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TWO SHOCKING TRAGEDIES.

FRED. NIXDORF DISEMBOWELS HIMSELF WITH A BROKEN BOTTLE.

A Man Suffering from Mania-Potu Committed to Jail and Left to Inflict Most Horrible Torture on Himself, Resulting in His Terrible Death.

A terrible case of suicide occurred in the Lancaster county prison last night, when Frederick Nixdorf, a resident of this city, took his life. The man was committed to jail on Monday last by Mayor Rosenmiller, for five days, the charge against him being drunken and disorderly conduct. When admitted to the institution he was found to be suffering from mania-potu, and the doctor treated him for that disease up to the time of his death. At times the man was very violent.

He occupied a cell on the west side of the prison and in the upper tier. Yesterday it was thought best to put some one into the cell with Nixdorf, and Frank King, a muscular looking fellow, who had been committed for fighting was placed there. In the evening Nixdorf became very wild and King, who was greatly frightened, was taken to another cell, according to his wishes. Some medicine was given to Nixdorf and he became quiet. Dr. Rohrer, of the prison, was sent for and he remained with the man until after 10 o'clock. Soon after he left, Nixdorf again became violent and for an hour or more roared like a madman. His yells and screams could be heard all over the prison.

DESPERATE ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE.

About 11:40 p. m. Watchman Barr heard a noise in the cell, and upon looking in saw Nixdorf trying to cut his throat with a spoon. Barr walked away, but had not gone far before he heard a noise like the breaking of a bottle. He at once returned to the cell and found Nixdorf cutting himself across the abdomen with the neck of a broken bottle which he held in his hand. Barr ran for Keeper Burkholder and Watchman Armstrong. When they came back Nixdorf had cut a gash, about eight inches long, across his abdomen, and was pulling out his intestines with his hand. Mr. Burkholder caught hold of him, but Nixdorf seemed very strong and it was as much as the keeper could do to hold his hands. The crazy man was over-powered, and his hands were tied. Dr. Rohrer was sent for and was soon on hand, being quickly followed by Dr. Musser. They at once proceeded to sew up the wound, but Nixdorf lost considerable blood and sank rapidly. He died about five o'clock this morning.

THE INSTRUMENT OF DEATH.

The bottle, from which the dead man secured the fatal weapon, was kept behind the water closet. It is of a quart size and shaped like those used for bottled whiskey. It was used for coal oil, and for some reason a like one is kept in each cell. After the bottle had been broken a long, sharp point, with an edge like a knife, was left attached to the heavy neck. With such a weapon as this it was an easy matter for the desperate man to inflict this kind of a wound upon himself.

THE DEAD MAN'S HISTORY.

Deceased was a son of the late Joseph Nixdorf and was about 36 years of age. He was married to Lizzie Conners years ago, and they had six children. His brothers, Harry and John, reside in Altoona and he has two sisters in this city. His aged mother lives at the extreme upper end of North Queen street.

For some months past he has been drinking very hard, and at times seemed to be out of his mind. He became careless in conduct and appearance, looked very wild and his actions were strange. He and his wife separated some time ago, and she took her children to Coatesville, where she now resides.

Nixdorf was committed to the prison at the request of his friends, who thought he would there have an opportunity of sobering up. The mayor says that when he sent him out he showed evidence of hard drinking, but did not have mania potu as yet.

Nixdorf was formerly employed by Frank Mettfett, the oysterman, and after leaving him he began huckstering. Of late he has scarcely been able to do anything on account of his love for drink.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

Coroner Honaman visited the prison this morning, and empanelled a jury consisting of David Warfel, A. S. Edwards, M. V. B. Keller, A. M. Slade, John G. Fehl and Christian Gast. They rendered a verdict of death from suicide, and no one was censured.

KILLED IN A WRECK.

An East Bound Freight Dashes Into a Car Near Paoli With Fatal Results—Train Detention.

This morning at half-past four o'clock as some freight cars were being backed from a siding, a half-mile west of Paoli, one of the cars jumped the track just in front of an east bound freight train. Several cars of the freight train were wrecked, the engine derailed, and three cars burned. Henry Glutz, the fireman of the freight train, was killed. He was a resident of Columbia, about 25 years of age, had been on the road for about a year and a half, and leaves a wife and one child surviving him in Columbia. The engineer, Jacob Shultz, an old railroad man, also of Columbia, was badly scalded and otherwise injured. He also has a family in Columbia. John Keech the conductor of the train, likewise a resident of Columbia, was also injured, but not seriously.

The News express, due in this city at 6:27 a. m., did not reach here until 11 o'clock. All the morning trains from the east were also considerably delayed.

Later news from the wreck is that the burned cars were loaded with miscellaneous freight consigned to Steinman & Co., John Best, J. R. Royer, Watt, Shand & Co., and other well-known Lancaster merchants. Several other loaded cars were broken, and the freight strewn on the track. The engine was thrown upon its side and badly damaged.

THE NEWS IN COLUMBIA.

COLUMBIA, March, 19.—The news that Henry Glutz, of Columbia, an extra fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad, had met his death in a wreck at Paoli, has cast a gloom over those with whom the young man was acquainted, and they are numerous. Deceased resided on Manor street, and is aged about 25 years. He is married and has one child, a boy. A member of Chiquesalunga tribe, No. 39, I. O. R. M., he leaves his fellow Red Men to mourn the loss of him to whom they were greatly attached. A general favorite among railroaders, and with Susquehanna rolling mill, where he was employed previous to going on the road, his sad and horrible ending is regretted by all. His remains will be interred in Columbia, but on what day has not yet been decided.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

A Flagman and a Fireman Killed in a Wreck on the Eastern Slope of the Allegheny Mountains.

