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A PLUNGE INTO A MUDHOLE

The Only Misadventure That Befalls the Party in a Ride of Nine Long Hours,

TRAVERSING 20 MILES OF ROAD.

Washington County Highways a Great Improvement Over Those Lying Nearer Home.

BOTH VERY HARD ON HORSES, HOWEVER

The Fiery Spirits of a Bucephalus Being Tamed Far More Quickly Than by Any Other Method Known.

A TRAVELEE'S LIFE ON A PRAIRIE SCHOONER

THE DISPATCH explorers have started. They find the rural roads bad enough, but not altogether impassable so far as they have progressed. The first day they made 20 miles in nine hours and only got fast in the mud once.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.] THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH COUNTRY ROAD EXPEDITION.

WASHINGTON, PA., April 9. Bucephalus did not rest well last night, That's our lead-horse. It was singular that THE DISPATCH Publishing Company should have purchased an equine with this particular name for the important work of exploring country roads. Bucephalus, it is claimed, is actually descended from that illustrious horse-family which furnished Alexander the Great with the famous steed that carried him through his victories. As a warrior the original Bucephalus was a road destroyer and a bridge-burner. And judging from the vast quantity of the old Washington Pike splashed up in our eyes, over our faces and athwart our clean shirt bosoms-from the amount of roadbed trans ferred by Bucephalus' restless feet to the bottom of our wagon-the DISPATCH'S | Hacke's stables, we venture. Bucephalus has also started out to be a road cestroyer. But he rested uneasy last night | Pittsburg pike is simply frightful in Allebecause he had found the roads already de- gheny county. We only found two fair secstroved. For him there are no more worlds to conquer.

A Studious, Plodding Animal. Our other horse came to us without s

name. He was unknown to fame and fortune. But we have now given him both. We have called him "Beaver." He is a slow, conscientious horse, and with head generally bowed he seems to be engaged in name is appropriate, the reader must admit, for was it not Governor Beaver, who, after a long study of country roads, set on foot the movement to rebuild them? The Governor will go down in Pennsylvania history as a road builder. So will Beaver, our horse, if the way he mixes up turnpike macadam with his hoofs is any indication of character.

This team of horses pranced down Fifth avenue in Pittsburg shortly before 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, drawing THE DIS-PATCH's exploring party's wagon after them. At this writing, the expedition is a day and a half old, and all is well. My traveling companion, who handles the reins. has believed it wise to adapt a railroad trick to an overland journey. At every tenth mile post he sounds the wagon wheels with a monkey-wrench a la Altoona or Cumberland. Thus far the sound is good. The spokes and tires are O. K. The axles are intact.

The Outfit and Impediments. Our wagon is just the thing for an over-

land tour of Pennsylvania, although it reminds one of a prairie schooner. The bed is about 12 feet long by 4 wide. With no bag or baggage except a few gross of Faber pen cils, a ream of reporters' paper and a photographic camera, this affords ample room for the three members of the expedition. Our cot beds fold up on either side and our coffee pot swings contentedly from beneath a seat. These we only expect to use when some unfriendly farmer exposes the rust of his latchstring and his bulldogs try to steal away some of our horse flesh. The dashboard lantern and the inside lamp hang suspended from the wagon inside. They got all banged up in our ride of yesterday and their oily contents, dripping down upon the bundle of blankets, made the paper coyering waterproof.

Within an hour after we had left the "old Stone Tavern" of Temperanceville behind us the rain descended in torrents, and the sea-going qualities of our land schooner were tested for the first time.

### Comfort in a Rain Storm

We reefed all sail, i. e., let down the canwas sides from the extreme front to "the hindmost rear," put up the rubber apron in front and lashed the end gate to Bucephalus' tail. Then we let the thunder storm rage. Inclosed in our moving canvas house we were as cozy, as well protected and as comfortable as though taking our usual noonday lunch in the stone fortress of the Duquesne Club on Sixth avenue. This rain lasted nearly two hours, but that was nothing to us. We made as good time as we had before the rain, and the team seemed to be

enjoying their bath. THE DISPATCH wagon being built on plans furnished by the manager of this expedition is fitted with various contrivances for all sorts of emergencies. As necessity requires their use we will explain them, not before. We don't propose to disclose our architectural secrets unnecessarily.

Route of the Expedition. One little idea, however, will serve to illustrate the practical ideas on which this chariot was built. To the inside of the can-

vas peak, in the front of the wagon, has been pinned a type-written itinerary of the expedition. Every day's progress is there written out in advance—the names of hamlets on the roads between county seats being especially noted so as to prevent losing our way. Then to the canvas sides are tacked county and township maps, which are changed daily from a large sectional atlas of Pennsylvania, to suit the day's pro-

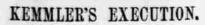
gramme. These maps show every country road in the State. They form a regular network or cobweb. A substantial box underneath the floor of the wagon contains a good compass. Now, as frequently happens in the backwoods, and as did happen to us yesterday, two or more roads meet in a forks. Which one shall we take?

Guided by a Magnetic Needle.

