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THE REAL CELEBRATED BY GOODWIN COUNCIL, NO. 19, TURSDAY EVERING.

Horal and Polect Master Masons Hold Inter. esting Exercises in Their Hall and Engths Geleb:ation By a Har quet at #manerchot Hall-B Bianley Goodwie, &fter Whom the Consoil is Named. Among the Visitors, Speeches by a Number of Members - History of the Council.

Goodwin Council No. 19, Royal and S-lect Master Masons, celebrated its twenty fifth anniversary in a belitting manner in Musculo ball on Tocadey evening. Within the past year it was decided that this birthday of the council should not be allowed to pass by without a preps celebration. The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to make all necessary arrangements: Joshus L. Lyte, Harry Carpenter, James B. Strine, Joel S. Eaby, Hugh S. Gare, Pierce Leaber and Rev. Emil Meleter, and they did their work admirably.

7 o'clock last evening, and there was a large attendance. The following officers wore in the chair : T. I. G. M., Harry Carpenter ; D. I. G. M., George B. Wilson ; P. C. of W., John R. Kauffman : treasurer. Charles A. Heinlish: recorder, Hugh S. Gara ; ceptain of the guard, Andrew J. Hershey; marshal, James C. Wiley. Among the atrangers present were H. Sianley Goodwin, of Bethlehem, after whom the council is named, and Vosburg S. Shaffer, P. M. P. G. M. of the Grand

Council, who resides in Propaixville. After the council had been opened Harry Carpenter delivered an address of welcome stated. Recorder Gara read a large number of letters from prominent Masons, who had found it impossible to attend the cole-

Joshua L. Lyle, who had been elected historian, read a sketch of the Counci', from which the following is taken : HISTORY OF GOODWIN COUNCIL.

Goodwin Council, No. 19, Royal and Nelect Masters, of Lancaster, was organized on the 26th of September, 1864, by Alfred Creigb, who was then the most pulsant grand master of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania. He was assisted by H. Stanley Goodwin, Christian F. Kuspp and John D. Strawbridge,
The charter members of the council and

their residence were as follows : Frederick B. Albright, Henry Carpenter, Abner D. Campbell, Hugh S. Gara, Thomas Grieves, Charles M. Howell, George Lutz, William A. Morton, John Rees, Joseph Sboob, Edward W. Swentzal and Jacob M. West. haefler, of Lancaster ; Andrew J. Kanff. Rambo and Jacob S. Snyder, of Columbia; Jeremiah Carl, Fitz James Evans and Arthur N. Green, of York ; John B. Adams, E. B. Herr, Cresswell; Peter Martin, Ephrata; Wyatt W. Miller, Safe Harbor,

A meeting was held in the afternoon and the degrees were conferred upon the persons named above. Immediately after receiving the degree, they applied to the grand master for a dispensation to open a council, and they suggested the name "Clocdwin." A dispensation was at once granted, and the council was called Goodwip, No. 19. The following persons were named in the dispensation as the first officers: T. I. G. M., Charles M. Howell; D. L. G. M , Christian S. Kauffman; P. C. of W., Hugh S. Gara; treasurer, William A. Morton; recorder, Jacob M. Westhaeffer. On the same day the council was consti-

tuted and the officers were installed. The next meeting of the Grand Council of the state was held at Carlisle, June 15, 1864, and the grand master reported that he had issued a dispensation for Goodwin Council, No. 19, and had been paid the fce for the charter, and a charter was granted

The council was named after H Stapley Goodwin, esq, who is now prominently connected with the Lehigh Valley railroad, When the council was organized he was the grand commander of the Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, and very often visited the commandery stationed in Lan-He has always been held in high regard by the Masons of Lancaster, and it was unanimously agreed to call the new council Goodwin, in his honor.

The following is a list of the thrice illustrious grand masters since the organi-

1861 Chas M Howell, 1875—Chas A FonUer1865—A J Kauffman, 1875—Chas A FonUer1865—Rism D Hurst, 1879—G R Welchaps, 1870—1871—1871—1871—1871—1871—Rism J Grant M J Gr

All the foregoing members are living except Edward Welchans, and they still hold their membership in the council.

Of the twenty-four charter members of the council, five are dead, eleven resigned, three were suspended, and five are still members. The names of those who are still members are as follows: Israel Bushong, Hugh S. Gara, Charles M. Howell, Andrew J. Kauffman and Win. A.

The largest number of candidates initisted in any one year was forty-five. This was in the year 1865 when Andrew J. Kauffman was the thrice lilustrious grand

Elam D. Hurst served as thrice illustrious grand master for seven years, and during his term of service, one hundred and seventy five candidates were initiated.

A number of the cilicars of the council served in the various positions for a long term of years. Hugh S. Gara was elected recorder in 1864, and is now serving his twenty-fifth year in that cines. George Luiz served as sentinel twenty three years. from 1864 until his death in 1887. Charles A. Heinitsh, as treasurer, nineteen years. Thomas Grieves, as treasurer, five years. William J. Fordney, as representa tive to the Grand Council, twelve years Elem D. Huret, as thrice illustrious grand master, seven years. Adam Z. Ringwalt, as principal conductor of work, seven years.

master, four years. The following table shows the number initiated, deathr, resignations, etc: Num ber initiated, 378; died, 58; resigned, 66 mepended, 63; dropped, 6. Number of memtere, 185.

