MAXWELL TELLS HIS STORY. HOW PRELLER MET HIS DEATH IN THE HOTEL AT ST. LOUIS.

Minutely Describing How Chloroform Was Used Excessively-His Emotions on Finding That Preller Was Dying Stuffing the Hody to the Trunk.

Maxwell was placed on the stand in the criminal court room, St. Louis, on Wednesday, in his trial for the murder of Preiler, and a great crowd was present. He showed little evidence of feeling, though there was some degree of nervousness, both in his face and hands. There was a rustle through the court room and Judge Van Wagoner, in a brief speech, demanded absolute quiet in the audience. The witness then, in reply to questions by Mr. Fauntieroy, state i in sub-

My full name is High M. Brooks : I am 2 years old ; was born in Hyde, Cheshire, Engand : I commenced to study law with Mr Brown, at Stockport, near Hyde, in 1878, and remained there four years; I am a lawyer by profession; I also studied medicine and surgery at the Collegiate school, Manchester, but I am not a beensed physician; I first met C. Arthur Prelier at the Northwestern hotel, at Liverpool, but did not get acquainted until I met him on board the steamer Cephalonin; also met Mr. War ren on the steamer; Mr. Preiler and I were both Englishmen, coming to a strange land, and our acquaintance ripened into a warm triendship. We told much about our plans and purposes for the future, and our acquain-tance and friendship continued after our arrival in this country. We reached Boston Pebruary 3d, and after three or four days Prelier started on a business trip. I had conversations and correspondence with Prelier about going to New Zealand. We agreed to meet in St. Louis and go there together. I told him about my financial condition, telling him in a letter that I had \$100, all told. I treated Prelier several times medically in Boston and by letter, and he acknowledged having received decided benefit from the treatment; he knew that I had never practiced medicine regularly; I never used any deception with him in this regard. The witness then described various events about Prelier leaving Boston for Canada about his own and Prelier's strival in St. Louis and stopping at the Southern hotel; that he had \$50 to \$60 when he arrived here how he tried to pawn some of his things be-fore Preller came; his visits to Fernow's drug store and his conversations with Fernow; his purchasing various articles of him. among them chloroform and carbolic acid. which, in combination, be used himself in treating a bad tooth that troubled him; that Prelier arrived on the Friday prior to Easter Sunday; how they went together to try to sell his magic lantern and sildes, and various other occurrences which took place between Friday and Sunday, all of which are familiar to nearly everybody.

After recess the examination of the de-

"We, Mr. Prelier and I," he said, "made two trips between the Southern hotel and the Union depot, where we attempted to discover the cause of the detention of my trunk, which contained the magic fantern, and were told by the baggage man there that it was prob-ably detained in Port Huron, Canada, by the cussoms officers. We visited Aloe, the opti-cian, in the endeavor to ascertain if he would purchase the lantern and slides when they should arrive. From the time that Mr. Freliefarrived in St. Louis down to Easter Sunday we saw a great deal of each other; we Sunday we saw a great deal of each other; we were, as a former witness has stated, almost inseparable. I visited his room several times, but when we were not looking around the city or playing pool we spent most of the time in my room. We played pool a great deal and whoever lost the game paid for it. We played about oven, so the expense was equally divided.
We drank some, but not much. He paid for
most of the drinks. Mr. Preiler was accustomed to call at my room early in the morning and we would go down to breaklast together, return to my room, converse and smoke for awhile and then go down to the rotunda. On Easter Sunday, before 1 went to the drug store, he and 1 had a conversation about the performance of an operation two betore. On Sunday Mr. Preiler de-scribed to me his symptoms and I took my authorities on medicine and read to Mr. authorities on medicine and read to Mr. Preiler the directions as to the prepar method of administering chloroform and refreshed my own mind as to the precautions to be used. There are marginal notes of the pages treating on the simplest and safest method of using the drug, but I made those sometwelve months before I left England. After this conversation with Mr. Preiler I went to the drug store and purchased four ounces of chloroform and a quantity of absorbent outcome. On this same day Preiler and I had gone to another drug store, one under the Southern hotel, and made some purchases, which he said we must have and could probably not get on our journey to could probably not get on our journey to Auckland, before we arrive at San Fran-cisco. It had been understood between us all the time that I was to sell my magic lanall the time that I was to sell my magic lantern and some other things, in order to raise money for the trip to San Francisco, and that he was to pay for my passage to Auckland, with the understanding that I should refund to him the cost of that passage. While in the drug store I ordered and drank a mixture of bromide of potassium and valerianate of amonia to quiet my nerves. I drank this in the presence of Mr. Preller, and he paid for that he did for the other, things purchased

We then returned to the hotel, and on ou way up to our room stopped in the eigar stand and purchased a box of cigars, for which my companion paid. We then went up stairs and, after smoking for a while and discussing the proposed operation, Mr. Preller went to his own room, returning shortly after, re-moved his waistcoat and replaced his coat with a dressing gown. Immediately there after we began to make preparations for the operation. Mr. Prelier lay down upon the bed. I placed a four ounce bottle of chloro-form on the washstand and poured out a fluid gramme of the liquid on a piece of lint, which I folded three times, then walked to the bed and held the lint about six inches from my patient's face, so that the vapor from the chlo-roform might become mixed with the air and produce not a too violent effect. It all evapproduce not a too violent effect. It all evap-orated in a few minutes, and I turned around to get more, and found that the bottle which I had placed on the washstand, had fallen into the basin and a large portion of the contents had flowed out and not enough was left to produce aniesthesi. I then went to Furnew's drug store to get more, teiling Mr. Furnow I had spilled what I had first bought. I wanted four ounces, but he only had two, and I took that."
"Were you excited in your manner," asked

it as he did for the other things purchased

"Not at all."

"Did you feel any excitement?"

