, that he has entirely lost found time to moralize, with the generous his reckoning as to the rights of the public. There are some things this company cannot do. It has found that it cannot water its stock ad libitum.and it will find out that it cannot send its messages by mail; and further, that it is incumbent on it to forward them by wire with reasonable dispatch. It is a duty which it has assumed and which it must discharge unless excused by the act of God. It cannot be excused by its inability to hire telegraphers on its own terms. The public cannot be dragged at its chario! wheel while it drives them over its em ployes. The courts in New York lately decided that a railroad company was not excused by a strike among its freight handlers for its delay in forwarding freight. No other decision was pos sible. The duty of the common carrier is to forward the goods entrusted to him safely and promptly. It is a duty he cannot decline. He must take the goods offered him and he must carry them to their destination with ordinary speed and care.

The like logic of the law controls the telegraph company. It must discharge the public service it assumes if it can possibly be done ; and it must pay the Tilden is not and will not be a candidate, damage suffered by its failure to do its and is personally in favor of W.S. Holduty. In the railroad case in New York, man, of Indiana, for president ; Arthur Judge Davis in delivering the opinion of might be able to carry a united delegation the supreme court in January last thus from New York ; Cornell would like to, clearly stated the case and the conclu- but cannot, and Folger cannot. The sion, and the pointed logic of the argument is unanswerable : " According to

right to take their ground in respect to convention, to be held at Saratoga ; Tilfice 4 remained. Five more have been trouble Atlantic, International Ocean, Missouri the price to be paid, and adhere to it if den would take a nomination if he could The adjourned hearing by the Maryland secured and more are expected. Only one river, Marine & Inland, Atlantic & Pacific, the price to be paid, and adhere to it if they choose, but if the consequences of doing so ware an inability to exercise doing so ware an inability to exercise doing so were an inability to exercise man in the Democratio- convention ; more and Ohio railroad con ators at Chattapooga, 470 the Susquehanna river at Port Deposit Tenn., struck. Of the 42 operators emarican Union. New current or undertow, and no reason can their corporate franchises to the great Arthur seems to haven walk over. York : Wabash Railway, American Union, be assigned for the drowning that I know in the bed surrounded with flames. took place yesterday, at the railroad com ployed by the Western Union company in of Missouri ; American Union, New Jer pany's office in Baltimore. A number of New Orleans 37 struck. The company sey ; Baltimore & Ohio, American Union, of, except the strangulation and fright of scream from the mother brought injury of the public, they cannot be Feli from a Housetop the boys on being suddenly carried out Mr. Kepler to the rescue. beyond their depth by a breaker." heard to assert that such consequences business men, mostly from Port Depo-it has obtained 5 other operators, enabling At Middleport N. Y. Gilbert J. Hine. Baltimore ; Deer Lodge, American Union, Pennsylvania ; American Union, Indiana ; beyond their depth by a breaker." The bath-house keeper, in front of whose place the boyshad been playing, said: succeeded in extinguishing the firmes and tore must be shouldered and borne by an in opposed the building of the bridge accorda leading citizen, aged seventy was pick it to handle the press reports, cotton and opposed the building of the bridge accord-ing to the company's plan, which provides for a structure 80 feet above high water, without a draw. They insisted that, in order not to interfere with navigation, it should be 130 feet above high water, and bave a draw. A decision is expected at Annapolis on Thurming ment. nocent public who neither directly nor ing cherries from his housetop when he indirectly participated in their causes " lost his balance and pitched bead first "I saw them get their feet wet, and then they seemed to conclude that it would later it is more than probable that loss of Upon the question whether railroad twenty-five feet to the ground, crushing in corporations can refuse or neglect to his head and breaking his arms. Death do no more harm to get wet all over. So they waded out farther, and I saw a wave break all over them. Then I saw them no more." perform their public duties upon a con- was one of the most enterprising residents scoveray with their employes over the of the place.

week. THIS is the admission of the Philadel phia Times :

There was no time during the regular session of the Legislature that the Demo crats could not have secured from the Republicans twenty out of the fifty senatorial districts ; but the obvious injustice of such a division, when the Democratic vote and population clearly entitled them to twenty three senatorial districts, conced ing the Republicans all the fractions, justified the Domocrats in rejecting the proposal. They can elect fully twenty senators all the time under the present Republican gerrymauder of the senatorial districts, when the Democratic party doesn't defeat itself, and it would have bee madness for them to assent to such a bill when they have the governor and popular branch of the Legislature.

