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A LOCK WORKS BURNED.

FLAMES DO DESTRUCTIVE WORK ON SUNDAY NIGHT.

E. T. Fraim's Establishment on Park Avenue in Ruins—The Origin of the Fire a Mystery. The Insurance $8,000 and the Loss Higher Than That Sum.

Lancaster had another fire on Sunday night, when the lock manufactory owned and operated by E. T Fraim, and situated on Park avenue, immediately opposite the Lancaster cemetery, was almost entirely destroyed. The fire was discovered about twenty minutes before 11 o'clock, and among the first on the ground were Harry Kendig, Charles Weaver, Special Officer Ehrman and Officer Glass. When these people arrived the fire was in the southeastern corner of the building, on the second floor. A large portion of the southern wall had already fallen in. Officer Glass struck an alarm from box 46, at Frederick and Lime streets, and the fire engines belonging in the district quickly responded. They went to work at once and kept streams on the building until an early hour this morning. The building was almost a complete wreck before the fire was extinguished. The roof was burned from nearly the whole building, and the floors in the eastern part were burned off and fell to the cellar. The walls are about all that are left in anything like good condition, and they may have to be partially rebuilt. All the stock, either finished or being made, the machinery, fixtures, &c, were entirely destroyed or badly damaged. The machinery consisted of lathes, cutting and punching machines and special machinery for making locks. In the basement of the building Mr. Fraim had recently placed a new sleigh, set of harness, robes, &c, all of which were burned.

The building was of brick with two stories and a basement and in size was 30x70 feet. It has suffered greatly from fire, as this is the third one that has taken place in it. The last occurred about six years ago. Mr. Fraim employed thirty men and manufactured locks of many kinds. The capacity of the shop was 1,200 dozen locks per week or 200 dozen per day. The former number was turned out last week and there were many orders ahead. Mr. Fraim had the shop cleaned up on Saturday, for the purpose of taking account of stock today and resuming work on Wednesday.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. For five years past there has been no fire in the building for heating purposes. Steam has been used during that time, and that was procured from the boiler in the engine house which is an entirely separate building and is situated in the rear. In the corner where the fire broke out there was a bake oven which was used in japanning locks. There has been no fire in it since Wednesday a week, and the oven was covered with tin so as to prevent any fire from escaping from it. Before the fire was discovered a man named McCutcheon, who lives near the lock works, heard a loud explosion, which seemed to take place in the corner of the building where the fire was started. This explosion is supposed to have blown out part of the front wall. What caused it no one seems to know, unless some one forced an entrance into the building and exploded some material which may have started the fire. Spontaneous combustion was entirely out of the question, as the building had been well cleaned on Saturday.

Although the building was so badly used up, the safe and all the books, papers, &c., in the office were saved. Mr. Fraim was unable to estimate his loss this morning, but thinks his stock was worth about $12,000. The building and contents were insured with Eckenrode & Myers in the following companies: St. Paul, of St. Paul, Minn., $2,100; German, of Pittsburg, $2 100; London & Lancashire, $2,100; New York Bowery, $1,700, making a total in all of $8,000. This will not cover the loss.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Young Men Fatally Shoot Their Wives, and Then Kill Themselves.

A young salesman in a New York house, named Henry D. Schoonmaker, shot his beautiful young wife some time Saturday night, twice in the head and once in the breast, and then killed himself instantly with a bullet through the brain. She was taken to the hospital in a dying condition. The two were found in their flat in Brooklyn, Sunday noon, in bed, clasped in each other's arms, covered with blood, and still breathing and be dead.

He was but 23 years old, she a year younger, and they had a 14-months-old baby, who was away from home at the time. He had just had his salary raised, they were apparently happy, and insanity seems the only explanation of the deed.

Colonel Jonathan Schoonmaker said that his son had been sick for a few days and his mind must have been affected.

In Syracuse on Sunday night William Crossley shot and killed his wife and then blew out his own brains with a revolver. Crossley lived about an hour and was speechless. The man and wife had lived apart for six months of their year of married life. The murder and suicide were the result of domestic infelicity.

A Farmer Swindled Out of $22,000.

Lester Taylor, a wealthy farmer, residing near Millington, Ontario, has been swindled out of $22,000 by a sharper. The young man pretended to be the only son of wealthy and distinguished parents, and said that his guardian was attempting to cheat him out of his inheritance. He wanted to learn farming, as his wealth was mainly in lands. His confederate in New York, pretending to be his attorney, sent for money from time to time to prosecute the suit against the alleged guardian, and, without security, the farmer loaned the youth $1,000 at a time, until he finally disappeared. He has been arrested in New York.

For Keeping a Gambling House.

E C. Black, living on Church street near Rockland, was complained against on Saturday, before Alderman Barr, for keeping a gambling house. Constable Shaub is the prosecutor. Black was returned to the last quarter sessions court for this offense but at too late a date to have a true bill found. It was feared that he would skip and this suit was entered by the direction of the district attorney. The accused gave bail for a hearing on Thursday evening.

