

THE JURY CENSURES EMPLOYEES

Verdict Rendered in the Exeter Disaster.

TRAIN MEN ARE BLAMED

Testimony Given in the Hearing Yesterday—Rules of the Railroad Company Violated by Engineer Wildermuth in Backing After He Had Stopped at Exeter—Orrel Examined on the Subject of Colors, Coroner's Jury Visits Scene of Disaster.

Reading, May 24.—At 11:45 o'clock tonight the coroner's jury agreed on the following verdict:

Reading, Pa., May 24.—The undersigned jury, composed of Dr. Wilson H. Rothel, coroner of Berks county, Pa., to investigate the cause of the death of Mr. John Slingshuff and others who lost their lives in a rear-end passenger train collision on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad at Exeter, Pa., on the evening of May 12, at Exeter, Pa., have carefully proceeded with the investigation and have inquired into all circumstances attending the same, and that the said Mr. John Slingshuff and others came to their death through the negligence of some of the employees of the said railroad company. We require George S. Flowers, the trainmaster at Philadelphia, who used very bad judgment in assigning the special train with a crew unfamiliar with the main line division, and conductor Engineer Harry Orrel and Conductor A. E. Magee for carelessly and recklessly running of said special train, and Engineer Wildermuth for violating the rules in passing the signal back at Exeter station and then again backing his train forward. Upon the evidence submitted by Trainmaster at Exeter station and Trainmaster J. L. Fleming, we find that Trainmaster conductor Magee was negligent in not notifying the special crew of the delay of the express train and of the time of their own departure. We most emphatically condemn the independent tower system below Reading, operating as they did at the time of the collision, and would recommend that the same be replaced by a system which would obstruct the view of the trainmen from tower 22, and further recommend that the Philadelphia and Reading railroad company designate a terminate rule of moving its passenger trains, believing from the late accident that the independent rule now in vogue has caused the death of many lives in the running of trains at night, and rigidly enforce the prompt obedience of all rules laid down to its employees. All witnesses whose names are on this verdict set their hands:

William Groll, S. H. Rorer, George H. Hitz, Henry S. Warner, Jerry Wilson, H. Rothel, coroner.

The jury was out eight hours. The district attorney wanted the jury to file the verdict in the quarter sessions court, before it was made public. The coroner, however, thought that it should be made public at once, because of the great interest of those directly interested and of the general interest in the finding of the jury. Accordingly the waiting newspaper men were called and the verdict was read to them.

After the verdict had been announced District Attorney Rothel said that he had not decided what he would do in the matter, but said that the verdict justified institution of criminal charges of manslaughter and misdemeanor against those who are condemned by the jury. The jury requested him, he said, not to bring charges of manslaughter. He will consider the subject a few days with a view of bringing charges of misdemeanor against some of those who are condemned by the verdict.

TESTIMONY HEARD

Interesting Talk Regarding Observation of Rules.

Reading, May 24.—The taking of testimony in the inquest over the deaths of the railroad men at Exeter on the night of May 12, was concluded at noon today. At the last moment the jury decided to go to Exeter to look over the ground and take measurements of distances in the vicinity of where the wreck occurred. The jury returned late in the afternoon and began deliberating as to who is responsible for the disaster. At a late hour tonight they had not yet returned a verdict.

FIRST WITNESS.

J. G. Binemann, assistant trainmaster, who was on duty on the night of the disaster, was the first witness called today. He said the second section of the No. 12 express, was not a special train, because a regular train carried flags, or signals for H. denoting that a second section was following. A special schedule had been prepared for the second section. It was arranged five minutes behind the regular train's time. The engineer and conductor of the second section got their leaving time from that schedule and no other instructions were necessary.

"If the first section was late in leaving the starting point whose duty is it to inform the engineer of that fact?" asked the district attorney.

"I think it would be the duty of the train dispatcher to inform the conductor of such delays," was the answer.

M. E. Blaine, trainmaster of the Reading railroad at Reading, said he left the main station on the first section of No. 12 on the night the wreck

occurred and was not at the station when the second section left.

In answer to a question whether the five-minute rule in holding trains following each other was generally observed the witness said significantly: "It is now."

Mr. Blaine said the engineer of the second section had arrived at Exeter according to the time noted by the operator, a minute ahead of his schedule time, which was a violation of the company's rules. "The engineer had no right to try and make time by leaving Reading and Exeter. He should have waited until he saw how the order book at Exeter stood and been governed by that."

