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THE DEADLOCK BROKEN.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS CARRIED OUT IN THE HOUSE.

Action on the Direct Tax Bill to be Postponed Until December 6—The Representatives Very Disorderly During the Last Hours of the Session

Although the announcement of the fact that a Democratic caucus would be held in Washington Wednesday night had been made when but few members were in attendance, runners were sent out to notify absentees, and about 125 Democratic members of the House were present when the caucus was called to order. A good deal of apprehension had been felt lest the call would not result in a full meeting, and rumors were current that Mr. Randall and other prominent Democrats had declared against a caucus, but these fears were allayed when that gentleman put in an early appearance.

The proceedings ran smoothly and no bad feeling was developed. A number of motions were proposed as a basis of compromise, the majority of them looking to a postponement of the tax bill to a more or less distant date. After many motions had been offered a proposition was made by Mr. O'Ferrall, of Virginia, representing what he said was the extreme limit of the concessions that would be made by the friends of the bill. This proposition provided that the direct tax bill should be postponed until December 15 next, with a condition that when it shall then be taken up a reasonable time will be allowed for debate and a vote taken on it.

Speaker Carlisle is said to have strongly advocated the acceptance of this proffered compromise.

Mr. Holman made a speech in which he declared that the present proceedings were of the most extraordinary character ever witnessed in a legislative body, exhibiting the spectacle of a great majority retreating before a small minority. He called on Mr. Oates to state his position in the matter.

Mr. Oates replied that he had come into the caucus with the expectation of making some concessions. If he followed his own views he would consent to no measure that did not involve the absolute defeat of the bill. But he was a Democrat, and if the caucus should decide against him he would abide by its decision and support it with his vote. This declaration was received with applause by the caucus.

Mr. Oates added that he favored the proposed postponement of the bill, but would regret to see the caucus agree to the condition that a vote should be taken upon it at a fixed date. Much debate followed, and the caucus finally adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That on reassembling to-morrow the House shall adjourn with the understanding that the committee on rules will report a special order setting apart Thursday, December 6, 1888, immediately after the reading of the journal, for the consideration of Senate bill No. 139, to provide for a refunding of the direct tax levied in 1861, in which order a reasonable time, not to exceed three days, viz: Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, shall be allowed for debate and amendment, and a time for a vote on its final passage shall be fixed at 4 o'clock on Tuesday.

Mr. Cox, on calling the caucus to order made a short speech in which he appealed to his Democratic colleagues to present a united front and sacrifice their individual feelings for the sake of party harmony, which sentiment was vociferously applauded.

THE DEADLOCK BROKEN.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The House by a vote of 130 to 133 has refused to adjourn and the legislative day of Wednesday April 4 still continues.

The scene which followed the announcement of the vote resulting in a failure to adjourn the House was the most exciting that has taken place during the long deadlock. Naturally the Republicans expected defeat after the caucus action of last night, and the refusal of the House to adjourn was a great surprise. As one man 132 Republicans began to applaud, while their roars of laughter, intermingled with yells, rang out into the corridors like a storm. The speaker pounded on his desk for order. A half dozen Democrats sprang to their feet and began a demand for a call of the House. Mr. Randall arose, secured recognition and attempted to make a statement but finally shrugged his shoulders and sat down amid the din. The Republicans as their noise ceased stood up and demanded in loud cries the regular order. It was a scene fit for Bedlam. There was a crowd about Mr. Sowden, of Pennsylvania, the only Democrat who refused to stand by the caucus action, and he was implored to move a reconsideration of the vote by which the House refused to adjourn. This he would not do. The motion for call of the House was withdrawn and unanimously the ayes and nays were ordered on a motion that the House adjourn. The motion prevailed by a vote of 148 to 137.

When the vote was announced both sides began almost deafening applause. Members rose and hurled documents, letters and scraps of papers in the air and screamed with delight. The Republicans seemed to enjoy the occasion as much as the visitors, and amid the noise which prevailed hurled good-natured taunts across the hall. The speaker's declaration that the House stood adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow could not be heard twenty feet distant. The friends of the direct tax bill are a good deal disappointed at the turn affairs have taken and regard the action on the measure as definitely postponed until next December, but they say they are well satisfied with the record they have made and believe the country will sustain their action. Mr. Oates, of Alabama, who led the filibusters, is being congratulated for his masterly fight. He says the question is settled until Congress reassembles next winter, but that there is no disposition to fight a final vote further at that time. He will not say what he thinks the result will be when the bill comes up again.

Caught the Rodents.

