

LIVE NEWS OF TWO PITTSBONS

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IS IT AN APRIL FOOL FAKE?

Or Did Philip Kipp Really Cruelly Drown Himself?

F. J. Miller, the well-known farmer of Exeter township, brought to the Gazette office this morning a slip of memorandum paper on which was crudely written the following: "This will confirm my death. You will find my body in the Susquehanna River and my money in the First National Bank Philip Kipp."

THINGS OBSERVED AND NOTED.

The contract existing between the Citizen's Illuminating company and the borough will expire in the near future and already the wisdom of renewing the same is being agitated. The purchasing of fewer plants by many of our neighboring municipalities, to furnish their own light service, suggests would it not be a commendable stroke of enterprise worthy of emulation by our borough?

The recommendation of Professor Stead to the school board at the directors' meeting held Friday evening "that a piano be procured for the high school building" was a wise one, but unfortunately for the community at large, the board saw fit to take no heed of the suggestion, preferring to doctor up an old tuneless organ that is anything but soothing with the surrounding things. Time and again the board has been called upon to buy the present music box required. Last year, if our money serves us correctly, a bill of \$24 was presented and paid. Now the board again orders it repaired, necessitating in all probability an outlay fully as great, if not greater than before.

One of the most interesting reports printed in some time is the annual statement of Pittston township published for the first time in three years. We say interesting because the report is nearly two years behind time, its immense amount of errors and mistakes and, lastly, its illiterate and unintelligent construction. It shows an accidental account of \$127 and the magnificent sum of \$5.18 as the amount of money received from the county treasurer for the township's share of the license money it is presumed. Altogether it is an interesting document and one that serves but one purpose, namely, keeping the taxpayers in ignorance of what is being done with good hard earned money.

Went on scrofula, and every form of impure blood is boldly declared by Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great purifier of all blood diseases.

TOWN TOPICS PAPAGRAPHERD.

An Interesting Budget of News Notes of Both Boroughs.

A valuable horse belonging to W. H. Rosenblatt, the livrman, was killed Saturday night by a coal train in the vicinity of Smithville.

The Father, Matthew Total Abstinence and Benevolence, held their regular monthly meeting yesterday.

Beginning this evening Justin Adams' Comedy company will open a week's engagement in Music hall. There will be a change of bill nightly. The opening attraction will be the sensational comedy of "The Sun."

Pennsylvania Coal company bulletins: No. 8, No. 10, 19, and Old Forge collieries will resume work today. All others will be idle until further notice, except No. 4, which will be idle on Monday, but will resume work on Tuesday.

The funeral of Mrs. Martin Barrett will occur this morning at 9 o'clock with a requiem high mass in St. John's church. Interment will be made in Market Street cemetery.

The weather yesterday was such as to permit the introduction of the new spring hats, and dresses resplendent in various hues were strikingly noticeable.

The established committee of the Cambro-American society has substituted for the female chorna selection, "Dolls of Aberdovey," another selection, "The Corralled Caves of Ocean," by Henry Smart, owing to the impossibility of securing copies of the first named piece.

The Water street bridge was discovered to be on fire yesterday morning. The promptness in extinguishing the blaze in all probability saved what would have proved a disastrous conflagration. This makes the second time within a few days, and the impression is there is a firebug on large.

The night school at the Tabernacle will re-open this evening at 7:30 p. m., with increased facilities and an enlarged corps of teachers, and continue its session every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings for two months.

The Ministerial union will meet in the Young Men's Christian association rooms at 11 a. m. this morning. By action taken at the last meeting, the executive committee was directed to invite the Rev. E. E. Eckel to prepare a paper on the subject: "Interdenominational Comity as a Possible Prelude to the Organic Unity of Protestant Christianity." Mr. Eckel will, accordingly, introduce this subject at the meeting today and interesting article is looked for.

Contrary to expectations Mr. Mallin assumed the duties of his new position yesterday, his commission having arrived from Washington, D. C., late Saturday afternoon.