Witness also said that the conductor of the second section should have been informed of the time the first section left by the train dispatcher, whose duty it is to keep such trains apart. When asked if he thought it was good railroading to send two coal trains ahead of fast express trains the witness said:

"The coal train, which was delayed at Philadelphia, and the last one to leave Reading, left at 7:25 and the express were not scheduled to leave until 8:20, an hour and eleven minutes later, which would give the coal trains time to get to Monacahey, where they were scheduled to lay over."

Not Bad Railroading.

He did not consider it was bad railroading. It was good judgment on the part of the conductor not to run back and forth to Exeter, but that a breaking thing had dropped, because he was nearly a quarter of a mile away from the station.

Continuing, he said the rules of the company were violated by Engineer Wildermuth in backing after he had stopped at Exeter, and that a breaking thing had dropped, because he was nearly a quarter of a mile away from the station.

Conductor Magee, of the second section, and Train Dispatcher Bourke were exonerated, but nothing of importance was said about that. The latter was exonerated at his command to stop his train. He learned this after making an inspection of the engine.

Engineer Orrel was also exonerated and testified that he did not see a red light at the second tower below Reading, and that it was not the custom of the section of track into other stations under construction.

"Why," said the witness, "every station about the road, almost, is an order station, and if we went under reduced speed we would never get a train over the road. There is no rule that requires us to stop at such a station unless we see a red light, but if Mr. Orrel says there is a rule compelling us to come to them under order, he does not know, and he is an old railroad man at that."

The balance of the morning was taken up by the hearing of testimony from the employees against another to straighten apparent discrepancies, without new facts being developed.

Orrel was examined by the district attorney on colors and requested himself by calling off the colored different colors by their proper name. In answer to a question, Orrel said: "If the operator has my time at Exeter at 8:49 he must be wrong. It would be an impossibility to run 5-4-10 miles from a standard in five and one-half minutes with six cars."

At 12 o'clock the hearing of testimony was finally concluded. The jury went to the scene of the disaster this afternoon for the purpose of measuring the distance from the curve to where the first section of No. 12 stopped.

NEXT CONCLAVE AT WILKES-BARRE

Knights Templar Will Meet in That City on the Fourth Tuesday in May.

Altoona, May 24.—The business session of the grand commandery Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, was held this morning in Masonic temple, 400 Knights being present. The reports of the various committees and of the officers of the commandery were read, and resolutions were adopted in relation to Pennsylvania to be in a most flourishing condition. It was decided to hold the next convclave of the state at Wilkes-Barre, beginning the fourth Tuesday in May. The custom of moving the officers one rank higher in the grand commandery was adopted, and Grand Commander Kinn becoming a past grand commander. The election resulted as follows: Grand Commander, James B. Youngson, of Pittsburg; deputy grand commander, Adam H. Schuch, of Reading; grand generalissimo, Thomas E. Bennett, of Scranton; grand captain general, Ezra S. Hartnett, of Philadelphia; grand prelate, Rev. Thomas U. Boyle, of Pittsburg; grand senior warden, Charles M. Stock, of York; grand junior warden, William I. Fleming, of Pottsville; grand treasurer, John J. Gilroy, of Philadelphia; grand recorder, William M. Allen, of Philadelphia.

The following officers were appointed by the grand commander: Grand standard bearer, Herman Junker, Pittsburg; grand sword bearer, William J. Diehl, mayor of Pittsburg; grand banner, Alfred S. Hiebock, of Pittsburg; grand captain of the guard, Dr. A. S. Stayer, of Altoona; grand marshal, James H. Wilcock, Allegheny; Herald, A. H. Thomas, Allegheny. The grand commander adopted a resolution thanking the authorities and citizens of the county of Luzerne for extending to the grand commandery and visiting knights, and another thanking the most eminent grand commander of the order in the United States for appointing Sir Knight Lee S. Smith, of Pittsburg, on his staff. Two thousand people witnessed the public installation ceremonies in the wigwag this afternoon.

Though the master Masons of Altoona are sitting a ball in the wigwag to the visiting knights and ladies.

By tomorrow morning nearly all of the visiting knights will have left the city. The city is illuminated tonight.

Henri Fournier's Wheel.

Washington, May 24.—The park bicycle track today in connection with the peace jubilee, Henri Fournier, the French bicycle rider, gave an exhibition of his "infernally" machine, covering the mile in 1:33.25, the fastest time ever made by a two-wheeled vehicle.

CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

BANQUETS AND RECEPTIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

The Leading Capitals of Europe Observe the Eightieth Anniversary of Victoria's Birth—Picturesque Scenes at Windsor Castle—Congratulations Received.

London, May 24.—Torrents of rain today ushered in Queen Victoria's eightieth birthday. At Windsor, where a general holiday is being observed, the town was decorated with flags and the church bells were rung at 7 o'clock in the morning. The weather cleared at about 11 o'clock, and a serenade by the Windsor and Eton Amateur Choral societies was given in the Grand quadrangle of Windsor Castle. The sun then shone brilliantly. The serenade was listened to by the queen and the members of the royal family, including the children of the duke and duchess of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, the duke and duchess of Connaught, prince and princess Christian and Princess Henry of Battenberg.

Sir Walter Parratt, the master of the queen's music and private organist to the queen, wearing his official robes, conducted the serenade from the steps of the queen's private entrance to the palace, just below the oak room, where the queen was breakfasting.

The Eton college volunteer cadets marched into the castle grounds, headed by a band of music, and took up a position in the rear of the choir. Behind the cadets were drawn up the remainder of the Eton boys and the military knights of Windsor. The mayor and corporation of Windsor, in their full robes of office, and the borough magistrates, were also present.

The scene was extremely picturesque. The national anthem was sung and then the choir gave the programme, comprising the late Bishop of Wakefield's jubilee hymn, a four-part song and two specially written madrigals.

"To the Queen." Finally, the Eton boys gave three choruses in honor of her majesty, and the duke of Connaught came to one of the windows and thanked those present in behalf of the queen, who herself, looking to be in excellent health, came forward and bowed repeatedly.

An Audience Sings.

Banquets and receptions were given by the British ambassadors and ministers at all the leading capitals in Europe in honor of the queen's birthday. An interesting feature of the celebration here was the attendance of the boys of the naval and military schools at a matinee given by Mr. Herbert Beerholdt Tree's company at her majesty's theater, where the entire audience sang the national anthem.

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THE PEACE JUBILEE

Immense Throng Attends Reception Given by President.

Washington, May 24.—The peace jubilee celebration closed for the day with a special reception given by the president at the White House to the visitors in the city.

An immense throng attended and because of the great crush formalities were dispensed with, and each caller was given a handshake by the president without introduction.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, May 24.—Pension certificates, issued of May 13: Original—Frank A. B. Ross, Huntington Mills, Luzerne; Whitmore E. Eastbrook, Susquehanna; \$12 to \$17. Original widows, etc., special May 15—Olive J. Gustin, Westfield, Luzerne; Rebecca M. Smith, Anderson, Luzerne, \$4.

Czar of Russia.

San Monica, Cal., May 24.—The state prohibition convention today nominated W. Atwood Esterville for governor. Resolutions were adopted favoring woman suffrage, the election of senators by ballot, and commending the czar of Russia for his action in calling together a peace conference.

Marie Burroughs Indicted.

Toledo, O., May 21.—Marie M. Burroughs, who recently fled with amounts to a million dollars for damages against the cities of Toledo and Fremont, was today indicted by the grand jury for perjury. The case came up in connection with her recent suits.

SYNOD OF LUTHERANS.

Thirty-Ninth Convention of the Evangelical Church.

York, Pa., May 24.—The thirty-ninth convention of the general synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church of the United States, representing a constituency of one-twelfth of the population of this country, convened here today. The forty-fourth session occurred in St. Paul's church, which was beautifully decorated with floral plants, at 7:30 o'clock this evening. An immense audience thronged the spacious church edifice, in which the synod will hold its daily sessions.

Rev. M. W. Hanna, D. D., of Washington, D. C., the retiring president, preached the synodical sermon, which was an eloquent discourse, and was listened to with absorbing interest. His subject was "The Heroism of Christianity as Illustrated by the Lutheran Church." At the close of the address, in harmony with the occasion, the large audience united in singing the old Lutheran lyric, "Ein Feste Burg."

ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED.

D. L. & W. Employees Must Keep Out of Politics.

New York, May 24.—President Truesdale of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, has issued a circular to the employees of the road informing them that they must not divide their time between their duties and politics.

Mr. Truesdale has also issued orders prohibiting any employee from engaging in any other business while in the employ of the road.