BETWEEN games our baseball editor has aid of the muses, upon the tendencies of the times as follows :

Now is the summer of our discontent. Made glorious by the season of the bat; And all the clouds that lowr'd upon our land Are quite dispelled by the broad diamond's Now are youths' brows bound with victoriou wreaths, a supplemented spiendo's f.om sprain With supple joints

And bruised limbs and oves bunged out for Now grim-visag'd plagues are all torgot, For glareful in their gaudy uniforms With rainbow cap and muzzled phiz, The bold boys step upon the field and yow To do or die. Quick from his tallow candle Pants and are class dealt the delater data

Pants and eye giass droll the dainty dude Flings wide hts little self and hurries To the front; the flashful eark behind the bu Forgets the cooling draughts and tinking glass, And horis the unyielding ball. Forscoth, if things keep thus, the very church Which holds the gown clad man, will close, And meek-eyed preachers run the diamond

while men will use a vivisected ball for fool And for a dessert gulp the herculean bat.

THE New York Herald publishes inter views with Charles A. Dana, of the Sun Whitelaw Reid, of the Tribune, and Hugh Hastings, of the Commercial Advertuser, having reference to presidential candidates in the matter, and the company operating and conventions Mr. Dana favors Saratoga as the place for holding the Democratic convention, and late August or early September for the time : he is sure Mr. only issue, he believes, will be to put the Republicans out, they fight- ber is at work," About 100 men have

over 30 operators in the Western Union the Osean, American Cable, Southern &

verbally, his resignation as pastor of the first Presbyterian church of Allentown, to take effect in October. He has been pastor that the trustees have accented his resignation, though with regret, for Dr. Wood, who is now in his seventieth year, is very popular with his people. Though resignng, he does not propose to cease work in the ministry, but will not engage in it so actively. It is understood that he will be married to Miss Maria Woodring next

TRAGEDY IN EXADING.

Suicide of Daniel S Francis, Formerly Pro prietor of the "Spirit of Berks." Daniel S. Francis, one of the bes known citizens of Reading, committed

suicide yesterday by shooting himself through the head. He left home shortly bofore 7 o'clock, it was supposed, for dinner, and his brother Samuel went out into the stable to look after his horse. He found Daniel stretched out at full length in the gangway, a pistol in his right hand. He had been dead about an hour, passers by having heard a pistol report at about 11 o'clock. Mr. Francis occupied an elegant mansion on the Mineral Spring road, one of the fashionable thoroughfares of the city. He was warden of the county prison for three years and published the

Spirit of Berks nowspaper, daily and weekly, one of the Damocratis organs of the county, for several years. Recently he was in the coal business. His age was 55, and he leaves a wife and three children. Ill health and financial embarrass. ments led him to commit the deed.

The Buffalo Empgerfest.

The Sængerfest in Buffalo closed yesterd sy with a grand parade of the societies in the morning, and an out door festival in the evening. About 8,000 persons attended the festival. During the Sængerfest the receipts from the sales of seats were \$17,850, and the expenses for singers, and hotel and railroad expenditures amounted to \$22,145. It is hoped that not more than 25 per cent of the guarantee fund will be called for to meet a deficiency.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Events Near and Across the County Lines Cholera infantum is prevalent in Read-The body of William Boyd, which was

buried at Phœnixville soveral years ago, was disinterred on Wednesday and found to have petrified. A jury appointed to view the DeKalb

street bridge, at Norristown, with a view to having it made free, is in session at Norristown. The greatest interest is taken it will make a strong fight to have it continued as a toll bridge.

