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VITRIFIED BRICKS MAKE A LASTING AND CHEAP STREET PAVEMENT.

How They Are Laid—Two Courses of Bricks, One Flat the Other Edged. Views of Sanitarians on Roads.

The use of brick for street paving is coming into favor in the South and West. Following are extracts from newspaper articles reprinted in the *Brickmaker:*

The Evansville, Indiana, *Courier*, says: "At $10 a thousand and with a broken rock foundation, the first cost of brick streets will not exceed that of macadam by more than a half a dollar a foot, and the life of a brick street so laid, with the light travel most of our streets bear, will be fifty years at least, with no repair bills for fifteen years, and with but trifling expense for "street cleaning."

"Why should any reasonable man prefer broken rock with conglomerate gravel surfacing to broken rock with brick surfacing, when the difference in first cost is so insignificant, while the cost of annual repairs is enormously greater for the former than for the latter?"

The Peoria, Illinois, *Journal* says: "So far as the experience of the city goes, almost every street that has been paved with brick is a success, and half a dozen different kinds of material have been used. The block that was first put down on Hamilton street, opposite the court house, was paved with small, hard brick, and after six years' continuous wear, without having any money expended upon it, it is as good as the day it was put down. The paving on Franklin street shows no signs of wear whatever. Although this consists of but one layer of brick the street is in the very best condition, except when dirt from the adjoining streets is carried on it by the wheels of vehicles. Nothing can be said against the paving."

Topeka, Kansas, is laying vitrified bricks that are made in the town. The brick is laid in two courses. The first course is laid flat upon a six-inch base of sand. The crevices are filled with sand by sweeping the sand over with coarse brooms. After being rolled with a 1,000 pound roller, an inch of sand is placed upon the first course and upon this the top course is laid edges up. Sand is filled into the crevices of this course as in the other, it is rolled with a 2,100 pound roller and a covering of half an inch of sand completes the process. The pavement is firm and comparatively smooth surfaced.

The Buffalo *Times* says: "The cost of paving roadways in Bloomington, Ill., has been just half what Buffalo pays for asphaltum, including grading and curbing. In Decatur, Ill., the brick pavements cost $1.32, $1.37 and $1.40 a square yard on difference in rates. The bricks made for Decatur pavements were from her own yards, the bricks being burned until vitrified. They are very hard, so hard, in fact, that they are rarely broken when pitched from the wagons into the street when delivered to the pavers. They are black and glassy and 'wear like iron,' indeed much better than iron.

"The manner of laying them is as follows: The street is graded and then smoothed with a heavy roller. Four inches of sand are then spread, and a layer of hard brick of the common sort is placed flat upon the sand.

"The flat layer is tamped thoroughly, leaving the surface even. The hard bricks are then laid on their edges crosswise the street, the joints being broken the same as in building. This pavement, from all that can be learned, is good for twenty-five years of use."

SUPERIORITY OF BRICK OVER OTHER MATERIALS FOR ROADWAYS.

The following information concerning vitrified brick is taken from a pamphlet issued by Secretary L. F. Andrews, of the Iowa State Board of Health, who has spent considerable time in studying this subject from a sanitary point of view. He says:

"Public attention is turning to brick. It is no innovation. In the Netherlands of Europe highways have been paved with brick for more than half a century. In West Virginia it has been used for sixteen years in the city of Charleston. In Bloomington, Ill., it has been used fourteen years. Decatur, Ill., has nearly all her streets paved with it. In Ohio it has been adopted in several cities and its mileage is increased every year."

Dr. James E. Reeves, the eminent sanitarian, and late president of the American Public Health association and secretary of the West Virginia Board of Health, writes:

"It affords me much pleasure to bear testimony to the superior quality of the street paving which has been done in Wheeling with vitrified blocks. Chapline street—the busiest street in the city—was laid in the fall of 1883 since which time every possible test has been made of the work. The line of the horse-car track shows even to this date not the least wear or unevenness, a condition which proves the nature of such paving. It is not only durable, but smooth as the best of the sidewalks, cleanly, comparatively noiseless and easy to the feet of horses and protective of all wheeled carriages. In a sanitary point of view it is absolutely priceless. No other material in use for street paving can be compared with it for cleanliness. Besides, it is the easiest to keep clean and in good repair.

"Clay is the ore of aluminum and when properly mixed and vitrified becomes an igneous rock, unaffected by heat, water or frost. It has a greater resisting power against shock than granite, is homogeneous, slightly elastic, has no grit which will bite steel or iron; will neither act upon nor be acted upon by horses' shoes; has a more perfect bearing than stone; can be laid more compact; is noiseless, dustless, non-absorbent, and therefore more healthful.