There are no finger boards nailed to surrounding trees. No dwelling house rears its wrong road means a half day's time lost. How are we to avoid becoming belated? Nothing is easier. First consulting the itinerary. Finding there the name of the nearest village or crossroads, reference is then made to the country man; next to the township diagram, and there it is ascertained the road we want runs south southwest or north porthwest, as the case may be. Then the little trap-door to the compass is opened, and by this magnetic needle the right highway is selected. We have adapted ocean methods to our land schooner, as well as railway

I said the borses "pranced" out of Pittsburg. Well, they continued prancing until they had reached the top of the hill beyond the West End. Then they quit their overfed stylishness. It was not compatible with the depth of the mud or the size of the stones which somehow rolled in front of the wagon wheels.

Terribly Harsh Horse Tamers



Death by Electricity - How the Law Forbidding Publicity

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. ALBANY, April 9. - Superintendent Lathrop, of the prison department, Warden Durston, of Auburn, and Dr. Carloss McDonald, of the commission that reported in favor of the substitution of the electric shock in place of the noose in the infliction of the death penalty, met here to-day in consultation to perfect the arrangements for the execution of the sentence of murderer Kemmler, who is to be the first victim of the new mode of punishment. After other matters of detail had been considered. the provision of the lawforbidding the publication of anything but the mere statement that the sentence was duly carried out, came friendly chimney within sight. To take the | up for discussion. It was decided that a representative of the Associated Press and one of the United Press, properly certified to as not connected with or interested in any electrical company, should be given places on the jury which the law authorizes to be present.

No authority to make the details of the execution public is to be granted to them, but, if in view of the great public interest that attaches to the experimental execution, they should be tempted to write up the event they are to do it at their own risk and on their own responsibility. Should they be proceeded against from any quarter for a violation of the law either with a view to their punishment or with the purpose of testing the constitutionality of the provision against publicity they or their employers nust attend to their own defense and not involve the prison department or prison au-

thorities in the responsibility.

Commodore Elbridge T. Gerry, of New York; Dr. Southwick, of Buffalo, and other nembers of the commission that selected the node of execution are also to be present at the execution, and Harold P. Brown, the commission's expert, and five assistants as well.

CARPENTERS' STRIKE IN STATU QUO.

trikers Are Closely Watching the Outpo

Urging Men Not to Work.

CHICAGO, April 9 .- There is no change in

strikers have pickets at the depots in almost

all suburban towns, and when they find any

of their trade coming to the city they labor

with them, and almost invariably succeed in

inducing them not to work. The strike is

costing them between \$3,500 and \$4,000 per

week, but they say they are prepared for an

all-summer siege. They have large accumu-

lations in their treasury, and say that when

this money is exhausted they can fall back

upon the National Council. The struggle is

for a recognition, and the master carpenters

The cigarmakers' strike took a new turn

this morning when 50 non-union "bunch

makers" employed at the Columbia factory

struck for higher wages. The employers

caused the arrest of Frank Kemp and John

Debow on a charge of having intimidated

some of the non-strikers. Subsequently the

striking bunch makers voted to join the

This evening 14 master carpenters, em-

ploying 600 men, were closeted with the committee several hours. These master

carpenters, none of whom belong to the Carpenters' and Builders' Association, made

proposition to the committee to form at

offensive and defensive alliance with the

strikers. The non-association masters are,

and have been, willing to grant what the men asked, but as the Builders' Association refuse to arbitrate or settle with the men

those outsiders are compelled to stop work

MORE OF THE GLUE FAILURE.

Judgment Agninst Baeder Entered in

Philadelphia Court.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

the failure of the William A. Baeder Glue

Company, of Pittsburg, there was to-day

entered in Court of Common Pleas No. 3

against William A. Baeder, a judgment

for \$18,927 57 and a foreign attach-

ment in which bail was fixed at \$13,172 76.

The judgment was entered by Mrs. Emily

25, 1890, payable in one day. The foreign

Glue Company.

The attachment consists of an ordinar

Haughey, a special clause for the attach

ment of whatever property of Mr. Baeder's could be found in the jurisdiction of the Philadelphia court, and a summons against

the Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and

ENGLISH BREWERS BOYCOTTED.

Compelled to Sell Their Detroit Establish

ments to Former Owners.

DETROIT, April 9.-The Detroit brew

eries, which were organized into an English

stock company last spring, have not been

successful under the new ownership,

although practically under the same man-

agement as before the sale. The manage-

ment attribute the falling off in business to

the patriotic retailers, who would not purchase their beer of a foreign corporation.

arrived in the city recently, and to-day cor

cluded negotiations, the terms of which are not made public, by which the former

owners resume control of their respective breweries at a price, it is understood, greatly below what the English company paid for

Somerset Won't Go Dry.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. 1

SOMERSET, April 9.-The license business

of this county was finished to-day, Judge

Baer granting a license to Mrs. Jane E.

the first license issued in the borough since the Brooks law went into effect.

Winters, of the Commercial Hotel. This is

the property originally.

The chairman of the English company

Insurance Company as guarantee.

summons in debt against Messrs. Kern and

attachment was issued at the suit of the Market and Fulton National Bank of New

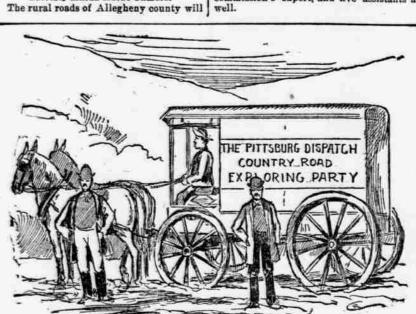
Bentz on a judgment note dated January

PHILADELPHIA, April 9 .- Following

and lose time on their contracts.

declare that they will not grant this.

union.



