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THE JACOBS CASE ARGUED.

REASONS ASSIGNED WHY A NEW TRIAL SHOULD BE GRANTED.

The Board of Pardons to be Appealed to by his Counsel if the Supreme Court Fails to Decide Favorably—A Synopsis of the Argument in His Behalf.

The first case on the supreme court list for argument to-day was that of James H. Jacobs, convicted of murder in the first degree. The case was called for argument shortly after the opening of court at Philadelphia this morning. Col. B. Frank Eshleman and J. Hay Brown argued in behalf of the prisoner for a new trial, and District Attorney Weaver and E. K. Martin, for the commonwealth, against the granting of the same.

The following are the specifications of error assigned by counsel for Jacobs:

1. The court erred in overruling the following question put to Dr. Joseph Furness:

"Were you able to judge from your intercourse with him what his temperament, disposition and the condition of his mind was?"

2. The court erred in overruling the following question put to same witness:

"State what are the quality and characteristics of defendant's mind as to excitability?"

3. The court erred in overruling the following question put to same witness:

"Please state whether or not, in your judgment, there were such controlling influences in the mind of James H. Jacobs, the defendant, that it was not conscious of its own purposes and on account of those influences was incapable of deliberating or premeditating; and, if so, what were those controlling influences?"

In opening the argument Jacobs' counsel said: "But a single question is raised, in this case. The plea of insanity was not formally made for the defendant. After the most careful, patient and, we may truthfully add, painful consideration of the case, we felt that we ought not to ask the acquittal of the accused on the grounds of insanity but believe that the degree of his offense, in view of the condition of his mind at the time of the homicide, was not the highest known to the law."

After reviewing the facts in the case counsel referred to Jacobs' fear that Quigley was trying to separate his children from him and on the fatal night when Quigley stopped in front of Jacobs' house and remonstrated with Jacobs against whipping his children, the defendant became frenzied by that fear, and while under its control struck the fatal blow.

The error complained of is that "the court would not allow us to show that there was an absence of power to determine properly the true nature and character of his act and his responsibility as the actor; that there was an absence of that self determining power in his mind, rendering it conscious of the real nature of its own purposes and capable of resisting wrong impulses; that this self-governing power was wanting, due to the controlling influences of his morbid fear, and his mind was not fully conscious of its own purposes and did not deliberate or premeditate in the sense of the act describing murder in the first degree. That such was the condition of the unfortunate man's mind we were abundantly able to prove, and we confidently expected to make under the rejected offers a complete defense to the charge of murder in the first degree." In conclusion decisions of the supreme court bearing on the point raised were cited.

REPLY OF COMMONWEALTH'S COUNSEL.

The commonwealth's counsel in reply to the arguments of the defendant's counsel said their argument analyzed means that the defendant was sane at the time he committed the act but in a high state of excitement and therefore was not guilty of murder in the first degree, but the degree of his guilt was lessened by reason of that excitement. After referring to the decisions cited by the defendant's counsel it was argued that the testimony showed that three days before the murder Jacobs threatened violence to the Quigleys; he said: "I will have revenge. I will settle the Quigleys. I would just as soon kill a man as look at him. I am a dangerous man. The Quigleys all know me, and they are afraid of me. If I get into trouble I have got good lawyers that will clear me." In pursuance of the above threat he stabbed Elmer Ellsworth Quigley on the night of December 11, 1886, with all the attending circumstances of a cold-blooded, unprovoked, premeditated and wilful murder, in which he made his own provocation, selected his fatal instrument, sought his victim on the public thoroughfare, pursued him while fleeing from him, overtook him when he could flee no further, stabbed him in a vital part with a deadly weapon, returned to his house, deliberately replacing the weapon in the table drawer from which he had evidently taken it, closed the shutters of his dwelling, fled first to his mother's, then to his aunt's, told of his deed, showed that he appreciated the extent of his crime in the fear that his victim would die.

After arguing that the authorities cited by the defense did not apply to this question raised in this case, counsel concluded by stating that "the defendant, through his counsel, had an opportunity to plead insanity; instead thereof, he pleaded self-defense, and now sets up a vicious disposition as the palliative of the crime, only in the hope of lessening the degree. The court below, when it overruled the question for which specifications of error are filed, distinctly stated: 'Question overruled, no plea of insanity having been made, but the plea of insanity was positively disclaimed by defendant's counsel.'

"If this plea shall prevail, there is an end to responsibility for crime as we know it; the controlling influences which the counsel of the prisoner set up are present in a varying degree in every human heart; and the law must be remodeled on the basis of their intensity; race instincts and hereditary tendencies will have to be analyzed and weighed, and attorneys will look for the sources of their information to authorities not recognized in the courts."

A decision is not expected for a few weeks.

Prosecution Withdrawn.