"The brick used are of various forms. In Eastern cities they are of the common, oblong form. Later devices mold them with one-third the base one-quarter of an inch thicker than the upper two-thirds. A sub-base of properly rolled sand is laid on the roadbed, over which is laid vitrified tile blocks eight inches square and two inches thick. Over the tile is thrown a thin stratum of fine, clean sand, upon which the brick are placed, with the base in contact, thus leaving a space of one-half inch to be filled with sand. This furnishes a durable, smooth pavement, yet with good foothold for horses; easily cleaned, and nearly, if not quite, impervious to water. For repairs, only such area as actually required need be removed. It is quickly replaced and ready for traffic without delay."

In a recent discussion relating to the paving of the roadways of South Main street, Akron, O., Engineer Parshall submitted approximate estimates on the cost of the pavement with brick and stone as follows: Entire pavement with home brick without cement joints, $33,751, including interest for eight years; entire pavement with brick from abroad without cement joints, $36,000, including interest for eight years; entire pavement with common (irregularly broken) Medina stone, $47,245, with interest for eight years; cost per linear foot frontage with stone, $5.75, with pavement 44 feet wide; cost per linear foot frontage with homemade brick, $4.10, with pavement 44 feet wide; difference in cost per linear foot frontage, $1.65; cost of cement joint for any material, $6,146 extra; extra cost for foreign brick, $2,215; cost of Medina stone, $2.80 per square yard.

Rev. C. L. Fry's Sermons.

Members of the local councils of Junior Order American Mechanics attended Trinity Lutheran church in a body on Sunday evening. Rev. C. L. Fry preached a sermon to them on "The attainment of personal character, with special allusion to social vices." The sermon was a plain, practical talk and was highly appreciated.

Rev. C. L. Fry delivered one of the series of special sermons to the young men of the city at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association on Sunday afternoon. He based his remarks from a passage in the sixth chapter of Ephesians, and from 4th Matthew and spoke of "The Whole Armor of God" and "The Temptation of Christ and his Weapons of Resistance. There was a large attendance at the services.

Charged With Assault and Battery.

George Ibel has brought a suit before Alderman Hershey against Charles Krantz, a cigarmaker. He says that Krantz struck him in the face with his fist several times. Bail for a hearing was entered.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

The substitute silver bill passed the House of Representatives on Saturday by a vote of 135 to 119.

A sailboat containing eight young men bent on a fishing trip was capsized by a squall in Dorchester Bay, Mass., on Saturday, and seven of them were drowned.

Rev. Dr. James Clement Moffat, professor emeritus of church history in Princeton theological seminary, died on Saturday, aged 79 years. He was a native of Scotland.

Charles Frazier, an employe in a saloon in Baltimore, went into the cellar on Saturday night to get a keg of beer. In his work he caught an electric light wire and was instantly killed.

It has been disclosed that the recent acts of vandalism committed by Harvard students was the work of three seniors, a junior and a sophomore, all members of leading college clubs.

Bolivar Carlisle, William Flynn, Anthony Malia and Richard Schulty, all burglars confined in the Schuykill county jail, at Pottsville, escaped, on Sunday, and have not been recaptured.

The case of Mayor Wyman, of Allegheny City, Pa., charged with perjury by Isaac Walkup, was dismissed on Saturday, the evidence being insufficient. It was shown that the charge was instigated by politicians unfriendly to Wyman.

There was hail a foot deep fifteen miles west of Van Horn, Texas, on Saturday. A heavy rain and hail storm passed south and north of Van Horn on Saturday evening. It is said that this was the first rain in El Paso county in more than a year.

D. J. Shull, of Chambersburg, has been awarded the contract for the memorial to be erected by the state of Pennsylvania over the grave of William Denning at Newville, who was the maker of wrought-iron cannon for the army of the revolution.

Andrew L. Stirk, who shot and killed Chief of Police McCord, in Lebanon, Pa., while resisting arrest for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, several months ago, was on Saturday convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment.

To save 70 lives in the course of 30 years has been the exceptional privilege of Captain Patrick Grace, who is in charge of the House of Refuge ferry, New York. He has saved 70 persons from death by drowning in the time indicated. He has just been presented with a medal by the Protective Life Saving Benevolent association.

A movement is on foot in Middlesborough, Ky., to erect a colossal monument on the Pinnacle rock on the top of Cumberland Gap mountain in memory of U. S. Grant and R. E. Lee. Pinnacle rock is 3,000 feet above the sea and 2,000 feet above the surrounding country. To reach it one must pass through the states of Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee, as they corner very near it.

William Powell, colored, was accidentally shot dead before daylight on Sunday morning by John Dolan, watchman at the soldiers' home in Washington. Tramp dogs have recently infested the grounds of the home and Dolan was ordered to shoot them. Hearing the barking of the dogs, he fired in the direction of the sound and the bullet struck Powell. The latter's wife was a domestic in the lodge, and he had gone to see her, accompanied by a terrier and a hound.

In the United States court at Indianapolis, on Saturday, Lee F. Wilson, a member of the Legislature, was convicted of violations of the pension laws, but recommended to mercy. Sentence was suspended. During the trial eleven women who had been pensioners once, but had been dropped from the rolls because they had remarried, testified that Wilson had had their names restored to the rolls. It was shown that in each of these a decree had been procured in the Shelby court annulling the marriage of the petitioners to the second husband.

