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CAUGHT IN A DOG HOUSE.

AN EXHAUSTED FOX TAKES REFUGE IN AN UNUSUAL PLACE.

A Chase at Leadin Valley in Which Many Horsemen and Dogs Participate—Green Crosby Hunted, in a Buggy, Pursues Reynard Into a Farm Yard.

Thursday afternoon there was a fox chase at the hotel kept by L. H. Longenecker at Leadin Valley. There was quite a large crowd present, but the hunters were all from the upper part of the county and this city. There were none from the eastern end. The crowd amused themselves in different ways until 3 o'clock when the fox was dropped in a sod field in a southwesterly direction from the hotel. He started off rather lazily, and after getting out of the sod field he made his way across a road into a cornfield. He was then lost from the sight of the people at the hotel. Fifteen minutes after the fox had been dropped the hounds were let go. There were about 35 in the pack, and it must be said that the large majority of them were very worthless curs. At the start they did not take the trail, and in a short time were running wildly all over the fields. Some even stopped and went back to the hotel, while others walked around as though they had no idea what was going on. Finally a couple of them took the trail which they kept losing continually. If the dogs were poor, the hunters made up for their weakness. It is seldom that a fox has been so well chased by riders. They stopped for nothing, but went over fence and through fields, running the fox almost entirely by sight.

The fox went in the direction of Neffsville and crossed the turnpike just south of that place. He doubled, however, and for a time was lost. Shortly before 5 o'clock he was chased from a cornfield on the eastern side of the pike close to Neffsville and not more than a mile from the place he started. He ran in a northerly direction, followed at a good distance behind by several dogs. The riders gave him a fine chase and in a short time he was captured alive near Kismet Hill. The first man to the fox was Chas. W. Eckert, of this city, who, strange to say, kept in the hunt in a buggy. When he came upon the fox the animal had ran into the yard of a farm house. Mr. Eckert chased him into a corner and while endeavoring to catch him he suddenly skipped out of a gate and took refuge in a dog house. By that time several other hunters had come up and Frank Yost ran to the fox's place of hiding and captured him. There were several dogs in at the wind-up and they as well as the fox were almost exhausted. Yost took the fox home with him.

A HUNTING EVENT.

A Real Fox Chase to Be Held on the 22d in This City.

Washington's birthday promises to be a day of rare sport in this city, and the people who love real fun will have an opportunity of seeing something that is seldom witnessed by Lancaster folks. It will be a genuine old time fox chase. Several well known gentlemen are now making arrangements for the event which promises to be dandy. The fox will be let go in McGrann's park in the afternoon. Boards will be taken from the fence in order that he can get out of the enclosure and the dogs will be put on the trail afterwards. Persons going to the park will be enabled to see something worth going many miles for. All the well known sportsmen in the eastern, southern and northern parts of the county will be invited. Many have already sent word that they will be here for sure, bringing all the dogs that they can muster. A great many fine dogs will be seen, and it is certain that it will be the event of the season in its line. Ernest Zahm is now engaged making a beautiful silver horn, which will be given to the party that catches the fox. Although there may be some change in the date it is pretty certain to be held on the 22d.

A MUSCULAR INSURANCE AGENT.

Who Whips His Wife and Is Ordered From the Hotel.

Ira R. Morley is the name of a man 6 feet 4 inches in height, who has been soliciting insurance in Lititz for the New York Mutual company. With his wife he has been stopping at the Springs hotel, and on Monday evening every one in the house was startled by the cries of murder from the woman. They ran to the room of the couple and found Morley with his coat off engaged in the manly sport of beating and kicking his wife. He continued to trounce her and defied any two men in the town to meet him in combat. He finally stopped of his own accord. The cause of the trouble was that Mrs. Morley found her husband playing pool in the hotel and commanded him to stop. When he refused she took the balls from the table and went to her room. He followed and whipped her. Mrs. Morley says her husband has often threatened to kill her and her folks have asked her to leave him. On Tuesday morning Mrs. Morley left for Philadelphia, and her husband, who had been ordered to leave the Springs hotel, sought accommodations elsewhere. On Tuesday afternoon he met Dennis Shanahan, of this city. Morley was drunk and quarrelsome and struck Shanahan in the eye. The latter prosecuted him before Squire Reidenbach, but the case was afterwards settled by Morley paying $2 for the damaged eye and all costs.

"KEEP IT DARK."

W. T. Bryant, Lizzie Richmond and Others in a Comedy.

Last evening there was a very large audience in Fulton opera house to see the play "Keep it Dark," notwithstanding the fact that the weather was anything but pleasant. The piece is a three-act musical drama, which was written by George Hoey. It has everything but a plot and seems to have been written to create laughter. Much good music is also introduced. The principal people in the company are William T. Bryant and Lizzie Richmond, formerly a very popular sketch team on the variety stage. Mr. Bryant is exceedingly funny as *Jasper Vaseline*, the liver pad inventor, and he kept them all roaring last evening. Miss Richmond is excellent as *Clementina Delaney*, a character that affords her an opportunity to show fine costumes. Among the other people in the company is little Julia Wilson, the young lady who became so popular years ago as *Tot* with Dan Thompson's "Joshua Whitcomb." She has the part of *Bundles* and is very clever. There is much good singing and funny business in the play, and Miss Blanche Boyer does fine dancing. The whole company is strong, and they give a good show.

