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BEHIND IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

COL. A. WILSON NORRIS TECHNICALLY AN EMBEZZLER.

Failure to Forward His Accounts as Pension Agent at Philadelphia for the Month of June Last Causes Trouble in the Department at Washington.

It is stated at the treasury department that A. Wilson Norris, late pension agent at Philadelphia, is causing the accounting officers of that department no little trouble because of his failure to forward his accounts for the month of June last. Mr. Norris was removed on July 7th, and, according to the treasurer's reports had, up to July 21st, failed to account for advances amounting to $176,117. Judge Williams, third auditor of the treasury, has several times requested him to forward his accounts for examination, but so far Mr. Norris has not taken the slightest notice of his letters.

In making his last formal request the third auditor called Mr. Norris' attention to Sections 3,632 and 5,491 of the revised statutes, which require that all officers who hold public funds for disbursement shall render a monthly account within ten days after the expiration of each successive month, and provide that officers who fail to comply with this requirement shall be deemed guilty of embezzlement and subject to fine and imprisonment. This letter, it is said, has produced no better effect than its predecessor, and the department officials are in somewhat of a quandary as to how to proceed. There are no imputations against the official integrity of Mr. Norris, and the accounting officials are at a loss to understand his conduct.

The revised statutes above referred to provide that failure to report monthly, unless time to do so has been extended by the secretary of the treasury, shall be proof of embezzlement, and the officer convicted of that crime shall be fined in a sum equal to the amount embezzled, and shall be imprisoned not less than six months nor more than ten years.

As the matter now stands, Third Auditor Williams says that Norris is technically an embezzler, and if he escapes punishment it will be through leniency on the part of the secretary of the treasury.

Colonel Norris is at present not in Philadelphia. Mr. Huckle, his clerk, who has been preparing the accounts of the pension office for the last month of his chief's occupancy of the place, was found at his residence. He said that only one letter had been received from the department since Colonel Norris left his position, and that within a few days. "The $176,117 referred to in the dispatch," said Mr. Huckle, "never has been in the possession of Colonel Norris, nor could he draw against it. The money, as the people at Washington know, is at the present moment in the treasury department. It is there to Colonel Norris' credit, but he could not now, nor at any time since his removal, draw against it. The money is to his credit as disbursing officer, and as he is no longer such he has no power over it. Of course until the accounts are all in this money remains technically to his credit and cannot be covered into the treasury until these accounts are presented and audited. The delay in presenting these accounts is owing to the fact that they are being made up by Colonel Norris' own clerks, and are very tedious. They will be sent down in a few days now. The paragraph was probably given out because the treasury department people wanted to spur Colonel Norris up with his accounts. They know very well that he never had the money in his possession, and that the trouble, if any, is the delay in sending the accounts down, owing to the facts already stated."

Chief Clerk Shelmire, who was retained by Pension Agent Davis, said that he knew nothing about the matter, but felt sure that the trouble was only a delay in the sending in of the accounts which were now being made out. The statement made by the department that there is no doubt entertained of Colonel Norris' integrity shows that the treasury people understand the matter, and are only irritated because the failure to send in the accounts properly compels them to keep their books open.

Gen. Davis Says There is Nothing Wrong.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 29.—With regard to the statement published that the late Col. A. Wilson Norris, the late pension agent, had not settled for the month of June, Gen. Davis, his successor, said to-day: "There is nothing wrong in Colonel Norris' accounts, and it is a shame that the impression should go out that anything has been done by the gentleman that would be of a damaging character."

When his accounts come to be finally settled it will be found that everything is straight. It's a big job to get up a report. The accounts are intricate and some 20,000 pieces of paper have to be handled in getting up the accounts. I repeat that there has been no embezzlement, and that Colonel Norris' accounts are all right."

Chief Clerk Shelmire, who was reappointed by Pension Agent Davis, said to-day: "There's nothing wrong in Col. Norris' accounts and it is a shame that the imputation should be made that they are incorrect." Mr. Shelmire further stated that the report had evidently been occasioned by the delay in making the report.

PLEADING FOR QUAY'S DEFEAT

As the Only Means by Which the Republican Party Can be Saved.

From Jos. Chadwick's Delaware Co. Record.

Mr. Day, the Democratic nominee for state treasurer, will grow in esteem as he becomes better known. We use that term in a qualified sense, for Mr. Day is already known throughout the state as a methodical, straightforward, reputable merchant, with a record as clean and manly as his many good qualities are tempered by modesty and real, solid worth. But he is not known as a politician, and in that respect he is the very antithesis of his competitor, Mr. Quay. The latter, a lifelong professional politician, who knows and seeks to know nothing else; and who has grown rich and powerful from spoils and their dispensation; a man of low, common, vulgar tastes; a disreputable trafficker in party patronage; a pardoner of legislative debauchers; a parasite upon the body politic, grown rich and arrogant by long immunity from his just deserts. That such a man should be offered as the representative candidate for the important office of treasurer of Pennsylvania, of the once proud Republican party, is verily "an insult to the intelligence and intregity of the people." The issue is plain, distinct and unequivocal. It is between the efficient, equitable and honest administration of government, and the prostitution of government to personal aggrandizement and corrupt ends. No man who believes in the success of Republican rule; who cherishes a love for free, popular institutions, and who seeks their success and maintenance can long hesitate as to his course. The highest good of the Republican party demands that Mr. Quay should be defeated; good government, which stands above and beyond all considerations of party supremacy, further emphasizes that demand, and with defeat will come regeneration.

Arranging for a Fair.

