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A POOR SHOEMAKER'S GREAT DISCOVERY

A Compound that Promises to Yield a Large Fortune.

REDUCES AMOUNT OF COAL

Used in Producing Heat—inventor Lives in Altoona—Dr. H. K. Hoy, formerly of Bellefonte, Interested—Discovery Attracts Attention.

John Ellmore, the inventive shoemaker of Altoona, whose worldly possessions in his cobble shop and his home would not bring \$200 on the block, has within his grasp millions of dollars and possesses a power which, if exerted by men shrewder than himself, could restrict the use of coal in the United States and so decrease its value. Although Pennsylvania Railroad officials profess indifference, it is known that a secret uneasiness prevails, for if Ellmore's discovery comes into general use the present price of bituminous coal cannot be maintained.

Without any knowledge of chemistry, and so illiterate that he is compelled to seek assistance in writing to druggists for his ingredients Ellmore has succeeded in producing a compound which causes common coal ashes, when mixed with a small quantity of coal, to create a heat of greater intensity than that from the highest grade of soft coal when fused by a forced draught.

This was demonstrated in an ordinary cellar furnace, where six parts of coal ashes and one part of coal, all saturated with the cobbler's mysterious solution, produced a white-hot fire whose heat was more intense after it had been burning two hours than it was at the end of the first hour.

COST OF 25 CENTS TO THE TON.

Two teaspoonfuls of Ellmore's compound costing 25 cents, dissolved in three gallons of water sufficient to treat three-quarters of a ton of ashes mixed with one-quarter of a ton of coal, and will bring out more heat for a longer period than one ton of pure coal, bituminous or anthracite.

The big freight Moguls on the Pennsylvania Railroad burn a ton an hour running on the level and six tons an hour running up grade. This could be cut down from 90 to 75 per cent, and the steam generating power increased from 20 to 15 per cent, by the shoemaker's discovery.

So convinced is Dr. H. K. Hoy, (formerly of Bellefonte), a proponent of Ellmore's secret, will revolutionize the output and use of coal, and the discovery is one of the most remarkable of the age, that he has agreed to back the manufacturer of the compound and to enlist capital to produce it on a large scale. When first approached by the shoemaker, eight months ago, Dr. Hoy refused to consider the plan at all, but finally was persuaded to make a test of it in his own home furnace.

Ellmore did not have money enough to pay for a patent or employ an attorney. His income from his bench is between \$10 and \$12 a week. He is fifty-seven years old, and with a wife and family and house rent of \$15 a month to pay, every penny he could earn was expended and he ran into debt.

Dr. Hoy made his first test on Jan. 30, and successive tests followed for twenty days. He timed the period of combustion of coal and the amount consumed and then timed the mixed ashes and coal saturated with the compound. Not only did he obtain a fiercer heat, but the mixture of ashes and coal, after treatment, burned from one-third to one-half an hour longer. After satisfying himself he entered into an agreement with Ellmore for a half interest and made application for letters patent at Washington and in Canada. Similar applications will be made in England and in all countries of Europe where patents were granted.

KEPT HIS SECRET MANY YEARS.

Ellmore has guarded his secret for a quarter century. It came to him in an imperfect form from his father, who was a big lumber operator in Blair county sixty years ago, but who never gave his son the advantage of education.

The boy was apprenticed to a shoemaker, and after he turned his twenty-first year the inventive trend of his mind began to manifest itself. He devised a plate for joining rails and lengthening the life of the rail, but his poverty prevented him from reaping any benefit. A railroad company made him an offer, which he refused. Driven by necessity he sought to reopen negotiations, but was informed that an inflexible rule of the corporation forbade a second consideration of an invention no matter how valuable. The joint plate was designed to prevent the spreading of rails. The company subsequently lost thousands of dollars in accidents caused by spreading rails.

Ellmore's next invention was a pocket fire escape, though out and perfected while he was pegging shoe soles and drawing the wax end. He claimed that with this device, which could be carried in the pocket, a man of any weight could lower himself to safety from the floor of a burning building, stop anywhere in his descent, and if he desired returned to the point from whence he started.

