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THE FIRE AT LYNN.

A GREAT MANUFACTURING TOWN IN MASSACHUSETTS INJURED.

Fifty or Sixty Acres of Business and Other Buildings Consumed—The Loss Estimated to Reach $5,000,000.

Lynn, the city of shoes, was on Tuesday afternoon visited by the greatest fire in its history, and with two exceptions the conflagration is the most disastrous which ever visited New England. The exceptions are the great Boston fire of 1872, which destroyed nearly one hundred million dollars' worth of property, and the Portland fire of 1886, which caused a loss of between ten and twelve millions.

The fire started at 11:55 a. m., raged over eight hours, devastated a square mile of the business section of the city, and caused a loss estimated at ten millions. In fact, the greater part of Ward 4 is wiped out as regards the important shoe manufacturing and prominent places of business. The fire started in Mower's wooden building Almont street, over the boiler, and spread with such rapidity that the excellent fire department of the city was powerless to cope with it. This large wooden building was soon doomed, and the flames leaped across a narrow passageway and communicated with the six-story brick block known as Mower's block. When these two buildings got well under way it was evident that a terrible conflagration would result. Almost simultaneously the four-story wooden shoe factory of Bennett & Barnard, on Central avenue, and the four-story wooden building on Almont street caught fire, and, when under way, a hurricane of flame was in progress, which blanched the cheeks of all who were looking on.

For eight hours the flames had full sway, the efforts of firemen and citizens seemingly being of no avail, although, of course, they did valiant work. The burned territory is bounded by the following streets: Almont, Central avenue, at its junction with Willow; Union street, from its junction with Broad, to the Boyden block on both sides; Mount Vernon street entire, Central Square entire, Beach street on both sides as far down as Lee's lumber yard, Washington street, from Monroe through to Union; Railroad avenue, all of Exchange street, Broad street, from the engine house, on both sides, up as far as the corner of Exchange; Spring street entire, besides dwelling houses too numerous to mention on Suffolk, Amity Sagamore and Beach streets.

Aid arrived from Boston, Salem, Marblehead and surrounding towns, but their united efforts seemed to have little effect on the hurricane of flame. Scenes of the great Boston and Chicago fires were repeated in all their horrors, mothers fleeing with babes in their arms and express wagons loading at business and dwelling houses and transferring goods to a place of safety, in many cases a second removal being necessary.

After the fire had been in progress two hours everybody declared it would not stop until it reached the ocean. So it looked and so it proved to be. Four daily newspapers are burned out, the *Item* the *Bee*, the *Press* and *News*, three afternoon and one morning papers. Three national banks, the Central, Security and First National, together with the Lynn Institution for Savings, located in the First National block, are all wiped out. Twelve of the finest shoe blocks in the city are in ruins and about 25 stores.

There were many narrow escapes from accidents, but no fatalities are reported. The high brick fire wall on the B. F. Spinney block served as a barrier to the further progress of the flames up Union street, after that handsome structure was gutted. The most prominent blocks burned are as follows: Almont street, Mower's block, and the block occupied by the Consolidated Adjustable Shoe company; Central square and Central avenue, Bennett & Barnard's block, Fuller's block, the wooden block in which was located the *Daily Bee*, Begengreen's block, the brick block owned by the *Daily Item*, on Union street; B. W. Currier's new brick block, C. O. Beebe's brick block, B. F. Spinney's brick block, a large wooden building occupied by Titus & Buckley, Earl's block, J. G. Brown's brick block, Ashcroft's brick block, Kirtland's brick block, Buffum's brick block, brick factory occupied by C. J. Little & Co., and Cushing & Downs, a large wooden building occupied by C. E. Harwood and D. S. Boynton, brick factory occupied by John S. Bartlett & Co., brick and wooden block of E. E. Elder, occupied as a machine shop and planing mill. On Exchange street, M. H. Abbott's wooden block, the large Doak brick block, wooden block corner of Spring street, brick block occupied by L. S. Johnson & Co., First National bank block and 10 or 12 small shoe factories, the entire street being wiped out.

On Broad street, Sawyer & Chase's carriage factory, W. N. Breed & Co's five-story brick block, V. H. & A. K. Jones's five-story brick block and eight or ten smaller wooden buildings.

On Beech street, S. N. Breed & Co's lumber wharf and planing mill, B. Potter & Son's plaining mill, Joseph Breed's Sons' lumber wharf, five or six carpenter shops and several dwelling houses.

The Central Congregational church was burned to the ground between 6 and 7 o'clock. The handsome First National bank block cost $65,600 to build. They are well insured. The First Methodist and First Universalist churches and several school houses have been thrown open to accommodate burned-out families. Mayor Newhall has called a special meeting of aldermen to take action and choose relief committees.

