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SINKS SOFTLY TO SLUMBER

Anthracite County Chloroformed by Judiciary Committee.

MR. O'MALLEY SEALED ITS FATE

The House in a Working Mood—Lobbyists, However, Swarm the Hall and Interfere with Business—Bills That Are Passed Finally.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Harrisburg, April 25.—The house judiciary committee tonight negatived the bill for the county of Anthracite. Representative O'Malley made a strong speech in opposition to the measure, and out of courtesy to him the committee at once killed the bill. Prior to taking this action the committee heard a delegation of Carbondale people in support of the new county movement. On the delegation were ex-Representative Burke, J. P. Troutwine, John W. Aiken and J. F. Reynolds.

House at Work.

The house was in a working mood today. The order was bills on second reading. The members for once considered the bills on their merits, and did not fritter away the time in useless debate. The result is that the second reading calendar is almost clear for the first time this season. Frequently during the morning session Speaker Walton was compelled to give notice from his desk that unless the strangers in the house, interfering with members and talking in loud tones, paid more regard to the rules, they would be ordered off the floor. Lobbyists are beginning to throng the chamber and interfere with the proceedings. The speaker is determined to stop this and unless these persons regard the rules they will not be accorded the privileges of the house.

The bill ceding jurisdiction over the real estate of the Monongahala navigation company to be acquired by the United States went through finally on a special order. Bills granting to water power companies the authority conferred on electric light companies, and providing that one burial permit be a sufficient authority for the interment in a cemetery, partly within the limits of two or more municipalities, also passed this stage on special orders.

The Brown road bill was substituted for the Smiley bill, and then killed after it had been jumped upon by the rural members. The fight against the bill was led by Mr. Focht. He said it would impose a great burden upon the taxpayers of the rural districts. Mr. Focht contended the farmers could make good roads if they had the means. They were now taxed enought and were not asking for any interference on the part of the legislature in the way of laws governing the construction of public highways, and would accept none until the state was ready to make an appropriation, as now done to the public schools.

Bills Passed Finally.

Among the bills passing second reading are the following: Requiring county commisisoners to locate county boundary line monuments; regulating the manner of changing county seats; providing for the appointment of measurers of building material and the adjustment of disputes arising from the erection of buildings; giving preference of appointment or employment to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines; changing the method of incorporation of boroughs by abolishing the method of proceeding by laying the application before the grand jury; authorizing boards of health in third class cities to regulate house drainage, the registration of master plumbers and the construction of cesspools; enabling county commissioners to carry out the provisions of the election law of 1893 to provide suitable places for holding elections.

The Seanor act to prevent the adulteration of food under a heavy penalty was killed, and the act providing for the employment of none but American citizens on public works was dropped from the calendar. A similar measure has already passed the house. The bill providing for a uniform policy of fire insurance, which was on the calendar for third reading and final passage on a special order, was postponed for a week.

Bill to Pension Teachers.

The bill granting a pension to school teachers who have taught in the public schools fifty years enlivened the house for a short time, as all kinds of ridiculous amendments were offered to it, none being germain to the question. After indulging in a little merriment over the bill, it passed second reading without amendment.

The bill prohibiting the soliciting of orders for goods of any kind in the several boroughs without a license and providing a penalty therefor, was called up by Mr. Focht, of Union. After some discussion and the discovery that a bill of the same character had passed the day before, Mr. Focht moved to postpone his bill.

On the passage of the bill providing compensation for constables who visit places where liquors are sold, an aye and nay vote was taken, and it was then discovered that there was not a quorum of members present. A delay in the count was made until enough members were gathered in to make a quorum. The bill then passed second reading by a vote of 90 to 17. Seeing that it was useless to continue the session longer with such a slim attendance, the house adjourned.

GUSHER AT LIMA.

Big Oil Well Flows Four Hundred Barrels a Day.

Toledo, O., April 25.—A special from Lima, O., says: The biggest well in the Lima field for several years was developed this morning on the Voorhees farm, two miles east of this city.

The well was drilled in yesterday, and when shot this morning contained 1,000 feet of oil and it sprayed oil over several hundred feet and began flowing. It is now flowing at the rate of 400 barrels a day.

