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NO NEW BUILDINGS.

THE SCHOOL BOARD REFUSES BY A CLOSE VOTE TO ERECT THEM.

Mr. McComsey's Amendment to a Resolution Offered by Mr. Brinton is Adopted--Points of Discussion.

A special meeting of the Lancaster city school board was held on Friday evening, with the following members present: Messrs. Bolenius, Breneman, Brosey, Brinton, Cochran, Griest, Judith, Johnson, Lichty, Marshall, McComsey, McDonell, McElligott, McKillips, McMullen, Pontz, Rathfon, Raub, Reilly, Reynolds, Roland, Schroyer, Shirk, Warfel, White, Wickersham, Winower, Wohlsen, Wolf and Dr. McCormick, president.

The call for the meeting, signed by Messrs. Griest, Marshall, Lippold, Reilly and Brinton, was read. The object of the meeting was stated to be the following:

Resolved, That the committee on buildings and grounds be instructed to have plans and specifications prepared for two twelve room school buildings, to be erected on South Duke street and South Mulberry street, and report the plans and specifications and also estimate of the cost of building to the board at the next regular meeting.

Mr. McComsey said this call has been a surprise to him. He had no idea such a move was contemplated. Before action on this important question was taken he would like to hear the views of those pressing the resolution. There should be strong reasons given why these houses should be built at once. The people will want to know whether the reasons for the immediate building are pressing.

To bring the matter before the board Mr. Brinton offered the resolution noted above as the call for the meeting.

Mr. McComsey offered as an amendment that it is deemed inexpedient to build the present year.

In support of the amendment he said the board has just completed a building and to pay for which a loan has been authorized.

In the erection of the Chestnut street building a new system of heating and ventilation was adopted, and $3,000 was spent on it. Is there any member that can say that this system of ventilation and heating is a success? It has not been learned whether it will prove satisfactory and time should be taken to learn all about the system.

Mr. Marshall asked whether the system spoken of was not adopted on the recommendation of Mr. McComsey, after an examination by him of its workings in the Pittsburg schools.

Mr. McComsey said that was true, but the Pittsburg schools were heated with natural gas, which made a material difference.

This school board has never built a new school building unless there was absolute pressing necessity and there was none such. It was not policy to proceed with undue haste. There are accommodations for 700 pupils on South Duke street, while there are but 520 pupils enrolled. On South Mulberry street there are only 300 pupils enrolled. While he favored providing to some extent for the future he was opposed to building for future generations. One room on South Mulberry street that has accommodations for 200 pupils has only 70 on the roll. With an expenditure of $3,000 on the Mulberry and Duke street schools the erection of new houses on these sites could be deferred for ten years.

These buildings will each cost $30,000, and that means an increased tax rate.

Mr. Cochran said he desired to second the amendment of Mr. McComsey. The erection of these buildings means an expenditure of from $50,000 to $60,000. He did not see his way clear to favor the resolution offered, but by the latter part of the year he thought steps could be taken looking to the erection of a new building. Since 1879 this board has expended for buildings and furniture $130,000, and that was doing a great deal in ten years. In a year or two the Mulberry street buildings may give way to a new structure. The present tax rate is three and a half mills, and the finance committee will make an effort to keep it at that. In these depressed times it was not policy to raise the tax rate.

Mr. Brinton said the adoption of the resolution he offered was not making haste too rapidly. While the board has done well in the past as to new buildings, why not continue. As to the pressing necessity, he could not understand the assertion made that there was no such. In his visit to the Mulberry street school he found the ceilings, floors, windows and walls in bad condition, and all these buildings were badly ventilated. He has heard complaints from patrons, teachers and pupils about the bad condition of these schools. The very point the chairman of the superintending committee made about the small attendance is an argument in favor of new schools. People will not send their children to these schools if they can avoid it.

As to the financial condition of the board he desired to say a word. In 1880, before the erection of any new buildings but the high school, the assets were $156,617.79; liabilities, $8,900; assets over liabilities, $147,717.79.

In 1889, with eight new schools erected, the assets were $246,488.09; liabilities, $78,000; assets over liabilities, $168,488.09.

With the new Chestnut street building completed the assets are $271,488.09; liabilities, $98,000,000; assets over liabilities, $173,488.09.

With two new buildings erected at a cost of $60,000 the figures would be: Assets, $331,488.09; liabilities, $158,000,000; assets over liabilities, $173,488.09.

The erection of these buildings are an imperious necessity and the money expended is not money thrown away.

If it is desirous to wait for improvements in heating and ventilation, school houses will never be built, because every year there are improvements.

The adoption of this resolution does not bind the board to build. It directs the property committee to get plans and specifications. He understood the tax rate would be four mills and with this additional half mill tax the revenue of the board would be increased $6,000 or $7,000. This is the meeting at which action should be taken. A halt now means the loss of a year's time.

