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AN OLD MAN'S SUDDEN END

JOHN K. LANDIS, OF EPHRATA, FALLS DEAD IN THE DEPOT AT SHERIDAN.

A Native of Springville and Well Known in the Northern End of the County. Three Children Survive.

EPHRATA, July 24.—The many friends of John K. Landis were shocked to learn of his sudden death, which occurred at Sheridan, Lebanon county, yesterday.

On Saturday Mr. Landis left Ephrata to visit relatives at Richland, Lebanon county, and yesterday he went from that place to Sheridan. Last evening about 5 o'clock he bought a ticket at the latter place to come home, and while he was sitting in the waiting room at the depot he fell over dead.

The deceased was born in Springville, about three miles north of this place, seventy-four years ago. He was engaged in farming nearly all his life. He was also engaged for a time extensively in the lumber business in Clearfield county. His wife died ten years ago, and since then he has been living here with his daughter, Mrs. Adam Bitzer. Besides Mrs. Bitzer he leaves two sons, Edwin R., of Minnesota, and Aaron R., of this place. He was a brother-in-law of County Treasurer Stephen Grissinger.

Mr. Landis was a member of the German Baptist church, and was attentive to all Christian duties. He was well-known throughout this section of the county, and because of his exemplary traits of character there is widespread sorrow over his death. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon.

FRIGHTENED AWAY.

A Supposed Burglar Discovered in a Yard, But Flees.

Last evening there was a great deal of a scare over what was said to have been an attempt at burglary. Mrs. Leaman, wife of one of the proprietors of the Globe hotel, at Chestnut and North Queen streets, looked out of one of the back windows about 9 o'clock and saw a man in the yard, which is next to a warehouse. She did not know what to make of his presence, but paid little attention to him until a little dog, which is kept in the yard, began to bark very loudly. Mrs. Leaman then informed her husband, who was in the bar room, of what she had seen. He sent a telephone message to the station house for police and then took a position at the gate, which leads from the Chestnut street side, into the yard. Chief of Police Borger and Sergeant Broome arrived as soon as they possibly could, and they made a close examination of the entire premises, but could find no one. It is believed that the man entered the yard by crawling over the gate and escaped the same way when the dog began barking. What he intended doing in the yard is unknown, but it was a rather public place and an early hour for a burglar to operate.

Death of Mrs. Caroline Miller.

Mrs. Caroline Miller, wife of David Miller, a foreman in No. 1 cotton mill, died at eight o'clock this morning at her home, 342 Church street. The cause of her death was typhoid pneumonia, and she had been sick about ten days. The maiden name of the deceased was Rote, and she was born near the Old Factory. Her age was 52 years and she was the mother of a large family. Those who survive besides her husband, are as follows: David H. Miller, plumber, Charles E., grocer, at Church and Duke streets, Samuel, who is reading medicine with Dr. M. L. Herr, Sadie, wife of Paul Hepting, Mary, wife of Harry A. Young, and Ella, Margie, Emma and John, who are at home. Mrs. Miller was a member of the New Mennonite church. The funeral will take place at 10 a. m. on Sunday, with interment at Woodward Hill.

A Big Picnic for a Wet Day.

This morning an excursion under the auspices of the Sunday school of St. John's Episcopal church was run to Penryn, where the annual picnic is being held. This school have a reputation for getting up successful picnics that are second to none, and they are not afraid of rain. Although it was raining hard for some time before the special train left the upper Reading station the people were not deterred from going. A large crowd gathered about the station and the train which took them away consisted of thirteen cars. Nearly all of them were very comfortably filled. The people of St. James' church as well as those of the Episcopal church at Manheim also took part. Columbia was also to have been on hand, but the rain frightened them. Quite a number of Lancaster people went out at noon.

He is Incorrigible.

Benjamin Steinmetz was before Alderman Barr this morning on a charge of being incorrigible. He is 13 years old, and since the death of his father, his mother, Mrs. Sarah J. Steinmetz, has been unable to control him. He has been placed with several farmers, but neglected his work and behaved so badly that they sent him home. The case was returned to the judges, who will decide whether he is a proper subject for the House of Refuge.

The court this afternoon committed the boy to the House of Refuge, and Constable Price took him to Philadelphia.

Burial of Walker Phillips.

The remains of Walker Phillips were taken to York from Harrisburg, after the inquest yesterday, and taken to the chapel, at Prospect Hill cemetery, where the interment was made. Services were held by Rev. George L. Smith, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian church. The deceased's relatives of this city, attended the funeral.

Death of Mrs. Lindley Swift.

Sallie Swift, wife of Lindley Swift, was buried at Little Britain Presbyterian church on July 22.

Mrs. Swift was in her 47th year and was a well-known and useful woman in her section, and one who will be very much missed both in social life and in her church.

She was a daughter of the late Joseph Phillips, who for years was the popular landlord of Wakefield.

Will Use Steam.

