

## FROM A PRISON CELL

Comes a Man at One Time Prominent in Philadelphia Politics.

## A CELEBRATED CASE RECALLED.

The Bold Forgery of Millionaire Robert Whittaker's Will.

## A LONG CONFINEMENT ABOUT TO END.

The Trial of the Case Was the Longest Ever Held in the County.

William R. Dickerson, sentenced to prison for ten years for his part in the forgery of millionaire Robert Whittaker's will ten years ago, and who was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary, will be released from prison on Saturday next, after having spent just seven years and 11 months behind the bars. Two years and one month was the commutation he received for good behavior.

When Dickerson was sentenced he was also ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000, but he will probably plead insolvency, and in that way be relieved of that much of his punishment. Dickerson, Joel M. Van Arsdale and Herman C. Pulte were arrested in 1878 on the charge of having forged the will of Robert Whittaker, a miserly millionaire who lived on Sixth street, opposite Washington square. Dickerson was a lawyer and claimed to have transacted Whittaker's business.

TOO MANY WILLS.

When the miser was settled at a railroad crossing at Holmesburg his relatives brought forward for probate a will. They were told that Dickerson, who was in New York, had written to the Register to the effect that he had the latest and true document. The heirs went to him, and he offered to deliver the paper to them for \$100, but it was refused. Dickerson says they then raised the cry of forgery and finally sent him to prison. But as it turned out he was a covey and the most famous wills of the country was begun. Dickerson produced a will, witnessed by Thomas C. Rowlett and Herman C. Pulte, in which the old miser left an estate of \$900,000 to a school for orphan girls on the plan of Girard College.

William Whittaker, Daniel Sheets and A. B. Negus were made executors, but they were to be subject to the advice and consent of William R. Dickerson, who was made solicitor of the estate. The will left the estate to the relatives of the dead miser. The heirs put their derivatives to bed, discovered that Dickerson was in close conference with Pulte, J. Wesley Hollings, Jonathan Schofield, Joel Van Arsdale and a famous Western farmer named Joseph B. Reed.

## CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY.

They claimed that the Dickerson will was forged and Dickerson, Pulte and Van Arsdale were arrested, and in October, 1878, indicted for conspiracy to forge the will. Habeas corpus proceedings were begun before Judge Briggs, and the ball of each was brought down to these figures: Pulte, \$10,000; Van Arsdale, \$8,000, and Dickerson, \$4,000. In the civil proceedings the heirs, with a grant, a re-hearing, and afterward in issue, the case tried in the Common Pleas was granted.

On April 9, 1879, a settlement was effected in favor of the heirs, and Dickerson's will was set aside. Lawyer Furman Sheppard was taken into the case about that time, and was retained to defend the heirs. The trial, which was the longest in the country, not excepting the Bechler trial, was begun on January 26, 1880. John C. Bullitt, Samuel Dickson, John G. Johnson, Samuel Johnson, attorney for the heirs, while the Dickerson party were held in the dock, the jury was seated, and the trial was over.

One hundred and fifty witnesses were examined, and for nearly five months the Judge and jury listened to the evidence.

## THE HEIRS WIN.

Finally, after a five days' speech by Mr. Bullitt, and two or three days' speeches by Mr. Sheppard, a verdict was delivered a charge covering 76 pages of printed paper, let, strongly in favor of the heirs, and being out one day, the jury on the 6th of May gave a verdict for the heirs. The trial cost nearly \$100,000 and consumed over 8,000 pages of typewritten testimony.

## A LODGE INSTALLATION.

The Pittsburg Lodge of Order of Golden Chain the Sixth in America.

Deputy Supreme Commander Samuel L. Omond, assisted by Past Commander Bryant, of Allegheny Lodge, instituted Pittsburg Lodge of the Order of the Golden Chain, in the hall at 81 Fourth avenue, in this city, last night, with 37 charter members.

The following officers were chosen and installed: Past Commander A. H. Mercer, Esq.; Vice Conductor, Robert L. Townsend; Assistant Vice Conductor, W. W. Chaplin; Prelate, George C. Chambers; Guide, J. Kline; Ewing; Secretary, S. R. Barnett; Treasurer, J. C. McElroy; Auditor, E. H. Ward; Trustee, David Collinson, J. C. Dilworth and George W. Ach; Medical Examiner, Dr. J. W. Heustis.

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## A Circular Pit.

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## ROBBED HIS FIANCÉE.

The Very Strange Action of a Young Star About to be Married—Two Hundred Sewing Girls Go Out on a Strike — Nearby News.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH:

ERIE, July 31.—Officers from Meadville arrived here and took away with them Frank Von Martyn, who had been apprehended in this city yesterday. The prisoner is charged with robbing his intended bride, Miss Lucy Jobe, of a watch and chain.