The assault and battery case against Jacob Witch, preferred by Michael Conlin before Alderman A. F. Donnelly, has been withdrawn. Conlin did not care to press the suit on account of being obliged to attend court, which would have interfered with his work and he agreed to withdraw the suit upon the payment of costs by the defendant. This was satisfactory to Witch and he settled on those terms.

Eloped With a Housepainter.

Society in Uniontown was surprised by the announcement of the elopement to Youngstown, Ohio, and marriage there of Miss Mary P. Fuller and Theophilus Bowie. Miss Fuller is a daughter of Dr. John Fuller, a prominent Fayette county physician, and she is a sister of Lieutenant Fuller, of the United States army, who just this time a year ago eloped with and married a daughter of a banker, Mr. Jones, of Uniontown. Bowie is a housepainter and the marriage was objected to because he was not able to move in as high a circle of society as his bride.

THE LOSS NOT VERY GREAT.

Two Tanks of Oil Struck by Lightning and Consumed Near Oil City.

On Saturday afternoon lightning struck a 20,000 barrel tank belonging to the Keystone Refining company on Oil creek, two miles north of Oil City, Pa. The tank contained 15,000 barrels of oil and on Sunday morning the oil boiled over and ran down the creek about three quarters of a mile. A strong wind forced the burning petroleum to the opposite bank, saving several oil works, but another tank, containing 30,000 barrels, was ignited by the overflow, and there were fears for the safety of the city should it boil over.

PITTSBURG, May 14.—The *Leader's* special from Oil City says:

The fire burned itself out about 3 o'clock this morning, when the last overflow took place. The only loss besides the two tanks and the oil was a wooden railroad bridge across the creek owned by the Western New York & Pennsylvania railroad, and about $600 damage at the barrel works.

Exaggerated reports were sent out last night to alarm the country and many inquiries are made to-day as to the safety of the city. These reports were sent out by a stranger who represented himself to be a New York newspaper correspondent.

The total loss by the oil tank fire is estimated at $200,000.

ARREST OF A HORSE THIEF.

He Will Be Tried in Lebanon County First and Then Brought Here.

On Wednesday evening a man registered at the Mt. Vernon hotel, Ephrata, as J. A. Sherman. He said he came from the West and was looking for work. The next day he hired a team from H. L. Miller, proprietor of the hotel, to drive out and see some people about work. He returned it in the evening and on the next day again hired a team to go to Lebanon county, saying he would be back Sunday evening. On Sunday morning Mr. Miller was astonished to receive a telegram from Pine Grove, Lebanon county, stating that his horse was there, that he had been sold by Sherman and that party was under arrest for another horse theft. On the Sunday before he went to Ephrata, he hired a team at Annville and offered it for sale at Bernville but could not find a buyer. He then drove to Millersburg, where he sold the team. He then went to Reading, from there to Ephrata, where he repeated his tactics of hiring a team and selling it. After Sherman's arrest for the Annville horse theft he told about hiring Mr. Miller's team and where he had sold it. Both teams were sold in the same neighborhood. Mr. Miller went to Lebanon county to-day to recover his team. Sherman will be prosecuted in Lebanon county for the horse stealing for which he was first arrested, and after his sentence is served in that county he will be tried in this county for stealing Mr. Miller's team.

PRAISE FOR CLEVELAND.

His Decision as Arbitrator Gives Complete Satisfaction.

The arbitration of the president of the United States on the boundary question with Nicaragua has made a very favorable impression on the people of Costa Rica, as the cardinal point submitted to the arbitrator has been judged in absolute conformity with the rights of the republic and with the allegations presented by the government since the beginning of the dispute. Treating on this question, the *Gaceta Official* says that the settlement for all time of this sole point of disagreement between the two republics is a matter of congratulation to both governments, as its removal thus makes possible the further strengthening of the bonds of fraternity which unite them. "The boundary question," it says, "between Costa Rica and Nicaragua has at length terminated in a peaceful manner worthy of imitation ever afterward, thanks to the good judgment of their governments who decided to submit the dispute to the decision of a person in a high political position, whose impartiality and correct judgment could not but inspire them with absolute confidence. Both Republics consequently owe a lively gratitude to the president of the United States for the good-will with which he so worthily lent his valuable aid to the two sister countries, which are alike admirers of the great republic of the north. The Republic of Costa Rica delights in now paying its homage to President Cleveland."

"Thirty-five Votes for Robert Taylor."

The Tennessee Democratic convention at Nashville, held a four hours' session Saturday night and took one ballot, which resulted: Taylor, 683; Trousdale, 540; McConnell, 102. The convention then adjourned till Monday.

They are telling a queer story on Delegate William Smith, chairman of the Knox county delegation to the convention. Smith went to church Sunday morning, modestly took a rear pew, and settled himself for a season of religious inspiration. His hard work in the convention for the past four days told on him, and he began to doze. The preacher was telling of the great men of Tennessee, and finally reached John Knox, once governor of the state. As he pronounced the name "Knox" the delegate was aroused, and rising from his seat he shouted in stentorian tones:

"Thirty-five votes for Robert Taylor!"