The Manheim school board have decided to put in steam heat in their building. The bids for the heating apparatus were: Harrisburg Boiler and Manufacturing company, $982; Monitor Steam Generator company, of Lancaster, $1,144; John Best, $950. The contract will be awarded on next Monday evening.

Musical Reunion.

The seventh annual reunion of the Lancaster and Lebanon Choral societies will be held at Mount Gretna, on Thursday, August 21st. The committee having in charge the arrangements consists of Dr. J. H. Sieling, Prof. Samuel Riegel, I. F. Landis and Prof. W. D. Keeny.

A Long Sunflower Stalk.

John Painter, the gateman at the Pennsylvania railroad station, has a sunflower stalk which is 10 feet 4 inches high, and is not done growing.

BLAINE FOR FREE WOOL.

Harrison Will Not Back His Scheme With a Message, Fearing Ohio.

President Harrison told Senator Hiscock, of the finance committee, on Wednesday that there was no truth in the story that he had prepared or would prepare a message to Congress indorsing Blaine's reciprocity scheme. He did not say, however, that he would not send in a message indorsing his own reciprocity resolution, presented in the Senate by Pierce, of North Dakota. The president thinks he can get both the Republican senators and the Republican representatives to accept this. He confines it to free sugar. Blaine brings in free wool among other possibilities which seem dreadful to the high protection mind. The president appreciates the fact that his own unpopularity among senators gives Blaine's scheme an advantage there, but he also knows that the House, under Reed's rule, would kill it if it ever reached the House. Blaine might have gotten his scheme adopted when he first proposed it to the ways and means Republicans if he had talked more about sugar and less about wool, but he said nothing of Cuba and Porto Rico, and said a great deal of the Argentine Republic, and so incurred the opposition of Harrison, Reed and McKinley, who feared for Ohio in 1892. Reed deliberately sacrificed the interests of New England to his presidential aspirations.

"The logic of reciprocity with the Spanish-American states as to sugar is reciprocity as to wool," said a prominent Republican representative to-day. "What Mr. Blaine wants is to get a free market in the Southern republics for the cotton manufacturers of New England in exchange for the free admission of their wool into this country. New England would get the benefit of both sides of this trade. The free admission of wool would give a free raw material to New England manufacturers as well as open the Spanish-American markets to the cotton manufacturers. It is this more than sugar that interests Mr. Blaine."

An objection made to the Blaine programme in its entirety is that it designs admitting Australian wool free into this country. That, the wool men in Ohio and elsewhere declare, would completely destroy the wool industry in this country, and wool, unlike sugar, has many friends in states necessary to Republican success. The president, therefore, halts at wool. He feels, it is said, that the loss of Ohio in the coming campaign would be a blow from which his party would have difficulty in recovering in time for the national campaign in 1892, and that any policy even squinting at free wool would so result to the party there he has assurances from many sources.

In fact, the explanation now given of McKinley's opposition to the Blaine programme is that he saw that it embodied free wool— a programme upon which he, as an Ohio representative, could not afford to stand.

A SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE.

Objects of the Meeting to be Held on the College Campus.

T. G. A., of Lancaster, writes to the *Reformed Church Messenger*:

Those who have attended the previous conferences, especially the one last year on the campus at Lancaster, need not to be urged to be present at the meeting this year. The programme promises a rich treat. Last year from fifty to sixty ministers were present, and the number this year will probably be increased. If any one wishes to know what the theology of our church is, to know the latest and best thoughts of our scholarly ministers who are studying the latest phases of religious thought, to spend a week in one of the coolest and loveliest spots in the state, to revive old and pleasant associations, to enjoy a real retreat from the labors and cares of life, and be benefitted physically, socially, and religiously, let him not fail to come. Arrangements are made to board some thirty or forty together on the campus at a low rate, and pleasant accommodations near at hand can be found for all others. The shady campus is as pleasant as any place in the mountains or by the sea-shore, and the associations and exercises are superior to what can be found anywhere else. The chapel is open for the more public services, and one of the society halls affords a cool and royal accommodation for the reading of the essays and debates from day to day. Outside under the dense shade of the trees the intervening restful hours will afford time for conversation, amusement, and whatever may be desired in the way of enjoyment.

The conference is in no sense a party affair. The programme abundantly shows that. One of its objects, indeed, is to bring together brethren of different views and tendencies, and to show that we no longer recognize party lines among brethren.

Such a meeting is sufficient to build one up for the year's work. It is better than a synod for such purpose, because entirely free from business routine. It is sufficiently intellectual to revive the powers of the mind. It is devotional for the powers of the spirit. It is restful also for the physical powers. For this last purpose there are croquet and lawn tennis grounds and even base and foot ball for any who may wish to try that sort of exercise. But the other games named will most likely be preferred at certain hours of the day. Books! Yes, they are here in abundance, and magazines, and daily papers and even walks to the creek, or by the electric cars, and boat rowing for any who may choose that of a moonlight evening.

