

HOW FLOUR WAS SOLD

A Slick Confidence Operator Unfolds a Tale to the Court.

NARROW ESCAPE AT A HOTEL FIRE.

A Bursting Boiler Kills and Injures Several Persons.

ALL THE NEWS FROM NEAR-BY TOWNS

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

UNIONTOWNS, March 13.—A sensational tale was told here during the trial to-day of John R. Thomas, who was convicted of false pretense in collecting money at Con-

NOT FEIGNING NOW.

A Murderer Who Shammed Insanity Becomes a Maniac in Reality.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 13.—Peter Baranski, the murderer of Agnes Bates and her lover, who showed so many evidences of insanity during his trial, but who was generally believed at the time to be dissembling, is undoubtedly now insane, no matter what his condition may have been at the time of the murder or subsequent trial. All who speak to him in his native tongue unite in saying that his speech is incoherent and childish, and believe that there is no doubt that his reason has fled.

THREE BOILERS BURST

And a Number of Persons are Killed and Injured.

READING, March 13.—A burst of three boilers at the St. Nicholas colliery, near Mahoning City, exploded at 11 o'clock this morning with terrific effect, wrecking the blacksmith shop and the boiler house. Mrs. Louisa Hoffman, with her child in her arms, was passing at the time. A fragment of iron broke her hip and killed the child. Delaney, a driver, passing with his team, had his skull fractured. Michael Warren, a lad of 15 on the same wagon, had his thigh broken and leg crushed. Edward Zeltzer had his skull crushed. Patrick Warner and Edward Watts were terribly injured by flying pieces of the iron. Others were scalded and injured, but their names could not be learned.

Burned in Her Bed.

ALTOONA, Pa., March 13.—Three young men returned to their rooms this morning, saw flames shooting out of a house on Union avenue. They broke in the front door, and found Mrs. Sadie Malstrom, colored, in bed and enveloped in fire. She was literally roasted and will die. John H. Williams, who escaped from the back door on the men entered, has been arrested on the charge of setting the bed on fire. He is a white man. Williams' hands were burned.

Blown Out of Existence.

LIMA, Pa., March 13.—There was an explosion of a pipe at the Standard Refinery at 3 o'clock this afternoon, causing a great deal of damage. The pipe ran under the carpenter shop, where several men were working. John Tusing, a young man 23 years of age, is missing and no trace of him can be found. It is feared he was blown out of existence.

A Youthful Murderer Sentenced.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, March 13.—Joseph Dillon, who was convicted here of manslaughter for killing his 3-year-old playmate, Eddie Chatham, by hitting him on the head with a cobblestone during a fight in Altoona last July, was today sentenced to full imprisonment in the State Penitentiary at Harrisburg for a term of 12 months to that institution from Blair county.

Pipes Burst in a Glass Works.

TEFFIN, O., March 13.—The cold air blast pipes were cracked at the Healey Glass Works this afternoon, and this evening, while first tested, they burst, doing over \$1,000 worth of damage. The cause of the explosion is a mystery.

Tri-State Brevities.

WILLIAM BAXSON has saved the city of Lima for \$7,000 damages. He fell off the sidewalk into the creek and broke his right thigh.

THE PUNDERS and HELPERS at the Center Iron Works are to receive a reduction of about 10 per cent in their wages. It throws 50 men out of employment.

Mrs. HENRY S. BURKETT, of Martinsburg, killed herself yesterday morning with a pistol. She had been an invalid for many years, and her recovery was too great to be longer borne.

UNIONTOWNS, March 13.—John S. Weltner, of this place, was arrested to-day as an accomplice in the robbery and outrage at McClellandtown on Monday night, and will be given a hearing to-morrow. Three of the victims say they recognize him as being one of the party of five.

WELTER claims he was in Uniontown that night, and that he had a pistol in his pocket at one time a resident in the vicinity of the robbery. Other arrests of suspected parties are expected in a day or two.

Three Cars Jump the Track.

ROCHESTER, Pa., March 13.—White freight train No. 8, on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad, was passing here, about noon to-day, at the rate of 15 miles an hour, the box car, out of the front track of a car, causing the wheels to fly off, throwing three cars from the track. After the break down the train ran about 300 feet before stopping, starting up the track, displacing trucks and doing general damage.

Result of the Reading Failure.

READING, Pa., March 13.—The last of the pipe mills of the Reading Iron Works closed down this afternoon, and now all the vast establishments of the firm are out of operation, except the two blast furnaces, which have about a week's stock of coal on hand. The workmen, whom 15 days' wages are due, received notice this afternoon that on Saturday next they would receive one week's pay.

Evidently Not a Happy Family.

LIMA, Pa., March 13.—Mrs. Mary Ransbottom caused the arrest of her stepson, Alonzo, aged 14, charged with assault. She claims her husband held her while the boy beat her in a brutal manner, causing serious illness of herself. Her husband, she also claims, robbed her of \$2,000.

Attempted Suicide by Shooting.

MCKESPORT, Pa., March 13.—William Foster shot himself through the head with a revolver to-night. He is still living, but will likely die. The cause is not known.

JUST LIKE A ROMANCE.

A Man Supposed to be Dead for 21 Years Turns Up Alive and Rich.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

WATERBURY, CONN., March 13.—News has just been received from a man formerly of this city, and who, for 21 years, had been reported to be dead, but who is now a wealthy resident of Victoria, Australia. In April, 1862, Fred E. Woolworth, of Waterbury, aged 23, disappeared. Nothing was heard of him, and it was supposed he had committed suicide or had been foisted dead with, and a large sum of money was expended in trying to find his body. All efforts proving fruitless, the search was abandoned and the Woolworth family mourned for the missing one as the victim of a mysterious tragedy.

New Chartered Companies.

At Harrisburg yesterday the following Pittsburg companies were chartered. German Workingman's Publishing Company, capital \$75,000; the Burns Copper Welding Company, capital \$1,000; the Beaded Coal and Coke Company, capital, \$16,000.

The Usual Dividend.

The Philadelphia Company met yesterday and declared a 1 per cent dividend for February. It was said the month had been the most prosperous since the pipes were laid, and the troubles with the line had been fewer than ever before.

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MRS. DR. CROSSLEY, One of the Consulting Physicians of the Catarrh and Dyspepsia Institute at 22 Ninth street.

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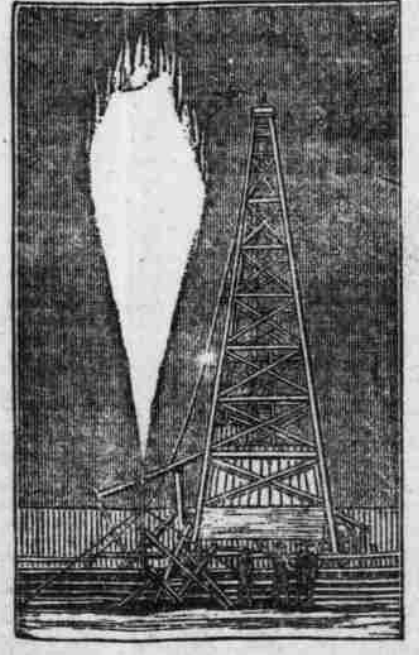
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C. E. ROGERS, Ex-County Surveyor and present City Civil Engineer.

We, the undersigned, are familiar with the above described property and indorse the foregoing statement in reference thereto.

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