The congregation took in the situation and an audible titter went through the church, during which the delegate escaped.

Base Ball News.

The Sunday games of base ball were: At Ridgewood, Brooklyn 8, Athletic 3; at St. Louis, St. Louis 6, Kansas City 2; at Cincinnati, Cincinnati 6, Louisville 2.

Saturday's League games were: At Detroit (twelve innings), Detroit 3, Philadelphia 1; at Chicago, Chicago 9, New York 3; at Indianapolis, Indianapolis 11, Washington 0; at Pittsburg, Pittsburg 7, Boston 4.

Association games of Saturday were: At Cincinnati, Cincinnati 8, Louisville 3; at Philadelphia, Athletic 2, Brooklyn 3; at Cleveland, Baltimore 5, Cleveland 4; at St. Louis, St. Louis 4, Kansas City 2.

The game was won for the Detroits by the hard hitting of old "Deacon" White in the twelfth inning.

Ramsey has been reinstated by Louisville and pitched yesterday.

The Six-Days Record Not Broken.

The international six-days-go-as-you-please race at Madison Square Garden, New York, ended Saturday evening. At 11 o'clock Saturday morning Littlewood was one mile ahead of the best record, but after that he dropped back again until, at 6 p. m., he was a mile and two laps behind Albert's score. He was extremely lame then, and lost continually, finishing about 9 o'clock as soon as he had passed the record of Fitzgerald.

The total amount divided among the walkers was within $200 of $10,000. Of this amount $5,000 went to Littlewood, $2,000 to Guerrero, $1,500 to Herty, $1,000 to Noremac, and $500 to Golden.

The complete score of those in at the end was as follows:

NAMES.	Distance. Miles.	Yards	Time. h. m.
Littlewood	611	500	141:44
Guerrero	589	1,340	141:49
Herty	573	1,320	141:49
Noremac	533	470	141:48
Golden	529	250	141:43

Another Murderer Behind the Bars

The execution of the colored murderer Zeph Davis led to another tragedy Saturday night in Chicago. In a saloon quarrel over the merits of the Davis case, George Boyd, a negro musician, stabbed to the heart a white mechanic named John Stevenson. Boyd walked to a police station to give himself up, claiming self-defense as his excuse, but remembering the prompt trial and execution of Davis, turned away and ran. He was seen, however, and policemen soon had him behind the bars.

JACOB STEFFY DEAD.

THE LITTLE MAN WHOM NEARLY EVERYBODY HERE ABOUTS KNEW.

A Familiar Figure on the Streets of Lancaster the Past Twenty-five Years—Death of Massey B. Rhoads, Widow of the Late Charles G. Rhoads.

Another of the many characters of this city has passed away. On Saturday evening Jacob Steffy died of apoplexy at the county hospital. He had been in failing health for some time past and eight days ago he was removed from the almshouse to the hospital. He was born in Goodville, and was raised in the family of Michael Sensenig. He came to Lancaster before the war and for a number of years was employed by Benjamin Mishler, who at that time was manufacturing his bitters with great success. After Mr. Mishler's death Steffy went to the almshouse, where he had been for fifteen years or more. Steffy was probably the smallest man in the county, being but little over three feet and a half in height. On account of his size, he was considerable of a curiosity. He spent much of his time on the streets, and in that way became acquainted with a large number of people. He was known far and wide by both old and young, and he had many friends. Of late years he had seldom been seen on the streets, and many people were under the impression that he had been dead for several years.

Mr. Steffy was aged about 73 years at the time of his death. In early life he was exhibited in several circuses.

Mrs. Massey B. Rhoads Dies.

Mrs. Massey B. Rhoads, widow of the late C. G. Rhoads, died on Sunday morning about 4 o'clock at her residence, No. 234 North Charlotte street, in the 40th year of her age. The immediate cause of her death was neuralgia of the heart, though she had been suffering for two or three weeks past with inflammation of the lungs. Mrs. Rhoads was a daughter of the late Hon. Thomas H. Burrowes, of this city. She married Charles G. Rhoads, of the firm of H. Z. Rhoads & Bro., jewelers. Her husband died about six years ago, leaving two children, Salome and Charley. Mrs. Rhoads was a woman of high intellect and finished education and a favorite in the best society. She will be greatly missed in a wide circle of devoted friends. Her funeral will take place Tuesday at 11 o'clock; services at St. James Episcopal church, of which she was for many years a member.

Lancaster's Public Building.

From the New Era.