"No, none whatever, but I was certainly in a hurry to get away and told Mr. Farnow so. I think I remarked to him, too, that it was unnecessary to place a label on the bottle, for I intended to place its contents in the empty bottle in my room. I then returned to my room where I had left Mr. Preller in an undressed condition, lying on my bed. I placed about a gramme of the fluid on the lint a second time, and again held it about six int a second time, and again held it about six inches from his lace. I continued this some time, until I thought unconsciousness, or, rather, insensibility to pain, had been reached."

Were you excited in your manner," asked

Witness then said how he proceeded with the operation, and added: "Mr. Prelier made a peculiar noise, wincing as if he felt pain. I came to the conclusion that I had

reform."
The witness here explained that in per

The witness here explained that in performing any operation of the kind it was necessary that the patient should be rendered wholly unconscious of the resulting pain.

"It was evident to me that Mr. Preiler was still conscious of pain, and I poured a gramme or a gramme and a half of the chloroform upon the lint, which I again placed before his face. Almost before I knew it Mr. Preiler's breathing became very labored and I at once suspended the administration of chloroform, for I knew that his condition was serious. I seized a pair of my surgeons scisors and at once cut his shirt and undershirt from his body, and tried all means of resuscitation with which I was familiar. I slapped tation with which I was familiar. I slapped him with wet towels on the chest and neck, dashed cold water on his chest and attempted

to restore respiration by moving his arms up and down."

CUTTING THE BODY IN THE TRUNK. The witness proceeded with a voice im-pressively husky: "I continued these efforts to revive my friend for over half an hour, but it was useless ontirely useless. Shortly after my friend ceased to breathe and Shortly after my friend ceased to breathe and his heart stopped beating. There was no breath on a mirror when I held it to his lips. Even after I was satisfied he was dead I con timued my efforts with him. I did not leave and call assistance. All my efforts were to restore him, because, when chloroform takes hold of a man and he sinks, he a few seconds the man is dead. The time, I thought, bad better be occupied in efforts to restore him. I was convinced he was dead, but I continued to dash cold water on his chest. I finally decided he was dead and past all hope. Then I hardly knew what to do. My first impulse was to neitry the authorities. Imagine my feelings, I did not know what to do. I was in a strange land, a stranger. I did not know a map could make a statement in his own behalf. I thought the same rule prevailed here as in England, and that I would not be allowed to make my statement and thought I would go away. I had that large trunk, the only one I away. I had that large trunk, the only one I had up to that time. I emptled it out. It would be impossible, gentlemen, to describe to you my feelings, my horror, when I knew my friend was dead. [The prisoner paused my friend was dead. [The prisoner paused and brushed away the tears from his eyes and proceeded.] I drew the empty trunk up to the side of the bed, and, after drawing my drawers, the first that came to my hand, upon the body for common decency's sake, put Mr. Prelier in it. There was some difficulty in forcing the body int the trunk, but I succeeded, and, after covering it up, went down to the air. I was in a dreadful state of mind and wanted to drown thought by drinking. I

wanted to drown thought by drinking. I wandered about the streets of the city until about nine or ten o'clock; I visited some shooting galleries and came back to the hotel. I went into the dining-room. I can't very well give an account of what took place in the dining room. I then went up to in the dining room. I then went up to the room—my room—and stayed there all night. I can't be sure of anything that happened after the sad occurrence of Mr. Preiler's death. I stayed in my room. To say that I slept it would be untrue. I waited for the morning. I then thought the only thing to be done was to get away. I book Mr. Preiler's pants and looked through them. I found a quantity of money in bills I can't say how much. There was promately \$500 og \$600. I book it and went to the ticket office; and bought a ticket for San Francisco. On the same morning I made several other purchases, a flute and a diaseveral other purchases, a flute and a dia-mond ring at a pawnbroker's; a pair of field glasses and spectacles at Aloes', the opticians; two trunks and a value. The trunks i ordered carried to my room, and I placed in one of them the clothing and loose things ying around the room, which had been removed from the trunk in which I had placed my friend's dead body."
"What do you know about the piece of

paper 'So perish all traitors to the great

"I wrote it. My idea was that the authori these would find it, and that it would pezzle them until an autopsy should be held."
"Was it your idea to delay them while you were getting away?" "Yes."
"Did you do anything else with the same object in view?" "Yes, I shaved off the

"" an you tell how that cut came upon his breast?" "Yes: I did it with a scalpel, but can assign no reason for it."

"You did this all on Monday moraing? Yes, on Monday morning."
"What else did you do? In the course of
the morning I went to the Union depot with
the canvas covered trunk, which I checked to San Francisco. I remember going to the dining room Sunday morning, but I don't remember ordering the wine. I don't remember asking about killing a man, nor exhibiting a revolver. What I did on the exhibiting a revolver. What I did on the Sunday evening and Monday morning are so confused that I would not like to say when anything occurred."

Had you, when you administered that chloroform, any intention of killing Mr. Prelier?" "I had not, sir." The witness spoke foudly and emphati-

ally. "Had you any intention of injuring him?" 'I had not, sir.'
"Of doing him any bodily harm?" "No."
The rest of his testimony was taken up with his trip to San Francisco, some of the

Many Ladies Present. Sr. Louis, May 27 .- The court room was

lensely packed this morning with the usual proportion of ladies who seem the most inerested of any. It is a curious fact that the blonde type is almost totally unrepresented. Maxwell continued his testimony and denied Detective McCullough's entire story. He said he had positive knowledge that Prelier was suffering from a private disease, but un-der the treatment of witness he was rapidly recovering. This concluded the direct examscovering. This concluded the curve vanine for nation. Mr. Clover will cross examine for

