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THE CONSTABLES REJECTED.

SELECT COUNCILMEN CONCLUDE THEY ARE NOT FIT FOR POLICEMEN.

An Effort Made to Save Daniel Glass, Who Will Resign as Constable to Remain on the Force—Both Branches of Council Organize and Elect City Officers.

The first Monday of April is the day designated by law for the organization of councils and the election of city officers.

At 10 o'clock this morning Select Council was called to order by Clerk Barr.

Mr. Riddle was elected temporary chairman and J. K. Barr temporary secretary.

Clerk Barr read the returns of the last February election from which it appeared that C. S. Erisman, 5th ward, Frank S. Evarts, 7th ward, and D. E Long, 9th ward, were elected members of select council for a term of two years.

Robert A. Evans was elected permanent chairman, he receiving the votes of all the members but his own.

J. K. Barr was elected clerk for the ensuing year by a unanimous vote.

The oath of office was administered to President Evans by Temporary Chairman Riddle, after which President Evans administered the oath of office to Messrs. Erisman, Evarts and Long.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names: Messrs. Erisman, Evarts, Haines, Long, Riddle, Schum, Stormfeltz, Wise and Evans, president.

Mr. Evans returned thanks for the renewed confidence imposed in him by again electing him president. He would endeavor to perform the duties of the office impartially.

Clerk Barr also returned thanks for his election as clerk, and promised to faithfully perform the duties of the office to which he had been chosen.

Mr. Riddle offered resolutions re enacting the rules governing the select branch and rules of intercourse, which have been in force for several years. The resolutions were adopted. Common council concurred.

A resolution providing for the appointment of the standing committees for the ensuing year was adopted. Common council concurred.

A resolution was adopted providing that all appointments and removals from office by the mayor shall be referred to an executive committee and action shall not be taken until a subsequent meeting, unless council shall by a unanimous vote decide to act upon the appointments and dismissals.

President Evans appointed as the committee on executive appointments Messrs. Riddle, Schum and Wise.

Mr. Riddle presented a message from the mayor removing from office the present police force, and appointing in lieu thereof the following:

Chief—Edw. S. Smeltz

Sergeants—H. M. Erisman, Harry Hartley.

Policemen—1st ward, John Fiannerd, A. G. Pyle.

Second ward, M. C. Stigler, J. G. Sides.

Third ward, John Crawford, Jacob C. Shaub.

Fourth ward, H. M. Sheriz, Andrew Eicholtz

Fifth ward, Levius Heiss, George Yeisley.

Sixth ward, John W. Samson, Daniel Glass.

Seventh ward, H. M. Messenkop, John Merringer.

Eighth ward, John Stumpf, Christian Herr.

Ninth ward, George M. Myers, Henry Ruth.

Mr. Wise moved that the removals from office be confirmed and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Wise moved that all the mayor's appointments be confirmed.

Mr. Haines moved to amend by referring the appointments to the committee on executive appointments, but withdrew his motion.

Mr. Riddle offered a substitute, which was accepted, that the appointments be referred to the committee on executive committee with instructions to that committee to report before the adjournment to-day.

Mr. Riddle, of that committee, submitted a majority report signed by himself and Mr. Schum, recommending the confirmation of the chief, two sergeants and nine policemen sent in by the mayor and the rejection of the nine constables.

Mr. Riddle said the majority had reported on the broad principle that select council had the right to say who should go on the force. The majority felt that the mayor should be untrammeled in his discharge of that part of his duties. The police force was in a better state of discipline last year than ever before and it was not policy to appoint men who were not capable.

Mr. Wise submitted a minority report. In his opinion every name handed up should be confirmed. The people elected these men as constables; they ought to know who they want. A few constables don't want to go on the force. These can resign. If the constables elected don't do their duty as officers the mayor can remove them.

Mr. Haines was opposed to going back to the old system of constables on the force. Constables who do civil business all over the county cannot properly discharge their duties as officers. The people of the several wards of the city did not know that the constables elected would go on the force or different selections would have been made.

A vote was taken on the mayor's appointments, except the constables, and they were confirmed by a unanimous vote.

On a motion to confirm the constables the vote was 3 for confirmation to 6 for rejection. Those voting aye were Messrs. Long, Evarts and Wise.

The mayor then sent a message appointing in place of the constables the following:

First ward, W. S. Weaver; Second ward, George Cramer; Third ward, C. I. Stormfeltz; Fourth ward, Philip Olt; Fifth ward, S. L. Lehr; Sixth ward, Daniel Glass; Seventh ward, Wm. M. Deen; Eighth ward, Henry Gardner; Ninth ward, Jacob Boss.

All the above were confirmed except Daniel Glass. As to him it was stated that he was a constable elect, and he was rejected by a vote of 5 to 4. The vote was for rejection: Evarts, Haines, Long, Wise and Evans; for confirmation, Erisman, Riddle, Schum and Stormfeltz.