SENSATION IN COURT.

A Wild-Eyed Man Creates Havoc with an Axe.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 25.—Somewhat of a sensation was caused this morning in the court house by the appearance of a wild-eyed man of middle age, who said he was hunting for Judge Ewing, of common pleas court No. 2. He carried in his hand a dangerous looking axe, with which he said he would avenge himself upon the judge for some fancied wrong. Several weeks ago Judge Ewing received a letter in which threats of a murderous character were made. Before the court officers could apprehend the crank he made his escape.

Judge Magee also received a threatening letter from a woman crank today, who said she wanted the judge to protect her from her neighbors or he would have to suffer himself.

TIED AND WHIPPED.

Horrible Treatment of a Jewelry Peddler by Three Young Men.

Huntington, W. Va., April 25.—J. A. Weedy, a jewelry peddler, who claims he lives near Cleveland, O., was stopped at Hinchman Bend, fifteen miles south of this city, last evening, while riding horseback, by three young men named Brumfield.

He was taken from his horse, tied to a bush and horribly lacerated with hickory switches. He is now in a frightful condition, with no hopes of recovery.

ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE.

New Type Has Just Been Completed at the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, April 25.—An electric locomotive of a new type has just been completed at the Baldwin Locomotive works for the North American company, which operates the property of the Oregon and Transcontinental company and extensive street railway and electric lighting interests in Milwaukee. This locomotive was designed by Sprague, Duncan & Hutchinson, of New York, and it is intended for special experimental work in handling heavy freight and for switching purposes.

The locomotive resembles somewhat the ordinary consolidation type used for heavy freight yard work. There are four pairs of drivers coupled together by connecting rods. The drivers are 56 inches in diameter.

The motors, four in number, and alternating in position, are of the "continental" iron clad type, the field magnets consisting of two steel castings, having two field coils placed at the ends of the motors.

The controlling apparatus in the cab is so arranged that the engineer sits at the right side, looking forward, no matter which way he is running.

The total weight of the engine is about 134,000 pounds, equally distributed upon the drivers.

ROBBERY AT CLIFFORD.

Thieves Ransack the Home of Mrs Ann Morgan While the Latter Is at Church.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Hallstead, Pa., April 25.—News reached here today of a very daring robbery at Clifford, this county, which occurred on Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. Ann Morgan, widow of the late Owen Morgan. The family attended church that evening. When they returned home they found their trunks broken open, bureau and machine drawers pulled out, and different things that the robbers did not want they found scattered upon the floor. It was plain to be seen that the house had been ransacked from cellar to garret.

Among the things that were taken were two silver watches, about $7 in money, and three specimens of gold that Mr. Morgan brought from California, one valued at $5, another at $10 and another at $20. The $5 piece had a hand on one side and a harp on the other. It was found by Mr. Morgan while at work near the gold diggings. Besides the above, the thieves also took three quarter-dollar gold pieces, with the corners clipped off, two fine gold rings, hat, shirt and razor.

They also helped themselves to cake, cookies and meat. The robbers left at the house a screwdriver.

There is much excitement in the neighborhood over the robbery.

REV. BELL AT BROOKLYN.

The Suspected Minister Had an Unsavory Record in the City of Churches.

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 25.—The Rev. Mr. Bell who is suspected of criminality in the Emily Hall case, was the first pastor of the Primitive church, on Park avenue, Brooklyn. It was built in 1873, and a year later he was expelled.

He was charged with being on too friendly terms with two sisters of his congregation. He was a married man and had two children. He left Brooklyn suddenly and went to London.

Goulds Must Pay Up.

New York, April 25.—In accordance with the decision which was rendered by Judge Andrews in the special term of the supreme court, the executors of the will of the late Jay Gould will be compelled to pay the taxes upon the assessment of $10,000,000 which was placed upon the personal property for the year 1893 for taxation.

Sailors Washed Ashore.

London, April 25.—Six dead bodies of sailors have come ashore near Plymouth. An oar and a small boat marked "Steamship Marie," were found a hundred yards from them. The Norwegian steamship Marie, 1,350 tons, plies between Copenhagen and Odessa.

