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MURDERED FOR HIS MONEY.

LIGHT ON THE LEXINGTON TRAGEDY BY THE ASSASSIN'S CONFESSION.

A Cool and Premeditated Deed—The Body Mutilated and the Fragments Scattered to Avoid Detection—A Story that Recalls the Murders of the Rue Morgue.

The murderer of George A. Codman, the Somerville milkman, whose mutilated body was found scattered along by the roadside in Lexington, Mass., has confessed. The deed was committed by Jas. Edward Nowlin, the eighteen-year-old employe of Codman. Nowlin killed young Codman at three o'clock Tuesday morning. The deed was done in Codman's own stable. Later in the day the murderer cut the clothes off the body, chopped off the left leg and right arm and started with the body in his pung for the country. At the spot in Lexington where the head and arm were found he dropped the head of the body in the middle of the road and then threw the arm out. He returned to Somerville by going through Waltham by the road to Boston. He reached Somerville at five o'clock Tuesday morning. After this he called up his younger brother and together they went out over the milk route and distributed the cans to Codman's customers.

The Somerville police suspected that Nowlin was the murderer, and began to search the stable. They found a bloody axe and other evidences of foul play. Nowlin took the horse and sleigh and rode away Wednesday afternoon and did not return until evening, when he was arrested.

THE MURDER CONFESSED.

Chief Parkhurst went to the lockup next morning and had a conversation with the prisoner. Finally the chief produced the bloody axe, and asked the lad if he knew to whom it belonged. "Yes, that is Codman's axe," was the hesitating reply. "Come up here to the light and see the blood on it," said the chief.

For the first time the boy showed signs of weakness and terror. He trembled violently from head to foot and hung back. Presently he broke down.

"I did it alone," he said brokenly; "but I didn't kill him with the axe. It was with a knife."

Gradually and point by point he made known the details of the horrible butchery. He had had the plot and crime in mind for some days. Codman's inclination to boast of his profitable business furnishes the motive. Codman spoke on Monday of the large sum of money he expected to collect from his customers that day. "I suppose you'll collect about $1,000, won't you?" observed Nowlin. "No I guess not more than $600," was the reply. He got about $295 and was badly disappointed.

The young murderer stated to the chief that he went into the stable some time before Codman came in all dressed up to go out upon his milk pung. The butcher's knife was sticking into one side of the stable wall, and when Codman had got well into the stable Nowlin seized this knife quickly and rushed fiercely upon the defenseless man, who had not the slightest intimation that Nowlin meant him any harm. He seized his victim and with one blow cut Codman's throat from ear to ear. Codman had just life enough left in him to cry out, "Don't Ed!" when he reeled, staggered and fell in a heap upon the stable floor, with a torrent of blood rushing from the terrible cut across his throat. Nowlin then seized the axe and struck him repeatedly upon the head until satisfied that life was extinct.

DISPOSING OF THE BODY.

Nowlin next considered what he had better do with the dead body. He had read somewhere that if a body was cut up and distributed in various places away from the scene of the crime that there would be little chance of detection. He thereupon proceeded to dissect the body of Codman, and by savage hacking upon the left leg he managed to hew it off. The head was cut off after he arrived in Lexington.

The most important of the confirmations of Nowlin's confession was the finding Thursday of the blood stained knife with which the deed was committed. It was found between the planks of the flooring and although it had been washed it still bore distinct traces of clotted blood near the handle. It is an ordinary butcher's knife, with a bone handle and a blade over a foot long. It is ground to a very fine edge. The officers also discovered an ice pick, such as are used on ice carts. There were blood spots on the head and handle, although this too had been washed. It must have been used in the mutilation of the body. This second search not only revealed the articles named but furnished almost everywhere conclusive proof that the bloody tragedy had been enacted in the small building. The seams of the floor were filled in places with dried blood, and in many a crack in the well worn boards the same gory evidence appeared. Blood was also found in the pung in which the body was carried away.

Theodore Parker, of Lexington, saw the man and team on Middle street, in that town, Tuesday afternoon. Nowlin recognized Mr. Parker this morning when confronted with him.

The sum of $270 was found in Nowlin's possession.

THE PRISONER AND HIS FAMILY.

Nowlin has dark hair, a fresh and ruddy face, brown eyes, and in his whole appearance is remarkably prepossessing and intelligent looking. He is one of a family of five brothers, two of whom are older and two younger than he, who live with their mother on Autumn avenue, East Somerville. While nothing really bad is known of the boys, they have the reputation of being hot blooded and a little wild, and this reputation Edward, as they call him, has shared with them.

The autopsy on the body showed that the deceased had received over twenty blows, any one of which would have caused death; that he probably received a blow in the neck which stunned him, and that he bled to death very soon after.

After his arrest and before his confession young Nowlin made several statements to account for Codman's murder. One of them was that Codman had two enemies, Thomas Neville and Michael Sweeny, who had threatened to take his life. They were both arrested and are now in custody. They are about twenty-three years of age and live in Charlestown. Neville has served several sentences in the House of Correction for assault and battery, drunkenness and other offenses. No arraignment in the case of the murder was made and the matter will not be presented in court until all the evidence is collected.

A BROKEN HEARTED MOTHER.

Mrs. Nowlin, the mother of the youthful murderer, called to see him at the Somerville lockup this afternoon. The meeting was a very affecting one. Both cried for several minutes before they could talk.

"Oh, Eddie! It is not true!" said the mother. "Tell me it is a lie and I will die for you. Just say it is not true, for my sake!—for your own sake!—for the sake of your poor dead father.

Then she hugged him and besought him in the name of all the saints to say the story was false.