The Special Police.

When the explosion took place at the chemical works in November and the city was obliged to fall back on gasoline to illuminate the streets, the mayor thought that an additional force of police was necessary. He appointed James Ehrman, W. S. Dean, "Fatty" Gill, Wellington Rhoads, Earnest Arnold and Samuel Swenk to do duty each night, and they have been on duty ever since with good prospects of their "snap" continuing for some time yet.

Contracts Awarded.

The secretary of war has awarded the contract for furnishing $1,500,000 worth of steel forgings for 8, 10 and 12 inch high power guns to the Bethlehem Iron company, their bid being the lowest and within the statutory price. Award has also been made of the contract for furnishing cast iron bodies for 30 mortars to the Builders' company, of Providence, and that for the steel parts of the mortars to the Midvale Steel company.

Why He Was Shelved.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch

"Jack" Hiestand, the eminent editor of the Lancaster *Examiner*, who has enjoyed two terms of Congress hugely, is laid on the shelf, simply because he did not take the trouble to go home and "work up" his campaign for the nomination. Looking over the field of the states one finds no such slaughter anywhere among old congressmen as in Pennsylvania.

Allen O. Myers Acquitted.

The jury in the trial of Allen O. Meyers, charged with the tally sheet forgeries, in Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday night returned a verdict of not guilty.

Commission Received.

The commission of Edwin L. Reinhold, recorder of deeds-elect, was received to-day at the recorder's office, from Harrisburg.

HOW TO CARVE A TURKEY.

Study These Points on the Quiet Before Your Christmas Dinner.

Very few heads of families or members of the household in any capacity can carve a turkey in a truly scientific style. It has been claimed that carving is an art, but there is little doubt that a few points on the dissection of a fowl well studied and thoroughly digested will go a goodly distance towards making a novice an expert. Here are some points on how to carve a boiled turkey which is as good an illustration as can be given:

The legs of a boiled fowl always bend inward and tuck into the belly, but before it is put upon the table the skewer by which they are secured ought to be removed. The fowl should be laid on the carver's plate, and the joints, as they are cut off, placed on the dish. In taking off the wing the joint must only be divided with the knife, for by lifting up the pinion of the wing with the fork and then drawing it towards the legs the muscle will separate in a much better form than you can effect by cutting with a knife. Next place the knife between the leg and body and cut to the bone; turn the leg back with the fork and the joint will give way if the fowl is young and well done. The merry thought is taken out when the legs and wings are all removed; the neck bones are taken off by putting in the knife and pressing it under the long, broad part of the bone; then lift the neck bone up and break it off from that part that sticks to the breast. The breast itself has now to be divided from the carcass by cutting through the tender ribs close to the breast, quite down to the tail; then lay the back upward, put your knife into the bone half way from the neck to the wings, and on raising the lower end it will readily separate. The last thing to be done is to turn the rump from you and neatly take off the sidesmen. Each part should be neatly arranged on the dish.

The turkey should not be divided till the breast is disposed of, but if it be thought proper to divide, the same process must be followed as directed in a fowl. The following is the best mode of serving this delicious bird: Begin by cutting close to the breast bone, scooping around so as to leave the mere pinions. Each slice should carry with it a portion of the pudding or forcemeat with which the craw is stuffed.

In carving a roasted fowl, expert carvers always first disjoint the thigh bone from the body. Then "the part that goes over the fence last," familiarly called by various other names, is cut from the body. The breast next needs attention. Finally the many interior bones are disjointed.

AN AUTOR'S LITTLESON.

Chester Standish, Whose Father Died Suddenly Recently, Resides Here.

The fact that Walter Standish, a well known actor, died week before last has been published in this paper. But it was not generally known that he had a little son in this city. Mr. Standish has often been seen in Lancaster. He traveled with Janauschek, Margaret Mather, and at the time of his death was with Wallack's "Cattle King" in Boston. Three years ago Mr. Standish and his wife were in Harrisburg with a company. Mrs. Standish was taken very ill and they had with them their baby Chester, then but two weeks old. The child was given to W. W. Langdon, who now resides at No. 631 East Orange street, this city, to raise, and Mrs. Standish died shortly afterwards. Her husband was married again to a lady who is also on the stage. After Mr. Standish's death his mother, residing in Baltimore, was appointed guardian of the children. The stepmother of the children desired to see the little one that had been so well cared for by Mr. Langdon and wife. Yesterday E. W. Connelly, a member of the "Cattle King" company, came here. He was accompanied by Willie, an older child of Mr. Standish. They took Chester with them to Pittsburg to visit his stepmother and he will be brought back in a short time.

Johnny Hoover at Washington.

From the Harrisburg Telegram.

"Coal Oil Johnny" Hoover, a demented individual well known in this community, has just made a trip to Washington, where he called at the White House. Hoover, who has many vagaries, is an old soldier and dresses in a G. A. R. uniform fantastically decorated with ribbons. During the summer he lives in a tent near Fairview and in other places in this vicinity. He draws a pension.

