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A MOTHER'S AWFUL DEED.

DROWNING HERSELF AND HER TWO CHILDREN IN AN INSANE FREAK.

The Woful Tragedy That Was Enacted on the Banks of Carter's Creek, Near Lititz, on Tuesday Afternoon—Crazed on the Subject of Religion.

A terrible double murder, followed by a suicide took place Tuesday afternoon at Kaffroth's mill, on Carter's creek, about two and a-half miles below Lititz, which has created the greatest consternation among the people of that quiet and peaceful neighborhood. An insane mother took her five little children to the mill-dam, attempted to drown them all and succeded in drowning two of them and then drowned herself.

A correspondent of the INTELLIGENCER, near the scene sends the following particulars: Mrs. Hiram Pfautz, who resided near Rothsville, this county, and two of her children were drowned in Kaffroth's mill-dam near Millport on Tuesday.

It appears that Mrs. Pfautz, with five of her children, aged from 2 to 10 years, took a walk Tuesday afternoon; they went by the Millport road which leads along Carter's creek, and when they arrived at Kaffroth dam, they stopped to rest. The oldest boy while near the edge of the creek where the water is from 10 to 15 feet deep, was unceremoniously pushed in by the mother. The lad was a good swimmer and felt no alarm at his enforced ducking. While he was endeavoring to reach shore he saw to his horror his mother throw two of the girls into the stream.

One of the girls was rescued by the boy and the other girl caught hold of a piece of board and saved herself. The mother then sent the boy home with a message to the father that he was to bring the carriage; saying she could not walk back to the house. The girls in their dripping wet clothing also started for home, leaving the mother and two smallest children behind. When Mr. Pfautz arrived at the place with the carriage, he found his wife and two children drowned.

Mr. Pfautz is a well-to-do farmer, a brother of Isaac G. Pfautz, and no cause can be assigned for the rash act, other than that Mrs. Pfautz has been somewhat melancholy for several months past, but no one around her had thought for a moment that she would ever make an attempt at suicide.

The triple funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon.

FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THE TRAGEDY.

The story of the murder and suicide spread rapidly, and soon a great throng of excited people were gathered at the spot, and many wild rumors as to the cause of the crime were put in circulation.

Justice Reidenbach, the justice of the peace living nearest the scene, empannelled a jury and held an inquest, the following named persons being selected as jurors: Isaac G. Pfautz, jr., U. R. Sheaffer, G. W. Kaffroth, Preston Kaffroth, David Shreiner and Isaac K. Huber.

Several witnesses were examined and the following additional facts were learned:

Mrs. Pfautz, the insane mother, was a woman of fine education, and formerly taught school in Manheim, Penn, and Ephrata townships, and was regarded as an excellent teacher. Her maiden name was Louisa Reissner. Twelve or fifteen years ago she married Hiram Pfautz, a respectable well-to-do-farmer who lived with his father on a good farm owned by him, near the scene of the present tragedy. They lived happily together and were blessed with a family of bright young children.

WORRIED OVER RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

For some time past Mrs. Pfautz has been deeply concerned in religious matters and spent a great deal of time in reading her Bible and other religious works, attending religious meetings engaging in private prayer, and conversing almost exclusively on religious topics. At times she was very melancholy, and bewailed what she regarded as her own sinfulness, and the wickedness of the world. Her nearest friends sometimes remonstrated with her on her needless alarm about her spiritual condition, but none of them thought there was any danger of her committing any act of violence against herself or others.

THROWS HER CHILDREN INTO THE WATER.

The oldest boy Harry, aged ten years, in his statement to the jury after relating the circumstances of the walk of the family from their home to the mill-dam says that without warning his mother pushed him into the dam where the bank was steep and the water deep. He swam towards the shore and tried to get out, when his mother pushed him back again. She then threw in his oldest sister, Frances, aged 8 years, who struggled in the water, and he assisted her to a shallow place, from which they made their way to the opposite side of the dam, walked up the bank for some distance and recrossed the stream on a log. In the meantime the mother had thrown her seven-year-old son, Monroe, into the water, and then with her youngest daughter, Lizzie, aged four years and her babe, Christian, a year old, jumped into the water, Harry, who is an active, intelligent boy, managed to get Monroe and Lizzie out of the water. Monroe was soon resuscitated but Lizzie was dead. The mother, who with the baby in her arms. was still in the water, clambered partly out, and told the boy to go home and tell his father to bring the carriage for her as she was too weak to walk home. Taking his oldest brother and sister with him, Harry ran home and told the dreadful news. The carriage was hurriedly sent to the dam when it was found that Mrs. Pfautz, as soon as the children were out of sight, had again plunged into the stream and drowned herself and babe.

The bodies were taken from the water and efforts made to resuscitate them but without success.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

After hearing the facts of the case substantially as above given, Justice Reidenbach's jury returned a verdict that Lizzie Pfautz, aged four years, and Christian Pfautz, aged one year, came to their death by drowning at the hands of their mother and that the mother, Louisa Pfautz, committed suicide by drowning.

The bodies of the mother and her children were removed to the home of the bereaved husband who is nearly frantic with grief at the terrible calamity that has befallen his family. He is well known in this city, being a regular attendant at the Northern market.

His father and mother, Joseph and Mattie Pfautz, live with him at the farm. Both are in impaired health, Mr. Pfautz being a sufferer from apoplexy, and it is feared the excitement and grief caused by the murder and suicide may cause his death also.

SAYS HE MUST HOLD ANOTHER INQUEST.

The inquisitions were filed in the coroner's office this morning but Coroner Honaman does not recognize the inquest held as legal, inasmuch as the law does not permit him to have deputies. He left for Lititz at 1 o'clock to hold inquests on the bodies of Mrs. Pfautz and her children.

A New London Game.

