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AT THE GAOL.

Some Pictures of Life Behind the Prison Walls.

THE STORY OF CHARLES GIBSON.

Pathetic Experience of Old Jim Henry-Arc the Innocent Dying in Captivity ?- Ike Buzzard's Conversion-Johnny Crow at Work and Happy-Little Jake Gaugaway Pegging Away-The Story of a Noted Criminal Who Broke Jail Three Times.

The Judas trees in the front yard of the Lancaster jail are all abloom ; and from the sidewalk there stretches off to the south a magnificent view of hill and dale, and of patches of the winding Conestoga, glistening ike a polished mirror in the atternoon sun. On the blue hills of the Mine ridge there is a glorious haze that softens the outline of the dim perspective and the whole landscape is a fairer vision than that which old Moses saw from Pisgah's height, when he was permitted to look upon but not to enter into the Promised Land.

Within the jail wall enclosure a few con victs are lounging in their striped clothes, lazily cutting away the long grass around the edge of the garden beds with sickle and lawn mower. Down there in the shade of the wall, sits old Jim Henry, the man who went to jail for the longest term that any prisoner ever had behind whom that black iron door clanged, shutting freedom out. It has been nearly fourteen years since the people of Chemnut Level and vicinity were wakened to indignation one morning with the news that somebody had stolen Tommy Clark's horse and burned his barn to hide the lesser crime. In the fresh mud they followed the tracks easily and came upon the horse thief red-handed with his booty. They nearly lynched him ; and when cooler coun cils prevailed and he was brought to court and railroaded through for arson and horse theft, justice would not be satisfied with less than twenty years. And he got it. He has behaved himself well, and the worst breaches of discipline that are laid to his charge consisted in baking a few cakes and "slipping them to the women," when he was in the prison bake house. He has a kind heart, and a stiff leg from rhoumatism. He walks with a cane and minds the chickens down there this afternoon. For years his family did not know where he was and he al ways bade his daughter, for whom he had much tonduess, direct his letters to him "in care of Capt. J. P. Weise," his employer. But as he wouldn't go to see her, she came on here one day, and for the first time learned the whole sad story. She was loyal, however, to her filial love and duty letters have ceased and nobody knows what is the last phase of this pathetic and romantic story. There are stories of life behind and outside the jail walls as vivid as any the novelists over invented. Jim Henry never denied taking the horse. I believe they convicted him of stealing the halter, too, to pile up the sentence. But he always main-tained his innocence of the arson, and he does to this day, and those who know him believe Commutation will soon bring his twenty year term to a close,

Did it ever occur to you how many people there are in jail who ought not to be there ? Not so many perhaps as of those who are out

even an habitual drunkard, or that homeless vagrants or wayward boys who have not yet learned the radiments of crime, should be subjected to the horrible, brutalizing and bestializing associations of this place. It cannot be that any soul can come out of them unscared, and I doubt if any one can enter this place so vicious and degraded that he will not be made worse by twenty-tour hours stay. Every citizen who has the stomach to endure it should go and see Bummers' Hall and read the moral of it. If it stood in Centre Square, in full view of popular contemplation, public indig-nation would raze it to the ground with-in a week. What I can't understand is how the judges, the grand jury and the prison inspectors have endured it so long. For God's sake quit talking about the curse of polygamy away out there on the horizon of even an habitual drunkard, or that homeless polygamy away out there on the horizon o Utah ; quit preaching about the conversion of the heathen on Afric's coral strand—(There are no heathen anymore amid Greenland' icy mountains; they are all converted up the and have no burniners' halls)—quit praying for China and sending missionaries to Japan;—point your Christian aftillery al Burnner's Hall, Don't spend the public money on a training school for crime, Don't propagate the seeds of sin, and call it prisor

discipline and the administration of justice. If you keep on with that policy, you will need a new jail every ten years. Gaily tripping down the stairs come Johnny Crow, on his way to work. He wasn't sentenced to hard labor, but he asked for something to do the first day he got in and is getting fat in the warp room. I think his moustache is faling. Three scarlet women-Bowers, Amwake and Foltz-are sitting up stairs, in one cell, cutting carpet rags and like the Chicago man, wondering if any of the ten commandments escaped from the Old Testament revisers. Lke Ruzzard has no yet heard that in the new version, Prov. xiii 15, has been changed from "the way o transgressors is hard" to "the way of the transgressors is hard" to "the way of the treacherous is ragged"; but that makes no difference to him. He is a changed and converted man, and says he has found peace. No class-leader was ever found peace. No class-leader was ever more devout in his professions than he, and though he suffers from failing health, his wings have ceased to beat impatiently against the prison bars and he hopes for Abe's return, only that he may experience a conver-

sion of heart.

The jail is well filled. There are an werage of 150 under the keeper's charge, but none of them, he says, is, so to speak "desperate." The great lack is want of proper room and accommodations for work the faults are damp cells, ill arrangement insecure walls, poor ventilation and-that stinking, lousy Bummers' Hall. No prisoner bas got over the wall since Barkholder raised it and put the roof on. I don't think his breed of chickens as good as was Jack Weise's. It is too had to let them graze right in sight of the inmates of Bummers' Hall, who would very soon have spring chicken for lunch if they could tempt a pullet within reach

Little Jake Gangaway, simple soul, brought up in the Breeknock woods, who is charged with causing a wreck that killed somebody on the Reading & Columbia railroad, looks anything but a monster, as he sits in the shoe maker shop pegging away on a No. 11 for the keeper himself, who is coming down with him to the court house when he gets the sen-tence which has been withheld now for a year. Don't, dear judge, send him to the House of Refuge. Burkholder tells me the worst he has on hand are graduates from that school. Mike Gumph is handling the aw and lapstone, too, and asks about politics in the Fourth ward. He wants to have a card showing the location of the fire alarm boxes; he says he counts the strokes as he lies in bed, and fhough he has quit running to fires he likes to know where they are.