S. N. Breed & Co., the largest lumber dealers in Essex county, lose everything, including their handsome brick structure on the corner of Beach and Broad streets. They estimate their loss at $200,000, with insurance of about $125,000. They will open for business this morning at the office of the T. A. Newhall coal company. Mt. Vernon street was wiped out entire, and on this street were located the large brick factories occupied by Francis W. Breed, Healy Bros., and William Porter & Son. Goodwin's last factory on this street was also burned.

Dynamite and powder were used at frequent intervals to blow up wooden buildings, but with little effect.

About 8 p. m. the conflagration was under control, not because of any human agency, but because the open water was reached.

The ruins cover at least 50 acres, and some observers put it at as high as 60. Streets are lost in huge piles of debris, and there is an open hole in the heart of the city a half a mile long, and a third wide. Upward of 250 buildings, dwellings and business houses, were burned out.

At the lowest calculation 300 business men have suffered. At least 3,500 employes are out of work, most of whom are employes in the shoe shops. Thirty-five per cent. of these are females. Mayor Newhall reports that 200 people are homeless, and calls for aid.

A hopeful feeling prevails and there is no question but that the public-spirited citizens and shoe manufacturers will soon rally from the terrible catastrophe.

The Loss $5,000,000.

LYNN, Mass., Nov. 27.—Prominent manufacturers are now of the opinion that the total loss by yesterday's fire will reach $5,000,000. The number of buildings burned were 296, of which 46 were brick blocks, 108 wooden buildings used for business purposes, and 142 dwelling occupied by 164 families. The number of laboring people thrown out of work is estimated at 8,000.

The city to-day is well patrolled by militia, six companies, 250 men in all, being on duty. The men are stationed at the entrance of the ruined streets, barring all approach to the burned district. Guards are stationed at the stores that are but partially cleaned out, to prevent thieves from taking what is left. No one is permitted to pass the guards without a permit from city clerk. Through the associated charities many families were furnish lodging last night in rooms hired at lodging and dwelling houses and rations of hot soup, crackers and bread are being served to all in need of food. As soon as some plan for assistance can be devised the work of providing for the destitute families will progress rapidly.

As yet no fatalities have been reported, which is a pleasing feature of the terrible conflagration. The fire apparatus from Boston and other places out of town took their departure at two o'clock this morning.

A GREAT MUSICALE.

The Young Men's Democratic Society Have a Large Audience at Their Entertainment.

One of the most pleasant events of the kind held in Lancaster during the present season was the musicale that was given by the Young Men's Democratic society last evening, in their pretty rooms in Haas' building. The attendance was very large, including the best people of the city, among whom were a large number of the members of the Young Republicans. Some of the latter did not come alone, but brought their wives and sweethearts. Mr. McClain in the number took part, singing a solo. The entertainment begun at 8 o'clock. The large and very fine orchestra, which is conducted by Prof. F. W. Haas, to whom much credit is due, numbered fifteen pieces, and their music was a feature. The piano duetts of the Misses Knapp, violin solos of H. A. Dubbs, the singing of Mr. McClain were all excellent feature, and the applause they brought forth was terrific. The programme in full of the music was as follows:

Overture.....Orchestra.
O Salutaris, (tenor solo).....Frank McClain.
Festive March.....Orchestra.
Piano Duett.....Misses Kate and Louisa Knapp.
Simplicius Waltz.....Orchestra.
Air and Variations, (violin solo)...H. A. Dubbs.
Bellman March.....Orchestra
Piano Duett.....Misses Kate and Louisa Knapp.
Overture.....Orchestra.
Berceuse, (violin solo).....H. A. Dubbs.

After the music the floors were cleared and dancing began. It was kept up until almost midnight and was enjoyable. Everybody present had a pleasant time that they will not soon forget, and the musicale was voted a great success.

The committee who made the affair the great success that it was consisted of Godfried Z. Rhoads, Prof. F. W. Haas, Edward R. Reilly, Joseph Arnold and James Prangley.

An Order Issued By General Raum.

The following order has been promulgated from the pension office:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C., Nov. 25, 1889.—Order 148.—Great care must be exercised in the rejection of applications for pension. No case should be rejected until every available source of information has been examined, unless the rejection be clearly upon legal points. All letters rejecting claims shall be brought to the desk of the commissioner for signature. No rejected claim will be reopened, except upon new and material evidence going to the cause of rejection. The deputy commissioners will have jurisdiction to reopen claims in the divisions respectively assigned to their charge. In all cases where evidence is filed for the reopening of cases, the heads of adjudicating divisions will, at the proper time, cause to be prepared a brief statement of the facts on slips for the action of the deputy commissioner, who shall note his action thereon, whereupon the claimant shall immediately be informed by letter of the action of the office.

GREEN B. RAUM,
Commissioner.

The Safe Harbor Fire.