The inventor could not get a hearing, and was never able to raise enough money to give practical illustration, and that invention, which he declares is one of the fondest creations of his brain has gone into the limbo of the unrecognized.

Before Ellmore came to Altoona he lived in Clearfield and there met a convict who had just finished serving a ten years' sentence for forgery. While in jail the prisoner thought out an entirely new method of compressing air, and on his release made a model of it. While in his cups he divulged the secret of the mechanism to the shoemaker. While being exhibited the machine exploded.

Fine feathers make short-lived birds.

HOSPITAL INVESTIGATED

Friday afternoon, the special committee from the senate, appointed to investigate the various hospitals in Pennsylvania for the purpose of securing data upon which the annual appropriation will be made, was in Bellefonte. The gentlemen were met at the train by Dr. George F. Harris, Dr. J. M. Locke, Dr. R. G. H. Hayes, George R. Meek, W. Harrison Walker, Esq., Col. E. R. Chambers, Col. John A. Woodward and John C. Rowe. They went direct from the train to the hospital where everything was carefully gone over and imperative need of the institution noted. They found the institution overcrowded with patients and noticed under what tremendous difficulties the authorities were working. The amount asked at this time is \$75,000 of which will go toward its maintenance and the \$10,000 to be expended in the erection of the new addition, the foundation of which was started during the winter. Senator Sweeney, of Luzerne county, secretary of the committee, stated that the committee would report favorably for the amount asked by the managers of the hospital. He stated that what was needed here more than anything else was a new building, as the present one was too small in which to do the work. Included in the delegation that visited Bellefonte were, Senators Catlin, J. A. Sweeney, Robt J. Cunningham, Luzerne; E. M. Herbst, Berks; Senator Dimeling was detained in Philipsburg. At 3 o'clock the committee went to State College where they sized up the situation there. They were well pleased with what they saw, and will recommend a good appropriation. The members of the committee returned to Bellefonte in the evening, where an informal reception was given them at the Bush House. They left on the 8:16 train for Williamsport and Sunbury.

Made a Good Haul.

Early Sunday morning Mrs. Cathrine Osbrobne, an Italian woman who conducts a boarding house for the men employed by the H. S. Kerbaugh people at Ardenheim, near Huntingdon, was robbed of \$295. The robbery is said to have been committed by an Austrian and four other men. The Austrian, who is known as "Sem" had recently been employed by the Kerbaugh Construction company and evidently knew that the woman had money. She arose early and going about her work when the men entered the house and seized her. They grabbed the pocket of her dress that contained the money, and cutting it with a knife, secured the money and fled. There were seven men upstairs who were aroused by the commotion and must have known that the woman was at the mercy of the robbers, but they failed to come to her rescue, and the thieves made good their escape.

The Pruner Orphanage.

The Bellefonte Councilmen are beginning to talk Pruner Orphanage again. The indications are that the subject will soon be brought before the Council and thoroughly discussed. There need not be a prolonged debate from the fact that all the council has to do is to accept the bequest so generously made by Col. Pruner in his will. It costs nothing to try because the money has been provided for its maintenance, and should it prove a failure nobody will lose one cent. On the other hand it may prove a great blessing to humanity. Many people in Bellefonte scoffed at the idea of the need of a local hospital, and yet it has developed into a necessity, doing a great deal of good. The same will be true of the Pruner Orphanage if it is properly managed. We trust that our councilmen will be just and farsighted enough as to give the orphanage a fair trial.

Lady Fell On Horse.

A young man engaged a horse and buggy from the Seyler livery stable at Lock Haven on Saturday evening and took two lady friends out for a drive. While going through Flemington the ladies wanted to exchange seats in the buggy when one became overbalanced and fell forward on the horse's back. This frightened the animal, which jumped to one side breaking a shaft and then ran into a fence breaking the other shaft. The dashboard was broken by the lady's fall, but no one was injured in the accident.