After the history had been read remarks were called for and W. J. Fordney responded, making a very interesting speech. He was followed by H. Stanle; Goodwin, who gave some reminiscences The others who spoke were Vosburg Shafler, Andrew J. Kauffman, William

A. Morton, William Z. Sener, Charles A. Fon Deremith, Dr. George R. Welchans and David H. Wylle.

The coured was then closed and the The coursel was then closed and the members proceeded in a tody to Mienner-chor hall, where the banquet was held. Three tables had been spread in the lower room and about ninety-five persons sat down. The banquet was one of the finest held in this city in a long time. Every thing was first-class, and it was well served. John Copland was the caterer, but owing to his illness he was unable to be present. The affeit was managed for him. present. The affair was managed for him slated by a large force of waiters. The menu cards were very protty, and between courses were verses of poetry from famous suthors. The menu was as follows :

Cherry Stone Oysters,
Turde Soup. Query.
Broiled systers on Teast.
Chiefen Croquettes.
Saratoga Chips. Green Pess.
Lobster Salad. Chiefen Salad. Terrapis.

Ice Cream. Assorted Cakes,
Crackers and Cheese.
Coffee. Offgars.
Kochester Bear.

At the supper speeches were made, songs sung and recitations given. The time was secantly spent until a late hour, and there was an adjournment after the singing of "Auld Lung Syne." The members had such a good time that they are willing to hold many more similar celebrations.

INDIANS BRIDE THEMSELVES An Estertainment By Canasaters Tribs to 1

Very Large Audience. Canassatego Tribe, No. 203, of Red Men. gave a very pleasant musical and dramatic entertainment at their wigwam in Excelsior hall, Tuesday evening. The tribe has quite a good deal of talent among its members and this was the third exhibition of the kind that they have given. It was by far the largest and most successful. No admission foe was charged, but only such persons as were invited were admitted All such had been provided with tickets on which the name of the holder was plainly written. As early as 7 o'clock the people began to gather at the ball and long before the performance began the room, which is the largest in the city used for the same purpose, was crowded. Sen's for about 500 people had been provided, but these were soon filled up and several hundred people stood in the rear of the hall. The majority The peformance was given on a small stage. which had been erected in the front part of the hall with a small dressing room near

The performance was quite long and it served to introduce a large number of parsons. All did exceedingly well and the entertainment was an artistic success. There were funny and pathetic acts and first class music. Many of the features of the evening were encored and the programme was not concluded until almost eleven o'clock. The whole programme is as follows: Music, "Canassatego March," orchestra: address, A. S. Villee: music, operatic selections, orchestra. Part 1. Song, "Shabby Genteel," R. Arpsriy; recitation, "Lower No. 3," W. N. Leonard; song, "Oaly a Tramp," C. A. Villee; song, "Simple Simon," Frank Devere; Nightingale solc, 'Piggy Hack," Master J. Metzger; comic song, "Tit Willow," new version, B. J. Brown; recitation, Barney and His Whoelbarrow," W. K. Hutten; Irish song and dance. "As I Arrived Over the Water," J. Swenk; sentimental song, "Remember You Have United to Your Own," Ed. Styer; The whole programme is as follows: Have Calidren of Your Own," Ed. Stjer; cornet solo, C. Wolf; sketch, "Ticket of Leave Man," original, W.N. Leonard and F. Mohn. Intermission. Overtore, medicy, national airs, orchestra. Part 2. Comic 200g, "Mother Says I Mustn't," R. Apperly; recitation, "Hezakiah's Fourth of Jniy Stump Oration," W. N. Leonard; song and chorus, "Dear Old Home Again," C. A. Villee; character song, "B. Q'a Coat Tail," original, B. J. Brown; piantation song and dance, Snow Brothers; nightingale solo, "Sailing," Master J. Metzger; recitation, "Thinks I, I'll Go a Courting," W. K. Hutton; baritone solo, "Rocked in the Craile of the Deep," Ef. Styer; silver shower cicg, J. Swenk; farce, "I Dink So," Dr. Pilgarie, W. K. Hutton; Wilhelm, a funny Dutchmae, F. Mohn; Pat, an Irishman, W. N. Leonard.

The committee that had charge of the entertainment consisted of C. A. Villes, B J. Brown, secretary; A. Crawford, William K. Hutton and Richard Apperly. They were successful in their efforts to please the people and their good work was highly

How the Piymouth Explosion Occurred.
The cause of the explosion in the squib factory at Plymouth is no longer a mystery. Coroner Mahone, who is investigating the matter, learned the true facts from Foreman Reese Tuesday morning. From Reese's statement it appears that Mr. Powell, the proprietor of the factory, told Reese that as work was slack he had better take advantage of the occasion and have the stock of the factory assorted. Katie Jones was delegated by Reese to do the assorting. She was to pick out all the good squibs and How the Plymouth Expine on Occarred. She was to pick out all the good squibs and the remainder, which were mostly broker the remainder, which were mostly broken squibs, she was to throw away. The latter title girl threw into the fire. It happened, however, that there was a good or loaded squib amongst the refuse whichwas thrown into the fire, and as soon as it came in contact with the live coals it exploded, shattering the stove and shooting across the room like a ball from a Roman candle, landed on a box of loaded squibs. These exploded in rapid aucoession and in turn set fire to a kag of powder. A tressendous explosion followed and the building was literally blown to piccas.

A public funeral of the victims took place to day.

o day. Charlotte Humphreys, who was suppose to be in the factory at the time of the explo-sion, has been accounted for. She did not go to the factory on Monday. She went to Kingston to visit some relatives and re-mained there all night, returing next morn-

ing. This reduced the victims to ten. Sentenced in United Sintes Court.