CONDENSED STATE TOPICS.

It will take $425,000 to keep Reading's city government in motion this year.

Berwick will get the next convention of the Commandery General Sons of America.

The coke output at Connellsville, owing to the advanced price, dropped 12,000 tons last week.

Christian Reihl, a farmer and brush maker, in East Coventry, Chester county, has been missing from home for a month.

The farm owned by the late Mrs. Margaret Labar, at Upper Mt. Bethel, Northampton county, was willed to her hired man.

The Elks of Erie, who published the Erie Herald for one day on behalf of charity, made a big success of their 32-page newspaper.

The Hon. Justus F. Temple, aged 69 years, of Waynesburg, died yesterday. He served as auditor general of Pennsylvania from 1874 to 1878.

A thief yesterday morning entered Hutchinson Brother's store in Pittsburg and grabbed the cash box, containing about $30 in money, a gold watch and bonds representing $7,500. The bonds were recovered later by the police.

IN DEFENSE OF DURANT

His Attorneys Seek to Drag Dr. Gibson Into the Case.

THE TELL TALE HANDWRITING

Expert Monteith Discovers a Clew That Strengthens Durant's Cause—Theories Advanced as to Dr. Gibson's Part in the Affair.

San Francisco, April 25.—Dr. Gibson was again called to the stand on the resumption of the Durrant examination this morning. He was asked for a specimen of his handwritings, but declined to give it. After some tilt with counsel for the defense, however, the witness finally wrote his name on a piece of paper, and, at the request of the counsel he also wrote the name of George King and of a professor which were in the newspaper in which the rings of Blanche Lamont were enclosed. It was evident from this that the defense were trying to connect Dr. Gibson with the Lamont tragedy.

The witness identified the chisel and hammer introduced by the defense as his property. He testified that they were kept in a drawer in his study. On being questioned as to his connection with St. Andrew's Baptist church, Scotland, witness stated that he could not remember the name of the street upon which it was situated, although he had lived there three years. He was asked to give the location in the Emanuel church of the wash basin in which blood stains were found, and replied that it was very close to his study. He further stated that he supplied the towels that were used and that they were kept in an unlocked drawer in the study.

Dr. Vogel's Testimony.

The defense believes that it has a case against the Rev. Dr. Gibson, and it will, it is said, try to show that he, and not Durant, killed Miss Williams and Miss Lamont. It was in support of this theory that Dr. Gibson was asked to give Durant's counsel specimens of his writing this morning. George Monteith, a well-known attorney, discovered what led to this line of investigation. On the morning after the finding of Minnie Williams' body, the Call published a fac simile of names, written on the margin of paper sent around the rings, and returned to the dead girl's aunt, Mrs. Noble. Monteith is an expert on handwriting, and says he discovered pecularities in writing which showed that both were written by the same hand. He reported his discovery to Durant's counsel, and it is said their investigations have satisfied them that Durant's case has received a great deal of strength from it. Monteith was in court this morning when Gibson submitted his specimens of writing, and says that the additional specimens make the resemblance between the preacher's writing and that on the paper wrapper more remarkable. It is said that the defense will accept the police theory that the murder was committed at a different time from the mutilation, should it follow this line of defense. The idea has been that Durant wrote the names found on the paper wrapper, and that in doing so he tried to imitate the writing of Organist King. The alleged discovery of the defence puts this in a different light.

Dr. Vogel's Testimony.

Dr. Vogel at the examination this afternoon repeated his testimony taken at the inquest. He testified as to the meeting at his house Friday evening, April 12, and the condition of Durant on his arrival about 9.30. Witness saw him when he entered. When he got to the top of the stairs was perspiring. Witness did not remember exactly what was said, but Durant asked to be allowed to wash his hands. On cross-examination he was asked whether he saw anything unusual about Durant's request to wash his hands. Vogel said he did not, except that Durant looked heated.

Dr. Gibson closed his testimony by a corrected statement from that made yesterday, to the effect that the library door was locked with the old lock on his first visit before the discovery of the body. He had stated it was unlocked.

