

FAVORING EARLY CLOSING.

THE BOARD OF TRADE THINK THE STUBS ARE NEARBY.

An effort to induce those merchants who keep open to join the movement—action taken on the proposed municipal bill—committee reports.

The April meeting of the Board of Trade was held on Tuesday evening, with a large attendance of members and President Hager in the chair.

The report of the treasurer up to date was presented, from which it appeared that he received from the treasurer of the old Board of Trade \$25.61, initiation fees \$725, dues \$743, making the receipts \$850.33, and the expenditures were \$27.39, leaving a balance on hand of \$822.94.

The following gentlemen were proposed for membership: Allen Rock, N. E. Bally, Harry Black, D. H. Miller, L. P. Mayer, Jacob Mayer, Jacob Fohl, Amos Gest, William Kahl, Hansman, reported that the revenue bill with the clause taxing manufacturing corporations struck out would pass the Senate.

As to the municipal bill he regretted to say that House bill No. 16 was likely to pass. He was so advised by our senators and representatives. Such a bill is a necessity to a large number of cities in the state and as special legislation cannot be passed, the law must include all cities of equal population.

When House bill No. 16 reaches the Senate it will be substituted for Senate bill No. 10, and it will in all probability be admitted to a great extent. The question to be determined is whether the board should make its efforts in having the bill amended by striking out objectionable features or still persist in trying to defeat it.

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WIFE TO DAVID'S BRIDE.

The Cottage of Eden Hill, Near Dublin, Furnished From Cedar to Roof.

The event of last week in Ireland has been the presentation of magnificent wedding gifts to Mrs. Michael Davitt. Few American tourists visit Dublin city without making excursions by railway or by the steamer roads that skirt the coast southward, to Bray. During their short journey, and about nine miles southeast from Dublin, they would pass the villa residences of the suburban Ballybuck. Ballybuck looks out upon Killiney Bay, and on the south of it lies a peninsula of country, the Shanagang Valley, which is crowned by the Sugarloaf mountain and Bray head.

Among these residences was a snugly appropriated named Eden Hill cottage. Quaint and unostentatiously furnished, it was the residence of a lady who had collected funds to buy that property—not for the father of the Irish League, whose delicacy as to gifts is well known, but as a wedding gift to the bride.

The committee tastefully furnished Eden Hill cottage from roof to cellar. They redecorated the interior, and had the garden studded the terrace with ferns and flowering plants. "For bridal blossoms," said James Graham, of abstinence, a prominent committee member, "the kitchen garden was not neglected, nor were the wall fruits and the miniature hothouse. In Mrs. Davitt's hothouse there is a rare specimen of a rose which Boston had sent, and of which Davitt was the artist, as he was of General Collins' portrait, which is now in the possession of the committee in upper O'Connell street.

All of this having been perfected the committee escorted the happy couple to their new home. The carriage was driven out of the road way into a branching avenue lined with trees, and the bride and groom were driven to the cottage. The bride and groom were driven to the cottage. The bride and groom were driven to the cottage.

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A CONESTOGA MYSTERY.

AN INQUIRY INTO THE MURDER OF A DEAD PRINCE CHILD.

Found in a Box in the Conestoga First by Boys and Afterwards by Fishermen—Dr. Bole-ntius Says It Was Born Alive and May Have Been Strangled.

The body of the dead child, which was found in the Conestoga at Cedar Hill, on Friday, by some boys who put it back into the stream, was recovered Tuesday in the creek between Graetz's landing and Levan's mill. The coroner was notified and the body was taken to the almshouse. This morning the coroner empaneled a jury composed of C. A. Gask, David Keppeler, Thomas R. Hirsch, H. H. Hensel, Lawrence Zischer, and James Kennedy and held an inquest. The body was viewed by the jury and examined by Dr. R. M. Bolentius. It is that of a female child of full time, and it was partially decomposed. The box containing it was of wood and the kind used for packing coffee. The only mark upon the box was the brand of the packers. The box was over a foot in length and several inches wide. The child was badly cramped from being in the box. After the body had been viewed, the jury heard the witness, Thomas R. Hirsch, John A. Springer, and Graybill Shultz, the three boys who first discovered the child's body in the creek, identified this one as the same they had found. They told the story of the finding as it had been published in this paper.