Harry Leibley, manager of the office of the Incandescent Electric Light company, in Centre Square, is a great admirer of mocking birds, and he raises a large number of them. At present he has four beautiful specimens, which he keeps in his office, in separate cages. Wednesday morning when Mr. Leibley went to look at his birds, he found that one of them had many feathers torn from his back, and another was bleeding from a wound. He at once concluded that the birds had been attacked by rats. Mr. Leibley at once procured a trap with a heavy wire sping, which he set at the door leading from the cellar. In the space of a couple hours he had captured and killed seven of the rodents. The rats, in order to get at the birds, crawled upon the sample coal boxes in the window and thus were enabled to reach the lower cage, from which they made their way to the other ones. The animals are supposed to have been after the food of the birds which was in the cages.

The Horse Show.

Bristol's horse show had good-sized audiences at the opera house last evening and at the matinee yesterday afternoon. The show is an excellent one and every man, woman and child in this city should see it if they are able.

Ross Street View.

The viewers appointed to assess damages caused by the proposed opening of Ross street were in session all of Wednesday afternoon. They heard the testimony of a number of witnesses whose property will be taken and a number of others will be heard at their next session.

LICENSED TO PREACH.

Westminster Presbytery Admits Two Students of Princeton Seminary.

According to previous action Westminster presbytery met in the church in Christiana on Wednesday morning and the first half hour was spent in devotional exercises, the moderator, Rev. C. B. Cross, conducting the services. Rev. Dr. J. Y. Mitchell, S. A. Martin, Geo. Buckle took part in the exercises.

Minutes of Tuesday were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. J. Y. Mitchell asked to be excused from serving as an alternate to the general assembly and Rev. T. M. Crawford was elected in his place.

Rev. C. W. Stewart presented a supplementary report on home mission, which after explanations and remarks was adopted. This report looks toward the caring more directly for the weak churches of presbytery.

Rev. J. S. Butt was dismissed to the presbytery of Northern Dakota.

The order of the day was then taken up and the examination of candidates entered on. Mr. McCleneghan and Mr. Wheeler, students in the middle class of Princeton theological seminary, were examined in the Hebrew language, theology and church history. They preached parts of their trial sermons. Their parts of trial were approved, and the roll being called their examination and parts of trials were unanimously sustained. They were then duly licensed to preach the gospel.

The historical committee reported progress in the preparation of the history of presbytery.

Rev. Dr. Mitchell, Rev. J. D. Smith and Elder J. H. McConkey were appointed a committee to ascertain the cost of printing the history of presbytery and the churches and report at the next meeting.

After a very pleasant session the presbytery adjourned at noon, with singing and the benediction, to hold the next regular meeting at Centre church, in York county, on September 17.

WILLIAM C. MUHLENBERG DEAD.

An Officer of the United States Army Dies in the West.

News was received in this city last evening of the death of Lieutenant William C. Muhlenberg, of the regular army, formerly of this city. His death occurred at Lewiston, Idaho, and the cause of it was cerebro-spinal meningitis. It was noted in the INTELLIGENCER a short time ago, that he had been granted a leave of absence of six months on account of sickness. The deceased was a son of the late Dr. H. E. Muhlenberg. He was born and raised in Lancaster and received his education in the public schools. After he left school he entered the *Examiner* office and learned the printing trade. In 1876 he was appointed a lieutenant in the regular army. He first went to Atlanta, Georgia, thence to Fort Couer de Leon, Idaho, and finally to Omaha. The Second Infantry, to which he was attached, is now stationed at the last named place. Deceased was thirty-one years of age and leaves a wife, to whom he had been married about seven years, and one child. His brother, Dr. H. E. Muhlenberg, and two sisters reside in this city. J. Cameron Muhlenberg, another brother, is also in the regular army and is stationed in Portland, Oregon. Charles, a third, is living in Altoona. The body of the lieutenant will be interred in the town where he died.

Destructive Fire in East Donegal.

The house of Hiram Herr, in East Donegal township, above Marietta, known as the Kraybill mansion, was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday. It was occupied by Samuel Miller, who moved into it on April 3d. Part of the furniture of Mr. Herr, which was left in the building was saved. The fire was discovered by a party passing about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, but there being no fire apparatus within easy reach the building was entirely consumed. One of Mr. Miller's boarders, with great difficulty, saved his trunk in which were $1,500. There was insurance on the property.

Miss Hallie Watson and Mrs. J. W. Johnson, of Lancaster, were about to move into the house. They had their furniture stored in Marietta. The place was completely burned, nothing being left but the walls.

Their First Official Action.

The new water commission, appointed under provision of the new city charter, made their first tour of official duty Wednesday afternoon. They visited the city mill, inspected the machinery and other surroundings, and found them in as good condition as could be expected after the severe winter ice freshets to which they were subjected. The reservoirs were also inspected and the walls found to be in bad condition and leaking. The necessity for a new reservoir in the near future with a capacity of 30,000,000 gallons of water, was a matter that received some consideration by the committee.

A Noted Politician in Town.