The Block System.

A block system, for running trains on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, will be put into effect on or about May 28th. A number of towers are being built and the telegraph instruments will be changed from the various offices to the towers from Tyrone to Lock Haven will be five miles apart and will aid materially in averting accidents. The indications are that in the near future the road will be double tracked.

Preparing to Move.

The publication office of the Times and the Nittany Printing and Publishing company at State College, will be moved into a new building on or about the first of next month. The new structure is on College avenue immediately adjoining the Nittany inn property. The structure is two and a half stories in height and will be well adapted for the purpose intended.

The Nittany Furnace.

The work at the Nittany Furnace is progressing rapidly and inside of a couple of weeks the large plant will be in operation putting out more and better iron than ever. The entire lining had to be taken out which caused an immense lot of work and expense. One piece of metal drawn out weighed almost 16 tons. The brick work is being done by the Wallace Brothers.

Challenge.

The Y. M. C. A. basketball team accepts the offer to play 3 games with the Academy for the \$25 offered. Although winning the first series by the forfeited game which we would have won anyway, we would sooner play the games out and win them. We will play in the armory with any referee and rules. Now it is up to the Academy boys to accept. Captain Barnes.

M. E. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Where The Ministers of this District will be Stationed.

RESIDING ELDER'S REPORT

A Most Flattering Showing in this Section—Church Property Much Improved—Several New Buildings Erected—Others Repaired.

The Central Pennsylvania Methodist conference which had been in session at Tyrone since last Wednesday, adjourned Tuesday morning after making the appointments.

Rev. Dr. H. R. Bender returned to Trinity church Lock Haven, but East Main street gets a new pastor in the person of Freeman S. Vought, who is transferred from Centralia in the Danville district. Rev. T. A. Elliot goes to Cross Fork. Rev. George M. Frownfelter to Flemington from St. Marys and Rev. D. M. Grover goes to Epworth church at Jersey Shore. Rev. R. J. Knox goes to South Williamsport and Rev. George W. King takes his place on the Lock Haven circuit. Rev. M. B. Bubb takes the place of Rev. I. J. Reeser at Salona and Lamar.

There are no changes at Mill Hill, Renova, Howard or Woolrich and Avis. By the appointments of the ministers of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist conference to pastorate for the ensuing year, Rev. John H. Daugherty is continued in charge of the First church of Tyrone, where he has served so ably and acceptably for the past four years.

ALTOONA DISTRICT.

Allegheny, Charles Griffin (supply). Altoona, East, Elbert V. Brown. Chestnut Ave., James M. Johnston. Eighth Ave., George M. Klepfer. Fairview, Harry J. Schuchart. Fifth Ave., Alexander Lamberston. First Church, Horace L. Jacobs. Italian Mission, Angelo W. Bonacci. Junia, Herman H. Crotley. Simpson, Henry A. Straub. Walnut Ave., Joseph K. Knisely. Bakerton, John V. Royer. Barnesboro, Elmer C. Baker. Bellefonte, James B. Stein. Bellwood, Edwin A. Pyles. Blandburg, George E. Taylor, (supply). Centre & Sandy Ridge, James E. Dunfield. Fairfield, Morris E. Swartz. Eleventh St. James MCK. Reiley. West Side, Robert J. Snyder. Clearfield Circuit, Charles K. Gibson. Coalport and Irvona, William A. Lepley. Curwensville, William V. Ganoe. Flemington, George M. Frownfelter. Glen Hope, Martin C. Flegal. Half Moon, Rollin S. Taylor. Hastings, E. Elmer McKelvey. Houtzdale, Richard Brooks. Howard, Ellsworth M. Ailer. Karthaus, Merrill H. Ake. Lumber City, Hugh Strain. Mahaffy, Franklin E. Hartman. Milesburg, and Unionville, Marshall C. Piper.