CHARLES GIBSON'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY The True Story of His Life and Adventures as

Told by Himseif and Confirmed by

Smith both had a spite at me. They took even the strings out of my cell; they gave me maggotty meat; threatened to iron me and hobble me to the floor; they and Ben Trout treated me like a dog. Even when Weise shot Frankford he thought it was I whom he was firing at. It was their cruel treatment made me broak jail, and when I got back and found it repeated and them still in charge I resolved to go as soon as I could again. HIS SECOND ESCAPE.

HIS SECOND ESCAPE. My next chance came July 25, 1879, when

Hambright and Chas. Goodman and I go out through the flue. We cut the iron-clad walls of No. 11 ; and, in order to ease up their side, Weise and his friends tried to make it appear that the iron was very soft ; though it was a fourth of an inch thick and in sheets 7 by 4. I went to Philadelphia with Ham-bright and lost him in New York ; came back to Philadelphia, and in a spirit of mis-chief, came to Lancaster ; some boys out at Pontz's brickyard, near Dillerville, reported Pontz's brick yard, near Dillerville, reported me, and the police came out but did not know me. They thought Hambright and I were together, and asked me if I had seen a man with a high hat and another with him travel-ing as an umbrella mender. I told them in which direction they had gone, and when they drove up the lane I mounted the first freight and went to Pittsburg; thence to New-port, Ky., where I worked at my trade as heater in the rolling mill, and made as high as from §5 to §7 per day. I have also the trades of eigarmaker and saddler to keep me when traveling. I went to Wheeling, and

when traveling. I went to Wheeling, and finally came back this way. On May 3, 1880, I was picked up at Columbia as a train-rider and sent to jail for ten days. None of the keepers recognized me, and by some error I was discharged in five days. When I first came in Frankford and Hambright recognized me from their cell gratings, and kissed my hand to Frankford.

Rissed my hand to Frankford. I went back to Pittsburg and beat an ac-quaintance named Billy Caldwell out of his best girl. That beat me. He was jealous and wanted me away. He heard I was a fugility, I was arrested on suspicion of bur-glary at Greensburg and acquitted; but Caldwell who had come to court on a lawsuit caldwell who had come to court on a lawsuit saw me and I was again given up before I ould get out of the court house,

HIS TRUED ESCAPE. They fixed up cell No. 32, with chilled iron, and it is right in front of where the

keeper sat by day and the watchman at night. Meantime they tried us for jail-breaking and Hambright got two years and three months for that, and I got eighteen months. I made up my mind to get out again, right in front of their eyes ; and I did. I cut off the river heads, worked down under the ceil door, got into the cellar, tunneled under the door, got into the bake house, bent the poker into a book and from a tree made my way over the wall. This was on New Year, 1882. 1 left with Weise

SETTLING DOWN TO BUSINESS. I fired three months on the B. & O. road from Connellsville, Pa., to Cumberland, Md., and then went to tending bar on Penn avenue,

Pittsburg. After a year of this I opened a saloon with a partner. I went by my own name; the detectives knew me and that I was wanted. I was never molested and was to be let alone as long as I staid away from

Lancaster county. I was making money and doing well. One day in February, Joe Groff, who had been cigar making in Pittsburg, came in and we renewed acquaintance. I began to get letters, signed Abe Buzzard, asking me come to the Welsh mountain, that he wished

to see me on particular business. So we talked it over and concluded to come. W got here early in the morning. I went to see Frankford's married daughter and then we went out the New Holland turnpice until the stage came along. It was nearly dark when we got down there, and to throw the people off their guard inquired about lke McCarthy at Vogansville, and pretended we were going there. Joe affected to mistake the Ephrata hills for the Welsh mountains; we played detectives in search of Buzzari and some of the farmers rather reluctantly directed us to Lousetown, where we soon found Mart; we staid on the hill all night; there isn't a house there fit to sleep in ; the are all lousy ; Abe won't stay in them fo that reason, as well as because he is afraid o being trapped. Mart brought Abe to us next day ; he was surprised to see us and we soo found out he had not written the letters. believe Mart did it, and that he and Bowman trapped us. I recall now that the hand-writing waslike Mart's, as I remember it once when I went through his vest pockets in jail and found a letter there to the district attor-ney from him offering to squeal. Abe directed us to the barn we slept in, and 1 guess he told Mart, but not intending that h should give us away. I believe Mart is steal ing chickens every night; and Abe says Bowman stands in with him; that he would like Abe to steal horses and take them to the mountain where Bowman could recover them and get the reward. They say Abe has left the mountain. I don't believe it. The is safer there, he knows, than anywhere else. The only name I ever assumed was John Wilson; on that I was committed here as a tramp the time nobody recognized me. Gibson is a good-looking young fellow, o much natural intelligence and easy, pleasant address. He appears to indulge in his es-capades more in a spirit of devilment than for approximate the second them; he has resolved to stay his time out but he hasn't got religion.

AN APPALLING TRAGEDY.

INSANE WOMAN FIRES & BARN AND IN HERNELF BURNED.

The Dreadful Deed of Mrs. Elizabeth Martin of Pequea Township-Sixteen Cattle, Two Colts, and the Valuable Contents of a Large Barn Totally Consumed.

An appalling tragedy was enacted by tween nine and ten o'clock on Thursday evening in Pequea township, about mile below Willow Street, by Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, wife which of Albert Martin, was burned beyond recognition, and a large and valuable barn, be longing to Eli K. Mylin, containing many cattle, live stock, hay, straw, farm implements, wagons, etc., was totally consumed. The rumor of the disaster reached Lancaster early this morning and the INTELLIGENCER promptly dispatched representatives to the scene of the calamity. The full particulars are herewith given :

In one of the most fertile and beautiful parts of the Pequea valley, on the Port Deposit road, not more than a mile below the thriving village of Willow Street, is an unpretentious farm house that would not at tract the notice of the passer-by, but for the commodious bank barn that long stood about 100 feet north of the dwelling. Looking out from the porch of the house to the west one may see the railroad a short distance away winding its course along the valley to Quar-

ryville. The farm house is placed back from the road about twenty feet and has a window on either side of the main entrance, which is in the middle of the building. THE OCCUPANTS OF THE FARM HOUSE.