Held For Court.

John Sentman and Frank M. Baum, the two men who are charged with stealing turkeys from people down around Paradise, Williamstown and Strasburg, were heard before Squire Rohrer, at Leaman Place, on Wednesday evening. The evidence was strong against the accused, and turkeys that they sold were identified by parties as fowls that had been stolen from their roosts. They were held for trial at court.

WOMAN WAGE-WORKERS.

Interesting Statistics Collected by the National Department of Labor in Twenty-two Cities.

Carroll D. Wright, commissioner of the department of labor, on Thursday submitted to the Secretary of the Interior his fourth annual report, which deals exclusively with the subject of "Working women in great cities." By working women is meant that class of women who earn their living in the occupations calling for manual labor. The professional and semi professional callings, like those of teaching, stenography typewriting, telegraphy, etc., have not as a rule been recognized in the investigation. Twenty-two cities and 342 industries are included in the statistics.

The investigation is representative so far as the number of women whose affairs enter into it is to be considered. The total number of such who have been individually interviewed is 17,427, being from 6 to 7 per cent. of the whole number of women engaged in the class of work coming under observation in the cities named. The report shows that the working women in the great cities are practically girls. The average age in all the cities comprehended is 22 years and 7 months.

Of the whole number, 14,139 are native born. In the foreign born Ireland is most largely represented, and Germany is next, having 775. Of the natives born, 12,904 had foreign born fathers and 12,406 foreign born mothers.

Of the whole number under consideration, 9,813 not only work at their regular occupations, but assist in the house work at home, the total number living at home, 14,978.

The report shows that of the 17,420 who reported their health conditions at the time they commenced work, 16,540 were in good health, 853 were in fair health and 188 in bad health. The changes in health conditions is illustrated by the fact that 14 554 are now in good health, 2,375 are in fair health and 489 are in bad health.

Concerning education, church attendance, home and shop conditions, the report shows that of the 15 831 women who reported the facts relating to these conditions 13,456 were educated in American public schools, 5,375 in other schools, 5,854 attend Protestant churches, 7,769 the Roman Catholic, and 367 the Hebrew, while a very large percentage, comprehending 2 308, do not attend church at all. In home conditions, 12,020 report themselves comfortable, while 4,693 state that their home conditions are poor, and "poor" in this investigation, says the commissioner, is poor indeed. In shop conditions, however, a better state of affairs exists.

The tables upon earnings and lost time show that of the 13,832 who reported 272 earn less than $100 per annum, and that this class lost an average of 86.5 days for the year covered. The largest number earn $200 and under $250 per annum, losing 37.8 days; 2,377 earn from $250 to $300, losing 31.5 days. As earnings increase the lost time decreases, as, for instance, 398 earn from $4 00 to $500 a year, and this class lost but 18 8 days. These earnings are actual earnings, and are not statements derived from computations based on the rates of wages.

The average weekly earnings by cities is given as follows: Atlanta, $3 09; Baltimore, $4 18; Boston, $5 64; Brooklyn, $5 76; Buffalo, $4.27; Charleston, $4 22; Chicago, $5.74; Cincinnati, $4 50; Cleveland, $4.63; Indianapolis, $4 67; Louisville, $4 51; Newark, $5 10; New Orleans, $4 31; New York, $5.85; Philadelphia, $5 34; Providence, $5 51; Richmond, $3.93; St. Louis, $5 19; St. Paul, $6.02; San Francisco, $6 91; San Jose, $6.11; Savannah, $4 90—all cities, $5 24.

THE SOUTH PENN SOLD OUT.

The Vanderbilts Offer to Buy Their Partners' Interests in the Railroad.

The South Pennsylvania competitive scheme is dead. All the planning and scheming of Pennsylvania capitalists for an independent line across the state to Pittsburg have come to nothing and the financial backers have agreed to sell out their holdings at 60 cents on the dollar to the Vanderbilts, who will become the sole owners of the property. The offer will be accepted without hesitation by nearly all if not every one of the subscribers.

The Vanderbilts deposited on Wednesday morning more than $2,000,000 in cash with a New York banking house to pay off the subscribers.

The South Pennsylvania subscribers have paid in $5,700 000 in cash, which has been expended upon the road. Of this, one-third was contributed by William H. Vanderbilt, and the remainder, amounting to $3,800 000, was drawn from the pockets of his friends. Mr. Vanderbilt's sons will pay their father's associates sixty per cent. of this money, and will become the sole owners of what engineers declare is the best railroad route across the state.