William H. Schneider, of this city, who was convicted of Tobbing the mails while serving as a clerk in the postoffice, was called for sentence in United States court, Philadelphia, this morning. W. U. Hensel enq., one of his counsel, was present with him The sentence imposed was six months imprisonment and \$100 fine.

Harry Metzgar, convicted of obtaining money by pretending to be a revenue officer, was sentenced to six months and costs. The general impression here seems to be that Echnelder's centence was rather ligh'

Trouble at the Water Works. Martin Rosse, one of the fire nen at the ity water works, has resigned. He gives his reason that he was continually being abused by Chief Engineer Fellenbaum, who charged him with giving members of councils information concerning the men-Reese did not wish to lose the job, but he said he could stand it to longer. The matter is to be brought before the water

committee for investigation. James Me

Aleer is doing Reese's work now.

Delighted Mr. Wilson. Mr. Stephen Wilson, colored, was mu pleased this morning to learn that he had been granted an increase of pension from \$12 to \$27 a month. Mr. Wilson served in Co. H., Third U. S. infantry, and is very deal. As he cannot read, the good news that followed appears to be a fixture on his countenance. To the suggestion that he would probably celebrate his good fortune by a spree he very sensibly replied that he

A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

BOODLE WAS RECEIVED.

Charge That a Member of a House Cor mittee Was Paid to Kill the Drersed Beef Bill to He lavestigated-Procardings of House and Secute.

HARRISBURG, Peb. 27 .- A rumor having seen printed in the Pittsburg Dispatch that Chairman Andrews had received \$60,000 to kill the dressed beef bill, of which \$15,000 bad been distributed among the members ber from Crawford, in the House to day offered a resolution, which was adopted, asking for the appointment of a committee of seven to inquire into the truth of the rumored corruption. In the Senate to day bills were intro-

Brown, of York, authorizing county commissioners to pay rewards for detection, arrest and conviction of felone intended particularly to accomplish the arrest of the incendiaries who have been operating in York and Adams counties. Hines, Lussrne, to provide for the recovburied or entombed in coal mines, empowowners or lessees to forthwith precied to the recovery of the bodies if they should be found to be recoverable.

The bill to provide for the erection and maintenance of morgues failed for want of a constitutiona

constitutions ity.

The following House bills were passed finally : To settle title to real estate; to prevent persons not members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Legion of Honor from wearing the insignts of those orders In the Senate to-day Watres, of Lucka-wanna, amended the bill to provide for assessment and reassessments for costs of piainly retroactive, so as to avoid dispute as to its preference. The purpose of the set is to compel property owners to pay for iments made under the unconstitu ional law of 1887.

In the Senate to-day the bill to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors on Decoration Day was passed finally.

The nomination of J. Montgomery Forster as state insurance commissioner from the first Monday in May, 1888, was confirmed. sppropriating \$30,000 to pave half of each treet surrounding Capital park, and making civil government a branch of study in

Bills were introduced as follows: Roper, Lehigh, preventing dishonorably from becoming commissioned or non commissioned officers.

Bean, Montgomery, authorizing the erecwater marks on Gettysburg battle-field. The House presed finally the constitutional amendment election bill and concurred in the action of the Senate to adlourn to-morrow until the following Wed-

TWO RAILROAD WHECKS

Freight Oars Thrown From the Tracks no Passenger Trains Delayed. Within twenty-four hours two serious freight wrecks have occurred on the line of to and from this city. The first took place about 10 o'clock last evening, near Landis warehouse east of the Big Conestogs bridge. A brake rigging on a wester bound freight train dropped down upon the track, and the result was that four cars were thrown off. Three of tuem were empty and one was loaded with leaf tobacc One was thrown down the embankment by the side of the track. The Parkesburg and Columbia wreck trains were sent for and the tracks were not cleared until three o'clock this morning. Western and Pacific Express trains west were delayed for about an hour, and Philadelphia Express east was also thrown back for considerab!

time. morning, just west of Mill creek bridge which is about seven miles east of Lancas ter, Engine No. 336 east, drawing a coal train ran loto the rear of a mixed train attached to engine No. 1,277. The rear engine had the smoke stack and pilot broken off and Engineer Linville and his fireman saved themselves by jumping. Four cars of the rear and two of the front train, with the caboose, were knocked from the rails Some fell down the embankment and were badly broken. The caboose of the forward train was mashed to pieces, but fortu-nately no persons were in it at the time or they would have been killed. The wreckers, who had just finished at Landis warehouse, were put to work on the new ob and they did not get the tracks cleared until some time this forenoon. News Express, west, was delayed over two hours and Mail and Nisgara a short time. Fast Line, due here at 6:95, from the west, was over two hours late.

The Empire, Reunion.

This evening the members of the old Empire Hook and Ladder company wil old their first reunion since the old depart ment went out of existence. The affair wil take place at the hotel of John A. Snyder There will be a supper and other entertain nont, and everybody who ever had any thing to do with the company, either as contributing or active member, has been lavited to be present. A royal time will be

Death of John Q. Taggart.