"A very amusing game," says the *Pall Mall Gazette*, "is now being extensively played in London streets. To play it you require a heavy little billet of wood sharpened at both ends. Place your billet on the ground and wait till a stranger (if possible a respectable and corpulent elderly gentleman) is within twenty yards of you. Now strike your billet smartly on one of its pointed ends with a stick. This will cause it to fly up in the air, and you then propel it in the direction of the target (the stranger's head). If your aim has been true the game is won. This beautiful sport is technically known as 'tip-cat.' It may be played anywhere and at any time. It is peculiarly suitable to a wide and frequented thoroughfare at about 9 or 10 in the morning." Elderly gentlemen crossing our City Hall park have long been aware of the existence of this charming diversion.

The Funeral of Mrs. Eichler.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ann Eichler took place from the residence of her son-in-law, Harry C. Martin, No. 42 East Vine street, this morning and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. [illegible] Hark. The interment was made at Lancaster cemetery.

A BRIDE AND A BULLET.

The Sad Suicide of a Young Wife in Allegheny on Tuesday.

"To-day I am eighteen years old; to-day I die." This was the sentence penned by by Ida Pershing, sitting alone in her father's home on Tremont street, Allegheny, on Tuesday. Then picking up a revolver and pressing the muzzle against her right temple she sent a bullet into her brain.

Young, beautiful and accomplished, Mrs. Ida Pershing, nee Langdon, was a favorite in the best society of New Castle, until recently the chosen friend of a large circle of students of the Pittsburg female college. Three months ago Miss Ida Langdon was sent to that institution by her parents to complete her musical education. She remained there for one month, intent upon her studies. One morning in March, however, her parents and friends were astonished by reading the announcement in the morning papers that she had been united in marriage at St. Andrew's church, by Rev. Dr. White, to Mr. William Pershing, son of Dr. Pershing, president of the college. The marriage had been clandestine. When explanations were asked for Mrs. Pershing said that she loved her husband dearly and devotedly; that he reciprocated her affection and that they had thought best to get married.

After the parents had become reconciled to the altered circumstances of the couple it was decided that they should reside at the college for a time, as Mrs. Pershing expressed a desire to continue her musical studies. They remained about two weeks and then decided to go and reside with the parents of the young bride on Tremont street, Allegheny City. Last Saturday evening her husband left her, saying to the family he would return home on Monday, but he did not come. Then a letter was received from him, written in a despondent tone saying that he was about to leave for Chicago; that it would be best in the end for them to separate. The wife still waited, until, overcome by the agony of grief at the prospect of a separation, she started out to hunt him. Not finding him she returned to her home and, after inditing a farewell letter to her husband, took up the revolver, which she had procured in some way, and shot herself through the temple. Some time afterwards her sister carried a tray containing her dinner up to the room and was horror-stricken to find Mrs. Pershing writhing in agony. Messengers were at once sent for physicians. She is still living, but her death is only a question of a few hours.

An Outlaw Shoots Two Men and a Little Girl

Intelligence has been received at Woodbine, Ky., that another chapter has been added to the bloody record of the Bell county vendetta and the lives of the three more persons ended by Andrew J. Johnson, the notorious outlaw and apparently implacable demon. On Sunday, as Josiah Hoskins, jailer, of Bell county, was returning from church, accompanied by several of his children and Thomas Napier, the whole party was fired upon by Johnson, who was lying in wait behind a building in the town of Pineville, and Hoskins, his little daughter, ten years old, and Napier were instantly killed. The weapon used was a large revolver; the first shot killed Napier and the second Hoskins and the child, who was standing behind her father in the wagon, with her hands upon his shoulder.

The assassination is the result of a difficulty between Napier and Johnson on the day of the last presidential election, when Napier was wounded in the eye by a shot from Johnson's ever-ready pistol. As soon as Johnson had committed the bloody deed he called to his aid two of his friends and they were entrenched in Johnson's house at dark Monday night, defying the authorities and threatening the first person who undertook the arrest of the murderer. Excitement was at fever heat and a posse was being summoned to storm Fort Johnson and capture the culprit and his companions. The three persons killed by Johnson Monday swells the list of his victims to five, all killed in the past three years.

The Ninety-Ninth Re-Union.

About seventy-five old comrades of the 99th Pennsylvania Veteran association were present at the regular banquet and re-union last night, at 529 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. This was also the twenty-first anniversary of the battle of Spottsylvania. Major Charles H. Fasnacht, of this city, president of the association, delivered an address of welcome, after which the company sat down to the table, loaded with all the good things of the season. Toasts were responded to by Col. Bonefire, Lieutenant D. S. Fulton, of Camden; Colonel Drake, United States army, and Lieutenant Albert Maguinn. The festivities closed at a late hour. Following was the bill of fare:

Cold Chicken, Beef Tongue, Cold Ham, Corned Beef, Fried Oysters.
SALADS.
Chicken, Lobster, Potato.
RELISHES.
Sliced Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Gherkins, Mixed Pickles, Dressed Lettuce.
DESSERT.
Mixed Cakes, Pound Cake, Ice Cream.
FRUITS.
Bananas, Oranges, Grapes, Apples, Vienna Rolls, French Coffee

Girls in Southern Colleges.

The New Orleans *Times-Democrat* says the experiment tried at the University of Mississippi, in Oxford, of admitting girls to the institution with the same privileges as the male students is a pronounced success. It was but a few years ago that this university was thrown open to girls, but in that time they have forced themselves to the front and this year they won all the prizes. A young lady takes the first honors, and will consequently be the valedictorian. The senior class will be represented by a young lady among the speakers, as will also the juniors, while among the competitors for the sophomore prize declamation is still another of "the fair sex."

A Fatal Runaway in Pittsburg.