SUMMER LEISURE.

Capt. W. D. Stauffer and Charles Rengier are spending a few days in Philadelphia.

Miss Kate Gensemer, of Coatesville, is the guest of Miss Rose Shubrooks, this city.

William Weaver, of this city, is spending a few days in Philadelphia.

W. H. Welchans, of the Farmers' bank, left to-day on a trip to Watkins Glen, Niagara Falls and other places.

Joe Kautz and his party of turtle hunters arrived home this morning after being away for several weeks. They caught about 500 pounds of snappers altogether.

Misses Flora and Mabel Dreher are visiting their sister, Mrs. Wallin, in Williamsport.

Mrs. Thomas, of Philadelphia, is visiting John S. Kendig, of West Lemon street.

Miss May Faegley went to Bedford at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Miss Minnie Fasnacht has gone to Harrisburg to spend some time with her friend, Miss Neff.

W. N. Appel, esq., went to Boston on business connected with the state poor board commission, of which he is a member. He will go thence to Nantucket.

There was an excursion to Niagara Falls this morning, and when the train reached Lancaster it had 229 persons on board. Martin Kreider, wife and his daughter, W. H. Welchans, Cal. Westhaeffer and Robert Ailes went from this city.

H. C. Brubaker left Lancaster to-day, for Beach Haven. He will be gone several days.

Zion Lutheran Sunday school was to have picnicked at Rocky Springs to-day, but the rain interfered. The affair will be postponed to August 7th.

St. Stephen's church picnic, booked for Tell's Hain to-day, was postponed on account of the rain.

Walter Bausman left town to-day on his annual trip. He will board a steamer at Baltimore for Boston, and will visit various places in New England, the White Mountains and the Jersey coast, returning about September 1.

Execution Against a Fugitive.

J. C. Yost & Co., now to the use of J. H. Brown, issued an execution to-day against Andrew Kane, an ex-tavern keeper of Washington borough, for $281.62. Kane was indicted for violating the liquor law, and since then has been a fugitive from justice.

Paid the Costs.

Mrs. Sarah Quinn and John Eighman, prosecuted before Alderman Hershey for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, settled the cases last night by paying the costs.

AT CAMP HARTRANFT.

THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED PERSONS AT MT. GRETNA.

The Party's Warm Reception—A Brilliant Military Spectacle on Wednesday, When Gov. Beaver was Present

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The president, accompanied by Secretary Proctor, Attorney General Miller, Postmaster General Wanamaker, General Schofield, Col. Ernst and Captain Taylor, of the army, left here this morning at 8 o'clock on a special train to visit the encampment of the Pennsylvania National Guard at Mount Gretna. They will go from Baltimore on the Northern Central road via Harrisburg. The party will return at midnight.

MT. GRETNA, July 24.—The president and party were given an enthusiastic reception when they arrived here this afternoon.

REVIEWED BY THE GOVERNOR.

The State Troops at Mt. Gretna Admired By Many People.

Wednesday was Governor's Day in Camp Hartranft. It having been desired to parade the division in heavy marching order, knapsacks, haversacks and canteens, there was a general overhauling of equipments, rolling of overcoats and folding of blankets. In a majority of the commands there was not much exacted from the men, as the officers knew the afternoon's work would consume several hours and be fatiguing in the extreme. The exception to the relaxation from drill was in the Third brigade. General Gobin had the wearers of the blue Keystone out for drill and hustled them around for nearly two hours.

Governor Beaver, accompanied by state Senator Penrose, drove around in an informal way to view the inspections of the Third regiment and the cavalry and artillery battalion, which were being conducted by Adjutant General Hastings.

During all the morning visitors were arriving at headquarters, adding to the number of those already there, and by noon all but one of the members of the state administration were present. The Republican state ticket was also fully represented by Senator Delamater and Lieutenant Colonel Watres.

Half-past four was the hour for the review, but for some time preceding it the music of the different organizations had been filling the air as regiments and battalions of infantry, batteries and artilleries and troops of cavalry had been marching out from their respective camps to assemble for the ceremony. The place selected for the formation was near the lower end of the camp, and the troops were formed in four lines, the regular brigade in front.

All the battalions were in line of masses, the regular contingent having the infantry, cavalry and artillery combined, while the mounted troops of the National Guard, organized in two battalions, occupied ground to the left and front at a right angle to the heavier lines, and the infantry were massed in rear of the regular contingent. Brigadier General Snowden and the division staff sat upon their horses in front of the regulars.

Governor Beaver, mounted upon a sorrel horse, and wearing a suit of black and a white hat, rode upon the field followed by a large staff of colonels and lieutenant colonels. As he appeared and took up a position facing the troops with his staff formed, General Snowden raised his hat in salute. The governor then rode around the brigades from right to left, his staff stringing out like a huge snake, describing a serpentine course. The sight at this time was an exceedingly pretty one.