He cried and acted very penitently, but adhered to his statement made this forenoon. The two were together a long time and the old lady had to be almost carried out when she left.

After his mother's departure young Nowlin was moody for a time and stood in the corner of his cell with his head bowed, evidently deep in thought. When a policeman came in, however, he walked forward to the grating of his cell and repeated his confession in detail. The circumstances of the assault and murder were told as before. He dwelt with great minuteness on the disposal of the body. As soon as he was satisfied that Codman was dead, he said he searched the body and dragged it under a wagon in the stable. The feet of the dead man stuck out so they could be seen, so he took a hatchet and cut the knee joints, in order that they could be doubled back on the body. Then he washed up the floor, concealed the weapons, changed his clothes and went out and delivered the milk with his fourteen-year-old brother.

Returning about eleven o'clock Tuesday forenoon, he began to chop up the body. After cutting off one arm, he decided to put the body in the milk pung and go out to a gloomy road in Lexington to throw it into the woods.

As soon as he was outside of Lexington he began to strip the body, which lay on the floor of the pung. The clothes were done up in a bundle and hidden behind a stone wall, where the Dane boys found them. After this he hacked off the head with a hatchet and threw that with the severed arm, into the woods. Then the right leg, which has not been found, was cut off and thrown out.

All this time the horse had been walking along the road through the woods and Nowlin saw he would not have time to cut off the other arm and leg before he came to a clearing where there were residences. He stopped the horse, therefore, and taking the trunk, with one arm and one leg attached, threw it down a deep gully by the side of the road.

Coming back by the way of Waltham the young assassin stopped on the "Mile Ground" to have a brush with several of the trotters that were out that afternoon. He delivered his milk as usual the next morning, and when he had returned and eaten his dinner he again harnessed up and was going away when the police called and asked him about Codman. He next went down to the house of Mr. L. B. Pillsbury, where Codman boarded, and got the money from Codman's desk. This took some time. Toward evening he called at his mother's and asked her to go out on the "Mile Ground" for a trot, but she was busy and could not go, so he returned to the stable, where he was arrested. Every act was cool and deliberate, and though his mother's tears seemed to distress him he is unconcerned and talks about the murder as an everyday occurrence.

Nowlin's Father Was Insane.

BOSTON, Jan. 7.—The mother of Edward Nowlin, the self-confessed murderer of Geo. A. Codman, told a reporter yesterday that the boy's father was not a sane man. She often hid his razor and knives from fear that he would kill himself. Before Edward was born the father went on a protracted spree and the mother often regretted that the child was born, fearing that his head was not right.

James E. Nowlin was arraigned in the Somerville police court this morning and charged with the murder of George A. Codman. He pleaded not guilty and waiving examination was committed to await trial in the superior court in February.

CAPTURE OF A HORSE THIEF.

A Son of B. Baily Brown, of New Texas, This County, Rewarded For Restoring the Horse.

From the Oxford Press.

Isaac Stokes, a somewhat notorious colored individual, who has made Oxford his home when not engaged elsewhere, was taken up to his former abode at West Chester by Constable McFadden on Thursday last. The history of this change of Isaac's residence is appended. Stokes happened in the vicinity of Isaac Richards' farm, New Garden township, on Monday night of last week and being tired of going about the world afoot entered Mr. Richards' stable and took one of his horses and a bridle. Mounting the steed Stokes rode leisurely along westward until he reached New Texas, Lancaster county. Here he went to the residence of B. Baily Brown, and in the absence of Mr. B. arranged with his son George to leave the horse there, stating he would call in a short time and redeem it, and borrowed from George $2.50 on it. On the return of Mr. Brown he decided at once the horse was stolen property, and next day reported from Oxford to Mr. Richards where his lost horse was. Mr. R., in company with Constable Moore, of New Garden, went to Brown's and obtained his horse, paying the reward of $25 offered for its recovery.

On Thursday morning, Constable McFadden, having learned that Stokes had returned to Oxford and wanting him on an old charge, obtained a warrant and went with Officer Pierson to his house in Brickyard row. After surrounding the place the constable succeeded in finding him secreted under a bed in the upper story of the adjoining dwelling. Stokes looked in the muzzle of McFadden's revolver, and seeing it was an improved bore, easily yielded to the persuasion and followed him. At Justice Phillips' office word arrived that Stokes had stolen Richards' horse when he was bound over to court and taken to jail on the two o'clock train by Constable McFadden. The Union Association of New Garden offered a reward of $100 for the thief and $25 for the horse. Brown got the latter and lays claim to the former, as also does the constable and the justice.

MRS. CATHARINE DEICHLER.

Taken Sick After Supper, She Expires an Hour Afterwards.

Mrs. Catharine Deichler, wife of Maximilian Deichler, merchant, 27 North Queen street, died suddenly on Thursday evening about 8 o'clock. She had been suffering from a cold but otherwise was in her usual health during the day and ate her supper with the family in the evening. After supper she complained of pains in the region of the heart, and about 7 o'clock went to bed. Nothing serious was anticipated, but in an hour she was dead, presumably from heart disease, as she had previous attacks of it.

Mrs. Deichler was a native of Baden. She came with her parents to America when she was only a child. Her maiden name was Messner. She married Mr. Deichler more than fifty years ago, and celebrated her golden wedding last May. She was the mother of ten children, six of whom survive her, namely, Mrs. Elizabeth Schaum, widow of the late George P. Schaum; Henry M. Deichler, single, at home with parents; Mary Hartman, wife of Lewis S. Hartman; Sarah Deichler, single, at home; Jacob Deichler, clerk, and Joseph E. Deichler, merchant, North Queen street. Mrs. Deichler also leaves three brothers, two of whom are in business in Georgia and one in Virginia, and one sister in Baltimore.