It is generally believed, however, that the road will ultimately come under the control of the Pennsylvania, not by direct purchase, since that is forbidden by the courts, but in some indirect manner, such as the sale to a company composed of persons friendly to the Pennsylvania. That the Vanderbilts will be allowed to remain undisturbed in the possession of such a powerful weapon is not believed.

The road will either be completed and run as a Pennsylvania railroad side track or it will be sold off in parcels, some to the Pennsylvania, some to the Pittsburg & Lake Erie and some to the Reading. The Pittsburg & Lake Erie could use the western portion very advantageously, as it would give it access to several large coking coal deposits, and the Reading would be very glad to own the bridge across the Susquehanna river at Harrisburg, by means of which it could reach its Harrisburg & Potomac branch, and through it a connection with the Western Maryland and Baltimore & Ohio roads.

The terms offered are considered much better than those proposed by the Pennsylvania at the time of the West Shore deal. The Pennsylvania then intended to complete the road and use it for through traffic. It offered to pay the subscribers 60 per cent. of the money paid in in 3 per cent. bonds, and give them stock in the road for the remaining 40 per cent. At the time not much value was attached to the proposed stock issue and the 3 per cent. bonds would, it was thought, sell at about 65 per cent. The cash value of the Pennsylvania's offer was reckoned at about 40 per cent. of the money paid in, or 20 per cent. less than the Vanderbilts are now willing to give.

Of the $15,000,000 subscribed by the original syndicate, about $800,000 was pledged by Philadelphians, E. C. Knight subscribed for $200,000; C. & H. Borie, $200,000; F. R. Gowen, $100,000; Henry Lewis, $100,000; I. V. Williamson, $100,000, and J. B. Lippincott, $100,000.

WILD EXCITEMENT

Feverish Speculative, Over Discoveries of Ore in Virginia.

At Lexington, Va., excitement is intense over the discovery of an immense mountain of the richest iron ore, which rivals in quality and vast deposit the famous iron beds of Birmingham. It was discovered on the line of the Shenandoah Valley & Richmond & Alleghany railroads, within a few miles of that town. Chemists pronounce the ore more than 50 per cent pure and high grade. This, it is thought, will insure the building of a new city. Business there is nearly suspended, and people will not talk of anything but the discovery and the prospects of a new Pittsburg or Birmingham.

Suit About a Warming Pan.

Next term of the Chester county court is likely to have a queer case brought to its notice by a couple of prominent citizens of Kennett Square, the plaintiff being Dr. William H. Knight and the defendant Squire Jesse P. Hannum. A few days ago the personal effects of the late Caleb P. Wickersham were disposed of at public sale, when Dr. Knight bid on a warming pan and it was accordingly knocked off to him. The next day he went to get the pan, when Squire Hannum claimed it as his property. So, to settle the question, the parties and the pan will come to court.

Died at a Ripe Old Age.

From the Ephrata Review.

Daniel Strock, of Hinkletown, died very suddenly at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. John McCarty, at that place on Tuesday evening at the advanced age of 86 years. The funeral will take place on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. L. R. Kramer will officiate.

ROAD REPORTS CONFIRMED.

THE HIGHWAYS THAT WILL SHORTLY BE LAID OUT IN THE COUNTY.

Petitions For the Appointment of Viewers to Lay Out New Roads Or Vacate Some Now In Use and the Men Selected to Do This Work—Cases Before Court.

BEFORE JUDGE LIVINGSTON.

The defense in the suit of E. H. Townsend vs. Wm. Pound and Robert Merrick was that plaintiff was paid in full for all services rendered and the settlement made shows plaintiff to be in defendants' debt.

The suit of James Swain vs. the Pennsylvania Telephone company was amicably settled by the plaintiff being paid $110.

The case of W. H. Coffey vs. the Keystone Standard Watch company, claim for wages, was settled by the payment of $67.30 by the defendant to plaintiff. Denlinger and Brown & Hensel for plaintiff; North for defendant.

Elizabeth H. Edelman vs. Jacob B. Minnich, executor of Emanuel Denham, deceased; claim for washing and other services to testator in his lifetime. Verdict by agreement for plaintiff for $100. Brown & Hensel for plaintiff; H. C. Brubaker for defendant.

BEFORE JUDGE PATTERSON.

The defense in the suit of Ward for the use of Aaron Hartman vs. Isaac Montgomery was that plaintiff was fully paid. It was admitted that there was a small balance due to plaintiff and this amount defendant made a tender of to plaintiff before the trial was proceeded with, but plaintiff refused to accept the same.

VIEWERS APPOINTED.

The following appointments have been made by the court of quarter sessions.

Edward C. Diller, John Boland and Edward DeHaven, viewers to vacate a road in East Earl township, and lay out in lieu thereof from a point where the lands of Margaret Ranck, Peter Eshleman and Jacob Musselman meet to a point opposite the residence of Clayton DeHaven.