It is perhaps not generally known that while the citizens of Lancaster are indebted to Congressman Hiestand for engineering the bill for a public building for this city through the House, and to Senator Cameron for its passage through the Senate, they are no less indebted to W. U. Hensel, esq., for preventing its veto by President Cleveland. He had certainly made up his mind that Lancaster should share the fate of Allentown, and there was certainly no apparent political reason why so strong a Republican district should be favored and the Democratic district represented in Allentown by Congressman Bowden left out in the cold. But when the Allentown veto was announced, Mr. Hensel lost no time in gaining the ear of the president and plying him with revenue and postal statistics of such weight as could be presented by no other district. But our information leads to the conclusion that all these would have been ineffectual had it not been for Mr. Hensel's persistent personal appeal, it being about the only favor he had asked of the president on personal grounds, and in which he had taken an active interest with political friends on the committee who reported the bill favorably to the House.

Two May Walks.

The Maennerchor and Liederkranz, Lancaster's two large singing societies, held their annual May walks Sunday morning. Owing to the rain of Saturday the ground was rather damp and for that reason the crowds that participated were not as large as they otherwise would have been. The Maennerchor members met at their hall on Prince street at 5 o'clock in the morning and walked to Knapp's Villa where breakfast was had and the greater part of the forenoon spent and highly enjoyed. The Liederkranz walked to Tells Hain where they breakfasted and had a good time.

The Fasting Woman.

Mary J. Weidler, the fasting woman at the almshouse, still refuses food. This is the 53d day since she has eaten a bite of anything and in all that time nothing has passed her lips but water. She still maintains that she does not need nor want food. The case is surely a remarkable one and it is difficult to tell what will be the result. Dr. Sensenig feels as though food should be forced into her in order to save her life, yet in case she resists this is a very difficult and unpleasant operation. Although she is quite thin her condition is not much worse than three weeks ago.

Arrest of a Fugitive.

Over a year ago John Heffelfinger while walking on Locust street late at night was met by John Witch, son of the notorious Jacob Witch. Young Witch knocked Heffelfinger down, and was about robbing him when he was scared away by parties coming to the rescue of Heffelfinger. Witch then skipped out to avoid arrest, and remained away from town until Saturday, when he returned. Constable Merringer heard of his return and arrested him. In default of bail, Witch has been committed for a hearing by Alderman A. F. Donnelly.

There is also a case at Alderman Spurrier's against Witch. It charges him with a felonious assault and battery which occurred almost two years ago. Now he will be obliged to answer that offense also. During his absence from the city Witch has been spending most of his time in the Welsh mountains.

Tried to Blow Up His Store.

An attempt was made about two o'clock Saturday morning to blow up with dynamite the store of J. C. Rummel & Co., Shippensburg. The building was badly damaged. J. M. Hamilton, one of the members of the firm, and his family reside in the building above the store and they narrowly escaped injury. J. C. Rummel has been an active Prohibitionist, and it is believed that an attempt to destroy his property was made because of some recent public utterances by him as to the treatment whisky men should receive. His loss will not be great.

Unclaimed Letters.

Following is the list of unclaimed letters remaining at the Lancaster postoffice for the week ending May 14:

Ladies List—Mrs. Sadie Kelly, Mrs. Ossian Ray.

Gents List—Rev. L. R. Dalrymple, Lee M Hart, Prop. Michael Houser, Huey & Shoemaker, Henry Kupp, H. B. Mathmore.

A Pretty Blonde in Boy's Attire.

Sarah Green, aged 22 years, was lodged in jail in Pottsville for masquerading in men's clothes. She is a petite and rather pretty blonde, and having procured a suit of male attire and had her hair cropped close, was able to pass as a boy of 17. She left her home at St. Clair several days ago, and on Saturday was playing ball with a crowd of boys at Gilberton. She says she was practicing to go on the stage.

THE NEW MENNONITES.

Large Gathering at Longenecker's Meeting House—Sermon by Bishop Steiner.

There was a very large gathering on Sunday, of New Mennonites, at Longenecker's meeting house, about five miles from this city, and three miles from Strasburg borough. The principal attractions were a sermon by Bishop Steiner and the baptism of five adults.

The meeting house was crowded to its utmost capacity.

The services were opened by an introductory discourse by Rev. John Kohr. He was followed by Bishop Steiner, of Franklin county, who preached an able and very interesting sermon on baptism. At the close of the sermon Rev. Eli Hershey, of Binkley's Bridge, administered the rite of baptism to five adult believers. Rev. Levi Shenk, residing near Chickies, made a short closing address. Several other clergymen were present, but took no public part in the services.

Passed Through.

