

HE FAILED TO BITE. One Farmer Found Too Sharp to be Fooled by the Golden Brick. THREE GLIB-TONGUED STRANGERS. After Thinking They Had Their Fish Safely Fast on the Hook. FIND THEMSELVES BADLY TAKEN IN.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

BRADFORD, Dec. 24.—C. W. Scott Stuckey, a well-known young farmer, who lives in Bedford township, near the village of Wolfburg, passed through a memorable experience last week, when he escaped a skillfully planned scheme of swindlers.

Tuesday he was visited by a man who said he came from Huntington to buy a farm for a gentleman worth \$150,000. The gentleman had some disquieting news, he said, and would get them away from their evil associates and start them in life where they would not be surrounded by temptations.

He introduced himself as John Sanders and said he was looking for relatives among the Stuckeys, of Bedford county. He claimed to be a descendant of the Stuckeys of Virginia, and said that his uncle had taken him, when a boy, to California.

After learning that Mr. Stuckey knew nobody in Bedford county, Sanders announced that he had an aunt, a Miss Susan Stuckey, living in that place, and he thought perhaps a visit to her would establish a satisfactory connection.

Mr. Stuckey agreed to accompany Sanders, and he took him to the home of his aunt, where he introduced him to the persons who were named, and to them he proposed great interest in his work.

Yesterday Sanders returned to Stuckey's. He said he had been to Piedmont, and he produced a letter from "Aunt Susan," addressed to Stuckey. The good old lady set forth that Sanders was an uneducated man, with little knowledge of the world, and she commented him to Stuckey's care.

He opened the Gold Racket. He told how two Indians had discovered a rich deposit of gold in Arizona, and had accumulated enough of the precious metal to make three bars. Their treasure was discovered by some Mexicans, who undertook to gain possession of the mine.

Another meeting of the independent producers of the Emmenton district was held Saturday afternoon in the Opera House. Plans for building an independent refinery and pipe lines were discussed in detail.

AMERICAN RAILROAD BUILDING. Interesting Statistics for the Preceding Four Years of History. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—In its issue of this week the Engineering News will publish summaries of the progress of the American railroad building on track laid on extensions of steam railway lines in the United States, upon which regular trains are run to and from business as compared with both freight and passenger traffic for the calendar year of 1890.

What the Railroads Are Doing or Will Do for the World's Fair. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—At a meeting of the General Managers of the Western railroads, centering at Chicago, yesterday afternoon, the general officers of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy to-day, to devise plans for the conveyance of passengers and freight during the World's Fair, and to use the same.

WEEKEND PASSED AT SEA. A British Steamer Experiences a Tempestuous Voyage. BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The steamship British Empire, which arrived at Boston to-day from London, encountered continuous heavy weather during the passage. She had two forward ventilators swept away by the heavy sea, and was obliged to stop at sea for several days.

MURDERED BY HER HUSBAND. Sad Fate of a Woman Who Feared the Temper of Her Spouse. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Bridger Donnelly was murdered by her husband, Henry Donnelly, this forenoon, in a tenement in Brooklyn. The murderer was arrested and locked up to await the coroner's action.

SETTLED ON A PRICE. Judge Acheson Fixes the Value of Dock and Dam No. 7 at \$209,000. NOTHING FOR THE FRANCHISE. The Grand Jury Returns a Big Batch of True and Ignored Bills.

ALL THE NEWS OF THE COUNTY COURTS

Judge Acheson, of the United States Circuit Court, handed down his finding yesterday in the Monongahela Navigation Company's suit in the condemnation of the Government of Lock and Dam No. 7. The compensation is fixed at \$209,000, and in finding for this amount the Court passed on certain points of law submitted by the United States and the navigation company.

THE TRIAL OF SAWLELL. The Direct Evidence for Both Sides is Now All Taken. ALL TAKEN. The trial of the Sawlell murder case is now over. The jury returned a verdict of guilty on the charge of murder in the first degree.

ANOTHER ACCIDENTAL ELECTROCUTION. Electricity Passes Through Several Mediums Into a Negro's Body. MEMPHIS, Dec. 24.—A negro named Will Groverman was killed this afternoon by leaping up against an iron post which was connected with an electric wire.

LIQUOR MEN INDICTED. The Grand Jury Does a Big Day's Work and Takes a Holiday. The grand jury made the following return to court yesterday, and adjourned until Monday.

LUPUS PATIENTS BEING CURED. Dr. Koeh's Remedy Successfully Tried in Two New York Cases. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—All the inoculated patients at the various hospitals are doing well.

THEY BEAT THE CLERK AND BLOW OPEN THE SAFE. THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CHICAGO STRUCTURE GIVES A PIPE TO BURST. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The combined settlement of the wall of the Government building resulted in the breakage of a water pipe and flooding the basement with water to-day.

A FATHER'S LAST WORDS. He Asks His Boys to Take Good Care of Their Mother. The will of the late Stephen F. Dentler, of the Southside, was filed yesterday for probate.

Little Legal Briefs. CHARGE OF EMBROIDERY. ALEXANDER, CALIF. James Cox is on trial on the charge of aggravated assault and battery preferred by Mary Coon.

Home Down With Infirmities. Age finds its surest place in the benighted world of the aged. The aged are often afflicted with various infirmities, and it is important that they should be properly cared for.

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