PRAIRIE SCHOONER AND PARTY.

subdue the most unsubdued horses in Paul The once celebrated Washington and

tions of it in your county. One was two miles of the road in Greentree borough. That was macadamized by the borough soon after its citizens second from Union township.
"Our taxes are only 3 mills higher now hanne a horough,"

said Town Councilman Thomas Cutter to me, "and the township caused us to lose more in wagon repairs and wear of horses on account of had roads than 2 mills This increase of tax is not all due to the road iman unremitting study of the road. The provements, but if it was I say it is cheaper in the end. And besides that it is only first

William Fleming, once a member of the firm of Fleming & Oglevee, hatters, in Pittsburg, lives at Greentree. We met him driving to Pittsburg. He read the sign on our wagon.

Tax Money Thrown Away. "That's a grand scheme," he said. "No mission THE DISPATCH could undertake will accomplish more good for Pennsylvania than this. Why, sir, you see how awful this road is, and yet this is the best highway in this part of the country. The farmers must be educated. They must be made to feel that they lose more by wear and tear on wagons, premature aging of horses, and the loss of marketing profits than they could ever spend in high road taxes-I mean taxes paid and expressly stipulated for macadam-

ized roads. The taxes they now pay are thrown away.' "Your horses are not strong enough," yelled a farmer, as he read our signs when we passed his house.

"Are yours?" I shouted back. "Now you've got me, stranger. They are not. Every time I've had the market waton out this winter and spring I've had double-team it. I'm going to move That reminds me just now that on our

whole ride to Washington we passed 15 vehicles. Only four had two horses. The others had four horses each.

Costly Freight Transportation At Canonsburg we were told at the Sher man House of an oil driller who wanted \$25 worth of freight hauled five miles into the country. He tried it with two. They got him stuck. He added another team. They got him deeper in the mire, where he could never go back. He increased his motive power to six horses. His expenses for hauling that \$25 load were \$30.

At Woodville Robert Lee showed us a

At Woodville Robert Lee showed us a York against Wm. A. Baeder, Howard R. horse which had to be dug out of the mud on Kern and Louis C. Haughey, who have a branch road. It was still sick and yellow been trading as the William A. Baeder with clay.

The moment we approached the Washington county line the roads improved. The pike in upper St. Clair township, of Alle gheny county, and Cecil township, of this county, are prime, broken limestone being well scattered on top and the under bed o 50-year-old macadam furnishing a good foundation. Nearing Canonsburg the deep ruts were so well filled with water that the sun shining upon them for a mile in advance appearing like two bright lines of steel

TWENTY MILES A DAY'S JOURNEY. Within a mile of Canonsburg we stuck fast in a two-foot sink hole. Exasperating as it may seem, just the very first time we wheels, hedge rows formed the fences on both sides of the road. A friend, with his horses, came to our rescue. We put up all night at Canonsburg-just 20 miles from Pittsburg. It was 6 o'clock when we got there. Twenty miles in nine hours is not very rapid, but actually that is better than any other teamster along the line offered to

Leaving Canonsburg at 10:15 this A. M. we stopped here for dinner. Between Canonsburg and Washington the pike is in fair condition. My next letter will embrace the country between Washington and Union-town, including a night stop over at Brownsville.

A \$200,000 Fire in Alabama.

DECATUR, ALA., April 9 .- Fire de stroyed the forging and machine department of the United States Rolling Stock Works this evening. The loss is \$200,000. Four hundred men will be thrown out of employ-

### TORNADO'S PROGRESS

Arranging the Details for the First Lega is to be Evaded.

Everything Leveled in Its Course for About Six Miles.

BARNS CARRIED SEVERAL RODS.

One House Took Fire and was Burned With All Its Contents.

MONEY STREWN OVER THE FIELDS. Twenty Houses and Many Barns Demolished in Huron

County. Two clouds came together Tuesday evening in Medina county, revolving in the fashion of a tornado, and doing a large

buildings.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) AKRON, April 9 .- Two clouds came together Tuesday evening about two miles, northwest of Sharon, Medina county. People who watched them say that two minutes later they began to revolve in tornado fashion and bear down upon the village. The tornado's progress was marked by roaring and grinding sounds. In ten minutes' time it had leveled everything in its track, over six miles of farm land for the width of 30 rods. Dozens of buildings were demolished. and one man was killed instantly, a man and a woman fatally injured and many others were seriously hurt. Forests in which were trees two feet in diameter, were cut down as though they had been cornstalks. The first building caught up was the barn of James Hartman, northwest of Sharon. It landed several rods away and was torn to kindling wood. Then in turn were taken the houses and barn of Uriah Woerstler, the house and barn of Isaac Brown and Frank Lecroix, the barns of Richard Brown and C. C. Crane. These are located just north of Sharon. Then.