Mill Hill, James J. Resh. Onondaga, Andrew P. Wharton. Munson, William C. Charlton. New Millport, Charles A. Biddle. New Washington, Abraham L. Frank. Osceola, Mills, Charles T. Dunning. Patton, Joseph F. Anderson. Penn's Valley, George W. McInay. Philipsburg, Samuel D. Wilson. Pleasant Gap, John B. Durkee, (supply). Port Matilda, Edward S. Bierly, (supply). Ramsey, Jacob H. Diebel. Salona and Lamar, Michael B. Bubb. Shawville, John R. Melroy. Snow Shoe, Elmer F. Igenfritz. State College, Charles C. Snavely. Wallacetown, William C. Wallace. Woodland and Bradford, Nathan B. Smith. Samuel Blair, Superintendent of the New Mexico English Mission, El Paso, Texas.

Supernumerary—Lewis A. Rudisill. Superannuated—George B. Arque, David F. Kapp, Edmund White, William A. Stephens, Samuel Creighton.

RESIDING ELDER'S REPORT.

Wednesday afternoon of last week Rev. B. C. Conner, presiding elder of the Altoona District, made a lengthy report to the Methodist Conference at Tyrone of the work done in the district during the year. We culled from it the following facts that will be of interest to our readers:

The church and parsonage at Bellefonte are enhanced in value by a cash outlay of \$231, and over \$1,100 was actually paid on old church debts. The church at Milesburg has been re-carpeted at a cash cost of \$150, and \$100 has been spent for paving. The debt on the church has been reduced \$90. Snow Shoe has expended \$57 on church and out of the \$25 offered by the State College improved her parsonage \$25. On the Howard charge the Beech Creek church is improved at a cost of \$200 and the parsonage at an outlay of \$35, and the bills are paid. The church at Millheim, on the Penn's Valley charge, has been thoroughly renovated. Roof, tower, pews, altar rail, platform and carpet all new, exterior and interior woodwork painted; indeed, it seems like a new church; entire cost \$1,195. At the re-opening on May 20, 1906, Rev. W. P. Eveland, Ph. D., and the writer aided the pastor. The entire cost more than pledged and nearly all paid at this writing. The parsonage on the same charge has been improved at a cash cost of \$50. Philipsburg puts in a new steam plant for the church and parsonage at a cost of \$1,000, and pays the bill and also reduces the debt by \$900. The Coleville church, on the Pleasant Gap charge, is repaired at a cost of \$31, improvements on the parsonage cost \$10; both bills paid. The church at Martha, on the Port Matilda charge, has been improved and beautified at a cash outlay \$300, and

the parsonage enhanced in value to the extent of \$40 and the bills paid. Rev. M. C. Piper and J. M. Johnson will please accept the thanks of the pastor and the presiding elder for services rendered on the day of reopening at Martha.

JUDGE TUTEN'S COURT.

Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock Earl C. Tuten, Register of Centre county, held his first Probate Court in the arbitration room in the court house. His friends wishing to make his first attempt a success went to work, and very prettily decorated the place with flags and bunting. Among the numerous applicants for positions were John Rowe, George Rumberger and "Jim" Corl for tipstiffs; David Foreman was after the cinch of being clerk, while there was a dozen, more or less, of pretty girls who were willing to act as his stenographer, but Miss Orris gained the day. Earl then, with the dignity of Judge Fitzgibbon, took his seat on the bench, having before him what seemed to be the entire Centre county law library. Judging from the number of volumes he must have had the probate laws from the time Adam and Eve fell in the garden down to the present time. Naturally they would be written in Greek, Latin, German and English, with which the learned probate judge was perfectly familiar. After the case had proceeded an hour the jurist discovered that presiding in the Centre county courts was not as easy as changing money at a Fishing Creek camp. He got through the trying ordeal by general satisfaction of all concerned, and the young Register can shake hands with himself. The will in dispute was that of Mrs. Nancy Lucas of Runville, who, when she died was 76 years of age. It is alleged that on the 13th of April 1903 she made her mark to a will which was not satisfactory to all concerned. It was claimed by some of her other children that undue influence was brought to bear on the aged lady to put her mark to a document of that kind. Others claimed that she was of sound mind and understood what she was doing at the time she practically put her name to the document. Judge Love and Jas. B. Miller represented those who were against the will, while Samuel Gettig and William Zerby represented those who were in favor of the will as it stands. The only question in the case is whether Register Tuten will refuse to probate the will. Up to the time of going to press, Judge Tuten had not rendered his decree.