Johnny went to the national capital on Thursday and going to the White House, claimed that he had been elected president by the Independents and Knights of Labor and was a friend of Mr. Powderly. He was covered with decorations and brass buttons, and desired to see the president to make arrangements to be inaugurated. He was taken into custody by the police, and became very indignant when he found himself in the clutches of the law.

A Father Murdered by His Son.

James Warner, aged 45, and his son John aged 18, who have been at work chopping in the woods for several days, near Wilkesbarre, had a quarrel on Saturday, over a trivial matter. The father made a lunge with an axe at the boy but the latter dodged and ran to his home near by, barring the door as he entered. The father began to batter down the front door with the axe, and the son poked a shotgun through an opening and sent a load of buckshot into the father's chest. The injured man died in a few hours.

Explosion of a "Crowbar."

Thomas Lloyd, aged 21, of Carlisle, was terribly mutilated on Saturday by the explosion of an old gun-barrel that had been used as a crowbar for at least thirty years. He put a cap on the nipple and struck it. An explosion followed, the gun bursting and striking Lloyd in the face, which was cleft open diagonally along the roof of the mouth to the throat. Lloyd cannot survive.

Hiram Hambright's Accident.

Hiram Hambright imbibed too much Christmas whisky on Saturday and on his road home fell on South Queen street and cut a deep gash in his head. He was taken into Dr. Campbell's drug store, where his wound was dressed, after which he was taken to the lockup. He failed to turn up for a hearing this morning and his bail was notified to have him before the mayor to-morrow.

Missionary Bishop Brewer Preaches.

Bishop Brewer, of Montana territory, one of the missionary bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church, preached in this city on Sunday. In the morning he preached at St. James' church, in the afternoon he talked to the children of St. John's Episcopal Sunday school and in the evening he preached in St. John's church. His mission to the East is to raise funds for the missionary cause in which he is working.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the postoffice, Lancaster, Monday, December 24, 1888:

Ladies' List.—Miss Flord Blorger, Miss Annie Bryson, Miss Mary H. Duncan, Miss Alice Kemp, Miss Miles, Miss Annie Reed.

Gents' List.—Henry Gretzler, W. H. Whispell (2), Adam Whitmer, William James, John H. Witter.

Manheim to Have Light.

For fifteen years past the question of erecting street lamps in the borough of Manheim has been perplexing the citizens. At a meeting of the councils on Friday evening it was decided that there must be light and kerosene lamps will be put up at once. But two members of councils voted against the new move.

Close of the A. M. E. Fair.

The fair for the benefit of the African Methodist Episcopal church on Strawberry street, which has been in progress for the past two weeks, closed on Saturday night, when the articles on hand were sold at auction. A handsome sum was realized, which will be appropriated to the payment of the church debt.

She Will Have to be Fed Her Turkey.

The wife of Mr. Abraham Ansell, of 306 Middle street, fell down stairs on Saturday evening and broke both her wrists.

MIRTH IN THE SCHOOLS.

THE PUPILS HOLD VERY INTERESTING CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

An Elaborate Programme Rendered by the High School—Names of the Participants in the Musical and Literary Exercises. Donations For the Poor of the City.

The public schools of the city closed this morning for the holiday vacation. In a number of them there were entertainments. At the high school the programme was largely musical. The vocal music was under the direction of Prof. Carl Mais and the instrumental of Prof. Thorbahn. Following was the order of exercises at that school:

Instrumental, overture, Tournament, high school orchestra; chorus, Carol, Brothers, Carol; chorus, Ere the Christmas Tide Hath Flown; chorus, Under the Holly Bough; chorus, Peace on Earth; reading, The Christmas Tree; reading, The Stranger at Christmas Eve; instrumental, potpourri, aire from Maritana, high school orchestra; chorus, In Merry Chorus; chorus, Mistress Santa Claus; chorus, First Christmas Gifts; The Story of the Nativity; concerted quintette (violins)—Opus 60, Edith Metzger, Alice Fahnestock, Clara Ruth, Frank S. Loeb and Harry D. Hopkins; vocal duet, Drift My Bark, (by the girls' school); chorus, The Scout; reading, Yule Log and Mistletoe, Clarence S. Inglis; reading, The Wise Men, Walter W. Watson; instrumental, selections from Il Trovatore, high school orchestra; chorus, Christmas Carol; chorus, Paul and I; chorus, Silent Night.

The high school orchestra is made up as follows: Violins, Edith Metzger, Bertha Best, Alice Fahnestock, Clara Ruth, Frank S. Loeb, Carl F. Rengier, Charles H. Weichans, Walter B. McCaskey, Wm. H. Herr, Morris Loeb, Stewart Thorbahn, Clarence D. Royer, Charles L. Marshall; cornets, John A. Sprenger, George Best; trombone, Edw. C. Eby; flutes, Hiram D. McCaskey, Harry B. Sensenig; clarionet, Thomas Thorbahn; piano, Fannie Thorbahn; instructor, Prof. Carl Thorbahn.