After taking the box ashore they found it was wrapped in a copy of the Daily Intelligencer, which they took off. The stone which was tied to the box by a rope, was also taken off, and after the boys saw what the box contained they became frightened and placed it back in the stream where it floated off. The stone, rope and paper were left lying on the bank of the stream. The date of the newspaper was not noted.

John Anderson testified that he and Frank Martin were fishing in the Conestoga near Levan's mill, Tuesday, when they saw the box in the stream about a foot from the shore. They opened the box and, after being what it contained, notified the coroner and Dr. Bolentius. The place where the box was found the second time is about two miles from Cedar Hill.

Dr. Bolentius was sworn, and he testified that the child was of nine months, and it had been born alive. From appearance it might have been ten or twelve days or more; the body was cramped from being pressed into the small box, and the head was out of shape. The neck showed signs of congestion as though the child might have been strangled. It was difficult to tell much about the child since it was so long in the water.

The jury after hearing the evidence rendered this verdict: "An unknown child came to its death from causes unknown." The body was interred in the almshouse burying grounds.

The Protectors of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America.

The Rt. Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church of Maryland and Virginia, died at his home in Wilmington, America, died at his home in Wilmington on Tuesday of typhoid fever, after an illness of about two months. For a month past the condition of the venerable prelate was such as to awaken the greatest alarm among his friends, and for the past two weeks his symptoms were more encouraging and his slight grounds for hopes of lasting improvement. Just after noon Tuesday he was suddenly taken a striking spasm from which he never rallied.

The deceased was in his eightieth year, and in June next would have reached the first centenary of his birth. His first charge was at Cavalry church, Rockville, Pa., from which he was called as the first bishop of New York in 1841. Since the death of Bishop Doane, he has been the senior bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in America, and his consecration antedates that of any of the Anglican, Roman or other churches. He was a member of the committee on the revision of the New Testament, and the author of a number of religious works. His funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Y at the Water Works.

THREE NEW MINISTERS.

Westminster Presbytery Examines and Accepts Them—Latter Will Preach at Hereafter—Visiting the Institute.

York, April 13.—During the latter part of yesterday morning's session the following reports were given to the general assembly. Principal, M. F. Stewart and Milton Fieldenbaugh; alternates, G. A. Davis and J. H. Martin. It was resolved that the next stated meeting of this presbytery be held on the Monday preceding the last Tuesday in September, the 25th day of the month. It was also resolved that the following ministers of D. McClellan Butt and J. Scott Butt and Wilbur McNair for ordination, and T. Davis Richards for license, take place at 2 o'clock. Reports from aiders on payment of pastor's salary were heard, and it was found all had been paid.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock. After recess presbytery convened. A call was read from the Little Britain church for the pastoral services of Rev. Mr. Burkle, and permission was asked to prosecute the call before the presbytery of Maryland, Southern assembly. On motion, the request was granted.

Rev. Mr. Landis requested by letter to be dismissed to the presbytery of New Jersey. Rev. Mr. Weaver, of the presbytery of Baltimore, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

On motion Rev. John Edgar, president of Wilson college, was invited to address the presbytery fifteen minutes at the evening session.

The examination of the young men for ordination and license was begun, and after a thorough examination of the arts and sciences, languages by committee, and of church history, church government, theology and sacraments in open presbytery, their examinations were sustained and T. Davis Richards, D. McClellan Butt, and J. Scott Butt were licensed to preach the gospel and presbytery arranged for the ordination of J. Scott Butt, D. McClellan Butt and Wilbur McNair as evangelists with the laying on of hands of presbytery; and Rev. H. E. Niles, D. D., was appointed to deliver the charge to the evangelists and Rev. J. MacDougal, Ph. D., to offer the benediction.