Jacob From Making Rugs.

Jacob From, who is accused of murdering J. C. Dale, is a carpet weaver by occupation and in order to keep his mind from pondering over the unfortunate position in which he has been placed, he is devoting his time and attention to making rugs. He has been taken out of the cell in which he had been placed when he was first incarcerated and is now occupying the cell vacated by his son James From. What ever his other faults are, he is a very cleanly man, as his home at Centre Hall, will bear testimony. To this end he spent the best part of a day recently in scrubbing the floors and side walls of his cell. He still maintains his innocence of the crime, and feels confident that when the proper time comes he will be vindicated. The rugs he is making are very pretty and the workmanship is neat and well done, being woven by hand. He is going to make several for different people throughout the town, and expects to be busy with them until his trial comes off.

Katz's Millinery Opening.

Katz & Co's store, Tuesday evening, was the scene for the ladies of Bellefonte. It was their annual millinery opening, and, as will Katz and his father never do anything on the half shell, the affair was a grand success. Besides the many pretty Easter bonnets on exhibition, the Bellefonte orchestra, of six pieces, was present and furnished delightful music which was thoroughly enjoyed. The large store was crowded with sight-seers and buyers who greatly admired the tasty and unique decorations. The millinery department is under the supervision of Miss Grace Marvin, of New York City, a professional designer and trimmer in the art of ladies' headgear, and this agreeable lady will be pleased to aid any prospective customers in making a selection. Nothing but high class and the very latest creations in millinery may be expected to come from this department of the store. If you are in search for anything up-to-date in this line there is the place to go.

Headless Body Found in River.

The mystery surrounding the finding of the headless body of a man seen in a bag, which was picked up in the Susquehanna river near Georgetown, on Saturday, may possibly be cleared up by the alleged confession of a Mrs. Koomes, of Wilkes-Barre.

According to the story received by the authorities, Michael Kropaskie was murdered on March 15. The body, it is alleged, was hidden in the Coomes cellar until Sunday, March 17, when it was put in a bag and thrown into a creek which empties into the Susquehanna.

The body found in the bag answers the description of Kropaskie.

Hit His Cork Leg.

George Formbals, Jr., aged 25 years, a bartender, shot and fatally wounded William J. Warner, aged 23, Pennsylvania railroad brakeman, Friday night. The shooting took place at Hollidaysburg, and is said to have resulted from a quarrel over a girl.

Warner went to the girls house and found her out. When they came home Warner was still there, and the altercation and shooting followed. The ball entered Warner's abdomen, and he died in 12 hours.

After Formbals' arrest he declared he shot in self-defense, as Warner had hit him with a stone on the stump of his cork leg.

Don't talk about spring having set in, before the organ-grinder comes around, followed by the truck farmer, with his welcome "greens."

IMPORTANT EVENTS AT HARRISBURG

The Capitol Investigation Develops Amazing Examples of Fraud.

PENNYPACKER IS RESPONSIBLE

A Hard Fight for Bill allowing Trolley to Carry Freight—Other Bills Under Consideration—Preparing to Adjourn.

Special Correspondence.

Fraud in every form has been revealed by the capitol probes engaged in the investigation of the charges of graft in the construction of the capitol. Overcharges, the substitution of inferior materials, false measurements, in fact every conceivable device for looting the treasury appears to have been resorted to, and but for the accident of William H. Berry's election to office of State Treasurer, this vast crime would have escaped detection and the criminals would still be in control of the public life of the commonwealth.

