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A GRAND ARMY COMMITTEE ASKS FOR CITY MONEY AND GETS IT.

The Debate Lively Over the Petition to Select Council For Funds to Decorate Soldiers' Graves—Petitions For Street Work Presented—Standing Committees Named.

The first regular meeting of the present city council was held on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

In select council there were present Messrs. Brieman, Everts, Haines, Long, Riddle, Schum, Stormfeltz, Wise and Evans, president.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Haines presented the lease entered into between the water committee and Samuel Ranck, for the Ranck mill property, for one year from April 1, 1889, at a rental of $600. Select council ratified the action of the water committee; common council concurred.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:

By Mr. Brieman, for the grading and macadamizing of North Mary street, between West King and Walnut streets.

By Mr. Wise, for the grading and guttering of First street, between Coral and Crystal streets.

By Mr. Schum, for the macadamizing of South Water street, between West King and German streets; for the macadamizing of German, between Prince and Water; for a sewer on Strawberry street, between Water and Mulberry.

By Mr. Riddle for the construction of a sewer on Columbia avenue 110 feet in length, to connect with sewer on that avenue; for the repair of Cherry alley between Walnut and Lemon streets.

All the above petitions were referred to the street committee.

$200 FOR DECORATION DAY.

Mr. Riddle presented the petition of the joint memorial committee of the local Grand Army posts for an appropriation of $200 to defray the expenses of decorating the graves of soldiers on May 30th.

Mr. Riddle said he presented the above petition by request. He believed it to be within the scope of councils to grant the prayer of the petitioners. It has been done for years by several cities of the commonwealth and its propriety has never been questioned. He moved that councils make the appropriation prayed for.

The motion was put and adopted, the only dissenting vote being that of Mr. Wise.

After the chair decided the motion adopted President Evans said while the cause was a worthy one he doubted the propriety of councils making the appropriation for the purpose named. Councils have no right to vote the people's money away and the appropriation for this purpose would open the doors for other similar matters. He would give $5 out of his own pocket to help the committee pay the expenses.

Mr. Wise said he was also willing to give a contribution to help pay the expenses, but he voted against the motion because he did not think councils had the right to vote the city's money for the purpose named in the petition.

In the talk that followed Messrs. Long and Riddle said the Grand Army men had used as an argument that councils had as much right to vote $200 for the decoration of soldiers' graves as to spend a large sum of the city's money for a big feed at the water works.

A TURNPIKE ABANDONED.

The resolution of the Lancaster and Marietta turnpike company directors abandoning that part of the turnpike in the city limits was read. The clerk was directed to enter the same on the minutes. Common council concurred.

Mr. Riddle offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of three on parks from each branch. He said there was a probability of there being a park in the city in the near future and he thought there should be a committee on parks who might aid in the establishment of these places of recreation. The motion was adopted. Common council concurred.

Mr. Riddle presented the report of the street committee for the month of March, showing the work of that department.

Common council ordinance, No. 18, transferring unexpended balances of money in different appropriations to the contingent fund, was laid on the table. President Evans being of opinion that as the ordinance had been introduced and been reported to the last council, the present council had nothing to do with it and could not legally pass the ordinance.

COMMON COUNCIL.

In common council there were present: Messrs Adams, Attick, Beard, Bartholomew, Baumgardner, Bernfield, Bitner, Bradel, Brinton, Cummings, Cresbaugh, Dinan, Eager, Eberman, Frantz, Freeb, Fritsch, Herr, Hoover, Kreider, Landis, McLaughlin, Rill, Sing, Underwood, Young and Zook.

Mr. Baumgardner presented the report of City Treasurer Rathfon for the month. The receipts were $1,216, expenditures $16,986.64 and the balance on hand $931.75.

The balances in the several appropriations are:

Interest on Loans including Sinking Fund	$43,568 89
Principal on Loans	4,100 00
State Tax on Loans	2,009 28
Street Damages	5,464 10
Repairs to Streets from License Tax	634 95
Repairs to Streets	9,099 94
Grading and Macadamizing Streets	11,746 40
Belgian and Asphalt Blocks	15,642 91
Water Works General	7,8[illegible] 98
Laying Water Pipes	7,141 37
Salaries	10,314 00
Police and Turnkey	14,320 70
Salaries Engineers, Drivers, &c.	8,420 61
Fire Department General	4,922 68
Lighting City	20,654 01
Sewers and Inlets	5,000 00
Printing and Stationery	351 78
Abatement on Water Rent	1,800 00
Contingencies	22,912 10
Sewer and Water Works Improvements	2,940 81
Collection of City Tax Arrearages	653 56
Boiler and Crusher	7 84
New Fire Engines	900 00
North Duke Street sewer	27 30
North Queen Street sewer	45 07
North Plum Street Sewer	30 89
Deficiency in Water Works to December 31, 1888	69 60

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

By Mr. Sing, for the repair of Conestoga street, between South Queen and Prince.

