

MR. ENGLE EXONERATED.

THE STREET COMMITTEE HEAR A LARGE NUMBER OF WITNESSES.

Weight-Master McCully is Condemned For Carelessness—The Work Ordered to be Done on the City Streets.

A special meeting of the street committee was held on Monday evening, with the following members present: Messrs. Riddle, Stormella, Sing, Haines, Froch, Cummings, Long and Underwood. Mr. Wise was absent through sickness.

Chairman Riddle said the object of the meeting was to make inquiry as to the results of reports in circulation for several days as to the weight of stone delivered to the city during the year 1885. The parties named in connection with the scandal demanded an investigation, and to give all an opportunity to be heard this meeting was called. This investigation was not made at the instance of any member of the committee, as none of them had any knowledge of the matter.

C. A. Gast, the clerk of the committee, was directed to reduce the testimony to writing. Alderman Barr was present to qualify the witnesses and City Solicitor Brown was present as the city's representative to conduct the examination of the witnesses.

John McCully was the first witness called, and his testimony was as follows: I was employed during the year 1885 to weigh the stone hauled from the Engle quarry; I kept a book; witness identified the one shown him by Mr. Brown as the book in which the weight of the stone delivered was kept; I weighed nearly every cart load of stone that left the quarry; there were not many loads that I did not weigh; there might have been a few in the morning before I got there; I went on duty about 6 o'clock; the carters got there as early as half past five and I was not there at 6 o'clock some of the carters took their loads away; those loads were weighed by the foreman of the quarry and he gave the weight to me; this did not happen more than a half dozen times.

Mr. Brown asked the witness how it occurred there was 400 pounds difference in two loads carried by the same cart, one weighing 2,650 pounds and the other 2,250 pounds.

Mr. McCully explained the difference in the way: Eight trips constituted a day's work and the carters were expected to take 2,000 pounds on each trip; but if the carters took 16,000 pounds in seven trips, it counted the same; the first loads in the morning were usually the heaviest.

Mr. Riddle asked how it was towards the end of the season that so many loads weighed exactly 2,000 pounds, when earlier in the season the weight varied so widely, and read from the record the following: October 18, 61 out of 80 loads weighed exactly 2,000 pounds; November 2, 71 out of 73; November 5, 63 out of 80; November 7, 46 out of 64; December 6, 63 out of 72; December 7, 76 out of 82; December 8, 49 out of 50; December 10, 50 out of 59; December 11, 35 out of 52; December 12, 67 out of 76; December 13, 46 out of 73; December 14, 83 out of 84; December 15, 42 out of 46; December 20, 15 out of 15.

Mr. Riddle asked this question: Is it possible to put on the scales 84 loads as the carts fill up and 83 of them weigh exactly 2,000 pounds?

Mr. McCully's answer was that the carts would come on the scales weighing 1,920, 1,950 or 1,975 pounds; I would give the carters credit for a ton, but charge the deficiency in a little book I kept, and the carters would make up the deficiency the next load; I admit that I was directed in not weighing the carts as often as I should when the weather changed; after a rain a cart would weigh more than in dry weather; I deny that was done at a bridge when carts came in and not there to weigh them; I might have been absent occasionally towards the end of the season, but only for a short time.

Mr. Riddle asked if it was possible to put 2,000 pounds of stone on one of these carts.

Mr. McCully said it was a big load, but the weight was correct.

Mr. Brown asked Mr. McCully where the little book was in which he charged these deficiencies.

Mr. McCully replied: I cannot tell where it is; it is in his hand.

Mr. Brown asked Mr. McCully why he kept two sets of books. Mr. McCully said to satisfy the carters. They had to carry 2,000 pounds a trip to satisfy Street Commissioner Bertz.

Mr. Riddle—if you got there and found no carts waiting did you not go away and not get back?

Mr. McCully—I might have done so once or twice.

Mr. Riddle—Is it not a fact that carters towards the last got careless and could haul as much as they pleased and get credit for 2,000 pounds every trip?

Mr. McCully—Everything was done right and if the city was beaten in any way it was in my neglect in not weighing the carts.

Mr. Brown asked when the carters made up the deficiencies spoken of, with which they were charged.

Mr. McCully—There might have been some discrepancy there. They might not have always made up the deficiency through neglect on my part.

This finished the examination of Mr. McCully.

THE CARTERS' TESTIMONY.