The rigidity with which the men stood, the dark blue of their uniforms being relieved by the brightness of the colors designating the several arms of the service and the gorgeous plumes of the regular artillery and cavalry. As a background stood, grim and green, South Mountain, with its towering spur, Governor Dick, while the frame to the picture was kaleidoscope with the various colored clothing of the many thousands of people who fringed the parade ground, and who were only kept from encroaching upon the soldiers' space by a strong guard.

The governor, having completed his round of the troops, moved off up the field for more than a half mile, and took up a position on the hillside across the grassy valley from the regulars' camp. General Snowden placed himself at the head of the troops. His bugler blew "Forward" upon his trumpet, and the march began. The brigades moved out in column of division, took wheeling distance, then broke into company fronts, changed direction to the left, and moved up the valley towards the reviewing stand in this order:

Brigade, United States army, Colonel H. G. Gibson, Third artillery, commanding; infantry battalion, two companies of the Eleventh regiment, Lieutenant Colonel E. G. Bush; artillery battalion, Major William Sinclair; light battery K, First artillery and light battery C, Third artillery; cavalry battalion, Major Lewis H. Carpenter, commanding; troops B, Fourth, and B, Sixth cavalry; third brigade, Brigadier General J. P. S. Gobin, commanding; Ninth regiment, Wilkesbarre, Colonel Morris J. Keck; Eighth regiment, Wrightsville, Col. Frank J. Magee; Twelfth regiment, Allentown, Colonel S. D. Lehr; Thirteenth regiment, Scranton, Colonel E. H. Ripple; Twelfth regiment, Williamsport, Colonel J. B. Coryell. Second brigade, Brigadier General John A. Wiley, commanding; Tenth regiment, Washington, Colonel A. L. Hawkings; Fifteenth regiment, Greensville, Colonel W. A. Kreps; Eighteenth regiment, Pittsburg, Colonel Norman M. Smith; Fifth regiment, Altoona, Colonel Theodore Burchfield; Sixteenth regiment, Oil City, Colonel J. H. Hulings; Fourteenth regiment, Pittsburg, Colonel P. D. Perchment. First brigade, Colonel Robert P. Dechert, commanding; Sixth regiment, Norristown, Colonel John W. Schall; First regiment, Colonel Wendell P. Bowman; Third regiment, Colonel William B. Smith; Second regiment, Lieutenant Colonel O. C. Bosbyshell; State Fencibles' battalion, Major W. Wes. Chew; separate company, Gray invincibles, Captain Charles A. Hailstock; Battalion artillery, Captain M. C. Stafford, Battery A, commanding; Battery C, Phœnixville, Captain John Denthorne; Battery A, Philadelphia, Lieutenant Marshall; Battery B, Pittsburg, Captain Alfred E. Hunt; Battalion cavalry, Captain C. S. W. Jones, Sheridan Troop, commanding Governor's Troop, Harrisburg, Captian H. A. Perkins; Sheridan Troop, Tyrone, Lieutenant J. H. Brown; First troop, Philadelphia, Captain J. Lapsley Wilson.

White guidons, bearing the triple keystone of red, white and blue, marked the point at which the marching men were to do their prettiest and the officers to salute. It was but a very few minutes after the Governor had halted at the selected spot before General Snowden and staff appeared in view at the lower end of the valley. On they came, and the general's sword was raised and dropped, the governor's hat was lifted in response and Pennsylvania's army had started on the review in column.

Just back of General Snowden rode Gen. Gibson, heading his regular brigade, then the trumpets of the infantry, and Colonel Rusch's men of the Eleventh swept by, marching like soldiers. Following the infantry were the batteries of artillery, four guns of polished steel reflecting the sunlight in dazzling rays, and four guns bronzed like veterans, manned by red-crested cannoniers, rumbled past with the blood-red lindous dropping to the front.

Back of this came a martial figure wearing the yellow cavalry plume, a sabre flashed up and dropped aside, and Major Carpenter made his salute. The troopers were marched in six platoons, making a gallant showing. Then came Brigadier General Gobin and the National Guard, regiment after regiment marching in company front, and, for half an hour, there was a steady tide of blue uniformed men, tramping steadily with arms at the carry. The artillery and cavalry wound up the pageant, and, by half-past six, the weary soldiers were in their tents.

The review is considered the best ever held in the guard. Governor Beaver expressed himself as more than satisfied at the very evident improvement shown.

On the 29th the homeward movement of the troops will begin at 2 p. m.

The cost of transportation is reported by Quartermaster General Hill as the lowest that has yet been obtained—an average of three-fourths of a cent per mile, or in round figures, $22,000.

General Gobin's picket duty on Mt. Governor Dick Wednesday night gave the boys a taste of real soldiery, as they were kept tramping over the mountain side through the dense woods from the rock until midnight. The line of pickets stretched along South Mountain for a considerable distance, and to keep the men warm rifle pits were dug under the supervision of the officers.