Mrs. Diechler was a woman possessing all the Christian virtues. She was a most exemplary wife and mother, devoted to domestic and household duties. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran church and a regular attendant at the services. She had a wide circle of acquaintance, by whom she was highly esteemed and by whom her sudden death will be painfully felt.

His Seventy-First Anniversary.

Rev. Dr. C. F. McCauley, pastor of the First Reformed church, Reading, on Wednesday celebrated his 71st birthday anniversary in a quiet manner. During the day the Rev. McCauley was called upon by a number of friends who congratulated him upon the anniversary and extended their well wishes for the future. He received many handsome presents from his parishioners. Under the pastorate of Rev. McCauley the church has grown until now it has a membership of over 500. The doctor was a lifelong and intimate friend of Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevin, of Lancaster, one of the foremost theologians of the country. For many years he has been a member of the board of visitors of the theological seminary of the Reformed church at Lancaster. He has held a number of important positions in the church at large, and has always been one of its most prominent leaders.

Received by the Dorcas Society.

The Ladies' Union Dorcas society gratefully acknowledge the following donations received since December 20th, 1886: From Mr. J. I. Hartman, $5; Mrs. Dr. Carpenter, $5; Mrs. Frantz, $1; Mrs. Sophia Smith, $1; Mr. Henry Baumgardner, 2½ tons of coal; Mrs. George Steinman, $2; Mrs. Adolph Albert, $1; Miss Mary Gormley, $2; Mrs. Kerfoot, $1; Mrs. H. B. Swarr, $2; Mrs. Louisa A. Breneman, $5; Miss A. Hurford, $1; Mrs. J. I. Hartman, a quantity of clothing; Mr. B. B. Martin, $10; Miss Lydia Flynn, $1; Mr. John Best & Son, $5; Mr. Geo. Shulmyer, $5; Mr. S. Clay Miller, $2.50; Miss Lizzie White, $2; Mrs. R. W. Shenk, $2; Mr. Franklin Breneman, $2; Mr. Jeremiah Rohrer, $5; Miss C. C. Musser, $1.

Officers of the United Friends.

The following officers for Reynolds council, No. 215, Order of United Friends, were elected, Thursday evening, for the ensuing term:

John C. Haus, chief councillor; Mrs. M. J. Pickel, vice councillor; John L. Vogan, past chief councillor; Mrs. Emma Perrett, recorder; W. H. Dailey, financier; A. C. Rose, treasurer; Jas. S. Daily, marshal; Miss M. T. Daily, guard; A. B. Musselman, sentinel; representative to grand council, Thos. F. Perrett, D. G. C.; alternate to grand council, W. H. Daily, P. C. C.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEET.

THE ELECTION OF MISS GILL'S SUCCESSOR DEFERRED A MONTH.

Bonds to be Issued for the Payment of Improving the Lemon Street Building—The Loan at Four Per Cent Placed at $11,500—Other Business of the Board.

The January meeting of the Lancaster city school board was held on Thursday evening with the following members: Messrs. Baker, Bernard, Bolenius, Breneman, Brosius, Brown, Byrne, Cochran, Darmstetter, Eberman, Erisman, Evans, Griest, Hartman, Lichty, Marshall, McComsey, McCormick, McElligott, McKillips, Ochs, Pontz, Raub, Ringwalt, Schwebel, Shindle, Shirk, Smeych, Snyder, Sprenger, Warfel, White, Wickersham and Dr. Levergood, president.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

BILLS TO BE PAID.

Mr. Evans presented the following bills which had been examined and found correct and on his motion the treasurer was directed to pay the same: Joseph Schmid, printing cards, $1.50; W. H. Levergood, salary as night school teacher, $27.50; Lancaster Gas Light and Fuel company, gas, male night school, $22.32; Daniel Smeych, commissions on collections of tax, $189.38; J. W. Samson, brushes, $10.50; Hager & Bros., merchandise, $142.13; Schlaugh & Sons, repairs, $13.95; Andrew Landis, corn cobs, $8; Geo. M. Steinman & Co., repairs, $14.42; Chas. Barr, school supplies, $67.89; Henry Young, repairs, $4.50; R. M. Morrow, labor, $10.73; Alice Thompson, services as teacher, $3.95; John Best & son, labor, $3.14; Potts & Weber, repairs, $9; Everts & Overdeer, labor, &c., $123.95; John H. Hollinger, repairs, $3.60; Levi Powl, labor, $14.17; Michael Stumpf, kindling wood, $2; INTELLIGENCER, printing, $11.50; Marshall & Rengier, merchandise, $37.30; Elizabeth McClain, extra allowance as janitor, $10; Daniel Smeyth, trimming trees, $2; William Schaeffer, snow shovel and broom, 75 cents; John P. Schaum & Son, labor, $6.89; W. H. Levergood, night school teacher, $27.50; F. Shibley, night school teacher, $68.75; John Shertz, extra services as janitor, $4; Jere Rife, insurance on Lemon street building, $120; Mrs. H. Miller & Son, merchandise, $8.56; Isaac Diller & Sons, merchandise, $10.89.

BONDS TO BE ISSUED.

Mr. Evans also reported that provision must be made for the payment of the indebtedness incurred by the addition to the Lemon street building. He offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That for the purpose of paying the indebtedness contracted by order of this board, for the improvements made to the school house on the corner of Lime and Lemon streets, registered bonds of the board to the amount of eleven thousand five hundred dollars, shall be issued, in denominations of five hundred dollars. The said bonds shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, from February 1, 1887, payable quarterly, and shall be redeemable at the pleasure of the board at any time after February 1, 1892. And shall be payable on February 1, 1897. Each bond shall be signed by the president, secretary and treasurer, and the corporate seal of the board shall be attached thereto.