Frank Eichman, Andrew Colby, John Eichman, Adolph Weinman, Peter Seyfert, Walter Deen, John Binkley, John H. Campbell, John Neff, carters, employed in hauling stone in 1885, from the Engle quarry, were next examined as witnesses. Their testimony did not differ from that of Mr. McCully. They hauled stone from the quarry which was weighed by him, except probably the first load, and if he was not there to weigh them that load they were credited with 2,000 pounds. The loads weighed from 1,950 to 2,000 pounds, but there were only a few of the latter weight. All of the above witnesses with a single exception thought it unlikely that the stones weighed exactly 2,000 pounds, but they accounted for the difference in the same way Mr. McCully did. If there were a few pounds short they were given credit for a ton and expected to make up the deficiency on the next trip. That appeared to be the custom. There was no agreement, but the shortage was always made up.

FREDERICK ENGLE'S TESTIMONY.

Frederick Engle, the owner of the quarry from which these stones were taken, was next examined, and his testimony was: As far as I know Mr. McCully was at the quarry all the time stone was being hauled away; I furnished him with a book to keep his accounts, and only saw it afterwards once or twice; I do not know where it was kept; I never interfered with the men at the quarry in any way; they had it all their own way last year, the same as now; I kept no account of the stone hauled to the city, and did not know what was furnished except by the account given to me by the weighmaster.

EX-STREET COMMISSIONER BERTZ.

Jacob Bertz, street commissioner in 1885, was next examined, and his testi-

SECESSIONS IN EARNST.

MAINTAINING THAT ARE THE REGULAR GENERAL CONFERENCE OF U. S. CHURCH.

Resolutions Adopted Denouncing the Liberal Wing—Bishop Wright and His Adherents Expelled.

York, May 14.—At this morning's session of the general conference of the United Brethren in Christ, resolutions were adopted declaring that Bishop Wright, of Ohio, and the other delegates who withdrew from conference yesterday and formed another organization, had irregularly withdrawn from this body and the church and are no longer ministers or members of the church of the United Brethren in Christ.

At a meeting this morning of the minority conference, the small faction opposed to recognizing secret societies, the committee on the state of the church made their report embodying resolutions to the effect that they were the regular general conference of this church standing firmly on the constitution of 1841 and strongly condemning the liberal views of the outgoing majority in their new constitution and confession of faith.

DISUNTING BRETHREN.

Secession of a Portion of the General Conference at York.

The long expected secession in the United Brethren in Christ, took place at York on Monday. When it became known that the new constitution was to go into effect immediately the minority left the building and held their conference in another part of the city. They then decided to band together under the old constitution. Accordingly an open talk session was held at 2 P. M. in Park opera house, Bishop Wright presiding. Sixteen ministers were present who had ceased to act with the larger body in its deliberations.

This session was the beginning of a long controversy, which was begun in 1870, when the minority of seceding churches claimed that distinction because they cleave to the old constitution, while the majority claims that title because the numbers have existed since 1841 under the old constitution, and work under it only in amended form. The minority will hold morning, afternoon and evening sessions every day this week.

After the majority had closed many of the ministers visited the meeting held by the minority and listened to the proceedings. The bolters comprise nearly one-sixth of the entire membership. They have opposed the lay delegation in the general conference, and also membership in secret societies. They claim to have been willing to accept the constitution, but their opponents would make no concessions whatever.

AMERICAN BANDITS.

Details of the Attack on a Treasure Guard.

A dispatch from Tucson, Arizona, says: Major J. W. Whelan, 8th Cavalry, accompanied by his clerk, W. T. Gibbon, left here last Wednesday on a trip to pay troops. They went by rail to Wilcox and from that point, by stage, to Fort Huachuca. The troops in this department are in coin on account of the scarcity of greenbacks. The amount was about \$75,000. It was put in a strong wooden chest and carried by a mule. This was strapped to the hinder part of the ambulance, which carried the paymaster and his clerk.

The paymaster disbursed at Fort Bowie Thursday and Fort Grant Friday, which reduced his treasury to \$25,000. He left Fort Grant Saturday morning for Fort Huachuca, and on Sunday morning he and his soldiers in command of two colored non-commissioned officers. The distance from Grant to Thomas is forty-five miles, through a mountainous and hilly country. Cedar Springs station is about midway, and is made historic from the fact of being once an Apache stronghold.

It was about three miles north of Cedar Springs, in a deep narrow gorge, that Major Whelan was attacked.

