

PARKHURST AFTER BYRNES

Anxious to Have the Superintendent Handled Without Gloves.

WILLIAMS A COOL WITNESS

The Inspector of the "Tenderloin" District Says that Captain Schmittberger and Perkins Lied and that the Memorialists Were Mistaken.

By the United Press.

New York, Dec. 26.—The last week of the seasons of the Lexow investigating committee, at least he has served and arrived and it promises to be very interesting.

Mr. Parkhurst is very anxious to have Superintendent Byrnes handled without gloves and objects very strongly to examining him as an expert witness on police.

The first witness called this morning was policeman Ed Shalvey. He testified that he had made monthly collections of money from the disorderly houses, pool rooms, policy shops and liquor dealers located in the different districts in which he has served and that he had turned the money over to the captain of the district.

His collections averaged about \$400 a month and the money was paid with the understanding that the givers were not to be molested by the police. Shalvey said he received a commission for collecting the money. He made collections since the committee has been sitting. The captains under whom Shalvey served and whom he testified took the bribe money are: Doherty, Eakins, Schultz and Webb. The latter is not now on the force.

Shalvey, at this point, was told to stand aside and Samuel Lohenthal, a lawyer, was placed on the stand. Mr. Goff tried to find out from Lohenthal if a client of his named Mrs. Blood had not been compelled by Captain Williams (now Inspector Williams) to purchase a house for a disorderly purpose and to pay a high price for it.

Lohenthal pleaded professional privileges between a lawyer and his client and would not answer the question as it referred to Williams but admitted the woman paid from \$7,000 to \$9,000 more than the house was worth.

After recess several detectives sergeants acknowledged attending the races during their vacations and being remunerated for their services in pointing out crooks to officials at the track.

Williams on the Rack. Inspector Williams was then called. He joined the police force Aug. 3, 1893. He was a ship carpenter by trade and was 24 years of age at the time. He was worth \$15,000 or \$20,000 when he joined the force. He owned his own house in Brooklyn and six or eight buildings lots.

The witness admitted he was eighteen times before the commissioners on complaints. "Do you know of any other police official who has been charged so often as I saw?"

"Yes, sir; I saw by the paper the other day that one officer was charged thirty-one times."

"When did you first buy real estate in New York?"

"In October, 1876. I bought my house at 109 West Tenth street."

"You conveyed that to your wife?"

"Yes, sir."

"When next did you buy real estate in New York?"

"I bought a house at 402 East Sixth street. I gave \$11,000 and sold it for \$12,000 in a few years."

The witness said he bought a house in Cos Cob, Conn., for \$3,000.

The witness then denied the testimony of witness Perkins, who testified that when Inspector Williams was in the street cleaning department he received a bribe of \$500 for endorsing department bills.

The inspector then produced a bundle of bills and showed them to Mr. Goff for inspection.

"The only bill you will find, Mr. Goff," said he, "that I endorsed, was one for \$75.00, while I was in the street cleaning department."

"Why did he go on the stand and swear to a lie against you, as you say?"

"I can't say."

"The memorialists to the legislature lied about you?"

"They were mistaken; perhaps they lied unwittingly."

"Did Perkins lie unwittingly?"

SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY

Medical Expert Pronounces a Wife Murderer Perfectly Sane.

GEORGE HALL WAS SHAMMING

He Played the Insane Dodge to Perfection When the Doctor Was Looking but Forgot Himself When Alone, Weeps When Discovered.

By the United Press.

Columbus, O., Dec. 26.—Dr. E. K. Wilson this afternoon created a sensation in the lunacy inquiry of George Kalb, the wife murderer, by swearing positively that the prisoner is sane, and being one of the leading physicians of the city, his testimony is very important.

He said that he had visited the jail to see Kalb two or three times a day since last Saturday. On some of these occasions Kalb was made aware of the doctor's presence, but on others the matter was kept secret from him. When Kalb knew the doctor was watching him he played the insane dodge to perfection, but at other times he acted as rational as any man.

The doctor became convinced from these experiments that Kalb was simply playing the insanity role, and yesterday afternoon accused him of it and confronted him with the proof. Kalb weakened and began crying, and said he was in trouble and everybody was against him. Dr. Wilson said he had no longer any doubt but that Kalb was perfectly sane.