At the other schools where entertainments were given the programmes were composed principally of recitations, readings and music appropriate to the coming great festival.

At Miss Clara B Huber's school, Prince and Chestnut streets, the pupils who took part in the exercises were: Zillah Cummings, Effie Bowman, Clara Kohler, Lucretia Warren, Katie Zook, Annie Kleiss, Ella Bletcher, Alverta McFarland, Ella Connelly, Bessie Copland, Anna Snavely, Cora Maxwell, Eva Foster, Sadie Hempfield, Norma Cobo, Anna Groff, Elsie Krauskop, Mabel Miller, Mary Jones and Bertha Rife.

At Miss Bundell's school, in the same building, the participants were Emma Smith, Naomi McFalls, Ada Gillespie, Fanny Clarke, Lillie Hershock, Stella Cherry, Miriam Herr, Lulu Sensenig, Ida Greenwalt, Ada Miller, Lida Schlegel, Carrie Herr, Lulu Smaling, Esther Rintz, Bertha Thomas, Mamie Calder, Jennie Clarke, Bessie Snavely, May Baker, Lillie Gable, Lizzie Davis, Florence Roy, Lottie Miease and Bertha De Haven.

THE DUKE STREET SCHOOLS.

At Miss E. Lide Irvin's school those assigned places on the programme were: Mabel Drehr, Mary Smith, Bessie Bell, Ada Shumaker, Harry Dunlap, Edith Burr and Warren Smith.

At Miss Mamie Ethells': Edna Effinger, Willie Gerhart, Maud Coulter, Gertie Kingwalt, David Kauffman and Oscar Fox.

The schools of Misses Louisa Myers, Wilhelmina Rohrer and Kate Bundel united in one entertainment held in Miss Myers' room. The participants were: Blanche Smith, Lizzie Wohlson, Mamie Burr, Hulda Schwann, Emma Jagnow, Annie Kaleizki, Henry Waldbauer, Charles Wohlson, George Lindman and Annie Patchelbi.

At Miss Mary A. Dougherty's grammar school the participants were: Carrie Logan, Ida Coyle, Blanche Skeen, Emma Hagen, Alice Diller, Martha Givler, Marian Pyott, Alice Clark, Sallie Kreider, Bertha Springer, Edith Zonine, Annie Fisher and Ella Zercher.

At Miss Mary McNeal's school in the same building the pupils assigned to paris were: Mary Gerhart, May Adams, Daisy Chambers, Dora Goldberg, Lizzie Rutter, Annie Merkt, Lena Dinkelberg, Blanche Parvin, Katie Leonard, Flora Kurtz, Annie Goehenauer, Mary Merringer, Annie Wilhelm, Clara Haines, Annetta Kisse, Edda Smith, Maggie Donnelly, Alice Anne, Myra Williams, Lola Strachan, Nellie Meister, Cora Beck, Annie Herrmann, Lillie Murr, and Ida Cox.

At the schools of Misses Holbrook, Shirk King, Mrs. McComsey, Misses Lichty, Saydam, Weitzel, Cochran, Palmer, Finger, there were impromptu exercises and singing.

AT THE REMAINING SCHOOLS.

Those on the programme at Miss Clara O. Spindler's schools were: Daisy Trewitz, Laura Davis, Katie Borngesser, Bertha Hollinger, Maggie Brown, Nettie Ernst, Edna Zercher, Katie Shields, John Baker, Arthur McCormick, Grant Fasnacht, Omer Hostetter, Frank Walker, Ella Fraley, Harvey Gast and Eddie Luts.

At Mr. Levergood's grammar school there were recitations by William Simon, Harvey Powell and Harry Herzog and singing by the school.

Edgar Brock, May Riddel, Emma Urban, Edgar Hess, Mollie Keesy, Annie Vandyke, Louis Turan, Mabel Urban, Lizzie Humphreville, May Killian, Minnie Zercher, Blanche Wilson, Ralph Rohrer, Miles Sheriz and Conrad Keesey, took the principal parts in the exercises at the South Prince street schools.

At Prof. Matz's school on South Mulberry street Christmas carols were sung by the children.

Misses Kate Bucklus and Daisy Smaling, at the Rockland street schools, united in a celebration in Miss Bucklus' room. A genuine Santa Claus distributed candy to each pupil. Those who participated were George Schwebel, Charles Reece, Clifford Creswell, John Husson, Annie Kuhlman, George Ellison, Bessie Chesser, Harry Grigg, Frank Doman, Gustie Dommel, Katie Meissenberger, Charles Ranneis, Lewis Kranz, Minnie Rannels, Lizzie Chillas, Agnes Parmer, Ida Chesser, Maud Hammond, Bessie Palmer, Emma Stumpf, Ella Belitz, Mamie Burns, Nellie Anthony, Rene Suters, Amaziah Barr, Katie Brown, Annie Brown, Annie Rossman, Annie Merringer, Lucy Grigg, Annie Gelberson, Harry Stumpf, Michael Groff, Mildred Sweeger, Henry Kegel, John Kegel, Lillie Creswell, Alice Gelberson, Mary Schwartz and Bertie Parmer.