As the party approached the point they found the road blocked by a line of men on horseback. Several of the escort got out of their wagons, leaving their guns behind them, and proceeded to remove the rocks from the road. The bandits, who were a large number, and were armed with a large number of rifles, came pouring down from the cliffs and breastworks. At the first fire several of them fell. The others rushed back to the ambulance and began to load their rifles. The soldiers, who were Maj. Whelan's driver was wounded early in the fight and crawled away into the bushes. It is now believed that twelve robbers were engaged in the attack. The bandits could not dislodge the escort from the ledge of the rock in which they had taken refuge, they made a detour with a part of their force to the side of the mountain, and opened fire. Then the bandits saw they could not dislodge the robbers, and took to their heels toward the ravine, to reach which they had to cross a cleared space fully a hundred feet wide. The soldiers, who were on the side of the mountain, one robber is known to have been seriously wounded, and the soldiers could see him strapping him to the back of a mule and remove him. The highwaymen evidently expected a hard fight, for they had built a fortification of logs and brush, in which they could have retreated had they been compelled to abandon the first one. The robbers had reached the bush in the ravine the robbers were shot in the stomach at the first attack, and three others were killed, and others disabled. It is believed that the robbers have escaped toward Graham mountains, making toward Solomonville, or are still on the Fort Grant side. As every minute counts, the soldiers are on the alert, and a trail is watched, it seems hardly possible that they can escape, though they may get into Sonora.

Sarah Althea Hill Terry Loses.

The United States supreme court has affirmed the judgment of the United States circuit court, for the Northern district of California, in the case of David S. Terry et al., appellants, vs. Sarah Althea Hill Terry. This is a suit brought by Sarah Althea Hill Terry. The court holds that in the original case the citizenship of parties being in dispute, the court was authorized to cancel the cancellation of a forged instrument—being one of the oldest heads of equity jurisdiction, the case presented was one of public policy, and the court was bound to give effect to the public policy. The court held that the appellants were not entitled to the relief sought, and that the judgment of the circuit court should be affirmed.

Another Kind of German Hit.

A serious fight occurred at Hiltzheim, Prussia, yesterday arising out of disputed claims to the occupancy of private lands. The military were called out to disperse the angry throngs, but were unable to do so without firing upon them. Seven persons were killed.

Made Them Laugh.

The pay car of the Pennsylvania railroad arrived in town this afternoon, and the employes have been smiling ever since.

A DULL MARKET.

Dealers Will Finish Packing in About Two Weeks.

The last tobacco market has been very dull, and over a hundred cases of old goods were sold. There are still a few buyers in the field and during the week a large crop of 37 acres of Havana was purchased by Callmans & Rosenbaum. The packing is nearly done and in two weeks' time the warehouses will be closed for the season.

The New York Market.

From the N. Y. Journal.

If not exactly demoralized the market is in anything but a prosperous condition. To prove this it is only necessary to state the statements of the market for the past week. The market for Havana, the best of a packing of 400 cases at 16c, re-weighed. A commentary on this actual sale is on the statement of the market for the past week. The market for Havana, the best of a packing of 400 cases at 16c, re-weighed. A commentary on this actual sale is on the statement of the market for the past week.

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A TERRIBLE FALL.

FATHER SCHMELT VERY SERIOUSLY INJURED AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL.

He Lost Hand Hold On the Railing and Falls Down a High Stairway—The Accident May Prove Fatal.

Father John Frederick Schmelt, of St. Joseph's hospital, met with an accident on Monday night which may yet result fatally. Father Schmelt is a very heavy man, weighing about 250 pounds, and is 68 years of age. He had been in the chapel attending Forty Hours' devotion, and shortly before ten o'clock started to go up stairs to his room for the purpose of retiring. He had one of his legs broken several times years ago and it is now rather stiff, so that he finds it difficult in walking up stairs. He had almost reached the top of the stairway when he lost his hand hold on the railing. He fell heavily to the bottom of the stairway. Persons who heard him fall ran to his assistance and he was quickly picked up.

Dr. M. L. Davis was sent for and he attended the reverend gentleman's injuries. He found that he had received a very deep and ugly cut in the head and also a contused shoulder. He was also injured badly internally, and on account of his age and great weight it is feared that he may not recover.

To Cross the Atlantic.

Frederick Englehard, of the firm of Bischoff & Englehard, manufacturing jewelers, East Chestnut street, left today on the 11:30 train for New York, from which place he will sail Thursday morning on the steamer Teller, of the Hamburg line, for his home, Hamant, Mecklenburg, state of Hesse-Cassel, Germany. He goes to visit his mother and other relatives. He left Germany 23 years ago. He will return to this city in September.

To-morrow Mrs. H. C. Demuth, Mrs. Augusta F. Willig and her son, Luther H. Willig, leave for New York, where they will take the same steamer for the Fatherland, making an extended tour of that country.

