

THE NEW COMMISSIONERS



WHO WERE RECENTLY APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT CLEVELAND. Hon. Charles Lyman, the Republican Member of the Commission—Hon. John H. Oberly, Who Has Lancaster Relatives—Brief Sketches of Their Lives.

By the appointment of Charles Lyman to be civil service commissioner, the entire personnel of that commission has been changed from what it was previously to Cleveland's inauguration. Mr. Lyman was appointed to succeed Dorman B. Eaton, who tendered his resignation some time ago, but who was requested by the president to continue in office until his successor was named. Mr. Lyman is by birth a New Englander, is well educated and a gentleman of refinement. He served in the United States army during the late war, making a good record, although for some trifling matter he was removed from the service by Secretary Stanton before the end of the struggle. In 1864 he was appointed to a clerkship in the second auditor's office, treasury department, and subsequently was made assistant of the station department, which position he held until 1877 when he was made chief clerk of the department. His next promotion was to chief examiner of the civil service commission. The attention was called to his excellent record of the duties of his subordinate position recommended him to President Cleveland, and accordingly Mr. Lyman was appointed as a man in the Republican member of the commission and in answer to the accusation that he was not a good Republican said, 'I cast my first vote in November 1870 for Abraham Lincoln from that time, to this, I have been a consistent Republican and have never voted any other but the Republican ticket.

JOHN H. OBERLY.



An Illinois Editor Who Has Successfully Claimed His Home. William H. Trenholm, of South Carolina, who was made civil service commissioner a short time ago, has been appointed controller of the currency by President Cleveland, and John H. Oberly, of Illinois, has been appointed to the place made vacant by Mr. Trenholm. The president said that the three men who he has appointed were selected without recommendations and solely on his own personal knowledge of their character and capacity. All of them were in the public service and had, by their performance of their duties, attracted and furnished him personal evidence of their eminent fitness for the duties of the offices for which they are named.

A Young Girl's Horrible Story.

Corra Green, a pretty fourteen-year-old girl who escaped from Greenville, O., on Sunday last, from John McVey, a gypsy, and his two female companions, relates a horrible story of her treatment. She states that she was kidnapped from her home near Lebanon, Indiana, over a year ago, and was compelled to travel about the country with the gypsies. McVey, she says, shot her in the head, kicked her out on the body with a hatchet, beat her with a club, flogged her with a buggy whip and outraged her. He also drove her through her feet, fastening her to a board and swinging her up to a wagon box. Marks of the girl's wounds are plainly visible. McVey and his two companions disappeared as soon as they learned of the girl's escape. A large number of citizens are hunting for the party, and if they are captured a lynching will probably follow.

RESOLUTIONS IN CONFERENCE

Standing and Special Committees Appointed. Andover, Mass., March 19.—The Philadelphia conference of the Methodist Episcopal church began its ninety-ninth annual session Thursday morning in the Centenary M. E. church, Forty-first and Spring garden streets, Philadelphia. The session was opened at 10 o'clock with the singing and prayer by the Rev. H. H. Willard, F. Maitland in the chair. After devotional exercises and roll call Rev. J. R. T. Gray, secretary of the last conference, was re-elected, with the usual amendments. The standing and special committees were then appointed, as follows:

On Public Worship—J. E. Crouch, William P. Wood, D. W. J. Mills, J. H. Hargis and Thomas C. Murphy, D. D. On Education—Ministers J. O. Wilson, A. T. Grant, George G. G. Garrison, H. Heiner, F. H. Moore, T. M. Jackson and H. A. Cleveland; laymen, Owen Oster, M. D. Channing, Professor E. J. James and L. D. Brown. On Bible Cause—William Mullin, James Morrow, E. C. Griffiths, W. Major, S. H. Hooper, D. McClinton, S. P. Hancock and F. H. Harvey. On Sunday School—E. C. Yerkes, N. Turner, George W. North, W. W. King, W. Redwood, G. H. Thomas, Harrison and D. M. Gordon. On Tract Cause—S. W. Kurtz, H. Wheeler, J. W. D. Smith, W. A. S. Sullivan, W. Griffith, W. M. Gilbert, G. L. Shaffer and George Alcorn. On Temperance—S. N. Chew, W. Cotman, W. P. Powell, A. Wolfe, L. Lindeman, George K. Morris, D. D., J. S. Lane and H. Frankland. On Foreign Missions—S. M. Vernon, D. D., George T. Hurlock, J. Dickerson, J. R. Stricker, John D. Fox, J. R. Bailey, L. B. Brown and W. H. Shaffer. On Women's Foreign Missions—C. W. Buoy, S. Hornell, R. W. Humphries, G. W. Miller, C. M. S. Smith, W. H. Fries, S. H. C. Smith and J. D. Martin. On Women's Home Missions—W. Downey, E. R. Underhill, D. D., C. S. Sullivan, C. N. Stone, T. K. Noble, Charles W. Bickley, D. D., W. G. Taylor and G. Read. On Necessitous Cases—J. M. McCullough, C. W. W. Hacking, L. W. H. Hacking, C. Murphy, D. D., and W. S. Pugh; laymen, B. Schofield, J. R. Black, Thomas T. T. Teaker, Sr., James Black, John R. Senior and R. H. Brown. On General Statistics—Harry Hess, A. W. Quinley, S. W. Smith, F. Ashby Gilbert, S. M. H. Hacking, C. M. S. Smith, W. F. Shepherd, C. M. Simpson, George E. Kleinheim, W. Bamford and Robert Smith. On Finance—J. W. Bralton, W. K. Nelson, R. E. D. Hacking, W. W. Hacking, B. T. Iselt, J. B. Graf, J. P. Miller. On Resolutions—A. J. Anthony, R. E. C. Calton, W. Hacking, J. B. Hacking, A. G. Kynett, R. D. Naylor, Robert McKay, and J. T. Gray. On Pennsylvania Seamen's Relief Society—S. M. Hacking, D. D., Thomas Kelly, W. R. Rink, George G. G. Garrison, J. R. Bailey and E. C. Yerkes. To Nominate Trustees of the Conference—G. O. Bakesraw, G. S. Broadbent, F. R. Lynch and P. S. Morrill. On Exhibit of the Book Concern—J. T. Stebbins, W. Hacking, Joseph B. Hacking, J. B. Hacking, W. D. Jones. On Observance of the Sabbath—J. F. Carson, C. B. McClinton, John O'Sullivan, F. E. Brady, A. B. Hoffman, H. E. Robinson, Edward Devine and Matthias Hamill. On the Missions of the Philadelphia City Home Mission Society and the Philadelphia Conference—S. A. Helmer, T. B. Neely, D. D., G. W. Miller, D. D., T. Stevens and W. L. Gray. On a Committee of five was ordered to consider the propriety of celebrating the centennial of the conference of the Philadelphia conference. Statistical reports were presented showing the amounts given during the year by the various churches for benevolent purposes, exclusive of their own contributions. Rev. Dr. R. S. Rust, of Cincinnati, corresponding secretary of the Cincinnati Aid society, presented a report on the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Rev. James Morrow, spoke of the progress, needs and encouraging prospects of the conference, and of the people of the North. Conference adjourned at noon to reconvene at 9 o'clock Friday morning. The Philadelphia Conference Education Society was held in the evening in Centenary church. The secretary stated that during the past year sixteen young men had been admitted to the society. The absence of the treasurer an approximate report was presented, by which it appeared that the receipts for the year amounted to \$11,000 and the disbursements to \$10,000. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. A. C. Murdock; Vice President, Colson Hieckel; George D. Dunmore, D. D., Rev. S. W. Thomas, F. B. Neely, D. D., Secretary; W. L. Gray, Treasurer; W. Hacking, W. L. Gray, Secretary.