SEC. 2. An annual tax of one-sixteenth of one per cent. on all subjects of taxation for school purposes is hereby levied, to pay the principal and interest on the above loan, collectable and payable as other school taxes.

The property committee reported having placed an additional perpetual insurance of $4,000 on the Lemon street building.

Mr. Darmstetter, of the soldiers' orphans committee, reported favorably on the application of a son and daughter of John Dugan to the soldiers' orphans school.

Mr. Ringwalt, of the night school committee, reported the schools as being in a flourishing condition.

CITY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Following is the report of the city superintendent:

LANCASTER, Jan. 6.

To the Board of School Directors.

GENTLEMEN—Your city superintendent submits the following report of the public schools for the month of December:

The whole number of pupils in attendance was 274 in the high schools; 380 in the grammar; 613 in the secondary; 59 in the ungraded; 834 in the intermediate and 1,325 in the primary, total, 3,476.

The average attendance was 251 in the high schools; 322 in the grammar; 530 in the secondary; 39 in the ungraded; 699 in the intermediate and 1,054 in the primary; total, 2,895.

The attendance in the night schools was 158 and the average attendance was 109.

The average percentage was 84. The number of teachers in attendance at the teachers' meeting was 47.

The number of visits made by the superintendent was 127. The directors made visits as follows: J. I. Hartman 8, Dr. J. Levergood 9, T. B. Cochran 11, S. F. Erisman and G. F. Sprenger each 10, J. McKillips 6, Wm. McComsey, Dr. R. M. Bolenius, Wm. Griest and C. Schwebel each 3, H. R. Breneman and Hon. J. P. Wickersham each 4, Dr. M. W. Raub 2 and W. Wohlsen 1, total 77.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
R. K. BUEHRLE.

THE HIGH SCHOOL VACANCY.

Mr. Baker moved that the board proceed to fill the vacancy in the high school, caused by the death of Miss Gill.

Dr. Wickersham offered the following resolutions as an amendment:

Resolved, That the election of an assistant teacher for the female high school be postponed for another month and that in the meantime the city superintendent in connection with the superintending committee be directed to hold an examination of all applicants for the position in the branches required to be taught, with special reference to drawing, designing and connected subjects, and report the results to the board.

Mr. Warfel said he had talked with Miss Bundell and learned that if she was excused from finishing pictures she would not need an assistant, and he moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed.

Dr. McCormick moved that the motion to postpone indefinitely be laid on the table. The chair decided the latter motion out of order.

Mr. Baker said the board decided to elect a teacher, and he called for the reading of the report of the committee which had been adopted by the board. There is an urgent necessity for another teacher and the board should at once elect.

Dr. Wickersham did not think it wise to indefinitely postpone the matter, but believed it to be good policy to postpone the election of a teacher for the present. It was an important position and required special talent to fill it. He favored a competitive examination to give all the teachers in the city a chance. As drawing and designing will be the principal occupation of the new teacher, he favored going out of the city if there were none in the city to fill the bill.

Dr. McCormick said it was admitted that a teacher should be elected for the high school. He favored an election to-night and if the party chosen does not give satisfaction a change can be made at the end of the term.

Mr. McComsey said that there seems to be a doubt of the qualifications of the applicant before the board, notwithstanding the testimonials she presented. Miss Baker, he knew, attended the School of Design, at Philadelphia, and she was competent to fill the vacancy. The principal of the high school is overworked by reason of the vacancy not being filled and the interests of the school are suffering.

Mr. Hartman did not think it a serious matter to postpone action for one month. He knew of a former Lancastrian, Miss Hollinger, who is now a teacher of drawing in Philadelphia who would be willing to accept the position at $500 per year.

Mr. Warfel withdrew his motion to indefinitely postpone, which left Dr. Wickersham's resolution before the board.

Mr. Brosius read rule 37, which provides that no teacher shall be employed in the high schools until after an examination and in his judgment an election could not be held until that formality was gone through with.

Mr. Baker contended that the only applicant for the vacant position, Miss Baker, had passed all the examinations necessary and her certificates were the evidences of her ability.

The point of order was raised that under rule 37 there could be no election until after an examination. The chair decided that the point of order was well taken. There was an appeal from the decision of the chair, but the chair was sustained.

Dr. Wickersham's resolution postponing election for a month was adopted by a vote of 19 to 15. Messrs. Bernard, Bolenius, Breneman, Brosius, Brown, Byrne, Cochran, Eberman, Evans, Griest, Hartman, Lichty, Marshall, McKillips, Pontz, Raub, Warfel, Wickersham and Dr. Levergood voted aye; and Messrs. Baker, Darmstetter, Erisman, McComsey, McCormick, McElligott, Ochs, Ringwalt, Schwebel, Shirk, Smeych, Snyder, Springer, White, voted no.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

Dr. Wickersham called attention to the proposed legislation as to cities of several classes, and from the copy of the proposed law Lancaster would be affected as to its school board. It takes away the non-partisan character and makes other radical changes.

Mr. Hartman moved that the matter be referred to the judiciary committee, to report at the next meeting.

Adjourned.

ADMIRAL REYNOLDS POST MEETING.

Installation of Officers—Report of the Work During The Year—The Camp-Fire.

The lately elected officers of Post 405, G. A. R., were installed into their respective offices by Commander Hurst, of Post 84. The attendance of members and visitors was very large. The post is in a most flourishing condition and has prospered greatly during the past year. Chaplain Leonard's report shows a large amount of charitable work done by the post during the past twelve months. From it we learn that the remains of 37 soldiers have been buried on the soldiers' lot in Lancaster cemetery; 50 visits have been made to the county almshouse and hospital in the interest of the soldiers there; 30 discharge papers have been procured for veterans who had lost their original papers; 12 old soldiers have been secured admission to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home and 8 official visits have been made to the Mt. Joy orphans school.