In the cozy home, with broad cultivated fields stretching away on either side, live two families, whose heads are John Mylin, son of the owner of the farm, and Albert Martin, who for the past three or four years has been the tenant farmer of the place. The south side of the house was occupied by John Mylin and wife, who moved thither on April The northern half of the dwelling was used by Albert Martin, his wife Elizabeth, and his three children, two boys and a girl, the latter being only five months old. Mrs. Martin for many years had been in bad mental health, but this was not sufficient to unfit her for household work and recently she had shown signs of great improvement. Frequently did she make threats that she would take her life and a strict guard was always kept on her in the fear that she might carry out her design. Recently, however she had been acting in such a cheerful man ner that it was fondly believed that he mental malady was passing away. Events afterwards proved that it was but the calm that preceded the storm.

THE NIGHT BEFORE THE TRAGEDY. Last night Mrs. Martin was in particularly gay humor, as John Mylin said, "sheseemed more herself than he had ever before seen her." The farm house inmates, who had been anxious about her because four weeks ago she had set fire to the curtain of her bed, be gan now to feel that there was no cause for alarm about her. On the oceasion mentioned she had on seeing the blazing curtain called to the hired girl to extinguish the flame. This, it was believed, showed that the act was a

mere freak and not the result of a long medi-tated plan of destruction. Therefore it was that when 9 o'clock came round with Mrs. Martin's high spirits still unabated, both families retired in the belief that her complete mental restoration was close at hand. In the northern half of the house on the first floor was the sleeping apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Martin. This contained two beds which were used respectively by the bu-band and wife. It had long been Mr. Martin's custom to lock the

while others were as brittle as pipe stems. So intense and long-continued was the heat that but a small portion of the remains were there to tell the ghastly story. Dr. Miller, of Lampeter, pronounced the remains those of

TWO THEORIES OF THE TRAGEDY.

From the position of the remains, two theo ries to account for the tragedy are advanced It is possible that she hanged herself to the It is possible that she hanged herself to the post near where she was found, her charred body distributing itself on both sides of the partition when the post fell. This theory is held by those who insist that the physical pain of the fire would have driven her away if she had not been in some way powerless. They point to the additional fact that she was found alongside of the carcass of her hus-band's cow for which she had manifested great affection, to explain that she did not go into the second story of the building. The other theory is that she was in the second floor when it gave way, and that this would account for the distribu-tion of her remains on both sides of the parti-tion. The circumstantial evidence that might tion. The circumstantial evidence that might build up either theory is missing, because of the absolute and complete destruction wrough by the fire. The dead woman was about 30 years of age

and was the daughter of John Groff, who resides on the other side of the valley. She is said to inherit her mental unsoundness from the maternal side of her house. Ten years ago she was married to Chris. Leannan, who died about two years after. She was married to Mr. Martin about five years ago and her domestic relations were as happy as were possible for a woman laboring under her mental misfortune. The tragic event has cast a deep gloom over the whole South orn end of the county.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

Coroner Honaman visited the scene of the conflagration this morning and impanciled a jury to hold an inquest on mained of the burned woman. The jurors were B. F. Rowe, H. L. Trout, Christ, Gast, Dr. G. W. Miller, Reuben D. Herr and John Hess. They found that the woman came to her death by being burned in a fire, started by herself while insane.

LANCASTER VS. TRENTON.

The Home Team Successful in the Gam Yesterday.

The Trentons made their first appearance

in this city yesterday, when they met the Lancaster club at McGrann's park. The audience was small; the game very good. The visitors did not keep their reputation of being sluggers, as they had but six singles off Wetzel. The Lancaster did little better with Horner, but were lucky in bunching their hits in the early part of the game, while those of the Trentous were scattered. Both nitchers were inclined to be a little wild, but the fielding of the teams was about equal, and very fine. Oldfield and Parker carried off the honors of the home team by their fine work with difficult flies in the out-field, The score tells the whole tale, and here it is :

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INNINGS.

SUMMARY.

SUMMERY. Earned runs--Lancaster, 2. Lett on bases--Trenton, 6 ; Lancaster, 5. Double plays--Shetz-line and Goodman, Tomney and Mack. Struck out--Trenton, 3: Lancaster, 2. Hit by Ball-Hiland and Hofford. Passed balls--Horder, 1. Yuarner, Warner, 1. Wild pitches-Horner, 1. Time of game--One hour and forty minutes. Umpire--Curry.

INSULTING THE PRESIDENT. Fresh Young Man Who Wanted to Awake

Mr. Cleveland with Unwelcome News. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22 - Lieutenan Guy, who has been investigating the firing of the Logan salute, which occurred in the White house grounds on Wednesday morning between two and three o'clock, has sworn out warrants for the arrest of Alfred P. Cunningham and William Lee. An

officer was sent to serve the warrant, but was unable to find Mr. Cunningham. The Post to-day, says "Cunningham has been heard to say since the cannonading that he fired the salute close to the White House on purpose to arouse the president and let him know that Logan's election meant a Re publican success in 1888."

The policeman on the beat says that he went up to the group around the cannon and asked the reason for the firing. "We are doing this under orders," was Cunningham's reply, and Lieutenant Guy says that the officer did not ask for the exhibition of any permit. The investigation is still in progress.