THE GIRL NEEDED NOT GO

The Brums Case in Minersville Decided. Minersville, Pa., March 19.—The case of the girl of the House, and in 1876, when he became governor, he remembered the prominent part taken by Oberly in the legislation of the House, and appointed him one of the railroad commissioners of Illinois. He held the position for four years, during which time many questions affecting railroads in legislation were settled. In May, 1886, he was appointed by President Cleveland to be Indian school superintendent, a position which he held for a good record. Mr. Oberly has also been connected with several newspapers, occupying the editorial chair for a number of years. He is a native of the State of Kentucky, and lived for many years in the vicinity of Staunton, Va. Mr. Oberly has many relatives in the northern part of Lancaster county, who will be glad to hear of his appointment. He is a nephew of Mrs. William R. Wilson, of No. 21 Oak Lemon street.

Arguing Court.

The court heard argument today of a number of cases in the quarter sessions list. In the case of commonwealth vs. John N. Presberry, the rule to show cause why costs paid by defendant should be refunded, was discharged. The tavern license of Daniel E. Potts, Strawberry borough, was transferred to R. O. Myers. The tavern license of John Rowley, Columbia borough, was transferred to Mattie Schertz. A writ of habeas corpus was granted in favor of an effect on April 1. Aaron H. Summy, Manheim township, was appointed guardian of the minor children of Henry E. Rudy, who are legatees of the estate of John Rudy, deceased. In the Elizabeth township road case J. A. Stoher, William Crouse and Levi Crouse were appointed assessors. The title of the road was sustained and the report of viewers was set aside. Alias viewers will be appointed. In the Fulton township road case the exceptions were withdrawn, the report of the viewers was sustained and the title of the road to be opened will not be issued until July 5. H. Z. Khoules was appointed a viewer to assess damages to be done by the proposed opening of Grant street from Christian to North Queen in place of R. H. Brubaker, who had expressed an opinion and could not serve.

Divorce Application No. 15.

The fifteenth application of divorce for the week was filed this morning. The petitioner is American V. Rogers, of Columbia, and he wants a divorce from his wife Nana, on the ground of adultery.

PROF. KERSHNER'S LECTURE.

A LANKARD DISCOURSE ON A VERY INTERESTING SUBJECT.

Lecture by Prof. J. H. Kershner at the College Chapel on "Sun"—Some Interesting Information from the Thoroughly Conversant With the Subject.

On Thursday evening the fourth lecture in the course given under the auspices of the College Y. M. C. A., was delivered in the chapel by Prof. J. H. Kershner, Ph. D. His subject was "The Sun". The speaker started out by saying a glowing tribute to the science of astronomy, placing it first in the rank of the sciences. The theme of his lecture was the aids we have already derived from mathematical and physical science towards the investigation of the heavenly bodies. He then went on to show the relation the different planets bear towards one another, the number stars may usually be seen on a clear night by the naked eye, the entire number that may be seen by means of the telescope amounting to between thirty and fifty millions. He then spoke of the sun being logic reasons that it is neither in a solid nor in a liquid state, but gaseous, and of the many different minerals entering into the composition of the sun. He then spoke of the sun's spots, their causes due to violent explosions and their periodical appearances. Professor Kershner then spoke of the other planets, and in conclusion gave several very satisfactory theories how the heat and light of these bodies are continually supplied. He then spoke of the sun's short of fuel. Finally Prof. Kershner said he would assure the audience that after ten hundred million years the sun will have become so cold that everything would have perished.

A CURIOUS CASE OF BLINDNESS.