The hour having arrived for sitting the Collegiate Institute, presbytery took a recess until 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Tuesday Evening's Session.

Presbytery met after recess at 7:30 p. m. A large choir opened the services with a beautiful anthem entitled "Rock of Ages." Prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. B. Brown, and John Edgar presented, in a forcible and forcible manner, the advantages and claims of Wilson college, of Chambersburg; an institution under the care and control of the synod of Pennsylvania.

Discussion followed on the question, "To what extent should evangelistic work be used in the churches," opened by Rev. Mr. Cross, of Chambersburg. This was followed by a discussion of the question, "In evangelistic services, who should conduct them, the pastor or the evangelist?" opened by Rev. C. C. Lapp, of York.

The third question, "What special means may be employed to bring sinners to the Savior, and what may be learned from our personal observations?" opened by Rev. E. W. Gayler. The discussion was particularly interesting, and was closed by Rev. McDaniel, Niles and McGowan. After singing the closing hymn and prayer by Rev. G. S. Bell, presbytery adjourned until 9 a. m. Wednesday morning.

MORE VICTIMS OF THE FLAMES.

THE PREMIER FIRE IN KANSAS DESTROYED MANY HUMAN LIVES.

Settlers Lose Everything and Railroad Builders Have Narrow Escape—One of the Largest Wall Paper Establishments in the Country Burns in Chicago.

A private telegram to this city from the branch line of the Burlington & Missouri route, says that several settlers have met their all by the prairie fire. Railroad men say for miles every foot of ground is burned over. In Sheridan and Gove counties, in Kansas, the fire has raged almost as fiercely, and in one settlement four lives were lost. A report reached the telegraph office at Lincoln, Neb., that a train of 100 miles and he said that in the tract not one house in three remained unscathed. Across the line in Nebraska the Beaver bottom has been on fire for two days.

A large force of railroad graders on a line being built in Southern Kansas county, were surrounded in camp by the fire and escaped with a narrow escape. The men were made only by the greatest efforts, the men leaving their tents, clothes and everything behind at the mercy of the flames. One man was so seriously burned that he cannot recover.

An Extensive Wall Paper Store Destroyed Yesterday Night in Chicago—Fire Department in Service—Seven Men Injured.

Chicago, April 13.—John J. McGrath's wall paper establishment, 106 and 112 Wabash avenue, the largest and finest in the city, and one of the most extensive in the country, was totally destroyed by fire between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning. The fire was well under way when it was discovered. Before the fire department arrived the business part of the store was illuminated by the glare, and a full alarm, just one short of a general alarm, was sent in immediately. This brought out all the apparatus that could possibly find space to work in, and streams of water were poured upon the burning building from the front and rear, and also from the roof of the Keith, Benham & Dezerdorf building adjoining on the north, and a smaller one on the south occupied by a number of tenants, jewelers, milliners and others.

Long before 1 o'clock one of the costliest stocks of paper in the country was being carried skyward and distributed in blazing sheets over the city. The upper floors had fallen, and the building was to all appearances a hollow shell. The roof, which was of the blazing paper was being dropped on the first floor, and it seemed utterly impossible that any portion of the building could be saved. As soon as it became apparent that the building and its contents were doomed to total destruction, the firemen turned their attention to the buildings on either side. On the north stood the fine five-story building once occupied by A. T. Stewart & Co. and now occupied by Keith, Benham & Dezerdorf, wholesale hardware dealers. This building, numbered from 98 to 104, inclusive, was well protected by a strong fire wall, and successfully resisted the flames.

As did the building on the south; a five-story structure. It is occupied by O. B. Tennis & Co., millinery; N. F. Sprouche & Co., jewelers; T. B. Smith, straw goods; L. E. Crandall & Co., and T. D. Marsh & Co. None of the tenants suffered any losses, except, possibly, slight damage by water. The fire was extinguished at 11:15, and the building from 106 to 112, which is about eighty feet front by 150 deep. It is a stone front and cost about \$200,000. Mr. McGrath's stock was valued, it is said, at nearly half a million dollars. Both stock and building are an almost total loss.