John Q. Teggart, who lived in this city iome years ago and carried on the black emithing business, and who was also veterinary surgeon, died at his residence No. 15 Howard street, York, on Sunday His funeral will take place on Thursday and the remains interred at Georgetown this county. Mr. Taggart was something of a politician. He was a candidate for the gislature when he lived here, and was sino a candidate for the same cfli to several times in York county, but he was never

A Faithful Constable

Constable Sam Bowman, of Sallsbury was in town to day. He is probably one of the best known constables in the county and has held the office for 27 years. This spring he refused to sgain be a candidate and John Miller was elected to succeed him. He did great work among the Weist mountain robbers during his terms, and he put many of them to prison for long terms. He says that the mountain has been quieter the past year than for many years before.

Major A. C. Reicwhi has been appointed a member of the soldiers' orphans commit tee by Department Commander Stewart Tais committee will meet the committee o the Legislature to morrow to decide upon plan of action in regard to soldiers' orphans

William Aug. Atlee, esq., has sold to Charles F. Miller the house No. 320 North Dake street, where he formerly resided. Mr. Miller will make some improvements in the building at an early day.

192 AD BORG SELECTED

The Men Who Will Determine Civil and Orimical Cases in April. Sheriff Burkholder, Judge Livingston and Jury Commissioners Bones and Clark, serve in the April courte:

Grand Jarors, April 15.

James H. Marshall, clerk, 6th ward, city.
W. H. Breneman, contractor, E. Cocalico.
Dr. M. W. Hurst, physician, West Earl.
Jacob H. Witmer, teacher, W. Hempfield.
Benjamin Workman, gent, Littiz.
S. Curtis Fry, tobseco farmer, Ephrata.
ddw. L. Lsyden, machinist, 9.h ward, city.

A. G. Frankhouser, farmer, Ephrata. Matthias Raczer, eigar manufacturer, Earl. Martin N. Greenleaf, farmer, Colerain. Samuel W. Lutz, biscksmith, East Hemp

charles Pelers, grocer, 31 ward, city.

I. M. Welst, merchant, West Cocalico.
Fred. B. Frey, farmer, Manor.
Charles Dobie, manager, Bart.
A. P. Witmer, merchant, Paradise,
Josiah McVey, olgarmaker, Ephrata.
Chas. Schwebel, contractor, 7th ward, city.
Fred. Gerfin, blacksmith, W. Hempfield.
H. S. Rutter, drover, Lescock.
Joseph S. Black, contractor, Columbia.
J. R. Chamberlain, saddler, Bart.
Walter J. Arnold, cork manufacturer, 4th
ward, city.

rard, city. Thomas McGowan, farmer, Sadsbury. John H. Brackbill, farmer, Strasbur,

Henry Snyder, farmer, Ephraia.

Benj. McEiroy, merchant, 8th ward, city.
John Gall, laborer, West Lampeter.
David F. Landis, carpenter, Columbia.
John F. Ingram, carpenter, Strasburg David L. Hess, farmer, Manhelm town-

David M. Eshleman, farmer, Mt. Joy township.
Julius Bradycamp, carpenter, 8th ward city.; Jos. R Rupp, farmer, West Earl.

Geo. Scott, farmer, Bart. David H. Nauman, cigar manu'acturer David H. Nauman, cigar manufacturer, let word, city.

Jacob Sides, farmer, Martic.

Amos Bosler, carpenter, East Hempfield.

David Malston, iaborer, Columbia.

Bamuel Evana, justice of peace, Columbia.

Tobles S. Shaph, farmer, Manor.

Jacob Gantz, gent, M. Joy borough.

Adolph Groetsmyer, tanner, 4th ward, city.

John R Kauffman, druggle', 5.h ward elty. Henry Lawrence, shoemaker, West

Hempfie'd.
Geo. A. Taylor, merchant, Manor.
Wm. H. Bucher, miller, East Occalle v.
James M. McSparrau, farmer, Drumore
Jacob H. Shaur, blacksmith, 21 ward.

B. S. Weller, merchant, Sallebury. N. F. Hariman, elger manufacturer Adamstown. Namuel Gatchell, miller, Fulton Samuel Gatchell, miller, Fulton.
Edwin Wallace, merobant, East Earl.
Peter A. Rutt, farmer, West Donegal.
Philip Olt, weaver, 4 h ward, city.
Isase S Eberly, farmer, Clay.
C. B. Waltz, farmer, Rapho.
J. S. Soyder, merchant, Columbia.
John Maxwell, laborer, 7th ward, city.
A. H. Martin, saddler, Mt. Joy borough.
Martin Kreider, gent, 33 ward, city.
R. K. Schnader, tobacco dealer, 5th ward, city.

city.
C. H. Gross, farmer, Manor.
J. Frank Landis, farmer, East Lampeter.
John F. Pontz, painter, 8th ward, city.
James A. McDevitt, gent, 8th ward, city.
Fred. Hester, restaurant, East Donegal,
Alpheus Carpenter, cabinet maker, West Ampeler. Martin K. Ebersole, wheelwright, Conoy. Christian Buehrle, eigarmaker, Karl. E. M. Ranck, farmer, Leacock.