John Erb, of Mount Nebo, Loses the Power to Raise His Eyelids. Mr. Erb, of this place, is a very seriously afflicted man, having lost the use of his eyes through failure of the muscles that raise the eyelids. About three years ago he first became conscious of a weakness in the lids and the power to raise them until he gradually became worse and worse until he is now unable to raise them at all except when he awakens. By the most strenuous efforts he can open them for just a momentary glance when they again close and are perpetually held together by the eyelashes. Last fall from this cause he fell over a spike barrow and very seriously injured his hand from the effects of which he still suffers slightly. This accident was a very energetic man has done much towards improving this section of country. His home which is situated in the township of Martletville, one of the finest in Martletville, and for many years he bears his attention with the greatest resignation. He is well known all over the county for many years he plied his vocation of clock and watch-maker, having his place of business in Cosmopolis town. His vocation is very sick with infirmatory rheumatism.

SOME VILLAGE CHANGES.

There will be many changes of residences in the neighborhood and people are very busy, many having already done so. Mr. Jacob Dull, of Mt. Nebo, moved to Roberts-town, and Mr. George Hacking, of Mt. Nebo, moved to the place held by Mr. Hacking. The place held by Mr. Hacking will be occupied by Gordon Armstrong, where Mr. Armstrong leaves will be taken possession of by Mr. C. Good, of Martletville. Mr. Agon, of Mt. Nebo, will occupy his own house in the town. John Charles, of the House Rock place, will occupy his own place in the township. Mr. Joseph Armstrong, of Martletville, is retiring from farming and will move to Rawlinville, and Mr. T. Bruce has already taken possession of his place, to be occupied by Mr. C. Good, of Martletville. Mr. C. Good, of Martletville, will occupy the place left vacant by Mr. Bruce. The Martletville hotel is occupied by Mr. C. Miller for the coming year. James Moore, of Martletville, will occupy the place held by Mr. C. Miller. Frederick Hart goes to Mt. Nebo, Ex-Prison Underkeeper, A. Hagen, proposes leaving Mt. Nebo and going to Martletville to Mrs. Nelson's house, and Scott Shoff will go there, as he has purchased the place. Mr. Shoff lives on the lot of the late Mrs. W. H. Rudy, who are legatees of the estate of John Rudy, deceased. Some of the energetic young men of Martletville have started an orchestra of six pieces.

Inspector Byrnes Working His Case.

New York, March 19.—There were no further reports from the police chief today with regard to the arrest of Alderman Jaehne. Inspector Byrnes stated to a United Press reporter that it was not probable that any of the other aldermen would be arrested today, but he added: "I am working in the darkest way, but I believe the public interest is secured. Neither personal nor political influence will shield the guilty ones from arrest."

Commissioner Black Being Examined.

The Senate committee on expenditures of public moneys resumed on Thursday night its examination of Commissioner Black. The public moneys on the allegation that the pension office previous to the present administration had been run as a political machine. Mr. Black was asked a number of questions in cases prepared in which pension claims had been allowed for political reasons, and the commissioner replied that he had such a stenographer a list of twenty cases as a starter. When the committee shall have disposed of the cases, the chairman said, he will read affidavits and declarations, partly from the files of the office and partly from claims, all of whom bore out the charge made by him. The first name on the list—that of Thomas W. Bennett—was taken up, respecting which considerable office memoranda were submitted, showing the claimant's military record, his service in the war, and the medical report of the case, but the certificate was not issued until some time thereafter. The commissioner thought the claim could not have been legally allowed, and intimated that it was allowed through favoritism. In reply to Mr. Keena the commissioner said he had received certain information touching the relationship between the commissioner and Mr. Bennett which could be accessible to the committee.

The Leg He Could Spare Best.

Patrick Curran, a man with a wooden leg, of Georgetown, Pa., in attempting to board a moving passenger train on Thursday, fell over his own leg, and was killed. Fortunately it was the wooden leg.

TWELVE NEUROSES KILLED.

A Whirlpool Mob of White Men Fire Into a Crowded Court Room.