Jacob Hoffman, Edwin C. Musselman and Alexander Shulis, viewers to lay out an alley in Strasburg borough from Main street to Apple alley.

Christian Smith, Albert Hostetter and Albert Bowman, viewers to lay out a road in Ephrata township from a point on the road leading from Akron to Brownstown and ending on the road leading from Akron to Rothsville.

Jacob H. Nolt, Andrew M. Stoner and John S. Hoover, viewers to lay out a private road in West Hempfield township from Obediah Bortel's land, through land of Anna Rudy, to a point on the Marietta & Lancaster turnpike.

Wm. M. Crouse, Milton Shirk and Joe Wiest, viewers to lay out a road in West Cocalico township, from a point on the public road leading from Shoenock to Bechtel's mill, and ending at a point on the road leading from Shoenock to Blainesport.

Ephraim Hertzler, Wm. H. Bunn, Pearson Sample, viewers, to lay out a road in Carnarvon and Salisbury townships, from a point near Beartown station, Carnarvon township, to a point in the public road leading from the Cambridge road to Mount Zion church, in Salisbury township.

ROAD REPORTS CONFIRMED ABSOLUTELY.

The report of viewers laying out a road in Ephrata, from Washington avenue to Lincoln avenue.

Laying out a road in Brecknock and East Cocalico townships, from the road leading to the Red Run hotel to the Dry tavern, and ending in the road leading from the Reading road to Hahnstown.

Laying out North Linden street, from East High street to Alley C, in Manheim borough.

Laying out a road in West Hempfield from Lancaster and Susquehanna turnpike, ending in same road at the residence of Jacob C. Stowe, vacating the road made useless between the same points.

Laying out a road in West Earl, from the Farmersville and Mechanicsburg road to the same road near lands of M. E. Wenger and Isaac L. Landis.

Laying out a road in Upper Leacock, from the Oregon and New Holland turnpike to the Hinkletown and New Holland turnpike.

Laying out a private road in Lancaster township, from Jacob Stoner's residence to the Millersville turnpike.

Laying out a road in Bart township, from a point on the road from the Nickel Mines to Smyrna, ending in a road leading from Nickel Mines to Georgetown.

Laying out a road in Conoy, from the Bainbridge and Falmouth road to the Pennsylvania railroad.

Laying out a road in Conestoga township, from the road leading from Conestoga Centre, to Shenk's Ferry, near land of Christian E. Miller and ending in the road leading from Herr's mill to Martic Forge.

To Help Hayti.

Major David Essex Porter, ex army officer, has offered his services to General Legitime, of Hayti, to help subdue the Northerners under Hyppolite.

Major Porter is the eldest son of Admiral Porter. He says he is to have charge of the entire forces of the South both by land and water. His title in the Haytian army will be colonel, but that will not prevent him from ordering around the commander-in-chief and making "everybody stand from under," for in reality he will be Legitime's chief of staff. He served through the war with credit; was on Grant's staff, resigned in 1867 and went through the Egyptian campaign against Abyssinia on the khedive's staff.

Sale of Bank Stock.

On Wednesday last at a public sale of Ephrata national bank stock held at A. Banker's hotel, twenty-five shares were sold as follows: Martin H. Bitzer, five shares at $156.05 per share; David Zook, three shares at $157; Martin H. Bitzer, five shares at $156 80; L. W. Mentzer, five shares at $157; David Zook, two shares at $156.70; David Zook, two shares at $156.70; L. W. Mentzer, five shares at $156.80.

These are the highest prices that have ever been paid for this stock.

He Chose the Township.

In 1878 the Legislature passed an act giving to owners of property, where the mansion house is partly in a borough and partly in a township, to elect in which district his property shall be assessed. The first application under that law was made to the commissioners this morning. The applicant was John Evans, whose house is partly in East Donegal township and partly in Mt. Joy borough. Mr. Evans elected to be assessed in the township. He thus escapes the borough tax.

A Woman Convicted of Murder.

Mrs. Lucy Ferguson, 75 years of age, was convicted of murder in the first degree in Olathe, Kansas, on Thursday. A motion for a new trial was overruled and the death penalty pronounced upon her.

A Poet's Eye Saved.

A severe operation has just been performed for a cataract upon the eye of Richard Henry Stoddard, the popular poet and critic, by Dr. B. St. John Roosa, at the Manhattan eye and ear hospital, New York. Since the operation Mr. Stoddard has been obliged to remain in total darkness, but his physician believes that he will soon be able to be out and that his eyesight will be as good as ever.

FRIGHTENED THE GERMANS.

Statement of Commander Leary, of the United States Ship Adams.

