

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 3, 1897.

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DETERMINED STRIKERS

No Thought of a Backward Move in the Step Taken.

EFFORTS AT A STAMPEDE

They Are Unsuccessful at Belleville.

Organizer W. D. Mason Clinches That No Petty Judge Shall Deprive Him of His Powers--Notice Has Been Served on Strikers to Vacate the Company Houses--Free Fight at Washington, Ind.--Other News of War.

Pittsburg, Aug. 2.--The striking miners have broken all records, both as to numbers attending their mass meetings and the excellent order and law-abiding behavior they have exhibited. Too much praise cannot be given the strikers for this latter condition. They have been subject to the control of leaders, who, profiting by former experience, have so forcibly instilled into the minds of their followers the stupidity of law breaking that the peaceful attitude and actions of the strikers have been a source of wonder to all the prophets, who have from day to day predicted dire happenings. It is conceded by all that in former times, under similar circumstances, riot and hooded words have resulted long ago from the conditions under which the strikers have been placed during this strike. It is the hope of all well wishers of the strikers that this peaceful warfare will continue throughout and until the contest is settled definitely. The mass meeting of the miners at the McCrea school house today was the greatest during the strike and probably the largest gathering of the kind ever seen in Allegheny county. More than 5,000 striking miners were gathered for an all day strike, and labor leaders harranged them in various towns, while bands of music served to stir up the enthusiasm to the highest pitch. From early morning miners of every nationality were gathering at the school house. They came in big bands and small ones, but the one that set them wild with enthusiasm arrived at 11.25 this morning from Turtle Creek. It consisted of 1,600 miners from that camp, and when they came in sight there was such cheering as has not been heard since the strike started. They came down to the camp at the school house with bands playing stirring airs and banners waving in the breeze. Cheer after cheer went up from the camp and the marchers returned for an all day strike. When the miners of the two parties met there were some wild scenes. Men rushed around shaking hands, shouting, and even embracing each other. The crowd that had gathered was so much larger than the men had anticipated that they were wild with joy and drunk on success.

THE SPEAKERS.

A few minutes after the arrival of the Turtle Creek division the speakers arrived in a carriage. They were: M. P. Carrick, president of the Painters' and Decorators' union; W. A. Carnegie, vice-president of the Amalgamated association; Mrs. M. G. Jones, the labor agitator of Chicago; and M. J. Conahan, of the Painters' and Decorators' union. In addition to these the leaders of the miners were lined to speak as the occasion demanded. There was a rumor in the camp that Sheriff Harvey A. Lowry would appear with deputies and force the meeting to disperse, but it was evidently unfounded. The speeches were not of an inflammatory character, and the big crowd was orderly during the whole day.

A RUSH FOR BREAD.

It was announced that but twenty-nine men were at work today in the Plum Creek mines, while only two or three were in the Sandy Creek mine. The policy of the miners is to form camps at these mines as well as Oak Hill, and maintain large parties on guard. President Dolan announced that he could get land from private parties on which to pitch his camps. The feeling in the camps was one of triumph. The miners claim that they are on the high road to success, and the enthusiasm which was seemingly slumbering yesterday was at fever heat today. J. T. McCoy, a prominent member of the Typographical union, extended the sympathy and financial support of the printers of the country and said the organization had made a per capita assessment for five weeks to be paid for the benefit of the strikers.

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A large number of the men who attended the meeting were nearly dead from hunger. Some of them had eaten nothing since 4 o'clock yesterday and the commissary wagon had not yet arrived when the meeting was over. It was not until nearly 2 o'clock that the wagon carrying the provisions got to the camp and when it arrived there was a rush for bread which would not to shame any foot ball rush ever seen on the local gridiron. After the meeting was over, and the men had satisfied their appetites, they went back to their camp at Turtle Creek in an orderly manner, where they rested and made preparations for tomorrow. Two new camps were instituted this afternoon after the meeting. The one at Plum Creek will be known as "Camp Resistance" and the one at Sandy Creek will be called "Camp Isolation."