ELECTING THEIR OFFICERS. the Knights Templar at Scranton and the

Golden Eagle Knights at Philadelphia The annual conclave of the Knights Tem plar of Pennsylvania, in session at Scranton, closed Wednesday with the election and installation of the following officers: R. E. G. C. George S. Graham, of Philadelphia: V. E. department G. C., Lee S. Smith, of V. E. department G. C., Lee S. Smith, of Pittsburg; E. E. generalissimo, William W. Allen, Philadelphia; E. G. C. G., Torcence Chipple, Lock Haven, Pa.; grand prelate, Rev. William H. Platt, of Carbondale; grand senior warden, John J. Wadsworth, of Erie; grand juntor warden, Joseph S. Wright, Philadelphia; grand tressurer, Mark Richards Muckie, of Philadelphia; grand recorder, Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia; grand standard bearer, Ed. R. Spencer, of Philadelphia; grand sword bearer, Samuel Harper, of Pittsburg; grand warden, Irving P. Wanger; grand captain of guard, James H. Codding, Towanda; grand marshal, Edmund Masson, of Philadelphia; herald, Joseph Foster, of Philadelphia;

Knights of the Golden Eagle.

The sessions of the annual convocation of ued Wednesday in Odd Fellows' hall, Phila delphia. The finance committee's report showed receipts the past year of \$0,280.01; expenditures, \$0,542.79. Appropriations of \$5,547 were made. The estimated receipts for the year are \$5,573.81. The receipts of subordinate castles were \$82,308, of which \$17,736 were expended for reflef. Supreme officers were elected, as follows: Supreme chief, Harry C. Stout, of Pennsylvania; supreme vice chief, Thomas Birchail, of Delaware; supreme ligh priest, R. Emory Ennis, of Maryland; supreme master of records, William Culbertson, of Pennsylvania; supreme keeper of exchequer, Timothy McCarthy, of Pennsylvania; supreme sir berald, J. D. Barnes, of Pennsylvania; supreme first guardsman, Joseph J. Chester, of New Jersey; supreme second guardsman, Prescott Robinson, of Massachuseits, Brooklyn was selected as the place for the next annual meeting, in the evening there was an exhibition drill and banquet at Belmont mansion. telphia. The finance committee's report

Three Men Killed in an Explosion. A terrific explosion of 100 kegs of powder at Soddy coal mines, near Chattanoogs, occurred on Tuesday. One of the locomotives of the company was going from the railroad of the company was going from the railroad station to the mines with the powder, in charge of William Lloyd and David Harper. The locomotive was running at a rapid rate when a keg of powder was overturned and the contents scattered in the car. The next moment a spark from the engine ignited the powder and the explosion followed. Three seconds after the spark fell every keg of powder had exploded, and three mangled human bodies lay lifty feet away, down the embankment. The effect of the explosion was frightful. The effect of the explosion was frightful. The locomotive and two flat cars were torn to atoms, and some portions of them were hurled hundreds of yards. When the explosion occurred a miner named Ike Ramsey was standcurred a miner named lke Ramsey was standing near the track waiting for the train to
pass. He, together with Lloyd and Harper,
were thrown down the embankment, and
when found all were in a dying condition.
They presented a most sickening spectacle,
their bodies being blackened, and the flesh,
covered with dirt and blood, hanging in
shreds. All three died at midnight. LANCASTER, PA., THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1886.

GREAT DROUGHT IN TEXAS. THE CROPS PROMISE TO BE ALMOST AN ENTIRE PAILURE.

Longest Drought Known in the History of the State-The Plains Covered With Carcasses of Dead Cattle-Better Condition of Things Reported Elsewhere,

FORT WORTH, Texas, May 27 .- The unrecedented drought throughout North and West Texas continues. Reports received rom forty-eight counties in the dry sections show the crops to be almost entirely a failure. In many counties there will hardly be corn enough raised to replace the seed, while in ures. The oldest settlers say this is the longest drought for this season known in the history of Texas. In most counties there is no grass at all and stock water is getting very The range is not as good now as it was in January and February last. In regard to the mortality of cattle on the trails and the great ranches of the West, little that is authentic can be obtained. Reports agree, owever, that the plains are covered with dead carcasses and that hundreds of head are dving daily of starvation and thirst. Many erds are too weak to be driven to water Some fatal disease has appeared among the cattle in Johnstown county. The symptoms are those of hydrophobia, and to all appearances the malady is contacious.

BELOIT, Wis., May 27.—The crops have eldom looked as well at this season of the year as they do now. Rye is heavy and heading. The grass is splendid and what winter wheat there is looks fine. Much of the corn is planted, and some of it is up. It is expected that there will be a considerable amount of broom corn put in about here this season. The acreage of tobacco will be about

the same as last season.

The Situation at Minneapolis. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 27 .- The re eints of wheat were is cars in Minneapolis for the last 24 hours, and in Duluth III cars. There were 316 cars on the side tracks here vesterday to be disposed of. Country receipts are moderate yet with farmers holding back until the danger from accidents to the new crop is over. The output of flour for the week promises to be fully as heavy as last week. The flour market was flat vesterday, so far as new business went. Foreign orders have failen during the last two days to a very low point and no sales were reported for yes-Minneapolis millers are now mostly sold

ahead for two weeks to two months production. These sales were effected during the recent activity in exports. Few of the milers are now pressing their stocks on the market.

CATRO, Ilis., May 27.—Mr. James Mulcaby, of Commercial Point, this county, will begin cutting wheat on Monday next, and the general harvest will be on by June 10. The crop never promised a better yield.

ADMIRAL REVNOLDS POST 103. Their Removal to New Quarters, Muster, In-

Admiral Reynolds Post 405 removed yes erday to their new quarters in Kepler's suilding, North Queen street. Their room# are much more commodious and much more handsomely furnished than were those occupied by them in the same building before it was almost totally destroyed by tire a few months age. The meeting room is 5 feet 4 inches in length and 24 feet 4 inches in width, inside measure. The floor has been elegantly carpeted, the walls and ceiling handsomely papered and the windows tastefully curtained by J. B. Martin & Co. Pretty chandeliers and nickel cuspadores have been furnished by Flinn & Breneman; Wm. Wohlsen furnished the pedestals, tables, ets, etc. : L. M. Bachler did the ing. Peter Winower the painting and Fred Hoefei the carpenter work.