Col. Robert Taggert, who is the greatest corporation lawyer in the state, because "he himself hath said it," is in town to-day. He has a clean shave, a fresh hair cut, a new derby hat and a stay-out-late-at-night Prince Albert coat. He says he has traveled the lower end of the county over and is satisfied that Congressman Hiestand cannot be defeated. He also thinks Amos Mylin is a sure winner and Baldwin and Peoples will be the members of the legislature.

The Latest Ground-hog Story.

'Squire Evans, of Columbia, is responsible for the following. Just after the last big storm an animal was seen away up on the top of a tree, not less than fifty feet from the ground, a short distance east of Columbia. The nature of the beast could not exactly be made at that long distance; so John O. Fisher got a gun and shot the beast. It proved to be a large ground-hog. It was taken home by Mr. Fisher, who skinned it and rendered the fat from its body, securing more than a quart of the precious greese, which is regarded as a sure remedy for many human ills.

Look Out For Pink Eye.

Dr. Zuill, of the veterinary department of the University of Pennsylvania, said yesterday that the disease among horses known as pink eye is more prevalent now and more severe in form than at any time since the spring of 1872. It is complicated with other troubles, and has, in many cases, resulted in death.

Justices' Commissions.

The commissions of twenty-two justices of peace elected in February have been received at the recorder's office. The commissions will be recorded and ready for distribution by the middle of next week.

April Quarter Sessions.

Up to noon to-day 126 cases for the April quarter sessions court have been filed in the office of the clerk of the court. That number is a trifle above the average of April courts.

Visiting in the West.

Miss Katie Daily, of this city, left for Leavenworth, Kansas, on Tuesday night. She will visit relatives there and remain several months.

Pension Money Received.

George Finefrock, of this city, has received, through the hands of Alderman Deen, a soldier's pension of $8 per month and over $100 in back pay.

ONE CHANCE IN TEN.

THE NARROW THREAD UPON WHICH LIFE IS APPARENTLY HANGING.

Ex-Senator Conkling's Condition, as Reported by the Physicians Attending Him—He Is Becoming Violent and Sleeps Only at Intervals—Latest from the Bedside.

NEW YORK, April 12, 8:30 a. m.—Ex-Senator Conkling seems to have passed a most critical day yesterday. Some change either one way or the other is expected today. The sufferer slept at intervals from 9 o'clock last night to about 3 o'clock this morning. After that he had frequent short intervals of wakefulness. At daylight this morning he was sleeping. No information of a definite nature is expected from the sick room until the arrival of the doctors.

Judge Coxe left the sick room shortly after daylight. He had sat up all night. To a United Press reporter Mr. Coxe said: "The senator passed a good night—in fact, the best since he was taken ill. I feel more hopeful. He slept nearly the entire night. The only thing that really disturbs me is, that he is delirious nearly all the time. He has at no time been violent, however. He always recognizes his wife when she comes into the room and her presence seems to have a soothing effect upon him. He takes nourishment in the shape of small portions of milk about every hour. Bromide is administered at times to induce sleep."

Mrs. Conkling stated this morning that Dr. Hartley had hopes of her husband's recovery.

Dr. Barker arrived at the house at 9:10 a. m., and after being in the sick room about an hour issued the following bulletin: "There is very little change in the patient, but what there is, is for the better. He rested quietly the greater part of the night. His pulse is 88 and temperature 99. His respiration is 22."

Dr. Sands dressed Mr. Conkling's head this morning and when he left the patient was asleep.

Shortly after 11 o'clock Dr. Barker reported Mr. Conkling was asleep and all his symptoms were favorable. Letters and telegrams of sympathy from all parts of the country continue to pour in.

ONE CHANCE IN TEN TO LIVE.

Mr. Conkling was in a very excited and violent condition, according to the doctors, when they arrived this morning, and great difficulty was experienced in dressing the wounds made by the operation. It was feared that the excitement would react upon the patient with bad effect. Dr. Barker, after issuing the bulletin at 10:10 a. m., left for his office saying he would return at 11 o'clock and note the effects of the excitement. He said the senator's chances for recovery were one in ten. Yesterday the doctor stated they were one in twenty-five, the day before one in a hundred. When Dr. Barker called at 11 o'clock the patient was sleeping.

Dr. Anderson came from the sick room at 1:20 p. m. He said that Mr. Conkling was sleeping quietly and had been asleep since 11 o'clock. Mrs. Conkling and her daughter are at his bedside.

A BOOK AGENT AND BEAT.

He Raises a Row and Jumps Town, Defrauding a Boarding House.

A. J. Markle was arrested Wednesday evening at the Keystone hotel and locked up to answer a charge of obtaining money under false pretense from J. C. Irvin. Wednesday afternoon Markle being drunk said he had lost $10, and afterwards accused Irvin of stealing it. The charge was afterwards withdrawn, and Markle wept because he had no money to pay his fare to his home. Irvin said he would lend him $5 if he would give him a due bill for it. This was agreed to, and Irvin handed over the $5. Markle then refused either to sign the due bill or return the money, and he reiterated the charge that Irvin had robbed him. He called him the most opprobrious names and threatened him personal violence. While raging around the restaurant of the Keystone hotel, he struck and broke a cigar case that was on the counter, and behaved in such an outrageous manner to Irvin and Mr. Ammon, the landlord, that Irvin was induced to make complaint, as above stated.