During the evening the retiring commander, R. C. McDonnell, was presented by Chaplain Leonard on behalf of the comrades with a magnificent gold pendant, representing the mark of the 8th army corps and the G. A. R. badge combined. He was also presented by Adjutant Black, on behalf of the post, with a past commander's regulation badge. Officer of the Guard George Hufnagle, having proposed the greatest number of recruits during the year, was presented by the post with a beautiful gold G. A. R. pin.

At the conclusion of the installation and other ceremonies a camp-fire was held at which been soup, hard tack and pork were served, war songs were sung and army chestnuts cracked. Officer of the Day H. H. Betz was unanimously voted the greatest yarnist on earth.

SAMUEL SLOKOM AND WIFE

Celebrate Their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary in Their Christiana Home.

Samuel Slokom, one of Lancaster county's best known and wealthiest citizens, was married on January 4, 1837, to Mary, daughter of Isaac and Deborah Walker, of Sadsbury township. Tuesday was the fiftieth anniversary of that gladsome day, and all the relatives gathered at the old home in Christiana to honor the event. There were present children, grandchildren, and relations near and remote. The celebration lasted all day and was of a quiet character. Substantial comfort for the inner man was provided, and many handsome presents were made to the aged couple. Isaac W. Slokom, a son, the cashier of the Christiana National bank, presented a gold-headed cane to his mother; and her brother Isaac Walker, of Gap, gave Mr. Slokom a purse, and Mrs. Slokom a pearl-handled knife. The presentations were accompanied by appropriate addresses.

Mr. Slokom was born February 5, 1817, and his wife on April 6, 1818. Both bid fair to survive many years, which is the fond hope of a large circle of friends.

Junior O. U. A. M.

Conestoga Council, No. 22, Junior O. U. A. M., held on Thursday night one of the largest and most interesting sessions it has had for some time and the attendance was large.

District Deputy J. L. Shillito installed the officers who were elected a week ago except trustee. P. S. Goodman having declined, Wm. H. McComsey was elected instead.

The reports of the officers were read, the trustees report showing that the council has made satisfactory progress, being worth Dec. 31, 1885, $5,790.65, a gain of over $110 the past term of three months, and no debts.

The council was notified that on next Thursday the proper persons would be present to confer the past mechanic degree on all who attend, and that the oriental degree would be introduced in a few weeks. Four candidates were initiated, two being from Salunga, and all were put through in a highly satisfactory manner.

Before the Mayor.

The mayor had a half-dozen cases to dispose of this morning. The only drunk was Benjamin Smith, a colored man living on Marion alley. He was seen by Officer Heiss several times during the night and the officer tried to induce him to go home. Smith would not go and finally he was placed under arrest. He resisted and the officer was obliged to use his blackjack on him. The mayor sent him to jail for thirty days. One tramp was sent to the work-house and four lodgers were discharged.

Buying Chester County Realty.

Wesley Robinson, of White Horse, has bought the store property of James M. McCamant, of Compassville, Chester county, for $2,125.

Jno. H. Herr, of Goshen, bought the Fountain grist mills, with 23 acres of land, in West Nottingham, Chester county.

G. D. Bender, of New Holland, bought from James & Lloyd their brickyard property, embracing 8 acres of land, kiln and utensils, in the eastern section of Oxford for $3,800.

Thirty-Two Quail Eaten in Thirty Days.

Thomas Johnson, Thursday night, ate his thirtieth quail at a Springfield, Ill., restaurant, on a wager that he could eat thirty in thirty days between the hours of 8 and 9 p. m. After finishing the thirtieth, Johnson called for two more, getting away with the three in a little over eight minutes. He is a man rough in appearance and weighs 155 pounds. He said the last bird tasted as good as the first.

Henry George and Dr. McGlynn.

Henry George in his new paper, the *Standard*, advises against Dr. McGlynn going to Rome. What he calls "the Bourbon college of cardinals" would not, in Mr. George's opinion, do the priest justice. He charges Archbishop Corrigan with being the instrument of New York political rings.

Alleged Careless Driving.

Isaac Reynolds was before Alderman Barr on Thursday afternoon, to answer a charge of assault and battery preferred by Hettie Geist. The allegation was that Reynolds drove into a buggy of Miss Geist's, and she was thrown out and somewhat bruised. The testimony failed to show any negligence on the part of Reynolds, and the alderman dismissed the case.

Not Poison, But Smallpox.

The sickness in the family of Joseph Mauri, the Brooklyn druggist, was caused not by poison, but by hemorrhagic smallpox. Three of the children are dead, three others and the father are in a critical condition.

Babies Play With a Revolver.

Mabel Putnam, 4 years old, was fatally shot in Batavia, New York, on Wednesday night, by a boy of the same age, who was playing with his father's revolver.

At the Opera House.

The Ida Lewis company appeared before a good-sized audience last evening, and their presentation of "Jane Eyre" was well received. Miss Lewis assumed the title role in her usual manner. The costumes were handsome. This evening "The Gypsy's Oath" will be given.

A HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

LANCASTER COUNTY TO HAVE THIS USEFUL INSTITUTION.

A Constitution Adopted and a Permanent Organization Effected—Indications that Point to a Vigorous and Successful Career For a Long Needed Local Organization.