G. A. Taylor, whose mill at Safe Harbor was burned on Tuesday morning, was in Lancaster to-day. He says that there is no doubt that the fire was the work of an incendiary. It was first discovered by the rolling mill men, who were working at night and the family of Mr. Taylor were awakened. The fire when first seen was coming out of the roof, so that it must have been fired up stairs. Mr. Taylor had 800 bushels of wheat and the same quantity of corn and oats, 175 bushels corn chop, 15 tons of bran and twelve tons of white middlings. The loss will be over $10,000. The insurance on the mill and its contents was $5,000 in the Penn Township company. There was more insurance, but it was on other buildings which were not destroyed. Two safes in the mill were lost, but fortunately Mr. Taylor's books were not burned. All the office furniture was burned.

The Grand Army Fair.

The fair of Post 405, G. A. R., will close this evening, after a successful run of ten nights. The post fund for the relief of needy soldiers and their families will be enriched at least $500.

The fortunate contestants last evening were Mrs. Carner, set of dishes and hanging lamp; Mrs. Leibsley, range; Wm. Stamm, doll; Maggie May, gold bracelets; Mrs. Dickover, range; Mrs. Annie Reinhard, marble top table; Mrs. White, carpet and lounge.

This evening the lucky admission tickets will be announced, and a silver watch, gold pen, ton of coal and a hundred of flour will be awarded the fortunate holders of coupons. Auction will also be held this evening.

300 Hand-Organs May Play.

The board of aldermen in New York on Tuesday repealed the order restricting the playing of hand-organs in the streets, but refused to permit street bands to resume. Only 300 hand-organs will be allowed in town, and each one of them is to be taxed $1 per year, and its owner licensed by the mayor.

The Rink Boys Heard.

The boys who were charged with the larceny of a lot of goods from Prof. Gleason, and his men while the horsemen were at the Lancaster rink last week, had a hearing before Alderman Hershey last evening. Joseph Lebfried, Harry Stevens, Walter Clemens and John Shaeffer were discharged, as there was not a particle of evidence against them, they having been merely arrested on suspicion. The case against John J. Lutz and John Morrissey, the two boys in whose possession the goods were found, as to whose guilt there is no doubt, was held over for a time.

He Was Discharged.

James Bartley, the man who was arrested on Sunday morning while trying to sell jewelry which was believed to have been stolen, was discharged last evening upon his promise to leave town, which he did hurriedly. The chief of police had several letters from different parties in regard to jewelry which they had lost, but none of it was like the mug which Bartley was trying to sell. It is quite likely that the story that he told about buying the mug is right.

To Edit the "Guardian."

From the Easton Express.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Dubbs, of Franklin and Marshall college, Lancaster, will be the new editor of the *Guardian*, a monthly publication in the interest of the Reformed church, Rev. Kieffer, of Easton, having been relieved at his own request. For four years, from January 1882, to December 1886, Dr. Dubbs was the editor of the magazine.

A Revival at Simpson Church.

A revival was begun at Simpson M. E. church on Sunday. A number of seekers appeared at the altar. Rev. Geo. Brown, of Marietta, and Rev. Samuel Grace, of Wrightsville, preached at Sunday's and Monday's services. Rev. F. M. Harris will preach at the services to-morrow, morning and evening. The revival will continue during the remainder of this week and may be prolonged if there are penitents. Much interest is being manifested in these meetings, the church being well-filled nightly.

Shooting For Turkeys.

A shooting match for turkeys took place at the home of Henry Hubbard, on the Strasburg turnpike, on Tuesday. There was quite a large attendance, including many men from this city. They shot at mark for the turkeys and had a wheeling match. The Lancaster people brought home a lot of poultry.

THE WITMER HOME.

A REFUGE FOR POOR WIDOWS AND AGED MAIDEN LADIES DEDICATED.

Dr. Hark's Remarks at the Consecration On Tuesday—Six Now Under the Care of the Institution.

The Ann C. Witmer Home for Widows and Maiden Ladies was dedicated with appropriate exercises on Tuesday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of friends of the institution.

Rev. E. L. Reed, of Christ Lutheran church, presided, and after the reading of part of the 25th chapter of St. Matthew, Rev. Dr. Titzel, of the 1st Reformed church, announced the following hymn:

Father of mercies, send thy grace,
All powerful from above,
To form, in our obedient souls
The image of Thy love.

O may our sympathizing breasts
That generous pleasure know,
Freely to share in others' joy
And weep for others' woe;

Where'er the helpless sons of grief
In low distress are laid,
Soft be our hearts that pains to feel,
And swift our hands to aid.

Since Christ, to save our guilty souls,
On wings of mercy flew,
We whom the Saviour thus hath loved,
Should love each other too.