Commander E. P. Leary, of the United States ship Adams, which has arrived at San Francisco, from Samoa, on Thursday, in an interview, said:

"There was a great deal of commotion when I was at Apia. I went down there with all kinds of orders suited to a time of peace, but when war broke out I threw the orders to the wind. They would do in time of peace, but were not applicable to the condition of affairs then. When I saw Brandeis, the German minister, leading 500 natives in support of Tamasese, I wrote him a letter asking him to desist. I said: 'I am here to protect American citizens and American property, and I will not wait idly by and see you plunging the country into trouble, when their lives and property may be destroyed. If you do not desist I shall take such measures to protect them as I deem the circumstances demand.'

"He sent word back that no Americans nor American property would be molested. In a little while, though, much the same action were repeated. There was a meeting of consuls aboard the German war ship Adler, and at the meeting I said to the Germans: 'Now, just let the natives fight it out between themselves.' Oh, no they could not do that. They said they had proclaimed Tamasese king, and they could not leave him now to fight alone. Then I said I would take a hand in this. 'If you persist in aiding Tamasese and fighting for him', I will participate, and I pulled the Adams in ahead of the Adler, and would have done my part in the fray if the Germans had decided that they must have it. I had made up my mind that the Adams could throw shells, too. At this they cooled down and promised that it should be 'hands off.'

"Next there were notices posted by the Germans, stating that the bridge over the river at Apia and separating all the back country, where the natives were, would be taken up. I tore these notices off. I said there should be no demolition of bridges. Then I ordered my carpenters up the next morning, and meantime, word having got out all around, scores of natives came to aid in repairing and maintaining the bridge. I also threw some marines ashore to protect it. It is not necessary to say that the bridge was not destroyed. The Adams left Samoa December 7, and was not present during the recent battle between the Germans and Mataafa's forces."

A Spelling Bee.

EPHRATA, Feb. 1.—Last evening a spelling bee was held in Lincoln by the lyceum of that place. The 1st class was made up of scholars attending any public school, and David Kemper won 1st prize, "Hunting Scenes in the Wilds of Africa," Charles Brenneisen 2d, "The last of the Mohicans," Charles Musser 3d, revolving inkstand, Winfield Miller, 4th, picture book, Willie Frauer, 5th, scrap book. To the second class all were admitted except scholars, and E. C. Eshleman took 1st prize, "Grappling with the Monster," Silas Bard 2d, "Pilgrims Progress," L. A. Schlosser 3d, New Testament, C. M. Cassel 4th, inkstand, Mrs. A. F. Woomer 5th, box of paper and envelopes. Sherman Hacker went down first and got "Punch and Judy." The third class was open to all, and C. M. Cassel received the 1st prize, "A Child's England," Silas Bard 2d, "Wonders of the Great Deep," E. C. Eshleman 3d, box of paper, Miranda Kurtz 4th, inkstand, Maria Hess 5th, bundle of lead pencils. After these exercises the *Owl* was read. The schoolroom was crowded and all enjoyed themselves.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Alice Bowman, an ex-schoolmistress, and daughter of Albert Bowman, of Ephrata, was married to Mr. Affleboch, of Philadelphia. The newly married couple boarded the 5 o'clock train for Philadelphia.

A PLEASANT HOP.

The Lancaster Bicycle Club Has a Fine Time at Eshleman Hall.

Last night the Lancaster Bicycle club held its third annual hop in Eshleman hall, on North Duke street. This organization is composed of well known young men of this city and their entertainments have always been very successful. That of last night was the best by far that they have yet given. The crowd present was large and fashionable. The committee of arrangements consisted of D. F. Grove, chairman, Wm. A. Riest, Monroe Hirsh and Harvey Griel. They appeared in dress suits, wearing the club's colors. The floor manager was H. B. Ammon. The grand march took place at 10 o'clock, and was led by Charles W. Heitshu, accompanied by Miss Jennie Harrison. They were followed by the committee. To the music of Wash Taylor's orchestra the dancing was kept up until an early hour this morning. During the night a supper was partaken of by the participants in the ball, which had been prepared by John Copland, the popular caterer. The whole affair passed off very pleasantly and the club is entitled to praise for their good management of it.

Among the people in attendance at the hop from a distance was the following: Miss Grace Kieffer, Chambersburg; Miss Nane Zook, Columbia; Miss Mabel Fargo, Erie; J. S. Eberbach, Philadelphia; C. F. Bush, Jacob Loeb, H. C. L. Crecelius, Elmer Dietrich, Harry Albright, Byron Kauffman, Reading; E. W. Bair, Hanover; Stuart Lebach, York.

Hotel Lancaster to Change Hands.

William H. Snyder has leased Hotel Lancaster for the coming year from John Keller and has purchased the stock and fixtures from George A. Smith. The latter retires from the hotel business to accept a position in the Huntingdon reformatory and Mr. Snyder will take possession in about a month. The new lessee is a son of John A. Snyder, the North Queen street saloon-keeper. He has been brought up in the saloon business and has had no lack of experience. No young man in this city has more friends, and they all wish him success in his new venture.

Sale of City Properties.

