

MINISTER EXPOSED.

How Pension Examiner Davis Broke Up a Clearfield Preacher's Little Game of Extortion.

A WEDDING THAT DIDN'T COME OFF. One of the Jokes on James Whitcomb Riley That Reverted on the Man Who Tells It.

SOME GREAT BATHING IN SALT LAKE. Pencil and Laughable Blunder of a Near-Sighted Insurance Agent.

Pension Examiner Davis, who is located in the Government building, is a man who has some rather peculiar experiences. The other day he told this story:

"Some years ago I called on a Clearfield editor, an old friend. When I was about to go he asked me if there was any other pension examiners in that section. I answered that I was the only man who had a right to represent Uncle Sam in the territory.

"Well," he said, "there is another here, an old Winesbrennarian preacher."

"I concluded to look up the minister and his record. I soon discovered that he was in the habit of going to widows who were receiving pensions, and claiming that he understood they had secured them through fraud, and he was sent by the Government to investigate their cases. He usually concluded the transaction by extorting money from the scared women. I telegraphed to Pittsburgh for instructions but they wired me there was no law covering such cases, but that I should publicly expose him as I knew how to do. This I did.

THE PLAN UNFOLDED. "Going to one of the victims, I said it was necessary for me to have her testimony in the next town, but as she was a cripple, I told her the daughter, a pretty girl, who was acquainted with the facts, would do as well. The girl and I got into a sleigh, and then I unfolded my plan. I began by saying that she had her part to perform in a little drama, and I was to play Zerkowid and she the intended bride. She objected at first, but I assured her the ceremony would never be performed, and she finally consented.

ARRIVAL OF THE PREACHER. "Soon the old preacher arrived, and I met him in the sleigh where the poor people were standing around. I was glad to see him, and understood he was a very discreet man. The old fellow wore his long coat, and his Bible in his hand.

FAIR FLYING FINGERS

Whose Speed Earn for Their Owners Comfortable Livings as STENOGRAPHER OR TYPEWRITER, And the Salaries They Can Command as Experts in Pittsburgh.

A GREAT FIELD FOR WOMAN'S WORK. The click, click, click of the machines could be heard distinctly ere the door was reached in the large hallway opening into the pleasant little office of Lucy Dorsey Jams, who in the past three years, by her skill and rapidity in shorthand writing, and her accuracy and promptness in transcribing on the machine, has established a business in this that necessitates regularly the services of two assistants, and yields an income not to be despised by any professional man. The lady herself is of medium height and slender build, with a bright, intelligent face, and a business-like manner.

Several days after the event I saw Riley sitting with several men in an Indianapolis hotel, and going over to him I told the joke on myself to the crowd. No one enjoyed it more than Riley, but I felt rather chagrined. I have never tried to make impressions on strangers since.

CUTTING RATES TO TEXAS. Now is the Time to Ship High Class Freight to Southwestern Points. "The Texas rates for this territory are badly demoralized at present," remarked an agent of the Cotton Belt road yesterday.

HAS A BALANCE ON HAND. Satisfactory Financial Outcome of the Sabbath School Convention. The committee on Entertainment of the late International Sabbath School Convention held its financial meeting yesterday morning at 11 o'clock in the reception room, City Hall.

CONSIDERABLE TO ATTEND TO. A Busy Meeting Ahead for the Federation of Catholic Societies. The American Federation of Catholic societies, Pioneer Diocesan Council, will meet to-night in the Knights of St. George Hall, Penn avenue.

HE WAS NEAR SIGHTED. How an Insurance Agent Mistook a Florist's Announcement for His Name. There is a certain florist in Pittsburgh who has printed on his window in big, black letters the words, "hardy plants a specialty."

REBELS IN VACCINATION. Captain Gray Speaks From Years of Experience on the Health Board. Captain Crosby Gray, formerly connected with the Pittsburgh Board of Health, but now engaged in Chief J. O. Brown's office, is a firm believer in vaccination.

REBELS IN VACCINATION. Captain Gray found that where vaccination was practiced, the mortality was less than where it was not.

A TRIO IN TROUBLE.

Decision Reserved in the Case of the Three School Directors. THOUGHT HE WAS NATURALIZED. Petition in Court to Dissolve the Pittsburgh Clay Pot Company. SUITS AND APPLICATIONS ENTERED.

A hearing was had before Judge Collier yesterday on the appeal of Edward Walwright, Alderman Kerr and J. Lockhart, all of the Fifteenth ward, from the decision of the Justice of the Peace at Oakmont. On the occasion of the picnic at Hulton station of the Fifteenth ward school, some of the boys while playing ball knocked the sphere into a house and broke several articles.