The election of Mr. Berry was an accident, of course. Outraged by an unusually bold attack upon their property the people of Philadelphia voted against the machine candidate and he was defeated. But it wasn't an enduring reform or a sincere conversion. Within a year the former conditions were resumed and in the face of the exposure of a criminal operation greater than that contemplated in Philadelphia, the machine candidates were supported with the same enthusiasm that previously prevailed.

When the exposures were first made the participants in the crime denied the accusations. Samuel W. Pennypacker, at the time Governor of the State, over his own signature, and after careful consideration, protested that the work was honestly performed and the service was a just one. Beaver county glass was used where specifications required imported ware, cheap wood was substituted for expensive wood, and dipping in gold was made to serve for plating. But former Governor Pennypacker reveals no contrition.

PENNYPACKER LARGELY RESPONSIBLE.

The figures representing the profits of the favored contractor are amazing. For the furnishings in the main retiring room the State paid Sanderson \$21,215.20 and they cost Sanderson \$2,018.00. The fixtures in fourteen rooms cost the State \$155,359.50 though Sanderson only paid \$29,170.00 for them. Even if there had been no actual fraud, therefore, the overcharging would have been criminal. But nearly every piece of material is bogus. The hand carving was made by machinery and glued on and though it is probably good enough it nevertheless represents fraud.

And Samuel W. Pennypacker knew of the frauds beyond question. He himself offered the resolution which not only made the frauds possible but also made them inevitable. The resolution in question made the condition for bidding that each competitor should bid on every item. Subsequently Pennypacker personally assured bidders that it was not necessary to bid on every item and that the bids were opened all those which failed to cover everything were thrown out. That left Sanderson the only bidder, necessarily gave him the awards and incidentally invited him to plunder the state.

Neither are the machine managers showing signs of contrition. Last week there was a largely attended banquet in Harrisburg at which Mr. Pennypacker was one of the principal speakers. He didn't refer to the graft charges or defend the criminals, and neither did any of the other speakers. But the very day of the banquet the facts of Pennypacker's responsibility for the frauds were brought out in the evidence and all the speakers, including the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Lieutenant Governor of the State and the Adjutant General, fulsomely eulogized Pennypacker. The obvious purpose was to fortify him against the effect of the exposures.

STUART AND THE MACHINE.

This is a most significant incident. It was noticed that Governor Stuart didn't join in this chorus of praise. He referred to the presence of his predecessor in office, as he was practically expelled to do, but he let it go at that. He manifestly intends to make a thorough job of the investigation, in so far as it is possible to do so. During the campaign he pledged himself to that and he looks like a fellow who will make good his pledges. But those who make no pledges have set out to take care of the crooks and this is one of the methods of accomplishing that result. Lieutenant Governor Murphy ridiculed the charges during the campaign and he wants to ignore the fact now.

He will not be able to do that, however. Speaker McClain and President pro tem, of the Senate Woods intended to proceed on those lines when they appointed the investigators, it may also be assumed. But Governor Stuart defeated that purpose when he appointed James A. Stranahan and James Scariet counsel of the State. They are able and incorruptible and their reputations are guarantees of thoroughness. For that reason there will be a complete exposure. But they hope to defeat the effect of it by fulsomely praising the criminals. They foolishly imagine that an expression of their confidence in a man will secure him in public confidence. No greater mistake was ever made.

The only thing that could be said against Stuart during the campaign was that he was associated with the gang and if Emery had been a trifle more prudent with his tongue, that affiliation would have defeated Stuart. In view of the fact it is folly for the machine managers to praise Pennypacker. He has been caught in the act. The

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

Some politicians are self-made men and others are machine made. An egg shouldn't belong to the things that are not what they are cracked up to be.

What do you think of a man that sits down to the table three times a day, and thanks the Lord for bread which he has swindled some poor man or beat his grocer out of? Bellefonte has some of the very stripe.

A suburban minister, during his discourse one Sabbath morning, said: "In each blade of grass there is a sermon." The following day one of his flock discovered the good man pushing a lawn mower about his garden and paused to say: "Well, parson, I'm glad to see you engaged in cutting your sermons short."