George H. Thomas Post, G. A. R., are making arrangements to hold a fair in November for the benefit of their charity fund, and at the meeting of the post, last evening, the following were appointed as the committee of arrangements: Edward Edgerley, A. [illegible]ger, W. D. Stauffer, J. P. Wickersham, [illegible]s Denues, Dr. J. A. E. Reed, Andrew [illegible]her, Hiram Bushong, M. V. B. Keller, [illegible] K. Barr, C. H. Fasnacht, D. H. Heitshu, M. N. Stark, J. A. Schuh, J. George Eichley.

Irish Agriculture.

Irish agricultural statistics show that there are 5,000,000 acres of land under crops in Ireland, an increase of over 81,000 over the acreage of 1884; that there are 10,250,000 acres of grass land, a decrease of 200,000 acres, and that bog, barren and mountain land has increased 27,000 acres.

"Cleveland" Peaches.

Mrs. John Erb, of Soudersburg, sends us some specimen peaches grown from a seedling on her premises. She calls them the Cleveland variety, and like the new Democratic administration they are sound and wholesome.

A PLEA FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The Vigorous Objections of a Correspondent to the Modern System of Cramming.

EDS. INTELLIGENCER.—With the closing days of August terminates the two months' vacation of the school boy, who but a short time ago, with bright anticipations of an endless vacation, threw aside his book and slate and bade farewell to the old school-house and all the associations and endearments which cluster around the school and its teacher. Few tears were shed, when the moment for dismissal came, and as the doors flew open, the whole school rushed forth to mingle with *nature*, who with outstretched arms stood ready to receive and carry them beyond the limits of school work to her valleys and hillsides—there to begin her work amid the sports and pleasures of childhood as the greatest of all teachers. During these two months nature prescribed no rules, the broad fields were her only limits, and from sunrise to sunset her only hours. The shoeless feet, unwashed face, and bronzed complexion of her scholars gave evidence that her teachings were not of the text book. The tired body, the increased appetite, the sleepful nights, and the vigor of body and mind to the once emaciated frame and sallow countenance, all prove what priceless benefits have resulted from what many consider a loss of time to their children. And as the time draws near and the little ones are gathered in from the by-ways, with what bright anticipations do they look forward to the duties which await them! The old and battered garments are cast aside; the satchel which was ruthlessly hung in some nook or corner but a short time ago is once more strapped over the shoulder and with sunshine illuminating every feature, the schoolroom is reached a half hour before the opening exercises begin.

What has caused this sudden reaction in the youthful mind? Are not the same trials and difficulties to be encountered from day to day? No one realizes more fully than the school boy what a lesson in grammar or arithmetic means. And yet there are no obstacles too great to discourage him in his determination to succeed. "It was all work and no play that made Jack a dull boy" and so it was too much brain work and too little exercise and sunshine during a ten months' term within the walls of the school room that made vacation a necessity to both teacher and pupil.

We fear that many of our teachers, like many parents, are inclined to look upon the two months' vacation as so much lost time, and that in order to make up for this waste of time, greater tasks and longer lessons will be necessary, thereby resulting in the fatal mistake so common among many of our teachers of cramming the minds of their young pupils from the beginning to the close of the school term. It is in the over-taxing of the mind of the young pupil with a multiplicity of school room work, that oftimes dwarfs the whole nature of the child and unfits him for any position of usefulness in after life. From the beginning of the school term to the close many teachers have but one object in view and that is to prepare their pupils for the final examination at the close of the term. As their own standing depends upon the one hundred per cent. to be reached by each and every pupil, to reach the goal of their ambition, a remorseless system of cramming is resorted to and persevered in to the end of the session. The healthy development of the child's nature is overlooked, and in fact all teaching which does not have direct reference to the final examination is ignored to a great extent. Said a teacher a short time ago "my pupils at the close of the session must be able to answer certain stereotyped questions from the text book and upon their ability to answer a certain line of questions depends my success as a teacher." In other words the pupils do the committing and all the teacher has to do is to ask the questions as found in the text book. And thus the pupil becomes a mere machine. The memory is forced to retain the contents of the text book. And by the close of the session is loaded with a fund of rubbish which sooner or later is forgotten. And thus nature is expected, in two short months to undo what the cramming system has done in ten. And yet it would be unfair to assume that all teaching is based upon the cramming system; neither do we assume that hard study and close thinking are not essential in laying the foundation of a good education. Nearly every teacher has learned by experience what the success or failure of the annual examination of her pupils means, to her own standing as a teacher. L. E.

The Miseries of a Private Library.

From the Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

A good private library is desirable, but it is often a source of vexatious solicitude, owing to the delinquencies of people who borrow books and fail to return them. Valuable sets of books are often broken through this transgression. It is hard, indeed nearly impossible, to refuse a book to an intimate acquaintance, and if one's circle of reading friends is large, it may be easily imagined how difficult it will be to preserve a library intact. Young people are proverbially careless about books, not knowing the pains it takes and the money it costs to get together a choice collection of books. It hardly "pays" to have a library if one has to be under incessant worriment about its safety. There ought always to be a tablet in which the title of books and the names of borrowers are entered with the date of the loan. You can then hunt up your property in case of default, which is not pleasant, but better than the loss. Do those who keep borrowed books realize that there is something mean and shameful about their behavior? If they have no memory they ought not to borrow. If they have memory, they are wilfully dishonest.

A Relic of President Monroe.

An unpublished letter of President Monroe has been brought to light at Charlottesville, Va. It is written on coarse foolscap paper folded, and sealed with red sealing-wax, and franked. It is interesting as a relic, but especially valuable as showing the strictly honorable view he took of private obligations: "The state of my affairs," so runs one paragraph, "forbids me, on the principles of common honesty, to make any sacrifice of my property or of any debts justly due to me. When I am making every exertion in my power to pay my debts, such sacrifice, even for a small amount, would be an unpardonable injury to my creditors as well as to my family."