By a runaway accident on Hiland avenue, in the East End, Pittsburg, late Monday night, James Wainwright was instantly killed and Jacob Vetter probably fatally injured, while two others on the wagon sustained painful cuts and bruises. The party was returning from a picnic, when the horses became frightened at some passing object and started down the hill at a breakneck pace, throwing the men out of the vehicle. Wainwright and Vetter fell on their heads, and, when picked up, the former was dead and Vetter unconscious.

Endowing Additional Professorship.

From the Reformed Messenger.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that at a congregational meeting of the St. John's Reformed church of Shamokin, Pa., Rev. T. J. Hacker, pastor, it was decided that the congregation will take a bond of one thousand dollars for the endowment of additional professorships in the theological seminary at Lancaster, Pa. This action was taken notwithstanding the fact that the congregation at the same meeting earnestly considered the necessity of erecting a new church building in the near future.

He Did It With His Little Hatchet.

George W. Lee, a druggist at the corner of Penn avenue and Thirty-fourth street, Pittsburg, decided that he would no longer be annoyed with telephone poles, and proceeded at once to cut down one that stood in front of his place of business. In putting up the pole last Friday, Mr. Wilson alleges that the employes of the Central District Telephone company did considerable damage to the roots of shade trees which he had planted in front of his store.

Bob James Gets a Good Berth.

Washington Dispatch to Philadelphia Times.

Pennsylvania got one appointment on Tuesday besides the completion of that of E. A. Bigler to be collector of the Twenty-third district. This was the selection of Robert E. James, for bank examiner. There are three bank examiners and James gets the first. His appointment is due chiefly to Mr. Randall and to Governor Curtin, his indorsers.

Ascension Day.

To-morrow, Holy Thursday, or Ascension Day, will be observed by the Episcopal, Roman Catholic and other churches. At old St. James there will be high celebration at 8 a. m.

STRASBURG HIGH SCHOOL.

THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES IN MASSASOIT HALL.

The Building Thronged With Visitors and Friends of the Graduating Class—Their Names and Subjects of Addresses—Remarks by Distinguished Guests.

Special Correspondence of INTELLIGENCER.

STRASBURG, May 12.—The class of '85 held their graduating exercises in Massasoit hall this evening, and as is usual on such occasions the hall was filled to its utmost capacity.

Long before the hour appointed for the exercises to begin had elapsed, every seat in the house was taken and a few minutes before 8 o'clock, the members of the graduating class, headed by the board of directors and several invited guests took their places upon the stage and after the "Victory March" by the Philharmonic society, the Rev. S. R. Scofield made the opening prayer.

The following are the names of the graduates, together with the subjects of their speeches.

Salutatory—"Across Life's Continent," by Miss M. V. Blessington.

Oration—"Pluck vs. Luck" by Miss Lizzie Heibeck.

Oration—"Patriotism Essential to Free Government" by Mr. Ross B. Hull.

"Class History and Prophecy"—Miss E. F. Espenshade.

Class Oration—"On the Heights"—Miss E. L. Carpenter.

Oration—"Getting On in the World," Mr. S. S. McKinney.

Presentation Oration—Miss L. C. Herr.

Valedictory—Miss B. K. Potts.

Before the valedictory address County Superintendent M. J. Brecht presented the members of the class with their diplomas.

Prof. Brecht has the happy faculty of always saying the right thing at the right time, and his speech last evening received from all the close attention it deserved.

Later in the evening Prof. Brecht introduced to the audience Hon. Henry Houck, who pleased everybody by his relating some recollections of the "good old times."

He was followed by Prof. B. F. Shaub, of Millersville, who in turn was succeeded by Prof. George Hull, of the same school.

Prof. Hull is ever ready to meet any emergency and in the present instance, in an extemporaneous speech, offered his congratulations and advice to the members of the class.

After Rev. David McKee had offered the benediction the friends of the graduates crowded upon the stage, offering their congratulations to them, inspecting the baskets of flowers, presents etc., and admiring the stage decorations, the work of Mr. John Hagens assisted by Mr. John F. Hull; these gentlemen spared neither pains nor expense to make the building as attractive as possible, and their work, elegant in its simplicity, has never been excelled.

A word of praise is due the principal of the school, Prof. Meyer, and his assistant teachers.

Though laboring under the disadvantage of being total strangers in their positions, the high order of talent displayed by the graduates, showed them to have been subjected to a course of training as elegant as it was thorough.

Among the many visitors of the commencement was noticed the smiling countanance of Mr. Charles B. Keller, ex-principal of the school.

Mr. Keller is a universal favorite in Strasburg, and many were the regrets expressed in that he did not make a speech to his townsfolk.

Strasburg has good reason to congratulate herself upon the success of her schools, and since the high school graduates are fitted to pass the preliminary entrance examinations of any of our colleges, such pride is well founded.

KILLED BY HER STEPFATHER.

Lottie Cooper's Death Caused by Blows From a Shovel.

Lottie Cooper, aged 9 years, of No. 1,812 Montgomery avenue, Philadelphia, died suddenly on Monday night, and Dr. Formad and Clerk Donal, of the coroner's office, were sent to investigate the case yesterday. They found the child's body frightfully lacerated. Luigi Onofri, who is Lottie's stepfather, acknowledged to punishing the child with a heavy strap, and also to hitting her with a shovel. The shovel was produced and it was found that the handle had been split off by a blow which the inhuman stepfather had struck the girl. A post-mortem examination disclosed the fact that the girl had no blood in her veins, and that she had died from hemhorrhage of the brain, caused by a wound supposed to have been made by the shovel. On learning the facts Clerk Donal at once arrested Onifai, and locked him up in the Twenty-third district station house to answer the charge of having murdered the girl. Onifri is an Italian, and is the husband of Mlle. Turnoure Cook, a trapeze performer, who is now with Forepaugh's circus in Cincinnati. They were married about one year ago, after Mrs. Cook had been divorced from her husband in Pittsburg. The woman had four children by her first husband, all of whom Onofri has abused at different times.