Representative Cooper, of Indiana, on Saturday presented in the House a resolution, which was referred, directing the committee on invalid pensions to inquire into certain charges against Pension Commissioner Raum. These are that he has been promoting certain employes of his bureau on condition of their purchasing stock of a company of which he is president, and that he has unjustly advanced many thousands of claims of a certain attorney in Washington who has become surety on a note of the commissioner for $25,000. Commissioner Raum, in an interview on Saturday evening, denied the truth of the charges.

Rev. J. B. Kniest fell dead Sunday night in the Emanuel German Reformed church, Philadelphia, of which he was formerly pastor. The church was filled at the time with the children of the Sunday school and their friends, and the affair created the greatest consternation among them. Mr. Kniest, about two years ago, had an attack of an apoplectic nature, and since that time had been gradually failing, his condition indicating serious affection of the brain, and about a year ago he was obliged to resign his pastorate. He was about 60 years old, was born in Bremen, educated in Germany, and was pastor for 23 years in Buffalo before coming to Emanuel church, about seven years ago. He leaves a wife and five children.

It was found that Mrs. Sigler and George Grazier, of Wooster, Ohio, were living together at the home of Richard Austin, a brother-in-law of Grazier's. Austin is a weak and sickly fellow and objected, but Grazier swore that he would kill Austin if he did not be quiet. Austin complained to his neighbors. Grazier bore a bad reputation in the neighborhood, and when ordered to leave refused. At midnight on Saturday night a party of about forty went to the house and took Grazier and after stripping off his shirt administered a heavy coat of tar and feathers. On threats of lynching he was ordered to leave the country. The men made no effort to conceal their identity. Grazier made Austin and his wife clean the tar and feathers from his body, after which he and the woman disappeared.

Wreck West of Middletown.

On Saturday night the Pennsylvania railroad, which seems to be very unfortunate, had another big wreck. It took place at a point just west of Middletown where there are no less than four tracks. The brake rigging of a car on a western bound freight dropped and this caused the truck to leave the track. The going off of that car caused thirteen more to leave the rails. They were all oil cars and each carried a large tank. They were thrown in all directions and the whole four tracks were covered with broken cars and bent and twisted tanks. Wreckers from Columbia and Middletown were sent for and went to work. Between one and two o'clock one track was cleared and Western Express, which had already been delayed almost two hours, was able to get through. The other tracks were not cleared until 6 o'clock on Sunday morning. The loss by the wreck is not estimated, but the damage to rolling stock, tracks, &c., was very heavy. Very fortunately no one was killed or even injured.

Reading Knights of St. John Visiting.

A delegation of the Reading Knights of St. John arrived in this city on Saturday evening's train, and was met at the station by Lancaster Commandery No. 29, in full uniform, headed by the Iroquois band. After a short street parade the visitors were escorted to their headquarters at the Hoffman house. Later in the evening the Reading knights visited the bazaar of the Lancaster knights at Shroad's hall. The Reading visitors were entertained by their Lancaster brethren on Sunday, and left for home on the afternoon train well pleased with their trip. The Reading commandery was only organized two months ago, and numbers 150 members, all of whom will soon be uniformed with the regulation suit prescribed by the grand commandery.

Sudden Death of a Student.

J. O. Wender, one of the most popular students at the Millersville State Normal school, died suddenly at the school on Saturday afternoon. He had been sick for one day only, and the cause of his death was spinal meningitis. Mr. Wender's home was between Martindale and Ferre Hill. He was a member of the A intermediate class, and had a host of friends among the students. The funeral will take place from his home on Tuesday morning, and a committee of students will attend.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OBSERVED IN A NUMBER OF THE CITY CHURCHES.

Recitations, Responsive Readings, Music, Addresses and Fine Decorations—Jr. Mechanics Hear a Sermon.

Children's Day was observed on Sunday in a number of the city churches, and special programmes of exercises prepared were well rendered by the participants. The attendance was large, the decorations were fine, and great interest was taken in the exercises.

At the Presbyterian church the services were opened with an organ voluntary, followed with prayer by the pastor and concert reading by the Sunday school, and this was followed by responsive reading, and singing "Saviour, like a shepherd lead us." Next on the programme was the baptismal service, three children being baptized. The Ten Commandments were recited in concert and next came responsive reading, "Children's Hosannas"; the school song, "Oh Come and Sing," and the primary school, "He Will Never Send Me Away." After concert reading, "The March, the March to Victory" and "Oh, We are Volunteers" were sung. The address to the children was by Rev. Dr. J. Y. Mitchell and his subject was "In order to do good we must be good." The offerings were for the expenses of the exercises. The exercises closed with the singing of "Praise the Lord in Song," the doxology and benediction pronounced by the pastor.