Viewing Odlum's Remains,

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22 -The remains of Professor Odlum, the dead athlete have been viewed by hundreds of friends of deceased since their arrival here. They are well preserved and the features are very life like. The funeral services, which will take place from the residence of Mrs. Eschenbrenner, on 18th street, where Odlum formerly roomed, will be conducted by Father Ahern, of St. Patrick's church, at a p. m. to-day. The interment will be made at Mount Olivet cemetery. All the arrange ments have been completed by Messrs, C. S atoore, Win. Dickson and Frank K. Ward friends of deceased. The following named gentlemen will act as pall-bearers: Wm, Dickson, F. K. Ward, Washington Naylor, John A. Rudd, R. M. Vanneman and E. D. Wright.

Some Capital News

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22 - The secre tary of the navy has ordered Captain Belknap to the superintendency of the naval observa tory at Washington after June 1st. Next Thursday has been determined upor as the day for another trial trip of the Dol-

phin. Secretary Bayard left here to-day to attend the funeral of the late Secretary Frelinghusen.

The president to-day appointed the fo lowing named gentlemen to be collectors e-internal revenue : Wm. C. Bishop, First distriet of Ohio; Asa Ellis, First district of California.

Postmaster General Vilas has directed that whenever any postmaster of the fourth class shall have remained in office for five years from the date of the taking effect of his

atest official bond, he shall execute a new

THE ANNALS OF CRIME.

A Boston Doctor Charged With An Unnatural BOSTON, May 22 -Fred. J. Garbet, 56 years old, a physician who claims to be a graduate

from London, England University, and who has an office at No. 393 Tremont street, Boston, was arrested at Cambridge last hight on a warrant issued upon information furnished

by his 15-year-old daughter. She states that her father's criminality with her began one month after the death of her mother, which occurred four months ago,

Stanton Must Wait a Little Longer.

PHILADELPHIA, May 22.-The writ of

habeas corpus in the case of Daniel E. Stantion butter. ton, charged with the murder of Frederick P. Nash, which was to have been heard this

of his funeral.

House bill appropriating \$5,000 for the establishment of a temporary hospital at Plymouth, passed second reading; House STITUTO ating \$100,000 for

ment of a house for disabled and indigent

soldiers was passed finally ; as were the fol-

lowing Senate to be: nathorizing cities of the

PRICE TWO CENTS.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN RELATIONS.

AN INCREASING FEELING OF UNREST AND DISTRUST.

Mutterings in London and Reassurances From St. Petersburg, By Way of Vienna-The Trouble That Russia Bids Fair to Have On Her Hands.

LONDON, May 22.-The Times says : "It is impossible to deny that the prevalent feeling of anxiety and uncertainty is still growing. From the scanty information given by the ministers, it is evident that we are no nearer to a satisfactory settlement than we were at the beginning of the month. There are no signs of an advance in the negotiations but on the contrary there are ominous evidences of a stand still."

Tone of the Russian Press.

VIENNA, May 22.-St. Petersburg telegrams affirm that there is no hitch in the negotiations, and that the delay is only caused by difficulties which are inseparable from the boundary question. The reasons why the Russian papers continue to dwell on England's alleged preparations for war are sup-posed to be explained by the fact that hints have been given them by the government to keep alive the public ardor forever while new taxes are being imposed to cover Russia's own expenses,

A Lemberg journal, in referring to these articles, ironically observes that England might do well to surrender to Russia everything that she wants, with the result that England would be able to look quietly on in quelling a rebellion which would soon spread from Turkestan to the Caucasus, arouse Persia, and end in the explusion of the Russians from all recently annexed territory; while the ezar's forces, on returning to Russia, would find plenty of work to do in suppressing the Nihilists.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

News From Other Countries Flashed Hither

Mostly by Cable. The White Star steamship Celtic sailed thi afternoon at 2 o'clock for New York, from Queenstown. The health of Hon. Hugh C. Childers

chancellor of the English exchequer, is muc impaired.

Daniel Shenkel, the famous German the logian, is dead. He was 72 years old. The the some mittee of the Suez canal con mission has closed its season in Paris. The matter of the Suez canal constraints of the season in Paris. question of international coutrol is sell

The Maharajah of Nepaul received 20,000 The Maharajan et Ne paul received 20,000 Goorka troops yesterday at Khatmandu, and ottered them for immediate service to the viceroy of India. The men present a fine appearance and somed at situats for service. It is reported that M. Victor Hugo be-queathed his menseripts to France, and that he left to the republic to solect a burial place for his remains and to decide as to the form.

GOVERNOR PATTISON'S APPROVAL

To an Absurd, Laconstitutional and Altogether Inspittous States HARRISBURG, May 22-In the safe to-day the president protent, signed gressional and legislative apportionm bills and the fill for the incorporation of natural gas con canies

A message free the governor was received announcing that he had approved the bill to prohibit the macufacture and sale of initia-

of jail and ought to be in.

There comes a German convict with a red flannel cloth tied around his throat and death riding astride his shoulders. He has a bit o toast and a little kettle of tea, and mournfully says to Keeper Burkholder that nothing wil stay on his stomach. He hasn't long to live Most people think he is innocent. He way convicted, with another tramp named Stroble, of rape on a girl out around Lititz. There are peculiar circumstances attending the case and some developments following, which go far to establish their guiltlessness. For two years, I hear, they have had \$100 invested in a professional engagement to get them par-loned. From what I learn, there is a very strong probability that these men are suffe ing not for the guilt of others, but for a crime that was never committed. If so, there is a fearful responsibility somewhere. Lentz, the man who looks as if he was dying by inches, has respectable connections in Germany who have only recently been allowed to know his situation.

These rape cases ought to be very circum spectly considered. There was great horror in Colerain some months ago over the story told by a young girl who was found tied in cow stall and who related the atrocious treat ment she had received from a masked as-sailant. 1 am bound to say that popular opinion has settled down to the belief that her story was altegether imaginary, if it wa not deliberately invented.