Joel L. Haines, auctioneer, for Emily M. Marple, executrix of Henry Swentzel, deceased, sold the following properties at the Keystone house last evening: No. 26 Conestoga street, to Mary Bowers, for $1,699; No. 21 East Frederick street, to Charles A. Locher, for $652; No. 33 East Frederick street, to same, for $662; No. 41 East Frederick street, to Abram Hirsh, for $651.

Put Pig Tails on His Coat Tails.

From the Lititz Record.

It is said that the pupils of a certain school not a thousand miles from here, have been having lots of fun for the past few days by fastening pigs' tails to the coat tail of their teacher, and that on one occasion he traveled nearly the whole distance home before being made aware of the fact, and, on another occasion, taught nearly a whole day with this appendage dangling from his coat tail, causing considerable merriment amongst the "kids."

She Married a Married Man.

Mrs. E. D. Richardson, of Reading, nee Miss Bessie Potts, aged 19, after a short married life, has discovered that her husband has a wife and four children living in Boston, whom he had deserted. Richardson is a commercial traveler and met Miss Potts about a year ago. They were married in October.

Mission Bands' Supper.

The supper given last evening by the mission bands of the First Presbyterian church was well attended and a handsome sum was realized. The entertainment will be repeated this evening, and the young folks will no doubt be greeted with a crowded house.

A COMMITTEE NAMED.

TO DETERMINE WHETHER SOLDIERS' OR FRANKLIN SCHOOLS ARE NECESSARY.

The Dressed Beef Bill Reported Negatively. A Bill Fixing Licenses For Cities In Introduced—An Allegheny Legislator Wants Oleomargarine to Again Be Free.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 1.—In the House today Stewart, of Philadelphia; Billingsley, Washington; Evans, Chester; Bean, Montgomery, and Skinner, Fulton, were appointed by Speaker Boyer, a committee to inquire into the propriety of extending the soldiers' orphan schools and changing the existing management.

The dressed beef bill and the bill to regulate the incorporation of street railway companies, prohibiting parallel tracks from being put down within one thousand feet of the lines of existing companies, and bill giving sweeping power to motor transportation companies, were negatively reported.

Bills were introduced as follows:

Waller, Lebanon, fixing the rate of liquor licenses at $300 in cities containing between ten thousand and seventy-five thousand inhabitants, and in cities having over seventy-five thousand $500.

Taggart, of Montgomery, appropriating $250,000 for the erection of additional buildings for the accommodation of insane at Norristown.

Roberts, of Philadelphia, providing more safe and sufficient means of exit at places of amusement.

Fletcher, Philadelphia, to prevent deception in importation and sale of oils; also prohibiting advertisement of sale of counterfeit coin.

Brooks, of Philadelphia, prohibiting more than five per cent. of convicts in an institution from being employed in any trade and permitting none where numbers do not reach five hundred.

In the House to-day the border raid remembrancer bill, reported affirmatively a few days ago, was recommitted.

In the House to-day Marland, Allegheny, introduced a bill for the repeal of the oleomargarine law.

The New Camp Installed.

Captain Fred Rowe, of Reading, came to Lancaster last evening and instituted Camp No. 19, of Sons of Veterans. The meeting was held in the room of Post 84, Grand Army of the Republic, on East King street. Seventeen members were mustered by Captain Rowe, who also installed the following officers, assisted by Dr. J. A. E. Reed, Capt. W. D. Stauffer, Capt. Charles Deanes and Major J. L. Vogan, of Post 84: Captain, Edwin D. Sprecher; first lieutenant, C. W. Heitshu; second lieutenant, William Affleboch; chaplain, Rev. J. W. Meminger; first sergeant, John N. Hetrick; quartermaster sergeant, W. L. Marshall; color sergeant, G. W. Huber; sergeant of the guard, R. B. Alles; corporal of the guard, E. S. Deanes; camp guard, William R. Heitshu; picket guard, George W. Keene; delegate to national meeting at Erie, C. W. Heitshu; alternate, Rev. J. W. Meminger.

The new camp will meet every Thursday evening in the room of Geo. H. Thomas post.

Annual Banquet of St. Joseph's Choir.

The annual banquet of the choir of St. Joseph's Catholic church, was given on Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. A. F. Bihl, 426 East Strawberry street. Prior to the supper there was music and singing, with Mr. P. W. Weber presiding at the organ, and H. C. Weber playing a cornet accompaniment, after which dancing was indulged in.

An elegant supper was set under the direction of Miss Mary Burgi and Miss Mary Ganse, to which all did ample justice. It was a late hour when the members of the choir departed for their homes well pleased with their annual banquet.

Funeral of Mrs. Wickersham.

The body of Mrs. J. P. Wickersham, who died in Philadelphia on Tuesday, arrived in Lancaster on *Fast Line* Thursday afternoon. It was taken to the late home of deceased, and the funeral took place this afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Mitchell, and the interment was made at Lancaster cemetery. The pallbearers were George M. Kline, George Nauman, John B. Warfel, Marriott Brosius, J. P. McCaskey and Charles A. Heinitsh. The carriers were Officers Weaver, Stormfeltz, Cramer and Sherts, of the city police force.