Each camp in the besieged district will be kept constantly supplied with guards. Headquarters, as heretofore, will be "Camp Determination" at Turtle Creek. The force of deputies was kept busy during the entire night. Every move

was watched and trouble seemed to be in the air. The contention can be said to be critical. Both sides feel that there is a crisis near at hand. The officials of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal company gave out the statement tonight that their forces were increased in the Turtle Creek and Sandy Creek mines more than ever, and that work at the Plum Creek mine than there has been since the campaign against the company started.

The hearing of Patrick Dolan will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon before Judge Semmes of Turtle Creek. The miners' officials have retained attorneys and the case will be fought to the bitter end.

A RUSH THAT FAILED.

St. Louis, Aug. 2.--A great effort was made this morning to stampede the striking miners back to work at and around Belleville, Ill., but it was a dismal failure. At all of the mines south of the town and several in other directions, twenty-five miles east of here, today, there were 322 delegates present and twenty mines represented. The meeting was addressed by W. D. Mason, of Detroit, who is in charge of the work of organizing miners in the mass meeting in the region occupied by the strikers, and a number of local leaders.

Resolutions were passed demanding a fifty-cent rate and a checkweighman on each tippie, and a checkweighman to quit work and remain idle till a scale of prices was agreed upon. Coal diggers of all states were also adopted. Referring to the injunction issued by Judge Mason, Mr. Mason said he would pay no attention to it. He had been accustomed to being enjoined in various strikes for the last five years. He had never paid attention to injunctions and had never been arrested. He knew his rights as an American citizen and he proposed to maintain them. He has been teaching his men their rights and was urging them to fight for them. He has been in the Revolutionary war and the only legacy that had left him was the liberty of speech and action. No petty judge should deprive him of the liberty purchased for him by the blood of his fathers.

EVICTIORS AT GRAFTON.

Grafton, W. Va., Aug. 2.--Notice has been served by Superintendent A. P. Guedicke, of the Flemington mines to every striking miner in the region occupying the company's houses, to vacate the property immediately. Excitement runs higher among the miners, the notice says their goods will be thrown into the street if they are not out within a specified time. An attempt will be made to operate the mines with non-union men.

NOVEMBER AT GRAFTON.

Clarksville, Tenn., August 2.--Relief information has been received from the Jellico district where the mine has been closed since May, and over 2,000 miners are on a strike, that work will soon be resumed. Preparations are being made at the mines and everything is ready for resumption. A number of cars were loaded Saturday. The operators held a meeting last week and it is understood that a satisfactory wage scale will be proposed. As yet the miners have experienced little suffering on account of the strike.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., AUG. 2.

There are about 50 miners at work in the mines around Clarksville today, out of about 500. There will be further developments after 3 o'clock this afternoon, when it is expected that all the miners will lay down their picks.

Washington, Ind., Aug. 2.--This morning the strikers started to work at Cable & Co.'s mines. They were met by strikers who requested them not to return to work. The debate ended in a free fight, in which clubs and fists played a part. Gibson Lott, one of the men who attempted to go to work, was badly used up, his scalp being laid open.

AGITATORS DESERT.

Pittsburg, Kas., Aug. 2.--Notices were posted today at the different mines in this district calling for a mass meeting of miners to be held here tomorrow. The powder question, sixty cents per ton for mine run in every mine in the district, is being advocated. The miners at Wear coal company shaft No. 5, it seems, are in a quandary because of the fact that the local agitators who caused the suspension of work Saturday, have deserted them. These agitators are out today, however, and it is thought will not go back until after tomorrow some time.

Harrisburg, Aug. 2.--Adjutant General Stewart tonight received a message from Governor Hastings in Bellefonte to the effect that he had received a message from the sheriff of Allegheny county relating to the coal miners' strike and asking that precautionary measures be taken in event of trouble. The adjutant general notified division headquarters in Philadelphia, but does not anticipate any call for troops.

POSTAL CLERK'S ACCIDENT.

Lancaster, Pa., Aug. 2.--Henry Eitner, the clerk in the postoffice who was arrested five days ago on charges of stealing from the mails, and who was to have been given a hearing before the United States Commissioner Montgomery this morning, was accidentally discharged. It was reported that he had attempted suicide, but Eitner denies this. He says the weapon was accidentally discharged. He may recover.