In connection with the insin room, are two ante-rooms, a reading room 24 by 22 feet con-taining a fine library. The room is nicely carpeted and formished with tables, chairs and other necessaries. All these rooms con-tain layatories, wash-stands and closets, and the meeting room contains a fine piano, and the walls are hung with pictures. The Post met at 7:30. The attendance was very large, there being present a large dele-

very large, there being present a large delegation from Post 84, besides several comrates from Post 118, of Columbia, and H. E. W. Campbell, of Post 51, Philadelphia. Compades Leonard, Smith, Retz. Crawford and D. M. Moere were appointed a committee to meet a committee of Thad. Stevens Post 515, of New York, who are expected to arrive in Lancaster on Sunday morning for the purpose of placing a tribute of respect on the grave of the late Hon. Thaddeus Stevens. A committee constitute of Couractes Dixler.

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A committee constitute of Comrades Ditzler,
Crawford, Hollinger, Chandler, Dellet, James
Moore, Luckenbach, Keeports and Urban
was announced as having volunteered to
decorate the graves of those soldiers whose
graves will not be reached en route by the
parade on Saturday.
Two new recruits were mustered as mem-

bers of the post, and atter some other business the post was mustered and inspected by Assistant Inspector J. W. Yocum, of Gen. Welsh Post, No. 11s, who was accompanied by Past Commanders Henry Mullen and E.

A. Becker, and Quartermaster J. l., Pinker-on, of the same post. The inspecting officer pronounced the Post in admirable condition in every respect, both as to the excellence of their quarters and the morals of the officers and men. Comrate J. P. Wickersham made an en-tertaining speech, Comrate B. F. W. Urban

presented the Post with a full set of Bates' History of Pennsylvania Volunteers. Com-rades Smith and Wickersham also donated ome valuable books.

It was announced also that the ladies had secured enough money not only to purchase flowers to decorate the soldiers' graves, but that they had bought for presentation to the Post a fine silk flag, which would be presented just before the parade starts, in Centre Square, at 1:30 o'clock. Saturday afternoon. The dag may be seen in the show window of Stamm Bros., North Queen street.

VICTIM OF A BUNAWAY Mrs. William M. Deen Dies From Injuries Received on Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Deen, wife of ex-Letter Carrier Wm. M. Deen, who was so badly hurt in a runaway, near Tucquan station, on Sunday, died of her injuries at home No. 50 Locust street, Wednesday afternoon at half past four o'clock. The injuries to Mrs. Deen was more serious than was first supposed. Besides having her hip broken she was badly injured internally and her spine was hurt. Yesterday morning she begau to sink and her death took place at the above mentioned time. Mrs. Deen was 47 years of age. She was a daughter of the late Christian Burns, of this city. She has five sisters and one brother living. the late Christian Burns, of this city. She has five sisters and one brother living. They are Mrs. John R. Smith, Mrs. Wm. Donachy, Mrs. John Tomlinson, Mrs. Frank Doman and Mrs. Burns, of this city, and Mrs. Jacob Welsh, residing near Strasburg. Besides a husband, Mrs. Dean leaves three sons, James, Thomas and Walter, and two daughters, who are the wives of Adam Smith and Albert Drachbar. She was a kind and affectionate mother and her husband and family have the sympathy of the commuand family have the sympathy of the commu-nity in the hour of their bereavement.

The funeral of Miss Emma E. Erben daughter of John A. Erben, took place from No. 131 North Shippen street on Wednesday at 3 p. m. The services at the house and grave were conducted by Revs. J. B. Shu-maker and C. Elvin Houpt. The interment was made at Lancaster cometery.

Large numbers of rock fish are being hauled in by trollers in the lower Susque A party from York caught 4,000 speckled trout in a stream in West Virginia, on Tues-day.

Rock Fishing Good.

THE BUTTERINE STATESMAN. terling Morton Gives the Sham Taxing Bill

Congressional Application.

J. Sterling Morton, the Democratic national committeman from Nebraska, who has been in Washington for several weeks, is an oppo-nent of the oleomargarine bill, notwithstanding he is the owner of Jersey cattle. He says if the government is going to tax oleomargar ine, it had better tax the imitation eggs that a Jerseyman is making. They have been analyzed and declared harmless, but they should be taxed, nevertheless, in the interest of the hens. "Paper," said Mr. Morton today, "was once made of clean rags, cotton and linen. Now it is imposed on the public made of wood pulp, and the honorable chairman of the Senate committee. man of the Senate committee makes the said wood pulp and imposes it upon the paper consumers, while he argues in the interest of dairymaids and farmers against any substi-tute for butter made of cream and mirk. Why not protect by taxation the old-fashr-makers as against the wood-pull

"Sugar, too, is so agoinerates who generate that one needs protection for genuine unadulterated cane sugar—sugar made from the milk of the cane, as butter is from the milk of the cow. Why not put a tax of 10 cents on the cow. Why not put a tax of 10 cents on the cow. glucose sugar, have it all marked 'glucose and enact a high license for selling the same? And if pretenses are all to be taxed, and if all commodities are to be stamped and named and defined by law, why not begin on these "And if ignorance can be taxed the government may derive a great income from a levy on congressmen. Weigh them up and

Sugar, too, is so aglomerated with glucos

erument may derive a great income from a levy on congressmen. Weigh them up and tax each member of Congress who knows nothing of economic laws, who never studied political economy, the same as butterine, 10 cents a pound avoirdupois. This system of internal revenue will bring to the national treasury \$20 a head on all 200-pound con-gressmen, who know little or nothing about

"There would be found among the 325 members of the lower House and the seventy-six ponderous inmates of the Senate seventy-six ponderous inmates of the Senate between twenty and thirty tons of the most solid, dense and perfected economical agnosticism which the world has ever seen. We deman a lo-cent tax on every pound of lardine statesmanship in Congress. Gentlemen of the olden school of publicists, like Webster, Benton, Clay and Cathoun, were to the law-makers of the present day what pure Jersey butter is to lard and tailow to waren.gresse."