Markle is a good looking, stylish young man. By profession he is a book agent and has a cheek of iron. He pretends to live in New York but comes from some little town in the upper part of this state. He is pretty well acquainted in Lancaster and had a habit of pushing himself to the front. He came to this city just two months ago and secured board at the Rohrer house, which is kept by Mrs. Henrietta Creager. He told the landlady that he was selling a book and showed her a long list of names of prominent citizens who he said intended taking it. He paid two weeks board, but has fled from the town owing Mrs. Creager $24. He left Lancaster on the 2:20 train this morning for New York, after having a colored porter purchase him a ticket. This morning Mrs. Creager brought suit against him before Alderman Deen, and when the police went to look for him they found he had run away. Markle has not been doing much work since his arrival here, but spent most of his time getting drunk. When in liquor he was very disagreeable and insisted upon insulting people. He had his head punched several times during former visits to this city for his freshness, and the suit brought against him last night should have been pushed. People who are well acquainted with the man regard him as a genteel beat.

Remarkable Printing Press.

The Philadelphia *Item* is preparing to add to its presses one which, it claims, will print from 90,000 to 100,000 copies of the paper per hour. It is to be manufactured by R. Hoe & Co., and will cost, it is said, $55,000. The new press, it is represented, will print, paste, fold and count in bundles of fifty a four, six, eight, ten, twelve or sixteen page paper, and will be the first of its kind turned out by its makers. It is also claimed that it will print much faster than any press now owned in New York, Philadelphia, Boston or Chicago.

A Fiend to Hang.

The supreme court of Minnesota has denied the application for a stay of proceedings in the case of Nelson O. Holong, under sentence of death at Fergus Falls, Minn., for murder. Holong will therefore be hanged Friday. The case is a peculiarly atrocious one. Holong assaulted Lily Field, a daughter of his employer, and then killed her and fed the body to hogs to conceal the crime. It will be the first hanging in the history of Otter Tail county.

Two New Priests.

At 9 o'clock Wednesday morning in Harrisburg, Right Rev. Bishop McGovern conferred the right of priesthood upon Rev. Henry Christ, of Chambersburg, who will celebrate his first mass next Sunday, at St. Mary's church, Lebanon; and on Rev. Noell, of Harrisburg, who will celebrate his first mass at St. Patrick's pro-cathedral, Harrisburg, next Sunday.

Women Boycotted.

By a vote of 21 to 8 the board of education of Philadelphia has decided that hereafter none but men shall be eligible to positions as principals of boys' grammar schools. This means that the fair sex is to be debarred from competing with the men for some of the best paying places in the public educational department.

Base Ball News.

Yesterday for the second time the Athletic club defeated the Philadelphia and the score was 15 to 14. Sanders, the new pitcher of the Leaguers, was smashed for eighteen hits, while but five were made off young Seward.

There are many people who think the Cincinnatis are the coming champions in the American Association. The Detroits did them up yesterday to the tune of 5 to 1. The League champions did not have an error and the pork-eaters hit Conway but seven times.

The games besides those noticed above that were played yesterday were: At St. Louis, Chicago 11, St. Louis 5; at Washington, Washington 20, Baltimore 4; at Pittsburg, Pittsburg 14, Cleveland 11; at Allentown, Troy 18, Allentown 11; at Newark, Lowell 14, Newark 8; at Brooklyn, Brooklyn 11, Worcester 1.

Milligan caught his first game for St. Louis yesterday and he astonished the natives.

The Philadelphia club is not putting up the fine game they played last year.

MRS. DISS DE BARR ARRESTED.

The New York Bar Association Acting For Mr. Marsh.

Ann Editha Odelia Diss de Barr, "General" Joseph H. de Barr, Dr. Benjamin Lawrence and his son, Frank Lawrence, have been arrested in New York, on a charge of obtaining money and real estate from Luther P. Marsh, formerly a prominent lawyer of that city, who has been infatuated with Mrs. de Barr, and who recently deeded her his handsome residence, No. 116 Madison avenue, to be used by her as a "temple of truth." Mrs. de Barr is a spiritual medium, who claims to have painted a large number of pictures under the influence of the spirits of the great masters. The aged Mr. Marsh was easily duped by her, and as he was likely to lose all his property, the Bar association had the woman and her associates arrested and will try to get back his property which Mrs. de Barr has already mortgaged for $30,000.

Mr. Marsh offered to bail out the parties, but his offer was refused.

Killed His Wife With a Club.