Mr. Cochran said no one disputed the figures presented by Mr. Brinton. The only question before the board was whether an additional tax should be imposed, which would be made necessary by the building. The policy of the board since he became a member was the conservative one of removing the old buildings gradually and in time the Mulberry and Duke street buildings would be reached.

Mr. Wolf did not see why there was so much haste as to these two buildings, and why the board cannot wait another year before going on with the work.

Mr. Griest held that the resolution does not commit the board to building these school houses. He could not see any harm in the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Johnson said it was absurd to talk of having plans and specifications prepared in the time noted in the resolution, and it looked to him as if an effort was being made to force the board into building these two houses at once, and that the whole matter was arranged before the meeting.

Mr. Griest said if it was cut and dried, as had been charged by the preceding speaker, he knew nothing about it. The chairman of the finance committee said it was probable that the board could go on with the building by the end of the year. If that was so there was nothing lost in having the plans prepared.

Mr. Johnson said plans adopted now would be rejected a year hence.

Mr. Reynolds, referring to the system of heating in the West Chestnut street school, said it worked admirably in cold weather but did not in warm weather.

Mr. Reilly, in concluding the discussion, said three of the gentlemen had intimated that this matter was set up. He disclaimed any set up, so far as he knew. He understood the meeting to be called to get the sense of the members as to the erection of these school houses. It was a shame that this board had on two of its principal thoroughfares such dingy unprogressive looking school buildings, and as it has been stated that the buildings can be erected next year, why not go on with them now. New buildings were a necessity. He would not like a child of his to attend any of them in their present condition.

A vote was called on Mr. McComsey's amendment, that it is inexpedient to build this year, and it was adopted by the following vote: Messrs. Breneman, Brosey, Cochran, Johnson, Lichty, Marshall, McComsey, McKillips, Rathfon, Reynolds, Roland, Schroyer, Shirk, Warfel, White and Wolf—16 voted aye.

Messrs. Bolenius, Brinton, Griest, Judith, Lippold, McDonell, McElligott, McMullen, Pontz, Raub, Reilly, Wohlsen and Dr. McCormick—13 voted no.

STRUCK A LARGE STONE.

An Engine and Several Cars Thrown From the Track.

There was an ugly wreck on the long siding at Safe Harbor, which connects the rolling mill and the Pennsylvania railroad, on Friday afternoon. While an engine was up at the rolling mill doing some work, a stone about the size of a barrel rolled down the big hill just below Sweigart's hotel and landed on the siding track. When the engine was on the way down to the main track it ran into the stone. On account of the curve in the siding near that place Michael Wayne, engineer, did not see the stone until he was almost on top of it. It was then too late to do anything, but to try and save his life. He reversed the engine and he and his fireman jumped off. When it struck the stone the engine was thrown from the track and very badly broken. It ran into a pile of boards, or it might have gone into the river. Several cars that were attached to the locomotive were considerably damaged. The stone is supposed to have been loosened by the thawing of the ground.

SAYS HE WAS FORCED TO MARRY.

Young Douglas' Story About an Indignant Brother With a Pistol.

John Douglas, a young dentist of Savannah, has begun a suit for divorce against his wife, who was formerly Miss Minnie F. Beall, a young woman of Baltimore. He tell this story:

About Dec. 5, while attending lectures at a dental college in Baltimore, he received a note from Warren Beall, a brother of the young woman, asking him to come to his house on George street. He went, and found Mr. Beall and his sister in the parlor with a clergyman. The brother declared that Douglas had wronged his sister, and insisted that he should make her his wife. Douglas refused, and Beall drew a revolver and threatened to shoot him. Then Douglas consented. After the ceremony he drank wine, which he says was drugged, for he knew nothing of what happened for several days. When he recovered consciousness he left the house and has not lived with his wife.

The young woman's lawyer denies that any threats were made or violence used. The minister who performed the ceremony was the Rev. J. A. McCauley, formerly president of Dickinson college.

When Douglas held aloof after the ceremony his wife, who is a member of the Methodist church, while her husband is a Catholic, thinking to influence him through the church, called on the cardinal, who told her to send Douglas to see him. When she informed her husband of this he became, as she charges, very abusive and knocked her down.

INTERESTING PENSION DEBATE.

A Veto of President Cleveland Raises a Breeze In the House.

There was quite a lively time at the evening session of the House on Friday night. Usually, the Friday night hearings are very slimly attended and the debates uninteresting, but that evening was an exception, and the occasion was enlivened by a lively tilt between Mr. Cooper, of Indiana, and Messrs. Tarsney and Stone, of Missouri. The question was raised over a bill which President Cleveland had vetoed granting a pension of $40 a month to Francis Denning, of Michigan, on the ground of blindness.

Mr. Cooper advocated the passage of the bill, and, referring to President Cleveland's veto, said that if he (Cleveland) had stood upon his economical principles, and not endeavored to hunt up a blind man whom he could jump upon with both feet, he might have been president to-day.