By Mr. Dinan, for a sewer on Ann street, between King and Orange.

By Mr. Zook, for the macadamizing of Frederick street, between Shippen and Duke streets.

By Mr. Frantz, for the macadamizing of Plum street, between Chestnut and Orange.

By Mr. Cummings, for the macadamizing of Chestnut street, between Nevin and Pine streets; for a crossing at Columbia and College avenues, and for the guttering of College avenue.

By Mr. Bernfield, for a crossing at James street and College avenue. The above were referred to the street committee.

Mr. Bitner, who was not present at the organization on Monday, was sworn in as a member.

BONDS APPROVED.

The bond of City Treasurer-elect Rathfon, in the sum of $50,000, with Jacob Rathfon, J. Hay Brown, John D. Skiles and S. M. Myers as sureties, was read and approved. Select council concurred.

The bond of City Solicitor Brown, with Davis A. Brown and B. Frank Eshleman as sureties, in the sum of $1,000, was approved. Select council concurred.

Mr. Brinton presented a petition and remonstrance providing for the appointment of a board of health by the court. The resolution was adopted. Select council concurred.

Common council ordinance transferring unexpended balances to the contingent fund was adopted unanimously. In select council laid on the table.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following are the standing committees of councils for the year:

Finance, Riddle and Everts, of select; Baumgardner and Frantz, of common.

Water, Schum, Brieman, Everts, of select; McLaughlin, Herr and Bitner, of common.

Streets, Long, Haines, Riddle, Stormfeltz and Wise, of select; Sing, Cummings, Frech and Underwood, of common.

Markets, Haines and Stormfeltz, of select; Brinton and Hoover, of common.

Lamps, Long and Everts, of select; Kreider and Dinan, of common.

Property, Brieman and Stormfeltz, of select; Zook and Attick, of common.

Fire Engines, Schum, Haines and Everts, of select; Eberman, Cresbaugh and Frisch, of common.

Police, Haines, Wise and Long, of select; Bernfield, Bradel and Bartholomew, of common.

Printing, Brieman and Riddle, of select; Eager and Young, of common.

Manufactures, Riddle and Wise, of select; Brinton and Bradel, of common.

Sanitary, Schum and Stormfeltz, of select; Herr and Rill, of common.

Buchanan Relief, Haines and Wise, of select; Landis and Adams, of common.

Sewerage and drainage, Long and Schum, of select; Baumgardner and Frantz, of common.

Parks, Riddle, Haines and Everts, of select; the members from common council have not been appointed.

ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES.

After councils adjourned some of the committees met and organized for the coming year.

The finance committee elected John H. Baumgardner chairman and DuBois Rohrer clerk.

The lamp committee chairman is David E. Long, and the clerk Alderman Deen.

William Riddle was chosen chairman of the street; committee, C. A. Gast clerk and Benjamin M. Trout to run the road roller.

THE BALL CLUB A GO.

Delegates Elected to Attend the Middle States League Meeting.

At the hotel of John A. Snyder, on North Queen street, last evening a meeting of base ball men was held to take some action in regard to placing a club in Lancaster. Quite a number of gentlemen, who have always manifested a great interest in the national game, were present, and everybody seemed anxious that Lancaster should have a club. The meeting was organized by the election of J. B. Liebty chairman and Harry H. Hensel secretary.

Mr Hensel stated the object of the meeting and told of the excellent opportunity that the club had to enter the Middle States League, which needs one club yet and will hold a meeting at the Girard house, Philadelphia, this evening. The gentlemen at once agreed to subscribe sufficient money to give the club a good start. Mr. Hensel was elected a delegate to represent the club at the meeting of the league this evening. He was instructed to accept the sixth place in the league. W. S. Deen, who is also going to Philadelphia to-day, was afterwards elected a delegate also.

There is no doubt that Lancaster will have a club, and the men at the back of it mean business.

A telegram received here this afternoon states that the Metropolitan club, an organization composed of old players of the team of that name, which won the Association pennant in 1884, will be represented at the meeting to-night. They are said to be after Lancaster's place now.

Trouble in the Reading Bicycle Club.

The Reading Bicycle club have had a disagreement in regard to the silver cup recently won by three of their number at the tournament in this city. The cup is a valuable one and is in the possession of W. J. Wilhelm, the well known amateur wheelman. An action in trover and conversion was brought against him, and at a hearing on Wednesday night, before Alderman Denhard, judgment was awarded in favor of the club for $125. All but two members of the club have withdrawn on account of these proceedings, and a new organization is about being effected.

After the hearing the officers of the club exhibited a letter from Martin Rudy, of Lancaster. Rudy says:

"In reply to your communication of the 28th ult., I wish to say that the cup in question is club property, and cannot be claimed by contestants who won it; yet we could not object if the members of the club were to vote it to the members of the team who won it."