The Brooklyn had nine hits off Morris yes erday and each of the nine players had one Powell pitched for Baitimore and Ely for ouisville yesterday. Each was hit elever

The American Association has change umpires many times this season and still they do not have a good corps. Good men are subjected to so much abuse from rough players that they will not consent to take th position. Tom York was the last man to withdraw. He got enough in one game. The Wilksbarre defeated Altoona by 9 to yesterday. The St. Louis League club was deleated in

Newark yesterday by 6 to 5.

The League club opens in the East to-day, as follows: National League, Kansas City, at Philadelphia; St. Louis, at New York; Chi-

cago, at Washington; Detroit, at Boston.

Secretary W.P.Ciarke, of the State League has approved the following contracts: With Wilkesbarre, J. D. Fitzsimmons; with Lancaster, Frank O'Rourke; with Lowistown, J. H. Miller and William B. Wilson. The

approval of the contract of W. T. McCaffrey with Wilkesbarre, having been made under The Wilkesbarre club is playing good ball

just now.
In the last Cincinnat-St. Louis game Long
John Reilly came to the bat with a man on
John Reilly came to the bat with a man on first and one on second. Latham yelled, "play for a double, play for a double." Then John smashed the ball into the scats in right field for three bags. As he squatted down alongside Latham on third to rest, John panted: "I played for a double, Artie, but by coch I got a Figlia." y gosh I got a triple." Before Detroit left for the East they signed

George Stevens, the young pitcher, who seerge Stevens, the young pitcher, who has been spoken of in this paper before. Mike Scaulan, of Washington made a desperate effort to secure the young follow by offering him \$125 per month. The betroit manager heard of this and is and obtained Stevens' signatu

Wilkesbarre team two games on Saturday. The Pitt-burg club is very litter against the Brooklyn and tries very hard to beat them every game. It is said that the Smoky City representatives blame President Byrne for interfering in the Barkley deal by which they were obliged to pay a big sum of

money.

Parsons, who is a member of the Bostor

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Parsons the Hub since the clu team, has been at the Hub since the club went West. It is now thought that it would have been proper to have had bim along on the trip instead of Buillinton. Paul Hecker, the Louisville pitcher, says Stovey is the best batter in the American

Manager Schmeltz, of the St. Louis League lub, thinks Detroit will win the League

championship.

Some people thought the Allegheny club was no good this year, but with Morris in the box they are as hard to down as any of them. Last evening Driscoll signed a contract to pitch for the Lancaster club. Several managers were after him, but he preferred to re-main in this city.

There seems to be a lack of games in the

State League. Yesterday but two clubs played and the Lancaster have three days

A Great Railroad Event.

On Tuesday next, June 1, the change of gauge on the entire five-foot system of South ern raitroads will be changed to four feet ern raitroads will be changed to four feet nine inches, so as to made the tracks uniform throughout the United States. It is proposed to change the gauge of 15,000 miles of track, of which 14,000 will be done in one day. Practically on June 2 a passenger or freight car may leave Portland, Maine, San Francisco or Chicago and traverse without change of tracks or bulk every mile of road of the country to New Orleans. Tayas or in the country to New Orleans, Texas or Florida. This is in many respects the most important railroad event, stupendous in its physicial features, that has transpired in this physicial features, that has transpired in this country. The agreement was made between the Southern companies for the simultaneous change of a convention held in Atlanta on February 5. The several companies have since that time been preparing for the new departure, which entails a large amount of work. The change of gauge, costing \$75 to \$100 a mile, is not the largest item. In fact, this will be insemificant as com-

In fact, this will be insignificant as compared with the expense and revolution in requiring every engine, passenger, mail, ex-press, baggage and freight car to be changed in gauge. This will be greater or less in proportion as roads have more or less con-templated the change.

A Badly Paved Street.

North Christian street, between Orange and hestnut, is sadly out of repair. There is no sidewalk on the west side of it, and the one on the east side is so narrow that when two persons pass in opposite directions one of them must step out into the gutter. The sidewalk itself is sunk far below the grade of the rugged line of curbstones, so that in bad sable. This street is traversed by great numbers of men, women and children going to and returning from work and by many other people, be-ides the families who reside upon it and who suffer much inconvenience from its bad condition. The street committee and street commissioner should repair it at

Ida Lewis' Largest Audience,

The audience at the opera house last evenng was the largest that has yet greeted the Ida Lewis company this week. Every part of the house was filled, and those presen were very much pleased with the performances. The splendid drama of "The Two Orphans," was admirably played. Miss Lewis assumed the character of Henriette, one of the orphans in a highly satisfactory manner, and she was well supported by the company with Miss Annie Shindle as Louise, W. H. Cooper as Chevalier De Vaudry, Sheridan Tupper as Jacques, the outlaw, O. Whitman as Pierre, the cripple, &c.

as Pierre, the cripple, &c.

This evening the company appears for the fourth time, when they will play "Kathleen Marvourneen."

THE K. OF L. AT CLEVELAND.

DEBATING THE PROPOSITION TO EN

LARGE THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

All Agree That It is Proper That It Should I Done, But Differ as to the Manner. New Committees That Have Been Appointed, One to Invite Farmers.