When arrested Von Martyn had his marriage license in his pocket and was to have married to-day. The young man's strange action is unaccounted for, unless it is under the explanation of temporary insanity.

## SEWING GIRLS STRIKE.

They Will Not Submit to a Doubling of the Rent of Machines.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH:

WILKESBARRE, July 31.—The 200 girls employed in Galland's factory have agreed to go out on a strike. The girls are employed in the manufacture of ladies' underwear, and make from \$6 to \$28 a month. They are paid by piece-work, and the company charges them so much for the use of sewing machines. The price was 25 cents a day for each machine.

The company has notified their employees that after the 1st of August the charge would be 50 cents. Hence the strike.

## FIFTEEN MASKED ROBBERS

Tar a Couple Because They Could Not Find Any Money.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH:

WHEELING, July 31.—A party of 15 masked men entered the house of Mr. Brown, who lives in Wetzel county, not far from this city, last night, and while four of them remained outside the house, the rest searched the house. Not finding any money, of which they expected to find a large amount, they became enraged and treated the couple to a tar bath.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown came into town this morning and swore out a warrant for the members of the band, whom they claim they know by name.

## A VICTIM OF UNREQUESTED LOVE.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH:

ERIE, July 31.—Frank Morgan, an employee of the Penn Side Mills, in the western part of this county, while in a state of temporary insanity took a dose of prussic acid with suicidal intent, and but for the fact that he took an overdose, would have accomplished his designs. The would-be suicide is a victim of unrequited love and it is said his affianced has wedded another.

## A PRISONER HANGED IN EGGS.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH:

YOUNGSTOWN, July 31.—Ed Darlington, of New Bedford, who was arrested last week on a charge of having forged the will of a \$25,000 bond. His former friends last night hanged him in eggs on a telegraph pole in front of his house. The effigy was observed by hundreds of people during the day.

## THE ALLEGHENY MYSTERY.

A Young Woman Tells Varying Stories Regarding Her Recent History.

A young woman accused Officer Jack on Friday last night and told him she intended to go to Central station taking at the same time if he would give her a place being offered for a missing girl in Allegheny. He assured her he had not. Then she said she was Susie Dougherty of 111 Monterey street, Allegheny, had left home three weeks ago with a man who had taken her to a hotel, got her drunk, and locked her in a room, keeping her there until yesterday.

She said she wanted to go home, but was ashamed to, and as she understood her parents were offering a reward for her, she thought if she went to Central station they would give her a place. As the woman was well dressed, evidently intend to be slightly intoxicated, the officer took her down to the station. Here she told a somewhat different story, leaving out the statement about her being confined in a room, and said she was the "Allegheny mystery." She could not tell where she was now, but intimated that in the near future would develop something startling with which she was connected.

A call was made at 111 Monterey street, and while none of the Dougherty family could identify the girl, corroborated the girl's story as far as it related to her appearance, though no one had heard of the offered reward nor thought anything of her absence, it was said she was in the habit of leaving home for uncertain periods.

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## Rheumatism,

BING due to the presence of uric acid in the blood, is most effectively cured by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Be sure you get Ayer's and no other, and take it till the poisonous acid is thoroughly expelled from the system. This challenge attention to this testimony:

"About two years ago, after suffering for nearly two years from rheumatic gout, being able to walk only with great discomfort, and having tried various remedies, including mineral waters, without relief, I saw by an advertisement in a Circular Pit, that a man had been relieved of this distressing complaint, after long suffering, by taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I then decided to make a trial of this medicine, and am pleased to say that it has given me a complete cure. I have since had no return of the disease."—Mrs. R. Irving Dodge, 110 West 125th st., New York.

"One year ago I was taken ill with inflammatory rheumatism, being confined to my bed for six months. I was at the point of giving up all hope. I was the victim of the sickness very much debilitated, with no appetite, and my system disordered in every way. I commenced using Ayer's Sarsaparilla and began to feel at once great improvement in strength and soon recovered my usual health. I cannot say too much in praise of this well-known medicine."—Mrs. L. A. Stark, Nassau, N. H.

## Exposition Bonds Booming.

Bonds to the amount of \$15,000, were sold by the Exposition Society yesterday. They were purchased by several persons, among them the several members to the membership of the Exposition Society, who would like to have them. A wide variety of bonds has been put out by the contractors working in the several departments of the buildings, and it is expected that much will be accomplished in the next two weeks.

## Two Contractors Quarrel.

George Kunkel of the Southside charged Charles Fisher with perjury last night before Alderman Hartman. The men are contractors and they had a dispute about some money which they received for building a house. A warrant was issued for Fisher's arrest.