ALTOONA, Pa., Mar. 19.—A serious freight accident occurred early this morning on the Pennsylvania railroad near Allegrippus on the eastern slope of the Allegheny mountains. An east bound freight train broke in two and the forward portion of it hurrying forward to prevent contact with the rear portion collided with another train in front. Many cars were wrecked and the flagman on the rear train, J. Michaels, was killed, Fireman Burgan had his head and face badly cut and his wrist fractured, and Conductor Hatch and Engineer Fox were severely injured. A large wrecking force was immediately dispatched to the scene and the tracks have been cleared.

Explosion of an Oil Tank.

A large tank at the oil works of Zone & Fleming, on Newton Creek, near New York, exploded with a terrific report Wednesday evening. Fifteen thousand barrels of oil were destroyed. The loss is estimated at $20,000.

Destructive Fire in Huntingdon County.

The machine shop and foundry of Benjamin Summers, at Petersburg, Huntingdon county, was destroyed by fire last Wednesday night. Loss, $5,000; insurance, $2,700.

THE SCHEME OF BARRIOS.

And How It Was Effectually Squelched in the United States Senate.

In the executive session of the Senate, on Wednesday, the injunction of the secretary was removed from the following resolution, introduced by Mr. Edmunds last Friday and agreed to by the Senate on Monday:

"WHEREAS, The Senate of the United States has learned that the government of the republic of Guatemala has set on foot, or threatens to set on foot, an invasion of the territories of the republics of Nicaragua, Costa Rica and San Salvador, with the professed object of consolidating into one government the republics of Central America by force of arms, and against the wishes of the several republics concerned; and

"WHEREAS, There is pending between the United States and the republic of Nicaragua a treaty providing for the construction of an inter-oceanic canal across the continent and in the republic of Nicaragua, for the benefit of all the Central American Republics, as well as the United States, which treaty, it is understood, the republic of Nicaragua has ratified; therefore be it

Resolved, As the judgment of the Senate, that in view of the special and important interests of the United States in conjunction with those of the republics of Nicaragua and Costa Rica in the inter-oceanic transit across the continent in progress of adjustment, that any invasion of the territories of Nicaragua or Costa Rica by the forces of Guatemala under the circumstances, and with the purposes before stated, is regarded by the Senate and ought to be treated by the United States as an act of unfriendly and hostile interference with the rights of the United States and of the republics of Nicaragua and Costa Rica in respect to said matter.

A copy of the resolution was transmitted to the president.

SOMETHING OF MALCOLM HAY.

Who Has Been Appointed First Assistant Postmaster General.

From the Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

Mr. Hay has the reputation of being one of the foremost lawyers in Pittsburg. He was born in Philadelphia. He studied law under Chief Justice Beasle, of New Jersey, and afterwards came to Pittsburg, where he has practiced law successfully for the past 20 years. He will be remembered as taking a prominent part as a member of the constitutional convention in 1873, and he used his influence to have the new constitution adopted. He has never held any official position, although frequently urged to run for office by his friends. The only office for which he has ever been a candidate was that of prothonotary, about twelve years ago, being defeated, the county being largely Republican. In 1874, he was unanimously offered the nomination of lieutenant governor, and two years ago the nomination for supreme judge, both of which he declined. He has been an active churchman, holding prominent positions of trust in the Episcopal church in the Pittsburg diocese.

Mr. Hay has been in ill health for a long time. Last winter he was confined to his bed. Within the last couple of months he has been decidedly improving, and is now able to move around again, though as yet he is not devoting his time to the practice of law. His friends state that there is no doubt but that within a few more weeks he will be fully restored to health again.

A gentleman intimately acquainted with Mr. Hay was asked whether he thought the appointment would be accepted. He declined to express an opinion, though his manner indicated that it would be accepted. He was very emphatic in the assertion that Mr. Hay was almost restored to health again. The impression among the gentlemen's more intimate acquaintances is that Mr. Hay's health will admit of his assuming the duties in connection with the assistant postmaster generalship.

SULLIVAN-M'CAFFREY MATCH.

Final Arrangements for the Event Completed. The Articles of Agreement.

The final arrangements for the great four-round scientific glove contest between John L. Sullivan and Dominick F. McCaffrey were completed yesterday, and the articles of agreement signed by both men. The date of the meeting was fixed for the evening of Thursday, April 2, instead of Monday, March 30, as originally intended. Sullivan wished a still further postponement, but compromised on that date. The match will take place at Industrial hall, Philadelphia. A platform, 30 feet square and 5 feet above the level of the floor, will be erected in the centre of the hall, and on this a 24-foot ring will be pitched. The 3-foot platform outside the ring will afford standing room for the seconds, timekeepers and referee, and prevent such a damaging fall as Sullivan gave Charley Mitchell in New York when he pushed him through the ropes and off the stage.

Sullivan is in high flesh, and weighs about 220 pounds. He will train at Renz park, under Patsy Sheppard's instructions, and hopes to work off the odd twenty pounds before the night of the match.

McCaffrey, under the guidance of Alf Lunt, his trusty trainer, will get himself into shape at Billy May's, and will scale about 165 pounds on April 2. He expresses great confidence in his ability to beat the big Boston champion, and has won a great many cool-headed sporting men over to his way of thinking.

The prices of admission will be $1, $2, and $3.

THE NEW MEXICO RUMPUS.

Troops Guarding the Jail and Holding the Cowboys in Check.

Information from Springer, New Mexico, reports the troops from Fort Union have taken possession of the jail and are guarding it. Lee and Kimberly, the officers who were there, are now acting with the troops. In addition to Monday's slain John Currie was also shot and died yesterday, making four deaths among the attacking party.

