

SCRANTON WILL BE PROTECTED

No Matter What May Be the Result of the Second Glass City Wrangle at Harrisburg.

LOBBYISTS SUCCESSFUL

By the Far-sightedness of the Scranton Representatives, the Electric City Is in Position to Carry Water on Both Shoulders—Mr. Magee Introduces an Orator Who Speaks Against the "Ripper"—Mr. Flinn Does Not Care for Criticism.

Special from a Staff Correspondent.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 6.—Scranton lobbyists on second class city legislation, City Solicitor Vosburg, Councilmen Roche, Vaughan, Coleman and Norton and ex-Mayor Fellows, left for their homes this afternoon, after having accomplished all that the most sanguine could possibly have hoped to accomplish and without definitely committing the Electric City one way or the other in the factional fight over the ripper feature of the Muehlbrenner act, an especially commendable achievement. They have secured the assurance that if we are not to have the Muehlbrenner act, the Flinnites will assist us in securing whatever amendments to the present law we desire, and, if we are to have the Muehlbrenner act, we are to have pretty much what we want in the way of making it fit the needs of Scranton. Senator Vaughan having been selected as the head of the sub-committee of three to which the municipal affairs committee this afternoon at the conclusion of the hearing delegated the task of framing the amendments that the committee will recommend when it reports the bill back to the senate.

No matter which way the cow jumps Scranton's interests are protected. Senator Vaughan by his far-sightedness, the representatives by their conservatism and the lobbyists by a just and harmonious handling of the testy matter they came here to handle have placed the Electric City in a position to safely carry water on both shoulders. The hearing before the joint committee on municipal affairs this afternoon attracted more attention than any event since the fight on organization.

The "Ripper" Contingent.

The senate and house both adjourned about noon time and when the hearing began at 2:30 o'clock all the assemblymen who could conveniently do so sought the senate chamber to listen to the discussion. The most conspicuous of the lobbyists were the twenty-eight delegates from the East End board of trade, who occupied a semi-circle of chairs placed inside the enclosure formed by the members' desks. Every man wore the Pittsburg colors, orange and black, the black ribbon bearing the legend "For the Ripper." They were the only ones to espouse the "Ripper" feature. The chamber of commerce committee, of which the eminent George Guthrie is chairman, did not put in an appearance. They had a meeting on Tuesday and drafted another complete second-class act along the line of the Muehlbrenner bill, which it was expected they would present in the senate today. Nothing was heard from them, however. They are for the "Ripper."

The Scranton delegates clustered in a corner near the speaker's desk and only came forth when Mr. Vosburg was called upon to speak. The rest of the house was packed with what the anti-Flinn papers of Pittsburg are wont to call the "Pay Roll." Nearly all the prominent officials of Pittsburg and Allegheny, including Mayor Diehl, of Pittsburg, were among them. The notable absentee was Mayor Wymann, of Allegheny, who is not in harmony with the administration. George Elphinstone, former city solicitor of Allegheny, whom your correspondent quoted extensively in his article on second-class city legislation last December, was the spokesman of Allegheny. City Attorney Barleigh, who was also frequently quoted as an authority in the same articles, talked for the Pittsburg administration. City Solicitor Vosburg presented Scranton's case. The pro-rippers of the East End board of trade told their tale through Dr. E. W. McNeal, A. G. Hoening and C. S. Crawford.

Mr. Elphinstone Speaks.

Senator Muehlbrenner, as chairman of the meeting, called on Mr. Elphinstone to speak first. Mr. Elphinstone said that the question of a new charter had been carefully canvassed in Allegheny, and as a result of this canvass he had been instructed to say that the wish of the Allegheny people was to be let alone. The city government is eminently satisfactory, and they want no change. The "ripper" feature he characterized as unjust and unconstitutional, if for no other cause than that it attempts to extend

WILLIAMS DISCHARGED.