Shortly after 1 o'clock Captain Fred Reis, of truck 3, was standing in the rear of the building when several large stones fell from the top of the building. One of them struck Reis on the left leg, fracturing it. He was taken to his home. It is thought that the stones were thrown from the first floor when the roof and upper floors fell through. At 4:30 o'clock John Heberle, lieutenant of engine company No. 32, was badly and perhaps fatally hurt. The number of 32 hosted a ladder up to the second story of the McGraw building, and Heberle started up with a line of hose, and he reached the top of the latter the slippery condition of the sidewalk caused the ladder, which was not braced, to slide outward. Heberle fell a distance of twenty feet, lighting on the back of his head. His skull was fractured. He was taken to St. Luke's hospital, where he is recovering. He is also a victim of the fire.

A Virgin Village Destroyed.

Baltimore, April 13.—Captain Burroughs, of the steamer Mason L. Weems, which arrived this morning from the Rappahannock river, reports that the village of Farnham, Richmond county, Virginia, was almost entirely destroyed by fire on Monday last. The town, situated about seven miles from Sharp's wharf on the Rappahannock. Among the heaviest losers are E. L. Mezingo, F. Mezingo and R. F. Reynolds. The old Protestant Episcopal church, built in colonial days, and one of the oldest houses of worship in the country, was burned to the ground.

IN TRAINS IN A STURGEON LARD.

A Young Girl Who Roped With a Drummer Escaped From Front Seats of a Train.

Detroit, Mich., April 13.—At 9 o'clock last night a young girl was found crying in the waiting room of the Michigan Central by a patrolman who took her to the Central station. She gave her name as Cora McAllister, aged 17, residence Syracuse, N. Y. Some three months ago Miss McAllister met a dapper looking, well-dressed young man at the railroad station in Syracuse. He told her that his name was Harry Davis and that he was a traveling man for a dry goods house in New York. Cora rather liked the spruce young stranger and cultivated his acquaintance. At last he proposed an engagement and the girl consented. She boarded the cars at Syracuse with him Monday night bound for Chicago. Before they reached Rochester Cora gave Davis what money she had with her. They arrived here yesterday morning and Davis, in the station while he was waiting to look for the baggage, did not return. The girl was sent to the Open Door society's home last night and she will be returned to her home and parents to-day. Judging from her elegant attire she must be the daughter of wealthy parents.

The People of Hamilton Will Retel If Canada Refuses It.

WINNIPEG, Man., April 13.—Feeling very high here over the semi-official announcement that the Dominion government does not intend to allow the construction of a solid railway to the boundary. The solid line of this city talk that would be their muskets and going out to build the road at the point of the bayonet. If this is the policy of the government there is pretty sure to be another rebellion here. Citizens all over the province are thoroughly aroused on this question, and are in earnest. The anti-Disfranchisement association has extracted from Mr. Norquay a pledge in writing that when the legislature meets to-morrow a charter to build the road will be passed before the speech from the throne is introduced.

One of the Largest of Its Kind Ever Held in New York.

New York, April 13.—The funeral of the late J. T. Raymond, which took place to-day, was the largest of its kind in this city for years. Nearly every notable member of the dramatic profession in town was present and hundreds of persons crowded the sidewalk in front of the "Little Church Around the Corner" where the funeral services were held. The first drawing of the church was something unprecedented for lavishness and beauty. At 10:30 o'clock Rev. Dr. Houghton held services of prayer at the dead man's home on East 32d street. Following this simple service an eulogy was pronounced by Harry Edwards, of Wallace's theatre, a five-toned, fitting appearance. He paid a glowing tribute to his manly worth and sterling qualities. The bereaved widow and friends then took a last look at the remains and the cloth-covered casket almost hidden by flowers, was conveyed to the funeral home of the church. The following were the pall-bearers: A. J. Brown, James Lewis, R. M. Stoddard, Harry Wallack, Harry Edwards, T. Henry French, William J. Florence, Nat Goodwin, Dr. Guernsey and Charles Bishop.