Senator Thomas J. Allison, a member of the Missouri legislature, was approached by an enthusiastic motorist, who asked if he was not in favor of some legislation for the benefit of those who own automobiles. "I am," replied the senator. "I am in favor of a bill placing the owners of automobiles under the protection of the state game laws and providing that it shall be unlawful during certain months of the year for farmers to shoot chauffeurs and occupants of automobiles."

ADJOINING COUNTIES

Israel W. Nieman has opened a clothing store at Loganton, Clinton county. His great opening day will be Saturday, March 23.

President Aikens, of Susquehanna University, received a check for \$1000 from Rev. Jeremiah Zimmerman, of Syracuse, N. Y., for that institution.

Mrs. Wagner, wife of George Wagner, postmaster at Rosecrans, died Thursday 21, of paralysis, complicated with pneumonia. The husband, one son and three daughters survive.

Dr. Levi Rooke, of Winfield, Union county, who was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1873, and an extensive iron furnace and limekiln operator, died suddenly on Thursday morning. He was in his 81st year.

Claude Jones, of the Tyrone Daily Herald, is an aspirant for the office of register and recorder of Blair county. Mr. Jones is capable of filling the office in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, has done much for the party and should be nominated.

Joseph Williams, an aged resident of Sugar valley, who retired from farming several years ago, died at that place Friday, as a result of a stroke of paralysis. Deceased was a veteran of the civil war. He was 81 years and leaves a wife and one son.

Mrs. Adam Rebling, a widow 68 years of age, who disappeared from her home at Hanover, York county, last week, was found by Henry Menges on Sunday on his farm near Hanover, lying in a ditch with her face in the mud, dead. It is believed she had fallen off a fence and was unable to rise after the fall.

After a diligent search since the drowning accident that occurred on Monday of last week, the body of Calvert Eavens, of Lock Haven, was recovered Sunday morning from a watery grave and the anxiety, suspense and almost unbearable grief that overshadowed the young man's relatives and friends are at an end and they were able to give the remains a christianian burial.

On Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock John Pillock, an employe of the Pittsburgh Limestone company at Stover station, two and one-half miles northeast of Tyrone, was instantly killed by being buried under a massive fall of rock at the quarries at that place. The body was recovered at 10 o'clock Saturday forenoon. The heavy boulders had to be dynamited. He was about 25 years old.

Tuesday evening during a prayer meeting in the church of God at Washington borough, a small town on the Susquehanna, two miles below Columbia, an acetylene gas plant in the basement of the church exploded. The effect of the explosion was terrific, practically wrecking the building. The worshippers were thrown into a panic, several leaping from the windows, but none of them was injured. The damage to the building is estimated at 12,500.

The residence of Thomas Mates, at Cold Stream, near Philipsburg, was badly damaged by fire Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock. The fire originated from a defective flue or by means of a spark falling on the roof, and the high winds prevailing at the time soon fanned the fire of small beginning into a big blaze that made the situation in the whole neighborhood somewhat alarming. The marvel is that the damage was not more serious. The greatest was to the roof, the rafters and walls and the ceilings.

At Lewistown, during Tuesday evening's, 12, fierce thundergust, there was a shower of wild fowl fell. It was during the storm that the unexpected happened. During its progress a large flock of wild fowl was passing over the town and the birds were evidently attracted by the electric lights, and descended until there were many of them on the streets and others flew bewildered about the house tops. There was a quacking and hissing such as had never been heard before thereabouts. Many people were awakened from their slumbers by the noise and some were badly frightened. Finally the cause of the excitement was ascertained and the usual quiet prevailed in the residences.

Arbor Day.

Edwin S. Stuart, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has hereby, in accordance with law, issued his proclamation, designating Friday, 9th day of April, A. D., 1907, to be observed as Arbor day throughout the Commonwealth, two days being named in view of differences of climate, so that all sections of the State may find a day suitable for tree planting.