He Cannot Be Held Responsible for Shooting at Pittston.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 6.—Thomas Williams, a coal and iron policeman who was employed by one of the coal companies during the strike of last fall, was placed on trial today, charged with manslaughter. One night last September a number of men, so it is alleged, were seen acting in a suspicious manner in the vicinity of the Clear Spring Coal company's office at West Pittston. The coal and iron policeman commanded them to halt. A number of shots were fired after them and a man named Charles Morins dropped dead from a bullet wound in the head. Williams and three other men were arrested, charged with the shooting. It was agreed to try the defendants separately. Williams' counsel today (Attorney Jones) said he could not connect the defendant with the shooting and he was discharged.

FATAL COLLISION ON ONTARIO AND WESTERN

An Engine with Snow Plow Crashes Into a Passenger Coach at Hurleyville—One Man Dies.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Middletown, N. Y., Feb. 6.—A fatal collision occurred on the Ontario and Western railroad at Hurleyville, Sullivan county, today. An engine with a snow plow crashed into a passenger coach attached to a milk train, which had stopped at a siding to allow another train to pass. Howard H. Schofield, of Fishkill Landing, a traveling salesman, and a member of the firm, John J. Curran, 47, of New York City, died from inhalation of steam and the effect of scalds about the body. The injured are: Daniel C. Lamont and Robert Brock, train employes, and five passengers. Daniel H. Webster, train conductor, merchant Harry C. Koppen, Calceon Centre; H. D. Percher, Albany; Dr. H. P. Deady, Liberty, and Mr. Wincher, of this city. Some of them may have been fatally injured from escaping steam. Overturning occurred on the cars and the train crew and the injured passengers worked heroically to extricate the injured.

CARNEGIE STEEL INTEREST SOLD

Passed Into the Syndicate of Bankers in Which J. P. Morgan & Co. Are Dominant Factors.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Feb. 6.—The Mail and Express and the Evening Post both announce the sale of the Carnegie Steel company. The Mail and Express in its article on the subject says: "The Carnegie Steel company, limited, has passed to a syndicate of bankers, in which J. P. Morgan & Company are the dominant factors by the purchase of the stock owned by Andrew Carnegie. It is expected that Mr. Carnegie will retire into private life. The terms of the purchase are not known, but that the transaction has been completed was semi-officially announced today. 'The capital stock of the Carnegie company is \$160,000,000. There is an equal amount in bonds. Mr. Carnegie is popularly believed to own about 54 per cent of this.'"

PASSENGER TRAIN STALLED.

Five Engines Are Unable to Pull It Out—Twenty Persons Aboard.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—The passenger train over the Chateaugay railroad, due here at 10:50 a. m. yesterday, became stalled in the snow east of Dunmore. Engine after engine was sent from both ends to pull the train out, until five engines also became stalled. The train was unable to break through the huge drifts of snow until about daylight this morning. A force of fifty men was set to work to shovel away the snow. The train at last reached here at 1 p. m. today, over twenty-eight hours late. There were twenty passengers on the train, some of them women and the train crews went on snow shoes to nearby farm houses for food. A special car filled with inmates who were being transferred from Matamoras to Dunmore, was delayed here all day by the snow blockade.

BIG FIRE NEAR EL CERRO.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Havana, Feb. 6.—A lumber yard, saw mill and lumber houses in the western part of Havana near El Cerro, have been destroyed by fire with a total loss of \$200,000. The mill and yard, the property of Pedro Estrella, show a loss of \$200,000, against which there is insurance in the amount of \$200,000. A number of persons were injured, most of them French.

Governor Nash Means Business.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Columbus, O., Feb. 6.—At Governor Nash's request a state emergency law today authorizes the use of the state militia if necessary to prevent the proposed Jeffrey-Bullin contest at Cincinnati, February 15. This movement on the part of the governor leaves no question about his intention to use the military arm of the state, if the law should fail to prevent the fight. He had never said explicitly that he would use the militia.

Victims of Hotel Exploitation.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Birmingham, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Two additional fatalities as the result of the Exposition hotel fire in this city yesterday occurred today when Thomas B. Cook, one of the proprietors of the hotel, and John Rigdon, died from their injuries. Mr. Cook was one of the best known businessmen and race promoters in the state. Don Harrow is being at the point of death and William Harrow's injuries are considered serious. The deaths so far number four.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS

Two Important Measures Are Disposed of in the Senate.