A large number of cowboys came in to reforce the desperadoes' ranks, but the presence of the United States troops held them in check. A rumor is current that a band of men is coming from Dodge City to take a hand but is not confirmed.

Rogers, the leader of the Raton crowd, run Jim Masterson out of that town, and Bob Masterson, his brother, who headed the gamblers of Dodge City in their affair with the authorities about a year ago, is said to be coming with his gang to wreak vengeance on Rogers' party.

Rogers' men have ordered the citizens of Springer to leave town, and more bloody work is expected. Troops will guard the jail, and the opposing forces of desperadoes will be left to settle matters between them.

A Band that is Grateful.

The Marine band bless the day that Cleveland was elected. Had Arthur been nominated and re-elected the members were resolved to resign, as they couldn't stand the pressure. President Arthur has no ear for music, but he ordered up the band to the White House on every occasion of social festivity to add to the scene. This made the life of the musicians a burden, besides interfering with their opportunities for earning extra pay for work done in their leisure. But Cleveland, apparently, has no inclination to call upon them for duty at the White House. The band has not been ordered there since the inauguration, not even to the formal receptions, until Tuesday night, when they were at the White House. Under Arthur's administration they were always present.

The Players That Are Sent to the Saints.

From the Salt Lake Tribune.

The Eastern managers play us instead of their own companies. Something takes in the East, and then a dozen companies of supes are started out as the original company, under the impression that men will not get mad enough to throw away first-class vegetables, even for the pleasure of burying fifteenth-rate human sticks. But some of them take mighty big chances.

Set Up For Themselves.

While Joaquin Miller has been dreaming upon the jetties of the "Great River," oblivious of fatherly duties, his pretty daughter Maud has been falling in love and getting married without waiting for papa's consent and blessing. It was a clandestine affair; took place in Eaglewood, N. J., the "party of the first part" being the eldest son of J. Steele Mackaye, the actor. The brace of erratic playwrights are equally irate, and probably the stage will become the refuge and support of their erring children.

A LIVELY MEETING.

CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION STOCKHOLDERS IN SESSION.

Objections to the Modification of the Lease of the Pullman Company—A Breezy Discussion and a Split—The Lancaster Shareholders Represented.

Quite a number of the Lancaster shareholders of the Central Transportation company attended the meeting of the company held in Association hall, Philadelphia, yesterday morning for the purpose of considering the action of the board of directors modifying the lease with the Pullman Palace Car company. Among those present were George K. Reed, holding a large number of proxies, John Keller, Charles A. Fondersmith, John B. Warfel, W. A. Atlee and others from Lancaster, where about 2,200 shares of the stock are held, some of which was bought as high as $65, on a par value of $50 per share. The company, it will be remembered, was organized some fifteen years ago, and was an inside arrangement of the Pennsylvania railroad company, to run the sleeper and parlor cars over its line. It made a contract with Pullman to lease its franchises to him, on an annual rental of 12 per cent, which enabled it to declare a dividend of that amount and its stock was easily worked off on the public at from $50 to $65 per share. As Pullman's lease was soon to expire—it has now terminated—the management in anticipation of possible changes recently began to reserve 4 per cent. of the dividends and thus accumulated a balance of $650,000 on hand, which with 119 sleeping cars, (estimated to be worth at least $6,000 apiece), constitute the assets of the company.

There are 44,000 shares of the stock outstanding, and it is quoted on the market at about $28.

It seems that a quiet arrangement had been made by the management of the concern to make a new deal with Pullman, by which he was to buy out the company with an exchange of one share of his stock (valued at about $114) for four shares of the Central; or for him to take the $650,000 of cash assets and the 119 cars (which he rates at $3,800 each) and to pay 3 per cent. lease on the stock for which he has formerly paid 12, thus not only cleaning out the present available cash assets of the shareholders, but cutting down their dividends from 12 to 3 per cent.

BREAKING THE SLATE.

When the two hundred stockholders got together yesterday, the slate-makers were surprised to discover that their plans were known and were to be obstructed. They were caught entirely off their guard.

Promptly at eleven o'clock William E. Lockwood, well-known as the obstructor of the Pennsylvania railroad shareholders' annual meetings, arose and nominated T. Walter for chairman of the meeting. The president of the company, John C. Bingham, was on the platform in a moment. Mr. Lockwood put his nomination to the meeting, but it was not carried. The president nodded at a certain shareholder and he arose and nominated Robert Cresswell. Another gentleman shouted out the name of Morris J. Nagle. For a time the utmost disorder reigned. The president seemed desirous of putting the nomination of Mr. Cresswell, but the shareholders boisterously objected. "We want no cut and dried affair," shouted one; "the stockholders are going to run this meeting and not the officers."

After some further discussion arrangements were made for taking a stock vote on the question of a chairman for the meeting, when Gen. Wagner raised the point that it was impossible, as the tellers must first be sworn and the list of stockholders must also be sworn to. A proposition was then made by Dr. Gemmill that a committee of two, to be named by the president, be chosen to select a chairman.

Mr. Lockwood seconded the motion and it was agreed to.

Dr. Gemmill and Joseph D. Wilson were named.

Pending their action a motion was made that Mr. Cresswell be elected chairman by acclamation, and a vote was taken on it. The ayes were very weak and the noes very strong, but for all that the president decided Mr. Cresswell elected, and despite shouts of "No! no!" he took his place at the chairman's table and called for nominations for secretary.

THE MEETING ORGANIZED.

John Stauffer was chosen to act as secretary of the meeting.