This afternoon a large party of newspaper men, with their families passed through this city on a special train over the Pennsylvania railroad. They are on their way to Luray Cave and the Natural Bridge, Va., on a pleasure trip. These papers were represented: Philadelphia *Times*, D. G. Fenno, C. H. Heustis and wives; *Commercial List*, S. N. Winslow and wife, *Police Record*, H. Grattan Donnelly and wife; Philadelphia *Democrat*, Mrs. R. Deick and daughter; *Item*, Thomas Fitzgerald and daughter; Wilmington *Republican*, W. Scott Vernon and wife; West Chester *Republican*, W. R. Bites and sister; Chester *Times*, John A. Wallace and wife; West Chester *Democrat*, George R. Guss and wife; Wilmington *Sunday Star*, J. B. Bell and wife; Philadelphia *Evening Star*, James McConnell and wife; Philadelphia *World*, Robert Welsh and wife; *Taggart's Times*, H. L. Taggert and wife and Mrs. E. S. Bladen; *Inquirer*, Jones Robinson and wife, and H. S. Arndt and wife; *Record*, John Baily and wife, and J. S. Chambers and wife; *Sunday Republic*, J. R. Dungison and wife; *Sunday Dispatch*, W. P. Smyth and wife; New York *Herald*, C. H. Browning and wife; Philadelphia *Press*, W. P. Mervin and wife and Prof. Asher and wife; New York United Press, W. P. Phillips and wife; Norristown *Herald*, Morgan R. Wills and wife; Norristown *Times*, William Rennyson and wife; Philadelphia United Press, W. C. Pearse and wife; *Evening Call*, H. M. Sheldon and wife; *Ledger*, Joel Cook and daughter; John McKenna and wife and Peter Balger; *Bulletin*, T. J. Lindsay and wife; William Perrine and wife; *North American*, George Rogers and wife; *Leisure Hours*, Mrs. Forney and daughter.

It is the annual complimentary excursion tendered by the Pennsylvania railroad to the press of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

Taken to Delaware.

Chief of Police Dougherty, of Wilmington, Delaware, arrived in this city this afternoon with a requisition for Byard Boone, who is wanted for a robbery committed in that city. Boone was taken before Judge Livingston this afternoon, admitted that he was the party wanted, and he was handed over to Chief Dougherty. He will be taken to Wilmington on the Day Express.

Chief Dougherty is a popular official, and on Saturday received the Democratic nomination for mayor of Wilmington.

Showers Recaptured.

William Showers, the escaped murderer from the Lebanon jail, was captured on Sunday in a deserted school house five miles from Lebanon by three young men who had a hand-to-hand struggle with him before he was overpowered. He was then securely tied and conveyed to Lebanon jail and placed in a cell under guard. The excitement was intense, and but for the presence of armed officers he would have been lynched. His captors will be paid $100 each for their work. Showers seemed very little affected and said that he would yet cheat the gallows. He will probably be hanged some time in July.

Runaway on Manor Street.

Benjamin Witmer, a baker of Millersville, had a rather exciting runaway in the western part of this city Saturday evening. He was driving along Manor street when his horse frightened and started to run. He was thrown from the buggy and struck on his head, which was badly cut. He was taken into Snyder's shoe store, where his injuries were attended, after which he was able to leave for home. The horse ran the buggy against door steps, trees, &c., and it was very badly smashed up. The animal was caught on West King street.

Discharged on Habeas Corpus.

Mrs. Mary Ross was taken before Judge Livingston on a writ of habeas corpus on Saturday afternoon. She had been committed as a vagrant by the mayor and as she acted strange was transferred to the insane asylum. The testimony taken on Saturday showed that she was of sound mind. When she was sent to jail she had about $100 secreted in her clothing.

The Horse-Man.

The colored man, who is formed something like a horse, drew quite large crowds while on exhibition Friday and Saturday, in the store in Centre Square which until recently was occupied by Burger & Sutton. Yesterday he was taken to Philadelphia and for the remainder of the week will be on exhibition at the Arch street museum.

A Native of This County.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wickline, wife of William Wickline, of Reading, died Saturday, aged 49 years. Deceased was born in Lancaster county, and had lived in this city 24 years. Two children survive, John Wickline and Mrs. Annie Stemm.

Three Confirmed.

Rev. W. H. Lewars preached at the Lutheran church at Neffsville, on Saturday, and confirmed three persons.

A communion service was held on Sunday, at which there were a large number of communicants.

"The Unity of the Truth."

The long looked for work of Rev. Dr. J. Max Hark, of this city, on "The Unity of the Truth," is now for sale at Zahm's book store in this city, and the friends of the popular Moravian clergyman are manifesting much eagerness to secure a copy. A review of the work will appear in the INTELLIGENCER soon.

Steel Works Burn.

The steel works and sheet rolling mill of Henry Disston & Sons, at Tacony, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The loss will foot up $300,000 and the insurance amounts to $190,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Advance in Coffee Prices.

NEW YORK, May 14.—The announcement that the Brazilian Parliament had passed the emancipation act caused a considerable jump in the price of coffee to-day. May option closed Saturday at 13 40 and advanced to 13 90. June options closed at 12 99 and opened at 13 40. July closed at 12:10 and opened at 12:50. Other options were all higher. The sales up to noon amounted to 70,000 bags. The freeing of the slaves who are employed in the Rio coffee district was considered as likely to upset the labor market and result in a decrease of the next coffee supply.