MOWING DOWN A MILE or so of timber land and fences, the swirling monster jumped into its work anew at the farm of Christian Wall, east of Center. The large brick barn was torn into little pieces, which were strewn along over a mile. A large two-story house was blown from its foundations and tipped over on its side. A barn nearby was demolished and a horse killed. The brick barn of Mathew Bromley, just across the road, was then given a whirl. Mr. Bromley was caught up and deposited several rods away badly crushed under timbers. He was unconscious to-day and cannot recover. His son landed in the hav mow. The house of Frank Bromley, a quarter of a mile fur-ther on, was blown a long distance from its foundations and, taking fire, was burned up with all its contents. The family escaped by taking refuge in the cellar. An orchard of 50 apple trees was moved clean. Just a quarter of a mile southwest of the house was that of Hughes Frank. Here destruction was most complete,

NOT A STICK LEFT. Not a stick of timber that a man could not easily carry was left. About 150 feet from the house Mr. Frank's dead body was found, with the brains oozing from a hole in the head made by a flat iron. An ear was torn from the head and the legs and arms were broken. In a clover field, 20 rods from the house, lay Mrs. Frank unconscious, GO, April 9.—There is no change in ion in the carpenters' strike. The dislocated and injured internally. She is not expected to survive the night. The family dog lay dead beside her. There were no children in the house. About \$300 in paper money and silver that was in the house was strewn over the fields for a half About half of it was picked up. At the end of its six-mile sweep through Sharon, the tornado rose high in the air, and jumping over the southern part of this city, dropped down upon Springfield township just southeast of Akron. The house of Scott Sweitzer was whirled from the founda tion and scattered over a ten acre field. Sweitzer, who had laughed at his wife's fear for going to the cellar, with her baby, was picked up and thrown head foremost down the cellar way, and quite seriously injured. The family was found ensconsed under the debris uninjured. The pen full of pigs was hurled to their death. Of two

carriages in the barn, only a few spokes could be found. HORSE AND BUGGY CAPSIZED. As Fred Harwicks was trying to hitch his lorse at 6:45 P. M., the tornado caught him and with the horse and buggy was blown quite a distance, receiving severe injuries. Daniel Brown owned five acres of timber, of which not a tree was left standing. George Wise's ten-acre forest was also mowed down. The houses of Robert Callahan, John Robinson, Elias Kuntz and Eli Frank were riddled and their barns blown away. The storm trailed along into Stark county, leaving debris scattered over a stretch of 15 miles. The loss will amount to tens of

thousands. The following persons were injured at Norwalk, O.: Dora M. Palmer, killed, head crushed; Carrie Pettit, cut in face; Louise Brutsche, cut in face and badly bruised about head; Maggie Elme, cut about head and face; Rose Lyke, caught by falling timber, bruised about the shoulder and hand cut; Arthur N. Sprague, bruised about body and face cut. Forty girls were employed in the umbrella factory. The alarm was given of the approaching storm, and they tried to escape from the building, but were not quick enough.

A special from Salem says: Cyclone here last night, in which several houses were blown down and stores damaged, so that they have to stop business. Damascus, a village four miles from Salem, was also completely destroyed.

At Townsend and Collins, Huron county,

the storm did more damage than in Nor-walk. At Collins Mrs. Hoff and daughter received what are thought to be fatal in-juries. Arthur Bly had three ribs broken and his wite's arm was shattered. Several members of the Mead family, L. D. Vining and wife and Mrs. Adam Kile received serious injuries. About 20 houses, two saw mills, a cheese factory and a dozen barns were demolished, trees blown down and fences destroyed. The storm continued for seven hours and was the worst that ever

#### COLUMBUS IS VISITED. A Shaft is Blown Over, Crushing the Roof in

Its Fall. COLUMBUS, GA., April 9.-This after noon Columbus was visited by a fierce cyclone, which came from the Alabama side, and swept over the city with terrific velocity. The shaft over the electric light company's buildings was blown over, crushng the roof and damaging the house of A. J. Norman.

Norman had a narrow escape. The electrie lights are not burning to-night. houses were unroofed and a number of signs blow down. The wind was followed by heavy rain and hail. The storm was very severe in East Alabama,

Crusoes for a Little While. ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. PHILADELPHIA, April 9 .- The steamship Cuba, Captain Middleton, arrived here, having on board nine shipwrecked scamen. whom she rescued from an uninhabited island on Morant Key near Jameica in

starving condition. The men were the Cap-

tain and crew of the Swedish bark Hirno-sand, which struck on Morant Key March 22, and immediately became a total wreck.

### WOMEN IN THE RIVER.

The Entire Hungarian Population Ducket by Angry American Miners-The Result of a Rather Obserious Easter Custom.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 SHAMOKIN, April 9 .- Between 50 and 60 Hungarian women were thrown in the Shamokin creek this evening by the angry miners at Hickory Ridge, and kept there until thoroughly submerged and exhausted.

Many savage struggles occurred between the men and women, and while none were fatally injured, dozens will feel the effects for weeks. The Huns have a peculiar custom amounting to a

religious duty of throwing water on people for two days after Eastar. They think it bad luck in the thrower to fall in an attempt to cover the victim with water. If successfu both will be blessed. The custom obtains, among the most ignorant of the Huns, of which the hamlet of Hickory Ridge abounds.

amount of damage to houses and other No matter who would pass along the highway these Huns would hurl the water at them. As each year passed the American miners would invariably be greeted by buckets of water in the face as they emerged from the mines. Of course fights occurred when the Huns men fired the water, but the miners were too chivalrous to battle with women. To-day the miners heard of an attempt by the women to duck Holden Chester, Jr., and William Rhinehart, two of the bosses. It was decided on quitting work this evening that if any of the men were attacked they would duck all the Hun women in the hamlet. The whistle sounded "all home" at 6 o'clock, and when the first four men gained the earth's surface they were almost drowned with water from the

buckets of a score of women.