HE WASN'T A CITIZEN. Peculiar Point Raised by a Young Man in the Courts. Four persons were naturalized in the United States Courts yesterday. A peculiar question was raised by an applicant for papers. The statute provides that when an alien has complied with the first provision, taking out his first papers, shall die before completing his naturalization his widow and children shall be considered citizens of the United States.

FLOODED THE CELLAR. Charged With Breking a Waste Water Drain Near Spruce Street. Suit was entered yesterday by Henry, John and Martin Donnelly and Margaret Hillman against Mary J. Shortz, Wm. Greenleaf, Maria Wilson and Clifton Wilson for damages. It was stated that on August 6 the defendants unlawfully entered the property of the plaintiffs, near Laurel and Spruce streets, and broke the waste water drain.

THOUSANDS DIVIDED. Disolution of the Pittsburgh Clay Pot Company Petitioned For. A petition was filed yesterday asking for a decree for the dissolution of the Pittsburgh Clay Pot Company, Limited. The company was organized December 18, 1879, and the resolution to dissolve the company was passed by a majority of the stockholders January 25, 1890.

TO SUUNDER MARRIAGE TIES. Points Raised in Suits for Divorce Pending in the Courts. In the divorce case of Mrs. Mary E. Loughry against William M. Loughry, a rule was issued yesterday for Loughry to show cause why he should not pay money to his wife for support and for counsel fees pending the suit.

WANTS TO LEAVE PRISON. William Williams Claims His Arrest is Illegal, and Asks to be Released. A petition was filed yesterday for a writ of habeas corpus to secure the release of William Williams from the workhouse. Williams was arrested on Washington street, May 22, while quarreling with a woman, and Magistrate Gripp sent him six months to the workhouse on a charge of vagrancy.

NONE BUT AMERICANS ON GUARD. The Jr. O. U. A. M. Protest Against the Employment of Aliens in the Department. A committee representing the Jr. O. U. A. M. of this city waited upon Mayor Gough yesterday afternoon to protest against the employment of Italian or other un-naturalized aliens by the Department of Public Works.

Cornerstone of a Temple. Grand Procession to the New Church of St. Peter and Paul. Five thousand men will parade through Station street at 3:15 this afternoon to Penn avenue, to Highland, to Station street, to Larimer avenue, thence to the new church of St. Peter and Paul, where the corner stone will be laid with appropriate services.



DEATH OF HENRY H. BYRAM. A Well-Known Pittsburgh Newspaper Man Passes Away Peacefully.

The announcement of the death of Henry Herbert Byram, editor-in-chief of the Chronicle Telegraph, at 1:30 yesterday afternoon, was received with sorrow by his many friends. Suffering from a lingering illness, his strong vitality succumbed to the dread disease at last. Mr. Byram will always be remembered as a man who, through tireless energy, established himself among the foremost newspaper editors of the country.

The deceased was born at Gardner, Me., December 3, 1845. His father came to the city when quite young. Henry engaged in the oil business, and afterward went to the war. Returning, he started in business at New Bedford, Ma., and then went to McKeesport, where he began his successful newspaper career on a weekly. Later he became identified with the press of this city. Mr. Byram helped to establish the United Press, and was a director of the Western Associated Press.

He is expected that delegates will be present to-night from bodies that heretofore have had no connection with the Federation. These come from societies both in the city and in the small towns of the country.

REMARKABLE AFFIDAVIT MADE BEFORE AN ALDERMAN. Charles E. Bernhard, of No. 69 Ohio street, Allegheny, yesterday went before Alderman McKelvey and made an affidavit to the effect that he had never attempted to commit suicide, nor had he been treated at the Mercy Hospital for delirium tremens.

THE LIST OPPOSED FOR ANOTHER PIANO CLUB. Mr. Alex. Ross, the manager of the Everett Piano Club, has just returned from a tour among the piano factories of the East. After a thorough examination of all the leading pianos he has again selected the Everett as the best, and has contracted with that company for another 350 pianos.

THE PIANO CLUB. The piano delivered on the 81 weekly payments this week goes to Mrs. Byron Van Fossen, Snyder st., Allegheny, on certificate No. 88.

REFRIGERATORS MARKED AWAY DOWN!

Some lady asked us yesterday: "What'll you do with your Refrigerators when the season'll be over?" We told her that we wouldn't have any at that time. And we won't—not if reduced prices will sell them. They surely will.

We have about 500 Refrigerators still on our hands. We believe there are 500 homes that need them. We think there are 500 economical housekeepers who will be ready to take them.

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