ADMIRAL DEWEY HONORED

Governor Roosevelt's Message—A Bill Appropriating \$75,000 Prepared.

Albany, May 24.—Governor Roosevelt to the legislature today this message:

I call to your attention the desirability of making an appropriation for the celebration of the birth of Admiral Dewey, an American whom all Americans worthy of the name desire to honor, the nation-wide celebration of his birthday has already been begun by the raising of a monument to his memory in Manila Bay in a momentous time of the prestige of American arms throughout the world, and holds the honor of his country. It is fitting that our people should show an appropriate form the high regard we feel for the great admiral, and for every officer and sailor of his fleet. The United States has a debt to him and to them, and indeed to all their comrades in our forces at sea and ashore.

Resolution Adopted.

A resolution relative to national and international game protection was adopted as follows: "In view of the fact that the provision of our present laws in the United States permit the spring shooting of all aquatic fowl and that some and insectivorous birds, justly protected by laws in many other states, are treated as game birds in some other states, thereby rapidly depleting their numbers, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the game commission of the state of Pennsylvania in session at Harrisburg, on May 23, 1899, do consider the spring shooting of all aquatic fowl and the robbing of their nests within the United States and Canada, and also the listing of certain song and insectivorous birds, which are justly protected by law in this and many other states, and as game birds in certain other states in this union. We invite the support of all game commissions, associations and individuals in the United States and Canada to aid in securing prompt national and Dominion laws which will totally abolish this nefarious and inhuman practice.

The next regular meeting of the commission will be held in Harrisburg the first Thursday in July.

AN EVENING RECEPTION.

Given in Honor of Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Giffin.

Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Giffin, of the Elm Park Methodist church, were tendered a reception Tuesday evening at the above church in the parlors, by the members of the congregation. The affair was in honor of the beginning of Dr. Giffin's second year as pastor of the church, and was most enjoyable.

COWARDLY ASSAULT.

Rufhan Fells His "Lady Friend" with a Blow from His Fist.

A young woman giving her name as Mary Neville, and residence Bellevue, was the victim of a cowardly and brutal attack made upon her by a young man with whom she was walking up Lackawanna avenue this morning about 1 o'clock. Just as they reached the corner of Washington avenue, he struck her over the left eye with his first, inflicting a cut two and a half inches long, and felling her to the ground.

In falling, she struck the back of her head against the curb edge and received a serious scalp wound several inches in length.

Patrolman McMullen, who witnessed the dastardly act, gave chase, but the fellow escaped. The Lackawanna hospital ambulance was called and the injured woman removed to that institution, where her wounds were dressed. A lady friend who was with her at the time was arrested. Both women refused to divulge the man's name or tell why the assault was made.

CALL IS ACCEPTED.

Rev. Francis R. Bateman Rector of Church of the Good Shepherd.

The vestry board of the Church of the Good Shepherd has been apprised that the Rev. Francis R. Bateman, of Bowling Green, Ky., and formerly of New York, has accepted their call to the rectorship of the above church, made vacant recently by the resignation of Rev. F. S. Ballentine. The new rector will conduct his first service here Sunday, June 11.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS.

Philadelphia, May 24.—The following orders and judgments reached by the state supreme court before its adjournment yesterday were announced today: Aubrey vs. McIntosh et al., petition for an appeal from the judgment of the superior court. Appeal refused. Gilbe vs. Tiffany, C. P. Bradford county. Petition for an appeal from superior court to the supreme court. Petition refused.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, May 24.—Arrived—Aller, from Naples; Mastic, Liverpool; Cleared—La Touraine, for Boston; Sailed: Ozark, for Baltimore; St. Louis, Southampton; Westernland, Antwerp; Cherbourg—Arrived: Pretoria, New York for Hamburg; Lark—Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, Bremen via Southampton for New York; Douane—Arrived: Amsterdam, New York for Rotterdam; Southampton—Arrived: St. Paul, New York; Lahn, New York for Bremen; Queenstown—Arrived: Teutonic, New York.

THE MEETING OF GAME ASSOCIATION

ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING OF SESSIONS.

Individuals Elated Over the Success of Their Efforts—Steps Taken to Protect Aquatic Fowl—Support of All Game Commissions, Associations and Individuals Invited.