The angry miners were reinforced, and while a dozen rushed upon the women and dragged them to the creek a body went into every house in the hamlet in search of Hun women. The fight that resulted was very exciting, and the scene a strange one. In a short time the creek was alive with strug-gling women, while the banks were lined with hundreds of miners and English-speaking residents. As each woman would climb banks some workman would rush at her, and, on picking up the woman in his arms fire her back into the swift running stream. Great care was taken that none of the women would drown, although quites number of them fainted. The Huns are enraged over the affair and threaten

#### rengeance NO DATE FOR THE CONVENTION.

The Democratic Committee Meets, But Takes No Decisive Action. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

HARRISBURG, April 9 .- The Democratic State Executive Committee held a meeting ere to-day to decide on the time for the eeting of the Democratic State Convention. Some of the members favored an aggressive campaign against the party in power in the State, and as a means to promote it suggested the advisability of an early convention. Others thought it political sagacity for the Democrats not to nominate their candidates and adopt their platform of principles until after the Republican convention. There were present at the meeting of the committee ex-Senator Coxe, of Luzerne, B. F. Meyers, of this city, Marshall Wright, of Allentown, Charles P. Donnelly and Mr. Aiken, of Lawrence. The latter earnestly advocated a late convention, and ex-Senator Cove, who had previously expressed himself in favor of an early meeting, admitted that his opinion had undergone a change. Messrs. Kisner and Meyers took the ground that an early convention was demanded by the political

situation As the meeting was not fully attended and the views of members of the committee differed widely on the question indicated no action was taken on it. Another meeting will be held in a tew weeks, when the tim for holding of the convention will be fixed. Senator Wallace was in the city to-day, but he refrained from making any suggestions-to members of the Executive Committee.

### WILL DEMAND EIGHT HOURS.

The New York Cornenters Will Make Move on May 1.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 NEW YORK, April 9 .- The Carpenters' Union of this city met last night in Webster Hall to discuss the question as to whether they shall demand a work day of eight hours on May 1. Of the 3,500 union carpenters in this city only 899 were in attendance. Though the demand for an eight-hour day originated with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Join-ers, the other three unions joined in the discussion. The most of the speakers were from the Amalgamated Union. They talked against an eight-hour work day as an unwise step to take just now. They said it was cer-

tain of tailure. The vote to demand an eight-hour workday on the first Monday in May was 724 in favor and 175 against. Later it was decided to make the vote unanimous. It was said after the meeting that the hostile remarks were inspired by members who belonged to unions that were not in sympathy with the United Brotherhood, which alone is attached to the American Federation of Labor.

### THEY VOTED AT NIGHT.

Democrats Adopt an Original Method of Electing a Senator. PROVIDENCE, April 9 .- A report has

been received from West Greenwich that after the polls closed yesterday afternoon and the vote had been counted, disclosing no election, the Democrats organized an-other meeting and resumed voting. The Prohibitionist Town Clerk had gone home to attend to his chores, but the Democrats elected a Town Clerk pro tem. Fish (Dem.) was elected Senator, and Rathbone (Dem.) Representative.

It is reported that the Town Clerk will refuse to issue certificates of election to Fish and Rathbone. The composition of the Legislature now stands: 52 Republicans, 49 Democrats, with 9 members to be elected,

#### OPPOSED TO SPECIAL PRIMARIES. Friends of Stone Against a Movement by Delamater's Friends.

PRPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

ERIE, April 9 .- There is something of a contest in this county between Senator Delamater and ex-Lieutenant Governo Stone for the delegates to the State Conven-Delamater's friends are making an effort to secure special primaries at an early date, at which the delegates will be The friends of Stone are opposing the special primaries. To-morrow the Republican County Committee will meet and de-

cide the matter. Mr. Stone is making an effort to secure the delegates in this county. MEETING OF ERIE PRESBYTERY.

### The Absorbing Question of Revision to be

Discussed To-Day. ISPECIAL THE FORMY TO THE DISPATCH ! ERIE, April 9 .- The Erie Presbytery, representing over 50 churches, is in session here with over 100 ministers and elders present. Rev. Dr. Jonathan Edwards, of Meadville, was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Amzi Wilson Stated Clerk. Rev. Amzi Wilson and Rev. Dr. Kneeland, of this city, were elected delegates to the General Assem-bly. The subject of revision will come up o-morrow on a majority and minority re

The committee stands 7 to 2 in favor of revision and the Presbytery will undoubt-edly favor revision by a large majority.

## THE END NOW NEAR.

Randall's Family and Friends Have at Last Abandoned Hope.

REED. HIS FORMER ANTAGONIST.

Called at the House, but Nobody Was Allowed at the Bedside.

DEMOCRATS WILL SORELY MISS HIM. inother Debate Upon the Much Mixed Montana Sena

torial Contest.