John Dumke, aged between fifty and sixty, living with his son Charles on a farm near Columbus, Neb., quarrelled with his wife on Monday, and killed her with a club. The daughter-in-law attempted to interfere, when the old man turned on her and knocking her down, beat her into insensibility. He then fled. A sheriff's posse is in pursuit. Dumke has a hard reputation, having already served a term for murder in the penitentiary.

Visiting Mechanics.

Ex-State Councilor H. Weil & Buser, of the Jr. O. U. A. M., whose home is in Hummelstown, arrived in Lancaster last evening. He was met at the station by ex National Representative J. P. Winower, of this city, and the two paid an official visit to Manheim council No. 32. They found the council in good condition, being worth $1,000 and having a membership of 100.

A False Pretense Case.

Alderman Fordney this morning heard John Irving on a charge of false pretense. The allegation is that Irving obtained a horse from Abraham G. Ream by false and fraudulent representations. The testimony failed to show that there was any false pretense in the transaction and the alderman dismissed the complaint.

He Robbed a Store.

The store of Thible & Helwagon, at Moslem, Berks county, was robbed of $2,000 worth of goods several weeks ago. Wednesday Morris Keiser, a prominent churchman, and superintendent of a Sunday school at Moslem, was arrested, charged with being the leader of a gang of thieves, who have been operating in the county. A store box, filled the stolen goods, was found buried in Keiser's garden.

A Clean Sweep.

Orestes Cleveland, Democrat, has been re-elected mayor of Jersey City by about 5,000 plurality. The vote was light. There were heavy Democratic gains through the city. The whole Democratic ticket was elected. Cleveland received a heavy Republican vote and the largest majority ever known in the city.

Died at 131 Years of Age.

A colored woman, known as "Granny Rose," died at Davidson college, Columbia, S. C., on Tuesday, at the age of 131 years. She did not complain of feeling unwell up to within an hour of her death, which was due solely to old age. She had just finished cutting an entirely new set of teeth a few days before her death.

Five Indicted.

In Easton on Wednesday, the grand jury found true bills against Dr. Cox, of Hogettstown, N. J.; J. W. Pace, Easton; George Evans, Jersey City; Chas. Haskell, alias Lawe, of Danbury, Conn., and Mrs. Ramsey, of Plainfield, N. J., for causing the death of Jennie Osborne, by criminal malpractice. The trial is now progressing.

A Big Stick of Timber.

A timber stick that recently came down the river by Lock Haven was 73 feet long and contained 4,018 feet of lumber. This is said to be the largest piece that has ever floated on the Susquehanna.

A Pennsylvanian for the Supreme Bench.

An intimate friend in Toledo of both President Cleveland and the late Chief Justice Waite has received letters from Washington which indicate that the next supreme justice of the United States will be John Trunkey, now on the supreme bench of Pennsylvania.

Nail Prices.

The Western nail manufacturers in Pittsburg metand fixed the basis of a scale of prices to go into effect on June 1. The scale slightly advances nails between ten and twenty penny, and will reduce those under ten penny.

Arrived in Town.

John W. Ryan, brother of Joseph Ryan, who was killed on the railroad on Tuesday afternoon, arrived on the two o'clock train to-day from Boston. The body of the dead man will be buried in Woodward Hill cemetery this evening at 7 o'clock.

An Embezzler Sentenced.

Joseph H. Whipple, the embezzling ex-president of the Pembrook Knitting company, of Battle Creek, pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzlement in the circuit court at Marshall, Mich., and on Wednesday was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

At a Prohibition Gathering.

James Black, of this city, attended a conference of the Prohibitionists of Eastern Pennsylvania yesterday, in Association hall, Philadelphia. A. A. Barker, chairman of the state executive committee, presided.

Return of the Martins.

The martins, one of the most popular kind of birds, which have for years been making their summer habitation in the coops provided for them at the Cooper house, arrived this morning.

Without an Inmate.

The station house was without an inmate on Wednesday night. This is the first time it has occurred since the change of administration.

At Ocean Grove.

James Black, esq., has left Lancaster for Ocean Grove, where he will remain two weeks.

BUTCHERED TWO PEDDLERS.

A WOMAN CUTS THEIR THROATS WHILE TWO MEN HOLD THEM.

The Bodies of the Unfortunates Placed in a Cave Where Hogs Find and Mutilate Them—The Woman Makes Confession of the Cold-Blooded Murders.

SOMERSET, Ky., April 12.—John and Henry Hill and Mary Smith, who deserve to rank as the Benders of Kentucky, are in jail at Jamestown, near here, charged with one of the most atrocious crimes in the history of the state.

Two weeks ago two peddlers came to Somerset to dispose of their wares. Next day they disappeared. Four days after this hogs were seen in the woods near here eating what looked like flesh. They were driven away and an examination revealed the mustache, one jaw and the part of the neck of a man on the ground where the hogs had been. The hogs were traced to a cave near by, from which a horrible odor came. No one dared enter the cave, however, as it was on the ground of the Hill boys, who had forbidden anyone to go near it. The smell and the disappearance of the peddlers were put together, but nothing could be made out.