Three Hangings on Friday.

Samuel W. Collins was hanged at Bowling Green, Kentucky, for the murder of a man named Utterbeck, committed last year. Utterbeck's widow and her two little sons, aged respectively 5 and 8 years, witnessed the execution.

John Waiseman, who murdered Farley, last spring and then burned the latter's shanty to hide his crime, was hanged in Duluth, Minnesota.

Charles Townsend, the negro who murdered an old man named Freeman at Madison, Alabama, was hanged at Huntsville, Alabama.

Ran Through a Barge.

As the passenger steamer Brandywine, from Wilmington, was making her dock at Chestnut street wharf, Philadelphia, on Friday afternoon, she ran into the large freight barge Coleta, of Wilmington, and cut the latter through from the hurricane deck nearly to the keel. But one person was injured, Park Lane, 82 years old, a resident of Chester, a passenger on the Brandywine. He was slightly hurt about the head by the fall of a flag pole. The Brandywine, which was little damaged, made her return trip to Wilmington in the evening, one hour later than usual.

A Smart Boy.

From the Norristown Herald.

"Say," said the editor's smart little son, as he entered a store: "do you keep knives?" "Oh, yes," responded the storekeeper, "we've kept them for years." "Well," returned the boy, starting for the door, "you ought to advertise, and then you wouldn't keep 'em so long."

A Curious Burial Request.

The will of Pauline Wilson, a spinster, was entered in the surrogate's office, in New York on Friday. It provided that she should be buried plainly, and that a dog and several birds—pets of hers when she lived—should on her demise be cremated and their ashes strewn over her grave.

SOME CAUSELESS PLAINTS

IN WHICH THE CRITICS PROVE THEMSELVES AT FAULT.

Newspaper Publishers Alleging Without Ground that Mail Delays Have Occurred Under the New Administration of the Postoffice—The Facts Given.

There have been a few complaints made by the newspaper publishers that some of their papers have not reached subscribers as soon as they ought to have reached them, and it has been inferred that the delay has been caused by the inexperience of the new clerks in the postoffice. This would be a reasonable explanation of the matter, if the new clerks were in charge of the office; but it so happens that both the old and the new clerks have been on duty during the past month, and if there has been any unnecessary delay they must share the responsibility.

But there are better explanations of the delay than those above stated. In a brief interview with the postmaster and his assistants this morning, we are informed that one of the complaining publishers sent his mail too late to catch the Quarryville cars, although the mail was kept open until the last moment, in order to accommodate him. Another publisher complained that his pack of papers for Lincoln postoffice had miscarried. Investigation showed that the pack had not been sent to the Lancaster postoffice, and, of course, could not be forwarded. It sometimes happens that packs of papers are received at the postoffice, on which there is no address—the mailing clerks in the printing offices having put the address on so carelessly that it is lost before reaching the postoffice. Such packs have to be retained until the address is furnished, and in this way they sometimes miss the mail. Again, it sometimes happens that packages are dropped from the big baskets or barrows in which the papers are carried from the newspaper offices to the postoffice, and are occasionally lost. In other instances the loss of papers or the delay in their delivery may be traced to imperfect direction, or carelessness on the part of county carriers or postmasters. Accidents and delays such as those above indicated are common in all postoffices, and have existed in the Lancaster postoffice, time out of mind; and, when the immense business of the office is taken into consideration, and the great number of men and boys through whose hands the mails pass both before and after they reach the postoffice, the wonder is that more packages are not lost or delayed. The public need have no fear that the office under Mr. Slaymaker's administration will not be conducted as ably as it has heretofore been.

AN AUGUST FLOWER VICTORY.

The Mechanicsburg Club Outbat the Home Team, But Lose by Errors.

Yesterday afternoon the Mechanicsburg club, calling themselves the "champions of Cumberland valley," came to this city and played a game with the August Flower. The home team won after a passably good game. The visitors led at the bat, but lost by their miserable errors. Both pitchers did well, King striking out eleven and Lenney sixteen. Andy Shay and George Schaum, two Lancaster boys, were with the Mechanicsburg club, on which they have been playing for some time past. The umpiring of Levan was very bad, and he made more errors than the players of both clubs. The score, in full, is given here:

AUG. FLOW'R.	R	B	P	A	E	MECHANIC'BG.	R	B	P	A	E
Rush, c	3	0	14	4	1	Shaum, 2	0	1	4	0	2
King, p	0	2	1	12	2	Zinn, m	0	0	0	0	0
Tomney, s s	0	0	6	1	1	Shay, c	0	2	18	2	0
[illegible], 2	1	0	3	1	1	John, 1	0	1	1	0	0
Shay, 3	1	1	2	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rudy, 1	0	0	6	2	1	Mumma, s s	1	1	0	0	1
[illegible], l	0	0	0	0	0	Sibbets, 3	0	0	0	0	4
[illegible], m	1	2	1	0	0	Woods, r	1	0	0	0	0
[illegible]nger, r	1	1	0	0	0	Lenney, p	0	1	1	16	2
Total	7	6	27	22	6	Total	2	7	24	19	9

INNINGS.

August Flower	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	x	—7
Mechanicsburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	—2

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—August Flower, 2. Struck out—by King, 11; by Lenney, 16. First base on errors—August Flower, 6; Mechanicsburg, 3. Double play—Rush and Rudy. Passed balls—Shay, 5; Rush, 3. Wild pitches—King, 1; Lenney, 2. First base on called balls—August Flower, 6; Mechanicsburg, 3. Time of game—Two hours and thirty minutes. Umpire—Levan.

Late News of the Diamond.