This corroborates the testimony of the jailer, who testified that the prisoner showed no signs of insanity until his attorneys and physicians had visited him several times.

DIDN'T PAY FOR HIS BRIDE.

Sued by a Matrimonial Bureau for the Price of a Wife.

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 26.—A short time ago there appeared in a New York paper an advertisement telling of a woman with \$1,000 cash who wanted a husband. The notice caught the eye of Jacob Redell, of this city, who at once began a correspondence with the matrimonially-inclined female. But few letters were sent, when Redell decided to go to the great city to meet his betrothed.

Arrived in New York he sought his lady love and was smitten with her charms. The two were soon joined in the bonds of wedlock and returned to Johnstown to reside. In the midst of his joy the groom made no inquiry about the \$1,000 dowry, but later learned that the bride did not have any money.

However, he was in no way dissatisfied and declared that this wife was worthy of his love, money or no money. In the midst of his marital felicity the husband neglected to pay the matrimonial bureau's fee for adding him to secure his betrothed. And now it comes to pass that he has been summoned before an alderman to pay the bill submitted through a local attorney. Redell acknowledges that he did not pay the fee and says he will remit in full as soon as the matrimonial agency sends him the bill for \$1,000. Meanwhile, the German and his bride are dwelling in harmony and love.

BODNAR KILLED PIGS.

Mysterious Blood Stains Lead to His Arrest for Murder.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 26.—Frank Bodnar, arrested in this city on suspicion in connection with the death of Ferdinand Condo, whose body was found in a creek at Morrisville, was given a hearing this afternoon before Police Justice Crossley. Bodnar was held for five days, pending action on the part of the Pennsylvania authorities.

There was considerable evidence going to show that Bodnar had moved to this city from Morrisville before the time Condo was missing. The blood stains in Bodnar's Morrisville home were explained in this way: Bodnar had killed two pigs before he moved and cut them up in the house.

STEPHENSON'S SENTENCE.

Three Years and Nine Months for Four Baskets of Peaches.

New York, Dec. 26.—Ex-Police Captain John T. Stephenson was sentenced to three years and nine months in state prison and to pay a fine of \$1,000 by Judge Ingraham, in the court of oyer and terminer, this morning. A motion for a new trial was denied, but the matter will come up again on Monday next.

Stephenson was convicted Dec. 12. The charge against him was bribery in receiving four baskets of peaches from Martin M. Edwards, a produce dealer at 153 Duane street, a partial consideration, for allowing Edwards to violate the law by occupying the sidewalk to facilitate the transaction of his business.

HIGHWAYMEN FOILED.

Four Masked Men Are Unsuccessful in Attempting a "Hold-Up."

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 26.—Daniel Wollett, his daughter and Mrs. Frank Delaney, of this city, while driving this afternoon were held up on the public highway by four masked men who attacked the party and demanded their money.

Instead of complying with the demand, Mr. Wollett beat one of the highwaymen with the butt of his whip, knocking him down; and then striking the horse, the party escaped.

BANK CLERK FALLS.

Another Good Man Drops into the Hands of the Police.

New York, Dec. 26.—Another dishonest bank clerk fell into the hands of the police today. The prisoner is Edward H. Carter, 44 years old, of 246 Monroe street, Brooklyn, who has been employed for the past 29 years as a transfer clerk in the National Bank of Commerce, at 29 Nassau street, of which William Sherman is president. His stealings according to his own calculation, aggregate \$30,000. He declines to tell how he spent the money.

Carter has been in the bank twenty-nine years, beginning as messenger boy and being promoted from time to time till he reached his present position. Among his other duties he was required

BIG BLIZZARD ARRIVES

The First Heavy Fall of Snow This Season.

ELECTRIC ROADS BLOCKADED

Quaker City a Mass of Slush Early Last Evening—Storms on Atlantic Coast. The Lumbermen Happy—Sleighing in New York City.

By the United Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—The first snow of the winter began to fall here this afternoon about 4 o'clock, and in a few minutes a small sized blizzard developed. The snow was wet and heavy and turned the pavements and streets into a mass of slush that made walking and street car traffic exceedingly difficult. About 7 o'clock the snow changed to a driving sleet storm and at midnight the hail was still coming down as fiercely as when it began. Reports received from all sections of the state show that the snow storm was generally prevalent, and that for the first time this winter the country was covered with snow.