Yesterday afternoon Mary Smith, who was housekeeper for the Hill brothers, ran into the house of James Jones, the nearest neighbor of the Hills, and asked for protection. She was told no harm should come to her, and when she quieted down made a horrible confession, which was in substance, that she was forced by the Hill brothers to assist in the murder of the peddlers. They attempted to smother them with a quilt, but the peddlers struggled so hard that Henry Hill gave her a knife and told her to cut their throats, which she did, and caught their blood in a dishpan. The Hills took their bodies to the cellar, where they were two days and then were taken away, she knew not where. The victims had about $200 on their persons in jewelry and other things.

Leaped From a Burning Building.

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—A fire occured at 1:30 o'clock this morning at No. 704 South street occupied by Max Goldberger, a tailor. The flames spread to Schulberger's shoe store adjoining. Both stores were burned out. Loss $30,000. Mrs. Aiman and her four grown daughters occupied the upper floors of No. 706 South street, and when the fire was discovered the family were asleep. When awakened they became panic-stricken, and the mother in attempting to burst open the shutters, fell headlong to the pavement. Two of her daughters jumped after her and both were injured. The mother and one daughter are believed to have fractured their skulls. They were taken to the Pennsylvania hospital.

Chicago Brewers Strike.

CHICAGO, April 12.—All the union maltsters and brewers employed in the breweries of Chicago went out on strike at 4 o'clock this morning. The cause of the strike was that the employers refused to renew the contract made two years ago with the men, by which the brewers bound themselves not to employ non-union men. About 350 men are out. The effect of the strike is to practically close all breweries in the city.

Mr. Taylor, secretary of the Keely Brewing company, is authority for the information that 200 non-union brewers left Milwaukee this morning and are expected to arrive in Chicago this afternoon to take the places of the strikers.

Killed by a Falling Wall.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Shortly after 11 o'clock this morning, the wall of the building, No. 8 West 28th street, fell. The roof of an extension fell in, killing one man and injuring three others. The accident was caused by the breaking of the beams holding the roof. The names of the killed and injured are: Joseph Sagetthi, crushed to death; John Phillips, aged 21, injured around head and body; Yau Peilo, aged 35, contusion of the back; B. Nickler, aged 27, skull fractured. The first named three were Italians and the last named a Frenchman.

120 Cars Piled Up in a Wreck.

BRADFORD, Pa., April 12.—The passenger train leaving this city at 4:25 a. m. on the Erie railroad came into collision with a freight train six miles below the city. The freight train consisted of 120 cars, which together with the two engines, were piled up in a conglomerated mass. The engineers and firemen on both trains jumped and saved themselves. The passenger engineer was severely injured, but not fatally. None of the passengers received fatal injuries. It was the most complete wreck ever seen on the Bradford branch of the Erie.

Sully Coming Home.

LONDON, April 12.—John L. Sullivan sailed from Liverpool for New York today. Before departing he secured his championship belt, which has been detained at the custom house while he has been in England. Crowds saw him off and gave him hearty cheers and a number of his sporting friends followed his steamer some distance in a tug.

Additional Cases for Trial.

District Attorney Weaver has added the following cases to the trial list for next week's court.

MONDAY, April 16.—Wilson Miller, Lewis H. Watson, felonious entry; Samuel Burkholder, seduction; C. K. Kline, forgery; John L. Marshall, carrying concealed deadly weapons; Lizzie Devan, adultery; Joseph Yelletts, fornication.

TUESDAY, April 17.—Washington Cole, carrying concealed weapons; Abraham L. Denlinger, fornication and bastardy; John Wolfe, unruly apprentice; John Killinger, assault and battery.

WEDNESDAY, April 18.—John Strumpf, et. al., felonious entry; Jacob B. Denlinger, Henry H. Harnish, receiving stolen goods; Wm. P. Linville, malicious trespass; Abraham H. Graeff, Adam Mishlich, jr., Priscilla Mishlich, Cecil C. Stubbs, larceny.

THURSDAY, April 19.—Lazarus Levi, F. A. Brenner, John A. Getz, false pretense.

FRIDAY, April 20.—Cassius Townson, embezzlement; Simpson Ruth, fornication; A. G. Keemer, libel.

SATURDAY, April 21.—John Kline, John A. McCres, Wm. Gilgore, desertion; John Sparr, Washington Cole, John H. Barnes, surety of the peace.

A Jewelry Store Robbed.

Chief Smeltz has received word to be on the lookout for a thief with a large lot of jewelry. The store of M. Nathan & Co., Johnstown, was broken into on Tuesday night and among the articles stolen were 25 gilt watches, 10 nickel watches, a gold watch, 25 chains, and 150 rings.

Execution Issued.

Execution has been issued by Mary S. Gantz against Henry W. Gantz for $2,600, and the sheriff has made a levy of his property.