Rev. Dr. Vernon, of the Duke street M. E. church, offered a fervent prayer, invoking the blessing of God on the institution, after which Rev. Dr. J. Max Hark delivered the following address:

I congratulate Lancaster upon the opening of this home. Sometimes we feel discouraged at the prevalence of vice and crime and general irreligiousness. But the founding of every such purely Christian, fundamentally religious institution like this strengthens our faith and rekindles our hope. For it is a proof that at bottom the community in midst of which it has sprung up, the soil out of which it has grown and by which it is nourished and sustained, is Christian, is vitalized by the spirit of God over such purely philanthropic institution like this is to me more truly indicative of the essential spiritual condition of our city than would be the building of half a dozen denominational churches. The churches are means. This home is an end. The churches are sowing the seeds. Here we to-day reap some of the fruit. ere is a proof, visible, tangible, incontrovertible that the love poured out on Calvary is permeating and fructifying not only our ecclesiastical, but our business life, our social life, the whole range of our human existence. All over the world are similar proofs springing up of the leavening, vitalizing power of Christianity, blossoms beautiful and fragrant growing out of the seemingly sterile soil of humanity, all of them sprouting up from the deep down roots of the divine lily of the valleys that silently but steadily is compassing all the universe in its network of love. Call it humanitarianism if you please. It is the result of Christianity nevertheless. For the fact remains that before the divine man came there was no humanitarianism. Only since he came has the world stopped killing off its aged and feeble, its orphans and helpless, and commenced to shelter or care for them in asylums, hospitals and homes. Only since then have men learned to bear one another's burdens and so to fulfill God's highest law. Care for yourself is the law for the lower, animal life. Care for one another is that for the higher eternal life. Therefore, confess it or not, it remains true that every such work of unselfish love for our neighbor, as is the founding and support of this home, is and can be done only in the name and by the spirit of Jesus Christ. Just and proper is it then that we should openly and expressly declare this by religious services and moreover by formally dedicating this noble institution in the name of the Most High. By authority of its managers I accordingly herewith solemnly dedicate and set apart this Ann C. Witmer Home, with all pertaining thereto, to the service of God and humanity in the manner and form prescribed in its charter and invoke the divine blessing upon it, its managers and present and future inmates, in the name of the Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

After the address Rev. Dr. B. F. Alleman, of St. John's Lutheran church, led in the recitation of the Lord's prayer, the doxology was sung and benediction pronounced by Rev. Dr. Nevin.

The building was inspected by many visitors through the day, and all pronounced it to be a comfortable, home-like building, mere like a boarding house than a charitable institution.

The contributions by citizens have been very liberal. Those deserving of special mention, for furnishing a room each, are Mrs. Charles A. Heinitsh, Mrs. Elizabeth Eshleman and Mrs. Elizabeth Bates.

THE FOUNDING OF THE HOME.

The home was founded through the liberality of Mrs. Ann C. Witmer, who died some years ago, leaving a will with the following bequests:

"Having for many years entertained an earnest desire to see founded in my native city of Lancaster an asylum or home for poor widows and aged maiden ladies, believing that such an institution is much needed, and, if prudently managed, calculated to do more real good than any other place of benevolence that I know of; with this view, and with the hope of doing some good with a portion of the means with which God in his goodness has blessed me in this life, it is my wish, and I give and bequeath unto my executor hereinafter named, and three trustees, to be appointed by the judges of the court of common pleas of Lancaster county, the sum of five thousand dollars (changed by codicil dated September 17, 1867, to $4,000), to be applied to the building or purchasing of a suitable house, in a good location, in said city, for an asylum or home for poor widows and aged maiden ladies (in indigent circumstances) of good and respectable character.

"My said executor and the said trustees, and their successors, to make all necessary rules and regulations for the proper government and management of the said institution, and of securely investing and taking care of the funds herein bequeathed in and by this, my will, and which may hereafter be given by other persons for its maintenance and support."

The court in pursuance of the provision of the will appointed Charles A. FonDersmith, Wm. A. Morton and John H. Baumgardner as the trustees and through the efforts of these gentlemen the present building was bought, remodeled and put in condition for occupation at so early a date.

Wm. A. Morton is president of the board of trustees, C. A. FonDersmith, treasurer and John H. Baumgardner, secretary.

The management of the home is vested in a board of twenty female managers, who are elected annually by the trustees, managers and committee.

The following are the lady managers and the committees on which they will serve until the next election:

President, Mrs. Wm. M. Nevin; vice presidents, Mrs. L. A. Breneman, Mrs. H. S. Shirk; financial secretary, Miss L. B. Gara; recording secretary, Mrs. M. N. Robinson.

Committees: Contributions, Mrs. C. A. Heinitsh, Mrs. George K. Reed, Miss S. J. Myer, Mrs. J. Fred. Sener; applicants, Mrs. C. A. Fon Dersmith, Mrs. J. H. Baumgardner, Mrs. S. E. Rengier, Mrs. Geo. M. Kline; visiting and grievances, Mrs. H. K. Baumgardner, Mrs. L. A. Breneman, Miss Blanche Nevin, Mrs. Charles A. Heinitsh; household, Mrs. H. S. Shirk, Miss L. B. Gara, Mrs. Ellen Potter, Miss Sue C. Frazer, Miss H. Heitshu, Mrs. M. N. Robinson.