Immediately after the organization had been completed Mr. Cresswell said:

"Gentlemen, I have been chairman of the annual meetings of this company for several years, and I came here to-day to act as chairman merely at the request of the president. I have not yet decided whether I shall vote for or against the proposed modification. I now want to say that if there is any objection to me as chairman I will withdraw and refuse to serve."

David McMenamin, who had been a prominent figure in the preliminary proceedings, and had at one time been named for chairman himself, objected, but a howl from the meeting that he should sit down and allow business to proceed quieted him for a time, and Mr. Cresswell retained the chair, General Wagner offered his services to maintain order should the chair deem them necessary.

The call for the meeting was then read, and subsequently, at the request of Thos. J. Lynch, the lease, dated February 17th, 1870, of the Central Transportation company's property to the Pullman company, was also read.

Dr. Gemmill then asked for the reading of the lease to the Pennsylvania railroad company, which expired previous to the making of the lease just read.

The chairman stated that no copy of it was to be had.

HE WANTED NO TRIFLING.

"Then all I have to say is," said Thomas Walter, a stockholder, who spoke with considerable emphasis, "that it shows great dereliction on the part of the officers. We want this meeting conducted on business principles like business men, and we want no trifling from the president, directors or anybody else. We are not here for amusement; when we want amusement we will get other actors."

"We have no copy of that lease," replied the chairman.

"Was there ever a lease?" Mr. Walter asked. "Answer me that."

"No, sir," answered J. F. Cottringer, secretary of the Central Transportation company, "we never had a lease."

"Cottringer subsequently stated that the contract under which the company dealt with the Pennsylvania railroad company prior to 1870 was one which had been transferred to it by the Woodruff company. This was, on motion, read.

General Wagner then wished to have a list read of the sixteen companies with which the company had contracts, referred to in the original lease with Mr. Pullman, which had been read. "When we have that list," he said, "we call call for any one of those contracts we want, and if we don't get them we will know the reason why."

RIGHTS OF THE COMPANY.

A request was made for the opinion of Mr. George W. Biddle and Mr. George Biddle as to the rights of the company under the lease which has been modified, and the meeting voted in favor of the reading. The chair desired to have the modified lease read first, and so decided.

Mr. Lockwood appealed from the decision of the chair.

"The secretary will read the modified lease," ordered Mr. Cresswell.

"Do I understand that the chair refuses to recognize an appeal from his ruling?" asked Mr. Lockwood, with considerable feeling.

"Yes, sir!" was the response from Mr. Cresswell, as he smiled delightedly at his arbitrary action.

In an instant half a dozen gentlemen were on their feet, protesting against such a course.

"I move we adjourn," shouted Mr. Lockwood.

"Second the motion," said some one else.

ADJOURNED AND RECONVENED.

A moment later the meeting had adjourned in disorder, and Chairman Cresswell, President Bingham and Secretary Stauffer had left the platform. Five minutes and the meeting had been reorganized with Thomas Walter as chairman, Mr. Stauffer as secretary, and Mr. Lockwood in possession of the floor. In taking the chair Mr. Walter stated that "he was going to be president of the women as well as the men." He abominated gag law, he said, in politics, religion, and in the Central Transportation company as well.

Mr. Lockwood having the floor he offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of five stockholders to take into consideration the recommendation of the board of directors and report at a subsequent meeting, to be called after giving two weeks' notice. The resolution also provided that the officers of the company should furnish all the information and facilities required.

The resolution was amended that the chairman should appoint the committee, and was then adopted by a unanimous vote.

FAVORED FEMALE SUFFRAGE.

"And it's the first meeting you've ever been in, Mr. Lockwood," said Mr. Walter, "where the vote has been unanimous." This sally provoked considerable laughter, which was renewed when Mr. Walter declared that if the choice of the committee was left to him and he was to go upon it he would, in all probability, choose, four women to serve with him.

"I believe in women voting everywhere—elsewhere, as well as here," he said, "and I want you to know just where I stand on that question."

Dr. Gemmill moved that the committee be directed to report at the annual meeting of the stockholders in order to legalize the present meeting and the action of its committee.

Mr. Lockwood declared that this was not necessary. There could be no doubt about the legality of the proceedings of the stockholders. He objected to reporting at the annual meeting, because, he said, the contract between the Pennsylvania railroad company and Mr. Pullman had not been signed yet and could not be until the shareholders of this company accepted this modification.

Dr. Gemmill, upon this statement, withdrew his resolution.

William A. Atlee esq., then offered a resolution to employ counsel to compel the officers of the company to give the committee the desired information. It was carried.

John C. Bingham, the president of the company, then asked permission to speak, and stated that the company was perfectly willing to give the desired information, that the papers had been left at the office by mistake, and that he was unwilling to allow the company to go into print as refusing to give information at a meeting of stockholders.

The meeting then adjourned.

READING RAILROAD AFFAIRS.

Important Rumors Concerning Its Lease of the New Jersey Central.

Numerous rumors affecting the Reading and Jersey Central railroads prevailed in Philadelphia on Wednesday. One of these, that the Reading company had informed the Jersey Central directors that they could not sustain the lease of the Jersey road, was denied by the directors of the Reading company. They also positively denied that the Jersey Central directors were considering any such proposition at a meeting held by them in the afternoon. They contend that a modification of the lease is all that has been submitted to the Jersey Central company.

Some well informed financial men insisted that this modification proposed considerably lower terms than the propositions named in the Reading's plan of reorganization. The directors of the Reading insisted that such was really not the case.