The decorations were very fine and were arranged by Rohrer, the florist. They consisted of ferns and flowers on and about the pulpit.

At the Presbyterian Memorial.

The Presbyterian Memorial church was handsomely decorated in honor of Children's Day. The exercises were opened with responsive reading by the superintendent, pastor and school. "To God be the Glory" was sung and after a prayer by Rev. Thos. Thompson "In Heavenly Love Abiding" was sung. Responsive reading followed and the offerings of the children for the new organ were handed in. After singing by the infant school, Don Steele Brenberger, Elizabeth May Bartholemew and Clara Myelfe Humphreyville, three children, were baptized, Hannah Hunter, Kate Cresswell, Mame Rittenhouse, Lillie Smith and Minnie Glazer were confirmed and eight persons were received into church membership. "Go Hear the Joyful Tidings" was next sung and the Sunday school banners for May, for the best attendance, were awarded. Mrs. James R. Garvin received the prize banner.

Rev. Thompson followed in an entertaining and instructive address to the children, on their duty to the church. After the singing of "There is a Green Hill Far Away" and "There is a Land of Pure Delight," the congregation was dismissed with the benediction.

In the Methodist Churches.

At the Duke street Methodist church there were large congregations morning and evening. In the morning a sermon appropriate to the day was preached. In the evening the selections sung were: "Children's Song of Praise," "The Father's Kingdom," "My Soul Be on Thy Guard," "Youth is a Happy Spring," "The Sunday School Army," "The Helping Hand," "Onward Christian Soldiers," "Steersman," "I Love Thy Kingdom," "Jesus Lover of My Soul," "Are You Drifting," "The Beautiful Light." The other features of the exercises were: "The Grand Army Review," Herbert C. Miller, conductor; pastoral division, Harry F. Evans; recruiting division, section 1, the junior army, Harry Eckman; section 2, little crusaders, primary class; educational division, section 1, cadet corps, Earl Kendig; section 2, commissary department, Alfred Smith; recitation, "The Collection," Walter Shissler; recitation, "The Church, the Lighthouse of the World," by May Kauffman. This selection was written for the service by Rev. Dr. Vernon. Exercise, "The Cross and the Bible"; recitation, "Ye are the Lights," Carrie Saylor; exercise, "Little Lights," and an address by Rev. Dr. Vernon. The church was decorated for the occasion with choice flowers.

At the Church of God.

There was a large audience at the Church of God on Sunday to witness the Children's Day exercises. The programme, made up of solos, duetts, choruses and recitations, was well rendered. The collection lifted was appropriated towards the fund being raised to endow the "Sunday school chair of systematic theology" in the church college at Findlay, Ohio. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers, and a dozen canaries added to the pleasure of those in attendance.

St. Paul's M. E. Church.

"Sunny Days" was the title of the Children's Day services at St. Paul's M. E. church on Sunday evening. It was made up of singing, recitations and special music by the orchestra of the Sunday school. The services were under the direction of Dr. B. F. W. Urban and Misses Irene Deichler and Laura Weidel and concluded with a beautiful tableaux to represent "Purity." Twenty-five of the girls of the Sunday school, dressed in white, marched to the front of the church where a cross was formed. They then took their places on a pyramid of seats raised on the altar. When all had been seated red light was burned and it made a pretty picture.

Those who recited were: Annie Yerkes, Carroll Schum, Mabel Wills, Mamie Fritz, Mary Derfler, Claude Schum, Earl Skeen, Lillie Killian, Laura Benkert, May Killian, Bessie Bell, Bertha Bonzhoff, Cora Maynard, Emma Norris, Agnes Reber, Lizzie Rutter, Ida Hagey, Alice Smith, Ida Eager, Edith Mehaffy, May Mehaffy, Annie Miller, Emma Urban, Daisy Danner, Edna Urban, Mabel Urban, Stella Stevens, Ida Yarnell, Mabel Groff, Blanche Skeen, L. Irene Weidle.

The decorations consisted of tastefully arranged ferns, cut flowers, blooming plants, and hanging baskets of plants around the pulpit. The entire programme was well rendered.

At St. Luke's Reformed.

St. Luke's Reformed church was very tastefully and beautifully adorned for the Children's Day services. On the wall of chancel recess was the motto in evergreen lettering "and a little child shall lead them;" and on the altar vases of white rose buds, and a cross trimmed with lillies, dasies and smilax, and within the chancel tropical plants, and emblems made of cut flowers, the whole giving a very pleasing effect. At the morning service several children received the sacrament of holy baptism. At the evening service the church was filled by members of the Sunday school and friends. The sweet singing of the children and the beautiful recitations at this service was much enjoyed. The pastor, Rev. Wm. F. Lichliter, was assisted in conducting this evening service by Rev. T. G. Delyn.