There are already half a dozen inmates at the home and they are well pleased with their surroundings. This institution appeals strongly to the sympathy of the people, and in due course of time it will will no doubt be remembered with substantial endowments, as it deserves to be.

Big Fire at Leechburg.

A fire at Leechburg, Armstrong county, Pa., Tuesday night, destroyed the post-office, *Advance* building, Leechburg bank building, Mill bank building, Cochran's block and over twenty stores and dwellings. The loss is estimated at $100,000. Twenty families were rendered homeless.

WILL SHAKE UP THE CZAR.

An American Movement For Suppressing Siberian Horrors.

An American movement for the suppression of horrors in Siberia sprung up yesterday at Association hall, in Philadelphia.

The possibility of sending an appeal of humanity direct to the hand of Czar Alexander was offered providentially, as some thought, by the fact that the International Prison Congress will meet next summer in St. Petersburg, upon the monarch's own invitation. Mr. George Kennan, the famous author of the magazine articles on Siberian exiles, recently lectured in Philadelphia and was invited to this meeting.

Postmaster John Field, conducted to the chair by Dr. W. S. McVickar, spoke with characteristic enthusiasm of the aroused public sympathy for the victims of wrong in Siberia.

Mr. Kennan then in a rapid manner outlined the cause and the plan of action for the meeting. Twenty thousand men, women and children went to Siberia every year, many of them for their devotion to liberty and among them 5,000 or 6,000 innocent women and children. It was his deliberate conviction that there was no other place on earth where such miseries were suffered. Mr. Kennan speaks with more effect than he writes, and his brief but graphic summary of Siberian miseries had a marked effect on the audience.

Repeating the farewell words of a noble educated lady in one of the vilest settlements of Siberia, "I may die in exile: my children may die in exile; my children's children may die in exile, but something will come of it:" Mr. Kennan thought that the helping hand might be stretched out from Philadelphia. He was not certain that appeals would be effective. It might be necessary to make a fight of it. It might be advisable to establish a Russian paper in London and pour "underground" literature into the hands of the Russian people. "I am in favor of establishing in London a free Russian newspaper, to be printed in Russian and English, which will show to the civilized world the condition of these people."

Dr. Stille, who lived in Russia for a long while, said that the czar knew as much about the condition of affairs in Siberia as anybody else; that no one need assume his ignorance. A Russian lady, Dr. Louise G. Rabinowitch, said that the czar would laugh at the suggestion that he did not know the condition of affairs, but could be influenced by the petition of the American people above all others and made to feel an intense consciousness of his responsibility in the face of civilization. She had friends in Siberia from whom no news had been heard for years until brought indirectly by Mr. Kennan's article.

The following resolutions, presented by Rev. Dr. McVickar, were unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this meeting heartily approves the movement looking to the present action of an American petition, such as has been spoken of, to the Russian government through the approaching convention to be held in St. Petersburg next September.

"*Resolved*, That a central association be established to promote the circulation of such petitions for signatures and for the circulation of other intelligences on the subject."

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. Wayland was also adopted:

"*Resolved*, That Congress be asked to appropriate $50,000 toward paying the expenses of the delegates to the proposed convention."

In Common Pleas Court.

The suit of Mary Finnefrock vs. John Kahl, executor of Nancy Finnefrock, was tried this morning before Judge Patterson. This was a scire facias to revive a judgment given in 1868.

The defense moved for a non suit on the ground that payment was presumed, so long a time having elapsed since the judgment was given. The court overruled the motion, there was no defense offered and the jury found in favor of plaintiff for $262.80. John E. Snyder, for plaintiff; P. D. Baker, for defendant.

The suits of Jacob G. Shirk vs. Bunzel and Dormitzer and Gustave Groezinger vs. George Lamparter were amicably settled.

In the replevin suit of James Carberry vs. A. J. Steinman, the jury found in favor of defendant for $59.30. B. F. Davis for plaintiff; J. W. F. Swift for defendant.

The suit of Mary E. Spiehlman vs. the borough of Strasburg is still on trial before Judge Livingston. Several witnesses have been examined and their testimony was that plaintiff's premises were damaged through the change of drain on Main street, Strasburg borough, by the borough authorities.

Thanksgiving Service in Trinity.

The sermon of Rev. Dr. J. Max Hark, at the joint Thanksgiving Day service of the Lutheran and Moravian congregations, in Trinity church at 10:30 to-morrow morning, will be on the theme "Christianity and good citizenship." It will be a thoughtful presentation of a timely subject with special allusions pertinent to the morality of our own city.

LIMITED LOCALS.

Harry L. Hebble, of this city, has passed the examination for admission to the school ship Saratoga.

John H. Green, of Bainbridge, has been granted a pension.

Peter Robinson went to the house of George Sanders while drunk yesterday and wanted to run the place. He was arrested and Alderman Hershey give him 5 days in jail.