The duty performed all through of the hardest kind is considered to be of the utmost value to the men, and will be kept up by detachments from the other brigades until the camp closes.

A LIVELY ELECTRIC CANE.

How it Affects Robbers—The Phonoscope Likely to Cause Trouble in Families.

From the London Herald.

The electric cane is a really beneficent invention. It consists of a cane, in the interior of which is stored a large quantity of electricity. Until a spring in the handle is pressed the cane is as harmless as any other cane, but if this spring is pressed and at the same moment a person is touched with the ferule of the cane he receives a shock that will stun him for the next twenty minutes without doing him any permanent harm. The same apparatus is also placed in the handles of umbrellas and of ladies' parasols. With this invention a man can protect himself not only from assault but from casual bores. A robber demands your purse as you are walking home at night. You simply touch him, accidentally, as it were, with the end of the cane, and then proceed slowly and peacefully on your way, leaving him stretched on the pavement. Or a bore buttonholes you, ignorant that you carry an electric umbrella. Presently the bore drops insensible on the pavement, and you leave him to the curious inspection of the public, knowing that presently a policeman will appear to arrest him on a charge of drunkenness or apoplexy. The name of the inventor of this inestimable weapon is not yet known, but he is sure to reap the gratitude of every intelligent man and woman in civilized lands.

The inventor of the new electrical machine, the phonoscope, will be regarded by many persons as a benefactor of the human race, but it is reasonably certain that in time the phonoscope will create a wide demand for his blood. Every one is familiar with the result which follows the accidental contact of telephone wires. You undertake to talk with your confidential friend by means of the telephone, but, the wires being crossed, you presently find that you are unbosoming yourself to a total stranger. A similar result will undoubtedly follow the crossing of the wires of the phonoscope. You are, let us say, at your office, and wish to call up the image of your wife. You put the phonoscope in operation, but instead of your wife you behold another man's wife, who little dreams that some one, miles away, is watching every expression of her face. Or you are conversing, strictly on business, with a lady client and, owing to the crossing of the phonoscope wires, a dozen people in different parts of the city are staring at you. The telephone and the detective camera are both bad enough in their way, but the phonoscope will be infinitely worse than both combined. It will put an end forever to all certainty of privacy.

The Rush for Mount Gretna.

Although the weather was fearful this morning, it did not prevent people from going to Mount Gretna. There was quite a crowd for the 6:25 train, including members of the Lancaster Fencibles. Two special trains came up from Philadelphia, and both were crowded. On one of them was the private car "Cornwall" of Robert H. Coleman, and it was reported when the train stopped that President Harrison was on board, although he did not leave Washington until 8 o'clock. A crowd gathered around the car, and one man swore afterwards that he saw and talked with the president. Almost 200 tickets had been sold from this city to the camp up to noon to-day.

Bids for an Inter-County Bridge.

County Commissioners Thos. Mercer, Samuel D. White and E. D. Johnson, of Chester county, met with Commissioners Gingrich, Worth and Leber this morning. Bids were opened for the construction of an inter-county bridge over the Octoraro, at Woods' Fording, between Little Britain township, this county, and West Frothingham township, Chester county. The following were the bids:

Masonry—George E. Jones, Oxford, $3.23 per perch; F. Wood, Chester county, $2.60 per perch; Light & Patch, Lancaster, $3.20 per perch lime mortar and $4.30 with cement; W. H. Rincer, Quarryville, $2.24 per perch, lime mortar or $2.44 with cement.

Superstructure—Leander Wood, Chester county, $2,144; Samuel Stauffer, York, $2,287.

Capt. E. McMellen, city, proposed to build the bridge complete for $3,397.

Jacob Kauffman, city, proposed to build the superstructure for $2,290, do the masonry for $800 or $2.75 per perch.

The commissioners awarded the contract to Jacob Kauffman, his being the lowest bid.

He Had Enlargement of the Heart.

A very valuable and pretty St. Bernard pup, which was about fourteen months old, died at the City hotel. The animal was a great favorite with the people around the house and was treated very kindly. He was presented orginally to Mayor Clark when he was quite young and he was turned over to the proprietor of the hotel. A post-mortem examination of him developed the fact that he died of enlargement of the heart.

Proposing Free Silver Coinage.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The Senate met at 11 a. m. Mr. Morgan introduced a bill to fix the limit of value and to provide for the free coinage of silver, and it was read and referred to the committee on finance. It recites that the market value of silver bullion is rapidly approaching the value of gold or standard relation fixed by laws of the United States, and that there is no provision of law for the coinage of standard silver dollars or for the purchase of silver bullion by the government when the value of silver bullion exceeds one dollar for 371¼ grains of pure silver. It therefore provides that the unit of value in the United States shall be a dollar of 412½ grains of standard silver or 25 8-10 grains of gold; that those coins shall be legal tender for all debts, public and private, and that any owner of silver or gold bullion may deposit it at any mint, to be formed into dollars and bars for his benefit and without charge.