BIRD'S RAPID FLIGHT.

South Bend, Ind., Aug. 2.--"Pedro," a carrier pigeon, owned by Peter Tolson, of the Mishawaka Homeing club, one of the eight released at New Orleans on Thursday at 9 a. m., arrived at Mishawaka, a distance of 1,000 miles, yesterday at 12.30 p. m., making the distance in seventy-five hours. The actual flying time is thirty-eight hours, beating the European record of eighty days, and the United States record of 15 1/2 days.

SHOT BY FOOTPADS.

Lynn, Mass., Aug. 2.--Owen Barker, a teamster, aged 39 years, was held up on the street last night by two masked highwaymen, who demanded his money. He fled one of the robbers to the ground, and the other shot him through the lungs. He will die.

REVOLT AGAINST SENATOR QUAY

Trouble Said to Be Brewing Down in Beaver County.

RESULTS FROM AN APPOINTMENT

Doctor McConnell Turned Down on an Appointment as Member of a Pension Examining Board--He Is Said to Be the Acknowledged Leader of Politics in Beaver County.

New Brighton, Pa., Aug. 2.--There is a revolt against Senator Quay in Beaver county. It grew out of the appointment of a pension examining board for the county. On Congressman Showalter's recommendation Dr. H. S. McConnell, of New Brighton; Dr. J. H. Wilson, of Beaver; and Dr. T. P. Simpson, of Beaver Falls, were appointed. This was said to be displeasing to Dr. David McKinney's friends, who were credited with endeavoring to have the Beaver district discontinued and have Dr. McKinney appointed as one of the Pittsburgh board. Failing in this they applied to Quay.

TRAGEDY AT STRINGTOWN.

Charles Fox and William Mackey Fight with Hatchet and Gun.

Pittsburg, Aug. 2.--Stringtown, an oil town near Sistersville, W. Va., was the scene of a sensational shooting affray in which two men received probably mortal wounds. The shooting was the result of a feud between Charles Fox, a resident of Stringtown, and William Mackey, a colored gambler, Fox, who was intoxicated, entered a gambling room last evening and upon seeing Mackey at once commenced shooting. By this time some one had handed Mackey a gun and a general fusillade followed. Fox received only one bullet, but it struck him over the heart inflicting a fatal wound. Mackey was shot once in the groin and another bullet shattered his left arm. He is in a precarious condition.

JAPAN IN NEED OF MONEY.

All the Reserve Funds Said to Be Exhausted. Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 2.--According to Japanese newspapers received here the government is somewhat disturbed by the depleted condition of the treasury. The expenditures have been greatly increased since the war with China. It is announced that all the reserve funds are now exhausted, and in case of an extraordinary call recourse will be had to further taxation. Many projected improvements, such as building railways and telegraph lines and improving harbors, are uncompleted, and will require large sums. Great difficulty is experienced in trying to frame a budget for next year, as the various departments show increased estimates. The war indemnity paid by China has not given relief, because it remains in Europe to pay for new war vessels.

NEW MICROBE FOUND.

Prof. Rand Said to Have Made an Important Discovery. Sterling, Col., Aug. 2.--Professor J. T. Rand, of New York, has discovered a new and minute microbe, classed as vorticelli, which multiplies by the million in some of the most common of the dirtiest and filthiest places. It is voracious and absorbs human blood with avidity. Professor Rand has been experimenting here and abroad on an extract of this microbe attacks the blood of sick and diseased persons in preference to healthy persons, seizing upon the red corpuscles. The microbe in form resembles a horn of plenty. It is regarded as a most important discovery in scientific circles.

GREAT DROUGHT IN COREA.

The King Orders Special Prayers to Be Offered. Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 2.--News reaches here by steamer that a great drought prevails in Corea. Crops are ruined in nearly every district, and peasants are arising against the officials and priests, whom they hold responsible. Several murders have occurred in consequence. By royal order, special prayers are ordered to be offered in every part of the kingdom, and officials from the King's household have been sent to pray for rain on the highest mountains in Corea. Instead of exporting rice and other grains as heretofore, Corea will have to import cereals this year.