A Saloon-keeper Killed.

At Bricelon, Ohio, Wednesday, during a quarrel, Hugh Williams was shot and instantly killed by George Wiseman, the keeper of the saloon in which the trouble occurred.

THE INSURANCE RACKET.

A Colored Man Swindling People of His Color. A Victim in This City.

Last week a colored man who has been carrying on a bold swindling operation, tried to fleece a Marietta woman, but was unsuccessful. It now appears that he worked his game successfully in this city and other places. He operated mostly among people of his own color, and this was the way he did it. He would call on a family and tell them that a relative in another place had died with a life insurance in their favor. He represented himself as the agent of the insurance company and said if the folks would give him a certain sum of money he would bring the body home and put them in the way to secure the insurance. From Marietta the man came to Lancaster and called on the family of William Wilson, a colored waiter at the Cooper house. He told Mrs. Wilson that her sister had died at Westminster, Maryland, and had her life insured with him. He offered to accompany Mrs. Wilson to that town. They left Lancaster together, but when they got to Baltimore he left her, after securing some money and a trunk check. She then learned that her sister was not dead.

Yesterday a man, who gave his name as William Jackson and is believed to be the same one that was here, was arrested in Philadelphia.

Charles C. Cork, a colored man, who is employed at 1,023 Arch street, says that Jackson visited his home in Darby Wednesday and represented to Mrs. Cork that her brother-in-law, who lives in Providence, R. I., was dead. He showed her a blank form of the Equitable Life Insurance association, which he declared was a policy on her brother-in-law's life, and said that he would attend to having the body brough to Philadelphia if Mrs. Cook would give him $14.22 to pay charges.

Mrs. Cork accompanied the man to 1,023 Arch street, where he repeated the story to her husband. Cork went with Jackson to a telegraph office and sent a dispatch to Providence, asking for particulars. Before the answer arrived Jackson disappeared. An hour later Cork discovered that his brother was alive and that Jackson was an impostor. Last night he saw Jackson at Broad and Chestnut streets, and pointed him out to an officer, who took him to the Central station. George Reed, of 1610 Grace street, says Jackson swindled his wife out of $11.50 by the same method a few days ago. When Jackson was searched a razor and a lot of blank life insurance forms were found on him.

Episcopal Convocation.

The Episcopal convocation in St. Paul's P. E. church, Harrisburg, on Wednesday was well attended.

Rev. Moran, of Columbia, addressed the congregation on the subject of missionaries. He spoke of successful work in the old countries, and of missionary work in this land. The speaker dwelt on the necessity of missionary work at home.

Rev. J. E. Pratt, of this city, speaking of missionary work, said the labor often seemed hard, and the returns small and discouraging, but he counselled them never to weary in well doing. On the subject of home missions he said: "Begin right here at home, at your very doors, and your reward will be abundant."

W. Aug. Atlee, esq., of this city, treasurer of the home missionary board, spoke on the real, practical side of missionary work. He said the success of missionary work depended on the laymen of the church, without whose financial aid the hands of the ministers were tied. Support must come from the laity; and they ought to see that the missionaries are well fed, well kept, well clothed and well cared for; that the sinews of war should be furnished to wage the battle against ignorance and sin. He presented statistics to show *how* and *where* money had been expended, and the good results that followed.

For the Supreme Court.

The following is a complete list of cases for argument before the supreme court from Lancaster county at their session in Philadelphia next month:

Maria Bell vs. the Pennsylvania railroad company; Charles Friedman vs. the Morrow Shoe company; Bernard Brockley vs. John P. Brockley; John Best vs. Baumgardner, Eberman & Co.; commonwealth of Pennsylvania vs. Conrad Blessington; Wm. Schaefler vs. Charles Zech; George Yeisley vs. Henry Bundel; Eli K. Mylin vs. Farmers' Mutual Insurance company; John Haines vs. Barbara Kurtz; James Lindsay vs. Cullmans & Rosenbaum; Thos. Masterson vs. John S. Masterson; J. S. Brubaker vs. F. B. Fogel & Co.; Robert S. McClure, administrator, vs. Charles Hammond; New Holland Turnpike company vs. the Farmers' Mutual Insurance company; appeal of Lorenz Nolde, et al., (the Seventh Day Baptist controversy).

Birthday Party.

Master Harry J. Evans, son of Henry F. Evans, 246 North Mulberry street, had a birthday surprise party Wednesday evening. Unheralded about fifteen young couples burst into the parental mansion and for a time held possession of the premises. It was a jolly party. There was music, dancing, and a tip-top supper. Harry may be well satisfied if all his birthday anniversaries pass so pleasantly as did the present one.

Held in $800 Bail.