It has been learned on excellent authority that Manager G. mewell will in the near future send a representative to this place to ascertain the trouble pertaining to the "steam blowing whistle." Mr. G. mewell, in a letter stating the above intention, says it is

his purpose to be "right and just in the matter, and don't ask the council to pay for what is not as represented."

For some reason, not exactly clear, the Suburban Passenger Railway company has ceased operations on William street, and have paid off their employees.

Rev. A. Furman, who has been conducting special meetings in the Luzerne Avenue Baptist church for the past two weeks, left Saturday for his home at Chad's Ford, Pa.

Among the Pittston cases in the Orphan's court disposed of Saturday were: Estate of Michael Reap, executor directed to satisfy mortgage. Estate of Mary O'Brien, rule to pay money order to administrator.

Hollis P. Law, son of Charles P. Law, of Wyoming, died yesterday morning at 3 o'clock of convulsions caused by a relapse of the measles. He was aged two years. Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment in West Pittston cemetery.

The Dentist and His Pipe.

A Commonwealth avenue physician had been dining in a professional crochets, and as the cigars were lighted, he talked drifted to the tobacco habit, first, in its effect upon the race at large, and then to its peculiar effects upon various individuals. I know a man, said the elder physician—in fact, he is now in my employ—who is a victim of the strangest whims in regard to the use of the weed that ever came under my observation. He is a Scotchman, about 60 years old. Twelve years ago he deserted from the English navy and came to this country, when I gave him a position as coachman. One morning I went into the stable, and noticed that a hole about two feet square had been cut in a partition between two stalls, and a little shelf had been nailed up underneath it. I wondered what on earth it had been done for, but Donald was away at the time and when he came back it had slipped my mind.

It was a week afterward before I had occasion to go into the stable again, and when I did I found Donald standing on a stool, leaning his elbow on the shelf, with a long clay pipe in his mouth, smoking away like a good one and blowing the smoke through the little window he had cut. Upon my questioning him he told me that of the twenty years he had passed in her majesty's service of it had been on board a power-ship where the rules against smoking were very strict. During all this time he had been accustomed four times a day to stand upon a chest and lean out of a port-hole to smoke, so that no one would smell it, and when at last he took French leave he found that he could not get any satisfaction out of a pipe unless indulged in the old posture, and so you can find him after each meal and for half an hour before going to bed, standing on that stool blowing his smoke through the little window.—Boston Herald.

Too Willing to Be Acceptable.

A newly Frenchman once heard that a marriage was on the tapis between the daughter of a certain wealthy merchant and the son of a rich banker. The dowry that was to be given to the bride was 500,000 francs. The merchant was well known to be on the lookout for a good bargain or to save a dollar, so on this the Parisian founded his hopes on a good dinner at his residence.

He accordingly called at the merchant's house and asked the privilege of seeing him on very important business. After a while he was admitted to his presence.

"The matter, sir, on which I call," he began, "involves for you the practical saving of 50,000 francs."

"Oh, my dear sir," interrupted the merchant, "this is to be discussed before dinner, and as it is now my hour for dining, pray take dinner with me, and we will afterward consider your proposition at our leisure."

Having partaken of a meal that left a pleasant flavor in the unfortunate's memory of his life he returned to the merchant's study.

"And now I am ready to hear your proposal," he remarked.

The Parisian after a moment's thought began: "I understand, sir, your daughter is to be shortly married to the son of the banker D'Argent."

"Yes, that is true."

"And that her dowry is half a million?"

This was also assented to.

"Well, then, here is my idea. I am ready to take her for half that sum, and thus you will save or gain exactly 250,000 francs.—Philadelphia Times.

A Newspaper Proprietor's Whims.

"James Gordon Bennett's methods are peculiar," said an old newspaper man in an interview with a reporter. "He once brought up a man from an outside town to work the police courts. After a day or two he just as quickly sent him back to work there on space rates. The boy got rather rattled and declared he would get even with Bennett. He did. There was a bad squall on the road, and he sent an exclusive account to The Sun. Bennett of course wanted to know why The Herald was beat, and when he learned it was his whilom police man who had scooped him he sent for him again and made him assistant dramatic editor. He said he should not heat him again."