A special from Winona, Minn., given the following particulars of the circumstances leading to the tragedy enacted at Carrollton, Minn., on Wednesday: Robert Moore, a young man from Leflore county, went to Carrollton. There he met Ed. Brown, colored with whom he had an altercation, and the negro was carried in a jail. J. M. Liddell, Jr., of Greenwood, a friend of Moore, happened to see the assault and tried to help Moore. In his treatment of Moore, Brown gave him impudence and Liddell started at him, but was prevented by bystanders from attacking him. Brown then turned against himself and induced others to do so. They stationed themselves on the street, some secreted themselves in the hotel. When Liddell came after supper from the hotel he saw them and asked them what they meant, whereupon Ed. Brown responded: "It was not your fault that we were in this street. Ed. Brown with his fist, and Ed. Charles Brown, his brother, both simultaneously started at him. Liddell pulled the elbow of his right arm. About this time some fifteen to twenty shots were fired from different quarters. Liddell, pulled his revolver and fired a shot into the crowd and received one shot in the fleshy part of his leg. Charles Brown was shot in the stomach and fell. The crowd started back and the affray were brought before the mayor forthwith, waived an examination, and were bailed to appear before the next circuit court. Liddell was actually made by the two Brown brothers, that they would have Jim Liddell's blood. Further they were ordered to remain in the jail for seven days, and would kill the first who put his feet on their ground. On the 12th instant they made affidavit against Liddell, and were actually made by the best of the best citizens of the place, and men who knew nothing of the trial, and were ordered to remain in the jail and to intend to murder in the previous difficulty. Previous to the opening of the trial on Wednesday Brown boasted on the street that he had killed Liddell. The judge, who had the first man that made a motion in his direction. The case was called at noon, when the court house was immediately filled with negroes, who stationed themselves around and about the Brown brothers. The attorneys were proceeding with the trial when suddenly a mob of about thirty or forty dressed white men, all well armed. Perceiving their entrance, Edward Brown drew his pistol and fired in the direction of Liddell, who was standing in the crowd. A crowd of the firing became general. Ten were instantly killed, and two others have since died. The crowd was dispersed by the windows, a distance of at least twenty feet from the ground. On most of the dead bodies arms were found. The room was filled with blood, and the judge's bench is on the north side of the room, and the benches facing it are towards the west. On a very large court room with windows all around. On the south window were counted 135 shot-holes, in the wall of the passage leading down stairs shot-holes, and on the north window, on the left side, struck the northeast window and glanced into the wall. Five other shots show on the north wall from the direction of the court-room. The mob then left as quickly and quietly as they came in.

ALDERMAN JAEHNE'S VOTING.

He Says He Was Paid \$30,000 for Going for the Broadway Franchise. Alderman Henry W. Jaehne was arrested in New York on Wednesday for accepting a bribe against him that he received a bribe, in consideration for which he voted for the granting of the franchise to build a railway in Broadway to the Broadway Surface Railway company after the resolution had been passed by the city council. Jaehne's arrest was issued by Judge Gilder-sleeve, of the court of general sessions. The amount of the bribe was \$30,000. Jaehne had sent for him nearly a year ago and asked his assistance in getting at the facts about the alleged railroad steels; how the money was paid to Jaehne; and what Jaehne was a promising subject; contrived to meet him accidentally, as it were, now and then, and was paid Jaehne a very large sum of money to look after the franchise. Jaehne was called to go to the hearing the inspector talked to him and began to talk to him. At each of the hearings Jaehne was present, and was convinced that money had been used. Meanwhile District Attorney Martine was investigating the matter, and was informed on Wednesday night with the two officials the inspector arranged with Jaehne for a confidential interview at the inspector's house, to take up his share in the Broadway railway franchise. Jaehne said that he had no money, but the two officials the inspector told him how he got it and how much he had had. The inspector told him how he had been bribed, and volunteered the information that those of them who had money had, since the Senate investigation began, a certain lawyer go over their books and look up the money that Jaehne had all right when their turn should come. He said who the lawyer was, but I am not going to tell you now. I shall not say you in detail in this case, but I am sure you will be implicated. That will appear in the proper season. Jaehne said incidentally during the hearing that he was going to skip the town. I presume he thought it was his good friend. I thought enough of him, anyhow, to have him looked up in detail in this case, but I am sure you will be implicated. That will appear in the proper season.