Assessing Damages Against the City.

The viewers appointed to assess damages caused by the extension of the city water main through lands of John Mentzer and others to the new water works met to day. Those viewers who have not done so went over the route of the main. This afternoon testimony was heard as to the amount of damage sustained.

A Change of Dry Goods Men.

Paul Gross, of New York, has purchased the stock of Moses Geisenberger's store, on North Queen street, where he will go into the same business. Mr. Geisenberger has been in business at this stand for thirty years and will now retire.

To Build Railways In Chili.

PORT TOWNSHEND, W. T., Feb. 1.—A corps of American engineers leave here to morrow for the Chilian government to superintend the surveying and construction of roads from the coast to interior points adjacent to the Argentine Republic.

Agents are now on the coast negotiating for nearly 10,000,000 ties and other timber. Nearly 600 engineers and over 3,000 laborers will be engaged for service in Chili. The road will be 2,500 miles long.

A Naughty Editor.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—A *Tribune* special from Grand Forks, Dakota, says, Chief of Police Hennessy, yesterday arrested Willie Burrell, editor of the Duluth *Herald*, on a telegram charging him with the embezzlement of $1,800 worth of diamonds. He was on a train bound for Winnipeg. The police have the jewels now and await further orders from Duluth.

Has Positive Information.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The *Evening Sun* says: We have positive information that Senator Allison has declined the portfolio of the treasury tendered to him by President-elect Harrison.

A Lumber Firm Embarrassed.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 1.—Execution was issued yesterday on a judgement of $14,900 against C. C. Ruggles & Co., lumber merchants, this city. The firm has made an assignment to H. M. Stratton.

Two Convicts at Large.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 1.—Three convicts named Fitzgerald, Forney and Reese escaped from San Quinton prison yesterday. Only one, Forney, has been captured.

Given Ten Years.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Aldoph Sambolino, the defaulting manager of Spero's artificial store, who was arrested in Belgium for stealing $13,000, was sentenced to-day to ten years at hard labor in state prison.

A MEASURE PROBABLY DOOMED.

The Dressed Meat Bill to Be Reported Negatively by House Committee.

The House judiciary general committee again had under consideration for about two hours, Thursday afternoon, the bill to prohibit the importation of dressed meat into this state, and to require an inspection of the cattle brought into this state for slaughter. They decided almost unanimously to report the bill negatively.

David Hoffer, president, and I. E. Hickson, George E. Mancill and Edward Goodchild, of the Philadelphia Butchers' and Drovers' association, were before the committee and spoke in favor of the bill. George Housesman, of that association, was also present.

Mr. Hoffer said that three years ago he received three invoices of Chicago beef, and had to condemn 50 per cent. of it as unfit for food. Another time he bought 4,000 pounds of meat from the Chicago syndicate, but could not sell it for food, and disposed of it to Jacob Alburger, who paid him one cent a pound for 500 or 600 pounds; the remainder had to be buried. He referred to the ineffectual efforts of himself and others to have food inspectors appointed for Philadelphia. The price of meat was not reduced by the importations from Chicago, but by the over-production of cattle at home. The interest of the butchers was because of their desire to have none but pure food sold. Some years ago he saw taken off a train 72 hogs that had died from disease. They were sold to a bone factory, but some of the meat was sold in markets on South and Bainbridge streets for four and five cents a pound. Referring to a provision in the bill that the inspection shall not apply to canned meat, Mr. Hoffer said it appears that the Chicago syndicate sends some meat in cans. He said that Abner Jewett, superintendent of Swift's establishment in Philadelphia, was quoted as saying, in an interview, that bruised and contaminated meats were sent here in cans.

Chairman Hall referred to the law making it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of $100 or six months' imprisonment or both, to sell diseased meat.

Mr. Hoffer replied that the trouble was that men would be arrested for selling diseased meat and taken before a magistrate, but would appeal the case, pay the costs and get off with $10 fine. He added that some market clerks or inspectors are inefficient. One of them failed to tell which of two dressed animals in the market at Ridge and Fairmount avenues, Philadelphia, was a goat and which a sheep.

Mr. Hickson said he had been in the meat business 35 years, and did not fear competition with imported meat. His only interest was in having wholesome meat. He did not believe the meat brought in the refrigerator cars was fit to eat. The bill would help farmers by giving them a competitive market. Mr. Goodchild told how the cattle grazed on the lowlands of Missouri and took malarial germs into their system. Mr. Mancill said he once sold Chicago meat for a week, but his customers complained and he sold no more of it.

Mr. Ammerman, of Scranton, opposed the bill, whose title, he said, should represent it to be "For the protection of farmers and butchers" and not for the preservation of public health. The mortality had not increased in this state in the last ten or twelve years. The people in this part of the state wanted cheap food. Leonard Rhone, president of the State Grange, said the farmers wanted to be put on an equal footing with the Western syndicate.