The mayor sent John O'Neil, who gave Officer Flennard a great deal of trouble, while drunk, to jail for 30 days, this morning. Three others got ten days each.

David M. Keports, city, was granted a renewal of his soldier's license.

The real estate of Anna Kuhlman, 509 Rockland street, offered at public sale last night, was withdrawn at $1,190.

Another Man Clubbed.

Conrad Schaeffer, proprietor of the Wester hotel, seems to be about the handiest man in town with a club. On Monday night he beat a man over the head, cutting him badly, with a club, and last night he did the same. A stranger went into the hotel and asked for a night's lodging. Schaeffer demanded twenty-five cents in advance, and when the stranger was slow about getting it they had words. Schaeffer drew his trusty friend, the club, and struck the stranger on the head with it. The latter had a very ugly cut, which he showed to several people in the neighborhood, which he left in a very short time, thinking it was entirely too warm for him.

Before Alderman Spurrier.

Last evening Harry Metzger and Fred. Hebble, two boys were charged with malicious mischief in breaking a window pane in Lee You's laundry, on South Queen. It could not be proven that Metzger had anything to do with it. Hebble admitted his guilt and and he was given time to repair the damage and pay the costs.

William Schaeffer and Henry Batchee have been arrested charged was assault and battery upon Frederick Wolfer. The prosecutor says that the accused attacked him at Water and Vine streets a few nights ago and struck him with stones. A hearing in the case will be held this evening.

A Will Case.

The court has granted an issue to determine the validity of the will of Robert Ferguson, deceased, in which the executors of the estate are made plaintiffs and Louisa Horr, a daughter, who is contesting the will, the defendant.

To Tax Witness' Costs.

Judge Livingston has made an order for the taxing of the witness' costs in the Columbia riot cases, growing out of the strikes in that town. Deputy Clerk Urban will go to Columbia on Saturday afternoon for that purpose.

Arrested on a Ca Sa.

Some time ago judgment was entered against Christian Sharpe on an action of cost brought by Jere Rife, for $117.50. The defendant, Mr. Sharpe, failed to pay the amount and to-day was arrested on *ca sa*, and taken into custody by the sheriff. The matter will be brought before the court too late this afternoon for publication.

DEATH OF BENJ. F. SHENK.

A PROMINENT CITIZEN'S END COMES AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.

He Begins His Business Career as a Lumber Dealer—An Insurance Agent For Many Years—Of a Long-lived Family

Benjamin F. Shenk, a prominent citizen of Lancaster, died at his residence, No. 25 East Orange street, this morning. He had been in failing health for a year. A week ago he was seized with billiousness; this was supplemented with an attack of pleurisy and his constitution was unable to withstand the complication of diseases.

Mr. Shenk was a son of John Shenk, and was born on March 13, 1815, at the old homestead in Providence township, between New Providence and Quarryville, now the property of John M. Shenk, brother of the deceased. In early life he was a farmer, and for years lived on the property now the home of James Collins, near the Dry Wells. He moved to Lancaster over thirty years ago, and for some years was engaged in the coal and lumber business on North Prince street in partnership with Robert Henry Long, who died in Lock Haven some years ago.

He was one of the parties connected with the cotton mills of the city in the early history of that industry. Through the panic in 1857 the cotton mills were sold by the sheriff and the firm of Shenk, Bausman & Co., of which B. F. Shenk was the senior member, bought No. 3 mill, which then had 13,000 spindles and 260 looms. This firm continued as owners of this mill until 1867, when they sold it to John Farnum, whose heirs still own it.

In 1864 the old machine shop on Beaver street was purchased by Shenk, Bausman, Carpenter & Co., and fitted up as a cotton mill, with 3,000 spindles and 82 looms. It was known as No. 5 mill. Work was begun in 1865, confined to the making of sheetings and the mill was run until 1878, from which time it was not operated by this firm.

A few years ago the property was sold, in proceedings in partition, so that the estate of Dr. John L. Atlee, one of of the owners, could be settled. It was bought by Mr. Shenk, sold by him to John Holman, converted into a planing mill and destroyed by fire a little over a year ago.

He was one of the originators of the Lancaster City and County Fire Insurance company in October 1867, was one of the original directors, and served on the first finance committee. He retained his conection with the company during its existence and served as its secretary from November, 1872.

After he retired from this position he went into the insurance business and built up a large business. Six years ago he went into copartnership with Samuel D. Bausman, under the firm name of Shenk & Bausman.

Mr. Shenk was prominent in church matters. He was since in his residence in the city a member of the Duke street M. E. church, and was for many years a trustee. He was active in the proceedings recently held preliminary to the building of a new church and was appointed one of the building committee.

He was connected with the Landisville Campmeeting association and was a regular attendant at the annual campmeetings held on the Landisville camp grounds.