DONATIONS FOR THE POOR.

The schools who did not receive donations for distribution among the poor of the city on Friday did so to-day and the offerings were many. These will be distributed to deserving poor and carry gladness to many a home, the members of which would not, were it not for the thoughtfulness of these teachers, have something extra on this great feast day. Donation day in the schools inaugurated a year ago is a great success. It is optional with the pupils whether or not they bring anything, but nearly every family cheerfully sends a contribution.

Nearly all the teachers of the city received gifts from their pupils and in many of the schools the teachers presented their pupils with remembrances of the day about to be celebrated.

Judge Patterson's Accident.

Judge Patterson met with a mishap on Saturday evening. While walking on East King street, near Ann, he made a misstep and fell. His lip was cut and eye bruised. He is able to be on duty to-day. The many friends of the judge will be pleased to hear that his injuries are not serious.

The Boys Charged With Stealing Skates.

Mifflin Weitzel, the boy who is charged with stealing a pair of skates from Isaac Dillier & Son's store, has given bail before Alderman Deen. Charles Bitner, his alleged accomplice, is still in jail.

Before the Mayor.

The mayor had twenty-six cases to dispose of this morning, nearly all of whom were lodgers. Three bums were set to the workhouse for 30 days each, and one drunk paid costs. The drunk was Charles Leonard, a countryman.

A HARVEST FOR MERCHANTS.

An Enormous Amount of Business Done by the Stores on Saturday.

The merchants of this city report that their business was very large on Saturday. People in every branch of trade were kept running and it was decidedly the heaviest Saturday before Christmas that business men have known here for years. Not only was the town crowded with country people but Lancaster folks were out in force. On Saturday night the stores were packed until a late hour and the streets were crowded so that it was almost impossible to get along. To-day is a repetition of Saturday. Many of the public works have closed down until after the great holiday and the employes are on the town. The country folks are again in, taking their last turn, and all the stores are packed with people. Even the dealers in Christmas trees and evergreens in Centre Square report business immense and many of them have sold entirely out. There is no doubt that the rush will continue until late to night, when people will begin to settle down and arrange for their turkey dinner.

This morning market was held in the Northern market house, and this afternoon in the Eastern, Western and Southern. The rush of people to all was very great.

The Adams express men continue to be about the busiest men in town. They have been on the go almost continuously for three or four days past, and this morning the large room at the Pennsylvania warehouse as well as the one in Moore's tobacco building were packed with goods. The railroad men at the different stations are almost as busy, as many people are travelling. The number of Lancaster folks who live away from home but are here on a visit is very large, and it continues to increase by the arrival of each train.

Among the attractions this evening will be the ball of the Owl club, a new social organization, which will be held at Mannerchor hall. The programmes to be given out are very fine.

At the postoffice every clerk and carrier has been worked hard since Friday. Their business came with a great rush at once, and this morning the carriers were loaded down like back mules when they started on their first trip. It was little lighter during the remainder of the day.

Claims to Be His Widow.

Mrs. Jane Stoner, of Philadelphia, claims to be the widow of A. Penn Lusk, who died in Harrisburg in August, 1887. Lusk was 65 years old and was supposed to be a confirmed bachelor. He made his home at the residence of his brother in law, John J. Dull, one of Harrisburg's millionaire citizens. In his will Lusk made a small provision for a child named Stoner, living in Philadelphia. His estate amounted to $90,000. Of this nearly half had been distributed to the heirs, and the balance was to have been distributed and the estate settled up this week. The administrators and heirs had assembled for that purpose, when a claim was put in by Sparhawk & Potter, a firm of Philadelphia lawyers, on behalf of a client claiming to be Mrs. Jane Stoner Lusk, of Philadelphia, widow of Penn Lusk, demanding one-third of the estate as such widow. This claimant is the mother of the child to whom Lusk made a bequest in his will, of which child the claimant says he was the father.

The claim created not only a great sensation among the heirs, but was a social bombshell. The alleged widow was formerly a handsome young woman of respectable family of Harrisburg, who went to Philadelphia some years ago, where, she alleges, she was supported by Lusk, who subsequently married her. She claims to have documentary evidence of the marriage. Her appearance in the case has thrown the settlement of the estate into the courts. Commissioners have been appointed to hear the evidence.

THE HAYTIEN REPUBLIC GIVEN UP.

And the United States War Vessels Salute the Haytien Flag.

Advices have been received in Havana from Hayti to the effect that the dispute over the seizure of the American steamer Haytien Republic has been settled. The steamer has been delivered to the American man-of-war, and the latter have honored the Haytien flag with a salute of twenty-one guns. Among the people the action of the United States government is considered an abuse of power against a helpless nation, and this opinion is said to be shared by some of the foreign diplomatic representatives.