Base ball yesterday—At Philadelphia: Philadelphia 2, Providence 1; at St. Louis: Buffalo 7, St. Louis 4; at New York: New York 3, Boston 1; Athletic 4, Mets 2; at Cincinnati: Cincinnati 14, Pittsburg 6; at Norfolk; Norfolk 3, Virginia 2; at Bridgeport, Conn.: Bridgeport 8, Newark 2; at Washington: National 4, Baltimore 1.

Stovey leads the American association in run-getting.

Parker and Tomney each had a two-base hit yesterday.

Blakely and Quinton have been released by the Portland club.

Yesterday seventeen hits were made off Meegan in Cincinnati.

Nash and Johnson join Boston on Tuesday next. They are a good pair.

Householder, of Virginia, had his collarbone broken, in the game with Norfolk yesterday.

But two hits were made off Daily, pitcher of the Philadelphia, by the Providence yesterday.

The Philadelphia club cannot bat, but very few of the other clubs can hit their pitchers, and their weakness is hidden.

Richmond, like Lancaster, got an overdose of base ball this year and the Northern players are now trying to discover how far it is home.

Pat Wetzel is pitching on the Baltimore club, and he has the good wishes of lots of friends. The Nationals had nine hits off him yesterday.

Lon Knight, formerly of the Athletic, made his appearance with the Providence yesterday, and he was warmly received by the large audience, in Philadelphia.

RELIGIOUS ASPECT OF FUNERALS.

The Pay of Ministers at the Last Rites—Condemning Empty Shows.

In closing an editorial on the inquiry "Should ministers be paid for their services?" the *United Presbyterian* says: "No one is bound to do such service as this except by the law of courtesy. But it is a law worth observing. Its claim is strong also in proportion to the freedom it offers as to meeting it. The answer, then, to the question, 'Should ministers be paid for their services at funerals?' may be in the negative, and yet under the rule of friendly civility it should be in the affirmative. The spontaneous exhibition of kindness that is presented in cases such as those referred to, even though the material benefit is very small, is worth more than large sums that might be exacted under the rule of professional demand."

Funeral Eulogies.

From the Moravian.

The Rev. Dr. Newman's marvelous performance at the funeral of Gen. Grant will compensate us for the blush of shame and outraged propriety which mantled on the cheek of every intelligent American on reading it, if by its fulsome flattery and extravagent verbiage and bathos it serve to do away entirely with the still too prevalent custom of funeral eulogies. If a man's life and deeds do not eulogize him, neither will the funeral orator's praiseful words do so; they will rather serve to make their own falsehood more prominent and harmful. If a man's character and works do follow him with praise, then to put it into flattering words but takes away from its force, serves no good purpose, and detracts from the dignity of its subject.

Examination of Teachers.

To-day County Superintendent Brecht is examining a large class of teachers in the South Duke street secondary school. There are twenty-two applicants for professional certificates, and eight for special branches. The examination will occupy the entire day.

Letter Held.

A letter addressed to Lula Stamm, Chester county, Pa., is held at the Lancaster postoffice for better directions.

A VOICE FROM NEW YORK.

Chauncey M. Depew Makes Some Remarks on the Proposed Railroad Deal.

Chauncey M. Depew, president of the New York Central railroad, was asked by the New York *Tribune* correspondent what he thought of the action of Attorney General Cassidy, of Pennsylvania, in bringing a suit to prevent the sale of the South Pennsylvania and Beech Creek roads to the Pennsylvania railway company. In reply, speaking with some deliberation, Mr. Depew said: "Twenty-seven gentlemen unite to build a railroad and they do it with the sole object of making money. They have only a partially completed road when seven-tenths of them decide that they would like to part with their interest in the enterprise and all they have got to sell is a charter, a lot of holes in the ground, some culverts, some grading and a partially purchased right of way. They have no bridges, equipments, or any of the paraphernalia of a railroad. The attorney general steps in the day before the Democratic state convention meets and asks for an injunction to restrain these gentlemen from selling their interest to the Pennsylvania railroad company, the only person capable of buying, on the ground that these sundry holes in the ground are a rival and competing line. He proposes to make the state of Pennsylvania say to such of these gentlemen as do not want to keep or complete their interest in the enterprise that they shall not sell out. To be logical, the state ought to say that they shall go on, build and equip the road, and that it will guarantee them against any loss on the transaction.

"The Beech Creek is a completed coal road about 100 miles long, which brings out bituminous coal from Clearfield county. The practical result of the attorney general's suit would be to prevent the people who built the road from selling it if they found that it would be better for them to part with this property than to attempt to run it. So that the sale of a road not one-third built and a coal line 100 miles long is the whole foundation for the present political hysterics in Pennsylvania. It is fair to presume that if any laws have been violated or outrages committed against the commonwealth or its constitution, that the public officers whose duty it is to protect the interest of the state would have moved in the matter without the importunate urging that they received from their party convention. Any other construction does great injustice to gentlemen for whose integrity and ability I have the greatest respect."

"Can anything be accomplished by the suit?"

"Nothing could be accomplished by it. My opinion as a lawyer is there is no ground for such an action, and that it will be so held by the courts."

SETTLEMENT OF THE RAILROAD WARS.

"What prospect is there for an early settlement of the railroad wars?" Mr. Depew was asked.

"Everything," he said, "as tending to a settlement of the railway wars. It is fair to look from the costly experience of the last few years to an adjustment of differences, upon principles sufficiently sensible and business like to survive the disturbances and depressions which have hitherto broken up the make-shift arrangements, which under one name or another have characterized the temporary conditions of peace or truce in the railroad world. There seems to be a considerable misapprehension as to the settlement of these wars and disturbances. The condition of the West Shore and the conflict between the trunk lines have been the great cause of the industrial depression for the past two years. Railroad securities represent such an enormous volume of investment funds that when they are seriously affected credit is generally impaired, confidence destroyed and business damaged.