Mr. Riddle said he did not see why Mr. Glass was singled out. He had not taken out his constable's commission and did not intend to.

Messrs. Long and Wise were appointed a committee to notify the mayor of the rejection of Mr. Glass and the mayor said he had no further communication to send at present.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Common council was called to order by Clerk Deen and John H. Baumgardner was elected temporary chairman.

William K. Beard was re-elected president and David L. Deen clerk, and they returned thanks for the honor conferred.

The returns of the election showed that the following were elected members of common council for the ensuing year:

1st ward—John J. Altick, Wm. K. Beard, Wm. T. Eberman, John J. Hoover.

2d ward—John C. Dinan, And. M. Frantz, R. R. Underwood.

3d ward—James Sager, Martin Kreider, James D. Landis.

4th ward—Edw. P. Brinton, B. F. Bartholomew, Daniel Sing.

5th ward—W. F. Cummings, A. J. Herr.

6th ward—John H. Baumgardner, John McLaughlin, Joseph S. Zook.

7th ward—B. Frank Adams, Henry J. Fresh, John Young.

8th ward—John A. Brubst, Geo. Fritsch, Henry Ritt.

9th ward—Chas. W. Bitner, Reuben Bortfeld, John Crosbaugh.

The oath of office was administered to the president-elect by Temporary Chairman Baumgardner, after which a resolution was adopted directing the city treasurer to deposit the city's money in the First National, People's, and Fulton National banks in equal amounts. Select council concurred.

IN JOINT CONVENTION.

President Evans, of select council, presided over the joint convention of councils which assembled to elect city officers.

All the select nominations were elected by acclamation. They were as follows:

City Treasurer, Harry Rathfon.

City Solicitor, Wm. T. Brown.

Water Superintendent, Edward Frailey.

Chief of the Fire Department, H. B. Vondersmith.

Street Commissioner, John Johnson.

City regulator, Allen A. Herr.

Assistants, Anthony Lechler, Robert Albright.

Messenger, John H. Loucks.

After the convention adjourned select council returned to their room and there being no further business adjourned.

DEATH OF A. B. KAUFMAN.

The Oldest Insurance Agent In the City Passes Away.

Andrew B. Kaufman, a life-long resident of Lancaster, died on Sunday afternoon at the residence of his brother, Junius B. Kaufman, No. 151 East King street. He had suffered from pulmonary trouble for some years, but was not confined to bed. He boarded at the Lancaster County house until Saturday, when at the earnest solicitation of his brother he went to the latter's home.

Mr. Kaufman retired at an early hour on Saturday evening, and on Sunday he felt too weak to get up. He gradually became weaker and died about two o'clock.

Deceased was 69 years of age, and was one of the first men in this city to engage in the insurance business. He was the first agent of the Girard Fire Insurance company, of Philadelphia, having been appointed its agent soon after the organization of the company in 1853.

Mr. Kaufman in 1870 took Jeremiah Rife in partnership, and that firm continued in business until 1886, when Mr. Kaufman withdrew on account of ill-health.

Deceased was an intelligent, conscientious and careful business man, and had many friends in this community.

He became a member of Metamora Tribe of Red Men many years ago, and he was also a member of other secret organizations, but he retained his membership in the Red Men only at the time of his death.

Death of John Gruel.

John T. Gruel, aged 17, son of Samuel F. Gruel, of South Queen street, died on Sunday morning of consumption. He was an estimable young man and was highly respected by all his associates. He was a consistent member of the Memorial Presbyterian Sunday school. The funeral will take place from the residence of his parents on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

HE LOST BOTH LEGS.

A Colored Man on His Way to His Home at Coatesville.

Among the inmates of the station house disposed of by the mayor this morning was Berry Ross, a colored man. His story was an interesting one. He said he was a native of Tennessee, but now his home was at Coatesville, where he has a wife and children. In order to better his condition he went on a trip West last spring. While riding on a freight train he met with an accident by which he lost both legs just above the knee. He was in a hospital for several months and when he was able to travel he started for his Eastern home. He reached Lancaster on Saturday. The mayor raised sufficient funds to send him to his home.

Ross said: My wife knows that I was hurt in a railroad accident, but she has no idea how badly I was injured, and I dread making my appearance before her."

He appeared to be cheerful and said he would be able to make a living by blacking boots.

A Burglar Falls From a Building.

George Bupp, a dissolute young man of York, while intoxicated, attempted to feloniously enter King's hotel, in that city, on Saturday night. He succeeded in scaling a grape arbor, which landed him on a balcony on the second floor, but when he endeavored to reach a window on the roof of the annex he missed his footing and fell to the pavement below, a distance of about twenty-five feet, breaking his collar-bone and a rib. On Sunday morning he was arrested and committed to jail by Justice Pistts. He has served a several years' term in the Eastern penitentiary.

Duncan Harrison Ill.