Christian Yeager, wheelwright, East Common Plans, Auril 99 F. H. Heise, butcher, W. Hempfield, Henry Biecher, grozer, Penn. Jeremiah Rife, insurance sgent, 31 ward,

Hercutes Evans, farmer, Providence. James H. Pegan, farmer, Martio. Edward Edgeriey, coachmaker, 2d ward

Geo. Wanbaugh, printer, Columbia.
John McGraw, moulder, Marietta.
Day Wood, farmer, Futton.
Geo. H. Supplee, machinist, Columbia.
Horace Ober, laborer, Rapho.
Benj. Risser, farmer. Elizabeth twp.
Adam Dallett, winter. Adam Dallett, printer, 9th ward, city.
Pierson Sample, blacksmith, Coornervon
Curlstian Shenk, stonemason, Conoy.
H. P. Eshlemar, printer, Earl.
Abraham Seibley, jr., farmer, Upper oscock. David H. Weaver, farmer, Leacock. Wm. Ingraham, carpenter, Strasburg iwp. Martin Althouse, farmer, E. Coculico. Jonas F. Euy, grain dealer, 9 h ward,

David Leib, plasterer, Mt. Joy borough. Joseph Stelninger, mason, Ephra'a. James Ream, ar., brickmaker, Euri Andrew L. Lane, farmer, Manbelm twp Henry Westerman, butcher, Columbia. John G. Bowman, gent, Ephrata Henry Dimeler, farmer, Conoy. Peter O. Eiser, farmer, Clay. isaac S. Landis, gent, Manheim twp C. B. Fisher, coach maker, Ephrata Cuyler Grube, carpenter, Littiz. Jon W. Hollinger, liveryman, Litiz. Jon W. Hollinger, liveryman, Lati z John Chalfant, laborer, Columbia. Horace G. Houssal, liquor dealer,

H. O. Leschy, merchant, W. Hempfield, John G. Stauffer, farmer, Mount Joy twp. Samuel McBride, carpenter, E. Dinegal. John Y. Weldman, merchant, Clay.

Geo. E. Sallada, elgar manufacturer, E B. Frank Eckman, laborer, Providence. Jacob Hart, eigar dealer, Chernarvon. Hiram Overly, machinist, Upper Leacock Harry M. Zhok, clerk, 4th ward, city. Edward, Norton, blacksmith, Satisfury Wm. C. Frew, justice of peace, Paradise Eit F. Grosh, merchant, Mt. Joy two. Geo. J. Buckius, farmer, Little Britain Henry Wolf, cabinet maker, 3d ward, cit

Held An Executive Seaston The committee appointed by the school board to investigate the charges against Superintendent Buchrie and ten teachers, for going to Washington, D. C., and closing their schools, without the consent of the superintending committee, met last evening in the school at the corner of Prince and Chestnut streets. Representatives of the press were present in eddition to the parties interested. The committee decided to go into executive mession, and the reporters withdrew. A full report will be presented to the March meeting of the

The horse of a Mr. Shelly scared nea Manchester, York county, on Monday, and Mr. Shelly and his wife were thrown from the buggy and seriously injured. Mr. Shelly and his wife are readents of this county and were on their bridal trip visiting friends when the accident happened.

The family horse of A. R. Bitzer, o Ephrate, had a leg broken on Tuesday and was killed to end his misery. The accident happened while John Halligan was exercising him. In riding on the Lancaster road the horse slipped and trying to recover broke one of his front legs at the pasters joint. The horse was a valuable one

Fred. Peas was heard by Alderman Barr last evening, on a charge of stealing a razor from Joseph Gardner. The evidence was conclusive as to Pess' guilt, and in default of ball be was committed for trial at the A pril ecasion.

Appointed an Aid for the Inauguration Gen. Edwin S. Stuart, who will be mar-shal of the First brigade, Fifth division, of the inaugural parade in Washington, has appointed T. C. Wiley, of this city, one of

DROPPING THE LETTERS.

THE "TIMES" PUBLISHERS NOW REGRES THEIR PUBLICATION.

Thate Convert Asks to Withdraw From Con tive Sends Mr. Stanson a Letter Confeesing His Infamous Work.

LONDON, Feb. 27 .- When the Parnell commission resumed its sitting this morn ing Attorney General Webster announce that Pigott bad written to Mr. Shanno from Paris. The letter was dated Saturday but was not in l'igott's handwriting. The letter was read in court. It contained the same confession that Sir Charles Russell read yesterday, Pigott acknowledged that he had forged the facother letters. He admitted that he wrote the conversation he had with Engene Davis, at Lausanne, only from memory. He fabricated the letters which he told Houston he found in the bag, and describes the process by which he did it, He used genuine letters of Parnell's and Egan's, copying closely several words of general character and tracing the actual writing by holding the letters up against the window and following line for line. The second batch of Parnell's letters he imitated from the fac simile. In his letter

to Mr. Shannon Pigott confesses that he did not see Breslin in New York, as he testified in court. In conclusion the forger says that Mr. Labouchere's account of the interview between Pigott and himself is mainly

After Pigott's letter had been read. Attor ney General Webster said : "Nobody will attach any weight to Pigoti's eviden is now our duty to ask leave to withdraw from considering the genuineness of the letters. The publishers of the Tones desire to express their regret for the publication of them and will, a little later, give fuller manifestations of regrot over the matter.' The attorney general repudiated the charges made yesterday by Sir Charles Russell of a conspiracy to burt the Parnell-

Mr. Parnell took the witness stand and testified. He denied that he had signed the letter dated May 15. His secretary, Mr. Campbell, did not write any such let ter and Mr. Parnell said he had never even beard of such a letter until the Times of the other letters alleged to have been signed by himself and addressed to Egen. He dictated to Mr. Campbell a letter rewith Pigott. This letter was evidently the one from which imitations were made After Mr. Parnell's testimony had been heard the court was adjourned until Friday.
In the House of Commons to-day Mr.

authorities were taking steps for the extradition of Pigott whenever he should be found. In answer to a question, Mr. Matthews said that the government posseased no information regarding Houston that would at present justify taking any