TAMMANY HALL MORTGAGED.

New York, Aug. 2.--The Society of Tammany Club members in order in the city of New York, has obtained on a mortgage, \$148,000 from the Central Trust company and have given as security the property known as Tammany hall, located on East Fourteenth street. The mortgage is given in accordance with an order of the board of sachems of the Tammany society, and as a wipe out the balance of an issue of bonds, aggregating \$25,000 which were disposed of in 1897. Out of that issue there remains outstanding \$120,000 which is covered by the present mortgage. The mortgage, which falls due in 1907, is payable with interest at 4 1/2 per cent. It was filed today and signed by Grand Sachem Thomas L. Felner and Treasurer Peter F. Meyer.

Michael Nauwle Dead.

Bedford, Pa., Aug. 2.--Michael Nauwle, a prominent and eccentric citizen, died here yesterday. Mr. Nauwle was 83 years old. He was prominently identified with the Greenback and Farmers' alliance movements, and attended all their state and national conventions. He was a zealous advocate of those interests, carefully read all literature that came upon them, and spent time and money in its distribution.

Filibuster's Officers Come North.

New York, Aug. 2.--Captain Selva and Mate Lezie, of the filibuster, Three Friends, now held by the United States authorities at Jacksonville, Fla., arrived here today.

WOMAN'S GOOD LUCK.

She Made About \$200,000 and Is Ready to Quit Now.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 2.--Mrs. J. T. Willis, of this city, who says she won "through death" to seek Alaska gold, is a pioneer of the pioneers. She has panned in New Mexico, Colorado and Washington. She is a Iowa woman, and reared three daughters in Missouri, where she married a man named Mercer, and they lived in Missouri until 1880, during the big Northwest boom, and married J. T. Willis, a gun and lock-smith. As the boom subsided it became quiet in Washington. Mrs. Willis and she journeyed to Alaska. She was the pioneer woman gold hunter of that section.

At first she baked bread and conducted a laundry at Circle City. Her stove would bake only two loaves at a time, but at 12 per loaf she managed to net \$14 per day. She then began to pan for gold, and introduced the first starch shirt into the El Dorado of the far North. When the word came down the Yukon that there was gold in the Klondike, Mrs. Willis joined the stampede. She went in with a party of gentlemen. The trip was rough and exciting, but Mrs. Willis did not get sick, and was not a burden to the men who led the party for the new diggings.

On a former occasion, however, she did not fare so well. On the way to the mines she became very sick, and for 10 days it was feared she would die. She was the only woman in a party of 10 rough miners from all parts of the world. The miners did not think of leaving her behind while life remained, but to the duty of the friends to state convention last spring: "If she had died we would have made a coffin of her blanket and dropped her into a crevice in the ice and pushed forward as if nothing had happened."

When Mrs. Willis reached Dawson City she made a dash with the best of the gold seekers. She was successful in securing claims to the state convention surrounding claims came to be worth \$5,000 to \$10,000 claim-jumping began, and Mrs. Willis had to fight like a wildcat for her property. It is valued at at least \$250,000.

TO PROVIDE FOR FISH.

State Board of Commissioners Has Issued a Call for Convention to Be Held at Harrisburg.

Philadelphia, Aug. 2.--The state board of fish commissioners and the Pennsylvania Fish Protective association have issued a circular calling upon all similar bodies throughout the state to elect delegates to the state convention to be held in Harrisburg on the 15th of next month. The circular states, among other things: "The legislature having failed to make the usual appropriation to the board of fish commissioners of the state, it becomes the duty of the friends of the culture and protection to raise the necessary funds to enable the latter to carry on its work. Governor Hastings, who has interested himself in the matter, proposes that \$25,000 be advanced in \$500 subscriptions. On the understanding that the next legislature be asked to refund the money. His excellency is having subscription and receipt papers prepared by the attorney general of the state, and in due time these will be ready for distribution among the clubs. The objects of the convention are: For the purpose of pledging and raising funds to assist in carrying on the work of the state board of fish commissioners during the next two years; to suggest some plan of co-operative work by which laws in the interest of the protection and increase of fish may be more surely enacted by future legislatures, etc., etc."