The six men whom Judge Patterson ser tenced to three years at separate and sofitary confinement and hard labor, are along th best men in the jail, but one of them is out of his head and is tormented with imaginary fears that are driving him clean crazy. Three years in jail for being without home, and ork and friends! And this in the name of justice !

There is a man of good face, a mechanic of extraordinary skill, with a sensitive, nervous temperament, slowly raking off the grass He has been here sixty days and he don't know how much longer he must stay, be cause judgment was recovered against him on an action "in tort," and he hasn't the money to pay it ! The convict's suit does no fit him and he would not need to put it on un less he wanted to come out and inhale the fresh air and look at the blue sky, to hear the robins in the cherry tree and to watch the vegetables shooting up through the clods All of these things are free, to rich and pool alike, but he sleeps behind iron bolts becaus he hasn't \$400 to pay the judgment agains him, though he could have earned it in the days that he has been locked up.

It is no wonder Keeper Burkholder is re luctant to give you a sight into "Bummers Hall," and keeps behind the door while you stare through the gratings at the awful spec tacle there. He honestly admits that it is a burning shame, and frankly asks what can he do. Under the orders of the directors he keeps in that pen now some thirty or forty men-the total sometimes runs up to eighty then down to fifteen-of all ages and all con ditions of squalor and vice. It is a bleak bare room without a stitck of furniture except a water closet, three boards and a wash

line. Dickens never drew a picture of more terrible degradation than that which the Christian men and women of this city and county have at their very door in this prison pen. There are hardened criminals with hopeless visage, and little boys who will be apt pupils no doubt in this school of vice and ink of shame. A well-known young man of this city, poor, weak devil, given to drink, greets you with his complaint : " A pretty place to put citizen, isn't it ? I have been bere sixteen days citizen, isn't it? I have been here sixteen days and have fourteen more to serve. Nearly all of these people are lonsy. We get a pound of bread every day and soup twice a week, sleep on this floor, without bed or cover, and are herded in here all together, tramps and train-riders, vagrants and drunkards." The keeper corroborates all that he says and tells you far worse, while a half score of threaten-ing figures and scowling faces gather in a semi-fiele behind the grating and call down ing figures and scowing nees game in a semi-circle behind the grating and call down force imprecations upon a management which sustains such a place. I suspect there are a few abandoned wretches in that vite chamber for whom it is not too had but I cannot believe that any citizen of La caster.

Circumstances.

All the while, in making these passing observations, I have been getting towards the cell of Charles Gibson, convicted of horse stealing, who is serving out a term which has been interrupted by three escapes, and was only recently resumed when he was re-captured with Joe Groff on the Welsh mountain. For one of the escapes he was sentenced to eighteen months, additional to the eight years of his original sentence, and by these various complications he is unable, and he says the prison clerk is thus far puzzled to figure out just how much time he has t serve yet. He had his story all written out for the INTELLIGENCER, but made some verbal corrections, explanations and addi tions, until it stood substantially as follows some of the facts stated having been given in answer to direct questions :

Charles Gibson's Own Story.

1 am a native of Allegheny, 37 years of age and my family are respectable people. have wealthy and influential connections, and of eleven brothers and sisters, of whom all but three survive, I am the only one who over get into trouble. My mother died recently of asthma. She was a long sufferer, and the desire to see her was one of the causes that impelled me to frequent jail breaks. She died while I was out the last time, and myself and three brothers were her pall-bearers.

When a mere lad I was implicated in a burglary and sent to the Western penitentiary where I first met John Frankford, in October 1868. Subsequently, in company with Reddy Jacobs, he came to our house in Pittsburg, after he had been on a visit to a step brother in Akron, O., (where he is re-ported to have died.) But he did not die. He is alive and well; and I know where. He told me great stories of what a fine place Lancaster was, and I came on here to him in the Centennial year, just nine years ago to the day. On July 7, 1876, while on a spre-I married his daughter, though I have really

never lived with her and after a few days never saw her again. I went to Maryland and there received and disposed of horses stolen by Frankford. I would come up to where we had a half-way house, to which he would come with the plunder. Reuben Baer's horse was brought down that way;

Baer's horse was brought down that way; and I was to dispose of it. Frankford, when in jail tried to get a par-don, and in order to do so, pat the responsi-bility of his crime and punishment upon me. That was alike false, treacherous and ungrate-ful. He enticed me from my home. He was 39 and I was 20 when we met. Who is likely to have been the seducer ? When we were in Baltimore one or the other had to take the chances of disposing of the horse in public. I chances of disposing of the horse in public. I took his place because he had a wife and children; and he undertook if I got into trouble to get me an able lawyer. When the trouble to get me an able lawyer. When the detectives handed the auctioneer a telegram about the horse being stolen Frankford could have got me out of the scrape by helping to prove that I bought the horse, as w had arranged, but he got away and left m stick. I kept a close mouth and never gav him away; and perhaps I was a fool for it, and deserve to suffor. Philip Baker brought me to Lancaster; I was tried and my de fense was botched; in November 1576, I was entenced to eight years imprisonment.

GIBSON ON ESCAPES. It does not take much skill to break out o jail when everything is provided for it.] nover had such a " pudding" as the convicts who broke out of the eigar shop, or those who played the "bird cage" trick. The keepers were too good then for their own good. If left to himself and his own resource Frankford would still be here. I was put in cell No. 25 ; Phares Armstead was in 24. We escaped July 24, 1878. I cut down to the sel lar and we had connection between our cells I took Armstead along. We found the back cellar door open and weat over the wall. We walked as far as Middletown barefoot ; there took a freight to Pittsburg and followed Noyes' circus to St. Louis, and back to Pitte Noves circus to St. Louis, and our to Fide-hurg. There I was given away by "Jack Sheppard," whom I regarded as my best friend. He was an ex-convict of eleven years, and had been put on my track by Warden E. L. Wright, of the Western penitentiary, to whom he delivered me up and who handed me over to AL Smith.