Wants Corporate Power.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Senator Sherman to-day introduced a bill to incorporate the Red Cross society, with Clara Barton, Geo. Kennan, J. B. Hubbell, M.D., and others, as incorporators. The purpose of the society is to furnish volunteer aid to the sick and wounded of armies in time of war, and in time of peace to mitigate suffering caused by pestilence, etc.

Johnstown's Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The president to-day sent to the Senate for confirmation the name of James Earl Ogle, to be postmaster at Johnstown.

The Bay Club Off.

A delegation of the Bay club went to Baltimore at 6:30 this morning and the others followed at 2 o'clock. Old sailors of their class don't fear wet weather.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC BLOCKED.

TRAINS ON TWO KENTUCKY RAILROADS STOPPED BY STRIKERS.

Thousands of Cars, Many Containing Perishable Goods, Are Side-Tracked. Strikers' Ranks Continue to Grow.

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 24.—The railroad situation in this city is beginning to assume a serious phase. On Tuesday night the switchmen in the Cincinnati Southern yards in this city joined in with the strikers, and no trains are being handled. The men claim that they presented complaints to the officials of the road some time since and waited for a reply which so far they have failed to receive. Every side track from Somerset, Kentucky, to Cincinnati, a distance of 200 miles, is crowded with loaded cars, hundreds being filled with perishable freight. The Kentucky Central road is even in worse shape, and last night not a freight train was in motion on either road. The yards here contain nearly 1,000 loaded cars. Some have been here a week. Passenger trains are moving as usual and will not be disturbed.

A Striker Arrested.

NEW YORK, July 24.—The striking cloakmakers are becoming turbulent and resorting to acts of violence to enforce their demands. Last night about twenty of them entered the apartments of Mrs Celia Bender, at No. 4 Allen street, and bothered her badly. She employs about a dozen hands, and these the rioters chased away and smashed Mrs. Bender's furniture. Police came and the strikers fled. Julius Gothelzanwich, however, was captured, and to-day in court was held for trial.

NOT A WEDDING, BUT A TRAGEDY.

A Young Man Kills Himself While Dressing to Be Married.

Ocala, Florida, was shocked Wednesday morning by news from Romeo that G. Tate Carr had shot himself through the temple and was not expected to live. The surprise was increased as he had gone down Tuesday night to be married Wednesday morning to Miss Rubie Weston. The nuptial ceremony was to have taken place several months ago, but owing to some important phosphate deals in which he was engaged it was postponed. On Monday Carr was busy all day making the final arrangements for his marriage. The Rev. J. B. Levy was engaged to perform the ceremony, and took the train to Romeo, twenty-one miles distant. To the family of Dr. Weston he said, knowing how busy Carr was, that he did not doubt he would come out in a private conveyance or on a special engine.

He was correct, for at 3 o'clock Carr arrived on a special engine provided through the kindness of A. P. Mann, jr., superintendent, who, learning the urgency of the case, made a voluntary proffer of transportation. The marriage was to have taken place at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, a breakfast to follow and then the couple were to go on an extended Northern tour.

Will Weston, a brother of the bride, assisted the groom to dress. His toilet nearly completed, Carr asked Weston to go into another room and get a pair of suspenders. While absent young Weston heard a shot, and returning found Carr on the bed with a pistol hole in his temple. It was learned that before Carr took the engine he applied to several parties for a pistol, saying it was some distance from the depot to Dr. Weston's residence, and he wanted something to protect himself in case of danger and he got George Batties' pistol.

Carr was dealing in phosphate lands, and the impression got out that he had made considerable money. He had engaged to buy a fine residence in Ocala. He informed the phosphate company last week that he had not paid for the residence, and said he could not pay for the lands as agreed, owing to failure to get funds. On Tuesday afternoon he deeded to George R. Batties eighty acres of land near Blue Springs, with the understanding that the latter was to sell the same or make a loan on it. In a letter of instruction occurs this passage:

"Well, George, I am in the vicinity of two failures, neither of which I am directly responsible for, though I bear the whole blame, if I could have gotten North I would have pulled through, but as I don't see how I can I will give it up."

Carr was a bright young man, 24 years old, of good habits and fine character.

Hypnotism With a Crazy Medium.