On June 4 M. Haberbusch, B. Yecker and son, Benjamin, and Christopher Blumenstock will sail on the steamer Rhaetia, of the Hamburg-American line, for Hamburg. After visiting their respective homes they will make an extended tour through Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and Greece. Their position, hence to London, will be about three months. The tickets were secured through Geo. Rohr, of the Erie Trade office, this city.

John Miller, of Cambridge, Dies.

In his eightieth year, with his family around him, at half past eight on Friday morning, Mr. John Miller, sr., of Cambridge, passed tranquilly from earth. Born in Chester Valley, in what is now Salisbury township, Lancaster county, in 1825, he bought the farm he lived on all his long life, and carried on farming until a few years ago. He was a school director, widely known and thoroughly respected. In politics he was a Whig and Republican. His nine children, all living, are: Dr. A. M. Miller, John K. Miller, J. B. Miller, Jonathan Miller, B. Frank Miller, Mary, wife of J. C. Buchanan, of Salisbury township, Catherine, the wife of Berwin Iron, near Churchtown, Anna, the wife of George Given, grocer, Philadelphia, and Nellie, the wife of William Glendenn, of Camden, N. J.

55 Chickens Stolen.

SPRING GROVE, May 13.—On Friday night thieves visited the premises of Isaac Martin, E. Earl, and stole about thirty-five chickens. From there they went to Samuel Eaby's, who heard them and came out when they drove off toward the Welsh mountains. Mr. Eaby followed on horseback as far as Swearig's station, when they turned on their heels and started to shoot. He did not turn back. Eaby having no weapons with which to defend himself, turned back. The thieves were colored men and no doubt belonged to the Welsh mountain gang.

On Saturday morning, while helping to drill stones in Wanner's quarries, Seniah Gillen, of Barry, was struck on the forehead with a two pound sledge which flew from the handle, inflicting a dangerous wound. Dr. McConnell dressed the wound.

A Bee and Pigeon Race.

A very curious race, possessing no little interest to students of natural history, and which is vouched for by our English contemporary Knowledge, was recently witnessed in Westphalia, the contest being between pigeons of various breeds, and the respective owners of which had wagered their favorites to win. The course was three miles and a half, that being the distance between the villages of Rhyner and Hamme; and a dovecot which happened to be near a hive was selected as the winning post. It was found to be very interesting to mark the bees so as to make their identity unmistakable, but the difficulty was at last surmounted by rolling them in flour. After a start on the morning journey, the pigeons were released, and the race resulted in a victory for the bees; the first bee arriving at the post twenty-five seconds before the first pigeon, and three hours before the second.

Examinations End.

The final examinations of the senior class of college came to an end to-day. They have been in progress for seven days. From the present until commencement week, which begins June 9, the seniors will have a short vacation. During this time they will be expected to prepare their graduating orations. A number of them expect to spend a portion of this time at their homes. Some of them will likely take advantage of the special practical course in astronomy which Prof. Kerschbom so kindly offers. The class numbers twenty-five.

Officers Chosen.

The prohibitory amendment county committee met yesterday at their rooms at 25 East King street and effected a permanent organization. John H. Landis was chosen chairman; W. H. Brosius, C. S. Kaufman, J. W. Bruckhart and D. S. Bursk, vice chairmen; H. C. Moore, J. D. Poynt and N. Sloan, secretaries; Isaac L. Hess, treasurer.

A resolution was adopted challenging any of the opponents of the amendment to meet its friends at any public meeting, called for the purpose, to discuss the amendment.

A Constitutional Point.

Thirteen liquor dealers of Reading defending suits for the revocation of their licenses claimed in their answer on Monday that section 7 of the high license law, which empowers courts of quarter sessions to revoke licenses upon proof that the licensee has violated the law, is in contravention of section 1 of article 1 of the constitution of the state, which provides that in prosecutions by indictment or information the accused shall have a right to a speedy public trial by an impartial jury of the vicinage and shall not be deprived of life, liberty or property unless by the judgment of his peers or of the law of the land.

EFFECTS OF A STORM.

A NEW HOTEL BUILDING UPON WHICH ARE WORKING IN DISREPAIR.

The Owner and Four Workmen Killed From the Ruins—Three County Hired—Others in the Hospital.

TACOMA, W. T., May 14.—Between six and twenty men were at work on the hotel building about six o'clock last evening when a tremendous storm drove a deadly cross and the building collapsed, burying the men in the ruins. Walter Bates, for whom the building was being built, was taken out dead, and dead bodies of four of the workmen were also taken from the ruins. Three workmen were rescued, injured and others are still in the ruins. The debris is being removed as rapidly as possible.