Later in the afternoon came the news that the first mortgage bondholders of the Jersey Central railroad had applied for a receiver, and still another was that the Reading receivers were preparing to inform the court that they could not provide the interest on the Jersey Central consolidated mortgage, the amounts due on car trusts of that company, or the taxes due the state of New Jersey. Neither of these rumors could be confirmed.

Bold Railroad Burglars.

Two unmasked men about 22 years old, walking into Dispatcher Shannon's office at the depot of the Pittsburg, Cleveland & Toledo railroad, at Youngstown, O., at midnight, Tuesday night, and drawing revolvers demanded him to hold up his hands. They then proceeded to rifle the office, but found all valuables locked in a safe. They then demanded of Shannon to open the safe. He did not know the combination and still covering him with their revolvers they went through his pockets taking $5 in money and a gold watch and chain. The approach of a yard engine frightened the men away. Burglars also entered the depot of the Ashtabula & Pittsburg road, carrying off a valise. They attempted to break into the ticket office but failed. There is no clue to the burglars.

Duped by a Gay Young Woman.

The Reading *Times* narrates that Jonathan Moyer and his son William, living near Robesonia, Berks county, fell in with a gay young woman of Reading on Wednesday, who relieved them of $300 that they had drawn from the bank with which to have a good time. Early this morning both Moyers were lodged in jail in a drunken condition. They are said to be the executors in the estate of the late Samuel Nagle, the sale of whose personal property takes place to-day on the farm near Reinholdsville, this county. The Reading police have sufficient information to warrant the arrest of two parties to-day whom, it is believed, were directly concerned in relieving the Moyers of their $300.

Hayes Gets an Appropriation.

The secretary of the treasury has issued a warrant for $3,950.73 in favor of Mr. R. B. Hayes, being the sum appropriated by Congress to reimburse him for payments made on account of the expenses of the commission appointed to go to Louisiana in April, 1877. Warrants were also issued in the name of Charles H. Reed for $3,000 and in the name of George Scoville for $3,000 for services rendered as counsel for the defense in the case of the United States against Charles J. Guiteau.

Suggesting a Change of Name.

From the Oxford Press.

The name of the village Bird-in-Hand, Lancaster county, should be changed to Birdinhan. The brevity and euphony obtained by dropping the final d and the hyphens which are necessary to compound the sentence forming the name ought to commend the change.

Never Questioned.

From the Sacramento Union.

As the reporters were gathering the names of the ladies at the masquerade last evening, one of the latter entered dressed in an elaborate costume. She was immediately approached by a newspaper fiend, who politely asked: "Your name, please?" "My name is Miss Brown." "What is your character?" "It has never been questioned. Young man, you are a little too fresh."

Killed by a Policeman.

Henry Watson, a policeman in Mt. Sterling, Ky., arrested a boy named Johnson Wednesday. The boy's father demanded his release. Watson drew a revolver and shot and killed Johnson. Johnson's stepson then fired three times at Watson without effect. Watson hurried to the jail, as there was much excitement and threats of lynching.

The President's Birthday.

Wednesday was the 48th anniversary of the birth of the president and most of his callers took occasion to congratulate him, and wish him "many happy returns of the day." A little child, to whom the president had been particularly kind a few days before, sent the president a handsome bouquet of violets with her card, wishing him the compliments of the season.

Preparing Picnic Grounds.

From the Lebanon Times.

The Cornwall railroad company have a large force of men at work clearing away the underbrush and small trees from a tract of land in the Cornwall hills, between Colebrook and Mt. Hope, and will use the place as a picnic resort during the coming summer.

EDUCATIONAL HELPS.

SUCCESSFUL CLOSE OF THE CONESTOGA NIGHT SCHOOL.

The History of An Enterprise that Has Done and Is Doing a World of Good for Young Men and Women in Giving Them a Good Education.

Twelve years ago last November, Mr. S. S. Spencer, superintendent of John Farnum & Co.'s cotton mills, established a night school for the benefit of those employes of the mill who chose to avail themselves of the facilities presented. Mr. Spencer properly concluded that if the boys could be induced to attend school, much good would be accomplished, and to-day a number of young men of this city are indebted to the efficient corps of teachers of the Conestoga night school and the liberality of John Farnum & Co. for all the education they have.

The school is kept in pleasant quarters, in the building formerly known as the office of No. 3 mill, a story having been added for the main school room. The school is run on what is known as the single room plan.

The firm of Farnum & Co. pay all the expenses incident to the school, including the furnishing of books, slates and stationery. A. J. Dunlap for a number of years has been the principal of the school, and during the winter just closed he had able assistants in George A. Lane and John E. Snyder.

Mr. Spencer also made a new departure when the school was opened last November, in having a department for girls, and during the session, 27 girls attended.

The school closed for the year on Wednesday evening, when prizes were awarded to those found worthy. When the pupils had assembled in the main room Mr. Dunlap congratulated them on the progress made by them during the year and hoped to see them all back again next winter. He then read the following roll of honor for attendance, all on this roll having attended school every night during the session, which lasted four months: George Ziegler, John Fahringer, Gilbert Queen, George Lauber, Willie Wohr, Martin Ziegler, Howard Falk, Augustus Klaus, Herman Beyer, George Murr, Wm. Grau, Wm. Murr, Jacob Frail, Minnie Sadier, Annie Roden, Lizzie Roden.