Mr. Stone said his state had furnished more soldiers than Indiana, and had more pensioners.

Mr. Cooper disputed the statement, and Mr. Tarsney sarcastically regretted that President Cleveland had not had the counsel and advice of the gentleman from Indiana to guide him and save him from error. No man had more sympathy than he for those groping in darkness, but he was not warranted in putting his hand into the public treasury to show that sympathy.

Mr. Kilgore, of Texas, said if President Cleveland was beaten in the discharge of his duty it was better to be beaten on principle than to succeed on a matter of expedience.

Dark Charges by the Blind.

At Friday's session of the investigation by the managers of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind Albert Dunn, a senior pupil, who gets eight dollars a month for instruction in piano tuning, was called as a witness and appeared accompanied by thirty-two other blind boys. He presented resolutions with twenty-six signatures denouncing Prefect King, and demanding his immediate removal. Charges of the gravest character were preferred against the prefect. Dunn and others also attacked President Battles, but he was warmly praised by Elmer Fetter, a pupil who had signed the petition against King.

Workmen Buried By a Land Slide.

While workmen were removing a large rock from the tracks of the West Virginia Central railroad on Friday near Chaffee, W. Va., a great mass of earth fell upon them from the steep mountain above, burying several of them. Two were dead when taken out, one has died since, and three were seriously and perhaps fatally injured. The names of the dead are: James O. Lambert, of Chaffee, W. Va., who leaves a wife and family, and Joseph Macheni and Vernata Vallo, Italians. John Van Reed, a resident of Chaffee, married man with family, cannot recover. The others are Italian laborers.

Dismissed the Case.

Henry Gainor had a hearing yesterday afternoon before Alderman Spurrier on the charge of assault and battery, upon ex-Alderman Michael McGlinn, who said Gainor threw water upon him with malicious intent. The case was so trifling that the alderman dismissed it.

Tommy Warren Whipped.

Billy Murphy whipped Tommy Warren in the fourth round in the prize fight in San Francisco on Friday night.

EMBEZZLED OVER $10,000.

F. A. DIFFENDERFFER BROUGHT FROM BROOKLYN BY A DETECTIVE.

He Waives a Hearing and is Committed In Default of $10,000 Bail for Trial at the April Term of Court.

Frank A. Diffenderffer, whose arrest was noted in the INTELLIGENCER on Friday, was brought from Brooklyn, N. Y., on the evening train and taken to the office of Alderman Barr by Detective E. J. Dougherty, of Pinkerton's force. He waived a hearing and in default of $10,000 bail was committed for trial at the April term of the quarter sessions court.

The prosecution of Diffenderffer is the culmination of a celebrated case which has been in the Lancaster courts for years.

The defendant is a well known man, and has been prominent in all the sporting events of this city for the past fifteen years. A gentleman familiar with the history of the Diffenderffer trust estate, who was seen to-day, had this to say about it: About 1878 Dr. William Diffenderffer died. Shortly before his death he disposed of his estate, worth about $60,000. To his son Frank A., he gave his share, one-half of the estate absolutely. The other half he gave to his mother, but obliged her to make a will in his presence bequeathing it to his remaining son, J. Leno Diffenderffer, in trust. This estate consisted of two tracts of land, and $8,000 in bonds, and the trustees named in the will were Frank R. Diffenderffer, Mrs. Catharine Groff and Frank A. Diffenderffer. Mrs. Diffenderffer survived her son, the doctor, several years, and shortly before her death, when she was 86 years old, Frank A. Diffenderffer induced her to destroy the will made in the presence of her son and instead execute a deed of trust, making him the sole trustee of J. Leno Diffenderffer's estate, and by virtue of this deed of trust all of J. Leno Diffenderffer's estate passed into the control of Frank A. Diffenderffer.

After he received this estate the trustee lived in great style, and was lavish in the expenditure of money. Some years ago J. Leno was informed by friends that his estate was being wasted by his brother, but his confidence in his brother's integrity could not be shaken.

A. G. Sutton, a relative, who had been told of Frank A.'s fast living, went into court with a petition, and asked the court to interfere. The court, in the opinion filed, said that much as they would like to interfere, it could not be done, as Mr. Sutton was not in interested party.

Friends of J. Leno Diffenderffer then induced creditors to petition court that the estate was being wasted, but the court could take no action, as they had no legal standing.

Shortly after this Frank A. Diffenderffer borrowed $2,000 and gave a mortgage on the Diffenderffer property on North Queen street, in which J. Leno Diffenderffer had a third interest. The money secured by this mortgage was used partly by Frank A. Diffenderffer to pay his personal debts, and when J. Leno heard of this transaction he went into court with a petition asking for an accounting by his trustee. The court directed a citation to be issued, but it had to be served on Frank A. Diffenderffer personally. He left the city to avoid service and a Pinkerton detective had to be employed, and after several days search the trustee was located in Philadelphia and the citation served upon him.