A strange case of hypnotism is reported in London, Ont. The medium is a woman 40 years of age who has lost her reason, and it is therefore believed that she is acting unconsciously upon her victim, a young lady of about twenty summers. The two are neighbors, living on opposite sides of the same street. Some two months ago, when the medium was taken ill, the young woman waited upon her, until at last she could not stay away, and was constantly running across the road to the house. One night this week, unknown to the people of the house, she stayed all night, and when an attempt was made to arouse her in the morning it was found impossible. Her body was pinched, and even a needle had no effect. Walking her on the floor was also tried, without success. She was in a state of lethargy, from which all the efforts of the neighbors could not awaken her, and a doctor was called. His skill was at last successful after she had slept about twenty-four hours. It is said that if the medium was not a crazy person she could have aroused the lady from the stupor, or else have followed up the work with suggestions to her victim's mind. But she was unconscious of anything wrong, apparently. The girl says that she knows nothing of what goes on when under this influence. She experienced no pain of any description when being pinched. She had been several times put to sleep, but not for such long periods as the one mentioned. The subject of this power is in fair health otherwise, and also very intelligent. At present she is under the care of friends constantly, and is kept pefectly quiet. It is expected that she will be able to throw off the medium this time, but as a severe shock to her nervous system is almost sure to cause a relapse, she will always in future be more susceptible to mesmeric influence.

Twenty Men Ground to Pieces.

A French dispatch from Pembroke, eighty-six miles above Ottawa, on the Upper Ottawa river, says that two days ago some miscreants cut the ropes holding a raft of logs to the bank where twenty-two raftsmen on board were stopping over night.

The raft, with the men all asleep on board, drifted out into the river and then into the rapids a mile below, and ere those on board awoke or could collect their senses they were tossed about amid the rocks of the rapids and the logs of the raft, which had broken up. Of the twenty-two men aboard the raft only two survived. No traces of the bodies of the other twenty have been found. They must have been ground to death.

The authorities are trying to discover the man who cut the ropes.

Germans to Celebrate.

A number of delegates, representing different German societies, met in Baltimore on Wednesday to take action with reference to the celebration on October 6 of the 207th anniversary of the founding of the first colony of Germans in the United States. The colony consisted of thirteen families. A committee was appointed to prepare a plan for the celebration.

Curious and Rare Books.

Judge Pennypacker, of Philadelphia, has about 198 volumes of Ephrata imprints. Some of these books are amongst the most curious and rare Americana. They were all issued in editions limited to perhaps 30 or 40 copies, which were distributed solely among the Ephrata community.

SERVICES AT LANDISVILLE.

Those Who Delivered Sermons at the Methodist Campmeeting.

LANDISVILLE, July 24.—Yesterday afternoon's services in the grove here were well attended. The children turned out en masse at 1:30 p. m. A short time was spent in acquainting them with some new songs. The children were soon attuned to the new music and their lusty voices were in pleasing harmony. After a short prayer by Rev. Thomas, of Atglen, Chester county, Rev. Chas. Roads, who has charge of these meetings, then took charge of the exercises. The subject of his lesson for the hour, "The Hand," was explained and applied very effectively. His objective teaching is very interesting, and we find not only children but "children of a larger growth" in full attendance. He will be aided in his work by Mr. Fisher, of Bryn Mawr. There was preaching at the stand at 3 p. m. by Rev. E. C. Yerkes, of St. Paul's M. E. church, Lancaster. His text was Heb. iv., 16, "Let us therefore come boldly to a throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." This sermon was followed by an earnest exhortation by Rev. S. W. Thomas, Atglen, Pa.

At 4:30 p. m., a brief meeting of the Young People's association was held in the temple.

At 5 p. m. the people are called from all parts of the woods to partake of that which will be for the good of the physical nature.

At 6:30 p. m. Mrs. Wheeler led the meeting on the hill. It was fairly well attended.

Rev. C. L. Gaul, Christiana, Pa., preached a very earnest sermon from 2 Tim., iv, 7-8-9, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith," etc. The stirring appeal was felt all over the congregation. A short revival service followed. The usual service of song was held after the meeting.

A meeting of the lot holders was held yesterday at which the committee were instructed to sell the lots, as last year. Another meeting will be held on Saturday for the purpose of perfecting plans for the Sabbath.

We were awakened this morning by the gently falling showers. About seven o'clock it came down in torrents. The meetings, on account of the rain, will be held in the tabernacle.

At 6:30 a. m. the bell sounded for family worship. There was almost an unbroken circle of song and prayer on the ground.

At 8 a. m. the young people met in their temple for Bible study. It was led by Rev. Chas. Roads. The lesson for the morning was found in Luke xiv., 25, 35. A pleasant hour was spent in discussion and study. Quite a number of young people were in attendance despite the inclement weather.

At 9 a. m. the public prayer service was in charge of Rev. Evans.

At 10:30 a. m. preaching in the tabernacle. After singing, prayer and a selection by the choir, Rev. Mr. Durell, of Lebanon, read the lesson from Psalm i, and part of the seventh chapter of Matthew. After singing "Rock of Ages," Mr. Durell preached from the text found in Matt. x., 51-52: "And Jesus said unto him, what wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" etc.

Among the recent arrivals we note the following: Rev. J. O. Cook, Wiconisco; Rev. Evans, Lykens; Mr. Ellenberger, Harrisburg; Mrs. S. M. Vernon, Lancaster; Mr. Jacob Rohrer, Mr. Ross Hildebrand and wife, Strasburg.