The following are the statistics of the school:

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Number of Scholars on roll	68	27	95
Whole number in attendance for month	62	20	82
Average number in attendance for month	53	15	68
Average number in attendance for term	56	14	70
Per cent. of attendance for month	85	78	81
Per cent. of attendance for term	90	76	83

Mr. Dunlap next announced the winners of the prizes offered at the beginning of the session for attendance and scholarship, and said in order to secure a prize a pupil had to have an average of over 90. Master Howard Falk was called forward and given the first prize, "Bible Scenes and Stories," he having attained a percentage of 99. The following were the winners of the other prizes:

Minnie Sadier	98	Per Cent.
Lizzie Roden	98	"
Frances Yeager	97	"
Annie Horst	96	"
Eddie Herr	95	"
Geo. Reidle	95	"
Herman Beyer	95	"
Jacob Frail	95	"
Annie Roden	95	"
Martin Ziegler	93	"
Geo Ziegler	93	"
Aug. Klaus	93	"
Christian Reidle	93	"
Willie Grau	93	"
Willie Murr	93	"
Lydia Weidle	94	"
John Moore	92	"
Gilbert Queen	92	"
John Guskudt	92	"
Geo. Murr	92	"
Adam Felman	91	"
Mary Eturnif	91	"
Lydia Weidle	94	"

The prizes given were books, and were entitled "Young Folks' Ideas," "Rambles Around London," "Woods' Natural History," "Explorations of the World."

The books were distributed to the successful ones by Mr. Spencer. He congratulated the teachers on their having so successful a school, and gave all a hearty invitation to return next session and avail themselves of the chance to secure a common school education. He was particularly well pleased that the department for girls had proved so great a success, the first season that it was established, and announced that each of the girls would receive a present.

The school was open during the past winter 82 nights. Following are the branches taught: Reading, spelling, penmanship, mental and written arithmetic, grammar, book-keeping and history.

EAST END THIEVES.

House Entered at Vogansville and Money Stolen—Big Booty at Fairville.

The house of Samuel Lewis, Vogansville, was entered by thieves on Wednesday night, and a large sum of money was stolen. The entrance was effected by cutting a glass out of the kitchen window and then unlocking the door. The following were the articles stolen: Three twenty dollar notes, two ten dollar notes, a lot of silver and a check for fourteen dollars. Suspicion rests upon parties who make their headquarters in the Welsh mountain.

A telephone message was received at the station house from New Holland, this morning, stating that a bay horse, 16 hands high, trotting wagon, set of harness and buffalo robe, were stolen from the stable of George Duchman, at Fairville, East Earl township, last night. Our police were asked to be on the lookout for the stolen team.

Why Strikers Were Arrested.

Forty arrests, including fifteen women, the wives of the strikers, were made at West Newton, Pa., Wednesday afternoon for complicity in the attack upon Superindent Larimer, of the Yough Slope mines last night, and warrants are out for upwards of sixty more. The prisoners were held in $1,000 bail each, and in default were sent to the Greensburg jail. The assault was entirely unprovoked and has created great indignation. Larimer's condition is very serious. Beadling Brothers' mine at Bridgeville started up to-day at the price demanded by the strikers.

A Leg Ground Off by a Falling Tree.

While William and Henry Horn were cutting down a tree Tuesday afternoon in a wood about three miles west of Akron, Ohio, the tree fell before the men thought it would come down. Both made desperate efforts to get away, but William was caught. He was in the act of climbing over a log when the falling tree fell upon his legs, holding him securely. His leg was completely shattered and ground into small particles. It was with great difficulty that he was removed. His brother carried him three miles on his back, where the limb was amputated. He may die.

An Outbreak in Panama.

Another outbreak has occurred in Panama, owing to Aizpuru declaring himself president. Stores are being pillaged and the mob threaten to burn the city. Marines from a United States steamer are ready to land. English forces are guarding the Panama railroad property.

Runaway at Ephrata.

The horses of A. R. Bitzer, of Ephrata, scared yesterday while being driven in that village and ran off. Mr. Bitzer was thrown from the buggy, but was not seriously injured. The buggy was a total wreck, and one horse was badly hurt.

Pleading Guilty to an Unnatural Crime.

At Lake George, New York, on Wednes- Newman A. Hier pleaded guilty of incest and was sentenced to 13 years and 6 months imprisonment at hard labor in the Dannemora state prison.

Counterfeiting the Useless Coin.

A large number of counterfeit silver dollars are in circulation in Boston. It is lighter in color than the genuine and has a smoother surface.

LOWER END NOTES.

Interesting Items Clipped and Condensed from the Oxford "Press."

Rev. Charles E. Edwards, who has been supplying Zion and Rock Presbyterian churches for some time has declined a call to the pastorate.

J. Milton Roop, Andrews Bridge, intends to remove to the Green Tree and conduct the hotel and farm of William Hallis.

James C. Pollock has removed from Russelville, Chester county, Wednesday to Union, where he will begin the butchering business the latter part of this month.

Thomas W. Brown will remove next week from the Paxson farm, Colerain, to the J. T. Carter farm, near Homeville, Chester county, which he purchased a short time ago.

Samuel Dorsey and his son-in-law, Anson Ambler, will remove to the farm the former has purchased from Thomas Griest. Wesley Thompson will remove to Day Wilson's farm. Both places are in Fulton township, this county.

Brisbin Skiles now resides not far from Christiana. He expects to quit farming and go to the Gap where he will keep a hotel, provided he can obtain license. Mr. Skiles intends to have a sale soon and will sell his hounds. He has 33 foxes in captivity, and will, it is said, give one to every purchaser of one of his dogs.

William J. McKinsey, of Wrightsdale, this county, has in his possession six hickory nuts and six chestnuts which were gathered by Sarah Ashton in 1827.

Mr. Slater B. Morgan, of "Morgan Farm," Fairmount, Lancaster county, who is one of the progressive farmers of the "lower end," is supplying a considerable quantity of butter in Oxford. His herd of Jerseys have wintered well, and he will be prepared to enter upon the spring campaign with an increase and improved facilities in the butter making line.