Diffenderffer filed an account and notwithstanding the handsome estate he had received his account showed that J. Leno Diffenderffer was indebted to him $474.60. This account also showed that the trustee had in his possession $8,000 in stocks and bonds. He was asked to produce them and promised to do so. Instead of appearing at the next session of the audit he absconded. He came back in a week or two and said he had pledged them to a party in the controller's office in Philadelphia, but no such party as he named had ever been employed in the controller's office. His testimony also showed that he kept no account of the trust moneys and he failed to show how he had expended the money he claimed to have spent as trustee.

The auditor after making liberal allowance for all payments he claimed surcharged him $10,665.60, which report was confirmed absolutely by the court and an order was made that he pay over to his successor, the Lancaster Trust company, the above amount and also hand over the titles to the real estate of J. Leno Diffenderffer, which he held as trustee.

The trustee failed to comply with an order of the court and an attachment was issued. It was placed in the hands of the sheriff for execution. A number of constables, a citizen and a Pinkerton detective were deputized to execute this process, but Diffenderffer was too smart for the whole batch. For eight weeks his residence in this city was watched, but he managed to elude these officers by the aid of a neighbor, through whose house he passed when he escaped from the city and state and beyond the jurisdiction of the court's attachment.

On March 1, complaint was made against him for embezzlement as trustee before Alderman Barr. A requisition was obtained from Governor Beaver, and honored by Governor Hill. Pinkerton's detectives were put on his trail and he was located at No. 366 Troop avenue, Brooklyn, to which place his furniture was sent under an assumed name. His family joined him in Brooklyn on March 2d.

He was arrested yesterday morning, and when the warrant was served on him he denied that his name was Frank A. Diffenderffer. His brother J. Leno, was in the vicinity was produced, and when Frank A. saw him he gave in, acknowledged his identity and at once went with the officers.

William R. Wilson and Wm. H. Roland have been the legal representatives of J. Leno Diffenderffer in the above mentioned proceedings, and Frank A. Diffenderffer was represented by D. G. Eshleman and Charles I. Landis. A. F. Hostetter was the auditor.

Prosecution Withdrawn.

The charge of cruelty to animals against J. W. Byerly, in allowing a horse to stand for several hours on the street, without attention, was withdrawn at Alderman Barr's office last evening and the costs paid.

Lancaster Men in Philadelphia.

On Thursday the following gentlemen "met by chance" and took dinner at Green's hotel in Philadelphia: J. A. M. Passmore, Pottsville, but formerly of Lancaster, who is a candidate for lieutenant governor; Lewis S. Hartman, J. M. W. Geist, Senator A. H. Mylin, William Riddle and Lem C. Eaby.

The New Alderman Ready.

Alderman John Baker, of the First ward, is now ready for business. He has fitted up an office at his store, No. 110 North Queen street. He is prepared to take suits and do other business.

A Paper Manufacturer Fails.

F. H. Miller, an extensive paper manufacturer of Downingtown, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. It is stated that his liabilities amount to $35,000.

LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

A Number Considered by Court on Friday Afternoon.

Court met at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon, and the application of George W. Killian for a tavern license at Reamstown was argued.

E. L. Hambright petitioned for a license for a hotel at what is known as Getz's tavern, or the Three Mile house, on the Columbia turnpike. It was shown that this house had enjoyed a license for half a century and that Mr. Hambright allowed it to lapse when he became a government officer. The petition for the license was numerously signed, and there was no remonstrance against the application.

Susan Hopton, Silver Springs, was granted a license and her bond was approved. This was an old stand.

George E. Campbell is an applicant for a hotel license at Safe Harbor, on the Manor township side. This house was licensed for forty years, but in 1888 lost it. The petition, largely signed, set forth the necessity for a licensed house at this point.

Mary A. Steigelman asked for a license for a hotel at Masonville, Manor township. The hotel was kept by her husband for some years. He rented it a few years ago to John Brubaker, from whom the court took it.

There was a remonstrance against this hotel, on the ground that it was not necessary, that a woman was not a proper person to keep a hotel, because she could not maintain order and another objection raised was that over half the petitioners for the license lived in an adjoining township.

Simon H. Reese asked for a hotel in East Drumore township. This place was licensed for several years, but for the past few years license was not applied for.

The application of C. B. Herr, Millersville, was next heard. The petition for the license was signed by 125 residents of the village. This place enjoyed a license until four years ago, when it was taken away by the court. A remonstrance was filed against this license, setting forth that Mr. Herr when a hotel-keeper had violated the law by selling on Sunday, allowed gambling, and in addition that it was not necessary, as there was a hotel within 150 yards.

The application of Peter Dorsheimer, for a liquor store license in East Lampeter township, was withdrawn. The remonstrance against this license was on the ground that there was no necessity for a liquor store license in the township.