Children's Day was observed at Simpson chapel, at Paegleysville, and a sermon appropriate to the occasion preached by Rev. Fenton M. Harris. At the Strawberry street A. M. E. church, the Children's exercises were held in the afternoon. In the evening Rev. Seth D. W. Smith preached his farewell sermon to the congregation. He will leave with his family for Atlantic City, his new charge, on Wednesday.

Anniversary Celebrated.

The Sunday school of St. Paul's Reformed church celebrated their fortieth anniversary yesterday. The exercises were held in the morning at 10:30. The altar and chancel were beautifully decorated with flowers and a large basket of them stood upon the table in the centre. There was responsive readings, singing, instrumental music, &c. A scholar of each class read a report of the year's work. D. C. Hauerstick, superintendent, made his annual report. It showed that the contributions during the year had been $306.63 and a large box of goods had been sent to the Womelsdorf orphan school. The report also mentioned the fact that the school has a fine orchestra composed entirely of members of the church and Sunday school. During the year there were seventeen scholars that did not miss a day, and they each received a Bible as a prize. There were a number who missed but one day and many more that missed but two. The average attendance each day was 274. Rev. J. W. Meminger, pastor of the church, delivered an interesting address on general Sunday school work.

SUNDAY IN COLUMBIA.

Features of the Children's Day Services. Churches Decorated for the Occasion.

COLUMBIA, June 9.—Children's Day was observed in several of the Protestant churches. The exercises were interesting, and the decorations of an elaborate nature.

In Trinity Reformed church Children's Day was combined with the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Sunday school. The church was appropriately decorated with flowers and evergreens. A feature of the floral display was a sketch of a mile stone noting on it that the school had arrived at the 46th mile of its journey. The order of service was: Organ voluntary, processional, anthem, invocation and introit, hymn, prayer, apostles' creed, Gloria in Excelsis Deo, responsive selection, hymn, psalmody, hymn, responsive selection, hymn by infant school, psalmody, Gloria Patri, prayer, hymn, catechization of the baptised, hymn, address by the pastor, psalmody, the magnificat, reception of offerings, anthem by choir, hymn, responsive selection, the Lord's prayer, doxology, benediction and recessional.

The decorations at the Presbyterian church were distributed about the pulpit in a very pretty manner. The order of service was as follows: Invocation, singing, prayer, hymn, Bible reading, recitation and song, by infant class; Bible reading, singing, offerings, singing, address by pastor, prayer, doxology and benediction.

The services in the United Brethren were in commemoration of the birth of William Otterbein, founder of the church. The preparations for the observance were of an elaborate nature, and the decorations surpassed all previous efforts. The room was festooned with evergreens surmounted with crown and star, flanked on either side with cross and anchor of roses and banks of cut flowers. The exercises were held in the morning and evening, and were very interesting. The music was furnished by the Sunday school orchestra of five pieces. The programme included a number of addresses, songs by the school, recitations, vocal solos and quartettes, and addresses by Rev. Jacob Witmer, of Mountville, and Rev. E. Ludwick. The programme contained from twenty-five to thirty numbers, and all present were very much pleased.

The children of the Main Methodist school and Cookman chapel joined in the observance of Children's Day, crowding the church. The floral decorations were very elaborate and appropriate. A cross of evergreen stood on the pulpit, and in course of the exercises ten banners containing mottoes in gold letters were suspended from the arms and body of the cross. The exercises consisted of singing, ten recitations in which the mottoes played an important part, a dialogue, address by the pastor and offerings.

Children's Day in Mt. Zion A. M. E. church was an important occasion to the congregation. The decorations were of an unusual pretty character. In the afternoon the primary scholars had their exercises, which consisted of addresses, scripture lesson, historical questions, singing, responsive readings and grand march. In the evening the older scholars furnished the programme, which was of an appropriate character.

Almost a Panic in a Church.

Children's Day services were held in both the Reformed and United Brethren churches, Manheim, last evening. The decorations in both churches were beautiful, those in the Reformed church being very elaborate. The exercises consisted of singing, recitations and addresses.

In the Reformed church, towards the close of the service, a great scare occurred. Smoke was seen filling the auditorium and immediately the thought of fire filled the minds of the audience. In a moment one half of the audience were on their feet and a rush was made for the stairways. The pastor, Rev. W. J. Johnson, suddenly sprang to his feet, and calling out that there was no danger, that everything was all right, urged the people to resume their seats, and thus prevented a panic which would have been most dangerous, as the large church was crowded and every aisle lined with chairs. The pastor at once sent several officers down-stairs to ascertain where the smoke came from, when it was found that a wood fire had been kindled in a neighboring house. Had not the people heeded the pastor's prompt appeal to resume their seats many would certainly have been injured. About fifty persons rushed down the stairway notwithstanding the pastor's appeal.

Adopted Resolutions.

GAP, Pa., June 7.—A meeting of the W. U. Hensel club was held at Brisbin Skiles' hotel, on Wednesday evening. After able speeches by Jacob Wise and C. Fox on the tariff, and an eloquent and feeling eulogy of the late Samuel J. Randall by I. Louis Walker, the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That we condemn the McKinley tariff bill.