Mr. Wilhelm claims that he resigned as a member of the club and that the cup is his property, as he paid $40, the expenses of the team to Lancaster, and received nothing in return. He says he made 21 points—two more than was necessary—to win the cup, and that he was presented with it.

Girl Incendiaries Confess.

The biggest sensation Summit, N. J., has known for many a long day is the arrest, for arson, of Henrietta Frances Day, 16 years old, and her sister, Emma T. Day, 19, and their confession that they not only caused the recent fire in Summit by which the lives of 18 families were endangered, but that they also had committed incendiarism at Plainfield, for which William Van Ness is now serving a 10 years' sentence. Henrietta Day said they started the fires for sport; they liked to see the buildings burn, and the excited crowds were enjoyable. They have to be watched to prevent them from setting the jail on fire, as they have threatened.

A Muscular Groceryman.

As Editor Reber, of the *State Tribune*, was standing in a grocery store, in Charleston, W. Va., on Tuesday night, he was accosted by Governor Wilson, who shook his fist under his nose and threatened him with personal violence for criticisms made in the paper of the governor's official actions. The grocery keeper, not being an admirer of the governor, ordered him out of the store, and, as he failed to go, summarily ejected him by force, with the injunction never to enter his doors again.

His Leg Crushed by Cars.

Rev. Dr. Edward Beecher, age 85 years, a brother of the late Henry Ward Beecher, fell beneath a train in Brooklyn, on Wednesday night, and had his left leg run over and crushed. Dr. Beecher was returning from Parkville, where he is pastor of a church, and in alighting before the train stopped made a mistep.

Death of Rev. J. O. Critchlow.

Rev. J. O. Critchlow died on Monday at his residence, Butler county, this state. Rev. Critchlow was pastor of the First Baptist church in this city for several years and had many friends in this city, who will be pained to hear of his death. He was prominent in the great temperance movement in this city some years ago, which was conducted by Evangelist Blake. He was a forcible and earnest speaker, and ranked high as a pulpit orator.

Lodgers Discharged.

The mayor had only two lodgers to dispose of this morning. They gave a good account of themselves and were discharged.

Waived a Hearing.

Edward Miller, who was sued before Alderman A. F. Donnelly for the larceny of a dog, collar and strap, last Thursday, the property of Charles Gerlitzki, has waived a hearing and given bail for court.

HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE.

THE PLANING MILL OF JOHN A. BURGER, JR., IS TOTALLY DESTROYED.

The Flames Not Discovered in Time to Save the Contents—Several Dwellings Adjoining Are Damaged—Excitement Among Spectators—Insurance Half the Loss.

One of the largest and most destructive fires that has taken place in Lancaster in a long time occurred on Wednesday night. The large brick building on Beaver street, between Hazel and Hager streets, formerly No. 4 cotton mill, but of late used as a planing and sash factory by John A. Burger, jr., was completely destroyed. This was one of the best known buildings in the city. In size it was 110x36 feet, and was of three stories with basement and attic. On October 17th, 1887, the large planing mill of Henry Burger, on South Prince street, was destroyed by fire. In November of the same year the cotton mill was occupied by his son, John A. Burger, jr., who fitted it up from top to bottom with the latest and most improved machinery. Among other improvements he built an annex to the building 64x22 feet in size.

The fire broke out about twenty minutes before eleven o'clock. It was discovered by Henry Bomberger, who was standing in the yard of a house near the mill. He saw the flames issuing from one of the upper story windows of the building and proceeded to raise an alarm. He ran to the store of Isaac Bauman and procured a key with which he struck box No. 61, at South Queen and Hager streets.

FIREMEN RESPOND QUICKLY.

The firemen responded very quickly, engine No. 2 being the first to get there. It was placed at South Queen and Hazel streets with the others as follows: No. 4 on South Queen street, between Hager and Hazel; No 3 at Hazel and Beaver streets, and No. 1 at Prince and Hazel streets.

As the building was filled with lumber, shavings and other things that were dry and inflammable, the fire spread very rapidly. In a short time the whole interior of the building seemed to be on fire and the flames leaped from every window and soon made their way through the roof. There was quite a stiff breeze blowing at the time and a number of buildings immediately surrounding the mill were soon on fire. The firemen turned their attention to these and were obliged to use a great deal of water on them to prevent their destruction. The occupants of these buildings, with their neighbors, became greatly excited and in a short time the furniture had all been removed to places of safety. The buildings were all well soaked with water.

The fire continued to burn with great fierceness and the firemen found it very hard to fight. The noise made by it was very great and a tremendous crowd soon gathered to watch the destructive work of the flames.

THE SPECTATORS ALARMED.