Jacob Cauffman, Little Britain, this county, sold some grain at White Rock a few days ago, and placed the money received for it in his pocketbook. On his way home Mr. Cauffman accidentally lost the book containing the money, about $180, and at last reports had not found it.

Base ball appears to be the absorbing interest in the amusement line in Christiana and an effort is being made to re-establish the clubs the coming summer. The roller rink fever has subsided, the attempt made by a speculative individual to fasten one on the people and make a business of this folly failed and he has left the town in disgust.

Joseph H. Brosius, Andrews Bridge, is erecting a fine frame house on a handsome site. It is T shape—18 by 20, 30 by 34 feet—two and a-half stories, contains 13 rooms and is slate roofed. Two two-story bay windows add much to the building; hot and cold water will be introduced and a heater put in the cellar; the bath room will contain all modern conveniences; rooms of first floor will be finished in chestnut and the upper stories in yellow pine.

A Warm Reception for a Sheriff.

From the Harrisburg Telegraph.

On Monday Sheriff Mumma, accompanied by Constable Fox, went to the house of Jacob B. Landis, in Derry township, to serve a writ of ejectment. Mrs. Landis, who had heard of their coming, prepared two kettles of boiling water and an axe, and when the good-natured sheriff entered the door she dashed at him with a ladle of boiling water. The sheriff caught her arm to prevent her throwing it, when the water splashed on his face and over her arm, and both were scalded. Before she could secure another supply of hot water she was overpowered, Constable Fox assisting. In the melee the latter was cut on the hand with the axe, which another member of the Landis family was flourishing. While the sheriff was removing the goods from the house Mrs. Landis followed him about, calling him vile names, and expressing a desire to shoot him.

A Well-Known Landlord Dies at Carlisle.

Mr. B. S. Wilder, familiarly known as "Barney" Wilder, who for many years kept the Half-way house, below Steelton, and the Bridgeport hotel, opposite Harrisburg, and who has been for the past five years proprietor of the Mansion house, Carlisle, died at that place at 11:30 a. m., Tuesday, of hemorrhage of the bowels. He was taken sick a few days ago. Mr. Wilder was aged about 52 years and leaves a widow, one son and three daughters. Mr. Wilder was a gentleman of fine physique and possessed great strength. He was an affectionate husband and father. He was a member in high standing of the Masonic order, and his funeral will take place under the direction of the Knights Templar.

Buried Under an Avalanche.

James Poneford and a party which went up Bidger Canyon, Montana, to rescue the Schlasman party buried in an avalanche, returned Wednesday with the bodies of Schlassman, one of the Hazzard brothers and P. J. Smith. The other Hazzard could not be found. The slide had demolished the cabin, and all were badly crushed. They were dug out of eight feet of snow with timber across their bodies. The corpses were hauled by hand through the deep snow five miles, to where horses could be used. The parties must have been dead three weeks. All were buried in the afternoon.

Mr. Cleveland Behind Mr. Arthur's Bays.

Mr. Arthur's four stylish bays, with banged tails, still remain in the White House stables, and President Cleveland takes a spin generally every afternoon with them although not in a gorgeous four-in-hand, like Mr. Arthur. As soon as he can attend to it the president will buy a pair of horses for his carriage—only two. On Monday afternoon, when Mr. Arthur paid a long visit to his successor, they went up stairs into the private apartments of the White House. Mr. Arthur will be entertained at dinner before leaving Washington by President Cleveland.

Sent to the Insane Asylum.

Gabriel Kautz, a resident of the Eighth ward, has been of unsound mind for the last few years, but has not been violent. Yesterday, however, he suddenly became worse and his family considering that his and their safety required that he be confined, had him arrested by Officer Ritchey. He was examined by Drs. Roland and A. J. Herr this morning and on their certificate that he was of unsound mind, Kautz was committed to the county insane asylum.

The Opening of North Plum Street.

This morning, at 10 o'clock, was the time designated for the meeting of the viewers appointed to assess damages to property owners by the proposed opening of Plum street, between the New Holland turnpike and Liberty street. Only three of the viewers put in an appearance, and by agreement of all the parties interested an adjournment was had until Friday, April 10, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Preparing to Resist Barrios.

General Valalorie of Mexico, in command of 8,000 troops, has been ordered to immediately join his forces with 7,000 troops now in the state of Michoecan and proceed to the state of Chiapa, which borders upon Guatemala. These troops are now in motion.

Western Cattle Men in Session.

The National Holstein cattle breeders' association is in session in Chicago. In the absence of the president, Mr. Wm. M. Singerly, of Philadelphia, is presiding. The subjects of discussion all pertain to the breeding of Holstein stock.

He Will Serve Twenty Years in Prison.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Charles H. Cummings, convicted of a fiendish assault on a ten-year-old girl named Zoe Martin, was sent to prison for twenty years. The court expressed regret that he could not be hung for the crime.

The Cabinet Meets.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—A regular meeting of the cabinet was held to-day. All the members were present. It is understood that the trouble in Central America was considered.

Grant Refreshed This Morning.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Grant passed a good night and arose early this morning refreshed.

LYNCHED IN NEBRASKA.

A WOMAN AND HER BROTHER RUTHLESSLY HANGED BY A MOB.