The Citizens' Ticket Committee.

New Brunswick, N. J., May 14.—The case of the Citizens' ticket of board of election causes much rejoicing. There are 5,308 votes cast, the counting of which will close the Citizens' ticket. A majority of 758. This is a vote numbered 438. This is a vote upon an entering ward. Very few were in city government. Very few of the large property owners, church members or advocates of purity of politics were present. The vote was a surprise. The vote was a surprise. The vote was a surprise.

Philadelphia, May 14.—The court today decided upon the application for liquor licenses. The court today decided upon the application for liquor licenses. The court today decided upon the application for liquor licenses.

Washington, May 14.—The report of money at the New York treasury revealed a discrepancy of \$13 out of a sum of \$184,000,000 to be accounted for. The shortage resulted from the acceptance of a few counterfeit notes in the treasury.

Buffalo, May 14.—Wm. Kennaugh was convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of his mistress, Edith Kennaugh, on Monday, June 24. This is the first death sentence under the new law.

Appointed by the President.

Washington, May 14.—The president today appointed John F. Sanderson, New York city, George E. Lathrop, of Louisville, Jesse Spalding, of Chicago, Rufus B. Bullock, of Atlanta, to be permanent directors of the Union Pacific mail company; Wm. Hoyon, of New York, to be member of the board of Indian commissioners; Samuel C. Wright, of Havana, to be superintendent of the United States mint at Carson City, Nev.

No Trace of the Doctor.

Toronto, May 14.—A couple of Chicago detectives came to town yesterday looking for Dr. Cronin. They endeavored to locate Dr. Cronin at the residence of his sister, but he refused to talk to the detectives. The detectives have no trace of the doctor.

Chicago, May 14.—A morning paper publishes an interview with an official of the Canadian Pacific railroad, who has been suppressed, who says that he has been acquainted with Dr. Cronin for many years, and that he has never seen him since he left the doctor who is in Toronto on Friday last, because he (the official) saw him there.

New York, May 14.—Prof. E. E. Platt of riding academy in this city, and John Allen, a hotel proprietor, started from here this morning on horseback trip across the continent to San Francisco. They will change horses whenever necessary. At San Francisco they will take steamer to Australia, and complete the circuit of the globe. The professor is a year old and Mr. Allen 32.

Gov. Beaver Offered a Position.

Washington, May 14.—Edward B. Steele, of Philadelphia, has declined his appointment as a member of the board of visitors to the naval academy, on account of a European trip, and the place has been tendered to Governor Beaver, of Pennsylvania.

Know in Dakota.

Lore, Dakota, May 14.—How fell to the depth of two inches here to-day. It is beneficial to the grain crop.

Dalaware's Secretary of State.

Wilmington, Del., May 14.—Governor Biggs today appointed John F. Sanderson, of the Dover Delaware, secretary of state to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his cousin, John F. Sanderson.

Kept Him from Lunch.

Washington, May 14.—There was a great crowd of callers at the White House to-day, and the president did not have a minute to himself from the time the rush began until the time for lunch. Among the callers were the civil service commissioners, who called in a body and paid their respects.

Returned From Georgia.

Washington, May 14.—Mr. E. W. Stanford, the president's private secretary, returned to Washington from a short visit to Atlanta.

Miners and Operators Agree.

Springfield, Ill., May 14.—At the joint meeting of the miners and operators of the district yesterday the existing differences were satisfactorily adjusted.

INDICATIONS.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—Light showers, easterly breeze, but no rain; northwesterly breeze, but no rain.

London's Fish Supply.

From the London Edition of the New York Herald.

Let one remember that the daily supply averages at times something over 4,000 tons a week, and then one gets a fair idea of the critical state of the fish. Here are the London figures for one month—August, 1885. The month was selected as affording the fairest test of the average supply in the best of the season.

For the month of August the following was the quantity imported:

Table with columns: Fish, Tons, Cwt. Wet fish, by land; Dry fish, by land; Shell fish, by land; Total.

There is a good deal of the fish coming into the market in such a condition as to make it unfit for human food. During the same month the quantity of fish consumed was:

Table with columns: Fish, Tons, Cwt. Wet fish, by land; Dry fish, by land; Shell fish, by land; Total.

Here are the wholesale prices at which the fish is imported. A comparison of the prices will give an idea of the profits made by the time the ordinary citizen has purchased from the market.

A curious sight it is to see a superintendent and 300 inspectors go round the market every morning as open for business. They are employed by a fishmonger company, which was appointed under charter of James I., and it protects the citizen from the chance of being poisoned by bad fish.

The Herald man had a talk with Mr