Shortly afterward, when in Paris, Bennett called this man to come there and act as city editor of the Paris edition. He went, and remained for two weeks, when Bennett, who had gone elsewhere, telegraphed him to go to London and report to Oakley Hall, who then had charge of the London edition. Hall told him he had no work for him, and sent a message to Bennett to that effect. Bennett then at once replied, "Tell him to go to hades." Probably he did, for he remained in London.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Test of Quickness in Fencing.

A very interesting method of testing the quickness of a sword thrust consists in photo-chronographic measurement. The movement of the foil point is too quick to be measured by the eye, but by the aid of the photo-chronographic apparatus it can be plainly shown. The fencer is dressed in white, placed in front of a black background, the foil is chalked and a metallic "spring" is fastened to the tip by wax.

The photo-chronographic machine being set in rotation, the trajectory of the tip of the foil during the movement of the fencer is shown by a series of dots.

As two successive images are one-fiftieth of a second apart in time, it follows that by counting these images the entire time occupied from the beginning to the end of the movement can be determined. In a recent test it was found that the stroke occupied a little less than four-tenths of a second. By this means two swordsmen can be compared, and their relative quickness easily and exactly determined.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Due to Neglect of the Voice.

The result of widespread neglect to train men and women to good reading and speaking is apparent in the very disagreeable voices which are heard upon every side. In a fashionable parlor the women's voices when taken in concert are often a perfect babel of unusual and irritating sounds, while those of the men are every bit as bad. Yet all of this might easily be overcome by systematic and judicious attention to the laws governing gentle well articulated and refined speech.—Jennings Miller.

S. B. Dexter, mate of steamer Arizona had his foot badly jammed. Thomas Electric Oil cured it. Nothing equal to it for a quick pain reliever.

HOW TO CARE FOR THE HAIR.

A Few Simple Measures For Beautifying It, and a New Coiffure.

How to care for the hair is a never settled question. The market is full of nostrums for beautifying, restoring and preserving it, while there is an unceasing supply of contradictory recipes for its treatment. One writer mentions sage tea as a dressing, but does not add that it should be used only by brunettes, as it is inclined to darken the hair. Other authorities state that borax should always be dissolved in the water in which the hair is washed. But borax, although it keeps the hair soft and clean, makes it fall out as fast as it grows in.

Somebody else advises the use of vaseline and glycerin. These articles may be beneficial, but they make the hair damp and oily and effectually prevent anything in the



NEW COIFFURE.

way of curls or waves, besides collecting all the dust and cinders that are about in the air. Brushing has the same effect. It has been considered the best sort of treatment, but not long ago an innovator came out with the assertion that it is most injurious, destroying the new hairs before they have a chance to grow. This may be taken with a grain of wholesome doubt. It is much easier to say what should not be done than what should be done. Oil or grease of any kind makes the hair straight, stringy and unpleasant to the touch and is an enemy to neatness. Soda duds and dries it. Sulphur stimulates its growth, but is too odoriferous to be pleasant. Simple measures in this matter, as in most others, are best. The hair may be washed as frequently as necessary, for if it is quickly dried a bath does it no harm and greatly improves its appearance. A little common salt, fine toilet soap, ammonia or alcohol may be added to the water and the hair afterward dried in the sun or by artificial heat. It should not be touched with brush or comb until it is thoroughly dry. This treatment will keep it clean and soft, and no hair is beautiful without these attributes, no matter what its color or thickness.

A sketch is given of an evening coiffure in which the front hair is curled and the waved back hair arranged in a twist ending in five curls on the crown of the head. The left side is ornamented with four erect wings or ears. JUDIE CHOLLEY.

It has frequently been noticed that the fingers of silk weavers are very long and taper, and, what is more curious, after several generations have been in the trade the children are born with excessively long fingers, and they can acquire the trade in about one-third of the time taken by an outsider born of parents engaged in other pursuits.

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