Duncan Harrison, the star of "The Paymaster" company, now at the Fourteenth street theatre, New York, is laid up. Tuesday night, in making his dive into the tank, he struck his head against the side, cutting a gash some inches in length. He managed to swim ashore, when the company took charge of him. Hardly had Mr. Harrison recovered from this injury before he was taken with a throat complaint, the result of his many cold baths. At present he is unable to perform.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the postoffice, Lancaster, Monday, April 1, 1889:

Ladies list—Mrs. A. Buob, Mrs. Geo. W. Eberling, Mrs. F. C. Esterle, Miss Mame Morgan, Katie A. Smith, Mrs Mary Volb, Mrs. A. L. Wagner, Mrs. Harry Weiland.

Gents list.—Barj. F. Byers, Wm. Culley, J. F. Deen, S. J. Dietz, Jac. Duing, Wm. Godfrey, J. E. Koehler, M. Lacy, James K. Landis, Perry Lehman, Willis R. Leonard, Dr. M. A. Long, Jas. McLenaghan, (For) Owen McManus, Peter H McQuate, Joseph Martin, Mortimix & Co., H. C. Neff, C. H. Sage, J. A. Strede, Peter J. Summerland, Charles Zimmerman.

Wages of 2,500 Men Reduced.

The Pennsylvania steel works at Steelton has posted notice of a reduction of 5 per cent. in the wages of unskilled labor and 10 per cent. in that of skilled labor to take effect to day and affecting 2,500 men.

Closed Her Engagement.

Miss Jennie Calef closed on Saturday her three days engagement, appearing in the "American Princess," to a good sized and highly pleased audience.

Opening of the Eiffel Tower.

The great Eiffel tower, which will be one of the principal features of the coming Paris exhibition, was opened formally on Sunday. Premier Tirard delivered the oration.

May 7th the Date.

Barnum has secured McGrann's park for his performance on May 7th.

Schroyer's Saturday Opening.

Schroyer, the North Queen street florist, had a fine exhibition of cut flowers on Saturday afternoon that was visited by many persons.

ANNUAL SETTLEMENT DAY.

THE CROWD NOT QUITE AS LARGE AS A YEAR AGO, OWING TO RAIN.

Money Plenty on Good Security and the Day Passes With Only a Few Small Failures. The Banking Institutions and Hotels Thronged all Day.

The weather was as disagreeable to-day as it well could be, and only those people came to town whose business required their presence. The custom of settling the year's business on the first of April is not as general as years ago, but there are still many who will not settle on any other day.

The number of people in town was not quite as large as last First of April, but still the crowd was large enough to make it uncomfortable in some of the banks and hotels.

The banks report the usual work on the first, and as they have been preparing for it, were ready to meet all demands. Money was plenty with good security, and could be had at any and all of them. The crowds around the doors of the business houses gives indication of a prosperous year.

At the different hotels the crowds are very dense and money seems to be changing hands in a lively manner. At the Leopard groups of men were scattered all through the building and crowding the pavement, making settlements of all kinds, with plenty of ready cash to pay out and willing to receive any little bill, no matter how small. This old time hostelry has had as much money circulated around it to-day to start a bank, not to say anything about the promissory notes given.

The Fountain and Cooper houses are very full of country people and many sums of money in large and small quantities being paid and received was noticeable around them. The tables at noon presented an animated scene, and hungry people did justice to beautifully supplied food.

The Franklin house had a large portion of the traveling public within its doors, the pavement is crowded and makes passage along it almost out of the question.

The Sorrel Horse is feeding a great crowd of strangers and the lunch houses are also well patronized by the first of April people, a nickel doing the work of a quarter in the way of a meal.

The temperance hotel, Holly Tree, has captured the prohibition element of the day and was crowded from 11 a. m. till night, making things lively in that quarter for the waiters.

CHANGES BY BUSINESS MEN.

Where Merchants and Others Can Be Found. Quite a Long List of Removals This Spring.

There have been quite a number of changes among the hotel keepers of this city this April.

Joseph T. Shaeffer to-day took possession of the Western hotel and F. R. Neudorf, who last year kept that hotel, has moved to the Union hotel, on Chestnut street. Mr. Rohrbach retires from the Union hotel to private life.

R. B. Houser takes John B. Bushong's place as one of the proprietors of Hotel Veteran.

John F. Seldomridge, of the County house, retired to-day and that hotel for the coming year will be kept by John Blemsderfer, formerly of Manheim borough.

The license of Hotel Copland to-day passes into the hands of John A. Snyder.

Charles Knapp, an experienced landlord, to-day took charge of the Commercial hotel, from which Charles E. Ochs retires. Mr. Ochs will go to the Spring Garden hotel, corner of Walnut and Mulberry, as soon as the license can be transferred from Mrs. Herzog to him.

Daniel F. Frey succeeds L. J. Happel as proprietor of the hotel in the southeast angle of Centre Square.