THREE PEOPLE KILLED.

A PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED NEAR FOUNTAIN, IN COLORADO.

The Train While Going at High Speed Strikes a Car Loaded With Dynamite and a Terrible Explosion Results—a Dozen Physicians Go to the Relief of Victims.

DENVER, Col., May 14.—Meagre intelligence has reached this city that the express train known as the "Thunderbolt" on the Santa Fe railway met with a horrible accident near Fountain about 6 o'clock this morning. It collided with a freight train which had a quantity of powder in its cargo. An explosion followed in which ten people were killed and a number wounded. Both trains wrecked. Particulars cannot be obtained as yet.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., May 14.—This morning about 3 o'clock the north bound Santa Fe passenger train which left Kansas City Saturday night running forty miles an hour, ran into a car load with dynamite at the town of Fountain, near Colorado Springs.

A terrible explosion followed.

Seventy-two people are reported killed and twelve physicians from here have gone to the scene by a special train.

The shock from the explosion broke the glass here.

DENVER, Col., May 14.—Later particulars received from Fountain, where the Santa Fe train collided with a freight, say that the "Thunderbolt" arrived there at 2:41 a. m. The brakes of a caboose and some cars which were standing on a side track got loose in some unexplained way, and the cars ran into the train with a terrific crash. Naptha, which was on one of the cars, immediately exploded, throwing the oil over everything and setting the train on fire. Those cars which did not catch were shoved back from the wreck by the crew, but two cars that had been left standing on the main track and which had a quantity of powder on board, exploded with a tremendous report. The depot, a few dwelling houses and some cars were completely demolished. Rumors were made current that a large number of people had been killed, but it is now definitely known that only three persons, two men and one woman, were killed. Their names cannot be ascertained. The list of injured runs up to 12 or 15 persons and may be augmented by more.

The force of the explosion may be inferred when it is said that a hole 30 feet in diameter and 15 feet deep was made in the ground where the cars stood. Outside of the two cars which were burned, 16 cars, together with the locomotive, were wrecked.

They Elect Another Watchman.

To-day the board of prison inspectors met to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Night Watchman Isaac Lorah. All of the members were present. The candidates nominated for the position were Benjamin Brubaker, of Florin, and Albert Smith, son of Prison-keeper Smith. Brubaker was elected by a vote of 4 to 2, Messrs. Nissley and Martin voting for Smith. The new man is a brother-in-law of Inspector Eshleman, and the one that just resigned, because he was unfit for the position, was Eshleman's son-in-law.

The board agreed to purchase a refrigerator for the use of Keeper Smith.

Narrowly Escaped Drowning.

William Kilman and Otis Houston, who board with Charles Robinson on East King street, made a narrow escape from being drowned at Graeff's Landing while boating on the Conestoga Sunday afternoon. It seems that the men were about changing seats when the boat began to "dip" water and was soon upset. Both men were caught under the boat and Kilman was the first to extricate himself. With several others he turned his attention to Houston, and finally succeeded in bringing him to the shore. Houston had sunk a couple of times, and altogether it was a very close call for him.

Lightning in a Hotel.

During the storm of Saturday afternoon there was very considerable sharp lightning, but little damage was done. Christian Hess, bartender at the Park house, had a rather thrilling experience. He was standing behind the bar when there was a sharp flash of lightning. It seemed to enter the barroom by the electric light wire, along which it ran for a time and then dropped to the floor with a great report. The only damage was a few splinters knocked out of the floor, but Mr. Hess plainly felt the shock and was badly frightened.

Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows will meet at Allentown to-morrow and the following representatives went to the meeting from this city to-day: Lancaster Lodge, W. F. Hambright; Hershel Lodge, Dr. M. W. Raub; Monterey Lodge, E. J. Erisman, and Hebel Lodge, Henry Wolf. The Grand Encampment of the same order meets at Allentown to-day. Dr. John Levergood is grand patriarch. Several other members of the order went to Allentown on this morning's train.

Before the Mayor.

The mayor discharged three lodgers this morning. One was Dennis Meagher, and his story was that he was robbed on the cars between New York and Philadelphia of his money and a railroad ticket to Pittsburg. He said the man seated next to him gave him a drink of liquor and after that he did not remember anything until he was put off the train here by the conductor. He was found at the depot by Officer Glass and taken to the station house.

Mrs. Wilfred Ball's Case.

On application of her immediate relatives, Drs. Blackwood and Franklin within a few days past made separate examination of Mrs. Wilfred Ball to test her sanity. They appeared before Alderman Halbach and made affidavit that she was undoubtedly insane. An order was issued for her admission to the Lancaster asylum until such time as arrangements shall be made for her transfer to the state asylum at Harrisburg. Officer Ott took her to the asylum this morning.