A REVIEW OF THE TROUBLE, The House of Commons Establishes a Con mission of Inquiry, and the "Times"

Charges Against Parnell Are Disan extraordinary semi-judicial drama that has been going on in London during the past seven months. It has attracted the attention of the English-speaking world, for the fate of the Irish cause was in large part wrapped up in its termination. Suddenly the ending has come by an exposure of the arch villain in the plot for the ruin of Charles Stuart Parnell. Not only is this Charles Stuart Parnell. Not only is this likely to give great impotus to the cause of home rule, but it will have much influence on the fate of the Salisbury government in the near future. Perhaps, more important than all, it has dealt a tremendous blow at the power, the prestige, and the resources of the greatest newspaper in the world—the

of the greatest newspaper in the world—the London Times. To understand the climax of this drams, it is necessary to turn back to the events of last summer, when the London Times alleged that Frank Hugh O'Donnell and last summer, when the London Times alleged that Frank Hugh O'Donnell and other Parnellities were accomplices of the Invinctbles in planning the Phenix park murders. Mr. O'Donnell brought suit against the Times for £50,000, and during the trial of the case in July the Times rought to connect Mr. Parnell with crimes in Ireland, and produced alleged letters from Mr. Egan, written from Paris in 1861, when he was treasurer of the League, which were interpreted to mean that Mr. Parnell approved of the Plonix park murders. The suit was decided against Mr. O'Donnell. Mr. Parnell and Mr. Egan denied the authenticity of the letters prodenied the authenticity of the letters pro-duced by the Times. The result of the sult satisfied no one. Mr. O'Donnell's repusuit satisfied no one. Mr. O'Donnell's reputation was not in jured and the Times gained no consolation. Mr. Parnell did not wish to bring a suit for libel spainst the Times, but preferred to ask in the House of Commons for a committee to inquire into the authenticity of the letters published by the Times, in which he and other National members of Parliament were charged with serious crimes. The government declined to grant a day for discussion of the motion, but proposed to create a commission of judges to inquire into the charges. This proposition was accepted by the Times, but Mr. Parnell declined either to accept or reject it, leaving it to the House of Common to decide. He wished to have the loquiry confined to wished to have the loquiry confined to examining into the authenticity of the letters said to have been written by him The bill creating the commission underwent volent debate in the House of Commons. On August 3 it was passed under stringent application of the closure. Every amendment proposed by Mr. Parnell and his Liberal alices were pittlessly defeated, and the last vote taken showed a majority of eighty-two for the government. Later, Judges Hannen, Smith and Day were appointed as members of the commission. appointed as members of the commission. THE COMMISSION GOES TO WORK,

The commission first met on Septembe 17, holding its meeting in the room of the If, holding its meeting in the room of the probate court. Representatives of the English and American newspapers, about two hundred in number, occupied the greater part of the room. Sir Charles Russell and Honry Asquith appeared for the Parnellites and Mr. Ruegg watched the case for Mr. O'Donnell. Mr. Grahame and Attorney General Webster appeared for the Times. Judge Hannen announced that the commission would restrict the for the Times. Judge Hannen announced that the commission would restrict the inquiry to the charges that were made the cause of the action. In the first instance the inquiry would be made as though it were an issue between Mr. O'Donnell and the Times, but the commission would reserve the power to call anybody who might throw light on the issues involved. throw light on the issues involved. It w stated that the Times would produce a the letters and documents affecting M Parnell and the others against whom it had brought charges. Later the commission decided that it had authority to order their production but would decide what docu-ments Sir Charles Russell's clients could inspect. On motion of Sir Charles, no objection being made by Mr. Grahame, the commission decided to order the release of Mr Dillon on ball to appear as a witness. The only other business transacted by the commission was to issue an order for an inspection of the bank books of the National

In this preliminary tussic both sides professed to be satisfied. The Parnellites professed to be satisfied. The Parneilites were successful in enforcing the production of all the letters and documents, and it ascuring instructions to the Times to formulate the definite charges it is prepared to prove, as well as the allegations failing short of definite charges. The Times soured a point in gaining scoons to the League's bank notes.

The investigation of the commission was dry routine work until within a few days, when sensellous began rapidity to develop.

sideration Of Figoti's Forgeties-The Fegi-

One of the main objects of the Times in printing the now famous forgery, purporting to be a genuine letter of Mr. Parnell, was revealed by MacDonald, the Times manager, in his evidence before the commission. The forgery first appeared in the Times on the day of the second reading in the House of Commons of the present coercion act. MacDonald tells the reason why that date was fixed on for publication. He thought that "before the second reading of the crimes bill would be a fitting time to show to the country the character of the men making themselves prominent in Irlan affairs." In other words, the Times printed its forgeries on that day in order to infuence votes in the House in favor of occretion. There were at that particular juncture in British politics not a few Liberals undecided as to which course to adopt—whother they should cast their lot with Gladstone and Home Rule or take the side of Torylam with Chamberlain and Hartington. The publication at such a moment in the leading journal of England of a letter, the authenticity of which was vouched for by that journal, appearing to show the Irlan leader in the character of an approver of and inolter to assassination, was, it need hardly be said, very likely to induce waverers to decide at once for coercion, which no doubt many of them did. Thus the forgers accomplished their first purpose. It can scarcely be doubted that they knew the letter was got." It is thought that he never took the trouble to ascertain whether it was a villatious fabrication or not, and that it was enough for him and his employers that it offered a chance of striking a blow at the was enough for him and his employers that it offered a chance of striking a blow at the

THE APPEARANCE OF PIGOTT.