Lancaster now has a historical society. This long needed institution was established on a permanent basis at a meeting held in the orphans' court room of the court house on Thursday at 2 p. m. Rev. J. Max Hark presided until the arrival of the temporary president, Rev. Dr. J. H. Dubbs. Mr. W. U. Hensel reported a constitution which was adopted section by section and finally as a whole. It is as follows:

The Constitution.

I.—NAME.

This society shall be called the Lancaster County Historical society.

II.—OBJECTS.

Its objects shall be the discovery, collection, preservation and publication of the history, historical records and data of and relating to Lancaster city and county, the collection and preservation of books, newspapers, pamphlets, maps, genealogies, portraits, paintings, relics, engravings, manuscripts, letters, journals and any and all materials, which may establish or illustrate such history, the growth and progress of population, wealth, education, agriculture, arts, manufactures and commerce in this city and county.

III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The society shall consist of resident, corresponding and life members; resident members must be at the time of their election actual residents of the county. For membership persons may be proposed by any member in writing to the executive committee and upon its recommendation such persons may be elected by a majority vote of those present at the next quarterly or annual meeting.

IV.—THE DUES.

Resident members shall pay an admission fee of two dollars at the time of their enrollment and an annual fee of $1, payable on Jan. 1, of each year. Arrearages for three years will cause the delinquents to be dropped from the rolls. The fee for life membership shall be $50, such members to be exempt from all dues and entitled to received free of charge one copy of each of the publications of the society.

V.—THE OFFICERS.

The officers of the society shall consist of a president, two vice presidents, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer and librarian, and their duties shall be such as usually pertain to officers of like title.

VI.—THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

There shall be an executive committee of seventeen, composed of the officers and ten other members of the society, to be chosen at the annual meeting. The duties of the executive committee shall include all those duties that commonly belong to the board of managers and of trustees of such associations. It shall also arrange and digest the historical material collected from month to month, and present the results of its labors to the society at its quarterly and annual meeting, besides making all the necessary arrangements to insure the interest and usefulness of said meetings.

VII.—ELECTIONS.

The regular election of officers and of the executive committee shall be by ballot at the annual meeting, and their terms shall be for for one year.

VIII.—VACANCIES.

Any vacancies occurring in the board of officers or executive committee during the year shall be filled by election at the next quarterly meeting after the vacancy occurs.

IX.—MEETINGS.

The executive committee shall meet at least once a month, at such times and places as it may determine; the society shall meet quarterly at 2 p. m. on the first Saturday of April, July and October; and in annual meeting at 2 p. m. on the Saturday after each New Year. Special meetings may be called by the president at the request of nine members.

X.—THE QUORUM.

Five members shall constitute a quorum of the executive committee, and nine a quorum of the society to transact business at the quarterly or annual meeting.

XI.—AMENDMENTS.

These rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the quarterly meeting next subsequent to that at which the amendment is proposed.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the constitution this day adopted be transcribed into a book by the recording secretary; that all those present and all others who have expressed a desire to become members be enrolled as charter members upon the payment of the prescribed fee; and all others who signify such desire to the secretary before the next quarterly meeting and pay such fee; and that copies of this constitution and resolution be sent by the corresponding secretary to all persons whom he may have reason to think are desirous of becoming members.

The Officers-Elect.

Following are the officers chosen for the permanent organization: President, Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D.D.; vice presidents, Hon. J. P. Wickersham, Samuel Evans; recording secretary, A. F. Hostetter; corresponding secretary, W. W. Griest; librarian, S. H. Zahm; treasurer, S. P. Eaby; executive committee, F. R. Diffenderffer, J. B. Hipple, R. M. Reilly, C. T. Steigerwalt, C. H. Stubbs, H. A. Brickenstein, Rev. J. Max Hark, S. C. Slaymaker, P. C. Hiller, W. U. Hensel.

Mr. Isaac Walker, of Gap, presented to the society an engraved portrait of William Penn by John Sartain from the only painting ever made of the founder of this state; also a fac simile of Penn's penmanship. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Walker.

President Dubbs on accepting office made a speech expressive of his gratification of the honor conferred. He regarded Lancaster county as the grandest in our good common wealth. He promised to work faithfully in the interest of the society.

The society adjourned after agreeing that the next meeting of the executive committee would be held in W. U. Hensel's office on next Monday evening, January 10th, at 7 o'clock.

Sent Out.

Peter Francis, who gave Baltimore as his residence, was heard by Alderman Barr this morning on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. His sentence was 30 days in the county jail.

The Belled Buzzard Again.

The belled buzzard is still hovering around Northern Cecil, Md. It was seen at the farm of Clifford Kirk, near Calvert, a few days ago.

Two Killed on the Railroad.

RUSSELL, Kansas, Jan. 7.—In a railway accident here at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon H. C. Tinges, of Kansas City, and E. T. Alexander, supposed to live at Ottawa, Kansas, were killed.

Snow Stops the Locomotive.

BERLIN, Jan. 7.—Severe snow storms are prevailing throughout Prussian Silesia. Railway traffic is wholly suspended in consequence.

60 Degrees Below Zero.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 7.—At Aitkin, Minn., this morning, a spirit thermometer indicated sixty degrees below zero.

No Danger of a "Tie-Up."

BROOKLYN, Jan. 7.—The presidents of the Brooklyn city and Broadway street railroads have accepted the employes' time table and all danger of another tie-up is over.

ILL-USING AN EDITOR.

Because He Waged War Upon Liquor Dealers His Printing Material is Destroyed.

OPELIKA, Ala., Jan. 7.—Major B. K. Keizer, editor of the *Times* of this city, on going into his office yesterday morning, found the gear-wheel of his Campbell press smashed to pieces, and the type all in pi. He found the following letter:

AT THE CLUB, Jan. 3, 1887.