Mrs. L. C. Wilson, of No. 1,812 Montgomery avenue, states that a few days ago Onofri tied the boy up by the thumbs and kept him thus suspended while he shaved all the hair from his head. The girl Lottie, who died from the punishment received, was on Sunday tied hand and feet and left in that uncomfortable position all day, and at intervals Onofri would whip her with a knotted rope or a heavy strap. Onofri on Monday night became alarmed at the girl's condition and called in Dr. Johnson, of Columbia avenue; but when he arrived the girl was dead. Onofri is a fresco-painter and paper-hanger by trade. He will be held to await the result of the coroner's inquest.

A Horrible Case of Cruelty.

PHILADELPHIA, May 12.—The inquest on the body of little Lottie Cook, who died from beating received at the hands of her stepfather, Achille Onofri, the contortionist, and husband of M'lle Turnour, the trapezist was held by Deputy Coroner Ashbridge this morning. Onofri was present under guard, and looked pale and nervous. The evidence against Onofri was overwhelming. Neighbors testified that he frequently beat the children of his wife. Dr. Johnson, who was called in when the child was discovered to be dying, testified that he found on calling Onofri rocking himself to and fro with the dead girl in his arms. When told she was dead Onofri cried out violently that he did not mean to kill her. The coroner's physician testified that the child died from starvation and the beating she had received.

The primary cause was the beating, there being marks of violence on her back, arms and head, and cuts on her face. The beating, it was testified, was done with a thick coil of rope and a shovel. The veins of the victim's body were almost empty showing that profuse bleeding had ensued.

Cremation of Major Lyford.

The cremation of the body of Major Stephen C. Lyford was taking place at the Lancaster crematorium as we went to press yesterday. The cremation was entirely private, no persons being present but the friends who accompanied the remains to this city, and the guard of honor appointed by the military authorities.

The ashes were removed from the retort this morning. They weighed five pounds four ounces. They were enclosed in a tin box, placed in the coffin in which the body was brought to this city, and the coffin was then shipped to Washington, where it will be interred in the Arlington cemetery.

Heating the City by Steam.

The gentlemen interested in the project of heating the city by steam held a meeting last evening. A large amount of stock, amounting to $30,000 or $40,000 was subscribed for. Mr. Holl, the president of the company, which controls the system, and Holly, the son of the inventor and engineer of the company, were present. Another meeting will be held on Saturday evening in the room of Kepler's hardware store, when a permanent organization will be effected. Stock subscriptions to the amount of $150,000 will be wanted to put the company in working order.

ANOTHER JERSEY VICTORY.

The Lancaster Club Again Defeated by the Score of 11 to 7.

The Lancaster club was again beaten by the Jersey City yesterday. Wetzell pitched for the visitors and was hit much harder than Smith in Monday's game. The home team seemed to find no difficulty at all in solving his delivery and Nick Bradley led at the bat with two doubles and a single. The batteries of both clubs had plenty of errors. The score was:

JERSEY CITY.	R	B	P	A	E	LANCASTER.	R	B	P	A	E
M'L'ghlin, 2	3	3	6	3	0	Parker, l	0	1	1	0	0
Friel, l	1	1	9	0	0	Hofford, c	1	2	6	1	5
McDonald, r	0	2	1	0	0	Hyland, 2	1	0	2	2	1
McCorm'k, 3	0	1	0	0	1	M'Tam'y, cf	2	2	2	0	0
Bradley, l	2	3	2	0	0	Tomney, ss	1	1	2	3	2
Hughes, p	1	2	3	7	4	Donald, 3	1	2	2	1	0
Lang, s s	2	2	0	4	3	Oldfield, rf	1	2	1	1	1
Murnan, cf	1	1	0	1	0	Mack, 1	0	0	7	0	0
Cuff, c	1	0	6	1	7	Wetzel, p	0	0	1	4	5
Total	11	15	27	16	15	Total	7	10	24	12	14

INNINGS.

Lancaster	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	—7
Jersey City	1	3	3	0	0	2	1	1	x	—11

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—Jersey City, 2; Lancaster, 1. Two base hits—McDonald, McLaughlin, Bradley (2). Left on bases—Jersey City, 8; Lancaster, 8. Struck out—Jersey City, 5; Lancaster, 5. Bases on balls—Jersey City, 2; Lancaster, 2. Bases on errors—Jersey City, 5; Lancaster, 8. Passed balls—Cuff, 2; Hofford, 2. Wild pitches—Hughes, 4; Wetzel, 5. Time of game—Two hours. Umpire—Quinn.

Diamond Dots.

Base ball yesterday — At Philadelphia: Philadelphia, 17, Detroit, 8; at New York: Chicago, 10, New York, 2; at Providence: Providence, 5, Buffalo, 1; at Boston: St. Louis, 8, Boston, 6; at Louisville: Louisville, 10, Athletic, 5; at Cincinnati: Cincinnati, 5, Mets, 6; at Pittsburg: Pittsburg, 8, Brooklyn, 4; at St. Louis: Baltimore, 10, St. Louis, 3; at Newark: Newark, 2, Trenton, 2; at Wilmington: Norfolk, 11, Wilmington, 1.

Betz and Avery, of last year's York club, have been signed by the Ironsides.

The Lancasters open the season at home with the Newarks to-morrow. They play a wet weather game in Jersey City to-day.

Over 4,000 people witnessed the game between the Newark and Trenton yesterday. The teams are very much afraid of each other, and would rather close tie than play extra innings.

Pierce, of last year's York club, who has been playing on the Norfolk this season, was released yesterday. He joined the Wilmington club. He is a fine batter.

Of the game in Jersey City, yesterday, the New York *Sun* says: "The batting was heavy, and many fine chances were given to the outfielders. Bradley's play at left field for the visitors, and McTamany's centre field play for the visitors, were the features of the game."