CLEVELAND, O., May 27 .- When the Cnights of Labor convention assembled this morning the committee on laws appointed at Wednesday's session laid a number of proositions pertaining to the government of the order before the body. The first proposition was the enlargement of the executive board by the appointment of six additional members, in creasing the board from five to eleven. An ncrease in the number of the board is rendered necessary by the rapid growth of the order, which is now at least twenty times as large as when the executive board of five members were appointed. The proposition throughout the morning and into the after There was a unanimity of sentiment in favor of a numerical increase o the board, the discussion being of the number which should be added and the manner of their selection. The maximum number proposed was one member from each state. The matter was finally recom mitted to the committee. The time consumed by the discussion being so great none of the other propositions presented by the committee were taken up. The nature of the other proposition is withheld until such time as they properly come before the

one is the fraternal committee which was instructed to prepare an address to be presented to the National Grange at its next seasion. It is understood that the object of this address will be to induce the farmers of the country to enroll themselves in the Knights of Labor. The other committee is the committee on legislation. Its duty is to take charge of of all measures in which labor is interested now pending in, or may come before Congress. It was 1:30 p. m. when the convention, after having been in continuou ession from 8 o'clock this morning took recess until 8 a. m. to-morrow in order to give the committee an opportunity to devote he afternoon to the duties within their juris diction.

Herr Most's Trial.

NEW YORK, May 27 .- The trial of Heri dost, the Anarchist, was resumed this morn ing. Assistant District Attorney Fellows opened for the prosecution by saying the indictment was in two counts the same offense on both counts only in differents forms, one in taking part in unlawful assembly; the other in taking steps which shall be an injury to the public peace. He went on to describe the meeting of the Anarchists addressed by Most and his two companions at the bar, Schenck and Braunsch weig, for which they were arrested, and said that proof would be given that the utterances of the prisoners at that meeting were prejudicial to public peace. He referred in ing terms to the Chicago Anarchists and their use of bombs. The taking of testimony was then begun.

A Strike Leader Arcested for Larceny. NEW YORK, May 27,-"Captain" Thomas Cullom, ex-chairman of the Empire Protect tive association, and a leader in the strike of was arrested this morning. The news quickly spread that he had been arrested in connec tion with the strike. It was learned, how ever, that he was taken into custody on account of grand larceny, committed four years ago while he was janitor of a flat at No West Fourteenth street. He is accused of F. Fondeim, a cotton broker, while a resident of the flats. Cullom was arraigned at the Yorkville police court this morning and re-

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 27.—The Pennsylvania tube works on Second Avenue, this sity, are idle in all departments this morning in consequence of a strike of their 400 em except the machinists joined in the demand for an increase of 10 per cent, in their wages. The firm promised an answer in a week Yesterday, as the men state, John Reilly, prominent member of the Knights of Labor, was peremptorily discharged without rea sons being stated. This is the grievance.

THE FISHERY INTERESTS

Secome the Subject of a Warm Debate in the House of Representatives. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27 .- [House. Mr. Dingley, from the conference com-mittee, submitted the report on the shipping

Mr. Breckenridge (Kv.) thought consideration should be postponed until the members of the House had examined the bill carefully. The question involved in the Frye amendment was broader than it looked. It not only conferred a privilege, but imposed a duty upon the president to with draw from toreign vessels certain commercial privileges, when those privileges had been tenied to American vessels in the country to which such foreign vessels belonged. The supposed need for the provision rose out of the recent troubles with Canada, but there was nothing in the bill about fishing vessels. There was no hurry for the passage of the bill. There was no danger of war and the executive had the matter of settlement of the fishery trouble under consideration

Mr. Dunn said the provision did not apply to the fishing question.

Mr. Breckenridge thought then there was less necessity for haste because there was no other pending question of commercial privileges between the United States and any other country. The object of that provision was to enable the president to place an embargo upon Canadian vessels. He would as far as any one to the fishing interests, but wanted to be clear as to what he was doing. He did not believe in revengeful or retaliation legislation. He had no doubt that the Canadian difficulty would be satisfactorily settled. Two great nationalike the United States and England would not fall out about matters which could be settled by negotiation. The House has adopted the conference re

port on the shipping bill. Forfeiture of Public Lands

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27-[Senate.] On motion of Mr. Dolph, the Senate took up the bill "forfeiting to the United States certain of the lands granted to the Northern Pacific railroad company."

Mr. Van Wyck explained that the bill pro posed the forfeiture of a portion of the origiial grant over which the Northern Pacific did not now contemplate building a line -- between Wallula and Portland. Mr. Van Wyck thought there were other lands-some along the completed por tion of the road-which should be included in the bill, and he moved an amendment providing for the forfeiture of all the Northern Pacific railroad grant except lands for which the lines were completed before July

4, 1879, and except the right of way. Mr. Call protested against the bill, arguing that it was really a proposition to confirm and not to forfeit a grant of some forty-eight million acres of land to the Northern Pacific

A DASTARDLY ASSAULT. Attack on a Barlington, N. J., Lady Near He

Home by a Fiendish Negro. Burlington, N. J., is more excited than i

has been for years, and it looks as if a certain individual will be lynched if captured. Everybody is talking about the dastardly as sault upon Mrs. Belia Slipp, a young bride of but a few months ago. It occurred at an early hour on Tuesday evening. The young woman is the wife of Paul Slipp, who s now en route to Arabia, on business Philadelphia firm with which he is con-Philadelphia arm with which he is connected. She receives a letter from him fortnightly. As she had not heard from him for some time, and as she was anxious, she walked to the postoffice from her home on High street, near the outskirts, on Tuesday evening. Upon returning, and when within a few hundred yards of her home, she was compelled to pass a small piece of she was compelled to pass a small piece of woodland, from which the villain made his appearance. After calling to her, and using improper language in the coarsest manner, the rascal struck her on the back of the the rascal struck her on the back of the head with a stone, inflicting a severe wound. The blow was dealt with such force as to knock her down and render her unconscious for a few moments. Upon recovering, she screamed loudly for help, and her assailant, becoming frightened, hastily departed through the woods. It was shortly after eight o'clock when the assault occurred, but within an hour a search shortly after eight o'clock when the assault occurred, but within an hour a searching party, composed of Mrs. Silpp's physician, the mayor, and officer and several friends started to track the ruflian. The outrage was 'perpetrated by a negro. The party spent the entire night on the hunt, but without avail. As the tracks of the fellow led to the house of a negro near the City park, it is believed his arrest will be ordered. Mayor Silpath has several clues which will be industriously worked up. The citizens are thoroughly aroused, and every effort will be made to secure the villain. Mrs. Slipp has been seriously ill since Tuesday night. has been seriously ill since Tuesday night he says she can identify her assailant