John Kirsch is the new landlord of the hotel owned by Casper Kohler and adjoining his brewery on Middle street. Adolph Eflinger, who kept this place last year, goes to the Seventh Ward hotel, kept for a number of years by John Gunsenhouser. Mr. G. goes to the hotel on Rockland street near Locust, formerly kept by the Kuhlmans.

F. E. Shroad vacated the Centennial hotel to-day and moved into the Rothweiler hotel property, kept last year by Captain John Pontz. Mr. Pontz retires to private life. The Centennial will be kept this year by Landlord Dassinger, who last year was at the North Pole hotel. Adam Kuhlman succeeds Mr. Dassinger at the North Pole.

Charles Senft moved to the Stock Exchange hotel on Plum street and John Hensing, who kept the hotel last year, goes to Lucas Fritz's, in the Eighth ward.

John Shreiner, the popular clerk of the Leopard hotel for many years, to-day took possession of that well known hotel. Mr. Martin will retire to private life, and takes possession of his new home just completed by him on East King street, on the ground purchased from the Henderson estate; having erected two fine three story houses adjoining the property of George Nauman, esq.

There have also been some changes in business circles. Henry Wolf, the furniture dealer, will conduct his business for the future at No. 136 East King street.

The Astrich Bros. expect to occupy their handsome new store room about the middle of April.

A. B. Shaeffer has moved his liquor store to the Inquirer building, a few doors south of his present store room. His room will be occupied by Gresh's 5 and 10 cent store.

Trout & Shank occupy a handsome store room in the Speeth building on North Queen street, and adjoining is the tailor establishment of McGrann & Nowlen, which was moved from West King street.

Wm. Hull, grocer, who vacated the room now occupied by McGrann & Nowlen, has moved to the Deitz property on South Queen street. Mr. Deitz will engage in the wholesale grocery business at Lebanon.

Fred. Wolf, barber, has moved to the room occupied for many years by his brother Henry, and they will carry on business jointly at this place.

The room vacated by Mr. Wolf has been taken by Harry A. Schroyer, the florist.

Greenawalt's cigar store has been moved to the store room in the Brimmer building occupied last year by the Lancaster Oil company.

Harry Swilkey retires from the shoe trade and his room will be occupied the coming year by S. J. Owens, who moves from the postoffice building.

Joseph Reesser will open a jewelry store in the room in the Parry building occupied last year by John Husson. Mr. H will move to the room occupied by Chase & Co.

The stock of John S. Givler & Co., purchased at sheriff's sale by his Philadelphia creditors, will be disposed by a company who christened their place of business "The Philadelphia Store."

W. A. Kieffer, plumber, has removed his place of business to Kramp's room on East Orange street.

George M. Borger has fitted up a handsome store room in the city hall building, in the room formerly used as the mayor's office.

Martin Seibel, shoe dealer, on West King street, has retired from business and his store room will be occupied next year by S. Z. Shreiner.

Henry Watson, formerly of the INTELLIGENCER office, takes possession of the store room, corner of North Prince and James streets, and has opened a full line of groceries. His room is large, and his well selected stock is shown to advantage.

Amos Rote, undertaker, has removed from 350 to 509 North Queen street.

Dr. Amer has removed from No. 8 East Orange street, where he has been for 33 years, to No. 23 East Orange street.

Rupley & Boardman have occupied the room No. 5 South Queen street, used the past season by Wm. Rose.

Chas. H. Barr will occupy the handsome building in Centre Square now being erected by B. J. McGrann.

Chas. M. Howell has removed his office to 135 North Queen street, two doors south of his former office, where orders will be received for marble and granite work. His yard contains an assortment of marble and granite monuments, gravestones, &c.

News of the Day.

Two country men in front of the Fountain inn had a fight of words about a settlement at noon to day, which caused a good deal of merriment for the throng collected at that place. The sum involved was 73 cents which was finally paid.

All of Mayor Edgerley's force was on duty, but their services were not needed up to 3 o'clock and it did not look at that hour as if there would be any disorder on the streets.

The first of April, years ago, used to be a field day for pickpockets, but the prompt arrest of suspicious characters for several years has kept the light-fingered gentry from the town.

Those who were obliged to move to-day did so under great disadvantages, with the rain saturating bed clothing and ruining fine furniture.

LEO TO THE AMERICAN BISHOPS.

The Letter Addressed to Cardinal Gibbons by the Pope.

The following is the letter of Pope Leo XIII addressed to His Eminence James, Cardinal Gibbons, in reply to the letter of the archbishops of the United States. It is dated January 19:

To our beloved son James, Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore—Beloved Son: Health and apostolic benediction. We have read your impressive and powerful letter of the 30 h of December, written in your own name and in that of the other archbishops of the United States. It does honor to you, while it affords us no little consolation.