A TEN-YEAR-OLD CLIMBER.

The Dangerous Feat of a Little Lad in Chester County.

From the Oxford Press.

Samuel H., a ten-year-old son of John Hoopes, whose farm adjoins our borough, performed a climbing feat on Saturday evening that lays over any we have heard of lately. Mr. Hoopes' poultry yard has been troubled by incursions of chicken hawks, visiting from their rendezvous in the adjacent woods. Having discovered the nest of a pair on a large black oak tree, over fifty feet from the ground, one day last week Mr. Hoopes fired a heavy charge of shot into it, when the hawk sailed off unharmed. His boy observed the proceeding and returned to the house with his father. On Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Hoopes drove into Oxford and in their absence Sammy thought he would inspect that hawk's nest and see after its contents. As soon as his parents left home, without telling any one, he went to the woods and proceeded to climb the tree, going up the big trunk and out the projecting limb on which the nest was built almost as agile as a squirrel. In the nest he found five eggs, four of which he hastily placed in the side pockets of his coat, the fifth being broken by the shot it is supposed, and descended to the ground without breaking one of the eggs! When he went home and related his adventure his parents could scarcely believe him, but the proof positive lay in the eggs. When asked if the tree was hard to climb, Sammy said "no, only when he got to the big limb where there were no branches to hold on to; but when he saw the eggs in the nest he stood up and ran along the limb to them and hurried back before he had time to think of falling." Could any man perform such a feet as this lad—walk ten feet out a horizontal limb 50 feet from the ground and climb down the big body of a tree with his pockets full of eggs and not break one of them? We wot not. Sammy Hoopes is certainly the champion egg gatherer of Chester county. But it is dangerous business taking them from hawks' nests, and we want to persuade boys from doing it. Mr. Hoopes brought the eggs to our office on Monday. They are larger than guinea eggs, white with bluish tinge. The hawks are of the long-tailed species, the worst despoilers of the chicken yard.

A RAILROAD VICTORY.

Which the Lancaster Representatives Helped to Bring About.

The House of Representatives has failed to pass the anti-discrimination bill. The measure is not killed, however, as a reconsideration will be moved within the five days allowed by the House rules, and certain modifications will be proposed which will strip the bill of every legal objection that has been urged against its passage, and still leave the measure in a practical and effective form without sacrificing a single principle for which the friends of the cause have been contending. It is believed that in its present shape the bill can be rushed through the House and Senate, despite the powerful influences that are arrayed against it. On final passage the vote was 88 yeas to 87 nays, not a constitutional majority voting for it.

The following members from this county voted against the measure:

S. T. Davis,
W. H. Brosius,
M. Heidelbaugh,
John S. Kemper,
Henry S. Book.

D. D. Courtney was recorded among the absentees.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13.—The president to-day appointed the following postmasters: Harvey T. Snavely, at Rawlins, Wyoming, vice James France, resigned; Albert C. Snyder, at Cheyenne City, Wyoming, vice John W. Jones, resigned; George W. Evans, at Ocean Grove, N. J., vice Henry B. Beagly, resigned; Henry Kingsley at Schoharie, N. Y., vice P. S. Clark, resigned; Wm. H. Cullingsworth at Richmond, Va., vice G. K. Gilmer, commission expired; Daniel Liddells at Godsden, Ala., vice Whitley T. Ewing, commission expired; Jacob G. Van Ripen, at Rutherford, N. J., vice W. H. Stevens, commission expired; Charles Rittenhouse, at Hackettstown, N. J., vice Robert Rushing, jr., commission expired.

Grant's Condition Worse.

NEW YORK, May 13.—Gen. Grant did not pass a comfortable night last night. He was restless and the usual hypodermic injection of five drops of morphine failed to induce sleep. He had talked too much with visitors, and the swelling in his throat had so much increased as to cause him severe pain. He did not get to sleep until 3 o'clock, but from that hour up to 9 o'clock this morning he slept with short intervals of wakefulness. When he arose he complained of the swelling in his throat and appeared to be in a poorer state of health than for several weeks past.

Consul at Havre.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13.—The president to-day appointed Ferdinand F. Dufais, of New York, to be United States consul at Havre.

Letters Held.

The following letters are held at the Lancaster postoffice for postage: H. V. Hamlin, Walnut street above Seventh, Reading, Pa.; Alfred C. Gibson, 134 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Pa. For better directions letters addressed to Mrs. Carrie Stamm, Adams county, Pa.; W. H. Bradford, Boutant, Wall county; and a package addressed to Dr. Charles E. Wingo, 238 Howard.

THE BILL KILLED.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION GETS ITS DEATH-BLOW IN THE HOUSE.

A Motion to Indefinitely Postpone the Reconsideration of Monday's Vote Carried by 89 to 88—To Amend the Senatorial Apportionment.

HARRISBURG, May 13.—In the House nearly two hours were consumed in discussing the bill requiring private banking institutions to make report of their financial condition to the auditor general, and providing for the examination of these banks in the event of the violation of the law. Its supporters argued that such a regulation was as necessary for the security of its depositors and its opponents that it would be an infringement of private rights. The first section was defeated—yeas 74, nays 85—and the bill fell in consequence.

An effort was made to reconsider the vote by which the anti-discrimination bill was defeated. Hulings said the Senate bill would be amended to meet all objections if the vote were reconsidered; unless this were done, anti-discrimination legislation would be at an end at this session. A motion to indefinitely postpone the proposition to reconsider was adopted—yeas 89, nays 88, which kills the bill.

In the Senate a resolution was adopted without opposition, recalling from the governor the senatorial apportionment bill with a view to its amendment, removing the objection made against it by the governor.

The rest of the session was confined to consideration of the anthracite mining bill.

