

JOHN J. FITZPATRICK.

THE WELL-KNOWN CONTRACTOR DIES AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS' ILLNESS.

A Native of This City and Son of the Late Hugh Fitzpatrick--He Helped to Build Several Railroads.

John J. Fitzpatrick, the well known railroad contractor, died this morning shortly after midnight at his residence, No. 212 East Orange street.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was born in this city October 17, 1810, and was the eldest son of Hugh Fitzpatrick, one of the pioneer railroad contractors.

The deceased was educated in the public schools of Lancaster, and at the age of fifteen began to make his living by doing the work of a railway contractor.

From that time down to the present Mr. Fitzpatrick was a very active life as a builder of railroads.

He was the contractor for the building of the Chestnut street bridge in Philadelphia, the deceased still remained in his employ to continue during the four years until its completion.

One of his most important projects was carried out as a member of the firm of Fitzpatrick & Clark, which was formed to carry to completion two contracts on the Shenandoah Valley road in Virginia.

More recently he was associated with Mr. John Stevens and the son of Mr. Stevens in the construction of that part of the South Pennsylvania railroad near Somerset, Pa.

His last contract was for the construction of the Pennsylvania railroad at Highspire, Dauphin county.

The deceased was a keen, sagacious business man and he was uniformly a successful in his undertakings.

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DR. HIGBEE'S FUNERAL.

Rev. Dr. Apple to Preach the Sermon on Monday--Gov. Beaver's Tributes.

The funeral of Dr. Higbee will take place Monday at 10 o'clock from the residence of the First Reformed church on Orange street where the services will be held at half past 8 o'clock.

Gov. Beaver's Prolongation. Governor Beaver on Friday night issued the following proclamation:

It again devolves upon the executive of this Commonwealth the duty to the people of this Commonwealth of the death of an eminent citizen and faithful official.

Dr. Higbee was a man of broad culture, a polished and thoughtful scholar, familiar alike with the treasures of ancient thought and the modern sciences.

The New Holland Railroad. The Work Being Pushed With Great Rapidity Aloud by Good Weather.

The New Holland Clarion says work on the railroad has been progressing rapidly the past week, the weather having been very favorable.

Children in a Charnel House. The Newark, N. J., police were notified on Friday afternoon that a child had been lying in a house on Newark street since last Monday night.

A Tribute to His Predecessor. From Postmaster Gries's Inquirer.

The change at the Lancaster postoffice Friday and Saturday morning was a very interesting one.

A Flag for the New School House. All the councils of American Mechanics, senior and junior, and camps of the Sons of America to-day sent a petition to the property committee of the school house.

St. Joseph's Church Fair. The fair for the benefit of St. Joseph's Catholic church will be opened at Roda's hall on Friday evening.

Disturbed a Congregation. Complaint has been made at the station house that a gang of boys congregate near the Hebrew synagogue on Orange street.

The Last Day for Partridges. This is the last day for shooting partridges, and it is safe to say that very few will be killed owing to the bad weather.

Scalped by His Horse. A peculiar accident happened near Lockport, N. Y., Thursday night by which a man was completely scalped.

Victory for Democrats. CHICAGO, Dec. 13.--Complete returns from yesterday's election for the board of water commissioners show that the Independent Citizens' ticket, consisting of Judge Richard Proderast, A. P. Gilmore and H. J. Willing, Christopher Hotz and Murray Nelson, Independent Republicans, were elected.

Funeral of a Colored Preacher. The funeral of Rev. B. R. Pritchett, of the African Methodist Episcopal denomination, took place this afternoon.

The Clerk's Office Improved. The office of the clerk of quarter sessions has been painted by J. B. Bowers, by direction of the county commissioners.

That Bogus Sheriff's Sale. Sheriff Burkholder Takes From the Picture Dealers the Management of the Sale.

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TERRIERS IN THE PIT.

NEW YORKERS AND PHILADELPHIANS CONDUCT THE FIGHT IN THIS COUNTY.

The Animal Brod In This City The Victor--Greenbacks Wagered by Human Brutes on Plucky Dogs.

A dog fight, which the sports say was a rattler, took place in this county at an early hour on Wednesday morning.

The matter was arranged some time ago and it was between two game bull terriers weighing twenty seven pounds each.

Two More for the Syndicate. They Are After the Millersville and West End Street Car Lines.

The College Musicians. They Give an Excellent Concert Before a Marietta Audience.

Excellent Entertainment For a Large Audience at Millersville.

A Musical. The Musical Society of Lancaster will give a concert at the Normal school on Friday evening.

FORECLOSURE OF A RAILROAD. The Columbia & Port Deposit Railroad.

Narrowly Escaped Being Shot. The boys of this city who use small rifles to shoot sparrows and other things have grown very careless.

Before Alderman Barr. Susan Martin, a resident of the Eighth ward, has been prosecuted before Alderman Barr for maliciously destroying the property of Mrs. Rothweiler.

Change of Time. The pension examining board of this county will meet on Tuesday, December 24, and December 29, as the 25th and January 1 are legal holidays.

THE CRONIN JURY OUT.

Twelve Men Now Weighing the Evidence of a Great Crime.

The jury in the Cronin murder case beyond all reasonable doubt, under indictment--Coughlin, O'Sullivan, Burke, Boggis and Knaze.

Joseph Hoffman, who was shot while in the act of committing a burglary at the store and residence of Wm. Kuhn at Mt. Joy, on the night of October 23, was called for sentence.

Wm. Watson, a colored resident of the Welsh mountain, was tried for larceny as charged by the Philadelphia and Reading pay car is booked for the 29th.

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HOFFMAN SENTENCED.

EIGHTY-NINE MONTHS FOR THE MAN WHO ATTEMPTED TO ROB A STORE.

Otto Weber Acquitted and Frederick Lepler Compelled to Pay Costs of Prosecution--Other Court Cases.

Friday Afternoon--Court re-assembled at 2:30 o'clock and the jury in the case against Otto Weber, charged with selling liquor on Sunday and without a license, returned a verdict of not guilty and acquitted Frederick Lepler to pay the costs of prosecution.

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A BRAKEMAN MAIMED.

GEORGE E. SMITH'S HAND INJURED WHILE COUPLING CARS IN READING.

One Finger Severed and Two Others Crushed--The Inquest Over Lewis W. Moore Concluded on Thursday.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 13.--George E. Smith, a brakeman on the Reading & Columbia railroad, had his left hand crushed and Reading last night while coupling cars. One finger was completely severed, and it is feared that two fingers will have to be amputated.

The inquest over Lewis W. Moore, who was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad at this place on Wednesday night, continued their investigation last evening at the office of Deputy Coroner Hershey.

Money to Loan. Money to loan on first mortgage at all times at lowest market rates, and a general real estate and insurance business transacted in all its branches.

Wines and Liquors. We have the Largest Stock and Best Quality of Wines and Liquors in the city.

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AN EARLY MORNING FIRE.

Dr. W. L. Fisher's House, on Marietta Avenue, Slightly Damaged.

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Eleven Pirates Arrested.

CAROLINA, Dec. 13.--Eleven clever pirates, eight men and three women, were captured by Marshall Malone yesterday morning after an exciting chase. The gang had come in a shanty boat down the Mississippi from Alton and worked at various points. Wednesday night they made a raid on the Chicago steamer's stow-away factory on the Mississippi side of the city, overpowered the watchman and fireman, blindfolded them and blew the safe to pieces, carrying off \$50 and valuable papers.