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 26.—Practically the first snow of the season started in the Conemaugh valley this afternoon. At 10 o'clock tonight the snow is still falling fast and furious, the ground being covered to a depth of fully six inches.

Electric Railway Travel Suspended. Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 26.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon a snow storm set in here and up to 11 o'clock tonight four inches of snow had fallen, compelling a suspension of electric railway travel. At the above hour there was no abatement in the storm.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 26.—A driving snow storm set in at 5 o'clock this evening, which has covered the ground to a depth of four inches. The electric railway service was out all evening and traffic was delayed for some time. At 10 o'clock the snow has turned to hail, making it very miserable for pedestrians.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—A regular blizzard struck the city about 4 o'clock this afternoon and the drifted snow seriously interfered with the operation of the electric railways. It is almost impossible to keep the cars running.

Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 26.—A snow-fall began here about 4 o'clock which soon developed into a genuine blizzard. Traffic on street car lines was stopped about 9 o'clock.

New York, Dec. 26.—At 9:30 o'clock the observer at Sandy Hook reports the wind blowing at the rate of 70 miles per hour. The storm has assumed the form of a blizzard and the snow is drifting badly. It is impossible to see beyond the shore.

Clearfield, Pa., Dec. 26.—A heavy snow storm set in here at 5 o'clock this evening. There are several inches of snow on the ground now, which will prove a great blessing to the log and timber makers, who have been unable to haul their timber to the river, the ground having been bare so far this winter, excepting one snow of several weeks ago, which melted in a few days. Clearfield county is the greatest timber producing county in Pennsylvania, and a snow storm means thousands of dollars to the lumbermen.

Sleighing in New York City. New York, Dec. 26.—A snow storm, which visited this city tonight, was heavy enough to make possible the first sleighing of the season.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 26.—A heavy snow storm prevails throughout the Wyoming valley tonight. At 11 o'clock the snow in this city is fully eight inches in depth. At Bear Creek, White Haven, Harvey's lake and North mountain the snow is reported to be nearly thirteen inches deep and is still falling with no signs of cessation. The street car service throughout the valley is completely tied up and the steam roads crossing the mountains are in bad shape. All trains are running late.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 26.—The first arctic wave of the winter came down St. Paul this evening. The range of temperature over the northeast was from zero at St. Paul to twenty-six at Que Appelle.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 26.—Reports to the Tribune show that a heavy snow is falling throughout southern Ohio and Indiana, all of Kentucky and West Virginia. In the mountain sections of the last two states there is great rejoicing, as it will probably cause a big rise in the rivers, thus letting out the immense log rafts that have been accumulating for months. The snow ranges from six to twelve inches and is drifting badly.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Snow began falling in this city tonight, but abated towards midnight. A high wind prevailed and the thermometer fell to 20 degrees above zero. Reports from Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin and Michigan say that snow-falls prevail in those states.

Hittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—A heavy snow storm set in at 4 o'clock this afternoon and at this hour (10:30 p. m.) about six inches has fallen, and the storm is still raging.

A GIANT TELESCOPE.

Louis Gahlmann Will Construct a 50-Inch Sectional Lens.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Louis Gahlmann, the inventor, says that he has accepted an offer of ten acres of land at Lake Geneva, Wis., where he will locate an observatory and factory, work upon which will begin in the spring.

He proposes to erect a fifty-inch sectional lens, which he claims will outdo the great Lick observatory telescope or any other in existence.

POTTSVILLE SCANDAL.

Efforts of Investigating Committee Confined to Hartman.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 26.—The investigation of the county auditors into the scandalous rumors connected with the county almshouse, which was commenced last Friday, was resumed today at the court house. There was a much larger crowd of witnesses and spectators present than on the first day. Ten witnesses were examined this morning but nothing of importance was elicited.

MEETING OF MUSICIANS.

The State Music Teachers' Association in Session at Harrisburg.

By the United Press.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—The sixth annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Music Teachers' association was opened in the opera house at 1:30 this afternoon, and until Saturday the city will be flooded with harmony. Coming just after Christmas it makes the week in Harrisburg a gala one. For months preparations have been going on for the occasion, and for thirteen weeks the big chorus of 300 have been rehearsing every Tuesday night to get into shape and President Kurzenknaube and Director Gilchrist are now ready.

