WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 12.—George W. Moss, who killed his wife in this city, was taken to jail in a dying condition. After killing his wife dead he put three bullets into his own head, all of which still remain there. The crime was planned with deliberation. He told an acquaintance that he had no work, no money, no some and nothing to live for. He also said that he would kill his for. He also said that he would kill his wife, of whom he was insanely jealous, and then kill himself. Within a half Lour he put this threat into execution. It is said he also tried to kill his eldest son, William. Moss is 53 years old, and during the war was major of the Fourth

incident of mining life occurred at the Brisbin shaft, on the outskirts of this city. At 9 o'clock in the morning Hermain Trager found egress from his chamber cut off by a fall of coal. The fall closed in on him, but by striking his dralls into the coal above his head he prevented it from descending on him. He finally became imprisoned to such an extent that he could not move and was held in a half sitting, half standing position. At midnight a rescuing party succeeded in cutting through from another chamber and saved him. He was very weak from cuts inflicted on him by the coal and from the scant sup-ply of air which he received, but he will recover.

Pennsy vania Democratic Clubs.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 15.—All is in readiness for the general assembly of Democratic state organizations today in the Thalia theatre, at Crown and Callowhiil streets. A good many of the expected 600 delegates are already here. The occasion will be brought to a close to-morrow night with a grand mass meeting in the Academy of Music, when ex-President Cleveland, United States Senator Gorman, of Maryland; Con-gressman Mills, of Texas; Henry Watterson, of Kentucky; ex-Governor Abbett, of New Jersey; Governors Biggs, of Delaware, and Jackson, of Maryland, are expected to speak. A large number of the local Democratic clubs have arranged to keep open house while the out-of-town delegates are here.

Havoc Among the Children.

GALLITZIN, Pa., Oct. 15.—Diphtheria in its worst form is playing havor with the lives of our little ones in this place. During the past two weeks the average number of deaths was three or four per day and the doctors report at least fifty cases down with the disease in the town. Four families, with six or seven little ones each one month ago, now are childless from the sweeping fangs that fast-ened its death dealin; substance upon their offspring. At the instance of a meeting of the borough council which was called by Burgess Tom Burns for the purpose, a committee was appointed to investigate all callars and inspect drainage in order to prevent the ravage.

CARBONDALE, Pa., Oct. 11.-The state board of health has issued a proclamation declaring diphtheria to be epidemic in this city, and Mayor Kelly has issued his edict calling upon the citizens to at once place their properties in a healthy condition. Some of the undertakers have refused to further endanger the lives of their families by handling the bodies of the dead. Already the cases have proved fearfully ratal, and there is over sixty cases under treatment. The city has always been parsimon ous in the matter of public improvements, and this year have taken the first steps towards a system of sewerage.

The Lehigh Coal Company.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 12.—The report that suits will be brought against the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company to dispossess it of some of its coal lands has attracted consi erable attention. Since the reports have found their way into print counsel employed by the comlands, and have pronounced them perfect. President Harris is satisfied that the company's title to the land is beyond dispute.

A Heavy Worsted Failure.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 15. - Clark & Keen, manufacturers of worsteds at 1720 South Second street, assigned to Charles J. Webb. Liabilities unknown. It is said the losses will fall chiefly on banks that have discounted the firm's paper and on yarn men from whom the raw material was purchased. Five hundred hands are thrown out by the closing of the works.

Coal Companies Complaining.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 12.—The Lehigh Valley is exceeding its percentage in the production of anthracite, and the other coal companies are protesting vigorously against this. The complaints began some time ago, but they have become so loud recently that in coal circles it is believed that trouble is brewing.

A New Double Track.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 12.—The Reading railroad has let contracts for double tracking the line from Shamokin to Sunbury, Pa., a distance of sixteen miles, and from Lewisburg to West Milton, a distance of five miles.

Cut His Throat with a Bread Knife. BRADFORD, Pa., Oct. 12.—A Pikeville, N. Y., special to The Era says: Jesse Easton, a farmer residing one mile north of here, committed suicide while temporarily insane by cutting his throat with a bread knife.

Business Failure.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Oct. 14.-George A. Frey, manufacturer of confectionery, has made an assignment of his property to Alderman John W. Sepp for the benefit of his creditors. The assets are about \$18,000, and liabilities \$14,000.

Killed by a Fall of Coal. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 12.—Peter McManus, a coal worker at one of the mines here, was killed by a fall of fifty tons of coal. Two Polish miners were badly injured.

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ATTORNEY FORREST IMPLICATED.

A Deep Laid Plot to Buy the Jury-Six Indictments by a Special Grand Jury. Confession of Conspirators-Court Officials Involved-More Sensational De-

realized or appreciated until now, and total amount disbursed in two payments notwithstanding the fact that six men SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 12 .- A thrilling have been indicted by the special grand jury, it will be some time before all the facts come out. The names of the indicted men are: Fred W. Smith, son-inlaw of James Reynolds, of New Haven, Conn., ex-treasurer of the Clan-na-Gael; Thomas Kavanaugh, the man who set up the job for corrupting the Cronin jurors; Jeremiah O'Donnell, a tool of Kavanaugh; Baliff Mark Solomon and Baliff Al Hanks, to whom was intrusted

The Plot Penetrated.