MILITARY AND REVENUE

Hazing Paragraph Instructs the Superintendent of the Military Academy to Make Such Rules as Will Effectually Prevent the Practice of Hazing—House Committee Makes Report—Tax Modified on Tobacco and Cigars by House Committee.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Two important measures were disposed of by the senate today, the military academy appropriation bill and the war revenue reduction bill. The former was under consideration less than an hour. The only change made in it was the strengthening of the provision against hazing at West Point.

During the remainder of the afternoon session the war revenue reduction bill was before the senate. It was determined but unsuccessful effort was made to reduce the tax on bank checks and to provide that telegraph and express companies should bear the burden of the tax on messages and packages sent. The finance committee's amendment, levying a tax on transactions in so-called "bucket shops" modifying the tax on cigars and cigarettes, and providing for a rebate on unbroken packages of tobacco, in addition to several others of a minor character, were adopted. An amendment substituting an income tax for the war revenue measure, offered by Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, was rejected by a party vote, 21 to 35.

As agreed to, the hazing paragraph in the military academy appropriation bill is as follows: "The superintendent of the military academy shall make such rules, to be approved by the secretary of war, as will effectually prevent the practice of hazing; and any cadet found guilty of participating in or encouraging or countenancing such practice shall be summarily expelled from the academy and shall not thereafter be reappointed to the corps of cadets or be eligible for appointment as a commissioned officer in the army or navy."

Hazing Committee Reports.

The special committee of the house which investigated hazing at West Point has practically completed its work and has framed its report and the bill which will be proposed as a remedy for the evil. Both bill and report will be presented to the house as soon as they can be printed. The committee held an extended session today, going over the report and discussing the terms of the proposed legislation. The recommendation is that the superintendent of the military academy and ineligibility for army appointment is exceedingly mild compared with the legislation proposed by the special committee. While the committee withholds the details of the report until it can be presented to the house, it is understood that the recommendations are along lines heretofore indicated, embracing expulsion for hazing or for sending or accepting a challenge, or for any participation in a challenge or its results; closer association between academy officials and cadets with a view to placing full knowledge of what is going on within the range of the officials, and increased responsibility for the action of cadets, and ineligibility for reappointment as cadet or for appointment to the army in case of dismissal for hazing. The stringent details of the provisions are understood to give them additional force.

Postoffice Appropriation Debate.

Debate on the postoffice appropriation bill consumed another day in the house. About two hours were occupied by Chairman Loud, of the postoffice committee, who was a member of the postal committee in the discussion of the subjects investigated by it. The remainder of the time was occupied in debate upon the three subjects, pneumatic tube service, special mail facilities and railway mail pay. Mr. Burke, of Texas, and Mr. Williams, of Missouri, opposed the appropriation for special mail facilities to the south. Mr. Swanson, of Virginia, defended the appropriation, and Mr. Cowherd, of Missouri, championed the appropriation for special facilities between Kansas City and Newton, Kansas. It was agreed before adjournment today that debate should close tomorrow at 12:30 p. m., when the votes should be taken upon the several amendments which are pending.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Feb. 6.—Dr. Benjamin Franklin, a native of New York, died today of the grip at his home in Newark, N. J., where he had practiced medicine for twenty years. Dr. Franklin was a veteran of the Civil war and was a prisoner for seven months at Andersonville. He also served with the Cuban expedition in the ten years' war in Cuba. By an accident in Pittsburg he lost one eye. Franklin was 72 years of age and a graduate of the University of New York.

Wilhelmina's Wedding Eve.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. The Hague, Feb. 6.—The wedding of Queen Wilhelmina and Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin shows a winter carnival holding sway over the Hague. It is an ideal evening, clear and cold. Already 10,000 Hollanders, with many foreigners have been added to the population of this ancient kingdom are bringing thousands more.

FIRST SIGNS OF BREAK.