Taylor Bair, living near New Holland, has been prosecuted before Alderman Barr for malicious mischief, felonious assault and surety of the peace. The allegation is that he went to the cigar factory of Martin Heigel, kicked in the door, threw a stone through the window at Heigel and his wife, and threatened to kill them. He was held in $800 bail for a hearing on Monday next at 10 o'clock.

Reading's Big Mortgage.

The big mortgage of the Reading railroad and Coal and Iron company was filed in the recorder's office at 9:30 o'clock this morning. It is for $100,000,000 in favor of the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance of Lives and Granting Annuities. The mortgage is printed and makes a book of 489 pages.

Began Work on the New Road.

Michael Reilly, the well-known contractor, yesterday broke the first ground for the new street car line which is to be laid from the watch factory, where it will connect with the Millersville line, to Abbeyville. The track will be put down in a short time.

Saved From the Gallows.

The president has commuted to imprisonment for 21 years the sentence of death imposed in the case of Richard Southerland, convicted in the Western district of Arkansas, of murder in the Indian territory. He was to have been hanged on the 27th inst.

A Cat Burglar.

There was fun and much excitement at the residence of Alderman Pinkerton on Tuesday night. It seems that one of the squire's sons retired to his room at the usual time and as he did so he heard a peculiar noise as though some person was on the bed. He did not stop long but quickly ran down stairs and alarmed the household, as he believed that burglars were about. Armed with clubs and other weapons the squire and other members of his family ran upstairs to find, to their disgust, that the noise had been made by a small cat that had suddenly been awakened from its slumbers in the bed.

HEAVY LOSSES BY FLOODS.

RIVERS IN MINNESOTA SWOLLEN FAR OVER THEIR BANKS.

Many Bridges and Buildings Carried Away. The Roadbeds of Railways Destroyed—People Compelled to Leave Their Homes or Live in the Second Stories.

RED WING, Minn., April 12.—The Cannon river has overflowed its banks nearly the whole distance between this city and Cannon Falls and the bottom lands for a distance of a quarter of a mile on each side are covered with water four feet deep. The whole distance is a raging torrent filled with broken trees and floating ice. Trestles are gone and bridges also in many places. The damage to the Minneapolis & St. Louis road is at least $50,000.

HASTINGS, Minn.—April 12.—The Vermillion river is the highest in thirty years and rising every hour. The two large bridges in this city were swept away yesterday and several up the river were washed away Tuesday night.

JORDAN, Minn., April 12.—The volume of water flowing down Sand creek is two feet greater than was ever before known. Many buildings have been swept away. Five of the Minneapolis & St. Louis railway bridges above here are either washed out or so wrecked as to be impassable. Many miles of track have been swept away in different places. The damage is already $30,000. Last evening a barn was swept away and a portion of Schutz & Kaser's building went soon after. The bridge at Stockholm leading to the Omaha railway is gone and the town partially isolated. The total damage in that vicinity will reach $60,000. Several families have taken temporary quarters in the city hall.

WABASHA, Minn., April 12.—The Zumbro river is high and still rising. From Zumbrota to Wabasha, a distance of sixty miles, it has done great damage, tearing out all the dams and destroying many bridges. Over five miles of track on the Midland railway has been washed out.

OSHKOSH, Wis., April 12.—The water in the Fox river continues to rise. At Berlin, it is two feet above the highest flood mark ever recorded. Some people are compelled to live in the second story of their dwellings, and railroad men move about in boats.

Iowa's Grand Army Reunion.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, April 12.—Over 15,000 visitors are in the city in attendance upon the Grand Army reunion which opened yesterday. Gen. Tuttle, the department commander in his annual address spoke strongly in favor of the service pension bill. He said that on December 31, 1886, the strength of the Grand Army in Iowa was 386 posts and 16,776 members; on December 31, 1887, there were 395 posts with 17,646 members; $3,960 had been expended for the relief of needy comrades; the receipts for the year had been $6,349 43, and the expenditures $5,038.94.

The parade given yesterday was the finest ever seen in Iowa.

$13,500 Damages For a Broken Limb.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., April 12.—An important suit terminated yesterday in the Garland circuit court on a change of venue from Sabre county, in which a verdict was rendered in favor of N. H. Hall, of Benton, against the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railway for $13,500. On October 14 last the plaintiff had a leg broken and sustained other injuries by being thrown out of a wagon, his team having been frightened by an engine.

In the Hands of the Sheriff.

HARRISBURG, April 12.—The sheriff visited the Lochiel Iron and Steel works yesterday and served executions upon the proprietors. The works as a consequence are idle and over 300 men are again idle, and that, too, just after a brief wage difficulty had been compromised, the men returning to work Monday night.

In the Presence of Her Parents.

PITTSBURG, April 12.—Minnie Parsons, who ran away from home at the instigation of Ensign Ryan, arrived here this morning from New York in charge of a detective. The girl's parents met her at the station and a most affecting scene occurred when they met the misguided young woman. She was driven to her home, where an attempt at interviewing her proved fruitless.

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