BEN K. KEIZER, reprobate: Your conduct toward the honest and decent people of this town has become unendurable, and as you are hedged about with a class of supporters that is as low and debased as you are, there is no chance to bring you to justice. Therefore I am ordered by the club to notify you to leave this town and county within ten days, or abide the consequences.

(Signed) C. PRATT, Secretary.

This is an outbreak of the lawless spirit which has prevailed ever since 1872, when certain parties secured licenses to sell liquor. Major Keizer in his paper has waged a relentless war upon the liquor-dealers and it is for this reason that he has been warned to leave the town.

Inquest on the Railroad Victims.

TIFFIN, Ohio, Jan. 7.—The inquest on the bodies of the victims of the horrible disaster on the B. & O. Tuesday morning, was begun at 2 o'clock to-day in the city hall. This large room, capable of seating two thousand, was tested to its fullest capacity, standing room being at a premium. The case for the state is conducted by Coroner Lepper, assisted by Prosecutor P. M. Adams. Seventeen witnesses have been summoned to appear, including the crews of both trains, trainmasters and some of the surviving passengers, all of whom are here with the exception of Engineer Kiler, of the freight, who stated last night that he would be damned if he came near the inquest. The coroner has considerable testimony which he is keeping secret, but I am reliably informed that it shows the freight men knew they were running on the time of the Limited express. It also shows that fifteen or sixteen passengers were in the smoker at the time of the collision and only two are known to have escaped.

Pronounced Dead, but She is Not.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 7.—Early in December, Ellen, the invalid wife of W. O. Jones, of Jones & Hutchings, was pronounced to be dead. Having a horror of being buried alive she had requested that the funeral should be dalayed until the evidences of death were unmistakable. Three days later she was heard to groan. Stimulants were applied and in four hours she could open her eyes and in eight hours conversed. Since then she has continued to improve, although she is weak and emaciated, having taken little or no nourishment for 13 days. She has made known to her friends what she experienced while in the trance.

Defense in the Haddock Case.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Jan. 7.—The plans of the defense in the Haddock murder case, are now pretty fully known. Leavitt is to be impeached, and witnesses are to swear they saw him fire the shot. The defense will show that Leavitt wore a straw hat and tight pants and carried a 38 calibre revolver which he threw away. It will be claimed that this is the revolver found near the scene of the murder. The chief of police and city marshal have evidence that after the murder the participants agreed to swear the killing on the man who squealed. Leavitt is, therefore, the target of the defense.

The Cause For Seeking Divorce.

EDINBURGH, Jan. 7.—The suit of the Marchioness of Queensberry for divorce against her husband will be tried in this city because the law of Scotland grants a wife a divorce on the ground of adultery alone. In her petition for a divorce the Marchioness states among other specifications that the marquis has not lived with her for the past 12 years and that he had admitted a woman into the house with whom he committed adultery. Neither the woman nor the marquis deny the latter charge.

Failure of a Big Housefurnishing Firm.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 7.—R. Rothschild's Sons, dealers in furniture, carpets, stoves, etc., on the installment plan at 292 West Sixth street, made an assignment this morning to Adam A. Kramer. The firm has branch offices established in Chicago and Kansas City. The failure was caused by an attachment by a Chicago creditor. The liabilities are heavy.

Bishop Potter Buried.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Right Rev. Horatio Potter, sixth bishop of the diocese of New York, was buried at Poughkeepsie this afternoon. The services at Trinity church here were very impressive, and the edifice was crowded, Drs. Dix, Swope, Cox, Doane and Biddle, officiating. Numbers of clergy, not only Episcopalians, but of all denominations, from all over the country, were present to show their respects to the dead prelate.

Has Temporary Quarters.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—The *Evening Telegraph*, whose establishment was burned out last night, will be issued to day and for the next few days from the *Inquirer* building, the use of which has been kindly tendered by the proprietor. The loss by the fire in the *Telegraph* building is fully covered by insurance. The engine and press and the valuable collection of biographical and historical matter were saved.

Result of the Rate War.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—It is stated that the executive committee of the trunk line pool has adopted a resolution demanding 28 per cent. of the net through freight rates from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic seaboard with the proviso that the result shall yield not less than 25 cents per 100 pounds from Chicago to New York. They had been receiving 22 per cent., which they claim did not pay the expense of the haul owing to the rate war between the transcontinental roads.

Holman In the Race For Senator.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 7.—Congressman W. S. Holman reached this city last night, and made a formal announcement of his intention to enter the Democratic senatorial contest. It is understood that neither party will caucus for senator till the lieutenant governorship question is settled. The caucus will probably not be held before Thursday night.

Married at 79.

CHARLESTON, Ills., Jan. 7—Thomas Goodman, the reverend gentleman who preached the funeral sermon over the remains of Thomas Lincoln, father of the lamented President Lincoln, was married yesterday in this city, to Mrs. Jane Hall, of Hutton township, Coles county. Mr. Goodman is 79 years of age, while his bride is 51 years.

Shot His Wife and Himself.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—Last night Christian Hurst, a German, shot his wife with a revolver, and afterwards fired a shot into his own forehead. Neither of the wounds are fatal. Jealousy was the cause of the deed.

Gladstone to Conciliate Liberals.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The *Standard* says Mr. Gladstone is prepared to modify his home rule scheme with a view to conciliate the dissident Liberals and is willing to confine the powers of the Irish legislative body to questions exclusively Irish delegated to it.

ACRES OF BUILDINGS BURNED.

THE HORSESHOE FACTORY IN A RHODE ISLAND TOWN IN ASHES.

The Loss Over $300,000—Four Hundred Workmen Lose Employment—The Works to Be Rebuilt—A Brewery and Contents Destroyed in Chicago—Other Blazes.