For nothing could be more appropriate to the time or more worthy of your high office than the public defense of the liberty and rights of the apostolic see and the devoted clergy of Italy against the attacks of those who, holding forcible possession of our city, endeavor by threats of punishment to stifle the very voices of those whose duty it is to proclaim the laws of the church. And because you have made this defense with prudence and vigor, both justice and religion owe you a debt of gratitude, and this the more because your defense has the merit of constancy. These striking proofs of your faith and zeal serve to bind our hearts in closer union, and inspire us with the pleasing hope that your words will have weight with those even who, though not in communion with us, are at least unbiased witnesses of the injuries inflicted upon us and the church. Moreover, we are consoled not only because your declarations, which are in accord with those of the other dignitaries of the church, may win the zealous support of upright and intelligent men; but we rejoice especially in this—that your prayers, united with those of the rest of the faithful, confirm and increase our confidence in the Almighty power and ever watchful providence of God.

Sustained by this hope, and praying that the fullness of heavenly gifts may descend upon you, beloved son, upon the other archbishops of the United States and upon the clergy and faithful intrusted to your and their care, we impart to you and them as a pledge of our love the apostolic benediction.

A FATAL LEAP FROM A WINDOW.

Despondency Causes an Irishman to Dash Out His Brains.

Persons who were near the tenement house No. 701 Seventh avenue, New York, about noon on Saturday, saw a man's body shoot out of a fifth story window and fall on the outer edge of the sidewalk. The man's brains were dashed out and he was otherwise mangled by the fall. Policemen helped to carry his battered corpse into the house, and they learned that he was James Mulligan, an Irishman, forty-six years old, who had been employed for eighteen years by the Broadway railroad company as a night watchman. Mulligan took part in the recent strike and lost his situation. Twenty years ago he was crazy and was for a time an inmate of the City Asylum for the Insane. Loss of work and worry resulting from failure to find another job probably made him crazy again, as he had been acting strangely several days.

He lived with his wife on the top floor of the tenement house. She tried to cheer him up as he sat by an open window of their front room Saturday forenoon, but he acted like one entirely devoid of hope. At length his eyes closed and his chin dropped on his breast. His wife thought he was asleep, but she no sooner turned to leave the room than he disappeared through the window. Mrs. Mulligan said he probably fell out in his sleep, but as he struck the ground fully fifteen feet from the front wall of the house the police thought he jumped out while insane.

DIED AMONG STRANGERS.

John Shay, a Native of Ireland, Expires Suddenly at the Hospital.

John Shay, a stranger, died at the county hospital on Sunday from heart failure. He was brought to that institution on Saturday by the railroad authorities. Shay became sick in Philadelphia some days ago, and was sent from there to the Gap. There were no accommodations at the latter place for him and he was then sent to this city.

Coroner Honaman was notified to hold an inquest and he empanelled as a jury Charles Balenz, A. K. Will, James Kennedy, Frank Mills, B. B. Hertzler and Geo. Keller, and the verdict of the jury was that death resulted from heart failure.

Deceased was 48 years old and emigrated from Ireland 22 years ago. His only known relative is his mother living at Youngstown, Ohio, and she has been notified of his death. His body will be held until she can be heard from.

Rev. Dr. Vernon at Duke Street M. E. Church

Rev. Dr. Vernon, the newly appointed pastor of the First M. E. church, arrived in Lancaster on Saturday afternoon and occupied the pulpit yesterday at both morning and evening services. The congregations were the largest that have assembled there for some time. The one in the evening crowded the building to overflowing. His sermons at both services created a marked impression on his auditors. The choir rendered some excellent music.

A general handshaking was indulged in at the close of the services, and all who met the new pastor were pleased with his entertaining manner.

A False Alarm.

An alarm of fire was struck from box 23, corner of Columbia and Marietta avenues, at 7:30 last night, caused by parties making fire in the heater of a house owned by Frank Griest, on West Orange street, lately occupied by Jacob Greenawalt. No damage was done.

Sent to Jail.

Sam Craig was heard by Alderman Halbach, this morning, and sent to jail for five days for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

A Miller Assigns.

C. M Shultz, miller at Camargo, on Saturday surprised his neighbors and friends by appointing Abner Peoples, his assignee.

MORE SHIPS FOR SAMOA.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TRACY ARRANGING TO SEND SEVERAL.

The Alert, Richmond and Adams Selected for Service at the Port of Apia—The Survivors of the Ill-Fated Men-of-War to Be Brought to San Francisco.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—At the navy department to-day there was a dearth of news concerning the Samoan disaster.

The secretary of the navy has cabled to Auckland that the men of the wrecked vessels, Trenton, Vandalia and Nipsic are to be taken to San Francisco. The instructions which were given some days ago to hurry forward the preparations of the Charleston, now being built at San Francisco have been reiterated and every effort will be made to get her guns and gun carriages transported overland at the earliest possible moment. The guns are ready at the proving ground at Annapolis, Md., and the carriages are about completed at the Washington ordnance foundry.