ADJOURNED QUARTER SESSIONS Small List, but Several Important Cases flown

for Trial. An adjourned quarter sessions court will be held, beginning on Monday next, with Judge Livingston presiding. Following is the complete list of cases marked down for

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Monday, May 31.—Dr. 1. N. Lightner, rape; Henry Cooper, et al., larceny; T. Edward Wilson, assault and battery; Wm. Messner, larceny; Lewis H. Watson, et al., malicious mischief; Chas. W. Fricker, embezziement; Winfield S. Hayes, horse stealing; Winfield S. Hayes, false pretense.

TUESDAY, June 1.—John McLaughlin, Daniel McLaughlin, et al., assault and oattery; John Stocker, selling liquor without license; Robert J. Evans, embezziement; Robert J. Evans, false pretense; Henry Seiverling, John G. Aument, Henry Northdorft, embezziement; L. Simon, false pretense; Henry Usner, perjury; Benj. G. Lintner, fornication and bastardy.

WEDNESDAY, June 2.—A. P. Lovett, et. al.,

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ing ballot box.

Thursday, June 3.—Jacob Eby et al., forcible entry; Charles A. Reece, false pretense;

J. L. Huey, perjury; Francis Kilburn, embezziement; A. B. Hostetter, forgery.

Saturday, June 5.—Abraham Zellers,
Jefferson Zell, desertion; Tidial Morgan,
Wm. Boos, surety of peace.

FELL FROM A TREE.

he Serious Mishap to a Mount Joy Boy Who Was Putting Up a Swing. MOUNT JOY, May 27 .- Charles Shrite, a 1-year-old son of our townsman, Jacob

Shrite, living on North Market street, met with a serious accident while trying to erect a swing on last Saturday. He was standing on the limb of a tree, and while trying to adjust the rope, the limb broke, precipitat ing him to the ground, breaking several ribs and otherwise injured him. Harry Brandt, while helping his father-in-

law, Henry B. Greenawalt, in the cooper shop opposite the stable of A. Bube, received a severe cut in his left hand with an adz. The members of David H. Nissley Post The members of David H. Sissiey Post 478, G. A. R., are making extensive prepara-tions for the observance of Memorial Day on Saturday next. A number of our secret so-cieties are expected to take part in the same, Rev. E. J. Miller and wife and Misses An-nie Kerper and Annie Martin are attending the ministerial and Sunday school convention

ville, Pa.

Rev. G. W. Getz and wife and Misses Annie Rheads and Mary E. Buckwalter are attending the Sunday school convention of the Church of God, which is meeting in Harris-

burg. UP AND DOWN THE STATE.

The Pennsylvania railroad statement of business for April shows a gain on both the Eastern and Western lines. Father Keul, of Heckschersville, is missing,

woman, Margaret McDevitt by name.

A Chester county farmer says "to prevent crows and blackbirds from taking up corn, sow a handful or so about the sides of the field. It is the cheapest in the long run."

The Prohibitionists of York county will hold a convention next Tuesday, nominate a noid a convention leave Tuesday, nominate a county ticket and thoroughly organize the county this year and show their strength. Manager Abraham L. Erlanger was con-vleted of assault and battery with intent to kill Actor George Herbert Leonard before udge Atlison, in Philadelphia, Wednesday

Birthday Surprise Last evening, a party of ladies and gentle men to the number of forty, met at the resi dence of Miss. Fanny Sheridan, 350 Beaver street, and accompanied by Stauffer's orches tra, proceeded to the residence of the Miss Ella and Mary Anderson, No. 521 St. Joseph street, to surprise them, the occasion being the celebration of the birthday, of the young ladies, which come close together. Dancing continued until a late hour, followed by re-

All united in pronouncing it a grand suc-cess and a complete surprise. About 2, a.m. the company departed for home, wishing the young ladies many happy returns of the day.

Nearly \$100,000 Lost at a Fire.

FRANKLYN, Mass., May 27 .- About o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the old Daniel's building, on School street, used for a store house, tenement and billiard hall. The flames speedily spread to and consumed Brown & Proctor's skating rink, Danel's livery stable, Daniel's hall, the Central house, and a tenement house owned by Davis Thayer. The fire crossing Main street destroyed the Universalist church. A small part of the furniture of the church and of the Central house was saved. The fire was under control at 4 o'clock. Rudolph Sommers, s fireman, was seriously injured by falling

EDINBURG, May 27 .- The queen arrived at Perth this morning, en-route to Balmoral. After a brief stay at that place for breakfast, she proceeded to Balmoral. Her majesty traveled all night after leaving Windsor cas tie. Notwithstanding the early hour of he arrival at Perth, a large crowd had assembled

in and around the railway station and enthu-

Victoria En-Route to Balmoral.

stastically cheered her majesty. W. S. Dickey sued the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio railroad for \$25,000 damages for defamation and got nothing.

The British steamer Aviona from Mediterranean ports for Montreal went ashore yesterday on Rocky Beach and filled with water.