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John Carter, colored, of Steelton, at tacked two men of his own race, whom he found making love to Mrs. Armstrong, his boarding house mistress, and upon whom he had been lavishing his affections.

The steel mill and two of the furnaces of the Bethlehem iron company, at Bethlehem, Penn., were put in operation yes-terday with a reduced force of men, "which will be increased daily until the full num-

A Deal

Western Union and Baltimore & Ohio are the brotherhood that none of them receiving messages, but the Mutual Union come to this country as reported. and American Rapid refuse everything.

Nine of the day force of the Western Union main office at Washington worked through the day, and it is understood that five of these have promised to return to work. Nearly all, if not all, of the city branch offices were closed. Three members of the regular night force, besides

Night Manager Young, reported for duty at night, and the manager has other assistance, but what it is cannot be ascertained. At the American Rapid office the manager and one operator remain on duty and six men have struck.

In Baltimore the strike was pretty general. In the Western Union main office

only the officials were left after the signal had been given, but a couple of hours later twelve operators had been secured and the manager thought he could call in others. Eight operators only remained at the Baltimore & Ohio office. It was announced that the offices along the line of the road would be kept open. Commercial busi-ness was refused. The strike extended to was immediately suspended and as the men walked from the instruments of the Western Union and the Baltimore & Ohio there was open manifestion of sympathy from members of the exchange. Only a few women operetors are left in the American Rapid offices.

Fifty four of the seventy-five of the day operators in the Western Union office in any or all of these telegraph lines, not on It. Louis quit work at noon, quietly left the basis of their watered stock, but after the building and marched in procession to an appraisement by five competent, disin their headquarters. There was no mani- terested persons, two of whom are to be festation of feeling on their part as they selected by the postmaster general, two filed out, but several of the older employes evidently left with much regret. Of those four so previously selected.

who left about one half were women and There is one clause of the act which girls. Those who did not strike sat quietly might prove to be a serious one to all tele at their instruments and in ten minutes graph companies, and as to which the the flurry was over and the office was companies could not plead a strike in ex cuse. The law provides that whenever again ready for business. The force now numbers 50 and business moves with any company which has accepted the reasonable celerity to all the chief cities terms of this act by filing a written ac ceptance "shall, by its agents or emexcept New Orleans. In Chicago promptly at 11 o'clock the ployes, refuse or neglect to transmit any

keys were closed and half sent messages such telegraphic communications (meanwere left uncompleted. When the operaling government messages, to which ting room had been cleared it was found priority must be given, and all signal that forty operators were still at their service messages from the northern lakes desks, including twenty one chief opera- and seaboard), such telegraph company tors and officials. The working force at 5 shall be liable to a penalty of not less than o'clock had enlarged to 90 men. The \$100 and not more than \$1,000 for each superintendent was confident that the such refusal or neglect." The government company had already carried its point and and the poople whom it represents have that the strikers would be discomfitted. great interest in the weather reports and He had received advises from St. Louis, signals. If the operators by their strikes shall prevent the transmission of these Omaha, Cincinnati, Iudianapolis, Cleve-

Minneapolis and San Francisco messages, it will be seen that the com which intimated a similar condition of panies are clearly liable, for the act has affairs, stating that the main distribution expressly taken into consideration the noints can handle the business without possibility that the neglect or refusal to send such messages might be caused by material delay The additions to the working force come mainly from outlaying the acts of the agents or employes. country towns. The Baltimore and Ohio For the last fiscal year fifty-five tele-

company was badly crippled by desertions | graph companies in the United States had from its office and made no attempt to accepted the provisions of this act and filed their acceptances at the postoffice transact business. At Milwaukee sixty department. They embrace practically operators struck, leaving Manager Welles and four chiefs in charge. All but five of all the companies of the United States, the Carter was so badly cut with razors that the Cleveland operators went out, but most of the leading ones of which, hav-he will die. Two thirds ing taken advantage of the provisions as to

their places are being filled. Two thirds ing taken advantage of the provisions as to of the Western Union men in Indianapolis the use of the public duration are subject struck. Eighteen men are now on duty. to the penalties for the non-transmission The larger offices in Indiana have lost of government messages. The following about half their men, except at Logans-port, Lafayette and Richmond, where are the names of the companies to which these provisions are applicable : The

The strike also extends through the South. At Augusta 14 Western Union men struck, leaving 5 at work. At Louis-

office at present.

ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT. will be in a position to give the boys who Conditions of the Telegraph Law of 1866-How Franchises May be Forfeited. A telegram from Washington calls at are out as much rope as possible."

tention to the fact that the postmaster general may have something to say about the great strike of the telegraphers. It seems that the United States govern

ment, and probably every telegraph com pany in this country, have substantially recognized this principle in accepting the conditions of the telegraph law of 1866. That law is capable of broader construc

tion, possibly, than the telegraph companies themselves understand. By the acmospheric disturbance or violence of cur rents. The two boys wandered down to ceptance of its terms it has become a conthe beach from the home of Mr. Patton, tract between the government and the and for a long while no alarm was felt at telegraph companies. The provisions of their absence the national law governing telegraph com panies are briefly these : All telegraph com-Mr. Samuel White, the father of Johnnie White, lives at the corner of Blair and panies which filed their acceptance of the act of July 24, 1869, and the amendments thereto, are entitled to the use of the Patton, proprietor of the Patton House, at public domian for the construction and No. 10 Arkansas Avenue, City, they the corn and flour exchange. Business maintenance of their lines, and of materhaving married sisters. The two cousins, ials from the public lands, but these the White boy, only 7 years old, and the rights are not transferable. In return for Patton boy, about 8, strolled through the these concessions the government have the crowds on the board walk and began playright to priority in the transmission of all messages over the lines of any telegraph mile below the Excursion house, in front company to which has been given any of

of bath house No. 13. the rights indicted. The government may Ir. a little while they were seen to go farther down, towards the Fortesque for any purpose in its discretion, purchase other, "Oh, Josie, I got my feet wet; was the last heard from either of the boys. Soon afterwards they were missed from the water's edge, and anxious inquiries

were made of the volunteer life guard, Captain Clark, whose tent is in that vicinty' Soon afterwards a young man, giving his name or William Marley, swam out some little distance from the beach, and, on " letting down " for bottom, touched with his foot a human body. He uttered

a violent shrick and attracted at once a crowd of people already more or less anx. ious about the missing boys. Marley came in in hysterica' excitement, and Captain Clark at once went out to where

he had been swimming. After diving once or twice he brought up and carried to shore the body of Josie Patton. He was warm, but gave no other evidence of life, although experts said that he had not been under the surface more than ten minutes. Returning to the ocean Captain Clark found, not long afterward, the body of Johnny White, floating, but near the bottom. He at once took him ashore, and Drs. Bennett and Riley, who had been hastily summoned, used every known surgical expedient to restore animation to the limp forms which had a short time bafore been the pride of two families. The children were dressed in the clothes they had worn away from home in the morning.

The scene was heartrending as Mr. Patton came running to the water's edge, calling almost unconsciously the name of his boy. Hurrying into Captain Clark's tent, as he saw the pale but lifelike form of his darling child, he became as white as the canyass and chilled into a deathlike silence, with a look of such appalling agony that a number of ladies burst into a hysterical weeping. Mr. Patton looked for one moment at the corpses, said quiet

Notes of the Game.

The Blue Stocking baseball ni e of Mil ersville, will go to Rohrarstown to morrow where they will play a match game of ball with the nine of that place.

The Pottstown Alerts will be here to morrow and the game will be called at 3 o'clock. The Ledger of that place says : In consequence of a severe sprain of his back in the nail mill of the Pottstown iron company, yesterday, Eoos Longaker, the

Otis streets, Kensington, Philadelphia, and is the brother-in law of Mr. Joseph first basemau of the Alerts, will be unable to play at Lancaster, on Saturday." In Harrisburg yesterday the Active club

of Reading, played a game with the Harrisburg team. Instead of a good pitcher the home team placed Burns, a fellow who knows nothing of the position, in the box. He was hammered all over the field and ing ball on the beach about a quarter of a lost the game. Gallagher, the new man who pitched the day before, was no good at the bat and could not hit a ball. Reading battery was Moore and Carrol and the state capital nine could do nothing. house, and one was heard to say to the The score was 6 to 5 and it serves the llar.

risburgers right, for they defeated a far I'm afraid mamma won't like it." This better club than the Actives the day before.