"If the present efforts to secure harmonious action among railroads, and fair and reasonable return from the investments are successful, [illegible] immediately enter upon a new era of prosperity. The hundreds of millions of idle money now in banks or trust companies will now out into investment and development all over the country. New enterprises will be projected, manufacturers will become prosperous and laborers find abundant employment at good wages.

Death of An Aged Woman.

From the New Holland Clarion.

One of the oldest citizens of the town—Miss Margaret Lightner—died Friday morning at the advanced age of ninety-one years. Until about one year ago she was remarkably active for one of her age, but at that time she partially lost the use of her limbs though her mind was clear until a short time before her death. The funeral services will be held on Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock, at the residence of her sister, Emma Lightner.

Good Price for Cattle.

Ben Rowe, the auctioneer, has been getting fine prices for cattle of late. On Tuesday he had a sale for Martin B. Rohrer, of Strasburg. Twenty head of cows brought an average price of $44.20 per head, and ten heifers sold at $40 each. On Wednesday he sold eighteen cows for Dunlap & Bro., at Witmer's bridge. They averaged $43 per head. Ten springers sold at $36.97 per head, six bulls at $25 and seven steers at $35.

The Right Man Cooped.

Officer Barnhold, who went to Philadelphia for Levi Anderson, the man charged with stealing the horse of Thomas Houghton, returned last night. He saw the man, who proved to be the one wanted, but was unable to bring him along, as he is held upon several charges in Philadelphia. He will have a hearing on Monday, and the officer thinks he may be able to get him after that.

Runaway Boys Overtaken.

From the West Chester News.

Thomas W. Broomall, formerly of West Chester, but now of Lancaster county, came to this place on Thursday after two runaway boys who were found by our police officers cold and hungry at a house at the edge of our borough a few nights ago. One of the boys was indentured to Mr. B., but the other joined him in his flight. The latter said he left home because his grandmother whipped him. Both were taken back to their Lancaster county homes.

Charleston's Storm Visitation.

The revised estimate of the losses by the Charleston, S. C., storm is $1,690,000, including $400,000 along the wharves and $550,000 of private property. The remainder includes losses and shipping, $200,000 on Sullivan's island; 100,000 cotton presses, $85,000, and city property, churches, railroads and phosphate mills, $50,000 each, and miscellaneous, $150,000. The work of reparation is so active that all business now offering is fully accommodated and in ten days the facilities will be as good as ever.

Taken to Moyamensing.

Edward Eichman, the boy who was committed for trial by United States Commissioner Slaymaker, before the United States district court at Philadelphia, for robbing the Lancaster postoffice, was taken to Philadelphia this morning by Deputy United States Marshal Hollinger. Eichman will be kept at Moyamensing prison until the case is disposed of by the court in November.

Hearing Continued.

Ira Bleecher, the boy who was to have been heard by the court this morning, with a view of sending him to the House of Refuge, was not brought from prison, owing to the absence of J. W. Johnson, attorney for the commonwealth, from the city. The case will be heard next Saturday.

Killed a Copperhead Snake.

Yesterday Christian Musselman, of East Hempfield township, while making fence, killed a copperhead snake that measured six feet. The tail of the snake was cut off, supposed to have been done by the mower last summer.

The City Lights.

There was something wrong at the electric light works last evening, for 65 lights are reported as not burning.

Fine Yield of Onions.

Paul Ritchie, 718 Columbia avenue, raised on a patch of ground 24x36, nine and one-half bushels of seed onions. This is considered a very large yield.

IN COLUMBIA'S CHURCHES.

THE SPECIAL SERVICES THAT WILL BE HELD TO-MORROW.

The Death of Joseph A. Moore—A Boy Struck by a Base Ball Bat—Opening of the Theatrical Season—Personal Mention. Late Notes About Town

Regular Correspondence of the INTELLIGENCER.

COLUMBIA, Aug. 29.—Rev. Garbutt Read, of Mount Nebo, will preach in the Methodist church at both the morning and evening services.

Rev. J. F. Meixell, of the Bethel church, has returned home from his vacation. His time while away has been very properly spent. He was engaged in a missionary and tract distributing tour and visited several different counties of the state. The tracts were distributed among people attending campmeetings, prisoners in jail, to travellers on railroad trains and in many other ways. The tracts given away number over four thousand.

Service will be held in the Bethel church as follows: Sunday school at 9 a. m. Preaching both morning and evening at 10:30 a. m., and 2 p. m.

In the Second street Lutheran the hour for holding Sunday school has been changed from morning to afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Preaching will take place at 10:15 a. m. and 7 p. m.

St. John's Lutheran: Sunday school at 9 a. m.. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 6 p. m. The customary services will be held in the other town churches as usual.

Death of Joseph A. Moore.

Joseph A. Moore, aged about 45 years, a well-known resident of West Hempfield, living at Kinderhook, died at his home last evening, about half-past seven o'clock. Last Sunday Mr. Moore was attacked with cramp, and was unable to get any relief; he gradually grew worse until the attending physicians were powerless to give him any aid. The stomach of Mr. Moore became paralyzed, and after suffering intense pain, death came to his relief last evening.

The wife of Mr. Moore died about six months ago and left five children to the care of a father, who is now taken away, and the children are left with no one but friends to take an interest in their welfare. The date of the funeral has not as yet been decided.

Struck by a Base Ball Bat.

Charlie Stetter, a boy aged about 8 years, living on Perry street, between Second and Third, met with a strange accident yesterday afternoon while watching a game of ball. The lad was seated some distance from where the batter stood and thought that he was free from danger, but as one of the ball players were striking the bat slipped from his hands and struck young Stetter on the left side of his face with terrific force, causing a very ugly wound. The entire left side of the face is much swollen and the injury causes much pain.

