

FIFTY YEARS IN THE NAVY.

navy yard, Mare Island, California, and left Lancaster the fifth of November, the day of the election of Mr. Buchanan to the presidency. He remained at Mare Island nearly four years. He returned to Lancaster after a voyage to the coast of Africa, to take passage in the U. S. ship Relief for the coast of Africa, to join the steamer San Jacinto. This he never did, but he says he never chanced upon so dreadful a climate, so unhealthily in every respect that they scarcely touch port, except only to receive supplies.

THE BENEVOLENT CARREER OF A NAUTIC BORN LANCASTRIAN.

Dr. John S. Messersmith, who received his first commission from Andrew Jackson, and his last from President Grant—his thoughtless services in two wars.

Dr. John Schumm Messersmith is a native of Lancaster, having been born May 26, 1814. During boyhood he attended different private schools. His classical studies were pursued at Franklin College, then just south of Italy's creek works. He studied medicine with Dr. F. A. Muhlenberg, graduated at Jefferson Medical College and commenced the practice of medicine in Paradise, this county.

He joined the navy in 1836, the class which he belonged having been nominated and confirmed by the Senate on February 9, 1837. He received his first commission from President Andrew Jackson, and soon after received orders for sea service on board of the U. S. frigate Columbia. Shortly after joining the vessel orders were received and he was ordered to join the squadron on the coast of Brazil. He sailed in a merchant vessel and a Brazilian man-of-war to Rio Janeiro, and there joined the ship-of-war Fairchild.

While in Egypt the officers attached to the Constellation were entertained by the Khedive, who gave a superb ball costing \$500,000 to the Franks in the country. Proceeding to Greece, at Athens Dr. Messersmith was introduced to the family of the late Professor Kepin, formerly a Professor at Franklin and Marshall colleges. At Patras he married a daughter of the late Dr. Messersmith, who was a member of the United States Navy.

Dr. Messersmith was married at the United States navy yard, Mare Island, California, to Miss Ellen Key Turner, daughter of Daniel and Anna Turner. Mr. Turner was a member of Congress. He was one of the first graduates of West Point, serving as an officer at the age of twenty. He resigned from the army, and after some years entered into political life, and was elected a member of Congress. After his marriage with Miss Key, of Washington City, to whom he was introduced by John Randolph, he retired to his farm in Lancaster, where he resided until his death.

On Monday evening at 7:30 the Sunday school teachers' institute will be held at the November session in Grace Lutheran church. This will be its final session for the present year, since four weeks from this time would be the anniversary of the death of the late Rev. W. W. Woot, in his possession, obtained in this forbidden city, from which they were precariously invited to leave. He visited the porcelain tower and four but the josh houses surrounding it dilapidated.

YOUNG THIEVES SENTENCED.

TO LONG TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT IN THE PENITENTIARY.

Robert Galt, Nine Years and Eight Months and One Day; and George Geritick, Six Years and Six Months—A Large Number of Cases Tried the Past Twenty Four Hours.

Friday Afternoon.—Upon the reassembling of the jury in the assault and battery case against John Kreider, who was defended by his wife, rendered a verdict of not guilty, with costs for costs.

The assault and battery case preferred against Benjamin Mer, the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty, and directed the prosecutor, John Kreider, to pay the costs.

Pierre Farmer, a resident of Salisbury township, was taken to trial for receiving stolen goods. The commonwealth proved that the chicken house of William Good, of East Fair township, was robbed on the night of March 3. The theft was committed by William Francis and Scott Smith, of the Welsh mountain gang, and when they were taken to trial they were found guilty of the offense and told the authorities where they had disposed of the chickens.

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On Christmas day he witnessed the religious services at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Evans, preferred by Henry Conrad. The district attorney stated that the case could not be maintained.

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GRAND JURY REPORT.

They Find the County Institutions in Excellent Order, But Recommend More Room for Grand Jury Witnesses.

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ARTHUR JOSEPH McQUADE, WHOSE TRIAL BROUGHT ON THE BARRATON.

Fulgraft and Duffy Confess That They Were Bribed—Acknowledging Their Own Guilt and Exposing Eleven Others—Practically No Doubt They Will Go to State Prison.

There does not seem to be a doubt now that the New York boodle aldemen will go to jail. The whole story of bribery came out Friday in the trial of ex-Alderman McQuade. Ex-wardman Fulgraft told the witness stand and never went there a more attentive audience. The scene was intensely dramatic. McQuade kept control of himself remarkably well while the testimony was being given that would send him to the penitentiary.

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