Governor Pattison gave a graceful welcome to the music teachers which was responded to on behalf of the association by President Kurzenknaube.

In his annual address, which followed, the president of the association dwelt upon the movement to make music a regular branch of study in the public schools.

Williamsport was chosen as the place of meeting next year.

This committee on nominations was selected: Edward A. Berg, Reading; chairman; Mrs. C. D. Elliot, Pottsville; William Wolfelder and Thomas A. Beckel, Philadelphia; and Mrs. I. G. Stanley, Williamsport. At the close of the afternoon piano and song recital, Governor and Mrs. Pattison gave the visiting and local members an informal reception at the executive mansion. This evening there was a miscellaneous concert in which Mrs. Marie Dea, of this city; Richard Zeckler, of Philadelphia; the Beethoven quartette, and others took part.

EXTRA SESSION POSSIBLE. Republican Members Said to Be Getting Ready for One.

Washington, Dec. 26.—An extra session of congress seems inevitable, and the Republicans are even now getting ready to meet the emergency. One of the plans which are much favored is the gradual retirement of the three hundred and forty millions of greenbacks by the issue of a 3 per cent, or 2 1/2 per cent, bond for their redemption. Once the greenbacks are in process of retirement they will be no longer a menace to the treasury gold, and the greatest fear of the financial disturbance will have been removed.

Any deficiency in the revenues which may exist when the new congress is organized can be made up by carefully prepared special acts calculated not to interfere with the tariff system as a whole.

ON ACCOUNT OF MRS. EVANS.

Rev. Mr. Hoffman Openly Attacks Judge Allen Craig.

Stroudsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—Rev. L. B. Hoffman, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, has openly attacked Judge Allen Craig, president judge of the Carbon-Monroe courts, for permitting Mrs. Evans, a self-confessed profligate of a disorderly house, to go free, without punishment.

Mrs. Evans threatened to make disclosures should her case be pushed, and it was suddenly dropped, with instructions from his honor to Mrs. Evans that she should leave town.

CARNEGIE'S DEMAND.

Wants the Government to Refund the Armor Plate Fines.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Andrew Carnegie now comes forward and demands that the fine of \$140,000 imposed by the president for unloading defective armor plates on the government be repaid to him.

It is said that the Carnegie company claims that it did not violate its contract with the government in making armor of a certain thickness and weight, and that it could not be held responsible for the defects exposed by the investigation.

THROWN FROM A TRAIN.

Shocking Death of Charles Lever, of Reading.

Harrisburg, Dec. 26.—Charles Lever, of Reading, was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad, near West Fairview, on Monday night. He said before he died that he was thrown from a train by his companions, who were going to rob a store at Marysville.

Lever leaves a wife and two children.

Largest Barn Burned.

Way Center, Dec. 26.—The barn on the place of William Walton, the largest barn in Highland township, this county, was burned at an early hour this morning, together with the season's crops and farm implements, twenty-seven cows and four horses. The origin is supposed to be incendiary. The loss is \$12,000.

A College Burned.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 26.—A special from Livingston, Ala., says the Alabama Normal college for girls was burned last night. Loss, \$15,000; insurance, \$5,000. No one was hurt.

For the Curtin Monument.

Bellefonte, Pa., Dec. 26.—The Curtin monument movement received an impetus today, when 450 subscriptions were pledged. The amount desired is \$15,000 and the amount now pledged is \$1,000.

Goldman Surrenders.

Lambertville, N. J., Dec. 26.—Samuel Goldman, who killed Rufus Williams yesterday, tonight gave himself up. He will have a hearing tomorrow.

Want Satisfaction.

Mansfield, O., Dec. 26.—The Anderson miners have fallen into line and refuse to go to work "until they get more satisfaction."

LOVED A DRUMMER.

And Now Pretty Mary Powers is a Slave to Liquor.

By the United Press.

Buffalo, Dec. 26.—Mary Powers, young and decidedly pretty, was an inmate of a police station this morning recovering from a protracted debauch. She begged to be confined somewhere out of reach of liquor, and she was sent to the Home of the Good Shepherd for four months. She told a pitiful tale to the judge. She said her father was a dentist in Philadelphia, and well to do. A year ago she met a drummer named Harry Bodkin, with whom she fell in love. Her father objected to the young man and threatened to disown his daughter if she married him.