Secretary Tracy has received replies to telegrams sent by him to the commanders of the Alert, the Adams and the Richmond, to ascertain how soon these vessels can be made ready for sea service in order that they may be sent to Samoa. The Alert is in excellent condition and can leave Honolulu, where she is now stationed, at once. She has been ordered to do this and will reach Apia in about thirty days.

The Richmond is attached to the South Atlantic squadron, and is now at the mouth of the La Plata river. She is in good sailing order, and will probably be at Apia shortly after the Alert arrives there.

It will take about ten days to get the Adams ready for sea. The vessel is now at Mare Island, and orders have been issued to put her in condition for sea service. She will arrive at Apia within a week after the arrival of the Alert, and following closely on the Richmond.

Commodore Ramsey, the commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard, telegraphed to the navy department to-day that the Yantic can be gotten ready for sea by the 10th inst.

SOME DETAILS OF THE DISASTER.

How the Hurricane at Samoa Destroyed the United States and German Vessels.

Further particulars of the disastrous storm at Apia have just been received. The hurricane burst upon the harbor suddenly. The German man-of-war Eber was the first vessel to drag her anchor. She became unmanageable and was driven helplessly on the reef which surrounds the harbor. She struck, broadsided on, at 6 o'clock in the morning. The shock caused her to lurch and to stagger back, and she sank in a moment in deep water. Most of her men were under hatches, and scarcely a soul of them escaped.

The German war ship Adler was the next to succumb. She was lifted bodily by a gigantic wave and cast on her beam ends on the reef. A terrible struggle for life ensued among the officers and sailors aboard. Many plunged into the roaring surf and struck out, some reaching the shore in safety. Others clung to the rigging until the masts fell. Of those in the rigging only two gained the shore. The captain of the Adler and several other officers were saved.

Meantime the United States steamer Nipsic had been dragging her anchors and drifting toward the shore. The captain, however, managed to keep control and ran her on a sand bank. Boats were immediately lowered, and the whole company were saved with the exception of six men. These were drowned by the capsizing of a boat.

The United States steamer Vandalia was carried before the gale upon the reef. She struck with a terrible shock, hurling Capt. Schoonmaker against a gatling gun and he fell stunned. Before he could recover a great wave swept the deck, and he was washed away with others into the sea. The vessel sank fifty yards from the Nipsic. Several of the officers and men were washed overboard and drowned. Others perished while making desperate efforts to swim to the shore. Some remained for hours in the rigging, but heavy and swift succeeding waves dashing over them carried them off one by one.

By this time night had set in. Many natives and Europeans had gathered on the shore, all anxious to render assistance to the unfortunate crews, but owing to the darkness they were wholly unable to be of service.

Soon after the Vandalia had sunk the American war-ship Trenton broke from her anchorage and was driven upon the wreck of the Vandalia, whence she drifted to the shore. The bottom of the Trenton was completely stove and her hold was half full of water.

As morning broke the German man-of-war Olga, which had hitherto withstood the gale, although much battered by the heavy seas that constantly broke over her, became unmanageable and she was driven upon the beach where she lay in a tolerably fair position.

Mataafa sent a number of men to the assistance of the ships. They rendered splendid aid in trying to float the Olga.

A LONG LIST OF DISASTERS

Curious and Fatal Wrecks of American Men-of-War in Years Gone By.

Naval officers generally concur in the belief that the disaster at Apia was the most severe that has ever overtaken the American navy in time of peace. Commodore Walker, chief of the navigation bureau, an officer of long experience in naval affairs, makes this statement emphatically. His recollection of previous naval losses from storm and stress, running back thirty-five years, is as follows:

The Albany, sloop-of-war, was lost in West Indian waters in 1853. She is supposed to have gone down in a cyclone, with every soul of her crew of 210 officers and men, as she was never heard from after she sailed on her last cruise.

In the same year, the brig of-war Porpoise, with 100 people aboard, went down in the China seas, without leaving a trace of her end.

Again, in 1858, another sloop-of-war, the Levant, disappeared from the face of the globe, in the waters of the Pacific, taking some 200 men to "Davy Jones' locker."

In 1863 the brig of-war Bainbridge met a cyclone off Cape Hatteras. A colored cook, picked up a day or two afterward on a bit of wreckage, told the story of the loss of everyone of his shipmates.

The old Yorktown was blown ashore near the Cape de Verde Islands, on the African coast, some years later; but the crew escaped.

In 1866 a great tidal wave picked up the ship-of war Wateree, in the harbor of Arica, Peru, and carried her seven or eight miles inland, depositing her in a tropical forest, where she ended her days as a hotel. The same tidal wave caught the store-ship Fredonia, at anchor, rolled her over, and sunk her instantly, with every soul on board.

The Monongahela, now in active service, had a peculiar experience in the year 1867. She was caught up by a tidal wave, carried over a number of large buildings on the island of Santa Cruz, West Indies, knocking down one of them, and was deposited in the streets of a city. Subsequently workmen were sent there, who blocked her up and launched her again.