About six minutes before 11 o'clock the large wall along the Beaver street side of the mill fell with a tremendous crash. The noise made was so great that the frightened bystanders did not know what had happened. Many of them fled in terror for fear they would be buried, and the firemen were obliged to change their quarters. For a time it was feared that the high gable end wall on the north end, which has something like a tower in it, was going to fall, but it remained standing. It was not long after the western wall had fallen in that part of the one on the east side gave away and tumbled down with a frightful crash. Up to the time that the walls had fallen the firemen found much difficulty in getting at the flames right, and the chief engineer pronounced it one of the most stubborn fires that he has had anything to do with in his experience. Once the walls were down, however, the firemen were much more successful. Four streams were kept constantly at work, and by midnight the fire was under control. By that time the mill and its entire contents had been destroyed, however, and parts of the heavy walls were all that was left. Engines No. 2 and 4 were kept throwing water on the ruins until 6 o'clock this morning, when the mill presented a desolate appearance.

Between the mill and South Queen street there is a large yard in which Mr. Burger kept lumber in very large quantities. These huge piles were on fire several times and a considerable quantity was either destroyed or very badly damaged.

INSURANCE HALF THE LOSS.

Mr. Burger finds it very difficult as yet to estimate the loss, but thinks it will amount to $30,000. He owned the building, having purchased it from J. W. Holman something over a year ago. He had it filled with the best machinery, the greater part of which was entirely new. All of this was ruined by the fire, and the engine, which is a complete wreck, was an eighty horse power Corliss. In the mill there was a great quantity of lumber as well as finished work. Among this was a lot of tables, etc., for the store of G. J. P. Raub, at Quarryville, and a lot of work for the new store of Astrich Brothers, on North Queen street. Only last Saturday a large number of new doors were placed in the mill, and these, with the other contents, went up in smoke.

Mr. Burger's insurance is $16,000, and it is divided as follows: On engine and boiler house with Shenk & Bauseman, Fire association of Philadelphia, $2,000; on the building with Shenk & Bauseman, Imperial of England, $2,000; Fireman's Fund of California, $1,000; Orient of Hartford, $1,000; with Allan A. Herr in National of New York, $1,000; on machinery, with Jeremiah Rife, Home of New York, $1,000; with Allan A. Herr, Niagara of New York, $1,000; Buffalo German, $1,000 on machinery and stock with Allan A. Herr, Niagara of New York, $1,500; Elliott of Boston, $1,000; with Eckenrode & Myers, $1,500; with Shenk & Bauseman, Western of Toronto, $1,000; and American Central of St. Louis, $1,000. There is no insurance whatever on the lumber which was burned or damaged in the yard.

THIRTY FIVE EMPLOYES NOW IDLE.

About thirty-five men were employed in the mill, all of whom are thrown out of employment by the fire. These men are not only without work but the majority of them lose their entire sets of tools which averaged in value per set from $30 to $70. Those who suffer considerable losses are: Adam Hersh, J. C. Hess, Joseph Gerlitzki, John Hasselwander, Harry Myers, Harry Myers, jr., Harry Metzgar, Adam Shoen, Howard Myers, Edward Humphreyville, John Kirk, Joseph Sherr, F. J. Klos, Harry Arnold, Harry Duttenhoffer, Walter Gruger and John D. Burr.

Just north of the mill, and on the same side of Beaver street, are two frame houses which are owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Shenk. The one next to the mill, No. 507, is occupied by Charles Boos. The roof and side were very badly damaged by fire, and the building was completely saturated with water. These buildings are insured for $500 in the Franklin company, with H. S. Gara, and $200 in the Girard, with Jere. Rife.

Next to the mill on the south side stand three two-story brick houses, which are owned by John Hage, who lives at No. 626 South Queen street, immediately in front. They are occupied as follows: No. 511, Mrs. Martin Kessler; No. 513, Jacob Burkhart; No. 515, George Miller. These houses were on fire several times, and the one occupied by Mrs. Kessler had the wood work pretty well burned out. The roof of the house was badly broken in by part of the wall falling upon it. The furniture was all carried from these houses and stored in those of neighbors. The houses are well soaked with water. Mr. Hage has them insured in the Phœnix company of London for $1,000.

THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE A MYSTERY.

How the fire started no one seems to know. It may have been incendiary, and it may also have been accidental. The last man to leave the mill in the evening was Fred Barr, the engineer. He went away shortly after six o'clock, and then everything was all right.

Mr. Burger lives on South Queen street, immediately in front of the mill. He left home about 7 o'clock, and went up to his music store on North Queen street. He and his wife remained in the store somewhat later than usual and about 10 o'clock started for home. On the way they stopped in Happel's hotel, in Centre Square, to get something to eat. Just as they came out and were turning into South Queen street at Centre Square the alarm of fire struck. Mr. Burger did not know the number of the fire box near his house, but upon going down street he learned that his mill was on fire. He and his wife then hastened home, but then the fire had made such progress that it was impossible to do anything. The loss will fall heavily upon Mr. Burger, and the fire in many respects is similar to the one which his father had when his mill was destroyed.

HISTORY OF THE BURNED BUILDING.