Resolved, That in the death of Samuel J. Randall, whose life was characterized by generous enthusiasm and conscientious labor, the Democratic party has lost an ardent supporter, and a faithful and earnest worker. That in his death we feel that the end of a high and lofty life has come, and that the remembrance of his ability, energy and courage may be to us a source of inspiration and power.

The Tobacco Tariff.

Collector Fridy, J. Hay Brown, John D. Skiles and S. M. Myers were in Washington on Saturday, in the interest of the tariff bill pending before the United States Senate. They saw Senators Cameron and Quay and Representative Brosius. They claimed that Lancaster county raised 340,000,000 pounds of tobacco in the last ten years, worth to the farmers $34,000,000, and by reason of the invasion of Sumatra tobacco the tobacco was sold the past season at five and six cents per pound. Senator Cameron, who is a tobacco raiser, promised to look after the tobacco schedule in the Senate.

Reuben Hutton on His Muscle.

There was only one case for the mayor this morning, and that was Reuben Hutton, an old offender. For a couple of weeks he had been working for Haverstick & Son, liverymen. Early last week he started on a drunk and finally had himself committed for twenty-four hours by Alderman Halbach in order that he might sober up. He did not seem anxious to keep sober, for he got drunk on Saturday and went to Haverstick's stable. He demanded money, which he said was owing him from the elder Haverstick. It was not given him whereupon he caught hold of Mr. Haverstick, tearing one sleeve from his shirt. Mr. Haverstick threw him down and Sergant Broome soon arrived and took him to the station house. The mayor gave him ninety days.

Meeting of Bar Association.

The semi-annual meeting of the Lancaster Bar association was held in the court house this morning, with President H. M. North in the chair.

C. Reese Eaby and D. H. Sensenig were elected members of the association.

H. C. Brubaker was elected delegate from the association to the National Bar association for a term of three years, with Wm. D. Weaver as alternate, and W. U. Hensel delegate for two years, with Chas. I. Landis as alternate. The association will meet this year at Indianapolis.

On motion of Major Reinœhl it was decided to hold a bar picnic at Tell's Hain. The date and all other arrangements will be made by a committee, consisting of W. U. Hensel, Henry Carpenter, G. C. Kennedy, John E. Malone and A. R. Hassler.

A Large Strawberry.

A strawberry of immense size, and probably the largest one raised in this section the present season, was grown on the property of Rea Reed, on South Queen street, which is occupied by John F. Long, painter. The berry is of the Sharpless seedling variety and measures six and a half inches in circumference each way. It weighs two ounces.

Threatened to Kill.

Horace Reynolds has been prosecuted before Alderman Barr for threatening to kill Henry Roland. Horace gave bail for a hearing.

AFTER TRAIN ROBBERS.

PEOPLE OF NORTH DAKOTA MAY LYNCH THE BOLD OUTLAWS.

The Mails Robbed of $5,000, But $10,000, In Charge of An Express Messenger, Is Saved By That Official.

On Saturday night on the Northern Pacific railroad, two miles east of New Salem, North Dakota, and twenty-five miles west of Mandan, the engineer and firemen of the east-bound express were surprised by two masked men, who climbed over the tender and ordered the train stopped. The summons was obeyed.

Express Messenger Angevine, hearing shots fired forward and suspecting something, hid $600 in money from the safe, locked the small safe and put out the lights and ran back to New Salem.

The mail car was robbed and the express car entered by the highwaymen; mistaking the fireman for the express messenger, they ordered him at the point of pistols to open the safes. He protested that he knew nothing about it, and finally satisfied the robbers, who left.

The passengers were not touched. One put his head out of the window, but was told to take it in, and did so as a bullet whizzed past. The sheriff and an armed posse are in pursuit.

Pursuing the Bandits.

BISMARCK, N. D., June 9.—Searching parties are still out after the robbers. If caught they will probably be lynched. Express Messenger Angevine, whose presence of mind saved the express company's treasure, lives here. He shipped his treasure box to St. Paul this morning. It contained from $10,000 to $15,000 in money. The Express company lost nothing, but will offer a big reward for the arrest and conviction of the robbers.

Postal Inspector Watkins, of Washington, D. C., happened to be in town and is now working up the case.

The seven registered pouches are estimated to have contained $5,000. The robbers compelled the mail clerk to empty the registered pouches into one large mail sack. He had hidden some forty loose registered packages, but was compelled to produce them.

The whole country is thoroughly alarmed and it seems almost impossible for the robbers to escape.

A BAND REUNION.

A Gathering of Musical Organizations at Penryn Park on Saturday.