The following applications for bottlers' licenses were argued: Christian Mutchler, Dorwart street; John W. Keller, Third ward, city; John Hain, Second ward, city; William Rehfuss, city, and Joseph Bolbach, Columbia.

The court notified the attorney of Charles Hain to be in court to explain numerous complaints made against him before magistrates during the past year that he managed to get settled.

The court made no decisions on any of the applications for new stands. The members of the court will consider the applications to-day, and announce their conclusions on Monday.

AFTER LONG SUFFERING.

Mrs. Harriet R. Fondersmith Dies From Congestion of the Lungs.

COLUMBIA, March 15.—Mrs. Harriet Rebecca Fondersmith, wife of H. A. Fondersmith, and daughter of Mrs. Sarah White, died this morning at 4 o'clock, at her late home, on South Second street, aged 43 years. She had been sick for a long time and the immediate cause of her death was congestion of the lungs. A husband and one child, Harry Fondersmith, survive. The deceased was well-known in the social circles of town, but has been an invalid and great sufferer for a long period. She was a member of the Presbyterian church for many years. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

The funeral of Mrs. Christiana Cohick will be held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from her late home on Walnut street.

The funeral of Joseph Eckman will be held on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from his late home.

A railroad men's Bible class will be taught in Reformed, Second street Lutheran, Presbyterian, United Brethren and Methodist Sunday schools on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Geo. Wells Ely, of the Presbyterian church, will preach on Sunday evening on the subject, "The Altar and Saver, or Atonement and Purification." This is the second of the series on New Testament truths in Old Testament form.

Rev. Wm. Biddle will preach in the Methodist church on Sunday.

Trinity Chapter, No. 5, of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, will observe their first anniversary in Trinity Reformed church on Sunday evening.

The representatives of the Grubb estate at Columbia state that they can neither affirm or deny the rumor of the sale of the furnaces in town to the Pennsylvania Railroad company, as they know of no such transaction.

A slight wreck occurred this morning at Collins Station, caused by train of engine 1,170 breaking loose and running together. Two cars were wrecked, and the south tracks blocked.

A slight wreck occurred this morning at the foot of Walnut street caused by a car jumping the track at a switch.

The following officers were elected by Shawnee Encampment, No. 23, I. O. O. F., last night: Chief patriarch, J. H. Foster; high priest, John B. Eshleman; senior warden, S. P. Graver; junior warden, John E. Tyler; scribe, L. C. Oberlin; trustee, John B. Eshleman.

During this week a large amount of money was paid out in Columbia for wages. The Frederick division pay car left about $3,500, the Philadelphia division employes received $45,000, the Columbia Iron company paid nearly $4,000 to-day and the Columbia rolling mill company's pay roll amounts to $5,200. This is an aggregate of $57,700 paid in town this week.

Harry Zeamer, of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, has retuned home on a vacation.

The sociable of Salome U. B. church will close in the armory to-night.

He Is Not Intemperate.

In the report of licenses in the newspapers of yesterday it was published that Judge Livingston had asked Mrs. Henry Neimer whether she did not know Philip Seachrist to be a man of intemperate habits and whether he did not get drunk at her saloon or his wife take him away. Mr. Seachrist naturally feels hurt at the publication of this, as he says the charges are false. He denies being a man of intemperate habits, and, also, that his wife had taken him home from the saloon in question. The first he knew of his name having been connected with the matter was when he read the papers. Mr. Seachrist has made affidavit before Alderman Baker that the allegations are untrue.

Her Body Found.

Ellen Strange, colored, aged 24 years, disappeared from her home in Middletown about six weeks ago. On Friday her dead body was found in Swatara creek, near Middletown. When she disappeared the canals and creeks were searched, and there was an impression that she was murdered. She probably fell into the stream.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDIES.

A FARMER AND HIS WIFE KILLED BY A TRAIN IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

They Are Struck While Crossing the Track—A Man Butchers a Girl in Allegheny—A Murder in Lehigh.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 15.—Lemuel Eastburn and wife met a horrible death at 8:45 o'clock this morning at Evans' crossing on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad in Bridgeport, across the river from this city.

Eastburn and wife were driving across the track when a south-bound passenger train dashed down upon them. Eastburn landed on the pilot of the engine, and Mrs. Eastburn on the platform of the pilot. Mrs. Eastburn was instantly killed, and her husband died in a half hour. Both were terribly mangled.

Eastburn was a prosperous farmer of Upper Merion township.

Murdered His Step-Daughter.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 14.—This morning Frank Groettner, a German, living in Allegheny City, killed his step-child, a little girl aged 10 years, with some sharp instrument, supposed to have been a hatchet. No cause for the murder is known. Groettner is locked up.