Harrisburg, May 24.—A meeting of the Pennsylvania state game commission was held at their rooms in this city today and was one of the most interesting meetings held by that body since its organization. Considerable effort was put forth by those gentlemen to have the last legislature to perfect certain existing laws and add new ones for the protection of game in Pennsylvania. The commission as individuals feel very much elated over the success of their efforts, especially in securing the passage of the act making changes in the state game, fish and forestry wardens and imposing a penalty of \$50 or two months imprisonment upon that official when he neglects or refuses to perform his duty. This act gives the help of a small army in enforcing the laws and will be a check on game and fish protection in the state.

When the attention of a constable is called to the violation of the game or fish laws by the commission or an individual he is placed in the peculiar position of reporting the case to the district attorney for prosecution or trying the penalty.

And the commission feels satisfied that when the citizens at large are acquainted with the condition of this law and know that the constable in their district must take notice of their protests or pay for neglect of their duty by a charge in existing conditions. A resolution was adopted requiring the secretary to place a copy of this law in the hands of every constable in the state, with notice that the commission proposes to see that its provisions are complied with. The commission desires, it is directly understood, that they will proceed against any constable who refuses or neglects to enforce any of the laws pertaining to these commissions, more especially the game laws. And the fact that the commission has the united support of the State Sporting Association would seem to make the breaking of these laws extremely dangerous.

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ELKS' TEAM THE WINNER.

Defeated Wilkes-Barre Bowlers in Last Night's Contest.

The first of another series of tennis contests between the respective teams of the two cities was played last night on the home alley and the Elks' team won with 491 points to the good. The officials were H. Repp, referee; Flanagan and Dreher, official scorers.

The scores by games were as follows: First game, Elks 748, Wilkes-Barre 572; second game, Elks 779, Wilkes-Barre 579; third game, Elks 791, Wilkes-Barre 625; totals, Elks 2318, Wilkes-Barre 1877. R. Wharton, of the Elks, made the highest individual score on their side, having 226 and W. B. Heath, of the Wilkes-Barre, made the highest individual score on his side, having 127.

The members of the tennis are: Wilkes-Barre—Yost, Heath, Matthews, Myers and Bartel; Elks—Weichel, Fowler, Wharton, Madensacher and Dimler. The next game will be played at Wilkes-Barre.

GIRL FRIGHTFULLY INJURED.

Lucy Gallagher Took Hold of a Wire Rope.

Lucy, the seven-year-old daughter of John M. Gallagher, who resides near the Ontario shaft at Peckville, met with an accident yesterday afternoon that may prove fatal. She was crossing the plate at the shaft and caught hold of the wire rope used to pull the mine cars up to the level.

The rope started, threw her down and passed over her body for a time before she was rescued.

She was conveyed to the home of her parents where a physician found four ribs broken and her face and body terribly lacerated.

BARN TOTALLY DESTROYED.

It Was Owned by the Lehigh Coal Company.

The large milk barn owned by the Lehigh Coal Company and located near the "Sawyer" breaker at Peckville, was totally destroyed yesterday afternoon by fire. The contents, grain, hay, harness, wagons, etc., also met the same fate.

It is supposed the fire was caused by a spark from a passing locomotive. The loss will probably reach into the thousands. Several times the breaker and other buildings were in danger.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather indications today: FAIR AND WARMER.

- 1 General—More Hard Fighting in the Jury Trials that Reading Wreck Was Due to Negligence. Celebrating Queen Victoria's Birthday. Game Association Meeting.
- 2 Base Ball Results of a Day. Financial and Commercial.
- 3 Local—New System of Running Trains on the D. L. & W. Mayor Will Await Council's Action on Grade Crossing Question.
- 4 Editorial.
- 5 Local—Whirlled Around by a Fly. Meeting of Board of Control.
- 6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
- 7 News Round About Scranton.
- 8 Local—Grand Jury Returns.

BILLION OF INSURANCE.

Denial from General Manager Gillette, of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

New York, May 24.—W. G. Gillette, general manager of the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York, declines in a published statement in today's Mail and Express that his company opposed the passage of the thousand and million limitation bill before the New York legislature. The only significance in the Mutual Life having exceeded one thousand millions of insurance in force lies in the fact that it did so before either the Equitable or the New York Life.

FOUR CARS OF ROCK ON HIM.

Dunmore Miner Buried Beneath a Fall of Roof.

Charles Morlino had a narrow escape from instant death, and Barker Miller, Edw. Miller and Max Gotz had lucky escapes from serious injuries yesterday morning about 8:30 o'clock, while at their work in the No. 1 new shaft, better known as the "Mountain," of the Pennsylvania Coal company, at Dunmore. As it is Morlino is severely injured and may lose his life.