Personal Points.

Misses Emma and Mazie Pearce left town this morning for a visit to Reading.

Mr. F. F. Johns is spending a week at Loysville, Cumberland county, having left for that place this morning.

Miss George B. Breneman, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting in Columbia for the past several weeks, returned home this morning.

Mr. S. S. Detwiler and family left town a few days ago for Renovo, where they will spend a week among the mountains.

For the past several days Mr. F. X. Zeigler has been lying at his home on Locust street above Fourth, very seriously ill from congestion of the brain. For years Mr. Zeigler has been manager of the Western Union telegraph office and Adams' Express company at Columbia, and has always been very attentive to the duties devolving on him. All those persons who [illegible] at those offices miss Mr. Ziegler very much, and hope for him a speedy recovery.

The Theatrical Season.

The theatrical season in Columbia will be opened on September 17, continuing three nights, by Miss Lillie Hinton, supported by a strong company. The engagement will be played under the management of the Gen. Welsh Post charity fund. The same low price of admission will prevail this engagement as during last year. Miss Hinton will appear in entirely different characters this season from those in which Columbia had the pleasure of enjoying her last season. The following attractions will be presented: Thursday 17th, "Pygmalion and Galatea;" Friday 18th, "Engaged;" Saturday 19th, "Ingomar."

Town Notes.

The Columbia rod and gun club returned home last evening on the Harrisburg accommodation east, from their camping visit to the mountains in the vicinity of Tyrone. The members look very well after the trip and one and all express themselves delighted with their camping experience.

A very pleasant private picnic was held in Heise's woods yesterday by several families living on Cherry street. The occasion was in honor of the birthday of Miss Nellie Patton.

The river is very high at present and favorable for rafting. Several rafts passed down the river during yesterday.

The Dauntless base ball club of Mount Joy, came to town this afternoon and played their second game of ball with the Columbia club.

The fog was very dense in town yesterday morning, and especially so along the river. The pilot of the steamer Wrightsville had considerable trouble in crossing the river. On one of the trips the pilot lost his reckoning, and instead of landing at the Columbia wharves, the steamer, with a number of canal boats, landed a considerable distance below.

THE MAN FOR THE TIMES

Of Whom Can Be Said What Is Not True of M. S. Quay.

From the New York Evening Post.

The Pennsylvania Democrats have nominated for state treasurer Mr. Conrad B. Day, a man who furnishes a complete contrast to the extraordinary candidate presented by the Republicans. Mr. Day is, according to the leading Republican organ of the state, the Philadelphia *Press*, "a business man of good repute, against whom nothing can be said, and for whom nothing of special personal or political force can be mentioned." Nobody would be able to say that of the Republican candidate, Colonel Matt Quay. His only business for years has been politics of the worst sort, and there is very little in his record which his most devoted friends would think of speaking of as being of "good repute." Between him and Mr. Day no honest voter in the state could hesitate for a moment if fitness were the only question entering into the decision. As we understand it, the Republicans are not urging Quay's election on the ground of fitness, but are supporting him because he is the party nominee, and because Pennsylvania, being so loyal a Republican state that it gave Blaine a majority of 80,000, can be depended upon to elect the regular candidate, no matter what his record may be. We doubt if there is any other state in the Union in which the party could be safely put to such an extreme test as this.

To Parents and School Children.

The public schools in this city will reopen for the fall and winter session on Tuesday next. The schools, especially in James, Lemon and Ann streets, will no doubt be greatly crowded, and those who do not get there early will be apt to be deprived of seats. The pupils should have their books and stationary gathered together this evening or on Monday at the furthest; and those who have not heretofore attended schools should get permits from the directors.

Freight Line to Millersville.

As will be seen by advertisement in another column, the Lancaster & Millersville railway will put a freight car on their road on and after September 1st, to carry freight between this city and Millersville. This will be found to be a great accommodation to passengers, as it will relieve the passenger cars of the baggage with which the platforms are so often crowded, and at the same time avoid the stoppages that occur in taking up freight along the line.

An Empty Station House.

The station house was empty last night and still Turnkey Schenck is not happy.

COMMON PLEAS COURT.

The Everts & Peck Suit—Some Current Business—The Divorce Mill.

BEFORE JUDGE LIVINGSTON.

In the suit of Everts & Peck against Dr. John B. Koehler, the jury rendered a verdict in favor of plaintiff for $14.36.

BEFORE JUDGE PATTERSON.

The jury in the suit of Isaac Rinehart against the city of Lancaster to recover $500 reward, after an all night session, agreed upon a verdict at 9 o'clock this morning in favor of the city.

CURRENT BUSINESS.

John H. Miller, of Reading, was appointed guardian of the minor children of Reuben M. Lousch, late of Brecknock township.

William T. Clark, of Drumore township, was appointed guardian of the minor child of Isabella F. McCammon.

John Minnich, of Warwick township, was apppointed guardian of the minor children of Fanny Gintner, late of Penn township.

Abraham R. Brandt, B. H. Hershey and Joseph W. Young of Manheim borough and S. K. Wolf, of Ephrata township, were appointed guardians of the minor children of Benjamin B. Brandt, late of Penn township.

An issue was granted to try the right to certain property levied upon by the sheriff in which Mary Book was named as plaintiff and J. D. Warfel as defendant.

DIVORCED.

Ella Gibson was divorced from her husband Charles Gibson, on the ground of desertion. Gibson is the son-in-law of the celebrated horse thief John Frankford and is now serving a term in the county prison for horse stealing.

J. H. Schneider, of the *Freie Presse*, was divorced from his wife Kate E. Schneider. The ground alleged is adultery.

ORDER OF SALE GRANTED.