The murder was committed some time during the night and the child's remains were discovered in her bed room by her mother. The room presented a most terrible sight. The furniture, ceiling and walls were bespattered with blood, and from tufts of hair found on the walls it is thought Groettner took the child by the legs and dashed her brains out. The little one's head was crushed in and one arm was broken. Groettner was secreted in the cellar. He resisted arrest and it required three men to force him into the patrol wagon. He refuses to give any reason for the horrible deed. The little girl was only eight years of age, and her name was Annie Heffner.

Murder in Lehigh County.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., March 15.—John Moran, railroad brakeman, of Hokendauqua, was murdered at the house of Patrick Murphy last night. Murphy, Moran and Dick Hurley were drunk and Moran was cut on the head with a knife. Murphy and Hurley deny any knowledge of the murder. Moran was thirty-eight years of age and leaves a wife and two children.

Near the scene of the murder Cornelius McDade was found dead this morning, having fallen on his face on the floor and suffocated.

Reporter Buckius Leaves the Examiner.

Harry W. Buckius to-day severed his connection with the *Examiner*, having resigned as reporter to accept a position with Hugh Keogh, contractor. The latter has received a contract to grade ten miles of a railroad in Wayne county, West Virginia. Mr. Buckius will go to Virginia with him, starting on Monday. Mr. Buckius has been connected with the *Examiner* office almost from childhood. He carried papers and set type and for nine months was assistant foreman of the composing room. For three years past he has been "on the town" as a reporter, and in that time he has done the best of work for the paper. He is a good writer and an energetic, hard-working reporter, who can see an item as far off as any man in the profession, and is not afraid to go after it. He is popular with the public and has hosts of warm friends, who are sorry to see him leave Lancaster. Their best wishes follow him in his new line of business.

A Runaway This Morning.

This forenoon Michael Meisenzahl left the horse and wagon of Flinn & Breneman standing on North Queen street, near Walnut, while he went into a house to attend to some business. The horse frightened and started to run. The wheel of the wagon caught those of a milk wagon belonging to a farmer named Hauck, of Mechanisburg, which was standing near the Keystone house. The wagon was dragged down below the freight station, where it was upset and the top was almost broken off. Meisenzahl succeeded in catching and stopping his horse at the Pennsylvania railroad station before he had damaged his own wagon. In Hauck's wagon were a lot of milk cans which were scattered about. In a basket were a lot of eggs and other marketing. The eggs were all broken.

Death of a Lady.

On Thursday morning Miss Evaline Smoker died at the residence of her brother-in-law, R. S. Brubaker, in New Holland. She had a slight paralytic stroke about a year ago and had not been in good health since. Deceased was a prominent member of the Lutheran church and for very many years was a teacher and very hard worker in the Sunday school. Her brother Abraham died several months ago. There survive her two brothers, Amos of Philadelphia, and G. Milton, of Parkesburg, and three sisters Mrs. Levi Kinzer, of Pottstown; Mrs. Henderson Wallace, of East Earl, and Mrs. R. S. Brubaker, of New Holland.

Assaulted His Sister.

John Donaghy, a resident of Middle street, has been prosecuted before Alderman A. F. Donnelly, by his sister, Lizzie Kirchoff, for assault and battery. John assaulted her a few days ago, and on Friday when he heard that she had sued him armed himself with a large knife and threatened to kill her with it. He gave bail for a hearing.

A Printer's Troubles.

Charles R. Kline, attorney for Mrs. Maggie Gast, issued execution this afternoon against her husband, C. A. Gast, for $1,000, and as attorney for Mrs. Ann C. Gast one for $200.

Death of Mrs. Tony Hart.

Miss Gertie Granville, whose real name is Mrs. Tony Hart, died on Thursday at Roosevelt hospital, New York. She was seen here last season with Duncan Harrison's "Paymaster." She was an English woman and came to this country to act in variety theatres fifteen years ago.

It is not generally known but she was the principal cause of the separation of the famous team of Harrigan & Hart, as she made herself distasteful to Mr. Harrigan. Her husband is slowly dying of paresis in a Worcester, Mass., insane asylum.

Went to St. Louis.

John Barr left Lancaster this afternoon for St. Louis. He will go back into the Pullman Car company's service as a conductor, and will run from St. Louis west.

Malicious Mischief Case.

Jacob Gunzenhouser was heard by Alderman Barr last evening on a charge of malicious mischief for breaking a window pane. The case was dismissed.

Sent to Jail.

J. H. Griffin, arrested for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, was sent to jail today by Alderman Barr for five days.

Sold His Wife And Cow.

John Paulsuk, a Hungarian, of Milnesville, Pa., sold his wife and cow to Peter Paul, on Thursday, for $82, to enable him to leave the country. It is said the bargain is very satisfactory to all parties concerned.

SALES BY THE SHERIFF.

Properties in City and County Disposed of by that Official.