The Times in defending itself called Richard Pigott as a witness. His bad character, his unblushing admissions of rascality and his contradicting evidence at once made him an object of suspicion. A young Irishman named Houston was the man from whom the Times got the letters and Houston had obtained them from Pigott. Houston wanted evidence to connect the Parnellites with crime. Pigott, whom he did not know, was mentioned to him as a person likely to supply it. Houston offered Pigott, then desperately poor, five dollars a day and expenses to go fishing. Pigott want. He fished in Dublin to no purpose; in London to no purpose; got a nibble in Brussels; followed his fish to Lausanne; perhaps hooked it; then to Paris; then Mr. Houston, still finding funds, extended his excursion to New York; returned, revisited Paris, and finally landed a whole basketful of letters—those known in court as the first batch; five from Mr. Parnell and six from Mr. Egan. These Mr. Houston took to Mr. Buckle, editor of the Times, who referred him to MacDonald, who finally eccepted them, subject, it is said by the Times, to proof of their genuineness. Houston, by his own evidence, confided blindly in Pigott. He relied entirely on Pigott's story. He did not know and did not sak where or how Pigott obtained the letters. He thinks he heard of a man named Murphy in connection with them, but does not know what Murphy, nor what he had to do with the matter. So far as the present evidence goes, the Times trusted Mr. MacDonald, Mr. MacDonald trusted Mr. MacDonald, Mr. MacDonald trusted Mr. MacDonald, Mr. MacDonald trusted Mr. Houston and Mr. Houston trusted Pigott. It remained for Mr. Pigott to say whom he trusted, or to tell, if he could, how he got the letters which the Irish leaders and lawyers quickly accused him of having lorged. This Pigott could not do, and consequently the whole case of the Times against Parnell comes down with a drash.

THE APPRARANCE OF PIGOTT.

WHO THE FORGER 18. Pigott is an old knave. He is about sixty years old. His trade has been that of apy, informer, false witness and borrower. John Pigott, the witness' father, was for years book-keeper of the was for years book-keeper of the Dublin Nation. Richard like his father, became a book-keeper, and held that position on the Dublin Irishman, which paper he purchased in 1865 from P. that position on the Dublin Irishman, which paper he purchased in 1865 from P. J. Smyth. That was a year of troubles in Ireland, and upon the seizure of the Irish People the Irishman, which was alliewed to run on by the government, became a very paying property, and Pigott at once entered upon a career of extravagance and dissipation which soon steeped him in debt. Then the unscrupulous character of his nature developed itself. He resorted to every spocies of black mailing and borrowing. Every politician had to put up or be unscrupulously blackguarded, and every Irish Nationalist who was thought to have had any money to spare was levied upon for loans. Isaac Butt, Joseph Biggar, Mitchell Honry, Patrick Egan were all marked for contributions to keep the paper alive, and all advanced loans from time to time—not one of which was ever returned. Not only that, but nearly all money that went into his hand appeared to drop out of sight as if it had instantly melted.

From 1870 to 1871 he carried on this system till amongst a large circle of the Nationalists he was never spoken of but as "Dirty Dick." At this time he ran two red-hot revolutionary papers, the Irishman and Flag of Ireland, and succeeded in deluding a large number of Irishmen who had not the opportunity of knowing his character. He was a deadly enemy of the modern agitators, as he called them, and made unscrupulous war upon the late A. M. Suilivan and others, whom he denounced as poltroons and traitors. Mr. A. M. Suilivan, one of the purest men Ireland produced, this same Pigott libelled as an informer! Pigott's boldest attempt at blackmailing was when he wrote to Patrick Egan, then treasurer of the Isand League in Faris, stating thet he had been offered by two agents of Dublin Castie a sum of five hundred pounds to publish a set of floitious Land League accounts, showing that the league funds had hear misantered to the desired progressive the league accounts, showing that the

sgents of Dublin Castle a sum of five hundred pounds to publish a set of fictitious Land League accounts, showing that the league funds had been misappropriated. He said in his letter he believed that the statement was an outrageous libel from beginning to end. But unless Egan would pay him three hundred pounds before the following Monday he would close with the Castle people and publish the accounts.

A short time after this Mr. Egan, with the consent of Mr. Parnell, purchased the papers from Pigott, started from same office, merging the two papers in one, which was christened United Treiand, and induced William O'Brieu to take the charge of it. Pigott whined and craved to be taken induced William O'Brien to take the charge of it. Pigott whined and craved to be taken on the stalf of the new paper, but both Parnell and Egan knew his character too well. When his attempts in that direction failed he commenced a series of attacks both against Parnell and Egan, sepecially the latter, culminating in the London Times articles, "Parnellism and Crime," and in the now famous forged letters. At the very time that he was attempting to blackmail Egan in Paris he was carrying on a correspondence with W. E. Forster, the coercion chief secretary for Ireland, and it will probably develop that he has been on the secret service pay-roll of Dublin castle for years, as an evidence of the kind of witnesses upon whom the Times depends. witnesses upon whom the Times depends

Two Young Lives Ended.

AURORA, 111, Feb. 27 —Edward Artis, a young colored man, shot Kitty Palmer yesterday afternoon, and shortly afterward ommitted suicide. The Paimer girl was the only colored graduate of the high school and was perfecting herself for teaching. Artis has been forcing his attention on her for some time, and she repeatedly rejected bim. Yesterday afternoon he lay in walt, and meeting her near her home, shot her in the left temple, inflicting a fatal wound. Immediately after the shooting Artis fled for the woods. He was pursued and shothimself throught the heart.