An order of court was granted to sell the real estate belonging to the assigned estate of Samuel Eby, the Elizabethtown banker; the schedule filed shows the liabilities to be $125,000.

Additional Viewers Appointed.

Michael L. Hoover, Jacob M. Frantz and David B. Keplinger were appointed viewers to lay out a private road in Lancaster township from a point on his farm to a point on the Millersville turnpike.

H. N. Breneman, D. and E. E. Mayer and Franklin Clark, viewers, to lay out a street in Strasburg borough to lead from North Jackson street, and end at a point on North Decatur street.

The same viewers were appointed to lay out a street in Strasburg borough, from West Main street to a proposed new road.

Jacob B. Keller, Reuben Bitzer and Geo. S. Fry viewers to lay out a public road in Ephrata township, from a point on the road leading from Ephrata to Hahnstown and ending at a point on the road leading from Hahnstown to Wabash mills.

ALEXANDER LEMON'S TROUBLES.

His Term in Prison Expiring. He Gives Bail for a New Charge.

After the general jail delivery in 1883, Prison-Keeper Burkholder made complaint against all the escaped convicts for jail-breaking before Alderman Samson. The cases were returned to court and true bills were found against all the parties returned. Alexander Lemon, who went out with the gang over the prison wall, was one of the parties against whom indictments were entered. His imprisonment for arson, in firing a tobacco shed on Rockland street expired yesterday. His counsel took out a writ of habeas corpus with a view of having him admitted to bail. The commonwealth was represented by the district attorney and the defendant, by A. F. Shenck. Judge Patterson heard the parties on the writ and fixed the bail at $1,200. Lemon furnished that amount, Michael Brecht becoming his surety for his appearance at the November term of the quarter sessions court.

John Benson's Acquittal.

From the Lebanon Times.

The action of the grand jury in ignoring the bills against John Benson, charged with three separate forgeries has excited much public comment in our community. In certain quarters there exists a strong belief, almost amounting to a positive conviction, that owing to the defendant's previous good social standing in the community and the strong moral and substantial influence of his personal friends, the entire line of the prosecution from the moment of his first arrest up to this last act of the grand jury had all been previously arranged. All the individual parties who were losers by Mr. Benson's alleged delinquency were fully remunerated to the last dollar, and how far this established fact tended to soften the asperity of the prosecutors and enlist their sympathies for the alleged criminal in the case we let the reader alone to determine.

Two Drowned at Cape May.

Charles Heyer, of No. 924 Poplar street, Philadelphia, aged twenty-one years, was drowned at Cape May, N. J., while swimming in deep water about noon on Friday, during bathing hour. James Miller, colored, of Pittsburg, a waiter at the New Columbia hotel, is supposed to have drowned at the same time. Three colored men and young Heyer were near together when a cry for help was heard, and two of the men were rescued. It was not known positively that either of the two was drowned until a bather in diving, struck the body of Heyer and brought it ashore. Miller is supposed to have been drowned, as he has not been seen since.

Five Children Poisoned.

Three children were fatally poisoned at Fassil, Gillam county, Oregon, Wednesday. They got hold of a case of concentrated lye and drank some of the contents, which caused death before medical assistance could be procured. Shortly afterward Rev. James Young, who lives in the same town, gave two of his children, by mistake, an overdose of medicine containing laudanum, and both died within an hour.

Mrs. Grant's Thanks for the Resolutions.

Alderman Barr this morning received the following letter, which explains itself:

Mrs. U. S. Grant tenders her grateful thanks for your resolutions, which have been received. Respectfully,

F. D. GRANT.

J. K. BARR,
Clerk of Select Council, Lancaster.

Foot Badly Crushed.

This morning about 9 o'clock, August Foel, a laborer, aged 40 years, had his foot badly crushed at the Penn iron works. He was assisting in lifting a half ton casting when the chain broke and the casting fell on his foot. He was taken to St. Joseph's hospital where his injuries were dressed. It is likely that his toes will have to be amputated.

Amount Drawn During the Run on a Bank.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 29.—Figures of the total amount of money withdrawn from the Spring Garden bank, of Philadelphia, during the panic, are being prepared. The total amounts of deposits, it is understood, is over $1,500,000, and the amount paid out in the run will not exceed $350,000, or at the most $400,000.

An Evangelical Bishop Married.

Bishop R. Dubs, of the Evangelical church, well known here, was recently married to Miss Carothers, daughter of Elder Carothers, of Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Dubs will reside in Cleveland. The marriage has created no little sensation in the church.

No Necessity for It.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29.—Indian Commissioner Atkins says he has not received the resignation of Agent Stollstheimer, of the Southern Ute Agency, Colorado, as to the report that an army officer will be placed in charge of the agency. General Atkins says that there is no necessity for it, and he does not think it will be done.

Not Correct.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 29.—Collector Bissell was shown the dispatch from Washington stating that the treasury department intended causing all the Canadian mails coming into the United States to be fumigated to prevent the introduction of the small pox and was asked if he had received any such orders. Mr. Bissel replied that no orders have yet been received in regard to the matter.

SCIENTIFIC SLUGGERS.

THE SULLIVAN-M'CAFFREY CONTEST AT CINCINNATI.

The Town Filling Up With Patrons of the Pugilistic Profession—Young M'Caffrey Fresh As [illegible] In [illegible].

CINCINNATI, Aug. 29.—At 9 o'clock this morning John L. Sullivan called at the justice's office, with Manager Campbell, of Chester park, who signed a bond in the sum of $10,000, by which Sullivan is bound not to engage in any fight or contention, commonly called a prize fight within the state of Ohio for the space of one year. This, it is maintained, does not include a glove contest or sparring exhibition, just what Sullivan and McCaffrey propose to indulge in. After the fight is over the bond may be forfeited if the question as to whether it was a fight or not, can be legally [illegible].