I would never have tried to escape, but for the vicious treatment I received. Weise and the vicious treatment I received.

I give you the tale as "twas told to me.

FRIGHTFUL FIGURES. What Franklin County is Paying to Kee

Vagrants and Criminals. From the Chambersburg Valley Spirit. From the 1st day of Nov. to the 1st day of May, a period of six months, the cost to Franklin county of keeping these lazy va grants reached the enormous and unparal-leled sum of \$11,000, of which amount the sheriff received, solely for food supplied, over \$10,000, the remainder, less that \$1,000 going to the police, constables and justices for their labors.

In addition to this outlay the sheriff ha received in the same time nearly \$2,000 for boarding what are known as court prisoners. that is criminals sentenced by the court to lodgment in the county jail, making a grand total of cash paid into his hands of over \$12,-000, or an average of \$2,000 per month since November 1, last, for supplying food alone to vagrants and criminals. In this sum, i must be remembered, no account is taken o any other jail expenses than the food supply. By as the sum is it would not seem much out of the way had our county almshouse been closed during that period and had no unfortunate paupers been fed and sustained there. But while the sheriff was running his costly hotel for tramps the doors almshouse were wide open and in the six months indicate the sum of \$10,600 was required to meet its needs. Taking this sum with that expended at the jail we find that in the six months just past Franklin county ha given for the support of tramps, criminal and paupers the amazing amount of nearly

\$24,000, equal to a semi-annual contributatio of fifty cents from each man, woman child in the county.

Badly Hurt by a Big Stone.

Thursday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. Patrick Devina, of Providence, R. L., one o the employes of the contractor who is recon structing the bridge over Little Chiques near Mi, Joy, was very severely injured. If appears that while running a gondola car on a siding, the car struck a large stone, weigh ing about 194 tons, which threw it over on Devina, breaking both bones of the left leg above the ankle ; he is so severely hurt that the leg will probably have to be amputated

A Brutal Policeman

James McFarland was nearly clubbed teath by Policeman Fornawalt, in Lebanon.

McFarland was dragged some distance, placed in a wheelbarrow and taken to the station house. The officer will be arrested. The matter will be thoroughly investigated. Fornawalt says McFarland was drunk and resisted arrest.

door leading from his room to the front porch and to take the key to bed with him, in the fear that his wife would do some harm. Her rational conduct for some time past had disarmed his fears, and last night the key was left in the lock.

THE MATCH THAT FIRED THE BARN. Another of Mr. Martin's precautions was

the placing out of his wife's reach all the matches on the premises. But a few were left in the match box at a time, those sufficient for one day's consumption Last night there were three in the box. Mr Martin used two in obtaining a light, and the third was left. This morning it was no there, and it is confidently believed that with this the unfortunate woman fired the barr and her own funeral pyre.

TO an INTELLIGENCER reporter the strict en husband told the following sad story "We went to bed as usual about 9 o'clock last night, Elizabeth being in very cheerfu mood. I was very tired and soon fell asleep. I noticed that she nursed her baby to sleep without disrobing. After that I can recall nothing until about 1020 o'clock, when I was awakened by the alarm raised by Mr. Mylin who first discovered the flames bursting from the cest ead of the bar. I rushed out

who first discovered the flames bursting from the east end of the barn. I rushed out as quickly as possible in my night elothes to do what I could to save any of the property, but found that all efforts were useless, as the whole structure was wrapped in fire. I returned to my room and found to my horror that my wife was not there and that her bed was undisturbed. Hurrying to the match box, I saw the single match was missing. Then the dreadful truth burst upon me that my wife was the author of the fire and was in all probability at that very time in the burning building. The thought unnerved burning building. The thought unnerved me, but 1 did what I could to check the flames to prevent their spread to the house which was only 100 feet away. Fortunately a brisk east wind was blowing, and our house, which lies to the south, escaped de-

struction." THE BURNED BARN.

to the tires.

or \$1,600 in the same company,

These were boarded to the height of five of

six feet, thus separating the two rows of stalls

the cattle standing tail to tail. The post

Philadelphia 9, St. Louis 3; Providence Chicago 10, Providence 0; New York Butfalo 4, New York 3; Boston : Boston 4 Buinalo 4, New York 3; Boston : Boston 4, Detroit 2; Pittsburg ; Pittsburg 8, Athletic 3; Cincinnati : Baltimore 11, Cincinnati 10; St. Louis: St. Louis 11, Mets 9; Wilmington 1 National 9, Wilmington 5; Jersey City Newark 13, Jersey City 7,

Diamond Dots. The Philadelphia hit Harry Boyle's pitch

ing very hard yesterday. The rain of to-day prevented the second game of the Lancaster and Trenton clubs. They will play to-morrow. The Wilmington degree. The New York Wife Strangler

club will be here on Monday next. Owing to great dissatisfaction in the Norfolk club with Mr. Andy Swan, their manager, that gentleman has resigned, and Powell, late of the Virginia, has assumed charge. Mr. Swan will remain with the club as a player.

IN THE UPPER END.

News Notes From the Lititz, Ephrata and Manheim Papers. Lititz lodge, No. 253 K. of P., on Wednes-

day evening celebrated its fifteenth anniversary.

