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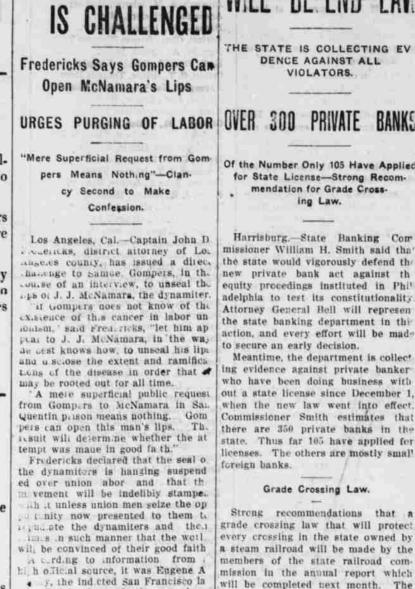
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No woman can think it economy to continue wearing the hat she bought at the beginning of the season, when stylish Act Would Seem to Earn Substantia! new models can be bought for such tiny prices.

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Of the Number Only 105 Have Applied for State License-Strong Recommendation for Grade Crossing Law.

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VIOLATORS.

Harrisburg.-State Banking Com missioner William H. Smith said that the state would vigorously defend the new private bank act against th equity proceedings instituted in Phil adelphia to test its constitutionality Attorney General Bell will represen the state banking department in thiaction, and every effort will be madto secure an early decision.

Meantime, the department is collect ing evidence against private bankerwho have been doing business with out a state license since December 1, when the new law went into effect. Commissioner Smith estimates that there are 350 private banks in the state. Thus far 105 have applied for licenses. The others are mostly small foreign banks.

Grade Crossing Law.

Strong recommendations that r grade crossing law that will protect every crossing in the state owned by a steam railroad will be made by the members of the state railroad commission in the annual report which will be completed next month. The subject is one which has been holding considerable attention and statistic at such places will be used to rein force the recommendations. Such rec mmendations were made prior to the sessions of 1909 and 1911, but bill embcdying the commission's idea were never passed.

New Hospital Offigers.

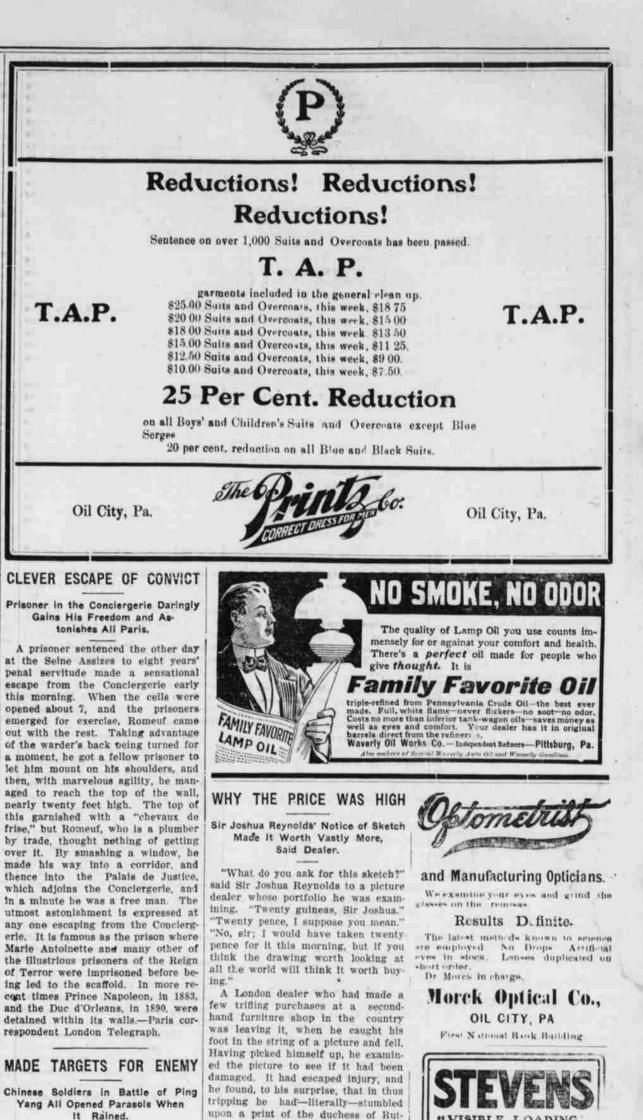
The flurry over the Shamokin hos ital was apparently settled when th rustees organized by electing Grap ferring president and Penn Kembl secretary. Dr. George Resse, who ha the endorsement of Governor Tene and Attorney General Bell, was elec ed superintendent.

Bid Governors to Conference.

Grants Pazs. That he might have money to defend himself at the trial Harrieburg .-- Plans are now bein ade by the executive and forest departments for issuing a general cal or the conference on the chestna light to be held here some time 1 ebruary.