Miners at Columbus Decide to Re-occupy from Position Taken.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Columbus, O., Feb. 6.—The first sign of a break in the stand taken by either side in the conference between the coal operators and miners this afternoon when it was decided by the miners that they would re-occupy the position they took in the Indianapolis convention. At least they receded to the extent of leaving the miner members of the scale committee free to make the best terms possible, subject to approval before final acceptance. This is expected to simplify matters to a considerable degree. After the joint conference had spent the greater part of the day in discussing the resolution to put the run of mine basis in all states, the question, having once been voted down, was referred back to the scale committee. They were instructed to consider the whole matter. The conference then adjourned, subject to the call of the committee. It was at this time that the first sign of a concession made by the operators was noted. The miners asked that the time of the committee meeting be fixed for 7 o'clock, that they might have opportunity for a conference. This was agreed to by the operators, and the miners at once went into session, while an appointment was being made to take the scale question adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow. The object in appointing a sub-committee is to facilitate the work, the original committee of thirty-two having proven unworkable. Since the first signs of a threatened break in the agreement both the operators and miners have become all the more determined to prevent it. The only hope of a settlement, however, rests upon the feeling that it would be a calamity if the conference should adjourn without agreeing upon a scale and that no effort must be spared to avert such a result.

CHURCH WORKERS MEET.

Important Conference at Philadelphia—A Constitution Adopted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—The delegates to the conference here for its object a national federation of churches and Christian workers today took up the question of a constitution, with instructions to draft a constitution for the organization. The draft presented by Rev. Charles L. Thompson, of New York, chairman of the committee on organization, did not meet with the approval of a majority of the conference and the whole question was referred to a committee, with instructions to revise the plan. There was an interesting discussion on the topic, "State Federations and Their Work." Those participating were Rev. C. Cummings, Auburn, Me.; Professor W. V. Anthony, Lewistown; Henry H. Stebbins, D. D., president of the Federation of Churches and Christian Workers of the state of New York, and William C. Webb, D. D., secretary of the Evangelical Alliance of Pennsylvania. The constitution as finally adopted gives to the organization the title of the National Federation of Churches and Christian Workers. Its object is to "secure co-operation among churches and Christian workers throughout the United States for the more effective promotion of the interests of the kingdom of God on earth." Fifteen ministers and fifteen laymen are to be chosen by the federation, who, with the president, recording secretary and treasurer, will constitute the executive board. With the adoption of the constitution, a resolution was declared formally organized and a nominating committee was appointed to select candidates for the various offices.

Dr. Leyds Heard From.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Feb. 7.—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at The Hague, writing the substance of an interview with Dr. Leyds, says: "The trade unionist that the Boers would never submit and that their submission was utterly impossible. He declared that they would continue fighting their magazine as hitherto, with every fresh capture from the British."

Steve Brodie's Funeral.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Feb. 6.—Funeral services for the late Stephen J. Brodie, who died of consumption at 81, were held today at 10 o'clock at St. Ann's church. Brodie was a native of the New York River, and the son of the late John Brodie, who was the first of the Federal order of Eagles, of which Brodie was a charter member. About fifty members of the order attended.

Corporations Chartered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Feb. 6.—Charters were issued by the state department today on the incorporation of the Pennsylvania Electric Light and Power Co., Clark company proprietor, Scranton, capital \$100,000.

Bill to Abolish the Rope.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Springfield, Ill., Feb. 6.—A bill is introduced today in the lower house of the Illinois legislature, providing for capital punishment hereafter in the electric chair, instead of by hanging.

MOUNTED MEN FOR KITCHENER

The British Government Decides to Increase His Force by 30,000 Cavalry.

RECRUITING WAS RAPID

So Active Have Been Those in Charge of the Work of Enlisting Men That 10,000 of the Number Required Will Soon Be Enrolled. Proposed Terms of Surrender.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Feb. 7.—The following announcement has been issued by the war office: "In view of the recent Boer activity in various districts the government has decided, in addition to the large forces recently equipped locally in South Africa, to reinforce Lord Kitchener by 30,000 mounted troops beyond those already landed in Cape Colony, recruiting for the imperial yeomanry has proceeded so rapidly that it is anticipated 10,000 will shortly be available."

Proposed Terms of Surrender.