Ohio Presbyterians Meet.

Wichita, Kansas, April 13.—H. L. Shober, a prominent shoe merchant, was shot to-day at the corner of 10th and Broadway streets, in a robbery. The robbery was very mysterious. He went to his room about two o'clock yesterday afternoon and took, it is supposed, morphine to induce sleep. Early in the evening a party called to see him and receiving no response, took the morphine and returned to the room. Shober died upon the bed. He was a promising and wealthy business man, who came to this city from Martinsburg, W. Va.

Identified as One of the Robbers.

Springfield, Ill., April 13.—Last night about 11 o'clock, James Sexton, about 19 years of age, was killed in the street by a bullet from a young man who was in the act of robbing him. The man who shot Sexton was identified as one of the robbers.

The Salary Was 45 Cents a Month.

THE INTER-MUNICIPAL BILL.

THE SENATE REPEALED FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE OF OTHER STATES.

The Bill That the Lancaster Board of Trade Opposed in Public Meeting—The Senate Also Agrees to the Woman's Suffrage Bill—Work in the House.

HARRISBURG, April 13.—In the Senate today the resolution providing for the bill to coerce the Irish people was passed. Cooper and Wolverson had made speeches adversely criticizing the measure. The resolution urging the Pennsylvania members of Congress to vote for the Blair educational bill was adopted. The House pharmacy bill was reported. The bill was amended. Negative action was reported in House bill relative to recording in cities of the fifth class. Newmyer offered a concurrent resolution, which was adopted, providing for trial adjournment of the legislature on May 15th next.

The inter-municipal bill, dividing the cities of the state into seven classes, and providing for the government of cities of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh classes, was passed finally. House bill relating recording of mortgages from taxation was postponed indefinitely. The woman suffrage bill was passed finally—yeas 16, nays 16. Mylin voted nays 16.

In the House Senate bills were reported affirmatively as follows: To punish false pretense in the registration of cattle; authorizing the sale of property of property of habitual drunkards and lunatics. On motion of Cox, of Allegheny, House bill No. 82 to relieve laborers, workmen and journeymen from certain prosecution and indictments for conspiracy, was admitted. This was done at the instance of the Knights of Labor legislative committee, who desire to make some amendments to the measure. It will come up for third reading on Tuesday.

A committee of six was appointed to attend the funeral of Representative Hiesley, of Franklin county, who died last night. The vote by which the wholesale liquor bill was defeated was reconsidered, but further action postponed.

Among the bills passed second reading, to authorize railroad and canal companies in the development of coal and other natural interests of the state, and to prevent the circulation of obscene literature. Lost Upper and Lower Limbs.

EMORIA, Kansas, April 13.—Barbara Lueb, of Ottawa, Kansas, attempted to get on a moving freight train at Council Grove last evening. She fell under the wheels and both her arms and lower limbs were severed from her body. She will probably die.

TELEGRAPHIC TALK.

Goa, E. Scotland, of Norwich, Conn., was to-day appointed as counsel. The B. & O. railroad company to-day declared a small dividend of four per cent. on the main stock, and five per cent. on the preferred.

It is estimated that the thefts on the Pan Handle railroad in the last two years aggregated \$1,000,000. At Dubuque, Iowa, ten prisoners escaped from the county jail about 9 o'clock last night. Charles Taylor, a jockey, was trampled to death at Louisville, Ky., this morning, by the horse Sultan. Nine trappers were injured in a freight car accident on the rocks near Martinsburg, Va., following the fall of the train. The victims were taken to the hospital. The Victoria ran on the rocks near Martinsburg this morning during the prevalence of a dense fog. The passengers are believed to be safe.