W. McElroy, another new witness, testified he saw a man meet a woman at 8.30 o'clock Friday evening near the church. The couple stopped at a gate leading to the street entrance of the church. While waiting for a friend, Bert Minna, he say a light in the rear of the church, moving as if from a candle or lantern. Minna corroborated McElroy's statement. District Attorney Barnes expects to conclude the examination tomorrow.

EXPRESS AGENT JAILED.

Ira S. Bickel Charged with Embezzling $1,200.

Lebanon, Pa., April 25.—Ira S. Bickel, the late United States Express agent here, is in jail on the charge of embezzling $1,200 of the company's money. He suddenly left town a week ago today, about the time that Auditor Howe, of Reading, arrived to examine his books. A shortage of the foregoing sum was found and a warrant issued for his arrest. That not being forthcoming, Detective Lyons was sent here by the Fidelity and Deposit company, of Baltimore, Bickel's sureties. Bickel was found to have remained in the city, hiding in a friend's home.

In default of $1,500 he was jailed for a hearing on Saturday next. He protests his innocence. A woman is said to be at the bottom of the whole affair.

READING READY TO FIGHT.

Will Stand by the Demand for 21 Per Cent. of Output.

Philadelphia, April 25.—In an interview today one of the receivers of the Reading Railroad company affirmed again the Reading's unalterable determination to have 21 per cent. of the anthracite coal output. This gentleman said that Reading did not propose to be coerced into the matter, and that the receivers had carefully considered the situation, and were of the unanimous opinion that Reading was not only entitled to 21 per cent., but even more of the output. He further added, significantly, that if the other companies agreed to give Reading the 21 per cent., well and good, but if they did not Reading would take the 21 per cent. and probably more, too.

He also said that the receivers proposed to maintain the equipment of the road, and that they were now in the market for 1,000 coal cars, and another new and powerful sea-going tug. Reading did not wish to wage war, but if the other companies did, they were ready for hostilities.

THEY STRUCK FOR WATER.

Five Hundred Glass Workers Preferred It to Beer.

Bridgeton, N. J., April 25.—The workmen in the Cohansey Glass company's tank furnace wanted ice water to drink when the warm weather set in. They wanted it so badly that they demanded it of the firm, but the firm declined to supply it. Because the coolish drought was not forthcoming the men struck this afternoon.

As a result, all the fires were drawn, the works closed down and 500 men thrown out of employment.

BELLOW OF BEEF MAGNATES.

They Claim That Consumption Has Fallen Off Forty Per Cent. Since Secretary Morton Became Interested.

Chicago, April 25.—Referring to the statements made by Secretary Morton, of the agricultural department, that the rise in price of live stock had been less than one dollar a hundred pounds over the last year price, and that dressed beef was now five to ten cents higher in New York city, G. F. Swift, of Swift and company, in an interview today, said:

"I sold over a million and a quarter pounds of dressed beef in New York city last week at 8¼ cents per pound, and this same quality of beef brought 7 cents during the spring months of last year. It is claimed that the retail butchers are asking 25 to 30 cents a pound for this beef, but the secretary fails to mention that this price is for choice porterhouse, while other portions of the beeves sell as low as six cents. This talk by Secretary Morton has caused beef consumption to fall off nearly 40 per cent. throughout the country, and is one of the reasons why the retail butchers are asking high prices for beef. People are now buying mutton and pork instead of beef.

Advance Will Continue.

"The price of cattle today is fully $1.50 a hundred higher than it was during the corresponding period last year, and the present indications are that the advance will continue. Five weeks ago, before this agitation commenced, live stock was $2.25 a hundred higher than last year's prices. Of course, the farmers want to receive the highest price for cattle, and it is the duty of the agricultural department to look out for the farmers, but instead of doing so, this agitation has caused a decline of 75 cents per hundred pounds in live stock."

Nelson Morris, one of the largest cattle growers in the country, said that the talk of Secretary Morton was injuring the meat trade all over the country. Dressed beef was being sold in Chicago about ¼ of a cent lower than in New York.

TOBACCO FACTORY FIRE.

Many Girls Leap from High Windows and Are Severely Injured.