VALLEY FALLS, R. I., Jan. 7.—The Rhode Island horse shoe company's immense workshops were almost entirely destroyed by fire this morning. The buildings burned were the main building, 450 by 125 feet in size, containing six engines and machinery of all kinds; the machine shop, so called, 125 feet square; the punching and hammering department buildings, one sixty feet square and the other 200 by 80 feet. The only hose company in the village, a four wheeled hand machine, responded promptly, but the handful of men could do little with several acres of burning buildings. Pawtucket, Central Falls and Lonsdale were asked for aid, and more firemen were soon on the ground rendering efficient service. In the works proper the flames raged unchecked until after 4 o'clock when there was nothing left to burn. Great masses of iron lay all twisted and warped. The estimated loss will reach $330,000; insured for $160,000, of which about $60,000 was placed on the buildings and stock which were not burned. The works had a capacity of fifty tons of horseshoes per day, employed 400 hands and had a pay roll of $6,000 per day. The works will be rebuilt at once. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a careless night watchman in filling a lamp with oil. London, New York and Connecticut insurance companies are the principal losers.

A CHICAGO BREWERY BURNED.

The Loss on Building and Stock $30,000, Covered by Insurance—Several Injured.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Ernst Brothers' brewery at 65 and 67 Larabee street, was badly damaged by fire this morning. The fire started about 9 o'clock in the fourth floor, and the second and third alarms were struck in rapid succession. The men were all at work but escaped so far as could be learned, while the fire was in progress. The fire raged furiously for an hour. The weather was so intensely cold that the firemen were almost benumbed. The loss is as yet unknown. The building cost $200,000, the stock is worth $100,000, and both are said to be fully insured. The roof fell in shortly after 9 o'clock, and the iron coping on one side fell outward, crashing through an adjoining building and seriously injuring a Mrs. Coon, who was in a delicate condition. A fireman named William Kries was also badly hurt by the falling iron. The neighbors on Hawthorne avenue, where the brewery proper fronts, and Larabee street were hurrying out with their household goods on their shoulders. The fire boat Geyser was ready for service, but if the fire did not reach the lower floors it would not be called into use.

LATER.—The Geyser has been put into service and is sending six streams direct from the river, but still the fire raged and soon it was found that the lower floors were being burned, and the first floor, used as a store room, was reached in spite of all the water that could be put on the fire. The men were not able, from the construction of the building, to utilize many streams where most needed. Many of the men were so coated with ice as to be practically helpless until freed from their enveloping armor. The fire was declared under control at 11 o'clock. It had been confined to the southwest corner. The loss is between $30,000 and $50,000.

Northern Pacific Railroad Shops.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 7.—The machine shops on the Northern Pacific railroad at Fargo, Dakota, were burned this morning and three locomotives destroyed. The loss is $120,000, which is covered by insurance.

Put Red Hot Coals on a Baby.

RENSSELAER, Ind., Jan. 7.—During the absence of Mrs. Chas. Burns from her home yesterday afternoon a young daughter took coals of fire from the stove and placed them in a cradle in which Mrs. Burns' baby was sleeping. The baby was burned to death, and the oldest child fatally injured. The mother returned in time to save the house.

LONDON'S IDLE POPULACE.

They Gather En Masse at the Municipal Offices Asking for Either Work or Bread.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The inhabitants of the West End were startled to-day by an unexpected demonstration of the unemployed of London. Large crowds of the unemployed who had congregated at different points of the city so as not to attract the attention of the police, suddenly made their appearance in the vicinity of the local government board, each contingent having been timed so all would arrive at the point of rendezvous at the same hour. The plan was well carried out, for none of the government or police officials had received any notice of the demonstration and were only made aware of the fact by the sudden appearance in the streets of an immense army of unemployed workmen crying: "Give us work or give us bread."

A committee of unemployed waited on the Rt. Hon. Charles J. Ritchie, president of the local government board, and detailed their grievances to that official requesting the government to adopt measures for the employment of workmen on public works. Mr. Ritchie received the deputation kindly, but said he was unable to promise them anything. He would, however, place their grievances before the cabinet at its next meeting. The crowd then repaired to Trafalgar Square where an indignation meeting was held and resolutions adopted protesting against the apathy of the government. Many shopkeepers in and around Trafalgar Square hastily put up their shutters and closed their stores under the belief that another Socialist demonstration was about to take place. The crowd, however, was orderly and after the adoption of the resolutions quietly dispersed.

Postmaster for South Bethlehem

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The following nominations were sent to the Senate to day by the president: Robert Brand, of Illinois, to be surveyor of customs for the port of Galena, Ill. Postmasters: John S. Leiby, Newport, Pa.; John P. Ryan, South Bethlehem, Pa.; Wm. T. Johnson, Cambridge, Md.; James B. Ryan, Saint Clairsville, Ohio; Samuel Brown, sr., Ravenswood, Ill.; Michael F. Cunningham, Gibson City, Ill.; Edward Bowman, Brunswick, Mo.; Sallie Shelton, Windsor, Mo.; John Poston, Kiowa, Kansas; John F. Blackburn, Hutchinson, Kansas; Henry J. Wilkinson, Granite Falls, Minn.; Rufus Thompson, Albany, Oregon.

New York Cloak Dealers Fail.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—John Wilson's Sons, cloak dealers at 31 Maiden Lane, made an assignment to-day to John Wilson without preferences. The reported assets are $75,484, and liabilities are about the same amount.

Preparing for War.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—Gen. Boulanger, minister of war, has ordered 200,000 new melinite shells and other war material.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—For Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware: Colder, northerly winds, fair weather, followed by snow.