Women Who Would Vote.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—The House committee on territories today heard arguments in favor of woman suffrage in the territories by Henry B. Blackwell, secretary of the American Woman Suffrage association; Rev. Anna H. Shaw, of Michigan; Mrs. Mary A. Hunt, Boston; Representative Long, Massachusetts, and Delegate Carey, Wyoming. A large number of ladies were present during the hearing.

Assaulted an Old Man and His Wife.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 19.—An old man and woman tramping their way from Cairo to St. Louis, were assaulted last night near North Alton by a ruffian, who beat the old man, and threatened to kill him if he did not return to rescue the old people but were driven off by shots from the man's revolver. Calling a constable to their aid they managed to drive the man away.

Louisville's Badly Managed Postoffice.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 19.—Ex-Postoffice Inspector A. G. Sharp, now mayor of Chattanooga, Tenn., says that the postoffice at Louisville is very badly managed and that the officers in charge of it are totally unfit for their trust. He says he made a report to this effect after an investigation during his term of office and that it is on file in the department.

Paris, March 19.—The American colony of this city will give a banquet to M. Pastour at the rooms of the Stanley club, on the evening of Wednesday, April 14. United States Minister McLane will preside.

A German Warrior Dead.

BERLIN, March 19.—Lieut. General Von Brandenstein, of the German army, is dead. He was the commander of the 9th Division, fourth Army corps, with headquarters at Glogau, Saxony.

A Big Amount of Counterfeit Coins.

CAIRO, March 19.—Counterfeit coins representing the value of \$2,500,000 has obtained circulation in Egypt.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—For the Middle Atlantic states, slightly warmer easterly winds, fair weather, followed by rain.

BOLD ATTEMPT TO ABDUCT.

SICILIAN BRIGANDS FOILED IN A VILLAINOUS EFFORT.

Twenty Outlaws Surround the Winter Residence of Hon. Victor Albert Nelson Hood.

NAPLES, March 19.—A desperate attempt was made last night by Sicilian brigands to abduct the Hon. Victor Albert Nelson Hood, a member of the Italian parliament, of England. Mr. Hood is spending the winter upon an estate in Sicily called Castello Di Maniace which was given by a former king of Sicily to Admiral Nelson, who was an ancestor of Mr. Hood. The castle on the estate on this estate was stealthily surrounded by about twenty outlaws, all well armed and disguised. The band was sent to Mr. Hood saying that if he would surrender no one would be harmed, but otherwise the place would be taken by storm and many lives might be sacrificed. Mr. Hood returned no reply to this note, but impressed upon them that they would be shot if they persisted in the kidnaping plot and had time to rally a few friends. These gentlemen and all the male servants in the house were furnished with fire arms and posted at points of advantage. The brigands opened the fight with the retreat and captured the castle and all the outlaws. The band was sent to Mr. Hood saying that if he would surrender no one would be harmed, but otherwise the place would be taken by storm and many lives might be sacrificed. Mr. Hood returned no reply to this note, but impressed upon them that they would be shot if they persisted in the kidnaping plot and had time to rally a few friends. These gentlemen and all the male servants in the house were furnished with fire arms and posted at points of advantage. The brigands opened the fight with the retreat and captured the castle and all the outlaws. The band was sent to Mr. Hood saying that if he would surrender no one would be harmed, but otherwise the place would be taken by storm and many lives might be sacrificed. Mr. Hood returned no reply to this note, but impressed upon them that they would be shot if they persisted in the kidnaping plot and had time to rally a few friends. 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