It is now admitted by all that Congressman Randall is very near the end of earth. There was a constant stream of visitors at his residence yesterday, including Speaker

Reed, but none were permitted to see the

dying man. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. WASHINGTON, April 9 .- Samuel J. Randall has but a short time left to live. His family and friends have to-day been forced to admit that his strong constitution and his iron will is giving way at last, and death must follow soon. The almost hopeless condition in which Mr. Randall is now has existed practically since Saturday last. On that day his life was despaired of and he

has had but few bright hours since. He was feeling better last evening, and talked with one or two friends and glanced for a few moments at the newspapers. This brief respite from pain was but the shadow of coming evil, however, and to-day the vitality of the great Pennsylvanian has sunk to the lowest ebb and his friends are compelled to give up hope. All during the week Mr. Randall's colleagues in the House, who have been made aware of his real condition, have talked among themseives of their coming loss, exchanged reminiscences about the life and character of their friend and co-worker.

# ALL HOPE VANISHES. It did not become generally known until to-day that Randall's condition was so critical. It has been known for months that his hold on life was slight, but yet there has been during all of that time the possibility that he might at last shake off the dreadful disease and recover. When to-day this one

slender hope was blasted, members freely expressed their sorrow and spoke of the great loss in store for them. All day there has been a constant stream of visitors to the little red brick house in the quiet street on Capitol Hill where Mr.

Randall has made his home for many years. Speaker Reed was one of the first to call, but even he was denied the privilege of shaking the hand of his friend and old antagonist. As the morning wore away and the hour for the meeting of the House ap-proached, callers became more numerous, until the family was compelled to request that hereafter all inquiries should be made of Mr. Randall's physician, who lives just around the corner. A NON-COMMITTAL PHYSICIAN.

To all of his visitors the young doctor re-plied that Mr. Randall's condition was critical in the extreme, but would not say that death was near, or that absolute recovery was impossible. From the accounts which Dr. Mailan gave, however, it was plain to everyoody that Mr. Randall's days are numbered, and all who talked with him carried to the House the news that the Demcrats would never see their great leader

During the past day or two the relatives of Mr. Randall, most of whom live in Penn-sylvania, have been made aware of his critical condition, but none have yet been sum-moned. All the members of his immediate family are here. His wife is in constant at-tendance, assisted by her married daughter, Mrs. Lancaster, of Washington, and her unmarried daughter, Miss Susie, and her

age.

The news this morning that Mr. Randall had but a short time to live fortunately did not come to his old colleagues in the House in the nature of a painful surprise, as they have been prepared for this information for many months. Mr. Randall had been a man always looked to when the party needed a spokesman of force and action, that his absence from the House has been most keenly felt.

### NOTHING BUT PATIENCE.

Even those Democrats who disagreed with Mr. Randall in regard to his attitude on the tariff question respected and admired his ability, and had nothing but praise for him as a man. He has so often fought battles for his party in the House, oftentimes against great odds, and with such wonderful success that he had come to oked upon as practically invincible. During the recent contest over the adoption of he new rules, Mr. Randall was most sadly missed, and a thousand times a day during that exciting debate members were heard to regret that he was not present to hold the party together, and make a concentrated fight, that would have robbed the Republicans of much of the honor of their victory. In all of the discussion that has arise since his illness regarding his life and character, the most prominent feature has been the universal testimony to the man's unimpeachable honesty and integrity. Mr. Ran-dall has fought many bitter fights in the House, and has arrayed against himself the most powerful combinations and corpora-tions, but to his honor it must be said that his personal honesty has never been brought into question. He has never been accused of jobbery or corruption, and the simplicity of his daily life bore testimony to his honesty of character.

### NOT FOND OF DISPLAY.

For several years he has lived in the most modest manner possible. He and his family took no part in the social life of Washing-ton, and except among public men, with whom his daily work brought him in contact, he had few companions. His evenings were spent in his library, and hard work clung to him there as it did in the House He was happy in his domestic relations, however, and always seemed content to live in the privacy of his own family and

Mr. Randall possessed little in the way of wordly goods, never having had the time to make money. His family will not be left unprovided for, however, as friends in Philadelphia stand ready to create a fund to be invested for their benefit at Mr. Randall's

IT WILL BE A SUCCESS.

Echols Thinks the Prospects for the Scotch-Irish Congress Bright.

IFROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT, 1 WASHINGTON, April 9 .- Mr. John M. Echols, the Pittsburg attorney, who is so enthusiastic in his labors for the success of the Scotch-Irish Congress, to be held soon in Pittsburg, passed through the city to-day on his way home from New York, where he has been working to further the interest of the gathering. Mr. Echols states that the propects are all in favor of a great success. About 3,000 specially invited Scotch-Irish citizens of local or National distinction have signified their purpose to attend. It is probable that at least 15 Governors of States of otch-Irish extraction will be present.

Still No Action in the Senate.