The Saginaw was cast away in the night upon one of the islands in the Pacific, about fifteen years ago.

The wreck of the Huron, although it occurred thirteen years ago, is still fresh in the minds of people on the coast. The ship was wrecked upon Currituck Beach, N. C, and few of her crew escaped to tell the story of heavy weather and false beacon lights.

Commodore Walker thinks that the English man-of war Calliope escaped at Apia because she had steam up. The American vessels were very short of coal, and were probably compelled to try to ride out the storm at anchor.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—For Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain, colder northeasterly winds.

LANCASTER'S BALL CLUB.

A Determined Effort to Put the Team in the Field.

Terrence Connell, of Philadelphia, who is taking a great deal of interest in the formation of a base ball club in this city, to take the sixth place in the Middle States League, was in Lancaster to day. He called on a number of gentlemen interested in base ball and was pleased with the result. A meeting of Lancaster gentlemen will be held this week, probably on Wednesday evening, to take some action in regard to the formation of a club. The league will hold its next meeting at the Girard house, Philadelphia, Thursday evening next, when Lancaster is likely to be admitted. H. H. Hensel will attend as a delegate from here. There is no reason why a club should not be supported here. The expenses, including salaries and everything, will not be more than $900 per month, making a total of $4,500 for the season. This is less than half of what it cost the Ironsides and Lancaster clubs in 1884 and 1885. The towns in the circuit of the Middle States League are all easy to get at and in close railroad communication with each other. Between Lancaster, Reading York and Harrisburg there will be the closest kind of a rivalry and one that will prove interesting to everybody concerned. The Cuban Giants will be a strong team and will prove a great drawing card. If Lancaster moneyed men who enjoy sport will look at the scheme in the proper light they will no doubt be willing to aid in the formation of a club.

Death of Mrs. William Black.

Mrs. Daisy Black, wife of Capt. Wm. Black, of the United States engineer corps stationed in Florida, died of rheumatism at Ponce De Leon hotel, St. Augustine, Florida, on Saturday. Mrs. Black had been under the care of Dr. Weir Mitchell last fall and left his hospital for Florida in December. Mrs. Black was Miss Daisy Darby, daughter of the late Capt. Darby, and sister of Lieut. Darby, of the same engineer corps as her distinguished husband. She was educated in America and Europe, and was an accomplished woman. A son, between 5 and 6 years old, and her husband receive the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in Lancaster, where she was known to many people who met her at the house of her father-in-law, James Black, esq., where she was frequently a visitor.

The funeral takes place in St. Augustine on Wednesday.

Ten Thousand a Year for Dresses.

On Saturday morning Judge Nelson asked the New York supreme court to grant the executors of the will of the late William T. Garner the power to appropriate $25,000 a year for the personal use of Marcellite Thorn Garner, a daughter of the deceased now residing in France. Judge Barnard granted the motion. Miss Garner was 21 years of age on March 3 last. Her father, William T. Garner, was drowned from his yacht a few years ago. He left an estate valued at $10,000,000. He was proprietor of the large mills at Wappinger's Falls, Pleasant Valley.

Miss Garner has been receiving a large income heretofore, but not sufficient to support her in Paris. She wrote to Judge Nelson asking an increase in her allowance, giving as a reason that it cost her $10,000 a year for dresses alone. As the estate would more than warrant the increase asked for, the court readily granted the motion of the young lady's counsel.

The Weir-Murphy Fight.

The much talked of prize fight between Weir and Murphy for the light weight championship came off at Kouts, Ind., on Sunday. After fighting 80 rounds the match was postponed, until some time before Tuesday next. It was a hard fought battle, and, while Weir showed the most science and did most of the leading, Murphy proved himself a very game fighter and the "Spider" failed to knock him out.

Murphy was pretty severely punished, his right eye being closed and badly lacerated early in the fight, and his left optic was also nearly closed when the match was stopped. Weir's face was not much scratched, as Murphy's blows were nearly all aimed at the "Spider's" ribs. During the 80 rounds Murphy was knocked down half a dozen times, still he was comparatively fresh and not as much winded at the wind up as Weir.

Young Robbers Quickly Caught.

Two youngsters, William Cahill and Frederick Wulizs, who had been reading dime novels, were on Saturday sent to St. Mary's industrial school in Baltimore. They were charged with breaking into the house of Mrs. Reeder, with intent to rob. Mrs. Reeder is Cahill's grandmother and he invited Wulizs to help him rob the old lady of $1,200, telling him they would each get $600. They went to Mrs. Reeder's house armed with a big revolver and a bottle of chloroform. They cut a hole in the panel of the rear door and slid back the bolt. George Reeder heard the click of the revolver as one of the boys cocked it in the kitchen. He threw a jar in the direction of the noise and the boys ran away, Cahill leaving his shoes, by which he was identified.

Murdering His Daughter's Lover.