Lorenzo Marques, Feb. 4.—The railroad has been cut by the Boers fifty-three kilometers from here. As cabled to the Associated Press yesterday, it was then reported in London that the Boers commanded by Blake (probably John X. Filmore Blake, who was in command of a regiment of Irish and American rough riders in the service of the Transvaal), were threatening Lorenzo Marques, that Portugal had requested British assistance and that a British squadron had been ordered to Lorenzo Marques. In view of the possibility of a Boer raid all the ammunition at Lorenzo Marques, which had been surrendered by burghers at Komatipoort, had been loaded on lighters and moved in the bay. Later Tuesday it became known in London that the British foreign office had received semi-official confirmation of the report that the Boers were threatening to enter Lorenzo Marques and that the local Portuguese authorities were asking for British assistance.

Presiding Elder for Manila.

Dr. Homer C. Stuntz, of Mount Vernon, Col., Has Been Selected.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Chicago, Feb. 6.—Dr. Homer C. Stuntz, of Mount Vernon, Col., has been appointed presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal church in the Philippines and will sail from San Francisco for Manila to take up his official duties April 1. He expects to take a number of missionaries with him and organize Methodist churches in every section of the Philippines. Dr. Stuntz was born at Albion, Pa., Jan. 20, 1838. He was educated at Garrett, Biblical institute, Evanston, and entered the ministry in 1863. In 1866 he was appointed to serve as pastor of a church in India, where he remained eight years. He returned to this country in 1874 and completed his education at the Upper Iowa university.

C. D. Wright Re-appointed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 6.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Carroll D. Wright, of Massachusetts, to be commissioner of labor; Oscar Malheur, of Minnesota, to be consul at Colon, Colombia; Edward P. Seeds, of Iowa, to be deputy auditor of the war department; John E. Pelton, of Colorado, to be recorder of public moneys at Montrose, Colorado.

Prince Charles Adopted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Madrid, Feb. 6.—The queen regent has conferred Spanish citizenship on Prince Charles of Bourbon, who is to marry the Princess of Asturias, February 11, and has created him an infant of Spain and a knight of the Golden Fleece.

Netherlands Incident Closed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. The Hague, Feb. 6.—The incident caused by the withdrawal of the steamer of the royal navy from the Netherlands minister will shortly return to Lisbon.

Barrels of Oil Escaped.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lancaster, Feb. 6.—A pipe of the Standard Oil company burst three miles from Milway this morning and one thousand barrels of oil escaped before the leak was stopped. The oil was damped up and burned.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

- Weather Indications Today. PROBABLY SNOW. 1 General—Hearing on the "Ripper" Bill at Harrisburg. 2 Mounted Men for South Africa. One Source of Supply for the Philippine Rebels. 3 Work of the National Lawmakers. 4 General—Carnegie Steel Department. 5 General—Hearing on the "Ripper" Bill at Harrisburg (Continued). 6 Editorial. Note and Comment. 7 Story—"A Good Way with Women." 8 Local—Colonel Hilsbrack on the July 29th. New Gas Company Ordinance to Be Introduced in Council Tonight. 9 Local—Deadlock in the Silk Workers' Strike. First Night of the Benefit for the Home for the Blind. 10 Local—West Scranton and Schuylkill. Pa.'s Belong in the Lackawanna Courts. 11 General—Northampton, Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial. 12 Local—Law News of the Industrial World.

ASSOCIATED HEALTH AUTHORITIES MEET

Ed. Wagener Reports in Favor of Enactment of Local School Boards of Health.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Feb. 6.—The eighth annual meeting of the Associated Health Authorities and Sanitaries of Pennsylvania convened today in the Supreme court chamber to consider legislation for the better protection of the public health. Ed. S. Wagener, of Mechanicsburg, chairman of the committee on legislation, reported in favor of the enactment of the following laws by the present legislature: Providing that constables shall be health wardens and receive \$10 for each conviction for pollution of streams. Making it compulsory on school boards to organize local boards of health. Appropriating \$15,000 to the state board of health for the supervision of water supplies and the protection of public streams against pollution. Appropriating \$12,000 to the board for current expenses for the next two years. Increasing the salary of the secretary of the board from \$2,000 to \$3,200 a year. The report will be considered at tomorrow's session. James T. Moffatt, president of the Clarion board of health, and Don C. Corbett and Frank M. Arnold, of Clarion, urged the speedy enactment of a law to prevent the pollution of streams. Governor Stone presided at tonight's session, at which Dr. George C. Groff, of Bucknell university, made an address on "Sanitary Work Accomplished in Porto Rico Since American Occupation."