The German Baptist love feast at Mohler' The German Baptist love feast at Mohler's, near Ephrata, was never before so largely attended as on Tuesday evening. The Rev. Geo, Bacher, of Lebanon ; Jacob Aldinger, of York ; John Herr, of Myerstown ; Geo, Smith, of Schuylkill county ; Jno. S. New-comer, of Mountville ; Samuel Zug, of Chickies, and Hiram Gibble of White Oak, were among the ministers present. Hetty Hostetter, living near Millport, was robbed Monday night of over fifty rounds of

robbed Monday night of over fifty pounds of smoked meat, only several pieces being untouched.

rata planing mill, while operating the planer had the breeches torn from his left leg by being eaught in that machine.

siding near Manheim borough, on the Lititz road, died on Wednesday aged about 70 Ferdinand Hosch, furrier, at No. 780 Flush

As workmen were digging the trenche for the water-pipes in front of Frank Miller's tin-shop, in Manheim on Thursday morning, they discovered about three-and-a-half fee below the surface a corduroy road runnin a distance of 35 or 40 feet, the logs of whic are all in a good state of preservation. Old inhabitants do not remember of them being placed there, but suppose that they were put in in Baron Stieger's time, over a hundred years ago. At the same place were also found two silver Spanish dollars, bearing dates respectively 1774 and 1784, and a United

Terrible Runaway Accident. From the Lititz Record.

of straw ; all were consumed. Of two wagons, separator, two wind mills and power, noth-ing was left but the iron. Ten head of fac On Tuesday evening on his way home from ove-feast, near Ephrata, Thaddeus Brubaker, living near Landis Valley, met with a seri ons runaway accident. When near Oregon, steers, four stock steers, two cows and two valuable colts were roasted in the stable. Strange to say, one steer which had been tied with a weak chain, broke loose and escaped the spindle of the front right wheel of his buggy broke, throwing the forepart of the from the stable, after the fire began. This morning he was found sale and sound at Mr conveyance forward. This so frightened the horse that he began running and kicking, throwing young Brubaker out, but not in-juring him. The horse kept up his wild chase until he cut the tendons and flesh of one foot so badly that the horse was turned leave around leaving the horse to run on the Mylin's other farm, some distance away. The burned cattle looked like huge pieces of roast beet this morning. The large pair of scales, used for weighing cattle, hay, &c., which were almost new, had the wood work burned away completely, and they are reined. A large wagen which clear around, leaving the horse to run on th one connecting the hoof and he was so badly injured that the owner was obliged to kill him at once. The forepart of the buggy was all bespattered with blood, showing that the animal must have made a desperate effort. He was valued at \$200.

while getting off a freight train at Dillerville. He and two companions, John Kemper and Thomas Taylor, were stealing a ride from Philadelphia to Harrisburg, where they say they were going in scarch of work. At Dil-lerville they jumped from the train while it was in motion and Eller got his toes under the wheel. He was brought back to Lancas. Constable Stahl, of Marietta, arrested Lev Bover in Lebanon on Thursday. Boyer is

Marietta. Boyer, alias Wood, was taken to the office of Justice J. W. Kelly, at Marietta last eve-ning and given a bearing on the charge of as-sault with intent to commit a rape. Angelina Blymire appeared as the prosecutrix, made a case out against the accused and in 'default of bail he was committed for trial at the August SOBSIODS.

Bridge Repairs.

the cattle standing tail to tail. The posts extended to the girders of the building, though only boarded, as mentioned, about ive feet up. The bones of a female, pre-sumably those of Mrs. Martin, were found in the centre of the barn at that point of the partition where a post had once stood. On the north side of the partition was found the charred remains of a skull, hip bone and tooth as well as a hair pin and a glass builton of the chomise worn by Mrs. Martin. On the senth side tay portions of the bones of the lower limbs. Some of the bones had masses of flesh sticking to them, over the Pequea yesterday to ascertain whether the bridge at that point should be repaired at the county expense. They found that the repairs needed were such as would have to be done by the township and they so notified the supervisors.

morning, was withdrawn. It was taken out to have the question of bail determined, but as the district attorney and counsel for the ball vesterday: At Philadelphis relator could not agree, the district attorney declining to assent to any bail, it was deemed advisable not to go into the hearing of the evidence at this time.

Murder in the First Degree. PHILADELPHIA, May 22.-Annie E. Cut-ler (colored) who on Monday last pleaded

and the magistrate committed him for trial,

RAFAGES OF THE FLAMES.

A Montana City Suffers a Severe Visitation of Fire.

MILES CITY, Mont., May 22.-Fire des

troyed about \$60,000 worth of business prop-

erty here last night, taking a block on Main

street between North Fifth and Sixth streets,

slightly damaged. The burned buildings

are : Mechanics' hotel, Cosmopolitan hotel,

Judge Brown's building, John Carter

restaurant, King & Ward's saloon, Wright

Brothers' office, Dr. Lebecher's office, R. C.

Richmond, jewelery ; Deukee & Wilson'

saloon, Sherburne's store, First Nationa

bank, A. E. Savage, drugs. Damaged

Stockbroker's National bank, stores of Jas.

Coleman and Capt. John Smith, Jos. Leigh-

ton's house, E. Gotleisch's saddlery, A. W

BROOKLYN, N. Y., May 22.-A fire this

morning in the engine and boiler house of

ing avenue, damaged the building and

three-story frame house adjoining, owned b

the same man, to the extent of \$3,000. The

loss on stock and machinery is estimated at

The Anti-free Pass Bill Killed.

The Senate has killed Mr. Lee's anti-free

pass bill. Lee urged that no senator could

afford to vote against a bill that merely

enacted a part of the constitution which all

were sworn to obey. Biddis, of Pike, claimed that every senator had a right to interpret

the constitution as his reason guided him

YEAS.

Agnew, Emery, Gobin, Henninger, Humes Hess, Kennedy, Lee, Longenecker, More

dith, Thompson, Walface, Walling. Total E

NAYS.

A Train-Jumper's Toes Crushed

This morning a young man named Henry

Eiler, aged 18 years, who says he resides at No. 2,122 North Second street, Philadelphia, had the toes of his left foot badly crushed,

the wheel. He was brought back to Lancas-ter and his wounds were dressed by Dr. Wel-chans, when at his own request he was sent

Big Opera Busines

They Will Discuss Cremation.

thinkers will take place on the 31st of the present month. A paper on cremation will be read.