The largest picnic by far of the season at Penryn park was held Saturday afternoon. It is believed that there were over 1,200 people on the grounds brought there by special and regular trains. It was a reunion of bands of this and adjoining counties. In addition to the members of the different bands there were a large number of people from different sections. The bands that were there in full were: Brownstown, Neversink, Rothsville, Mechanics, of Reading; Rexmont, Strausstown, Womelsdorf, Wernersville, City Cornet band, of Reading; Liberty band, of Manheim. The following were represented: Richland, Sheridan, Myerstown, Bowmansville and Fritztown.

During the day the bands made the beautiful woods ring with music. And at one time all played together. The members enjoyed themselves in many different ways and had a very pleasant time until evening.

Street Cars Have Good Business.

The managers of the street car lines of this city have come to the conclusion that Sunday is a good day to run cars. There are hundreds of people in town who go out to the creek or other points on Sunday, and many of them desire to ride as far as they can by cars. In fact it is the only day that many of them get an opportunity of riding in the cars. To accommodate these folks the company began running their cars again yesterday. On East King street the motor car was run and it carried great crowds of people all day and up to a late hour last evening. Two of the most popular places about the city are Potts' hotel at Witmer's bridge and Graeff's Landing. At the former place the row boats were all kept running during the day. At Graeff's the little steam tug pulled the gondola loaded with passengers about during the day. A great many trips were made and in some the time was of the best. The row boats were all in use also.

A Blight in the Oats.

All around the inquiry of "what is the matter with the growing oats?" is heard. A representative of the INTELLIGENCER drove through the middle and lower parts of the county in which he saw only two fields of oats that looked well. The balance is full of a dark red rust, and it seems to be growing less in size all the time. Farmers say that it is full of a small grass fly or louse, and that at the root they find a small insect. No one seems to be able to tell the exact cause of the blight, and it would be well for some of our scientific men to look it up. As it now looks there will be no crop in Lancaster county, and from what is heard it is about the same over in Chester county. A gentleman who has just come home from the latter county tells us it looks even worse over there than it does here. In Cecil county, Md., it looks better than here, but it will not be near a full crop.

Ephrata School Teachers.

The school directors of Ephrata township met on Saturday and selected the following teachers and fixed their salaries for the next school term of seven months: Ephrata Central, F. S. Klinger, $45; Ephrata primary, J. Hart Rohrer, $45; Ephrata graded, A. S. Kline, $45; West Ephrata primary, J. J. Yeager, $45; East Ephrata graded, J. L. Dry, $45; East Ephrata, primary, Sadie Bowman, $40; Akron graded, Geo. S. Kemper, $45; Akron primary, Lizzie F. Gerhart, $35; Lincoln graded, S. G. Zerfass, $40; Lincoln primary, L. T. Hacker, $40; academy, T. C. Reddig, $40; Middle Creek, J. H. Reuchler, $45; Steinmetz, L. J. Miller, $45; Bethany, Kate Hoffman, $45; Frysville, H. S. Jacoby, $35; Springville, Mary E. Buckwalter, $45; East Akron, C. B. Zwalley, $35. No selections have yet been made for Mohler's, Bergstrasse and Hahnstown schools.

Will Celebrate Labor Day.

The regular meeting of the Central Labor Union was largely attended on Sunday. The matter of holding a demonstration on Labor Day, Monday, September 1st, was discussed. There will be a monster parade, in which the different industries will be represented by men on floats. A number of prominent speakers will be secured to address the meeting which will follow the parade. An executive committee for the celebration was appointed as follows: W. C. Weitzel, John J. Boyle, A. F. Biehl, M. G. Evans.

Strawberries and Music.

LITITZ, June 9.—On Saturday afternoon and evening the literary society of St. Paul's Lutheran church held a strawberry festival at the springs. They took in $40.

The same evening a concert was given on the lawn of the Springs hotel by the Rothsville band. A fine lunch was also served.

The band which Prof. A. R. Beck, of Audubon Villa, has organized among his pupils, gave some excellent renderings of sacred music in his lawn on Sunday evening.

The Turn Verein.

The Lancaster Turn Verein will be two years old shortly and the birthday will be celebrated in a befitting manner. A special meeting to make arrangements for the celebration will be held this evening. There will likely be a picnic with an exhibition by the societies of this and other cities. At the same time the Turners' new flag will be dedicated.

Prosecutions Withdrawn.

The several suits for malicious mischief, larceny as bailee and drunkenness and disorderly conduct preferred against Jacob Hubley, before Alderman Barr, were withdrawn to-day by Alexander Hodgeon, the prosecutor.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

A Lad Struck By the Chicago Limited Express at Witmer's Station.