The burned building was erected a number of years ago, as a wood working establishment, by Bowers & Eshleman, the latter member of the firm being the father of Col. B. Frank Eshleman. In 1864 the building was purchased by Shenk, Bauseman, Carpenter & Co. They fitted it up with machinery, converting it into a cotton mill, as which it was operated half a dozen years. For a number of years it was idle and Peters & Shirk used it for a time as a cotton mill before they took possession of their mill on Pine street. Two years ago Shenk, Bauseman, Carpenter & Co. sold the property with the machinery to John W. Holman for $10,000, although it had cost over $100,000. The machinery was removed and sold by Mr. Holman, who afterwards disposed of the building to John A. Burger, jr.

TIRED OF PROHIBITION.

Rhode Island Voters Want to Get Rid of It. No Choice of Governor.

Four parties (Republican, Democratic, Prohibitionist and Law Enforcement) were fatal to a majority for either state ticket in the election held in Rhode Island on Wednesday. Davis (Dem.) will have a plurality for governor, but the election will go to the Legislature, which will be Republican, and will elect the party ticket headed by Ladd. The fourth party was organized to oppose resubmission to the people of the prohibitory amendment, and was composed of men who wanted to elect an anti-resubmission Legislature without affiliating themselves with the Prohibition party. They set up for themselves on the gubernatorial ticket, and joined with the Prohibitionists on the legislative ticket, leaving only three parties in the field for the Legislature. A resubmission Legislature has been elected, both the Republicans and Democrats being pledged to resubmission.

The 9,000 new voters who came in under the enlarged suffrage did not materialize in numbers sufficient to swell the total vote over that of last year.

The four candidates for governor to-day were Herbert W. Ladd, Republican; John W. Davis, Democrat; James H. Chace, Law Enforcement, and H. H. Richardson, Prohibition. Each party had candidates for all the other state offices except for attorney general, the incumbent, Horatio Rogers, having as his only competitor Z. O. Slocum, Democrat. The latter was elected.

The principal issue of the contest was whether the prohibitory amendment should be resubmitted to a vote of the people. At the preceding election the vote was in the affirmative, and the result of Wednesday's voting practically insures the resubmission to the people the question of prohibition and its ultimate defeat after about four years of trial.

Providence is believed to have gone Democratic.

Thirty towns out of thirty-six including all cities but Providence, give Davis (Dem.) 10,094; Ladd (Rep.) 9,174; Richardson (Pro.) 803; Chace (Law Enforcement), 1,952. Davis lacks 1,853 of a majority.

The Legislature figures up: Senate—Republicans, 19; Democrats, 14. House—Democrats, 34; Republicans, 30. Neither branch is full, "no election" occurring in many places.

Democratic gains all along the Blackstone Valley, from Pawtucket to Woonsocket, are large, probably owing to the new voters.

PROVIDENCE, April 4.—By completed returns the Senate stands: Republicans 21; Democrats 11, with four to be elected. The House stands: 23 Republicans; 37 Democrats, with 12 to be elected. The Democrats have a majority of the lower branch.

The complete vote of the state gives Ladd, 16952; Davis, 21,350; Richardson, 1,511; Chace, 3,422. Davis lacks 548 votes of a majority and election, but has a plurality of 4,398.

For attorney general, Rogers has 21,011; Slocum, 21,816; scattering 27. Slocum has a majority of 778.

IN THE COURTS.

The Current Business Transacted at This Morning's Session.

Court met at 10 o'clock this morning for the transaction of current business.

An issue was granted to determine the ownership of property levied upon by the sheriff as that of Leopold Wickenheiser, in which Leander Schultz was made plaintiff and Elias S. Young and Benjamin B. Brandt, administrators of Daniel Young, deceased, are defendants.

Rebecca M. Cover, Mt. Joy, was divorced from her husband, John Cover, on the grounds of adultery and desertion.

Franna Seltzer, Penn, was divorced from her husband, John K. Seltzer, on the grounds of desertion.

Magdalena Senseniig, Ephrata, wife of Tobias Senseniig, was granted the benefit of the act of April 3, 1872, giving to married women the benefit of their separate earnings.

Newton Lightner, city, was appointed guardian of James S. Griffith, who is interested in the estate of James Hopkins, deceased.

The bonds of the following tax collectors elected in February were approved by the court: H. W. Bard, East Cocalico; George Berk, Eden; H. H. Aument, East Drumore; H. C. Bowman, East Donegal; S. H. Boyd, Columbia; Valentine Knisely, Conestoga; Walter A. Cramer, Martic; M. W. Harvey, Drumore; S. B. Frankfort, East Hempfield; J. A. Grube, Carnarvon; Aaron Dougherty, Conoy; John K. Habecker, Clay.

Adjourned to meet on Saturday morning.

A Large Stone Crusher.

