

A PHILADELPHIA CRASH.

SEE FIRM OF JAMES AND JOHN HUNTER SUPPLY REVEREND BISHOP.

Discoveries That Now Lead to the Belief That James Hunter Forged Papers to the Amount of a Quarter of Million Dollars—The Queen City Bank Failed.

The developments already brought to light in the affairs of the firm of James & John Hunter, Philadelphia, the positive charges of forgery made by various banks, the apprehension that the worst was not known, and that other irregularities might be brought to the surface—all these combined tend to create a sensation in financial circles Wednesday and among business men generally.

The attachment issued by Keen, Rodine & Co. was but the precursor of similar proceedings, and the lawyers were kept busy in issuing them and recording mortgages and conveyances of the firm's property.

At the close of the financial day the estimate of the amount of the paper issued bearing the firm's endorsement varied from \$200,000 to \$300,000. It is supposed, however, that the amount is in excess of \$500,000. There has been traced about \$250,000, all of which, it is alleged, is forged, although a portion of it is believed to be in the different accounts, but it is authoritatively stated that over \$200,000 of paper bearing the name of James & John Hunter is now in circulation. An unexpected fact was developed, namely, that the name of John Field, of the firm of Young, Smith, Field & Co., of Philadelphia, is connected with two of the bills held by the Eighth National bank and one by the Independence National bank, each note being for \$5,000. How many more of such notes, if any, are in existence is as yet unknown.

As to the whereabouts of James Hunter there has been no news since he fled from Philadelphia. He had not returned from New York, and it was rumored only that he did not intend to return, but that he had gone to Brazil, but this could not be traced by the Queen City bank, and an opinion was expressed by a counsel in the case that if it were not true James Hunter was, he would be hidden somewhere.

An argument for the benefit of creditors of the firm of James & John Hunter to John Field was executed on Tuesday.

John Field, in answer to inquiries, said that this was a surprise to him, and he could not understand it. The worst of it all, he said, is that all the family placed what they had in James Hunter's hands, and he feared that it is all swept away. He had all that his father inherited from his father, William Devine. Upon being informed that there had just been recorded a mortgage in trust for the wife of James Hunter for \$50,000, Mr. Field said: "I am glad that that was about what she got from her father, and this Wm. Devine must be her father, as it is so much to say that the assets are. It will take some time to prepare a statement from the books, and I have no idea of the amount of the liabilities. The husband of the sweetest tempered man one could meet, and was kind hearted and gentle in his family, and from my knowledge of his character, he was a thoroughly honest man, a mystery to me. The only explanation I can find is that, in order to escape from a temporary imprisonment, he had been kept in this direction, and having done it successfully he has gone on and on.

John Hunter knew nothing about it. It was made up by the assets, and he could not say to anybody else. Of course he heard that matters were not going on as they should, but he did not know it until three weeks ago. When the attachment was made and the notice was served upon him yesterday he was still more surprised. It is a terrible thing for him to be put in this position of wrong-doing as anybody can be. He is incapable of any wrong, James Hunter attended to the business, and John Hunter, his assistant, to the care of the office. John Hunter had the most implicit confidence in James, and, as a consequence, he did not give any thought to his affairs. For several years past John Hunter has not been devoting any time to the affairs of the firm. I never heard of him for a long time, and I do not know any judgment. Nobody knows how I endeavored to persuade him from having anything to do with it. For several years past John Hunter has been doing nothing, and he has no business. He can say nothing, because he knows nothing, and it is impossible for him to explain anything. James Hunter is, Mr. Field said, no one knew other than that he had gone to New York, not even members of the family, and his wife was very apprehensive about him.

NEARING ADJOURNMENT.

SEE GOVERNMENT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA.

What Was Done at Wednesday's Session. The Session Closed on Tuesday. The Report of the Executive Committee of the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Philadelphia. The Session of the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Philadelphia closed on Tuesday evening, after a session of three days. The report of the Executive Committee of the General Conference was read and approved. The session was a successful one, and the report of the Executive Committee was a valuable contribution to the cause of the church.

THE ROLL OF THE DEAD.

SEE VESTER KENNEDY, A PROMINENT CITIZEN OF SALISBURY TOWNSHIP.

The Deceased of a Family in Which the Blood of the Hero of Currier Flow—The Death of John H. Vester Kennedy, a prominent citizen of Salisbury Township, Pa., is announced. He died on Tuesday morning, after a brief illness. He was a well-known and respected member of the community, and his death is a great loss to his family and to the township.

THE JUST FAILED TO ARRIVE.

SEE AGNES FOLSOM'S STRANGE CASE.

They Are Discharged From Further Consideration of the Case. The case of Agnes Folsom, a woman who had been charged with the murder of her husband, has been dropped by the court. The jury found that there was not sufficient evidence to support the charge, and the woman was discharged.

SEE BISHOP'S SPEECH.

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The sixth day's session of the Philadelphia annual conference of the Methodist church was opened Wednesday morning in Philadelphia by Bishop Randolph B. Foster. The committee on the book concern reported that the sale of books and periodicals was larger last year than ever before. The total sales amounted to \$1,200,000. The aggregate sales of the two concerns East and West amounted to \$2,154,422.

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