The annual meeting of the German

back to Philadelphia.

A Brooklyn Blaze.

The Stock Grower's National bank was

ball being refused.

Sleeper's building.

The vote follows :

\$25,000.

third class to hold separate teachers institutes ; limiting a school month to 20 days and requiring all schools to be closed on Saturdays and legal holid was limiting the number of members of common council to two in each guilty to the charge of murder in shooting her lover, William H. Knight, was brought ward of cities of the third class ; to prevent before Judge Mitchell this morning, and h the gathering and manufacturing of eigar adjudged her guilty of murder in the first stumps or offal tobacco into cigars, etc. NEW YORK, May 22 -Louis Francois, the

Congratulatory Resolutions to Black Jack. In the House the following resolution was offered by Brown, of Erie, and adopted by a Frenchman accused of strangling his wife party vote: Tuesday night, was formally arraigned a Jefferson Market police court to day. He pleaded not guilty to the charge of murder

Resolved, That we tender to John A. Logan our most hearty congratulations on his election to the United States Senate, and express our unbounded faith that his future course in the Senate will be devoted to the interests of the whole country as his services in the past have been loyal

and patriotic. *Resolved*, That the speaker of the House be authorized to transmit to General Logan a copy of these resolutions as expressive of the sentiments of the people of Pennsylvania on the most fortunate result of the long contest in our sister state of Illinois.

The governor has signed a bill to permit defendants to testify in all criminal cases,

Grant's Apprehensions Groundless.

NEW YORK, May 22 .- There was some unusual irritation in General Grant's throat last night, attended by frequent attempts to clear the surface of mucus. These efforts further irritated the parts and the general's apprehension of a wakeful night suggested that Dr. Douglas should remain until morning, which he did. When the doctor left the house to day, he said the general's apprehen sions had proved groundless, for he from 11:30 until 4 a. m., and after that at intervals until 8:30 this morning. The patient awoke with little or no pain. The physicians thought the cast wind and raw chilly weather of last night and to-day was affecting the general unfavorably for the time being.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

The Condition of the Barometer and Ther-

mometer and Indications for the Morrow. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22.-For the Middle Atlantic states, cloudy weather and occasional rains, variable winds, generally from the east, lower barometer, stationary temperature.

Rain has fallen in the Lower Lake region, the Ohio valley and Tennessee, the Middle Atlantic, South Atlantic and Gulf states. The temperature has remained about stationary in all districts. The winds on the Atlantic coast are easterly : southerly in the Lower Lake region and Missouri valley ; elsewhere they are variable.

Biddis, Boggs, Bruner, Cooper, Grady, Harlan, Keefer, King, Mylin, Reyburn, Ross, of York, Selheimer, Steele, Stehman, Up-perman, Vandergrift, Wagner, Williams, Total 18. For Saturday-Partly cloudy weather and light local rains are indicated for districts on the Atlantic coast, with nearly stationary temperature.

Abduction of Two Boys. SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 22.—The excite-ment increases over the alleged abduction of the two nephews of Rev. Father O'Flaherty early on Tuesday morning from his country residence, near Skancalles lake. It is said that the two boys were seen to leave a train here at 10 a. n. on Tuesday with a stranger. No trace can now be obtained of them. Father O'Flaherty is almost frantic and is under the improvements in that both have been murdered. The police are working on the case. Father O'Flaherty offers a reward of \$500 for any information leading to the re-covery of the boys or arrest of the abductors.

A Young Woman's Suicide in a Hotel, NEW YORK, May 22-A young woman signing herself "Miss J. Jones, city," was found dead in bed in the Grand Union hotel this morning, with a pistol shot wound in the left breast directly over the heart, she the left breast directly over the heat, and having committed suicide sometime during the night. The name she wrote on the regis-ter is evidently an assumed one, as it was found on examination that she had curefully cut her name from the corner of her hand-kerchief. The body was taken to the morgue.

The Revised Version.

"What is an epistle?" asked a Sunday school teacher of her class. "The wife of an apostle," replied the young hopeful.

and they are ruined. A large wagon which stood outside, but near the barn, was burned The contents of the barn, including the stock, was insured for \$1,000 in the Farmer's Mutual insurance company of Lancaster county, Mr. Mylin estimates his loss on these at about \$3,000. The barn was insured Arrested. Identified and Committed. \$2,100 when it was built nine years ago. the colored man who assaulted a we minded girl about the first of May FINDING THE WOMAN'S REMAINS. The barn had a stout partition running cas

Marietta and west through its centre, on which were mortised upright posts at short intervals.

Last evening the Corinne opera company Last evening the Corinne opera company had another large audience to hear "Chimes of Normandy." The star of the troupe was not in the cast but appeared in the fair scene when she gave her specialties, including a song and dance, and her song entitled "Not Much." The opera was fairly presented, but the company did not seem to appear to the advantage that they have for other pieces. To-night they will give "Olivette."

County Commissioners Hartman and Gingrich inspected the bridge at Brua's mill,

Geo, G. Herman, an employe of the Eph

David Hostetter, a well-known farmer, re

States cent of 1797.

years, The barn was a large frame structure 40x7 fect resting on a stone foundation that projected four or five feet from the ground. It stood on the Port Deposit road a little north of the house. A fine pair of scales was creeted between the house and barn. When the flames were first discovered the roof had

fallen in and it was too late to attempt to save anything. The neighbors railied to the rescue, but all that could be done was the saving of the fences and the directing of efforts to keep the fire from taking the direc-tion in which the house lay. The contents of the barn were owned entirely by Mr. Mylin. In the upper part were 31 cases of '81 tobacco, 400 bushels of wheat, 200 bush-els of corn, 15 tons of hay and a large quantity