Montreal, April 25.—Shortly after 6 o'clock this evening flames were discovered in McDonald's tobacco factory, the largest of the kind in Canada, covering several acres of ground on Ontario street. The fire made rapid progress, and in a short time the whole upper portion of the building was in flames. The place was crowded with employes, many of them girls who were finishing their day's work and preparing to leave for their homes.

Exit was cut off and many of the girls had to jump from the upper floors to save their lives. Ambulances were called and several girls were removed to the hospital badly injured.

The firemen seemed powerless and as the fire is still burning, it looks as if the whole factory and adjoining property would be destrowed. The loss already will reach three-quarters of a million of dollars, and there is no insurance. The factory is the property of W. C. McDonald, the tobacco king of Canada.

Montrael, April 26.—Eleven persons were brought to the hospitals last night suffering from injuries sustained by jumping. The physicians in charge say that several of the number are likely to die before daylight.

The total loss will amount to about $250,000. The fire was brought under control at 1 o'clock.

2.15 a. m.—It is reported several people were burned to death.

Mrs. Parnell Improving.

Bordentown, N. J., April 25.—The slight improvement noticed this morning in Mrs. Parnell's condition continued throughout the day and this evening she recognized those in attendance upon her and was able to take some nourishment. Her attending physician, however, has but little hope of her ultimate recovery.

Forger Pardoned.

Harrisburg, April 25.—Governor Hastings to day granted a pardon to W. S. Wallace, of Allegheny county, serving a term in the Western penitentiary for forgery.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

"Big Louis" has been released as being innocent of New York's "Ripper" murder.

A nitro-glycerine explosion, caused by accident, broke most of the windows in Lima, O., yesterday.

O. S. Smith, night operator and ticket agent at Dunfee, Ind., was robbed of $80 on Tuesday night by masked men.

Murderer Morris Hopkins, colored, who killed H. S. Parsons in a dispute about wages, was hanged at Henrico Jail, Va.

Union and Confederate veterans will unite in services to dedicate a monument to fallen Confederates at Chicago.

A woman mysteriously gashed and drowned with her 5-year-old son in Chicago, has been identified as Mrs. Mattie Morrison, of Clifton, Ill.

Life imprisonment was imposed at Des Moines, Ia., upon Cora Smith for the murder of her stepfather, and she fainted when she heard her doom.

A marriage advertisement's respondent, Alameda Williams, is after Carl Browne, of Coxeyite fame, to force him to wed her in compliance with his "ad."

A special from Cincinnati, O., says that reports from the Flat Top mining region in West Virginia, say that 7,000 coal miners will strike there May 1. Dissatisfaction over scale of wages is the cause.

SITUATION AT NICARAGUA

The United States Will Not Interfere in the Case.

NO AMERICAN SHIPS ON SCENE

It Is Believed That if the Government of Nicaragua Fails to Receive Aid from Uncle Sam, She Will Yield Gracefully.

London, April 25.—Rear Admiral Henry F. Stephenson, commanding the warships in the harbor of Corinto, Nicaragua, has telegraphed to the admiralty that other war vessels are on their way to join his fleet at Corinto and that he is prepared to land 400 blue jackets at daybreak tomorrow if the British demands are not complied with by midnight tonight. The warships are lying close to the shore in order to protect the landing party, which, the admiral says, he will cover with twenty-one guns.

Washington, April 25.—The Nicaraguan minister, Dr. Guzman, spent several hours at the state department in the early morning today, hoping to obtain from Secretary Gresham some further information as to the attitude of this country.

The president and his cabinet were in the meantime being photographed and the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy immediately afterwards started for Philadelphia. In the afternoon Dr. Guzman called again at the department, but saw the secretary only for a moment. In reply to an inquiry tonight, Dr. Guzman simply said that the secretary had no information to impart; while he, the Nicaraguan minister, on the other hand, could advance no suggestion as to the outcome.

Nothing can be obtained officially from the state department in regard to the present attitude of the United States in the Nicaragua affair. It is understood the president is unalterably opposed to the giving out of any information as to matters which may be made the subject of more or less delicate diplomatic negotiations. The reticence which is observed towards the American public, however, is not so carefully maintained with diplomatic officers of other governments, and thus much that would otherwise be a sealed book becomes matter of public information.