General Legitime has been unanimously elected president of the republic, and is taking energetic steps to repress the revolution.

Secretary Whitney, when shown the dispatch announcing the surrender of the steamer Haytien Republic, said that he had expected such a termination of the matter. So far as the navy department was concerned, it was a satisfactory settlement of the affair. He supposed a claim for indemnity would be made, but that was a matter belonging to the state department.

The secretary said that the United States vessels would cruise about in the neighborhood of Hayti for a short time, to protect the interests of American citizens and watch the progress of events. It would probably be a day or two before anything would be heard from Admiral Luce.

Smallpox in a Penitentiary.

Smallpox has been discovered in the penitentiary at Syracuse, N. Y. William Smith was arrested in Lenox, Madison county, on December 4, and sentenced for four months for being a tramp. He was found on Friday night to be covered with eruptions. Smith came to Lenox from Buffalo, where he is supposed to have taken the disease. He was removed to the city hospital on Saturday, and all the convicts in the penitentiary were vaccinated. Smith had mingled freely with the other prisoners as they took their daily walk in the corridors.

Interfered With Officers.

Farmer Houck went into Eugene Bauer's hotel to day and was refused whisky because he was under its influence. He refused to leave when ordered out and was finally removed by Constables Yeisley and Staub. They escorted him to the station house. On East King street, near Duke, some of Houck's friends attempted to take him away from the officers, but were unsuccessful. Alderman Barr discharged him this afternoon upon payment of costs.

Current Business in Court.

Court was in session to day hearing argument of cases not ready last week. Silas Stauffer, East Earl, was appointed guardian of the minor child of Susanna Zimmerman, late of Earl township.

Hattie Davis, Charles Garman and Lizzie Eberly, who served terms for misdemeanors, were discharged as insolvents.

A Sermon to the Knights.

Harrison Castle, No. 148, Lancaster, No. 126, Stevens, No. 4, Knights of the Mystic Chain, attended the new Baptist church, on East Vine street, yesterday morning, and listened to an impressive sermon by Rev. Frayne.

Arrested on Process.

Jacob Kohl, of Brecknock township, indicted for violating the liquor law and who failed to appear for trial at the last term of the court, was arrested on a process issued by the court. He gave bail for his appearance at the next session.

Gave Bail for Trial.

Adam Fulmer, prosecuted for the larceny of fence rails and who was committed for trial, was released from jail to-day, bail having been entered for his appearance.

The Division of Earl Township.

Samuel M. Seldomridge and E. H. Burkholder, West Earl, and Henry F. Hartman, East Lampeter, were to-day appointed reviewers, as to the division of Earl township into election districts.

Mrs. Diggle Acquitted of Murder.

The jury in the case against Actress Bertha Diggle, the Philadelphia woman, who has been on trial in Clarion, Iowa, for the poisoning of her husband, returned a verdict of not guilty on Sunday.

DRIVEN BY FIRE TO DEATH.

OVER TWENTY LIVES LOST BY THE BURNING OF A MISSISSIPPI STEAMER.

The Flames Break Out on Sunday Morning and In the Effort to Escape Many of the Occupants are Drowned In the River. Particulars of the Terrible Disaster.

The elegant passenger steamer Kate Adams, running as a semi-weekly packet between Memphis and Arkansas City, was burned Sunday morning near Commerce, Mississippi, 40 miles south of Memphis. She was en route to Memphis, and had about two hundred people aboard, including her deck and cabin crew of 80, and 25 cabin and 60 deck passengers, and 25 colored cabin passengers.

The fire, which caught in some cotton near the forward end of the boat, was discovered about 8 o'clock. The passengers were at breakfast, and when the alarm was given they all made a rush for the forward deck. At the time the steamer was about 300 yards from the Mississippi side of the river, and her bow was at once headed for the shore. Pilot J. A. Barton was on watch and he remained heroically at his post until she was safely landed. Harry Best, the second clerk, who was seated at the table when the alarm was given, had brought all the ladies and children forward and assisted them ashore.

Captain Mark Cheek, who was on the hurricane deck, remained there giving his commands until the stage plank was safely lowered. The fire by this time had spread all through the cabin, and he was compelled to retreat to the rear and climbed over the rails and descended to the cabin. Here he found the chief clerk, W. C. Blanker, who had made an effort to save the money and papers of the steamer, which were in the safe. The safe contained about $5,000; about $2,000 of this belonged to passengers. He managed to grab the money, but was cut off from the bow and forced back into the cabin. As he was groping his way aft, he stumbled and fell over some chairs and lost all the valuables he had secured, and it was with great difficulty that he succeeded in reaching the rear through the blinding smoke and flames which filled the cabin. Captain Cheek seized a life preserver, and, placing it on Chief Clerk Blanker, helped him overboard into the water. He floated down about three miles before he was rescued by parties who had walked ashore and followed him down the river. Captain Cheek assisted several others in securing life preservers, and when it was no longer possible for him to remain without being burned he, too, jumped into the river and swam ashore.