The Rock Island railroad company has effected the arrest of John Conners alias "Yellow Hammer" and "Butch" McCoy, well-known in Peoria, for the murder of Kellogg Nichols and the express robbery near Morris, Ill., on the 15th of March. TELEGRAPHIC TAPS.

Good Trout Fishing. Yesterday, Adam H. Fritchey, esq., went to the country to fish for trout and he re-turned with twenty-seven specimens of the beautiful fish,

THE LIBERAL MEETING.

GLADSTONE'S CONCESSION THAT WILL SAVE THE HOME MULE BILL.

to Will Modify the Clause Excluding the Irish Members from Westminster-Certainty That the Bill Will Now Pass Second Reading-Increased Support.

LONDON, May 27.—The meeting of the Liberal party called by Mr. Gladstone's circular was held to-day at the foreign office and was very largely attended. None of the dissentients of the party put in an appear

ance.
Mr. Gladstone was veciferously cheered when he arose to address the meeting and it He said that he had decided to modify the lause in the home rule bill excluding the Irish members from Westminster, and if the bill was read a second time he would move in the House of Commons to refer it to a select committee and not call it up again until the autumn session of Parliament, when he would introduce and amend a bill for

The meeting was characterized by the ut-most good feeling and unanimity. The statement made by Mr. Gladstone was cordially approved, and his followers expressed themselves as sanguine that the concession made by the premier would certainly cause a break in the ranks of the dissentient mem bers of the party who have joined the opposition. Mr. J. Fletcher Moulton, Liberal M. P. for Clapham division, and Mr. Samuel Whitbread, Liberal M. P. for Bedford, and other disentients, have since expressed themselves as thoroughly satisfied with the concessions by the premier, and say they will now; vote for the second reading of the bill. It is now considered certain that the bill will pass to a second reading.

ANOTHER ALDERMAN CAGED.

one Who May Possibly Become a Companion of Convict Jackey NEW YORK, May 27 .- Ex-Alderman Michael Duffy is the mysterious person at police headquarters. He was arrested on a charge for the franchise for the 34th street railway. Ex-Alderman Duffy was released on \$15,000

bail on the new charge of bribery.

The warrant upon which ex-Alderman Duffy was arrested was granted by Recorder Smythe vesterday afternoon and was based on an affidavit of District Attorney Martine; the specified charge therein set forth alleges that in the month of December 1884, Duffy then an alderman attempted to bribe Charles B. Waite, also an alderman, with a sum of money, being several thousand dollars, for voting for the franchise of the 34th street cross town road. This line was never built, but the resolution for the construction was submitted before the aldermen by Duffy

himself on December 22, 1884. District Attorney Martin said that he had little information to give about the case other than that stated in the affidavit. He declined to give the exact amount of money which Duffy offered to Waite. He said that Waite had not told balf that he knew and intimates that arrests of other alderman are probable

before long. He said that do indictment had as yet been found against Duffy on this charge, but the grand jury would make a presentment probably to-morrow. After the matter of the bonds had been fixed the accused was taken before Recorder Smyth, in the general sessions where the sureties were approved. He declined to speak about the case to reporters. At present ex-Alderman Duffy is under \$40,000 bail to answer to two specific charges of bribery. The other aldermen are said to be frightened.

The Turco-Greece Situation

LONDON, May 27 .- Certain rumors which are current here to-day, tend to the belief that there may yet be a little war between Turkey and Greece. The situation on the frontier is precisely the same as when the last battle occurred. The action of the commanders on both sides have been diswowed, but in very mild terms, and their orders remain unchanged. These orders are not to tight unless attacked, but any military officer knows how to provoke an attack with

apparent innocence on his part. Spurgeon Opposes Gladstone, LONDON, May 27.—The Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon, the celebrated Baptist minister, in a letter on Mr. Gladstone's home rule scheme

"What has Ulster done to be cast off. The whole scheme is as full of dangerous absurdi ties as if it were conceived by a madman. Yet I am sure that Mr. Gladstone believes that he is only doing justice and acting for the good of all. I consider him as making one of those mistakes made by great and

Shot Dead by a Saloon-Keeper

STURGES, Mich., May 27 .- At 9 o'clock last light George Allen was shot by Horace Hinkley, a saloon-keeper. Allen and Hink-ley had quarreled about a year ago, and the former is said to have made threats against the latter. Allen had been drinking, and made a motion as if to draw a weapon when Hinkley fired, shooting four times. Allen fell dead and Hinkley at once surrendered to the

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 27.—John Blevins, aged 101 years, who left his home at Shoedy, Johnson county, yesterday was found in a deep ravine near his home with his throat cut from ear to ear. There is no clue to the accident.

NEW YORK, May 27-Ex-President Arthur continues to improve, his friends say; he arose early this morning and ate a hearty breakfast. The damp weather is annoying to him, as he cannot go driving. Dr. Peters was his

No Reward From the War Departs SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 27 .- A special from Tueson, A. T., says Gen. Miles he offered any reward for the heads of Indiana on account of the war department. The re-ward has been offered by money raised by citizens who requested it to be paid through

Haudsome Church Burned ELMIRA, N. Y., May 27.-The first Metho dist Episcopal church on Baldwin street was totally destroyed by fire at o'clock this morning. The church was ereected in 1876 and was one of the finest structures in Elmira. The loss ranges from \$70,000 to \$75,000.

ATCHISON, Kan., May 27.—The Republi-cans of this, the First congressional district, last night renominated E. N. Morrill for Con-gress by acclamation.

He Died Easy.
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ltd., May 27.—John
C. Henning was swung off at noon in the july
corridor. He died easy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—For Eastern New York, Eastern Fennsylvania, New Jersey, Defaware, Maryland and Virginia, light local rains, followed by fair weather, slightly warmer southwester's

terly.

FOR FRIDAY—Local rains and nearly tionary temperature are indicated for England and generally warmer weather nearly stationary temperature for the M Atlantic states.