Have Taken No Ground.

It is distinctly understood that the United States have taken the ground that the dispute between Great Britain and Nicaragua is one involving questions of national honor and dignity, in which the United States have no right to interpose. It is, therefore, inferred that should Nicaragua hold out and British marines take possession of the Corinto custom house tomorrow morning no objection will be urged on the part of the United States. It is positive that no United States war vessel has been ordered to Corinto. The four American warships reported in a Nicaraguan cable dispatch as having been seen on their way to Corinto are mythical creations growing out of the feverish hopes of the Nicaraguan people of United States intervention. It is conceded even by friends of Nicaragua that no harm can come to Corinto or to the republic itself from a temporary occupation of Corinto by the British.

It is believed that after a few days have elapsed and if the United States should fail to secure any extension of time or change in the mode of payment, as asked at Nicaragua's request, Nicaragua will then gracefuly yield to the inevitable and come forward with the indemnity.

London, April 25.—The St. James Gazette says: Nothing is known at the United States embassy regarding any request made by the Washington government to Lord Kimberly for delay on the part of Great Britain in taking action against Nicaragua. It is understood that Great Britian and the United States are agreed upon the course to be pursued in enforcing compliance with the British demand.

TEXAS HAILSTORM.

Stones as Large as Hen's Eggs Fall Upon the Citizens.

St. Louis, Mo., April 25.—A special to the Chronicle from San Antonio, Tex., says that meagre particulars have reached there of a terrible hail storm that swept through adjoining counties last evening. A courier arrived this morning from the town of Lytle, twelve miles south of San Antonio and reports that town and a strip of country five miles wide, extending through Wilson, Boxer and Medina counties, completely devastated by the storm. The damage to corn and cotton crops alone is estimated at $50,000, while the damage to buildings will amount to not less than $150,000.

The hail stones were as large as hen's eggs, and the International and Great Northern railroad was blockaded with them. Section hands had to clear the track before trains could be run over that part of the line. There was no loss of life so far as reported, although many persons were injured by the awful impact of the hail stones.

SCHWEIGERT'S DEATH.

The Printer Shot Through the Heart by His Insane Wife.

Savannah, Ga., April 25.—Milton J. Schweigert, foreman on the Evening Bulletin, was shot through the heart and instantly killed by his wife this morning at 3 o'clock. He was asleep at the time. Mrs. Schweigert is said to be insane, and is now under arrest.

Lancaster, Pa., April 25.—Milton J. Schweigert, who was shot and killed by his wife in Savannah, Ga., was a native of Oxford, Chester county, and learned the trade of printing here. About ten years ago he left here for New York, and has since been in various sections of the country.

THRASHED WIFE'S LOVER.

Philadelphian's Marital Woes Brought to a Climax.

West Chester, Pa., April 25.—The marital woes of a young man residing on Juniper street, near Race, in Philadelphia, came to a climax here today. He soundly thrashed a man twice his size for inducing his wife to leave home and come here to live. The elopers were here for a week, and last night the injured husband came down to find them. He met his truant wife at a hotel, and fixed up peace relations with her. Early this morning he awoke to find that during the night his wife had slipped from bed and deserted him. He later discovered that all his money had been taken. He boarded a train for Philadelphia, but found that his ticket had been stolen.

This was the last straw. He dismounted from the train at the first station, walked back to West Chester and here found his wife once more. She was about to leave town. The angry husband then sought the disturber of his peace, found him in a hotel and, without parley, proceeded to paralyze him in true Jim Corbett style. The victim of this righteous wrath begged for mercy. He also resides in Philadelphia, on Christian street, near Eighteenth.

BISHOPS IN SESSION.

Heads of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Seventeen in Number, Assemble at Carlisle.

Carlisle, Pa., April 25.—The bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, seventeen in number, began their semi-annual session in this city this evening. The principal business to be transacted at the session will be to fix the dates for holding the annual fall conference, and to select from their own members presiding officers.