MRS. NATION'S CRUSADE.

She Visits Jail and Talks with Prisoners—Mayor Harrison Sounds Warning.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Topeka, Kan., Feb. 6.—Chief of Police Stahl and Sheriff Cool went to the keepers of the jails last night and insisted that they close until the jointists are promised, but tonight they are open as wide as ever. Mrs. Nation spent most of the day today in visiting the different jails of the city and praying and talking with the inmates. Mrs. Nation's visit, according to her friends, will be a peaceful one, and she will not undertake to destroy any saloons in Chicago. Her coming to Chicago, it is asserted, is merely to place the situation in Kansas before the people and to help aid in the suppression of the illegal traffic in Kansas.

Roesler-Pons Match a Draw.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Feb. 6.—The wrestling match between Roesler and Pons at Madison Square Garden tonight resulted in a draw. Neither got a fall and at midnight, the time limit being reached, the match was stopped. The actual time of the bout was one hour and fifteen minutes.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Feb. 6.—Arrived: Statenland, from Rotterdam; Astoria, Glasgow, Salsbit, from New York; Southampton, Trenton, Liverpool, Southampton, from Liverpool; Atlantic, from New York; Pacific, from New York; Atlantic, from New York; Pacific, from New York.

Government Defeated.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Rome, Feb. 6.—The government was defeated in the chamber of deputies today by a vote of 115 to 112 on the debate on the dissolution of the labor congress at Genoa which has lasted several days.

WEATHER FORECAST.

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ONE OF THE SECRETS OUT

Police at Manila Have Discovered a Source of Supply for the Philippine Rebels.

COCOANUT BUYER'S PART

Theorrada Carranza, a Spanish Merchant, Is Arrested on Charge of Furnishing Supplies to the Filipino Insurgents—The Transactions of Other Merchants at Manila Will Be Looked Into.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, Feb. 6.—Theorrada Carranza, a prominent and wealthy Spanish merchant and hemp and cocoanut buyer, was arrested this afternoon, charged with furnishing supplies to the Filipino insurgents. Carranza is also a partner of D. M. Carnan, an American contractor and owner of boats, who had considerable transportation contracts with the government. The provost marshal and secret service officers, having searched a number of merchants and transportation men for some time past, the police officials have had a long interview with Carranza, and the arrest of several merchants is expected to result.

Provincial Government Bill.

Manila, Feb. 6.—The amended provincial government bill has been passed and the commission will leave here Tuesday to organize governments in the provinces of Pampanga, Pangasinan and Ilocos. After the commissioners return from their tour they will organize Zamboanga, Batavia, Buacan, Nueva Ecija and Cagayan. The latter, a northern province, is added by General MacArthur to the list of those organized as ready for provincial government. Other Manila merchants are being investigated.

JENKINS CLEARED.

The Man Thought to Have Murdered Washington Hunter Is Innocent.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—Robert L. Jenkins, the Maryland youth who has been under police surveillance at a hospital in this city on suspicion of having committed the murder of Washington Hunter, the aged farmer of Riverside, N. J., was today cleared of all suspicion. Hunter was attacked by three masked men in his home at midnight of January 25, by means of several shots at the forehead. Several days later he died from the effects of the beating the men gave him. Subsequently Jenkins appeared at the trial, but he was not allowed to testify. It is said he had accidentally shot himself the day before and that his home was in Middle River, Md. He denied all knowledge of the murder. He was later identified as having worked on a farm near Hunter's place. Pending investigation which ended today and showed that Jenkins told the truth, he was not allowed to leave the hospital.

SNOWING IN WAYNE.

The Beautiful Two Feet Deep on the Level.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lyons, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Wayne county is now blanketed. The snow is two feet on the level and has settled fairly. There has been no real trail delivery since Saturday. The Central and West Shore trains are running behind time. Four engines are required to pull the cars on the Pennsylvania line. It is still raining hard and a brisk wind is blowing.

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