The soldiers' burial bill was signed by the presiding officers of both Houses.

A KNIFE IN HIS ABDOMEN.

The Desperate Effort John Fox Made to Commit Suicide.

Yesterday afternoon, John Fox, a one-armed peddler, attempted suicide near Roths-ville, while in a fit of despondency by plunging a knife into his abdomen. The wound is about four inches long and may prove fatal, as part of the omentum is torn out. Fox is about 50 years old. A few years ago he lost his right fore-arm in a railroad accident and since he has been traveling through the country peddling. Dr. Roebuck, of Lititz, dressed the wound, after which Fox was taken to the Lancaster county hospital. Dr. McCreary reports his case critical. Fox was in Lancaster on Monday and purchased goods at Fahnestock's, after which he partook of refreshments and started for Rothsville.

Fox has been a peddler for years, and is known in this city where he usually purchases goods. He had no permanent place of residence. Of late he has been on a big spree. Four weeks ago he stopped over night at Wm. Rehm's King of Prussia hotel and left behind a small bundle of goods. Yesterday he again visited the hotel and was given his package. He looked as though he had been drinking hard of late. The place where he attempted to take his life was in Mellinger's woods, near Rothsville. On Monday he purchased a knife at a store in Lititz.

THREE BULLETS IN HIS BRAIN.

Henry Hortkins, of Lancaster, Shoots Himself in Douglassville, Berks County.

Special Dispatch to the INTELLIGENCER.

READING, Pa., May 13.—Henry Hortkins, aged 62 years, of Lancaster, a peddler, went to a store in Douglassville, this county, early this morning and purchased a revolver. He then left and a few moments later put three bullets into his brain. He remained conscious for some time after the shooting. He said he was a soldier in the First Pennsylvania reserves under Col. Roberts, and that Solomon Sprecher, of Lancaster, knew him very well. He cannot live. He was under the impression that he had been court-martialed and was to be shot to-day.

[Mr. Sprecher being called upon, said he could not recollect any man of that name, although he may have known him at one time. Bates' history of the Pennsylvania Volunteers shows that Henry Hortkins enlisted in Co. K, First regiment, July 19, 1861, and was discharged on a surgeon's certificate, date unknown. The company was recruited in Adams county.]

A Can of Gunpowder Explodes in a Cellar.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 13.—At 11:30 o'clock last night a large can of gunpowder exploded in the cellar of Theodore Lear's residence, No 112 William street. The explosion cracked and bulged out the front and side walls of the house, tore up the floor of the parlor and of the entry leading to the dining-room, shattered window glass and made a report which aroused from sleep everybody living within three squares. Mr. Lear, wife and four children, and Richard E. Crist were asleep in the house at the time, none of whom were injured. Mr. Lear is foreman at Baker Bros. & Co.'s glass factory, the union glassblowers of which are on a strike, and he attributes the explosion to the fact that he is not a union man, and lays the explosion at the door of the organization. A reward of $1,000 has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators of the act.

A Dry Goods Merchant Disappears.

PALMYRA, N. Y., May 13.—Hermann Lesser, dry goods merchant, disappeaped from his boarding house Sunday night and has not been seen since. The only clue to his whereabouts is a letter which was left in his trunk and found by his landlady, Mrs. Eggleston, stating that he had decided to put an end to his life. Mr. Lesser is a man rather below medium height, about sixty years old, wearing a moustache. He was unmarried.

The Tunnel Scheme Permanently Shelved.

LONDON, May 13.—The press generally congratulate the House of Commons upon again rejecting the channel tunnel scheme. The overwhelming majority (281 to 99) by which the second reading of the bill was refused is regarded as a permanent shelving of the project. The time-worn arguments that the tunnel would benefit only France in peace or war are revived.

Pleading for the Mormons.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13.—John T. Caine, the Mormon delegate from Utah, accompanied by John Cannon and John Taylor, sons of two of the leading dignataries of the Mormon church, called at the executive mansion to-day and presented to the president and elaborate protest against the "unjust enforcement of the oppressive Edmund's law."

A Big Billiard Match in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., May 13.—The first 1,500 points in the 3,000-point straight rail match for $1,000 a side between Eugene Carter of Cleveland, and Harvey McKenna, of Detroit, was played at Trohsin hall last night. Carter finished 768 points in the lead. Highest run 289 average 25, 45-73. The remaining 1,500 points will be played to-night.

TELEGRAMS IN BRIEF.

Joseph Morgan, jr., has been appointed by the president a member of the board of fortifications.

The large brewery of M. Brand & Co., on Elston avenue, Chicago, was badly damaged by fire this morning. Loss $100,000.

The examination of witnesses in the Cluverius murder trial was begun in Richmond this morning.

President Cleveland is expected to attend Bunker Hill Day celebration in Boston, June 17, on his way to the National convention of Grand Army Posts in Portland, June 22.

All the Lemont, Ills., strikers went to work this morning that could get work. There is quite a surplus not wanted. The troops will probably be withdrawn to-morrow. Only two companies of militia remain.

CAPTAIN COUCH SPEAKS UP

And Says the Administration Must Treat Boomers and Cattle Men Alike.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 13.—Captain W. D. Couch, the Oklahoma leader, spent yesterday in this city in company with the widow of the late Captain Payne, who came here to look after some insurance matters, returning in the evening to Caldwell, where the colonists are camped. Speaking of the condition of the colony, he said it now numbered about two hundred men, the rest having returned to their homes to await the action of the president. "Certain parties" says Capt. Couch, "in order to make capital out of our conservativeness, said that we had disbanded. This is not the case. The colonists, relying upon the faith of the administration, have gone home to await the result of the negotiations to be held with the Indians. They are prepared to assemble at a moment's notice."

"You are sanguine as to the outcome of the negotiations?"