This closed the hearing. The committee's subsequent deliberations were very brief. Mr. Taggart, of Montgomery, who introduced the bill, says, notwithstanding the adverse report, he will offer a resolution to place the measure on the calendar. Should he succeed, he can have the members of the House placed on record as for or against the bill. It could be called up for action next Monday night or on Friday of next week. It could not be passed by less than 103 votes, a majority of the members elected.

A READING WOMAN'S FRENZIED.

A One-Time Leader in Society in a Cell, and Fined For Being Hilariously Drunk on the Streets.

Annie Hale, celebrated some years ago for her beauty, and who became notorious because of her connection with the Bell-Davis scandal in Baltimore, located in Reading about a year ago, and although working her wiles to some extent, has kept comparatively quiet. She broke out on Wednesday, however. Bell, her old lover, was paying her a visit, and when they together left her Cherry street mansion for a drive in the country, Annie was, in her beauty, a reminder of "the flowers that bloom in the spring, tra la." When the carriage stopped in front of the same house in the afternoon upon the return trip a botanist residing in the neighborhood said he had made no mistake when he called her "the last rose of summer." Frequent potations of gin and sugar had effected a transformation such as furnished a text for a prohibition sermon two hours long. In short, she was drunk.

She refused to alight from the carriage, added cuss words to her statement that she was not in condition to do the honors in her parlor just at that time, and the combined pleadings of her lover and the boarders failed to shake her determination to remain in the carriage. When a crowd of at least two hundred persons, among whom were three policemen, gathered to see the fun, she grew violent, offered them all free tickets to Hades, and the horse becoming restive she ordered him unhitched, which was done. A son of the Emerald Isle, engaged in the life insurance business, who was inside writing up an endowment policy on the life of one of the boarders, came out at this juncture and politely raising his faded hat, pleaded with her to keep quiet just long enough for him to finish writing the policy, which he assured her would add $5 00 to the contents of his not overcrowded wallet. She refused his reasonable request, and the policeman, recognizing the case as hopeless when an insurance man failed to make an impression, called on a bum who was standing in the crowd longing for some of the goods that had driven Annie crazy and ordering him inside the shafts the horse had just vacated (the city does not have a patrol wagon) he was directed to pull her to the police station, a feat he accomplished in short metre.

Arriving there, she sang "I want to Be an Angel" for the entertainment of the crowd, who had followed, and in less than ten minutes afterward the woman, who at one time was worth $250,000 in her own right, who was a leader in society and a most beautiful woman, at whose shrine many a good man bowed, had entered the realms of sleep, reclining on a bunk in the women's cell, where the night before an Italian fortune-teller had dreamed of the white palaces of Genoa. The mayor fined her $10 on Thursday morning and she returned home, where she may be found today with a bandanna tied around her head, telling the boarders that if she had the right of suffrage she would vote for the Prohibition ticket.

A New Methodist Church.

The executors of Jacob Griel, deceased, sold this morning to the Duke Street M. E. congregation the lot of ground fronting 105 feet on North Duke street, at the corner of Walnut and extending in depth 155 feet, for $15,000. The agreement made sets forth that a church is to be erected on the site of the lot. The congregation will build this coming summer.

Mrs. Monroe's Closing Lecture.

The lectures of Mrs. Monroe for the benefit of St. John's Lutheran church were a financial success. About $200 were realized. The lecture and sciopticon views last evening were scenes of the civil war. Among those shown were some of the engagements in South Carolina in which Congressman Brosius was a participant. His portrait was shown on the canvas to his great astonishment.

Before the Mayor.

Frank Duffy, arrested on Poplar street for begging, by Officer Stumpf, was sent to jail by the mayor for 15 days. A lodger denied ever having been at the station house, but the records showed that he lied, and he was sent to jail for 20 days. A professional bum was sentenced to the workhouse and four lodgers were discharged.

TO INQUIRE AND REPORT.

A SENATE COMMITTEE GIVEN CHARGE OF THE SAMOAN TROUBLE.

The Resolution Introduced By Mr. Sumner Is Promptly Adopted—The House Passes the Oklahoma Bill—Germany Agrees to Withdraw From Samoa.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Mr. Sumner introduced in the Senate the following resolution, which was agreed to: That the committee on foreign relations be instructed to inquire into the condition of affairs in the Samoan Islands and report at an early day what measures are necessary and proper to protect the interests of American citizens residing therein and to discharge any obligation of the United States to the people of those islands in the maintenance of their own government free from the exclusive interference of any foreign power and to secure the just rights and interests of the United States in future control and government of said islands.

At 2:10 the Senate went into executive session on the British extradition treaty. This will probably be disposed of to-day.

A resolution to purchase a portrait of Lincoln for $6,000 was defeated to day and finally went over.

The House amendments to the Dakota bill were non-concurred in, and a conference committee was appointed. The