Mr. Shenk was twice married, and his second wife survives him. His children by the first wife are Mrs. Herr, of Chicago, and Mrs Emma Brenneman, of Cincinnati. Those of the second wife living are Harry L. Shenk, grocer, and Misses Lizzie and Myra, who lived at home. Mr. Shenk also leaves three sisters and two brothers. All of them are of ripe ages, and he was the first to die. They are, Martha, wife of Daniel Lefever, of Chatham, Chester county. Joseph C. Shenk, who for years resided in the neighborhood where he was born, but is about moving to Philadelphia. Esther, wife of Daniel Bair, Catherine, widow of the late John Hess, and John M. Shenk, all of whom live near Hess' station, on the Quarryville railroad. His funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Death of a Young Wife.

Her friends were shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Minnie Hartman, wife of Marion B. Hartman, which occurred at their home, 558 West Chestnut street, early this morning. Two weeks ago she gave birth to a child, which is living, and she had fully recovered but was afterwards taken with a heavy cold. The deceased was the youngest daughter of Benjamin Hershey, of 504 West Orange street. She was 24 years of age and an excellent woman. She had a large circle of friends who mourn her loss and sympathize with the young husband in his terrible bereavement. The couple had been married but a little over a year.

A Lecture at Y. M. C. A. Hall.

Dr. D. B. Weaver gave a very interesting lecture last evening at the Young Men's Christian association hall on "Circulation of the Blood." The audience was composed of young men, all of whom were delighted. The doctor threw different cuts on the canvas, and, as he expressed it, hung his thoughts on the pictures. He took up "circulation" in all its phases and explained it in such a way that all could understand it.

The next "talk" will be given by A. S. Johns, on "Commercial Law," in January.

The Turkey Market.

The Central market was well attended this morning and dressed turkeys were very scarce, while live ones were plenty. The reason given for this is that the turkeys are very thin and on account of being in that condition the farmers did not kill many. They sold at 12 and 13 cents per pound alive. Young turkeys dressed sold at 15 cents and old ones at 18 and 20 cents per pound.

The New Holland Railroad.

S. C. Slaymaker, who surveyed the line for the railroad between Lancaster and New Holland, has been appointed engineer in charge of the construction of the work. Keller & Crossen, the contractors, who have been awarded the work, broke ground at New Holland this morning. The work of grading the road will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The people of New Holland will be coming to Lancaster by rail by next spring.

To-morrow's Foot Ball Game.

If the weather is favorable to-morrow, one of the largest crowds of the season will be at the McGrann's park to witness the game of foot ball between the teams of Franklin and Marshall and Dickinson college. Everything points to a grand contest, and it must rain hard to cause a postponement, as foot ball people are not very thin-skinned.

To-Morrow a Holiday.

On account of to-morrow being Thanksgiving the public schools, banks and internal revenue office will be closed. At the postoffice Sunday hours will be observed from 11:30 to 12:30. In accordance with the established custom the daily papers of this city will not be issued to-morrow.

Minstrel Rehearsal.

Last evening the minstrels of the Young Republicans held a stage rehearsal in Fulton opera house and the young men did well. They sat in the first part as they will on the night of the performance.

Broke a Spindle.

This morning Harry A. Schroyer was driving along North Queen street. In front of John R. Kauffman's drug store the wheel of his carriage caught in the street car track and the spindle was snapped off.

The Dismal Swamp Canal Sold.

The famous Dismal Swamp canal has been sold to a New York syndicate. The conveyance is in the name of J. C. Scott and F. Lynch, of that city.

FAILED TO ELECT A MAYOR.

The Providence City Election Ends In a Draw.

The city election in Providence, R. I., on Tuesday has resulted in a draw. The Democrats were morally sure that they had won and that Hiram Howard was elected mayor, but the official vote for mayor was: Henry R. Barker, (Rep.,) 6,166; Hiram Howard, (Dem.,) 6,162; Ellery Sears, (Prohib.,) 275.

Barker lacked 234 and Howard 336 of the number of votes requisite for an election. The second trial must by law be held within ten days. Last year Barker had a majority of 2,856. There has been a great amount of bribery done. This is indicated by the large Republican votes rolled up in the Democratic wards, where retail-liquor dealers who had run illicit places all through the constitutional prohibition era worked for Barker. In one ward a criminal worked for Barker to secure Irish-American voters and in another a colored criminal worked to secure his friends' votes for the Republicans. Money galore was spent, and there was no secrecy about it.

The city council will be Republican by awinging majority in both branches, but there will be a division antagonistic to the Gray plan for sewering the city at an expense of about $5,000,000. The board of aldermen is six to four against Gray. The official count on the whole ticket will not come in until a late hour, but it is thought that the Democrats have elected the harbor master and the overseer of the poor.

$1,000,000 BURNED AT SEA.

But Not a Soul Lost—Skillful Rescue From Boats.