There were about 25 colored cabin passengers who were saved along with the white passengers. On the lower deck, however, a fearful panic seized the crew and deck passengers. Those who were cut off from escape from the bow were compelled to jump overboard to save their lives. The stern of the burning steamer had swung out into the river, and an effort was made to launch the yawl. It was capsized by the crowd which filled it, and many of its occupants drowned. They were mostly colored men, but there were three or four women in the crowd.

The loss, so far as can be learned, are as follows: George Corbet, third clerk, aged 39 years, who had launched the yawl and was trying to save the colored women on the lower deck. He leaves a wife, who resides in St. Louis. Joe Porter, Andrew Rees, Monroe Jackson, Jim Nelson, Senator Coleman and Hilliard Horton, of the colored cabin crew. Lee Finley, Frank Wells, colored roustabouts. In addition about fifteen deck passengers, four of whom were white men, were also drowned. In this list of unknown were three colored women and two children. They were coming to Memphis to spend the holidays. The whites had been working on the levees and their names and destination are unknown.

The burning steamer drifted away, after lying at the bank for 20 minutes, and floated down the river, her hull sinking at the head of Peter's island, four miles below Commerce.

The Kate Adams was owned by the Memphis & Vicksburg Packet company, of which Major John D. Adams, of Little Rock, is president; Captain Mark R. Cheek, superintendent, and John M. Peters, secretary and treasurer. She was built by James Rees & Sons, of Pittsburg, in 1883, and cost $102,000. She was the finest and fastest steamer of her type, and her owners this summer spent $20,000 in repairing her at Paducah. She was insured for $33,750 in St. Louis, Cincinnati and other foreign offices.

Her cargo consisted of 1,161 bales of cotton, 1,900 sacks of cotton seed, 87 bags seed and a good list of sundries. The cotton was consigned to Memphis merchants and fully insured in their open policies.

All the passengers and crew arrived at Memphis in the afternoon having taken the Louisville, New Orleans & Texas railroad train at Robinsville, which station is eight miles distant in the interior from where the disaster occurred. The citizens of Commerce rendered the passengers and crew every assistance in reaching Robinsonville, conveying them there in wagons and every conceivable vehicle that could be procured. There were 176 from the ill-fated steamer that came to Memphis, Captain Cheek defraying the expenses of all those who did not have funds.

The passengers and crew lost all their clothing and effects, and some made their escape to the shore from the burning steamer *en deshabille*, but were provided with clothing by the kind citizens of Commerce. Three of the colored cabin crew who were rescued from the water died afterwards. The water was very cold, which benumbed the limbs of those who jumped overboard, and to this is attributed the greatest loss of life.

All speak in the highest terms of the coolness and bravery displayed by the officers. Captains, clerks, pilots and engineers all remained at their posts until the last, and it was through their efforts and courage that all the lady passengers were safely taken ashore. Mr. John Woods Harris, who was a passenger, jumped from the stage plank before it had been lowered and was internally injured. Mrs. Dr. Harris, of Laconia, also sustained a sprained ankle by falling from a cotton bale in descending from the cabin to the lower deck.

Captain Elisha Evans, who is an old steamboat pilot, was a passenger on the steamer. He was in the pilot house with Barton when the fire was discovered, and aided in safely landing the steamer. He came down and assisted Clerk Harry Best in getting the women and children ashore.

Why a Widow's Pension Ceases.

Mrs. William Arrick, living at Xenia, Ind., has for some time past been enjoying a pension as the widow of a soldier. She also received back pay amounting to $900. Her husband was not heard of after the war closed, and he was believed to have been killed in battle. A few days ago the lady received information that her husband is alive and located in Iowa, having abandoned his family with the closing of the war. Arrick does not evince any desire to atone for his long neglect, and appears to be indifferent as to the fate of his wife, whose means of support will cease, so far as the government is concerned.

Marriage Licenses Granted.

Between Saturday noon and noon to-day twelve marriage licenses were granted by the clerk of the orphans' court. A large number of licenses were granted during the past week, and indications point to a large number of marriages to-morrow.

Sale of a Hack Line.

John Ferrich, who has had a hack line in this city for several years, has retired from business, which he says is dull. George Burton purchased his stock.

Presented With a Chair.

William Sholty, foreman of Oblinger & Co's cigar factory, was presented by the employes with large and handsome easy chair to day.

The Watch Factory Closed for a Week.

The Lancaster watch factory closed down on Saturday last for one week to make some repairs which are necessary.

Sent to Jail.

John Soenberger, for being very drunk and disorderly, was sent to jail for 10 days by Alderman Spurrier this morning.

A PAIR OF DRAWERS.

Supreme Court Judges and a Lively Patent Case—The Lawyers Have Some Fun.