The men were working four-beamed and while busy engaged a large piece of rock, or "saddle," fell from the roof, burying Morlino and just missing his companions.

It was thought by those working in the chamber that the man was dead, but groans from beneath the mass of rock indicated otherwise. The work of removing the rock was attended with great risk as the rock was constantly dropping huge fragments of slate, and this did not deter the brave rescuers in the shaft.

When the injured man was finally taken from beneath the rock he was conveyed to his home on Center street in the company's ambulance, and Dr. Snyder, of Cherry street, dispatched for in great haste. He immediately responded and upon examination found the patient in such a condition as to warrant his removal to the Lackawanna hospital, which will probably be done.

The "saddle" was about three feet thick, five feet wide and between six and eight feet long. An idea of the amount of rock in it can be gained, when it is said that it required four cars to carry it away.

One year ago the injured man's brother, Frank Morlino, was crushed beyond recognition, in a similar manner, in the same mine.

MORE HARD FIGHTING

Lawton Encounters a Strong Force of Filipinos.

Manila, May 24.—6:25 p. m.—Two companies of the Third Infantry and two companies of the Twenty-second Infantry, forming General Lawton's rear guard, while returning from San Miguel to Balfanz yesterday, encountering a strong party which was picking up stragglers laid by General Lawton's expedition, found that the insurgents had reoccupied the country, and hard fighting followed from daylight until the Americans camped at night. But the troops completed their work, though harassed by the enemy, one American was killed and fourteen were wounded. The troops captured twenty prisoners and thirty rifles.

ONE AMERICAN KILLED

Fourteen Wounded—General Lawton's Rear-guard Engaged All Day, General Lawton at Malolos—His Remarkable Campaign—Generals MacArthur and Funston Disperse 800 Rebels Entrenched Beyond San Fernando.

It developed today that five men, instead of one man, were driven by the sinking of a raft, loaded with soldiers of the Fourteenth regiment, at Pasig ferry.

Twenty insurgents were killed and forty were wounded in the engagement with Major Bell's reconnoitering party, consisting of two companies of the Fourth cavalry, in the vicinity of Santa Anita, yesterday.

General Lawton, with most of his troops, has arrived at Malolos. His remarkable expedition marked 120 miles in twenty days, had twenty-two fights, captured twenty-eight towns, destroyed 390,000 pounds of rice and only lost six men killed and thirty-one wounded. On the other hand, General Lawton estimates that his troops killed 400 insurgents and wounded double that number.

Regiments Return.

The Oregon and Minnesota regiments are returning to Manila.

The Spanish newspaper, Ocesania, has been succeeded for publishing sedition editorial.

The United States commissioners and many American officers celebrated the queen's birthday today on board the British first-class cruiser Powerful.

In Manila, Gen. MacArthur and Funston, with the Kansas and Montana regiments and the 17th battery, have dispersed 800 insurgents who were entrenched on the railroad beyond San Fernando, near Santa Anita. The American posts were fired upon from the trenches unexpectedly, and withdrew. This firing was the first since Gen. Fernando, and General MacArthur assembled his troops and marched quickly after the scouts. The Montana regiment flanked the trenches on the left, and the Kansas regiment attacked the enemy's right flank, General Funston leading the charge at the double quick. The insurgent loss was large, many prisoners were captured and it is reported that twenty Americans were wounded.

RATHER SMALL ATTENDANCE.

Not Many Green Ridge People at the Firemen's Fair.

Green Ridge did not make much of a showing at the firemen's fair last night and not for the presence of large delegations from the North End companies, who attended out of compliance to the general Phinneys, the armory would have been a rather lonesome place. The citizens band rendered a concert.

Tonight the Cubslanders, from the Third ward, will hold forth. They will be accompanied by their own band and delegations from the Providence companies. Tomorrow night the Crystals will have their inning. They propose to break the record for attendance and receipts, now held by the Hoaks. Before going to the armory the Crystals will have a parade, in which all the central city companies and some from the suburbs will participate. The Lawrence band will lead the procession, and give a concert at the fair. There will also be a special programme of entertainments.

Last night's drawings resulted as follows: Rug, Jr. Rosenberg; white iron bedstead, P. P. Gordon; doll, Miss Effe Lisk; toy patrol wagon, City Treasurer E. J. Robinson; hat robe, School Controller John Gibbons.