A Remarkable Illustration of the Summary Vengeance of Mob Spirit—The Lynchers of the Wild West Hang Unpopular People With Short Shrift.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 18—Mrs. Eliza Taylor and her brother, Thomas Jones, were hanged by a mob near Fairfield, in the extreme western part of the state, on Sunday morning, details of which have just been obtained. A man named Roberts was killed in that neighborhood early in January, and young Taylor, son of Mrs. Taylor, was arrested on suspicion. His mother and her brother Tom Jones, were suspected accessaries, and many other crimes were charged up to them. Immediately after the murder of Roberts they were warned by the vigilance committee to leave the country within thirty days, but they paid no heed to this warning, nothwithstanding they had been threatened with death if they persisted in remaining. The result was that at about 2½ o'clock on Sunday morning Tom Jones was aroused by a noise, and going to the door, discovered that his house was surrounded by a great crowd. He quickly closed the door and asked what was wanted. A voice from without asked how many persons were in the house and who they were. Jones replied that besides himself and sister there were five others. "In that case," said the spokesman, "we don't want to shoot into the house and will not do so if Jones and Mrs. Taylor will come out."

After some parleying Jones went out, crawling through a window and leaving his firearms behind him. He was immediately seized and bound. Mrs. Taylor went out the same way and was also bound. These two were taken to one side and a conference of half an hour was held. The rest of the inmates of the house were brought out and escorted under guard about two miles from the scene of their arrest, while Jones and Mrs. Taylor were taken in the other direction. That was the last seen of them alive. When daylight came the bodies of Tom Jones and Mrs. Taylor were found hanging side by side from a bridge about a mile from their home.

A great deal of hard-feeling against this family has existed in that place ever since the shooting of Roberts. On the 9th or 10th of January Mr. Roberts and a Mr. Byers had been cutting wood on some railroad lands on which Mrs. Taylor claimed to have some title. They had hauled one load off, and were going after another when they met two men going from Taylor's in a wagon. After Roberts and Byers got a few rods past the men one of them got out of the wagon and shot Roberts dead. The shooting of Roberts was by the Taylors laid upon a young Texas lad who disappeared about that time, and has not been seen since. Mrs. Taylor and Tom Jones were believed by their neighbors to have instigated the murder. Mrs. Taylor's two sons, 13 and 15 years old, are in jail awaiting trial for the crime. The other members of the Jones family have been ordered to leave the country.

GOBBLING UPSTATE MONEY.

Various Appropriation Bills Reported Favorably in the House—A Private Appropriation Defeated.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Mar. 19.—In the House to-day bills were favorably reported appropriating $89,000 to the Anthracite Miners' hospital, Ashland; $168,500 to the Norristown hospital and $25,000 to the Harrisburg State Lunatic hospital; to prevent the adulteration of milk and to provide for the organization of abattoir companies for the slaughtering of live stock.

Wayne, of Chester, introduced a bill for the maintenance and improvement of roads and highways; providing for the prompt payment of road tax in cash, and requiring supervisors to contract with the best and lowest bidder for all road work.

The bill appropriating $5,000 to the Rosine Home, Philadelphia, for fallen women, caused much discussion, some of the member claiming that the institution had done much good in reclaiming ruined women and others denouncing it as unworthy of state recognition. The bill was defeated,—yeas 130, nays 43. Less than the two-thirds of the whole House is required to pass a private appropriation bill.

In the Senate the congressional apportionment bill was reported affirmatively. The bill to create a bureau of forestry was negatively reported. A motion failed to reconsider the vote by which the state lunacy bill was defeated, thus killing the measure for the session. The Bullitt bill for the government of Philadelphia was discussed at length. On the call of the previous question the Democrats declined to vote, defeating the proposition. The wrangle continued until adjournment without action.

The governor sent in the nomination of Scott Patton, of Columbia, as notary public, but no action was taken on the appointment.

THE BRITISH FORCE ADVANCES.

On the Move From Suakin They are Attacked by Rebels and Forty of Their Infantrymen Killed.

SUAKIN, March 19, 10 a. m.—The whole force started this morning, at seven o'clock, with a day's rations and one hundred rounds of ammunition to each man, in the direction of Hasheen. The troops are, at this hour, three miles from the city. The cavalry has been sent ahead to beat up the enemy, and fighting is expected at any moment.

The rebels flung themselves upon the advancing column. They were allowed to approach within ten yards of the British line before the latter opened regular fire. The Arabs replied promptly and the British retired. The object of the reconnoissance having been accomplished, the Arabs showed no disposition to follow. The Bengal cavalry took many prisoners. Captain Birch was speared through the shoulders, and four of the infantry were killed, among them Lieutenant O'Conner.

Suspected Murder of Two Persons.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 19.—Mrs. D. M. Britton, a woman of the town, was found dead in her room last night. Alongside was a man who was also dead. The latter was identified as Harry W. Kellogg, a former merchant of Neilsville, Wisconsin, who has a wife and five children. It was at first thought the man had shot the woman during a lover's quarrel and then shot himself, but later developments have led to the arrest of a man named Bergstorm, on suspicion of killing both parties. The police are also after the woman's husband, who is a gambler.

Double Tragedy in Indiana.

ELKHART, Ind., March 19.—A double tragedy occurred at the country residence of L. Hubbell, northeast of this city, yesterday. Wm. Hubbell, who was drinking a man and subject to aberration of mind, had been adjudged insane and was about to be removed to an asylum, but taking advantage of his watchman, he fatally shot his wife, and then turning the still smoking weapon to his own head, blew his brains out.

The Senate Anxious to Adjourn.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—In executive session to-day Senator Sherman offered a resolution providing for the appointment of two senators to wait upon the president and inform him that unless he had some further communication to make the Senate was ready to adjourn. The resolution lies over until to-morrow.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON March 19.—For the Middle Atlantic states, local snows, followed by fair, slightly colder weather, winds generally shifting to westerly.