Sheriff Burkholder sold the following properties at the court house this afternoon:

A tract of 30 acres of land, partly in Strasburg and partly in Providence township, with three-story grist mill, brick dwelling house and bank barn, as the property of Gabriel Smith with notice to Dr. W. J. Wenta, his assignee, to estate of John Barr for $8,600.

A lot of ground fronting on Beaver street, in the city of Lancaster, 14 feet, 1½ inches and extending in depth 125 feet, with two-story brick dwelling house, No. 355, as the property of Wm. A. Kieffer, to Sarah R. and M. Lizzie Herr for $50.

The following properties of Simon B. Minnich:

No. 1. A tract of one-fifth of an acre of land in Landisville, with two-story brick dwelling house, frame stable, etc., to John D. Brubaker, for $5, subject to a mortgage of $2,500 and accrued interest.

No. 2. One-sixth of an acre of land in the same village, with two-story frame dwelling house, to Christian Greider's estate for $100.

No. 3. Two acres of land in the same village, with two-story brick saw mill and implement shop, 15-horse power engine, 30-horse power boiler, band saw, etc., to same purchaser for $500.

Two lots of ground fronting 44 feet on East Walnut street, with a depth of 150 feet, on which is erected a two-story frame dwelling house, as the property of Felix Fritchey, to L. B. Kelper, for $590.

The following properties of Margaret and John Carnahan:

No. 1. Three acres and thirty-two perches of land in Drumore township, with a two-story frame house and stable.

No. 2. Seventeen perches of land in same township, without improvements, to American Mechanics' Building and Loan association, for $10.

Forty perches of land in the village of White Oak, Penn township, with two-story frame dwelling house, as the property of Elizabeth G. Weachter, to H. B. Becker for $1,135.

A lot of ground fronting 46½ feet on North Prussian street, Manheim borough, and extending in depth 90 feet, with two-story brick dwelling house and brick shop, as the property of Frank M. Miller, to Abraham Martin for $1,475.

A FINE MUSICALE.

The Presbyterians Give a Very Successful Entertainment In Their Chapel.

The Presbyterians gave a very fine musical entertainment on Friday evening. It took place in the fine new chapel and the audience that attended it was very large. Everybody was well pleased with the entertainment which was surely a big success in every particular. The programme in full was as follows:

Piano Duet — Tannhauser March, Messrs. Bausman and Stein.
Bass Solo—"King's Champion," Mr. J. J. Smaling.
Glee—"I Long for Thee," F. & M. Glee Club.
Tenor Solo—"Thou Art Mine All," Mr. C. G. Landis.
Violin and Piano—"Daughter of the Regiment," Emma and Howard Fry.
Part Songs—a. "Gypsie Life," b. "The Carnival," Enterpean Club.
Piano Solo—Mazourka, Mr. Ambrose Stein.
Mandolin Selection, Mandolin Club.
Trios—a. "O Calm and Lovely Evening Bells," b. Hunting Chorus, Ladies' Chorus.
Bass Solo—"Out on the Deep," Mr. H. E. Stoner.
Glee—Chinese Song, F. & M. Glee Club.
Piano Solo—a. "On the Sea," b. Valse Chromatic, Miss Etta Herr.
Bass Solo, John J. Smaling.
Mandolin Selection, Club.
Vocal Duet—"On Mossy Banks," Miss Carpenter and Mr. Drennan.
Solo and Chorus—"Banner of the Sea," Mr. Smaling and Chorus.

Mr. Walter Bausman, Musical Director.

The ladies' choruses were very strong, and it consisted of the following: Misses Carpenter, Rohrer, Lowell, Musser, Knapp, Etchels, Smaling, Hess, Boeringer, Quinn, Pixton, Boeringer, Peacock, Reilly, Shaubel, Swartzwelder and Spindler. A fine feature of the entertainment was the piano solos of Miss Herr and Mr. Stein.

What Everybody Thinks.

Treasurer Cohen, of the Columbus base ball club, was in Philadelphia the other day, and in speaking of the Altoona club he said: "I know only a few of the Altoona players, but I know Manager Zecher, and the fact that he is at the head of the club convinces me that he has collected a lot of players who will give the other clubs plenty of hard work. While a member of the Canton, O., club last season we came in contact with Zecher, and besides being a great captain and first class shortstop he is a gentleman and an honor to the profession he represents. I wish him and his team loads of success, and you can rest assured I'll watch that club's progress with great care during the season."

A Young Man's Funeral.

The body of John H. Williams, a clerk, who died in Philadelphia on Tuesday, aged 26 years, was brought to Lancaster this morning on Niagara Express. It was accompanied by sixty members of the Pennsylvania Railroad Beneficial association, and a delegation of Sons of Malta. It was taken to the Mennonite church, on the Millersville turnpike, where the interment was made. Williams formerly lived in this county and has uncles in Lancaster and Millersville.

John A. Burger, jr., Fails.