Advices from Myrtle, Neb., state that on Wednesday night James Clark, a prominent citizen, shot and killed a young man named James Symes, who had been paying attentions to Clark's daughter. Symes had been forbidden the house, but the girl continued to meet him and on Wednesday evening went riding with him. When Clark learned it, he mounted his horse and followed, and on coming up with the couple shot Symes. Clark has been arrested.

Business Troubles.

The following deeds of assignment for the benefit of creditors were filed at the recorder's office to day.

Christian Kurtz and wife, of Salisbury township, to B. S. Weller, of Salisbury township, and Abraham Brubaker, of West Cain, Chester county.

Henry G. Sheaffer and wife, of East Earl township, to H. B. Becker.

Christian W. Shultz and wife, of Eden township, to Abner Peoples, of Strasburg township.

Geo. Kircher's Birthday

George Kircher, the well known hotelkeeper, celebrated his 63d birthday on Saturday evening by entertaining a large number of his friends. Mr Kircher, who is an adept in the manufacture of fireworks, had several fine pieces set off in front of the hotel and the exhibition was viewed by hundreds of citizens. Bismarck was the caterer for the occasion. At the supper there were speeches made by a number of guests, complimenting and thanking Mr. Kircher for the handsome manner in which they had been entertained.

The Keystone Package Party.

A small crowd assembled at the package party held in the Stackhouse building by the Keystone club on Saturday evening. The affair was a financial failure.

Charged With Malicious Trespass.

John Hildebrand has been prosecuted before Alderman Spurrier for maliciously breaking the door of a house on Low street owned by Otto Weber. The accused gave bail for a hearing.

A Novelty on Wheels.

A curious wagon or cart drawn by one horse was attracting considerable attention on the streets to-day. The owner of the team mended umbrellas, sharpened shears or made harness, as his customers wished.

Accident at Dillerville.

Extra freight No. 24 west ran into rear end of 1,007, east of Dillerville this afternoon, throwing three cars from the track and damaging the engine.

DEVOURED BY FLAMES.

A FAMILY OF FOUR AND THEIR HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE.

A Despondent Widow Supposed to Have Applied the Match to the Building—She and Her Three Young Children Perish. Firemen Unable to Save Them.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 1.—At 2 o'clock this morning the small frame building occupied by Mrs. Margaret Kinlein and her three children, aged 7, 4, and 2 respectively, was discovered to be on fire. The entire family, including the mother and three children, were burned to death. The mother was a widow.

When the firemen arrived the building was a mass of flames.

The only theory of the fire which was at all probable was that Mrs. Kinlein had put her children to bed, closed all the doors and windows of the inner room and then built a fire under the bed, afterward lying down herself and awaiting the death she had arranged for herself and her children.

Mrs. Kinlein, who was in a delicate condition and whose husband, a carpenter, died about ten months ago, has been very despondent, as she was compelled to support the family by taking in washing.

Lena Ebbits, a girl of 12 years, who boarded with her, left the house last night and says Mrs. Kinlein refused to get supper and behaved so strangely that she was afraid to stay and went to a neighbor's for the night.

Lawrence Jurg, an old man who lived on the upper floor of the little house, and is in feeble health, was removed with difficulty. He son and two daughters escaped uninjured.

Nominated by the President.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—The president sent to the Senate to-day the following nominations:

Captain George B. White, U. S. N., to be chief of the bureau of yards and docks in the department of the navy, to fill a vacancy.

L. Bradford Prince, of Santa Fe, N. M., to be governor of New Mexico.

Geo. H. Shields, of Missouri, to be assistant attorney general, vice Zach Montgomery, resigned.

Drury J. Burchett, of Kentucky, to be marshal of the United States for the district of Kentucky.

James N. Huston, of Indiana, to be treasurer of the United States.

Ellis H. Roberts, of New York, to be assistant treasurer of the United States at New York city.

William F. Wharton, of Massachusetts, to be assistant secretary of state.

A New Comet Discovered.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 1 — Prof. Swift, of the Warner observatory, has received a telegram from the Lick observatory announcing the discovery last evening by Prof. Barnard of a new comet. It was in right ascension 5 hours 20 minutes 50 seconds, declination north 18 degrees 7 minutes. It is faint and has a slow motion southwest. This discovery will entitle Prof. Barnard to still another prize of $100.

The Smith-Mitchell Fight Postponed.

LONDON, April 1—The Smith-Mitchell fight has been postponed until further notice on account of an injury sustained by Smith to day.

Mitchell has agreed to the postponement and may not claim the forfeit money. Smith stepped on an iron hoop and cut his leg badly. He is under a doctor's care.

A Young Woman Mysteriously Murdered.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 1—This morning Betty Shay, a white domestic, aged 21, was found brutally murdered in her room at her employer's home. Her skull had been crushed in by some blunt instrument, and she had been dead probably six hours. There is no clue to the murderer, and the police are mystified.

TELEGRAPHIC TAPS