Smith, Kavanaugh and O'Donnell are members of the Clan-na-Gael organiza-tion and also belong to Camp No. 20. Hanks and Solomon haven't even this excuse, but were "fixed" by Kava-naugh, who promised them \$1,000 each for their share of the work. Hanks was first corrupted and then Solomon was. brought around.

Kavanaugh was a friend of Hanks, and when he gave the bailiff to under-stand that there was "something in it" for him Hanks was willing and let Solomon into the money making secret. Kavanaugh made it his business to approach various men and suggest that \$1,000 could be made as easily as finding it by serving on the Cronin jury, and then the name of the man approached would be given to Hanks. Of course these men would be summoned.

Hanks told the foreman, when summoned, that it would be worth \$5,000, or even more, to him if he were to sit on the jury and hang out for the defendants. The foreman had a conscience, however, and told Judge

Attorney Forrest Implicated.

The Herald publishes the following: "I made my reports to William S. Forrest." This declaration by Tom Kavanaugh, the plumber, who stands a Kavanaugh, the piumoer, who stands a confessed member of the gang that has been trying to pack the Cronin murder jury, made the lawyers for the state start with amazement. It was the first time that a shadow had been cast on the name of the gentlemen who are conducting the defense. Kavanaugh had been in the west level over a hour, and been in the sweat box over an hour, and Hynes, Mills and Ingham had plied him with questions until his jaws had tired of framing answers. Kavanaugh was at first obdurate and silent. His silence was evidently due to his ignorance of the overwhelming testimony that had accumulated against him, for he was unaware of the fact that his tool O'Donnell was in custody and had made a nell was in custody and had made a

clean breast of his own criminality. Trembled at Sight of His Tool.

When the lawyers were about to give up in despair, one of them suggested the advisability of bringing Kavanaugh and O'Donnell face to face. This was quickly done, and when Kavanaugh saw O'Donnell he turned deadly pale. His eyes began to creep out of their sockets and his big frame trembled from head to foot. -I-I-" he was stammering when O'Donnell made him start by saying "Its no use to hold back. They've got us on the hip, and the only way to save ourselves is to tell the truth. I've told and you had better do the same. Kavanaugh reflected a long time and finally said he would make statement if they would not press him too hard. 'We make no promises," was the re-

Kavanaugh Corroborates O'Donnell.

The plumber spent a few more min-utes in reflection and then, shaking himself together with an effort, he sat bolt upright in his chair and began a sensational narrative of his own part in the conspiracy. He corroborated O'Donnell in every particular. He admitted hav-ing met the gauger on the street and having hired him to procure a juror. "Who hired you?" Mr. Hynes asked in a confidential whisper, as he drew his chair closer to Kavanaugh's. "No-body." After considerable questioning Kavanaugh said:

"Well, I made my reports to W. S. Forrest, the attorney." Not another word could Kavanaugh be persuaded to say, notwithstanding that he was pressed harder than ever on all sides, and finally the lawyers returned him to the custody of Chief Hubbard, who had him sent

away to a police station. Forrest's Record Unblemished.

This is the first serious accusation that has ever been laid at the door of A ttorney Forrest during the whole twelve years he has practiced at the criminal bar of Cook county, and it is little won-der that it caused the lawyers for the state to start in surprise. They hardly know whether to believe Kavanaugh but, being without evidence to show that he was not telling the truth, they were obliged to take his story for what it was worth. Forrest is the senior counsel for the defense. He is the personal attorney of Dan Coughlin and Martin Burke and he is the directing spirit of the whole defense.

Boulanger Will Remain in Jersey. LONDON, Oct. 10.-Gen. Boulanger will remain in Jersey during the winter. The report that he contemplates a visit to Paris is denied by his friends.

An Awful Epidemic of Smallpox. BERLIN, Oct. 10 .- The smallpox is raging in the Goot of Oppeln, Prussian Selesia, and its victims are already counted by the thousands.

Cold Weather on the Gulf. NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 10.—There has been frost here for the past three nights.

How Connecticut Voted. Gored to Death.

CARLISLE, Pa., Oct. 12.—An infuriated bull gored to death the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. Rhodebaugh. living near this city and severely injured another child.

50,000,000 Feet of Lumber Burned.

BROCKWAYVILLE, Pa., Oct. 14.—A fire in the board yard of R. E. Cartwright's mill at Horton City burned 50,000,000 feet of lumber. Loss, \$175,000.

THE CRONIN PLOTS. JOHNSTOWN JUSTICE

Developments in the Conspiracy Strange Contrasts in the Distribution of Relief.

THE SYSTEM OF PERCENTAGES.