Executions were issued late on Friday afternoon against John A. Burger, jr., by Philip Bissinger, trustee of Amelia P. Burger, for $4,300 and by Catherine Burger for $300.

Execution was issued this morning against Mr. Burger for $300 by D. H. Bartholomew and by W. H. H. Welsh for $800.

Can Telephone to Terre Hill.

The work of building a telephone line from New Holland to Terre Hill was finished on Thursday. Goodville, Blue Ball, East Earl station and Terre Hill are now in speaking connection with Lancaster. This will prove a great convenience for the city and county people.

Had Two Fingers Cut Off.

James Hoover, a brakeman attached to extra freight engine No. 1,138, was badly injured while coupling cars at Collins Station last evening. He had his hand caught between the bumpers of two cars and two fingers were cut completely off as well as though it had been done with a knife. Dr. Mowery, of Marietta, attended him.

A Helper Burned.

Henry Waller, who is employed as a helper at the Safe Harbor rolling mill, was badly burned last evening. He was drawing a heat when the damper of the furnace stack fell down. That knocked the fire out and it struck Waller squarely in the face, burning him terribly.

Trouble Between Husband and Wife.

Before Alderman Hershey, Abraham Martin has brought a suit against his wife, Caroline, charging her with drunken and disorderly conduct. She in turn charges him with desertion and has brought a suit against him.

Entertained the Glee Club.

Last evening Mr. Walter Bausman entertained the College Glee club at a supper at Hotel Lancaster. They had a highly enjoyable time for several hours.

REPORTS PRESENTED.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE OCCUPIED THE DAY IN HEARING THEM.

Both the Eastern and Western Book Concerns Have a Prosperous Year. Assets Increased Nearly $100,000.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 15.—Bishop Fitzgerald called the Methodist conference to order this morning and Rev. E. Kurtz, of the Twelfth street, Philadelphia, conducted the devotional exercises.

The report of the Conference Domestic Mission society was handed up by Rev. J. Timans, and action on it postponed until Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

Rev. Dr. Buoy presented a report relating to the proposed Methodist college at Washington, which was adopted.

The report of the Book Concern for the year was then read. The total assets of the Western Book Concern on June 30th were $1,888,474, with a net gain in value of $[illegible]702. The net capital of the Western Book Concern on November 30th, was $1,[illegible], an increase of $89,185. The sales in New York amounted to $721,989. The *Christian Advocate* has a circulation of $53,000 and the *Methodist Review* 61,000. The building at Fifth avenue and Forty-second street has been completed.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock was set for the hearing of the memorial service. James K. Raymond and Samuel C. [illegible] were elected to elders' orders. The following local deacons were elected local elders: John Beam, of Chester; Geo. B. Jen[illegible], Broad street, Philadelphia.

The following local preachers have been elected deacons: Geo. W. Adams, [illegible]entown; Charles Burns, of Coatesville; Charles Wesley Straw, of Berwick; Benjamin F. Miller, of Friendship; Cotton [illegible], of East Bangor; Wm. H. Beyer, [illegible]town; Wm. B. Tucky, Middletown; [illegible] A. Kreider, Woodland avenue; [illegible] McVeigh, of Fulton circuit.

The report of the M. E. Orphanage was read by Rev. C. W. Adamson. It consists of a property worth $200,000. There are 80 children in the care of the institution. The orphanage was dedicated June [illegible] by Bishop Foss. There are now in the orphanage 38 boys and 42 girls; [illegible] have been appropriated for current expenses this year. Col. James Beaver contributed $50,000 toward a $100,000 endowment fund.

Postmaster John Field, of Philadelphia, addressed conference on the orphanage, calling for their support of the institution.

Rev. J. M. Buckley, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, addressed conference in behalf of his paper. Dr. Van Meter, president of Women's college at Baltimore, addressed the conference. He reported the completion of three buildings; the endowment now $157,000, and with property worth nearly to near half a million. Dr. J. M. Freeman, of New York, spoke on the work of the Sunday School Union.

A QUESTION SETTLED.

Conference Refuses to Permit Lay Representation In Its Body.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Sayres the question of lay representation was taken up. Rev. J. B. McCullough, W. L. McDowell, Thomas James, and J. R. J. Gray, of Philadelphia, spoke against the measure, and Revs. C. E. Adams, Fletcher and C. W. Buoy, of Philadelphia, in favor of it. On motion of Rev. J. W. Sayres, of Hancock street, Philadelphia, the previous question was called and the vote taken which resulted: Whole number of votes cast, 202; [illegible] no, 101; and the lay representation amendment was declared lost.

Conference adjourned at 1:05 p. m., after a very busy session.

Sawed to Freedom.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., March 15.—A general jail delivery took place here last night. Joe Tanner, a man whose time would have expired to-day and who had been called the "freedom" of the jail by the others, procured a number of saws and handed them over to John Griffin, James [illegible