McCaffrey arose this morning as fresh as a daisy, and when asked how he felt, said: "I feel like a winner."

Some bets have been made of $100 to $80 in favor of Sullivan, but there is practically no betting.

Train loads of sporting men are rolling into the Central station hour by hour, and the indications are that there will be a jam at the Chester park gates this afternoon.

EDGAR COWAN DEAD.

A Once Famous Pennsylvanian Passes Away in Greensburg.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 29.—A Greensburg, Pa., special says: "Ex-U. S. Senator Edgar Cowen died at 11:30 o'clock this morning."

Edgar Cowan was born in Sewickley township, Westmoreland county, September 19, 1815. His schooling consisted of a few months under a rural tutor, whose horizon was bounded by the "rule of three." In December, 1839, Mr. Cowan entered the law office of Hon. H. D. Foster, in this place. In 1840 he entered politics. He joined the Whig party and was conspicuous in the campaign in which William Henry Harrison was chosen president.

He actively and heartily engaged in the campaign of [illegible]. Slavery was then an important question, and had considerble bearing upon the election. Mr. Cowan supported Fremont in preference to Fillmore and Buchanan. In 1861 he was elected to the United States Senate. A month after taking his seat an attack was made on Fort Sumter.

As a lawyer in the Senate he took rank with Collamer, Browning, the elder Bayard, Reverdy Johnson and Trumbull. His death was due to cancer, from which he had long suffered.

A COLORED RASCAL.

Finally Detected in Wholesale Pension Swindling Schemes.

VICKSBURG, Miss. Aug. 29.—A. R. Henderson formerly a colored justice of the peace, and a prominent politician in the days of reconstruction, occupying the position of United States collector of pensions at Lake Providence, for the widows and orphans of deceased colored soldiers, was arrested at Lake Providence, yesterday, by a deputy United States marshal, charged with forging the name of a deceased colored widow to pension vouchers the names of the identifying witness thereto, and causing the vouchers to be presented to the pension agent at Knoxville, for payment; and also with forging the name of a claimant and witness for restoration to the pension rolls after she had died in the insane asylum some months previous. Henderson's headquarters were generally at colored churches when he concocted his scheme by preying upon the credulity of the colored widows. He will be taken to Monroe, La., for arraignment [illegible] commissioner there.

A Priest [illegible].

PERTH, Aug. 29.—[illegible] ported from Paisley [illegible] The Roman C[illegible] took [illegible] cese for allowing [illegible] for election to public office [illegible] conduct was upri[illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] became so incensed [illegible] that meeting the latter on the street, he once proceeded to administer a [illegible]. The bishop fled to his lodgings where he was followed by the infuriated priest and beaten unmercifully.

Settling the Afghan Frontier Question.

LONDON, Aug 29.—The final arrangement between England and Russia in adjusting the dispute arising from the Afghan frontier troubles are progressing without the slightest hitch. Telegrams and messengers are sent to Lord Salisbury at his chalet in Dieppe, France, where he is spending his holiday, conveying the latest information with regard to the negotiations between England and Russia. The Russian ambassador, Baron De Staal, is daily in receipt of dispatches from his government, and in consequence is prevented from leaving his post even for a short holiday.

Nat. McKay Off for Europe.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Nathaniel McKay, the well-known naval contractor, who is an old acquaintance of Secretary Whitney, sailed for Europe to-day on the City of Chicago. It is reported that he has gone to make a report for the government, being a practical ship builder himself. He says: "I will examine while there the English and French navy and private ship-yards and get the cost of labor and material that goes into the construction of a ship, and if possible ascertain the difference in cost of living in Europe by the mechanics that build ships, in order that I can compare them with ours."

Accidentally Killed His Playmate.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Aug 29.—Last evening Joseph Fastloben, aged 12 years, and his niece Cassie, 9 years old, daughter of J. B. Aull, went to the home of C. J. Fastloben, a brother of the boy, to water the flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Fastloben were out of town. Jos., while playing, found a loaded rifle and pointed it at the little girl so that the clicking of the lock, as he says, would scare her. In an instant the gun was discharged, killing the girl. The children were only about 10 feet apart. The girl was noted in the town for her remarkable beauty.

A Minister Charged With Dishonesty.

GALENA, Ills, Aug 29.—The Rev. John Furnier, a well-known Methodist minister who has held several charges in this country, is accused of forgery and with obtaining money under false pretensions. Furnier, it is alleged, has gone to Canada.

Dakota's and Nebraska's Populations.

WASHINGTON, Aug 29.—The returns of the semi-decennial census of Dakota sent to the interior department show the population to be 263,465, as against 135,177 in 1880. Of Nebraska 740,000, as against 452,402 in 1880.

The Anglo-Chinese Alliance.

BERLIN, Aug. 29.—The *Zeitung*, commenting on the report of anglo-Chinese alliance, says that it means the loss of Manchuria to Russia in the event of war.

Advance of the Cholera.

MADRID, Aug. 29.—Thirty-five hundred and seventy-five new cases of cholera have occurred here during the past 24 hours, and eleven hundred and ninety deaths.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

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

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug 29.—For the Middle Atlantic states, local rains, stationary temperature, variable winds.

Local rains have fallen in the South Atlantic and East Gulf states and the Upper Lake region, the Missouri valley and the northern part of the Upper Mississippi valley. In all other districts the weather has been generally fair. The temperature has risen slightly in New England, the Middle Atlantic states and the Ohio, and has remained nearly stationary in all other districts.

Light snow fell on Mount Washington last night.

FOR SUNDAY—Fair weather, with stationary temperature is indicated for New England, and occasional light local rains with stationary temperature, for the Middle Atlantic states.