The ship Fuller reached New York Tuesday night, and Captain Colcord, to'd the following story: At 4½ o'clock on Wednesday, Nov. 20, we sighted a glare in the west, and suspecting that it was a fire I hauled my ship up a couple of points and ran directly to the fire. At 6 o'clock we could see flames on the horizon, and shortly after 7 o'clock, after a run of thirty-three miles, I came up with a large steamship in a mass of flames from stem to stern, her main and mizzen masts having gone by the board. The steamship was kneeling over to port at an angle of 30°. We saw several distress signals of flush lights from small boats and cruised around after them. At 9 a. m. I had all the officers, passengers and crew—a total of 59—on board my ship in safety. There were several invalid passengers and a child, 14 years old. There was a heavy sea at the time, which made the transfer very difficult, but all were received without serious injury. I found most of them greatly exhausted by their fight with the fire and exposure. Several of the officers and men were partly blind, and the third mate totally so. The fire broke out in the cotton bales on the 19th and they had been fighting it ever since. The loss by the burning of the steamer is one million dollars."

Two Runaways.

Harry Shenk, dealer in second hand furniture, was engaged yesterday afternoon moving the furniture for a family, who were going out of a house in Landis' court, near the corner of Water and Lemon streets. His horses frightened at Day Express on the Pennsylvania railroad. They ran across the railroad track and were caught by Milton Mowery before they had done any damage of great consequence. He had some trouble in stopping them and was dragged about the street for a time.

At the same corner two mules belonging to B. B. Martin, and hitched to a coal wagon, frightened at the cars and ran into the buggy of Henry Martin. The latter team was caught by H. D. Booth, at the corner of Arch alley. Booth was slightly injured. A team of a lady was also run into by the mules, but no great damage was damage.

A Gunner's Accident.

Samuel Hockings, of the Nickle Mines, Bart township, met with a painful accident while gunning on Tuesday. Mr. Hockings was engaged in loading one barrel of his gun, and had forgotten to drop the trigger of the other one in which there was a load. By some means it was discharged, and the left hand, which covered the end of the barrel, was torn in a frightful manner. Dr. Holm, of Georgetown, attended him. It was found necessary to amputate the thumb, and in all probability he will lose the first two fingers.

The Base Ball War.

The managers and owners of American Association of ball clubs pretend to think that they are in good condition. All the same, the Brotherhood are taking their players from them. "Ted" Larkin, the heavy hitting first baseman of the Athletics, signed with the Cleveland Brotherhood team yesterday. Robertson, Boyle and King of St. Louis, have deserted the Association, the first named going to Cleveland and the others to Chicago.

To-Morrow Evening's Concerts.

All the arrangements have been perfected for the grand concert to be given to-morrow (Thanksgiving) night in the court house for the benefit of St. Stephen's Lutheran church. A fine programme has been prepared and those who attend will not regret having done so.

Indications point to a very large attendance at the Duke street M. E. church to-morrow night, when a grand concert will be given.

Minstrel Troupes Scarce Here.

It is a strange fact, not known to many, yet nevertheless true, that the minstrel troupe of to-night will be the first that has been in Lancaster in two seasons. Some years ago too many of them came here, but of late we have hardly had enough.

Their Cabbage Stolen.

Thieves entered the lot of the Misses Casper, which fronts on Green and Duke streets, and hauled away 75 heads of cabbage. The cabbage was in a trench and the thieves cut off the roots and took the heads only.

Making a Good Record.

Rev. J. B. Funk, of this city, was recently appointed agent of the Lebanon Valley college, which is conducted by the United Brethren church. So far this month he has received $12,400 for the endowment fund, which is quite a good showing.

Entertainment at Church of God.

There was a pleasant entertainment at the Church of God on Tuesday evening. It was a birthday sociable. Each person connected with the Sunday school, on his or her birthday, puts into the box one cent for each year that the party is old, and once a year the box is opened. The amount realized was $30, which went to the Sunday school fund. After opening of the money box there were recitations and musical selections.

Married This Morning.

Milton Snook, formerly of this city but now of Reading, was married to-day to Miss Lena Fertig, daughter of Philip Fertig, of 342 West Chestnut. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. J. McCullagh at St. Mary's parsonage. At 12:58 the people left on a trip to New York.

Committed Suicide.

Frank Taussig, a native of Elizabethtown, committed suicide in Braddock on Tuesday.

He conducted a pawnshop in that town. He was aged 31 years, and the son of Jacob Taussig, a broker of Harrisburg.

Camp-Fire Postponed.

It was the intention of Post 405 to have held a camp-fire at their room to-night, but owing to the fact that the fair was continued into this week the camp-fire was postponed for the present.

Finished Their Work.

Fritchey & Hinden, contractors, finished the work of laying the asphalt blocks on North Duke street from Orange to Chestnut. The work is well done and the pavement improves the street wonderfully.

Execution Issued.

Execution was issued to-day against Jacob K. Stoner, farmer, of Conoy township, for $8,500.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS.

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