"To Him That Hath Shall Be Given," Seems to Be the Motto-A Plan Which Allows \$10,000 to a Wealthy Merchant and but \$1,200 to a Destitute Widow.

Pennsylvania cavalry. For twelve years he was master mechanic at the Delaware. Lackawanna and Western the Cronin conspiracy has never been total amount disbursed in two payments. being \$107,083. To the orphans was awarded \$65,600, most of which will be used in purchasing annuities.

The balance of the great relief fund will go to others not so needy.

The Percentage Basis. A reporter called at the rooms of the board of inquiry and learned that their work in the other two classes is com-pleted. He also learned, with great surprise, that the larger part of the money will go to the wealthy and well-to-do people. Those yet to the paid are classes four and five, in which are included the merchants, worth probably \$1,000, who lost all, and the merchant, worth \$4,000, who has probably as much left; also the workingman, who lost from \$300 to \$700, and the wealthier from \$300 to \$700, and the wealthier resideut, who lost probably \$10,000 and has his real estate left. The calculation now is to pay them on a percentage, the basis being probably 30 per cent. According to this the wealthier men will get nearly all, and the poor, who have nothing, will be left to suffer. A maximum limit of \$10,000 has been fixed, so that represents the suffer of the suffer o that no one can get over that amount; but it contrasts strangely to allow a wealthy business man \$10,000 and fix the outside limit for a poor widow at \$1,200, as has been done.

An Example. How this will work is clearly illustrated by the cases of several of these who are now set down to receive \$10,-000. One is that of a firm of merchants whose business and goods were destroyed. Their loss was such as to give them the highest amount. They still have remaining their business site, which would sell today for \$20,000 casis. and each member of the firm has a lot on which he can build a home. One of them owns several good tenement houses that were not at all damaged and conse-quently very valuable, and the other, whose home was burned on the day of the flood, received his full loss from the insurance companies. They both have bonds, mortgages and railroad stocks drawing interest, and each is worth \$30,-

000 or \$40,000.

The Poor Will Suffer. Another case is a man whose block was damaged badly, but he lost no goods in it. It is still worth, with the ground, \$15,000. He also has a fine residence worth as much more. He owns stocks and mortgages and good paying invest-ments in the west, and yet he gets \$10,000 from the relief fund.

Since it has developed that the payments are to be made in this manner it has become clear that the influence of those who would be largely benefited has been used to bring about this end, and in consequence of this the poor will have to suffer for what the rich will

His Haste Lost Him a Job.

LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 14.-Undertaker 5. Gable was handed a note which stated that if he went to a certain lot he would find a body and asking him to bury it decently. He was almost breath-less when he reached the cemetery, and there he found Miss Victoria Brubaker, a beautiful young lady of 21 years. She was apparently dying, and an empty laudanum bottle lay by her side. Restoratives were successfully applied. The young woman is well connected. Disappointment in love caused her rash and she selected the grave of a favorite little nephew as a suitable spot for a deathbed.

A Minister Disciplined.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 14.-In the Methodist Episcopal conference Col. John A. Danks, the well known clergyman, was suspended from the ministry for one year and reprimanded by Bishop Foss. Col. Danks commanded the Sixty-third Pennsylvania volunteers during the late He was charged with conduct unbecoming a minister of the gospel. Thomas A. Blashford, an insurance agent and superintendent of the Sunday school of the Mt. Washington church, over which Danks presided, accused the latter of threatening his life.

No Dealings with Scalpers.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 14 .- "The report appearing in some of the papers that the Pennsylvania railroad was manipulat-ing the return portion of tickets issued for the Knights Templar conclave at Washington and placing large blocks of such tickets in the hands or scalpers,' said a prominent official of the Penn sylvania railroad, "is untrue in every particular. The Pennsylvania Railroad with scalpers, has not now, nor ever will have." company has never had any dealings

Struck by Lightning Four Times. SHARON, Pa., Oct. 14 .- For the fourth county, was struck by lightning, and with the exception of losing consciousness, sustained no injuries. Local physicians who are acquainted with the facts are puzzled to account for the wonder. Mrs. Rankin is an elderly lady

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Cashier Jessup Indicted. SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 11 .- The grand jury returned indictments for embezziement and larceny against Cashier Jessup, who wrecked the Scranton City bank by misappropriating \$120,000 of its funds. It had been stated that Jessup would escape trial by reason of amicable

With a Stone Tied to His Neck. LANCASTER, Pa., Oct 14 .- The body of Emanuel Carpenter, aged 45, a promin-ent citizen of Lititz, was found in the famous Lititz spring. A fifteen pound stone was tied around his neck, and his death was undoubtedly suicidal. No

Dutch Annie Found Guilty.

SMITHPORT, Pa., Oct. 12.—Annie Miller, alias "Dutch Annie," who habeen on trial here for the killing of Bill Hilton last August, was found guilty of murder in the second degree and will probably suffer the full penalty—twelve years' imprisonment,

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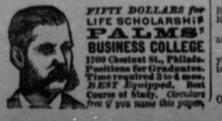
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