It is suggested that each association endeavor to pledge itself to advance from its treasury, or to raise by subscription \$500 of the understanding that this sum is to be paid to the treasurer of the state commissioners of fisheries in semi-annual installments of \$125.

GLASS WORKERS' SCALE.

Arrangements Made for its Presentation August 11. Philadelphia, Aug. 2.--The joint wage committee of the National Association of Window Glass workers held its final session in Philadelphia today. The scale was completed, and arrangements were made for its presentation to the manufacturers on Aug. 11 in Chicago. Until then nothing was known of the scale. It is a general way the manufacturers, if assented to by the manufacturers, will mean a radical improvement in the rates paid to the strikers as the treasury will allow.

WHEAT BLOCKS THE RAILROADS.

A Great Rush to Market Owing to the Rise in Price to \$1 a Bushel. Stockton, Cal., Aug. 2.--There is a big blockade of wheat here caused by the rise in price. The farmers are rushing in grain so fast that it cannot be handled. Yesterday Mr. McNear, the California wheat king, bought 1,500 tons for his mill and the receipts are from 90 to 100 car loads. The levee is piled high with sacks of wheat and more is arriving every hour. Most of this wheat is from the San Joaquin valley, where the big ranches use steam ploughs and harvesters that crush and sack from 1,000 to 1,500 sacks daily.

CONVICTED OF AWFUL CRIME.

Decatur, Ala., Aug. 2.--The closing chapter in one of Alabama's darkest crimes came to an end in the conviction of Rosa Buford, for assisting in the assassination of Dr. J. M. Ross. She held the child while two negro men assaulted her. All three were convicted and September 5 is set for the day of their execution. A special term of court was held for their trial.

Prices of Tea in Japan and China.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 2.--Tea values are still lower in Japan and China owing to the slack demand since July 12. The present quotations are from 4 to 5 yen a bin lower than the average. Tea manufacturers in Osaka have suspended business, as work is unremunerative at these rates.

Negro Fiend Sentenced to Death.

Decatur, Ala., Aug. 2.--Walter Neville, the second of the negro fiends, was found guilty yesterday and the penalty fixed at death. Ross Buford, the negro woman accomplice, will be placed on trial Monday.

RUNAWAY HORSE WINS THE HEAT

Sensational Finish at the Grand Circuit Races.

TWO DRIVERS THROWN TO THE TRACK

Nicol B. Without a Guide Keeps on with the Field and Rushes in Ahead of the Winners at the Finish--Exciting Scenes at Columbus.

Columbus, O., August 2.--The grand circuit meeting opened today. The most sensational finish ever seen on the track was witnessed in the third heat of the 211 paces. There were 19 starters in this race. Billy C won the first two heats. In the third heat there was a bad spill in the second quarter and drivers of both Billy C and Nicol B were thrown. Billy C stopped at the three-quarter point but Nicol B kept right on with the field running wild. In the stretch the runaway horse pushed ahead and followed right behind the bulkies of Pearl Onward and Castleton.

Just before reaching the wire the runaway horse napped in close to the rail while the speculators held their breath expecting to see a smash up. Nicol B poked his head under the wire just ahead of Pearl Onward who won the heat. The runaway horse slowed up and turned at the first quarter when he was caught by the stablemen. Although Murphy and McLaughlin, the drivers, were badly bruised by the spill, they drove their respective horses to the finish. Nicol B won the fourth heat, both having been given places. Nicol B won the heat, pushing clear around the bunch. Darkness prevented the race being finished.

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Wellsboro, Pa., Aug. 2.--Judge John I. Mitchell today handed down an opinion in the case of the appeal of Swift & Co., of Blossburg, against the Mercantile tax of \$50 imposed upon them by the commonwealth. He dismissed the appeal and held that they must pay the tax. Some forty witnesses were sworn in the case, about thirty of them in behalf of the commonwealth. Much interest was manifested in the question involved in this appeal, which is raised for the first time in this state, for if the commonwealth succeeds in maintaining its tax on this company all the Armour, Swift and similar companies throughout the state will be subject to the tax, and the commonwealth will derive an income from these companies of about \$10,000. The case will undoubtedly be carried to the supreme court.