If the United States supreme court had been transferred to the stage of a theatre and Wednesday's proceedings advertised, the sign "standing room only" would have been visible before the curtain went up, and when the last act of the drama had been concluded it is fair to assume that the entire company would have had to respond to the enthusiastic calls of the audience. Hilarity reigned supreme in the court room. The usually sedate and solemn justices gave way before the wit and humor of counsel and were convulsed with laughter, and the walls of the court room rang merrily. The fun began when the clerk announced case No. 135—Robert H. Anderson, appellant vs. Henry T. Miller & Co.—and John D. Wise, the ex congressman from Virginia, arose to state the case in behalf of the appellant.

It involves the validity of a patent for a patch intended to reinforce drawers in the crotch. Mr. Wise is a bright, witty young lawyer, bubbling over with good spirits, and with mobility of countenance rivaling that of the best of comedians. He seized at once upon the opportunity for a display of his talents as a fun maker, and with anecdote, sarcasm and raillery kept the court justices, lawyers, spectators and all in a roar. Mr. Wise opened by reading from his brief the opinion of Judge Hughes, of the United States circuit court for the Eastern district of Virginia, in the case. This opinion is remarkable for its levity.

Judge Hughes said that it was a patent for a patch upon drawers, extending from the back of the waistband down under the crotch and up in a split form to the waistband in front. Of course it is a patch upon new drawers before worn. One of its merits is that it strengthens or, to use the euphemism of the patent office, "reinforces" the drawers at the crotch, where a catastrophe is most likely to occur. Then, as a statement of his reasons why he did not believe a patent should be granted for this improvement, Judge Hughes said:

"It strikes me that a patent for a patch upon drawers, designed to remedy the evils of rip and tear to which they are liable in the crotch, ought never to have been granted, interfering as it must necessarily do with the prerogative of the housewives of the civilized world to patch the drawers of their husbands, fathers and sons freely in their own way, with no patentee to molest or make them afraid.

"It is impossible that the patch can be novel as to the simple matter of strengthening the seams and the material of drawers in the immediate region of the crotch; for if drawers do continually give way there it would be a reflection upon the housewives of civilized society not to admit that for hundreds of years they have been in the habit of patching the garment 'and the forks thereof' by lapping the seams and 'reinforcing' the rents in that region. As to the disorders of men's drawers in and near the crotch, which have troubled housewives for centuries, I do not think any person in our day and generation can employ a patch for the purpose of preventing or curing them that can have any real novelty."

Mr. Wise dilated upon this opinion at length, and with inimitable gesture and expression warned the justices of the importance of the case to the feminine portion of the community, and of the wrath that was impending over them. Concluding, he said the case resembled the game of faro.

"There is this difference, however," said the speaker. "In faro the dealer gets all the splits and in this the splits are all against the dealer." At this sally the court lost all likeness to its usually serious and dignified self. The laughter became boisterous and every one gave way freely to his feelings. Chief Justice Fuller could not restrain himself and almost fell out of his chair. Justice Harlan's huge form and big rosy, round face became convulsed with laughter until it became almost apoplectic. Justice Gray made a strong effort to preserve the dignity of the court, but he, too, was compelled to succumb and join in the general merriment.

Fatal Fight With a Bear.

A dispatch from Watertown, Dakota, says: The Rev. J. W. Stokesbury has received intelligence of a terrible struggle his brother, Prof. D. E. Stokesbury, had recently with a bear in the mountains of Wyoming, in which the professor was probably fatally injured. Prof. Stokesbury is a geologist connected with Prof. Marsh's party. About a week ago, while he and an assistant were engaged at a point 60 miles north of Carbon, they were overtaken by a band of seven silver-tip bears. Observing them approaching, the men sought refuge on a large rock, and, being well armed, succeeded in dispatching four of the bears and wounding a fifth before losing sight of the game in the thicket.

Flushed with his success the professor sprang into the brush in pursuit, when he was suddenly confronted by the wounded animal, a monster female. In turning he fell, and was at once caught by the bear and given a violent shaking. Dropping him she caught him in the inside of the right leg, above the knee, tearing off the flesh and splintering the bone. She next sprang at his face, but he intercepted the attack with his left arm, which was bitten entirely through. She flew at his side, and at one blow broke three ribs. The professor, who had throughout retained hold of his rifle with his right hand, finally succeeded in giving her a fatal shot in the head. The bear weighed about 700 pounds. Stokesbury will probably die.

PARLIAMENT PROROGUED.

What the Queen Says of the Fisheries Treaty Failure and Other Matters.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Parliament was prorogued to-day till January 31. The members of both Houses assembled in the House of Lords where the queen's speech was read. The speech declared that England's foreign relations continued friendly. It expressed regret that the fisheries convention with the United States had not commended itself to the judgment of the American Senate. The speech continued: "Temporary arrangements, however, which have been no adopted will, I trust, prevent any immediate inconvenience arising from this decision. The convention of the abolition of sug