## Ayer's Sarsaparilla,

PREPARED BY  
Dr. J. C. AYER & CO., Lowell, Mass.  
Price \$1; six bottles, \$5. Worth \$8 a bottle.

The Great English Complexion SOAP.  
**PEARS' SOAP.**  
Of all Drugs, but beware of imitation.

THE fretting of children is frequently caused by worms, irritation in stomach and bowels, a febrile breath, constant thirst, an enlarged heart, grating aspiration, often craves strange things, are among the common symptoms. You will find Dr. Jayne's Tonic Vermifuge a handy remedy for them, and an excellent tonic for the dyspepsia of old and young.

Buy Your Table Linens Now—Why? We are selling a real good bleached damask at 50 cents—a better one at 65 cents, and finer grades are also reduced—then good heavy linen napkins—\$1, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50, extra size and weight—you save money on each purchase.

JOS. HORNE & CO.'s  
Penn Avenue Stores.

Frauenheim & Vlach's  
Pittsburgh bear deserves your patronage both for its good qualities and because it is a genuine product of home industry. Call for it at all first-class bars, or order direct. Telephone 118.

White Goods Are Down—10c, 12c, 13c,  
15c, 17c.

Plaid and check white lawns—the best value offered this season.

JOS. HORNE & CO.'s  
Penn Avenue Stores.

For Picnic Lunches.  
The picnic season is now at its height, and the demand for those delightful little indispensables to the picnic lunch basket, Marvin's extra soda crackers and superior gingersnaps is enormous. TUVRSUSS

More of Them—Ladies' Ribbed Vests—4 for  
50 cents.  
White cotton, a decided bargain.

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Marriage Licenses Granted Yesterday.  
Name. Residence.  
Michael Barry.....Mills Township  
John Doyle.....McKeesport  
George Feledelem.....McKeesport  
Anna Fink.....McKeesport  
Wm. Fink.....McKeesport  
Meri Hendricks.....Allegheny  
Wm. McCall.....Turtle Creek  
John McCall.....Turtle Creek  
Thomas Steele.....Pittsburg  
Mary Zimmerman.....Pittsburg  
John Zimmerman.....Pittsburg  
Mary Waish.....Union township  
Charles H. Mason.....Pittsburg  
Charles M. Schreder.....Pittsburg

DIED.

BAYER—On Tuesday, July 30, at 3 P. M., at his residence, No. 13 Diamond, Southside, JACOB BAYER.

Funeral services at his residence, No. 13 Diamond, Southside, on Wednesday, Aug. 1, at 2 o'clock P. M. Interment private.

CASEY—Suddenly, on Wednesday, July 31, 1880, at 2 P. M., MARY ANN CASEY, widow of John Casey, in her 70th year, died.

Funeral services at her late residence, 59 Wickroy street, on Friday, August 2, at 2:30 A. M. Services at St. Paul's Cathedral at 9 A. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

CRAWFORD—In Rome, Italy, June 30, 1880, MARY HENRY CRAWFORD.

Funeral services at family residence in Kittanning at 4 o'clock P. M. THURSDAY, Aug. 1.

ERWIN—At Hulton, Allegheny Valley Railroad, July 30, 1880, at 10 P. M., ALICE C. ERWIN, 21, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Alice L. Erwin.

Interment in Sewickley Cemetery FRIDAY.

GRUBS—On Wednesday, July 29, at 10:30 A. M., at the residence of her sister, MARY GRUBS, 111 Monterey street, Allegheny, had left home three weeks ago with a man who had taken her to a hotel, got her drunk, and locked her in a room, keeping her there until yesterday.

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LINDSAY—On Wednesday evening, July 29, 1880, at 10:30 P. M., JOHN LINDSAY, 111 Monterey street, Allegheny, had left home three weeks ago with a man who had taken her to a hotel, got her drunk, and locked her in a room, keeping her there until yesterday.

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McELROY—On Tuesday, July 30, at 11:30 P. M., SAMUEL MCELROY, JR.

Funeral from his late residence, corner Rebecca street and Swissvale avenue, Wilkinsburg, on FRIDAY, August 2, at 2 P. M. Interment private at 10:30 A. M.

Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

SMITH—On Wednesday, July 31, at 7 o'clock P. M., JAMES SMITH, 111 Monterey street, Allegheny, had left home three weeks ago with a man who had taken her to a hotel, got her drunk, and locked her in a room, keeping her there until yesterday.

She said she wanted to go home, but was ashamed to, and as she understood her parents were offering a reward for her, she thought if she went to Central station they would give her a place.

SNAMAN—On Wednesday morning, July 29, at 10:30 A. M., LAURA SNAMAN, oldest daughter of Louis and Clara Snaman, in