Hill & McGovern, of Philadelphia, have just finished a stone crushing plant at Conewago station for Reilly & McManus, the well known contractors of Philadelphia. The stones that are crushed are to be used as ballast on the Pennsylvania railroad between Philadelphia and Pittsburg. This crusher is one of the largest in the country. It weighs 20 tons and will crush from 8,000 to 10,000 tons of stone per day.

BILLS DISPOSED OF.

NINE RECEIVE FINAL CONSIDERATION BY THE SENATE.

A Measure Requiring a Ton of Anthracite Coal to Weigh 2,240 Pounds Among the Number Passed Finally—The Governor Names April 26 as Arbor Day.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 4.—In the Senate to-day, the House street grade crossing bill was reported affirmatively.

The bill permitting a person who has waived the exemption laws to claim such exemption upon the collection of his obligation by legal process was defeated.

Senate bills were passed finally as follows: Authorizing executors or trustees to unite with others in the organization of corporations for profit; making appropriations to the legal representatives of Law Judges Trunkey and Williams for unpaid salary for the last year of their lives, amounting to nearly $10,000; to provide for payment of the traveling expenses of poor directors and county commissioners; authorizing boroughs to levy tax on conveyances carrying persons for pay, except those engaged in livery business; regulating the laying out of town lots; requiring a ton of anthracite coal to weigh 2,240 pounds; forbidding trafficking in registered bottles by persons other than the owners; to punish persons for defacing statues or monuments; the House bill repealing the limit of damages to be paid for the purchase of bridges by any county.

Adjourned until Monday evening.

Fourteen appropriation bills passed finally in the House to-day, demanding about $700,000.

THE SPRING ARBOR DAY.

The governor has fixed the 26th inst. as Arbor Day.

L. B. CLARK'S STORY.

How Four Highwaymen Met and Robbed Him at Night.

Lemuel B. Clark, who resides at No. 225 North Cherry street, tells a rather wonderful tale of how he was attacked on the highway by four men on Saturday night last. He failed to make the story known until last evening for fear that it might affect the health of his wife, who was not well. Last night he fell in with some newspaper men and let himself out. He says that he had been out in the country on Saturday collecting money for a brother-in-law, who lives in Philadelphia. He was returning to Lancaster on the Beaver Valley turnpike, between Big Springs and the Willow Street turnpike. It was about 10 o'clock when he reached the school house near John Kendig's residence. Suddenly four men sprang from the road sides. Two of them took hold of the horse's head and the others stood by the buggy. One of the men flashed a dark lantern in his face, which was almost as brilliant as the head light of a locomotive. By this time Clark was pretty well frightened, but his teeth began to chatter when one of the men climbed into the buggy and placed the cold muzzle of a revolver against his cheek. The fellow demanded Clark's money or his life. Clark thought he had more use for his life than the money, so he turned over a wallet, containing $40, to the road agents. The thieves were very mad because Clark had no watch and one them told him that he thought very little of him because he had none. After the thieves got the money Clark says they allowed him to go, and he came to town with his heart in his neck.

The Morse Sounder on Cables.

From the Electric Age.

Mr. Charles G. Burke, the New York electrician, has about completed his cable system, whereby he has been enabled to work Morse over the Atlantic cables.

Mr. Burke will leave in a few days for Ireland for the purpose of putting in the instruments on the direct cable to test the system between Ireland and America on the long end of that cable. Between Canso, N. S., and Rye Beach, N. H., in testing the Burke apparatus, there was practically no difference between the working of the cable and an ordinary city wire. On this circuit the "mirror" is in constant use. Of course the substitution of the Morse sounder for the "mirror" and "recorder" means an increased speed.

Mr. Burke has spent a great many years in perfecting his plans, and it is now thought by cable experts that he has at last successfully solved the problem of applying the Morse sounder to cables. If the system proves a success, the carrying capacity of the Atlantic cables will be greatly augmented. At the same time, success in these experiments means an earlier start in the laying of a Pacific cable. One of the drawbacks to the latter enterprise now, is the great stretch of cable necessary to connect the two continents, over which some electricians express the belief that it will be with much difficulty to exchange any of the present systems of cable signalling.

Supreme Conclave of Heptasophs Officers.

The supreme conclave of Heptasophs or Seven Wise Men met in Baltimore on Wednesday. The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:

Joseph Pyle, Wilmington, Del., M. E. supreme archon; Augustus Bouldin, Baltimore, M. E. supreme chancellor; E. B. Shaw, Wilmington, Del., M. W. supreme provost; George W. Wright, Norfolk, Va., M. W. supreme secretary; James M. Black, Norfolk, Va., M. W. supreme treasurer; James A. Cochrane, Ohio, M. V. supreme prelate; H. A. Pick, Baltimore, R. W. supreme inspector general; Thomas H. Kile, Wilmington, Del., R. W. supreme warden; George S. Remon, District of Columbia, R. W. supreme sentinel; James Young, John V. Posey and George Eisenberg, Baltimore, E. P. Tompkins, Camden, N. J., and William Wintrup, Wilmington, Del., trustees.