A terrible accident occurred on Saturday afternoon, just east of the Witmer telegraph tower, on the Pennsylvania railroad, in which a ten-year-old boy lost his life. The victim of the accident was Irving Strickler, aged ten years, son of Harrison Strickler, operator at the tower. The family resides near Smoketown, and it was the custom of the boy to carry his father's dinner to him each day. He had just left the tower a short time and was walking in an easterly direction, on the north track. When the boy reached the tool house, some distance east of the tower, he was struck by the engine of New York and Chicago Limited Express, west, a train that runs as fast as any on the road. There is a sharp curve at this point and that probably prevented the boy from seeing the train until it was on top of him. The noise of a freight going east was so great that the passenger train could not be heard. Charles Painter, who is foreman of a lot of trackmen, and Charles Wallace, a colored man of this city, were near by when the accident occurred. They saw where the boy was walking and were sure that he was in great danger. They called to him, but it was too late, as the train was upon him before he could hear their calls. The engine struck the boy in the face and breast and threw him up an embankment; he died instantly. The train was stopped and the trainmen and trackman placed the boy's body in the tool house, after which it was taken to Witmer's station. The engineer of the train then said that he did not see the boy until he struck him. Dr. H. E. Musser examined the boy's body. He found that the skull had been fractured, the shoulders dislocated. The body was not cut, but there were several ugly bruises upon it.

Coroner Houaman was notified of the accident and he went down to Witmer's on the train leaving here at 3:55. He empannelled a jury consisting of A. L. Miller, David J. Kemmerly, Christian Musselman, Josiah L. Beiler, Amos Arment and Joel Miller. They heard the testimony of different witnesses and the jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts above given.

WAR ON THE DOGS.

The Catcher Will Commence His Work at Six This Evening.

There was a mistake in the mayor's proclamation, in regard to dogs, as published. It stated that dogs must be muzzled after 6 o'clock this morning, but it should have read 6 p. m. The name of the dog catcher is Christian Binkley, and he is a resident of the Seventh ward. He will commence his war upon dogs this evening, and every one caught without a muzzle will be taken to the station house. In the yard a stout wooden pen, with door and lock, has been built, and in this all of the offending dogs will be kept. In case they are not called for in forty-eight hours, by the owners, they will be killed. In case an owner of a dog wishes to reclaim him he will be obliged to pay $1.50. Of this sum 50 cents goes to the dog catcher and $1 to the city. A dog that is redeemed will have to be muzzled. It will not be necessary to take out a writ of habeas corpus in order to get the release of a dog.

Quite a number of dogs were on the streets with muzzles this morning, while there were many that had none. For these it was very fortunate that the catcher did not commence his work this morning. Owing to the mistake in the proclamation one dog was caught and penned up this morning. It was "Jumbo," a big setter that is owned by George Kiehl, the bottler. As soon as the mayor found he was in he issued an order for his release. "Jum," as he is known in his neighborhood, is a dog of good disposition, and is popular with everybody, especially the children. He was taken home and promptly muzzled.

People who own dogs have had plenty of warning through the newspapers about the dog law, and those who do not see fit to muzzle their animals will either lose them or be put to the expense of getting them out. The dog-catcher means business, and he will surely arrest all dogs that he finds without muzzles.

Many owners of dogs complain that they are unable to obtain the muzzes they want. Some of the hardware stores have none at all, while others only have certain sizes. The dog law has not been enforced for some years and the storekeepers allowed their stocks to run down.

THE LOAN EXHIBITION.

The Prominent Gentlemen Who Will Be Present at the Opening.

The art loan exhibition of the Young Republicans will open in Fulton opera house this evening, and the indications are that it will be the largest and best affair of the kind ever held in this city. The parquette of the opera house has been floored over, and all of the exhibits have been placed in position. The committee having the matter in charge have been working like beavers for a week past, and they have been wonderfully successful. There will be many rare and curious articles on exhibition, including the collection of Charles Steigerwalt, which in itself is very fine. The art gallery, on the second floor, will prove very attractive. Each evening, at nine o'clock, there will be a concert of vocal and instrumental music. Refreshments of different kinds will be served, but there will be no voting or soliciting of votes or chances.

Among the notable gentlemen who have sent word that they would be here at the opening this evening are Governor Beaver, Adjutant General Hastings, Edwin S. Stewart, president of the Pennsylvania League of Republican clubs, and probably C. W. Stone, secretary of the commonwealth. Governor Beaver will arrive on Day Express at 4:45 and will return to Harrisburg this evening.

IT WAS A FAILURE.

Simon K. Nissley's Publication Misled the Farmers.

The Lancaster City and County Agricultural society meeting at Marietta on Saturday did not materialize. At the hour designated for the meeting there were present Messrs. A. H. Summy, I. S. Geist, A. N. Cassel and Henry M. Engle, of Marietta, Johnson Miller, of Lititz, and four reporters. There was no quorum present and no meeting could be held.

The reason for the slim attendance is attributed to Simon K. Nissley's interference with the arrangements made. At the last meeting of the society in this city it was decided to meet in Marietta, and the time and place of meeting was noted in the reports of the society's meeting. Some days afterwards Mr. Nissley, without consulting any of the officers of the society, had a notice inserted in one of the daily papers that the meeting had been changed from Marietta to his farm at Florin. He had a colt exhibition on Saturday and he presumed the farmers' meeting would benefit him.

When the attention of the officers of the society was called to M