In addition to the invitations which Governor John K. Tener will exter to his fellow governors of affecte states, it is probable that several hum dred prominent persons who are vi ally interested in the work, or who are studying it from a scientific stand point, will be asked to come here for he occasion.

The general call may be issued by he governor or it may be issued by he chestnut blight commission, with



land, after Reynolds, by Valentine No one who has studied the military Green, in its first state. The dealer methods of China will be surprised bought the print for £4 and after-

It Rained.

soldier was supplied with an oilcloth

parasol, and a fan which he tucked

up his sleeve. During the battle of

Ping Yang, when the rain came on,

the parasols were opened and the

enemy found the men easy targets, es-

pecially as each one wore a large

At the arsenal at Nankin it was

non which had arrived there because

it was too long, and to make "solid

shells" which would not burst. Green

sprouts were also seen on the logs

from which gun stocks were to be

made. But the "limit," as one may

say, was reached at Hankow when an

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Real "Tumblers."

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ing has been lost in the many grace-

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What a "tumbler" really is may be

inferred from an extract from a gen-

tleman's diary, written in 1803, which

also throws light upon the social cus-

toms of the times. The entry is as

follows: "Had a few friends to din-

ner. Tried my new tumbling-glasses.

Very successful; all got drunk early."

These tumbling-glasses, soon called

"tumblers" for short, were made with

Originally a tumbler was far from

regiment on his breast and back.

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"Throw up your hands!" he said. I did so.

"You understand," he remarked pleasantly, "that I can in the present circumstances loot the premises at my pleasure?"

I confessed that he could. "You realize that you are at my mercy?"

"I do," I replied.

"You acknowledge that I can blow you to kingdom come if I like?" he persisted.

"Certainly," I admitted.

"Well, then," he said, "you will be interested to know that I got in without difficulty through your parlor window. Had it been equipped with Smith's patent safety burglar alarm and preventer this could not have happened. Installed, complete with batteries, for \$25. Allow me to hand you a circular. Good night, sir."

Then, pocketing his revolver, he withdrew.

Judge's Severe Comment.

Sir Matthew Begbie, chief justice of British Columbia, once had before bim a man charged with having killed another man with a sand-bag. The evidence was conclusive, and the judge charged the jury accordingly. nature. but a verdict of "Not Gullty" was promptly brought in. The judge was astonished, "Gentlemen of the jury," he said, "this is your verdict, not mine. On your conscience the disgrace will rest. Many repetitions of such conduct as yours will make trial by jury a horrible farce, and the city of Victoria a nest of crime. Go! 1 have nothing more to say to you." And then, turning to the prisoner: "You are discharged. Go and sandbag some of those jurymen; they de- clothes and board and lives on bounty serve it."

AMBIGUOUS

Gertrude-I'm having an awful trial with my husband. He drinks something terrible. Ellen-I never believed in these trial marriages, anyway.

Work of Gothic Sculptors. The Gothic sculptors produced crude and grotesque carvings from a technical standpoint, but they were the first to attempt intimate speech in art addressed to the common people, and both Rossellino and Glotto with their clever followers are heirs of the humbler craftsmen who broke the bonds of convention to immortalize the homeliness and variety of daily experience and common types of human

Money Question from Woman's View. Most men trust their wives with their hearts, but draw the line at their pocketbooks. Some day I am going to write a book on the righteousness of a husband giving his wife a regular allov ance and never asking her to account for it. Better still, a common purse and let her help herself. As long as any woman works for her the is a serf.-Exchange.

has not dampened the hopes of Harry K. Tham or his mother than the youn Pittsburgher will ultimate obtain ha release from the institution. Dr. May has b.en appointed presi

dent of the State Lonacy Commission and Dr. Russell therefore becomes act ing superimendent of the institution and will hold the position unti a civit service examination can be held. Dr. Russe | has practically been in charge of the Matteawan institution for a long time, his op it.on plating upon him the active management of the hospital. H s ideas and theories as to the care of the insane are virtually

RICHESON IS PLAYING FOXEY.

the same as Dr. May's.

Evidently Laying Pipes for Successful insanity Piea.

Boston, Mass .--- The strange conduct the last icw days of the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richsson, charged with the mu.der by cyanide of potassium of Avis Linnell his flancee, is being ad vanted by his friends as grounds for the bellef that the minister is insane. R ch son, who has apparently recovered from his recent operation, calls his celmate Butts, a negro, who is 'so accused of murder, his "Man Fri He has told Butts that when they are liberated they will go to Vir-

been on a plantation. This is a growing belief among some of the authorit es that the mind of the clearman has gone wrong and among others that he is "faking" for future effect.

Meritorious Serv ce Recognized. Baston, Mass. - Maritorious servic during the past year was recognized by the Boston E.evated Rai road Com rany which owns the entire surface. s bway and elevated systems of pas enger transportation by the distribution of upward of \$50,000 among its car service men who have made cred Itable records during the year of 1911. About 3,500 men shared in the gifts.

Resumed After Long Shutdown.