It was decided to hold the next annual session in Brooklyn, N. Y.

A Wife Forgives Her Brutal Husband.

William Bohan, of Far Rockaway, who was sentenced last September to Auburn prison for 27 years for gouging out his wife's eyes, has received a visit from the woman whom he had so inhumanely treated. Bohan kissed his wife several times and then led her to a chair near his bed, and they spent an hour in earnest conversation, during which the convict sobbed like a child.

The sight of the blind woman coming to see the man who had caused her so much misery surprised the prison officials, and to one of them she expressed her surprise to the wife she said: "I forgive him and still love him." She excused his crime by saying he was intoxicated, else he never would have injured her. When sober, she said, he always treated her kindly. Then too, as if to soften the husband's crime, she added that when sent to prison he deeded all his property to her. This amounts to about $7,000. "A wife's a wife," she said, "and I can't help my feelings. I love the man still and would do anything for him. As soon as I am able I will set about obtaining his pardon, and, if successful, we will live together as before."

Injured on the Railroad.

Gustave Schuler was injured at Columbia last evening while stealing a ride on a freight train. When the train reached the Columbia yards Schuler, jumped off the cars and in the fall his head struck the rails. His wounds were dressed by Dr. Linesweaver, after which he was taken to the county hospital. Dr. Landis says his injuries are not serious. Schuler is a German, who has only been in this country a year and a half.

Oregon's New Postmasters.

F. F. Bard was on Wednesday appointed postmaster at Oregon, this county.

THE CRIMINAL TRIAL LIST.

Cases That Will Engage the Court During the Third Week in April.

District Attorney Weaver to-day issued his trial list for April quarter sessions court. The following cases are to be disposed of:

MONDAY, April 15.—Hyman Eberhart, assault and battery; Wm. Locher, L. G. Wiley, Wm. Chandler, Harry Stephens, Charles Locher, Amos Dyer, Edward Eichman, Wm. K. Hartman, Benjamin Kline, David P. Locher, George Wiegand, Samuel Musselman, Ernest Kuster, Wm. Musser, Mary Lloyd, Michael Donecker, Wm. Robinson, Christian Eisenberg, Frederick Penn, Mary Washington, George Leckenbach, John Stevenson, Frank Laurrell, Edward Donahue, William Kline, larceny; Charlotte Clark et al., conspiracy; Maggie Clark, concealing death of illegitimate child; Edwin Hacker, Walter Carpenter, false pretense; Samuel R. Greenburg, Simon Glynch, fornication and bastardy; Charles Witmer, Rudolph Weiman, Johann March, Albert Mitchell, H. L. Gochenour, felonious entry; George Watson et al., burglary; John Williams, indecent exposure; John Conquest, tramp; Philip Emerich, defrauding landlord; Harry Green, enticing female child; John Bell, horse stealing.

TUESDAY, April 16.—Michael Rendler, felonious entry; John Fisher, false pretenses; Christian H. Snowalter, rape; John F. Miller, seduction; Charles E. Cohn, embezzlement; John Stroble, Joseph Leyman, adultery; John Seatman, Samuel Frankford, Abram Hess, Wm. Franklin, Frank Welsh, Isaac Rinehart, F. W. Baum, A. S. Kauffman, larceny; Morris Gippel, Elmer Swarr, Jacob Shoff, Harry H. Swarr, assault and battery; J. H. Stauffer, Wesley Kiss, George Ammon, felonious assault and battery; Edward Hamaker, riot; Jos. Heisselman, Wm. Seifert, malicious mischief; Elmer Swarr, aggravated assault and battery; Elmer Swarr, et al., Wm. Greenawalt, et al, Wesley Kiss, et al, riot; Samuel Johnson, carrying concealed weapons; Bryson Painter, robbery.

WEDNESDAY, April 17.—Leopold Wickenheiser, nuisance; Wm. Frankfort, seduction; Charles Marsh, Elmer Bollinger, Amos S. Kuhns, Benj. F. Portner, Harry Brownstetter, Hester Kieffer, Wm. O. Reese, L. B. Kreiner, George K. Garret, Joseph P. Weber, Lewis Kirk, fornication and bastardy; Thos. Anderson, et. al., larceny.

THURSDAY, April 18.—Charles E. Bud, et. al., conspiracy; Horace G. Usner, embezzlement; William R. Rodgers, manslaughter.

SATURDAY, April 20.—Charles Lee, Geo. Erhart, Barnard Weaver, Joseph Heisselman, Elmer Swarr, Harry Swarr, Wm. Seifert, John Williams, Jacob Shoff, Morris Gippel, Samuel Johnson, Albert Steigart, surety of peace, J. C. Wilson, John W. Miller, Levi Gast, Albert A. Anne, Wm. Coffroad, desertion.