The exercises this evening opened with prayer. The address of welcome was delivered by President George E. Reed, on behalf of Dickinson college. On behalf of the state of Pennsylvania, Governor Hastings welcomed the bishops, and on behalf of the church Rev. W. M. Frysinger, pastor of the Methodist church, spoke. The addresses of welcome were responded to by Bishop John F. Hurst, D. D., LL. D.

The opening of the session was followed by a public reception to Bishops Fowler, Mallalieu, Goodsell, Ninde, Joice, Andrews, Worman, Bowman, Walden, Foster, Foss Vincent, Merrill, Hurst, Warren and Fitzgerald.

The meeting was presided over by Rev. W. W. Evans, D. D., presiding elder of the Harrisburg district.

The business meetings of the session will be strictly private. The session will extend over several days. General Hastings was accompanied on his visit by General Reeder, secretary of the commonwealth.

COUNTESS RUSSELL NO WIFE.

She Loses in a Scandalous Contest, and the Earl Is Divorced.

London, April 25.—Earl Russell was today granted a judical separation from his wife, Countess Russell, on the ground of legal cruelty upon the part of his wife, and her suit for a restitution of conjugal rights consequently failed.

Lady Russell is a daughter of the late Sir Claude Scott, and she had only been married a year, in 1891, when she sought a separation from her husband, and charged him with hideous offenses, which she failed to prove. Earl Russell is the eldest son of the late Viscount Amberley, who died during the lifetime of his father, the famous statesman. The present earl is 30 years old. He was a mere boy when he succeeded to the title, and came of age in 1886; but did not take his seat in the house of lords until February, 1888.

DOUBT ABOUT A DEATH.

Doctors Disagree and an Undertaker Is Surprised.

Sag Harbor, L. I., April 25.—Last Friday Mrs. Dred Dorning, wife of Nathaniel Dorning, was reported dead at East Hampton, but up to this time many believe her to be alive and in a trance. Dr. Bell refused to pronounce her dead, although Dr. Osborne had given a certificate of death.

Funeral services were held on Monday last, but the woman's husband said he intended keeping his wife in his parlor all summer, if necessary. He said he touched a lighted match to her to see if it would raise a blister but that it did not, and he thought her dead, but would keep the body awhile. Undertaker Thompson said in his twenty-eight years' experience he never saw a like case.

TRAIN ROBBERS FAILED.

Prospect of Receiving a Warm Reception Caused Them to Retreat.

Atchison, Kan., April 25.—Yesterday afternoon the Missouri Pacific officials here received information of a plot to hold up the Central Branch incoming train between Goffs and Corning, where it passed about midnight. When the train arrived at Frankfort, a flat car was placed between the smoker and mail car and a posse concealed themselves behind the sideboards.

The robbers did not make the attempt, and it is supposed that they got wind of the reception awaiting them, and fled. The citizens of Goffs were up in arms and waiting to go in pursuit of the robbers.

HEIR TO A VAST FORTUNE.

Grandson of Lord Granville, of England, Finally Located.

Marietta, O., April 25.—Eppes Sargent, an attorney, has discovered, through D. W. Dye, the whereabouts of the long lost son of Edward Alfred McDonald, son of Lord Granville, of England. The mother of the boy was Lou Kountz, of Washington county, who went to England, married McDonald, and then ran away from him, taking their son, whom she kept in seclusion while she lived an abandoned life in Columbus, O. McDonald died recently, willing $2,000,000 to his son.

Mr. Dye married a half-sister to Lou Kountz, and was able to identify the boy.

CABLE GLEANINGS.

Employes of the Seine company have joined the Paris omnibus strike.

Courts in Rome have cleared ex-Premier Giolitti of connection with the extraction of documents connected with the Banca Romana scandal.

London's central criminal court forfeited the bail of Edd Ames Webber and Louis Henry Perlman, the American crooks, who profited by the "missing letter" swindle.

Rev. Jonathan Bell, the alleged seducer of Emily Hall, who died from the effects of a criminal operation in Detroit, has disappeared from London and is reported to have left England.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, increasing cloudiness with showers Friday evening or night; colder; variable winds.

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