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At Pittsburgh : Allegheny 6, Metropolitan 1; Baltimore : Anthletic 9, Baltimore 10. St. Louis : Cincinnati 7, St. Louis, 13; Buffalo : Philadelphia 5, Buffalo 25; Chi-cago : Boston 4, Chicago 6; Detroit, 14 innings, Providence 4, Detroit 3; Cleveland : New York 4, Cleveland 5; Wilmington : Quicksteps 2, Merritts 1 ; Brooklyn : Trenton 6, Brooklyn 5 ; Easton : Easton 6, Anthracite 18 ; Philadelphia : Hartville 6, Orion 9; August Flower 8, Olympic 3.

The Merrits Club to Dissoive.

It is stated by a number of people intersated in the Meirit baseball club, of Camden, that the organization will dissolve on Saturday night. The nine contains a number of the best players in the country, but, notwithstanding this fact, it has been a losing concern from its meeption. The first break in their lines was made on Wednesday night, when Kimber, the obange pitcher, and Greenwood, the seceman, and captain departed with ond ba the Brooklyn club, after their game in Camden, without giving notice of their purpose. Is addition to these the club nsists of Sweeny, catcher; Emslie, pitcher ; Householder, first base ; Fennelly, econd base ; Warner, third base ; Corcoran, shortstop ; Gardiner, left field, and Keinzel, centre field. One of the board of directors said last night that the club was \$2,000 in arrears, with no hope of the receipts of the club increasing. Sensior Merritt, in honor of whom the club is named, has been the main support of the organization, but lately he has became disgusted with the recklassness of its players.

Almast a Fire

the statement of the case, a body of ing to keep in. Whitelaw Reid favors an been sworn in as special policemen for the there is no strike. There are but few American Submarine, the Mational, the Globe Insulated Lines, International, the Atlantic and Pacific the Franco-American child." Scarcely a pint of water was exly "That is my child," and then, looking A thrilling scene took place at the resiaborers, acting in concert, fixed a price early convention of his party, and believes operators left in Detroit. Thirty one quit dence of Mr. A. C. Kepler a short distance protection of those at work. for their labor, and refused to work for Saratoga to be the best place ; has no de in Kansas City, leaving twenty, nine of north of this city on Wednesday night. Mr. Kepler, his wife and children occupy three adjoining bed rooms. Their beds are provided with canopies to keep away mosquitoes. Mr. Kepler had retired for Yesterday afternoon Philip Staegmayer. Land and Ocean, the Globe, Mississippi Valley, National, Western Union, North whom are women. tracted from either body, and for a long less. The respondents fixed a price for gided preferences as to the candidate ; proprietor of a beer saloon at 2000 Market time hopes of resuscitation urged the street Philadelphia shot and instantly Blaine is out of the field ; Arthur stands killed his wife and then committed the same labor, and refused to pay more. Westein, Great Western, Franklin, Insulattendants to the most strenuous exer In doing this neither did an act violative ated Lines, Pacific and Atlantic, Atlantic very well with the country, while Randall suicide by shooting himself. A small tions, but all in vain. the night and his wife was in the adjoin ville nearly all the operators struck. The | and Pacific states, the Eastern, Delaware When asked about the drowning, Cap. of any law or subjecting either to any at present leads the Democratic candi tain Clark said: "I was just pushing my boat into the water when a gentleman told me he had just stumbled over a body in the surf. I swam out, and found the hadies into the surf of the children. Near the bed was a bureau · on which a lighted hamp was standing. A gust of air through penalty. The respondents had a lawful dates Mr. Hastings believes in an early is supposed to have been the cause of the Baltimore & Ohio office is deserted. Of river, Cape May and Shore, Peninsula,