World's Fair project for half an hour more this morning. No conclusion w. more this morning. No conclusion

#### VIGOROUS LANGUAGE.

Vote on the Matter.

senator Turple Grows Warm in Discussing the Montana Election Contest -Mr. Call Prevents a Final

WASHINGTON, April 9 .- The Senate today resumed consideration of the Montana contested election case and Mr. Pugh concluded his argument in favor of the Demo cratic claimants-Messrs. Clark and Ma ginnis. Mr. Turpie, also a member of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, presented an argument on the same side of the question. He said that the canvassing board at Helena had no right to throw out the abstract of returns at Silver Bow, precinct 34. They might have thrown out the abstract for the whole county of Silver Bow, but not a part of it. They had not dared to throw out the abstract for the whole county, because that would have defeated the Republican candidates for Congress. The action of the Territorial Board of Canvassers was an act of usurpation, and therefore auterly void. Further on he spoke of the canvassing board as "A triple coil of adders," composed of "A Chief Justice from Verulam, a Secretary from Sodom and a Governor from Gomorrah," and he wound up with a scathing denunciation of all concerned. In the course of a discussion as to the time for coming to a vote it was stated by Mr. Morgan that Democratic Senators, while not prepared to fix any limit to the debate were ready to vote upon the question with-

out further debate. On a question of this sort (he said) the Senate ought to act as it would on a question of impeachment, in which no Senator would dare to leave his seat without a better excuse than the lunch table, or private business in a committee The offer to have the vote taken without further debate was accepted on the Repub-lican side, but that arrangement was de-feated by Mr. Call taking the floor and stat-

#### AN UNPOPULAR CHOICE.

subject to-morrow.

ing his desire to address the Senate on the

Hallister Will Probably be Selected as Postmaster of Mendville.

IFROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.1 WASHINGTON, April 9. - Postmaster General Wanamaker to-day called for the papers accompanying the application of Loren Hallister to be Postmaster at Meadville, the candidate recommended by Representative Culbertson. Other candidates were Colonel J. W. H. Reisinger, who made such a fine record as the last Republican Post-master; Hays Culbertson, N. B. Hofford and

Captain Isaac Myers.
Friends of other candidates say that Hallister's appointment will be very unpopular, because he belongs to what is known as "the Court House ring," and has been always in office. He is a veteran one-armed soldier,

#### TO ARBITRATE EVERITHING.

The Final Adjournment of the Pan-Amerlean Congress in Sight. WASHINGTON, April 9.-The final adjournment of the Pan-American Confernce is in sight. It will probably occur next Wednesday. At the meeting of the conference to-day, the reports on the Committees on General Welfare, Banking and Port Dues, were presented, and after being printed will be taken up for consideration.

It was stated by several lawyers in Doylestown who are familiar with his latest trans-The Committee on General Welfare recommended the negotiation of a general treaty by the Republies of North, South and Central America and Hayti, to refer all disputes, differences and contentions that may arise between any two of the nations to ar-

### CHEAP SCHOOL BOOKS.

Measure Providing for a State Sewer Passes the Ohio Senate-A Stringent Compulsory Education Bill

itration for settlement.

Also Adopted. ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. COLUMBUS, April 9 .- Although this was Ripper day in the Legislature according to enstom, the Democrats were unable to muster enough members to enter upon the work. The most important bill of the day, and which passed the Senate by an almost unanimous vote, was the School-book bill. It provides for a commission to adopt a series of text books and have them printed at the expense of the State, and to be furnished to Boards of Education at cost, with 5 per

cent added. A strong fight has been made against the measure by representatives of the school book publishers, and especially so by the representatives of Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., whose agent was denounced upon the floor of the Senate, several of the members saying they would vote for the measure because of the outrageous manner in which they had been hounded during the session. It is believed the bill will pass the House and become a law and thus settle a question which has been agitating the Legislature

or several years. Representative Monott, of Stark county secured the passage of a similar bill in the House of the last General Assembly, but it failed in the Senate. The House passed Mr. Bramin's bill making important amend-ments to the compulsory education law. Under the amendments parents or guar dians are compelled to start children to school during the first four weeks of the school year, and all youths of scho living apart from their parents shall be en titled to free intuition. It is made manda tory on Boards of Education to furnish without cost books to pupils of indigent pa-

### NO MONOPOLY WANTED.

Small Boss Carpenters in Chicago Will Form an Organization. CHICAGO, April 9 .- On Friday afternoon

there will be a meeting of small boss carpenters. These number nearly 1,700, and their purpose is to form an organization, not to defeat the aims of the strikers, with whom they are in sympathy, but to prevent the association bosses, who only number 120, from monopolizing the carpenter trade in their own interest. When the organization is formed it will

#### immediately arbitrate with them. IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE

Is the Sentence of the Jury in the Peters Case.

CHICAGO, April 9 .- The jury in the case of Henry Lyons, charged with the murder of Ben Peterson, returned a sealed verdict this morning, finding Lyons guilty of murder in the first degree, and fixing the penalty at life imprisonment. The prisoner is only 16 years of age. Peterson was a harmless Swede, and the crime was entirely provoked. The condemned youth heard his sentence with the utmost merely said: "Well, I am in luck."

### NEARLY 100,000 ACRES BOUGHT.

The Sum of \$450,000 Paid for West Virginia Timber Land.

PECTAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH CHARLESTON, W. VA., April 9 .- One of ever consummated in West Virginia has just been closed, by which Jed Hotkiss, of E WAS A NAPOLEON

Township in Bucks County ected by the Financial S. 17

OPEL JNS OF SHELLENBERGER.