THE WHEELMEN AT PHILADELPHIA

Bicyclists by the Hundred Are Pouring into the Quaker City on Every Train--Big Racing Men Expected Today. Philadelphia, Aug. 2.--Wheelmen by the hundred are invading the city nearly every train for the big national meet of the League of American Wheelmen, which will be formally opened on Wednesday. All of the racing men and individuals from nearby points. The clubs and delegations from a distance are not expected until tomorrow night and today morning when the reduced railroad fares go into effect. The only big organization already here is the Associated Cycling clubs of New Jersey, which came last Saturday. The Allegheny cyclists will arrive early tomorrow morning to the number of 150. The arrival of the Associated Cycling clubs of New York city is also anxiously looked forward to, as it has been received that over 1,500 riders have agreed to make the run from Jersey City under the club's escort. This run will occupy several days, being divided in sections, each section to ride by easy stages. From present indications Massachusetts will be on hand with a large representation as will Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and other western states. The big racing men have not yet arrived, but by Wednesday most of them will be in their quarters at Willow Grove. The big racing men have not yet arrived, but by Wednesday most of them will be in their quarters at Willow Grove. The big racing men have not yet arrived, but by Wednesday most of them will be in their quarters at Willow Grove.

MYSTERY OF A HOTEL GUEST.

Left Instructions in Case of Death and Disappeared. Toronto, Ont., Aug. 2.--Wednesday an elderly man registered at the Tremont house at St. Nicholas street, Pittsburgh, Ala. The following day he told the clerk that his wife had died a few months ago at Pittsburgh, and expressed a wish to have his body shipped to Pittsburgh, if anything happened to him. He left considerable money with the clerk. As he had not been seen since it is thought that something must have happened to him.

THE NEW CAPITOL.

Harrisburg, Aug. 2.--The plans selected for the new state capitol will not be submitted to a meeting of the commission on Aug. 7 by the experts. They will be turned over to State Treasurer Haywood, the secretary of the commission, and a meeting will be held on Aug. 12 to discuss the selection and ascertain the name of the architect who filed the plan.

Portland Was Not Wrecked.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 2.--The story sent out from Port Townsend that the steamer Portland, en route to St. Michaels, had been lost, is untrue. The rumor that the Portland had been wrecked caused consternation here, as there were on board about 400 passengers, most of whom are from this city.

Remarried After a Divorce.

Niles, Mich., Aug. 2.--Thirty years ago A. H. Chamberlain and wife of Marcellus quarreled and a divorce followed. Each married again and continued to reside in the same town. Recently death deprived each of a second consort. Their love of thirty years ago returned and they were married.

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RESCUERS OF CHINESE GIRLS.

Threatened with Death if They Keep Up Their War on Immorality.

San Francisco, Aug. 2.--Notice has been received by the Chinese Society of the English Education that the efforts to prevent the importation of Mongolian girls for immoral purposes shall cease, but if its present members will not live beyond this month. The notice says: "Lately we have learned that the Chinese Society of English Education has retained an attorney to prevent girls imported for immoral purposes from landing, and has made efforts to deport them to China in consequence of which there is great loss of our blood money. 'As you are all Christianized people you should do good deeds, but if you keep on going to the custom house trying to deport girls and prevent them from landing, six of you will not live longer than this month. Your dying day is surely at hand.'"

This threat was caused by the recent action of the society in rescuing a girl, who was brought over in the last China steamer. This girl is claimed by a man and woman in Chinatown as their daughter, but the customs officers have proof that she was bought in China and that the couple who swear they are her parents are not her relatives. The police will give the threatened men extra protection, but they can do little to prevent their murder should the highlanders really decide upon it.

Miss Margaret Culbertson, for a score of years superintendent of the Presbyterian Mission Home for Chinese girls in this city, died on Saturday night, at Avon, N. Y., while on her way to her old home at Cleveland, Livingston county. She saved hundreds of young Chinese girls from lives of shame, often vowing into the Chinatown dens and taking them to the homes of the highlanders. The illness which proved fatal was caused by a kick in the stomach which she received five years ago from a girl who was taken from a brothel against her will.