Dr. Hurlburt, of Spring Garden street church, Philadelphia, will deliver the sermon to-morrow morning. The eight o'clock service will be in charge of Mr. Bruner, of Columbia.

SNATCHED THE TIN CASH BOX.

Robbers Play a Cute Game On a Bank Officer.

A daring bank robbery was perpetrated in Quebec, Ont., Wednesday afternoon. A buggy drove up to the door of the upper town branch of the Union bank, on Louis street, and a man entered and told Mr. Veasey, the manager, that the gentleman in the buggy at the door wanted to speak to him about opening an account, but was lame and unable to leave the vehicle. Mr. Veasey was alone at the time, but went to the window to speak to the occupant of the vehicle, and while his head was turned the man who came inside and who had presented a card bearing the name "Rev. Mr. Smote," disappeared through the front door with a tin cash box which he had picked up.

It was several minutes before Veasey noticed the theft, and though the police were at once notified, the sharpers had too good a start and have not yet been heard from. They hired their buggy from a livery stable yesterday morning, and that, too, is missing. The box contained only $1,300 in cash, but was filled with valuable bonds, including five debentures of the town of Levis for a thousand dollars each.

The police say that from descriptions furnished of the thieves, one of them is a famous swindler of French-Canadian parentage named Pleau. Shortly before the bank robbery Pleau entered Barrow's brokerage, where he once offered some bank notes for sale, but was foiled, while two men waited at the door. Barrow believes he was after revenge as well as booty. He recognized him the moment he entered his office and clapped his hand upon his revolver. Pleau looked nervous and asked Barrow what he was giving for greenbacks. The broker replied, "Generally about half of 1 per cent. discount off face value, but from you I won't take anything." Pleau and his companions immediately slunk away.

SHE CRUSHED THE TWINS.

A Mother Unwittingly Kills Her Children and Then Attempts Suicide.

Mrs. John O'Meara, the wife of a well known contractor of St. Joseph, Mo., on Wednesday morning caused the death of her twin daughters, aged about three months. Mrs. O'Meara, who is a woman weighing one hundred and ninety pounds, arose early, and taking the babies from their cradle, placed them in bed beside herself. After playing with them a while, she fell asleep. On awakening she was horrified to find her babies both crushed and dead.

The grief of the mother was terrible. Her cries attracted her husband, who was sleeping in the next room, and he found her pressing the little crushed forms to her bosom and wailing piteously. Mrs. O'Meara, suddenly throwing the babies to the floor, sprang to her dressing-case and grasping an ornamental dagger plunged it into her bosom. She is now in a critical condition.

It seems that Mrs. O'Meara while asleep rolled over on the sleeping babies and crushed them to death.

Whipped By a Beauty.

A sensation leaked out in Burlington, Iowa, when Bert Ostrander, proprietor of a livery stable in a fashionable quarter of the city, appeared in the police court charged with assault and battery upon Miss Dora Hatfield, one of the handsomest young ladies in that city.

The trouble arose through jealousy. Ostrander has been attentive to the young lady for months, and recently he transferred his affections to some one else, and the young lady seeing him riding with her rival attacked the couple with a buggy whip. The matter was hushed up until Tuesday, when Miss Hatfield repaired to the livery and again attacked Ostrander with a stone, when he knocked her down. Ostrander was found guilty, but has retained counsel for appeal and interesting developments are expected.

Thrown From a Horse.

A young man named Berner was riding a horse belonging to Joseph Brientnall up Prince street yesterday. At the corner of Chestnut the animal frightened and threw him off. He had his head cut considerably and he was bruised.

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSI[ON]

A BOARDING HOUSE IN SAVANNAH, G[A.] BLOWN TO PIECES.

Three Persons Are Killed and [Se]jured, Two Probably Fatally—No [Cl]ue Used in the Wrecked Building.

SAVANNAH, July 24.—W. J. Bu[llard's] boarding house, a three-story brick [bui]ing, No. 203 Congress street, was blo[wn] early this morning, and three of th[e in]mates were killed and six injured, t[wo of] whom will probably die. The killed [are] Mrs. W. J. Bullard, Lockly and Gus [illegible] The wounded are: John Roberts, [illegible] ankle fractured and concussion of the b[rain;] J. Tate, contusion of the face and [illegible] Meldon Hywood, (colored), shoulder [illegible] located; Sam King, (colored), badly [in]jured. Edward S. Everitt, Mrs. [illegible] Everitt and J. A. Rimes were al[so] bruised.

The force of the explosion was so [illegible] great that the entire building fell in [illegible] at once. The cause of the explosion [is] wrapped in mystery, as no gas was us[ed in] the house and the disaster could not [have] been caused by escaping gas.

Nebraska's Republican Platform.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 24.—The plat[form] adopted by the Republican state con[ven]tion this morning reiterates the princ[iples] enunciated in successive