All of the Tradesmen and Even Many of the Servants Canght.

\$100,000 BELIEVED TO BE MISSING.

Each Passing Hour Increases the Amount of the

Alleged Defalcation, J. Monroe Shellenberger, of Bucks county, is still missing, and it is now asserted that \$100,000 will not cover the shortage in his accounts. Doylestown is decidedly

townships in the county and extend to Philadelphia.

gloomy, as nearly every one in the place is

involved. The operations reach all the

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—The flight of Monroe Shellenberger and the condition in which he left his affairs proves to be much more sensational than was at first imagined. Doylestown is agitated and excited as it has never been, and there was trepidation all over Bucks county to-day, as there is hardly a township without its victims. To-day's developments showed Shellenberger's operations and deficiencies to be

on a very extensive scale. They extend to Philadelphia, where single individuals lose many thousands, and also, it is said, to Norristown and other parts of the State. The estimate of the losses involved, as given in THE DISPATCH to-day, was about \$75,000. It is now known there is over that amount of losses in Dovlestown alone, and the total defalcation will doubtless aggregate \$100,000.

#### ALL CLASSES CAUGHT.

The incident has thrown a gloom like that of some great calamity over the thriving and prosperous town. Men wore long faces and at the banks, hotels and in offices, and on the street nothing else was talked of. All classes are affected, and farmers, lawyers, butchers, bakers, hotel keepers, tradesmen, bank officers and even servants all suffer

alike, though in a different degree. Shellenberger has left matters in a such condition that no one expects to see him back. The transactions, some on an extensive scale, are of such a character that the missing lawyer stands in the light of a fugi-

tive from justice.

A note mailed from Philadelphia and dated Atlantic City, is said to have been re-ceived by one of his children, saying: "Take good care of yourselves. All will be clear some day," but nothing would be said about this at the house. Some of Shellenberger's friends in Doylestown said they had reason

to believe that he had started for South America.

TOOK EVERYTHING IN SIGHT. It now transpires that for several days before leaving Shellenberger secured in every possible way, not only in Doylestown, but through Bucks county and in Philadelphia. ail the money that he could possibly get. actions that he must have energed away wi him not less than \$15,000 in cash, secured

within a week or two of his departure. Some of this was on so-called judgment notes that now prove to be worthle other cases he gave checks, asking that they should not be used for a few days, and now these checks, which have been coming in by the score, are disowned by the Union Trust Company of Doylestown, upon which they were drawn and in which Shellenberger was director. If there ever was any money to meet them it has been required to partially cover the paper bearing Shellenberger's name, which the Trust Company holds for loans. In other cases the money was bor-

#### rowed cutright without any pretense of se curity.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. This systematic gathering of money from everyone who had confidence in him by Shellenberger within a few days of his departure is what gives additional color to the belief that he has turned his back upon his splendid home and children, not intending to return. All the facts show that Shellenberger's is the old, old story of vanity and extravagance and misplaced confide venality that is being rehearsed in the newspapers almost every day. A Bucks county youth of more than the ordinary brightness and intelligence, he was brought up in a lawyer's office, became a partner, and when the partnership was dissolved he

carried a good practice with him. His Pennsylvania Dutch parentage led many of that strong, thrifty element in the county to feel a pride in his progress as well as have confidence in him, and when he went away he had the largest Orphans' Court and general practice of any lawyer in the county. Possessed of a remarkably attractive person, a persuasive talker and always carrying a bold front, he had just the ous Bucks county folks, who trusted him

#### absolutely. INDICTED FOR FORGERY.

The Result of a Civil Sait Upon One of the Lippincott Notes.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 MAY'S LANDING, N.J., April 9 .- Among the civil cases noticed for trial at the present term of the Atlantic County Court was that of the Second National Bank of Atlantic City versus Mary A. Haines, foster sister of Julia C. Lippincott. On the part of the defense Mary A. Haines, Isaac W. Stokes and Edwin L. Lippincott were examined, and they declared the use of their names on the note, either as makers

or indorsers, to be a forgery.

This being the case, the Sudge dismissed the suit against the defendant. Immediately afterward the grand jury found an indictment for forgery against Mrs. Julia Lippin-

A TOWN UNDER WATER.

The Merchants of Arkansas City Doing Business on Scaffolds. ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR.

ARKANSAS CITY, April 9 .- This is the center of the worst flood on the Mississippi river between Memphis and Vicksburg. The town is completely under water, and about half of the population has deserted it. The houses all stand in water from four to six feet deep. Merchants are doing business on scaffolds built with talse floors on the

The present flood, which is two feet higher than ever known before, is due to the great volume pouring out of the Arkansas river. The breaks in the levees on both sides of the river do not relieve the main body of the Mississippi to any extent.

#### A Yawning Gulf Near Carbondale. PRECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR.1

occurred this morning at Mayville, two the largest mineral and timber deals miles from this city, which swallowed up two houses in the heart of the village, and there are fears that it will continue and do WASHINGTON, April 9.—The Senate Staunton, Va., transfers to Low, Aspinwall & Co., for \$450,000, about 100,000 acres of world's Fair sub-committee talked over the land in Lincoln and Wyoming counties.

CARBONDALE, PA., April 9 .- A cave-in