Ran Into a Bread Wagon.

Saturday the horse of a milkman named Mowery, whose driver had stopped in front of the bakery of John Trees, on South Queen, frightened and ran away. At the time Mr. Trees' wagon was standing near loaded with cakes, bread, &c. With this the milk wagon came in contact and upset it, throwing the contents in the street and filling them with mud. Both wagons were slightly damaged.

A Hotel-Keeper's Insane Act.

MINERAL POINT, Wis., May 14.—On Saturday night Mark Terrill, proprietor of the City hotel, shot and killed Henry Wesley, a colored man. They were in Terrill's barroom and had no dispute, but Terrill was recklessly firing shots about the room and one struck Wesley in the head, killing him almost instantly.

Cold Weather in Illinois.

MONMOUTH, Ill., May 14.—This vicinity was visited by a severe cold snap Saturday night. Ice formed in basins three-quarters of an inch thick, and frost was heavy. Gardeners report new potatoes, tomatoes, apples and other early vegetables killed.

ITS QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Good Templars Elect Officers and Holds Interesting Exercises.

The fourth quarterly convention of the Independent Order of Good Templars of Lancaster county, convened in the Grand Army hall, (Kepler building) on Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and was called to order by District Chief Templar W. P. Bolton, of Drumore township. After the appointment of subordinate officers and committees, the minutes of the last quarterly convention, held at Strasburg, were read and approved.

The committee on credentials reported forty-five regular delegates as being present and entitled to seats in the convention.

District Chief Templar Bolton conferred the district degree on twenty members, after which the several lodges represented made their quarterly reports, showing that the order has largely increased in membership since the last convention.

Wm. H. Brinton, Christiana, read a well prepared essay on "Prohibition from a business view." Clyde Eager, of Strasburg, delivered a recitation, as did also Miss Lamborn, of Liberty Square.

Following was the programme of the afternoon session: Select reading by Emily Rohrer, Strasburg; recitation, Miss H. M. Bonsall, Christiana; essay on "Society of To-day," S. E. Steele, Lancaster; essay on "Our Work, Rights and Duties," E. T. Bolton, Liberty Square; select reading, Miss Sallie Linville, Strasburg; vocal solo, Carrie Saylor, Lancaster; select reading, Mollie Eager, Strasburg; Mary S. Gardner, Lancaster; Annie Brinton, Christiana, and Ellwood Jackson, Bart. Saunders M. Collins, of Eden township, recited "Horatius at the Bridge" in admirable style, and Mrs. E. K. Bushong, of Eden township, read a well-prepared essay on "Why should women take an active part in temperance work."

The committee on resolutions, through its chairman, reported a series of preambles and resolutions (among others, "That we approve of the submission of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the state prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating beverages, and that we urge upon all our members to use every possible effort to secure its adoption by the people,") which were unanimously adopted.

A committee of five, consisting of W. H. Brinton, J. J. Jackson, W. P. Bolton, L. E. Wright and Emily Rohrer, were appointed with a view of co-operating with the W. C. T. U. and others, for the enforcement of law and the suppression of crime in this county.

A committee of five, consisting of George E. Meek, James E. Crawford, Ellwood Jackson, Florence Webster, and Alice Lamborn, was appointed on public meetings, with a view of organizing more Good Templar lodges throughout the county.

S. E. Steele, of Lancaster, was elected to represent the district lodge at the next Grand Lodge meeting.

The following officers were elected and duly installed by Wm. H. Brinton, for the ensuing year:

District Chief Templar, Luther S. Kauffman, Lancaster; District Vice Templar, Sallie Linville, Strasburg; District Councillor, Ellwood Jackson, Bart; District Superintendent Juvenile Templars, E. T. Bolton, Drumore; District Secretary, F. G. Musser, Lancaster; District Treasurer, Howard Webster, Sadsbury; District Chaplain, Mrs. E. K. Bushong, Eden; District Marshal, Saunders M. Collins, Eden; District Sentinel, Walter Shoemaker, Drumore; District Guard, Viola Shoemaker, Drumore; District Deputy Marshal, Anna L. Myers, Lancaster; District Assistant Secretary, Florence Webster, Sadsbury; District Past Chief Templar, W. P. Bolton Drumore, after which the convention adjourned to meet in the M. E. church, Georgetown, Bart township, on the second Saturday in August next.

Sunday Temperance Meeting.

A temperance meeting under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held at the court house on Sunday afternoon. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. W. Meminger, and Rev. C. Elvin Houpt delivered an address on the importance of temperance work. The music was rendered by the full choir of the Duke Street Methodist church with orchestra accompaniment.

A Dangerous Walk.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has raised the south track at North Queen street about six inches higher than it was and the result has been a big nuisance to pedestrians. Last night about a dozen persons stumbled over the track and fell very heavily upon the wooden platform. Several persons were badly bruised and others made narrow escapes. Among those who fell last evening was an aged lady, who was on her way to church. To-day the stumbling continues and several persons fell on account of the high track.