THE OUTLOOK FOR RAILROADS.

President Roberts Says it is Not Encouraging For This Year.

The leading officials of the Pennsylvania railroad system are in Pittsburg on their annual tour of inspection. In an interview on the business outlook and the policy of the Pennsylvania system, President Roberts says: "I do not desire to be understood as asserting that there is an extraordinary depression in business, but the outlook for railroad business is not encouraging for this year.

"The general average of the earnings of the railroads last year was not good, and this year the outlook is not much better. Freight rates are extremely low, and the general depression in the mercantile line of business is evidence that the outlook is not encouraging, and there is chance for advancing rates. What remains for the railroads to do under such conditions is to economize wherever they can. The company has not given any thought to reduction of the wages of its employes in any department, but in every way where we see an opportunity economy will be specially observed. This is now being done. Instructions have been given to observe the utmost economy during the present year.

"There will be no cutting of rates on the Pennsylvania railroad lines. The policy on our lines has always been conservative and against the cutting of rates. The provisions of the amended inter-state commerce law will be strictly observed."

The Curiosities of Law.

Hampton L. Carson made an eloquent address Wednesday evening in St. George's hall, Philadelphia, on "The Curiosities of the Law."

The speaker traced the history of the American bar from the time of the framing of the Declaration of Independence to the present day. He related a number of amusing and interesting anecdotes connected with the legal lives of such talent as Curran, Grattan, Choate and Webster. He denounced in bitter terms the admission of circumstantial evidence in cases where a citizen's liberty and life are at stake. He dwelt at length upon this question and recited a few instances where men had been tried and adjudged guilty of murder upon purely circumstantial evidence, when, after the penalty of the law had been carried out, the victims were found to have been innocent. "There should never be a prejudgment of any case, no matter how serious the crime is. His innocence is to be presumed until guilt is proved beyond all doubt."

Anointed and Feathered.

Professor Ernest, a music teacher, recently eloped with the wife of a Winnipeg grocer. The wife subsequently returned to her husband, but the professor did not show up again until Tuesday. That night there were two separate squads of men looking for Professor Ernest. One numbered about thirty-five, the other twenty. The smaller crowd found him before the tar and feathers were ready. He begged and pleaded so for mercy that they had to substitute axlegrease, syrup, paregoric, etc. The party gave him a grand dose of feathers and the foregoing ingredients. Then they showed him his way out of the city, he having promised never to turn up again in Winnipeg.

Death of Mrs. O. H. Landes.

Mrs. O. H. Landes, wife of John S. Landes, died last night at the residence of her husband, No. 544 East Orange street, of gastritic fever. The deceased was born in Montgomery county, and was an estimable woman and consistant christian, who had a large circle of friends. She leaves, a husband and three children—Miss Amanda the popular teacher of elocution at the Millersville normal school; John S., in the employ of Henry Wolf, cabinet-maker, and William, watchmaker employed by the Peoria (Ill.) watch company. The funeral will take place from the late residence on Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Failure of John S. Masterson.

John S. Masterson and wife, of Mastersonville, Rapho township, made an assignment to-day for the benefit of creditors to S. S. Zug and A. M. Gepfer, of Rapho township. Mr. Masterson kept a general store, and had the reputation of being a wealthy man. The amount of liabilities cannot be ascertained, as there are many unsecured creditors. The amount of judgments entered against Mr. Masterson is $14,088.20.

Rev. Dr. S. M. Vernon's Welcome.

Rev. Dr. S. M. Vernon, the new pastor of the Duke street M. E. church, was given a royal welcome by his congregation on Wednesday evening. The congregation assembled in the lecture room of the church and on their behalf Prof. B. F. Shaub welcomed Dr. Vernon as the pastor, to which he made an appropriate reply. After the speech making he was introduced to the members of the church with whom he had not yet met. A pleasant evening was spent. The choir of the church rendered several selections during the evening.

Reported Favorably.

In the House on Wednesday the Wherry bill to prevent discrimination by railroad companies in freight charges was unanimously reported with a favorable recommendation from the committee on the judiciary general.

ENDED HIS CAREER.

A BOSTON CLERGYMAN COMMITS SUICIDE IN LONDON ON SUNDAY.

The Coroner's Jury Decide He Was Insane. A Letter Left by Him Saying the Only Escape From His Difficulties Was Through the Gates of Death.

LONDON, April 4.—Rev. Charles Sidney Hurd, recently pastor of the Pilgrim Unitarian church, at Boston, Mass., committed suicide at the Euston Square hotel, on Sunday, by taking opium.

At the inquest held to-day it was found that the clergyman had written a letter dated Saturday, directed to Mr. Brooke, in which he thanked him for his kindness and apologizing for annoying him, said the sole way out of his difficulties was through the gates of death.

In the letter he said: "I am the most unlucky mortal on earth. My body I give to a medical school for dissection. My brother's address is No. 4,