"I am, if the commission authorized by Congress is appointed. It is about time the administration was doing something. The order excluding the cattle men has never been enforced, although the time allowed them has about elapsed. We are merely waiting to see what the president is going to do, and if he does not 'fire' the 'Barons' after a reasonable time we shall claim the privileges granted the cattlemen and attempt to enter the disputed territory again. I have just written Secretary Lamar about the matter but have received no reply as yet."

"Do you think further legislation by Congress is necessary before the territory can be opened up?"

"No, I do not. The last Congress authorized the president to open negotiations with the Indians, and if this is done, there is no doubt a satisfactory treaty can be obtained. We would not have to await the confirmation of the treaty, but could settle on the land and let that come afterward."

THE KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Big Convention of a Well Known Beneficial Organization in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 13.—The thirteenth annual convention of the Supreme Lodge of the United States Knights of Honor began its annual session in this city yesterday. Supreme Director Gen. F. D. Sloat, of New Haven, Conn., presided. Thirty-six states represented by 112 delegates, who in turn represent 130,000 members of 2,525 subordinate lodges. Last night, at Mercantile Library hall, the 29 lodges of St. Louis and their 3,900 members tendered the supreme lodge a reception. Mayor Francis and Judge McKeagen, delivered addresses of welcome. Responses were made by General Sloat and Major L. A. Gratz, of Knoxville, Tenn., supreme vice dictator. The first lodge of the Knights of Honor was organized at St. Louis, Ky., in 1872 by J. F. Demaree. It is a beneficiary organization, as well as a fraternal society. Assessments are one dollar These are now about $18 a year for each member. This gives $2,000 insurance to deceased members. One assessment, however, pays 60 death losses with the present membership. Over $12, have been paid out to families. Last year the distributions were $2,800,000.

Swindled by Fellow Italians.

CHICAGO, May 13.—Frank Rotuno and Tony Muscorallo, Italians, were arrested yesterday on the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. It is alleged that in collusion with George Albatiano, of Indianapolis, the prisoners collected 150 Italians in Chicago and offered them lucrative employment on a railroad, the positions to be given them upon the payment of $5.50 each. Monday night the squad of Italians went to the depot, but were not able to find either of the men who had taken their money.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

The Condition of the Barometer and Thermometer and Indications for the Morrow.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13.—For the Middle Atlantic states, local rains and partly cloudy weather, generally followed by fair weather, variable winds, preceded by northeasterly winds, stationary temperature.

Local rains have occurred in the Lower Lake region, the Ohio Valley and Tennessee, the Middle Atlantic, South Atlantic and East Gulf states, except in the Middle and South Atlantic states, fair weather now prevails in all districts.

The temperature has risen slightly in New England, the Upper Lake region and the northern portion of Missouri Valley; in all other districts it has remained nearly stationary. The winds in New England are southerly, and northerly in the South Atlantic states; in all other districts they are light and variable.

For Thursday—Warmer, fair weather is indicated for the districts on the Atlantic coast.

Reported Wholesale Slaying of Negroes.

SELMA, Ala., May 13.—The lynching of Scipio Atkinson, who had threatened to raise an insurrection against the whites, is causing great excitement near Calera. Two other negroes have disappeared, and it is reported that they also have been lynched. Three hundred white men are said to have formed a vigilance committee to suppress insurrection and all the men in the county are under arms. Reports are meagre and it is not actually known how many negroes have been killed.

Tragedy Caused by a Bad Woman.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 13.—At about one o'clock yesterday morning Lew Johnson, a freight conductor on the Burlington & Missouri railway, went to his house and found Ed Long, a lodger in the house, a switchman of the Burlington road, in a room with Mrs. Johnson. Long ran to his room up stairs. Johnson followed, and shot him twice, inflicting wounds which will be fatal. Long got his revolver and returned the fire, a bullet striking Johnson near the heart. Johnson died in half an hour. He and his wife had had trouble and were about to separate. Long had been her paramour for some time, and they were infatuated with each other.

Disgust Over the Soudan Abandonment.

CAIRO, May 13.—Mr. Gladstone's announcement of the abandonment of the Soudan campaign causes something like consternation among the English residents. There is much complaint among the commercially interested classes and a general desertion of the country by Europeans is predicted. The military, however, are pleased by the cessation of an inglorious campaign.

Not a Sound Man in Fifty Convicts.

AUBURN, N. Y., May 13.—A draft of fifty convicts from the Sing Sing prison reached the prison here this morning, and there was not a sound man among them, not one fit to work. The draft was made because it costs less to support them here than at Sing Sing and there is plenty of room in this prison.

Kind Words for an American Tennis Player.

LONDON, May 13.—All the papers contain articles concerning the international court tennis match. A very cordial tone is adopted toward Pettit, the American contestant. His prowess is recognized, and the hope is expressed that there will be a fair field and no favor.

A Medal for Doing Nothing.

SUAKIN, May 13.—The New South Wales government will give a medal to every soldier serving in the present campaign, as a memento of fellow-service with the Australian contingent. This action greatly pleases the British troops.

BATOUCHE TAKEN

AND RIEL'S [illegible] ROUT BY GENERAL MIDDLETON.

A Great Victory on the Part of the Canadian Troops—The Killed and Wounded—One of the Members of Riel's Council Brought in Wounded.

WINNIPEG, May 13.—News has just been received of the capture of Batouche. The place was carried on Monday, the rebels having been driven from pits and outworks at the point of the bayonet. A gallant charge was made by the Royal Grenadiers, who behaved admirably and did their work without flinching. Riel sent a messenger to General Middleton early in the day saying, "If you persist in firing upon houses containing our women and children, we shall massacre the prisoners in our hands." Gen. Middleton sent a reply telling him to gather his women and children into one house and it would not be fired upon.