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THE BLOSSBURG HOUSE.

The Blossburg house is a branch of the Chicago corporation of Swift & Co., and sells not only the prepared meats of cattle, sheep and hogs and the manufactured product of the same as shipped from western houses, but also the product of other concerns. It was shown by the evidence of the manager that the company does a business at its Blossburg house of between \$50,000 and \$60,000 each year, that besides selling meat it sells butter, cheese, eggs, chickens, prepared mince meat, soap powder, etc., that the house sends an agent around the county and through Potter and Lycoming counties soliciting orders for the goods and then sends a man and team around delivering the goods. Ex-Adjutant General J. B. Niles represented the commonwealth in the case.

DEATH OF DR. HALL.

Prominent G. A. R. Member Passes Away at Altoona. Altoona, Aug. 2.--Dr. William D. Hall died at 4 o'clock this afternoon of apoplexy. He was the oldest member of Grand Army man in this part of the state. He enlisted in the Seventeenth Pennsylvania Volunteers at Philadelphia, April 18, 1861, and on August 2, 1861, re-enlisted in the New York cavalry in which he served until the end of the war at being discharged as a captain. He graduated from Hahnemann medical institute, Philadelphia, in 1867, and practiced in Carlisle before coming here twenty years ago. Dr. Hall served a term as surgeon general of the Grand Army of the Republic, and had been medical director of the department of Pennsylvania. He was also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was aged 82 years.

HERMIT FOUND DEAD.

Was an Englishman, Lived in a Hut, and Had Money. Asbury Park, N. J., Aug. 2.--The dead body of James Fisher, a hermit, was found among the sand dunes at Allentown, Pa., yesterday afternoon. The body lay partly in Fisher's one room hut and partly in the open air. Inside it were two loaves of bread and a few potatoes, and a tin of condensed milk. The history of the dead man is unknown. He was of English descent. He apparently had all the money he wanted. He was well educated and looked like a gentleman, despite the raggedness of his attire.

AN ARM FOR A DISH OF CREAM.

Willis Lockwood's Endurance Will Make Him a Cripple. Jersey City, N. J., Aug. 2.--Samuel Wiley, a confectioner this afternoon of the body of James Fisher, a hermit, was found among the sand dunes at Allentown, Pa., yesterday afternoon. The body lay partly in Fisher's one room hut and partly in the open air. Inside it were two loaves of bread and a few potatoes, and a tin of condensed milk. The history of the dead man is unknown. He was of English descent. He apparently had all the money he wanted. He was well educated and looked like a gentleman, despite the raggedness of his attire.

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WAR SHIPS FOR HONOLULU

A Recent Suggestion from Japan the Probable Cause.

MISSION OF BENNINGTON

Is Thought to Be One of Significance.

Hawaii and Palmyra--Secretary Curzon Asserts, in the House of Commons, That They Have No Present Connection.

Washington, Aug. 2.--A prominent official of the navy department today intimated that the dispatch of the gunboat Bennington to Hawaii on Friday last is more significant than is generally admitted. The ostensible mission of the Bennington is a survey of Pearl Harbor in accordance with a resolution of the last session of congress. When the naval official was asked if the engineers of the Philadelphia and Marion already at Honolulu were not able to make the survey, he smiled only and admitted that the Oregon now at San Francisco is ready to sail for Hawaii at an hour's notice, but declined to say whether she will be sent or not.

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Wellsboro, Pa., Aug. 2.--Judge John I. Mitchell today handed down an opinion in the case of the appeal of Swift & Co., of Blossburg, against the Mercantile tax of \$50 imposed upon them by the commonwealth. He dismissed the appeal and held that they must pay the tax. Some forty witnesses were sworn in the case, about thirty of them in behalf of the commonwealth. Much interest was manifested in the question involved in this appeal, which is raised for the first time in this state, for if the commonwealth succeeds in maintaining its tax on this company all the Armour, Swift and similar companies throughout the state will be subject to the tax, and the commonwealth will derive an income from these companies of about \$10,000. The case will undoubtedly be carried to the supreme court.

THE BLOSSBURG HOUSE.

The Blossburg house is a branch of the Chicago corporation of