Last September she received a letter from Bodkin to meet him in Buffalo, and she left home and friends only to find upon arrival here a letter announcing that he had changed his mind and had gone to California. She was afraid to return home and took to drink to forget her sorrow. Now she is a slave to liquor and says her only hope of escape from a drunkard's grave is to be put somewhere out of its reach.

RYAN WILL INVESTIGATE.

Mysterious Death of Thomas F. Burke Attracts the Attorney's Attention.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 26.—District Attorney Ryan has decided to make a thorough investigation into the death of Thomas F. Burke, who was found dead near his house on Sunday morning, Dec. 15. "Kid" Brown, Henry Harper, Otto Robertson and James Shields, all colored, are in jail charged with killing Burke and will be given a hearing tomorrow morning before Magistrate Baldorff at police headquarters. The police have discovered that these men were engaged in a fight in the vicinity of Burke's house on Saturday evening, Dec. 14, and "Kid" Brown ran into a house and said he "had done up" a man. About 5 o'clock Sunday morning Burke was found dead near his house.

Although Burke was a man of sober habits and thoroughly good character, his residence was in a part of the town frequented by the most disreputable people. The coroner who held the inquest has not made his returns and may re-open the case.

BERKS' EXPENSIVE COURT.

It Cost Thousands More Than Any Previous Session.

By the United Press. Reading, Dec. 26.—The county commissioners say the recent term of criminal court was the most expensive ever held in Berks county. It lasted two weeks, and witnesses are coming in swarms, and awaiting that they were in attendance ten and twelve days each.

No estimate has yet been made of the total cost of holding this session of court, but it will exceed by thousands of dollars that of any previous term. One alderman's bill amounts to over \$100, and one constable to over \$600 for costs.

THROWN OUT OF CHURCH.

An Indiana Minister Leaves His Pulpit to Bounce a Transducer.

By the United Press. Elkhardt, Ind., Dec. 26.—One of the most disgraceful scenes ever enacted in a house of worship occurred in the Congregational church, at Bremen, Sunday evening. Rev. Mr. Keane, a discharged minister, was in attendance. He rose in the congregation and commenced to abuse the presiding minister, Rev. Mr. Arthur.

Rev. Mr. Arthur left the pulpit, picked Keane up and threw him out of the church. Excitement was at fever heat, members of the congregation taking sides, and further trouble is looked for.

Lord Randolph Churchill Worse.

By the United Press. London, Dec. 26.—The condition of Lord Randolph Churchill is much worse this morning. He is a great deal weaker than he was yesterday, and relapses into prolonged periods of coma.

Twenty-Two Persons Drowned.

By the United Press. London, Dec. 26.—The owners of the small British steamship Abydos, learn that she was lost off Porter in the gale. Twenty-two persons were drowned.

The King of Naples Dying.

By the United Press. Vienna, Dec. 26.—The Neue Freie Presse says that Francis II, the last king of Naples, is dying at Arona. He received extreme unction today.

Treasury Balance.

By the United Press. Washington, Dec. 26.—The stated treasury balances today were \$153,871,514, of which \$88,093,551 is in gold.

CONDENSED STATE TOPICS.

The effort to perfect a plate glass trust has collapsed. Reading police raided a turkey raffle or pool, as a gambling scheme. Tramps "blackjacked," robbed and stripped William Travers at Palo Alto. Bethlehem prospectors have struck a vein of coal in Ross township, Monroe county. Alderman Irvin Rutledge, ex-burgess of Johnstown, is dying of paralysis due to stubbing his toe in his doorway. Thomas Combeleck, a miner, was burned by gas in the Sugar Notch No. 9 mine yesterday. His injuries are said to be fatal. Peter C. Hollis, president of the National Bank of Commerce of Philadelphia, died at his home in West Philadelphia yesterday. Executions for \$1,974.19 have been issued against Alfred Diller, proprietor of a spoke bending works, of Lancaster, on judgments confessed mainly to relatives. The liabilities are largely in excess of the assets.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, rain or snow; cooler; high northwest winds, shifting to north.

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