A Farmer Polsoped.

HASTINGS, Neb., Neb. 27.-Some weeks ago John Aldrich, a prominent farmer living near Ayer, Adams county, died suddenly. The circumstances were suspicious. His stomach has been examined and strychnine found in it. Monday Mrs Aldrich, the widow of the deceased, and Julius Neimeier, aged 18, who was employed on the place, were arrested on the charge of administering the poison.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27 - Baverly F. Cole, of Salem, N. Y., chief of the mineral division, general land office, was yesterday attacked with epilepsy white going down a stairway in the interior department. He fell forward and fractured his skull. He A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

NATURAL GAS EXPLODED AND TOTALLY WARDES A DWELLING

Through the Mde of the House—The Real Probably Fatally Trjared—Cabors of the Family Are Injered. Pittshung, Pa., Feb. 27.—At seven o'clock this morning the residence of Michael Murray, of Browneville average, was totally wreaked by three explosions in quick succession of natural gas that had filled the house during the night from a leak in the street main.

The bed on which Mr. Murray was all

The bed on which Mr. Murray was alonging was blown through the side of the house into the street.

Mr. Murray is perhaps fatally injured.

Mrs. Murray and one daughter was slightly burned.

Another daughter and a son were out by flying glass, and received other injuries by jumping from the second story window to the ground.

Lose on building and contents, 12,200, insurance, \$1,200,

insurance, \$1,300.

Rilled His Wise and Elimesif.

Dickinson, Dak., Feb. 27.—John He lived with his family, a wife and five of dren, on a claim two miles from here, and his wife had been having trouble the threatened her life. His wife test i yesterday and went to a neighbor's safety and in a short time her husband lowed her, taking with him a Window hills. After first driving the passes rifle. After first driving the people the house he dragged his defenceion from her hiding place and deliber murdered her. He then went outside placed the muzzle of the gun against temple, and fired, blowing the top of head off. Before leaving his house to b down his wife he looked the five ship in the building and deliberately set fire to it. After he left the burning building to children escaped by breaking a window and climbed out, and are being cared for by

Whipped by An Amateur,
BAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—Frank Giv
was bedly whipped in the California clast evening by Joe Oboynaki, a peculilest icon anateur. Though ten pounds hery
Glover was never really in the fiOboynaki out-sparred him, out-build at long and short range, and hit five is as hard. Glover was knocked out in the round, and had to be carried from the inHe lost haif his teeth and his face the beaten to a jelly. He will preclaimly confined to bed for a week. Obeynconfined to bed for a week.

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Finding sig ranges of Gold, SAN DIRGO, Cak, Feb. 27.—The much excitement here ever the go coveries in Lower California. A dispatch from Research says report circulation there that miners are ever it to \$2 50 per pass. A number of have arrived there with large was their possession. One man named a had one nugget valued at \$500. outpouring of residents of Emerceds for the intest diggings is in progress. The migh-boring towns are also being rapidly secreted for the gold fields. A large number of gold hunters will leave San Diego for the

To Punish the Hatives.

1.0NDON, Feb. 27.—The Hundard advices from its Berlin corresponsion which say that the German squadre Samos will be increased and the mapunished for killing Germans.

The Cologne Gazette mys that the ser the chastisement the better guarantee twill be that peace and order will be use and the more effective will be as and the more effective will be as another guarantee to the subject.

by the sicepiese night in the train, Gen Harrison and the other members of family of the president elect siept into morning. Breakfast was served in private dining room at 9:30. Soon after The formal call of the General and M Harrison upon the president and M Cleveland, is expected to take place in

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The preside to day, by proclamation, directs that much as is necessary of the quasi of a million dollars recently appropriately Congress to protect American interest in Panama, be expended, under direct and control of the accretary of state, is a nishing transportation to the United State to American citizens who may be fine doctitute within the national department of Panama in the Republic of Cotombia.

New York, Feb. 27.—Vice Presidentelect Levi P. Morton and family left the
city this morning in a special car attached
to the Limited Express for Washington.
Accompanying the family were Mr. and
Mrs. Ira E. Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. A. S.
Whitney, John H. Hali, of the Union
Loague club, and his son, J. S. Hali.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.— The president has approved the legislative, exceeding and judicial appropriation bill, the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill and several railroad bills in Western Legislative and the several railroad bills in Western Legislative and the bills of the several railroad bills in Western Legislative and the bills. Indian reservation ; also the bills peace ing Mrs. Sheridan and placing Ges. R crans on the retired list.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Jacob E. Goodman, until last Saturday evening cashier of the Cook county treasurer's office, is missing, and his accounts show a shortage of \$4.500. Mr. Goodman has been in the city treasurer's office in various positions for ten years and has a good record. His bondamen will make good the deficiency.

Will Play Bose Ball on The Nics, Feb. 27.—The base ball teams have arrived from Florence. The Place D'Arms has been placed at the disposal of the teams and they will play there Thursday morning. All the authorities and consuls are to

be invited to visit the match. PARIS, Feb. 27.—It is reported that Ge Destordes, one of the commanders of the French army at Tonquin, has been

CUMBERLAND, Md., Feb. 27. — Charles Gilpin, aged 75 years, formerly curveyer of the port of Baltimore, was struck by the Baltimore & Ohio express train this meru-ing and fatally injured.

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