Next Saturday Evening.

The entertainment of the Literary society of Salunga, owing to the inclemency of the weather on Saturday evening, was postponed until next Saturday evening. Among the plays to be rendered are "The Flowing Bowl" and "The Mischievous Nigger."

Amicably Arranged.

On Saturday William Proctor, prosecuted Jacob Armstrong for the larceny as bailee of a wagon before Alderman Barr. This morning the parties met at the alderman's and the suit was amicably adjusted, after which the prosecution was withdrawn and the costs paid.

At the Supreme Court.

The Lancaster county cases appealed to the supreme court will be argued at Philadelphia this week. In all thirty-six have been appealed, and all week will be taken up in hearing argument. Barbary Coast looks deserted to-day.

Paid the Costs.

George Anderson, arrested by Constable Shaub on Saturday evening for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, was discharged this morning by Alderman Barr upon payment of costs.

Cut With an Axe.

Milton Keach, of Colerain township, while cutting rails a few days ago, met with a serious accident. The axe with which he was working glanced from a rail and struck him on the foot, cutting a deep gash. Dr. Wentz dressed the wound.

Before Alderman Hershey.

John G. Wiley, an incorrigible boy, has been committed by Alderman Hershey for a hearing before the judges.

David Ghio, for being drunk and disorderly, was obliged to pay the costs and was then discharged.

Hat Found.

Sergeant Erisman in going his rounds on Saturday night found a hat at the corner of Prince and Conestoga streets. The owner can get the same by calling at the station house.

Registered as a Physician.

Dr. Eli Barr Landis, of East Petersburg, was registered to-day as a physician at the prothonotary's office. He is a graduate of this year's class at the University of Pennsylvania.

MUST GO TO MEXICO.

BENSON, THE PATTI TICKET SWINDLER, GETS NO HABEAS CORPUS.

The United States Supreme Court Refuses to Grant the Writ—Verdict in the Tally Sheet Forgery Case Affirmed—A Motion Made By Drawbaugh Denied.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The supreme court of the United States has decided the Benson, who is held in New York for selling fraudulent Patti tickets in the City of Mexico, must be returned to Mexico. The point was decided on an application by Benson's counsel for a writ of habeas corpus, which was denied.

The supreme court also rendered a decision in the Coy-Bernhamer tally sheet forgery case from Indianapolis. The decisions of the courts below were affirmed.

Both Coy and Bernhamer are now in the Indianapolis jail awaiting this decision. They were sentenced about three months ago to eighteen months in the penitentiary. Bernhamer was taken to the Michigan City, Ind., penitentiary at once, but Coy was sick and could not be removed. Since his recovery other cases against alleged conspirators have been begun, and Bernhamer has been taken from the penitentiary as a witness. Both men must now go to the penitentiary.

The supreme court of the United States has denied the motion of the Drawbaugh people to reverse its own decision on the telephone case.

The supreme court also decided to-day that the police court of the District of Columbia had no right to deny the claim of —— Callan to be tried by jury. This was known as the musician boycott case. Callan was accused of conspiracy in the district police court. Callan claimed that the police judge had no right to try him, and he should have a jury trial. The judge fined him $25 and the decision was sustained by the district supreme court. This decision is to-day reversed by the higher tribunal.

The court also decided by a divided court not to grant the writ of habeas corpus in the case of Plant Mahon, and a number of other citizens of West Virginia, who were arrested in that state by Kentucky state officers for participation in the murders growing out of the Hatfield-McCoy feuds, and confined in a Kentucky jail. Governor Wilson, of West Virginia, made application to the United States circuit court of Kentucky, for a writ of habeas corpus on the grounds of unlawful seizure of Mahon and his companions. The writ was issued, but when presented the Kentucky district court refused to release the prisoners.

THE M. E. CONFERENCE.

A Charge That There is a "Combine" for the Election of Certain Bishops.

NEW YORK, May 14.—Bishop Merrill opened the third week's session of the Methodist Episcopal conference at 9 o'clock this morning. After devotional exercises ex-Lieut. Gov. Cumback, of Indiana, offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the committee on episcopacy be requested to report on Tuesday, the 15th inst., their action on the resolution electing the bishops for a term of ten years."

The matter was referred to the committee on episcopacy.

Delegate McCullough, of Texas, offered a memorial asking the conference to favor the Blair educational bill now before Congress. It was referred to the committee on the state of the church.

The book concern will celebrate its centennial next year, and a resolution was passed to-day constituting the committee on the book concern an authorized body to make preparations for the celebration of the event. The report of the committee on benevolence was made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Rev. C. W. Smith, of Pittsburg, offered a resolution, which was adopted, that the committee on the episcopacy be instructed to report to-morrow whether the conference can be ready to proceed with the election of b