Later Riel sent answer thanking Middleton for his humane promise to save the women and children. But just as a general attack was commenced he sent another messenger to say he did not like war and unless the troops retired the original intention of massacreing the prisoners would be adhered to. It came too late. The charge had already commenced and in a few minutes the rebels were scattered and the prisoners rescued. The list of the casualties in Monday's fighting is as follows:

Killed—Captain John French, scouts; Lieut. Fitch, Royal Grenadiers; Capt. Brown, Boulton's troop; W. P. Kippen, surveyors corps; Private Fraser, 90th battalion; Private Hardesty, [illegible] battalion.

Wounded — Private Dillies and Young; Sergeant-Major Watson and Sergeant Jacques; 90th; all slightly; Lieut. Helliwell, Corporal Helliwell; Privates Quigley and Barton, of Midland battalion; Major Dawson; Lieut. Laidlaw; Privates Cook, Gaughan, Barbour, H. Wilson, and Marshall, Grenadier, more seriously.

Father Maolis was found in his house, at Batouche, shot, it is believed by rebels, but not seriously. The prisoners rescued were Lash, Peter and Wm. Tompkins.

A dispatch from Edmonton announces that Gen. Strange has gone down the North Saskatchewan to Fort Pitt in boats, to attack Big Bear, and the attack has doubtless been made ere this. Staff Sergeant T. M. Mitchell, of the Royal Grenadiers, is, according to another dispatch, among the wounded at Batouche, having been slightly wounded in the left eye.

The latest dispatch gives the following list of casualties and the nature of injuries; 90th battalion, Private Alex Young, slight flesh wound in thigh; Sergeant Jakes in hand, slight; Corporal J. G. Gillies in calf, slight; Sergeant Major Watson in hand, slight. Grenadiers—Lieut. Laidlaw, wounded slightly; Major Dawson, in ankle, slight. Surveyors—W. N. Kippen, of Perth, Ont., shot through head and killed instantly, the ball entering the mouth; Midland battalion—Private Barton, shot in thigh and groin; Corporal Helliwell, face and [illegible]; Lieutenant Helliwell, brother [illegible]ter, in the shoulder. Grenadiers—Private R. Cook, in arm; Bugler M. Vaughan, in the finger, slight; Private G. Barbour, slight scratch on head; Private G. W. Quigley, flesh wound in arm; Private J. Marshall, in calf; Private H. Wilson, slight wound across back; Capt. Fitch, shot through the heart, died instantly; Captain French, of scouts, shot while gallantly leading on his men, died instantly; Private Fraser, 90th, was killed; Capt. Brown, of Boulton's scouts, was shot through the heart.

Batouche fell at 4 p. m. with a loss on the third day of five killed and ten wounded. The steamer Northcote and another steamer are coming up the river with company C school of infantry and some police and will cut off the retreat of the rebels. The rebels loss is believed to be very severe, but as yet unknown. A wounded half-breed was brought in. He is Ambrose Jodin, a member of Riel's council.

TRIAL OF THE ALLEGED DYNAMITERS.

A Constable Gives Important Testimony About Burton and a Trunk.

LONDON, May 13.—The trial of Cunningham and Burton, the alleged dynamiters, continues to absorb public interest, and the trial room was packed with people this morning when the case opened. The taking of evidence for the crown was resumed. After the examination of a few unimportant witnesses, the attorney general asked that the statement made by Burton to Constable Jarvis at the time of his arrest be admitted as evidence. To the admission of these statements Burton's counsel strenuously objected but the court decided that they were admissable. Constable Jarvis was then called to the stand and briefly went over the statements made to him by Burton when he took the latter into custody. Witness testified that on Tuesday, February 3d, he went to No. 90, Turners road, where Burton had removed from his Prescott street lodgings and had a conversation with him. Witness asked him if he was the man who removed a brown trunk from Prescott street, and Burton answered as follows: "Yes, I bought it for eight shillings from a stranger whom I met in the street, and took it home. I don't know the man and I have never seen him since. I came from America on Christmas even and stopped at Liverpool over night. I came to London next day, which was Christmas day. I have been in England before."

Officer Jarvis, continuing testified that Burton told him that he was a cabinet maker by trade. Burton had no hesitation in producing the brown trunk. "I then placed him under arrest," said the witness "and informed him that he was charged with being an accomplice of Cunningham in the recent dynamite explosions." At the conclusion of Constable Jarvis' testimony evidence was introduced to show that Cunningham took a room at No. 3 Prescott street, White Chapel, and gave his name as Burton.

Snowden a Good Lead Ahead.

NEW YORK, May 13.—The score of the men in the skating match at 10 o'clock a. m., was as follows: Snowden 561, Harriman 421, Walton [illegible], Francis 419, A. Boyst [illegible], Maddox [illegible], Omelia 381, W. Boyst [illegible], Schock 492.

Aleck Snowden, the Boston boy, continues to hold his lead in the six-days' roller skating match at Madison Square garden. He completed his first 500 miles a little before 3 o'clock this morning. His gait is an easy and modest one, but astonishingly fast.

One o'clock score—Snowden [illegible], Omelia 381, Maddock 471, Walton 442, A. Boyst [illegible], Schock 515, W. Boyst 574, Francis 447, Harriman 441.

The State of the U. S. Treasury.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13.—Treasury balances to-day: Gold coin and bullion, $243,633,814; silver dollars and bullion, [illegible] 400,017; fractional silver coins, [illegible]; United States notes, $47,412,317; national bank notes, [illegible]562,396; deposits with national bank depositories, $10,025,860. Total, [illegible] 098,009.

Certificates outstanding: Gold, [illegible] 800; silver, 107,998,710; currency [illegible] 000.

Internal revenue receipts, $541,518; customs, $522,0[illegible].

Merry Prince Wins the Chester Cup.

LONDON, May 13.—The race for the Chester cup was run to-day. It was won by Merry Prince, with Lonsdale second and Stone Clink third.