Sharon, Pa .- The Mercer works of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company at South Sharon will re sume operations on Monday, Januar 8, affecting about 300 men. The fiv cheet mills will be started and three turns will be worked. This mill ha

be n idle for 15 months. Cupid's Bad Year in Butler. B Her, Pa.-Dan Capid is short 100 in the mar iage clerk's office 1911 as compared with 1910. The fature to keep up to the standard is attributed to business depression.

Schwab Also to "Ring Up."

South Beth chem. Pa .- To put a stop to the late artival and early de-Jailure from work of his hun ir de c is and employee, Char e ab possion of the com istitud to a lo is in

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he sanction of Governor Tener. The alight commission will hold a meet ng as soon as the governor's invite ion to other states has been issue nd a definite program for the two ay conference will then be mappe

The conference will be held in the use cancus room at the capitol up iss the attendance be too large, it thich event it will be adjourned to e house chamber on the second 00r.

Wheat in Danger.

State officials who have come back the capitol from their homes in tricultural counties say that the unually mild weather and dampness f the last week or so have caused te wheat to spring up and that the eneral conditions are unfavorable. he ground is being well soaked, but tere is nothing to protect it when il cold weither comes. In some unties less snow has fallen than at ds time in six or seven years

Rules Against York Fair.

The state board of education will ect here the middle of January to scuss some of the new work outted in November. Auditor General even has refused to give York counany share of state fair money for 1 for the York fair, on the ground ; gambling devices were permitted. s leaves only the Cambria case to disposed of.

State Capitol Notes.

The state sinking fund commission is completed the purchase of state per cent bonds to the value of \$27,-00 and as many more have been ofred for recomption. These bonds e part of the issue that will fall due February 1. Over a quarter million llars' worth have been offered oly.

Talk of an extra session for the surpose of apportionment is scouted by state officials who said it is a reival of the rumors affoat last fall.

The state railroad commission has econ advised that the directors of th first National bank at Gratz have ac cepted the proposition of the Adam Express company, in the matter of reluction in the rate for carrying gold nd silver between that peint and 'hiladelphia, and the commission is canked for the valuable service ren dered.

Uncle Eben.

"De man dat gits de mos' out o' life," said Uncle Eben, "is de one dat's willin' to jump in an' he'p heave cotton while he's down to de dock waitin' foh his ship to come in."

Attitude and Art. Fewer people nowadays pretend to be reading when they get their plctures taben. Still, there are those is waning .--- Atomion

a round or pointed bottom so that they could not be set down when they contained liquids without falling over and spilling their contents. They were made as a sort of joke to conduce to rapid drinking. Perfume Compounding an Art. The compounding of perfumes is a

cided to stop firing."

distinct branch of chemistry-a perfume maker may be regarded as an artist of chemistry, blending his ingre- now that you're wearing a plain afdients with the care of one and the fair in a nickel-plated case." taste and skill of the other profession. Almost all perfumes have as a basis alter cases."" ambergris or civet, and while these materials are most necessary, great care must be exercised in their use, for a grain too much will make the out fear of their choking. It can easperfume distressingly irritating to the ily be recognized that the bones are user. The same is true of many com- taken away. A large number of conbinations of scents, such combinations

By the Evidence.

one distinct scent should be used.

Donald, aged 4, had been to school with an older friend and had seen the teacher put a star on the cards of each child whose conduct had been good. That evening while walking out with his parents, he remarked after looking at the starry sky, "There've ho sense bero. been lots of good boys today."

to learn that "shells" of painted wood | ward disposed of it for £1,000 .- From have been picked up in the German Jernigham's "Bargain Book." concession at Hankow. This is truly Chinese. Not so very long ago each

Wise Servant.

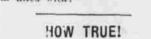
A woman in Trenton, N. J., who has been having a lot of trouble with her domestic help, was obliged recently to accept the temporary service of a raw recruit in the shape of an Irish girl just landed in this country. After a preliminary survey of the

white disk bearing the number of his girl and a dejected sigh, the lady of the house asked: "What can you do?" once decided to shorten a Krupp can-

"Shure, most anything at all, mum," responded the newcomer. The lady of the house glanced about

the room. There was everything to be done. "Could you fill the lamps?" she finally ventured to ask. "Shure, I kin fill the lamps!" ex-

claimed the enthusiastic Celt, as she Austrian warship entered the port and grabbed one and started out. Then, with the air of one wishing above all tempted to return the courtesy, but things to suit the possible caprices of stopped short after five or six disa new employer, she paused to query: charges. As the Chinese commander "An' is it gas or oil ye'd be wantin' afterward explained, "When the third thim filled with?" artilleryman had been killed we de-





"I say, old man, where is that fine gold watch you used to sport? I see "Well, you know, 'circumstances

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An Explanation.

"Your nephew is a college graduate, isn't he?" "Yes," confessed honest Farmer Hornbank; "but in justice to the college I'll own up that he had sense beforehand."-Woman's



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