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SIGHT RETURNS WITH BUMP

Boston Man Blind Eighteen Years Can Now See
Boston, Dec. 16.—Stone blind for nine years and practically sightless for nine years before that, Frank H. Haynes of No. 34 Summer street, Hyde Park, once a famous horse racer, now can see.
Arising from his bed yesterday morning and groping about with his hands, his head struck the bedpost. A few minutes later he could see as well as ever. Mr. Haynes considers it a miracle.
"When I awoke," he said, "I sat up in bed, then stooped over to grope for my shoes. In doing that I struck the post of the bed. I continued dressing as best I could."
"Soon I noticed what appeared to be

a shadow of my hand. Then I saw a towel I was holding. Then I saw the whole room."
"I went to the mirror to see myself for the first time in nine years. I could hardly believe what I saw was myself. I was surprised to find my hair had changed from black to gray."
"My first thought was to see the picture of my dead wife. I took it in my hands and it seemed good to see her features again."

MUFFLED AND DEAF TO DEATH

Father of Seven is Killed for Failing to Hear Engine

Williamsport, Dec. 16.—Albert Sherwood, aged 36, married, and father of seven children, was killed, while Joseph Snyder, unmarried, escaped injury when a sleigh in which they were riding was struck by a freight train at the Port Penn crossing of the Reading railway, near Muncy.
The men wore caps, which they had pulled down over their ears in the cold and they were unable to hear the approaching engine. Sherwood's body was cut in two after being dragged some distance with the wreckage of the sleigh.

With a crop of 1,200,000,000 bushels of oats reported it is not likely that the equine population will complain of hard times this year.

C. V. NEWS

ADAMS CO. FRUIT GROWERS IN ANNUAL CONVENTION

First Meeting of Three Day Session Was Opened at Bendersville To-day—Many Speakers Will Discuss the Fruit and Farm Subjects

The tenth annual convention of the Fruit Growers' Association of Adams county opened to-day at Bendersville will continue to-morrow and Friday and it promises to be one of the most successful ever held. Bendersville is in the heart of the greatest apple-growing district in Pennsylvania, and the fruit-growers of Adams county are live progressive people who keep abreast of the times and are strictly up to date in the matter of growing fine fruit.

These annual meetings are not confined exclusively to the discussion of the fruit question, but almost every question that enters into farm life is opened up and freely talked about. On Wednesday President Robert M. Eldon, of Aspers, will deliver his annual address and Dr. C. J. Marshall, State Veterinarian, will give a talk on the foot and mouth disease. How to get good roads will also be discussed. Thursday will be devoted to fruit culture talks, Prof. M. G. Kains, of State College; Prof. W. M. Scott, of Baltimore, and J. W. Burke, of Batavia, giving special lectures.

Apples will be the theme of the talk of Prof. H. B. Knapp, of the New York State College of Agriculture, on Friday, followed by a talk on "Home Economics" by Miss Pearl McDonald, of State College. Prof. M. S. McDowell, of State College, will talk on county extension agents, and Miss McDonald on the health problem. All through the sessions there will be frequent discussions, and there will be a question box to be opened at intervals and the interrogatories will be answered by experts. The influence of this meeting will be apparent in the big fruit crop in Adams county in 1915.

Have Located Runaway Boy

Carlisle, Dec. 16.—The parents of 16-year-old Ray Wolf, who ran away from his home in Carlisle a week ago because his father objected to his too assiduous attention to the movies, have located the boy at Colebrook, Virginia, where young Wolf told friends of his family that he was out for a good time. Herman Wolf, the young man's father, wired the Winchester, Va., police officials to hold his son.

Broken Gas Pipe Causes Fire

Carlisle, Dec. 16.—Prompt work on the part of William A. Jordan, caretaker of the building, doubtless saved from destruction or serious damage by fire the Jacob Tome Scientific building, one of the largest departments of Dickinson College, when a leaky union in a gas pipe was set on fire and the melting pipe directed a monster blowtorch against the ceiling of the building. The fire broke out shortly after noon yesterday.
With the ceiling of the room in which the fire started, ablaze, and the intense heat from the burning gas scorching his face and clothing, Jordan succeeded in turning the gas. The fire was later extinguished.

Lieutenant Samuel M. Strite Dies

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 16.—Lieutenant Samuel Melchor Strite, 49 years old, United States Navy, retired, who had command of the after 8-inch turret on Admiral Dewey's flagship Olympia during Manila bay battle, died here yesterday.
Graduating from Annapolis Naval Academy he saw service in the United States Coast survey and at Mare Island Navy yard, California. He was commander of torpedo boat Porter, sailed around the world with North Atlantic squadron and served three years in hearing sea. For several years he was inspector of steel for naval uses at Munhall and Pittsburgh. Lieutenant Strite was a son of former Justice Samuel Strite, and brother of former Mayor Abraham C. Strite, of Hagerstown.

Bank Gave Out \$22,000

Waynesboro, Dec. 16.—The Citizens' National bank Christmas savings fund checks are being cashed in large numbers and much money is being put in circulation for Christmas.
The Citizens' Christmas savings fund had about 1,000 members and there was paid out to them \$22,000.
The first year the Citizens had 440 members of its Christmas club, the second 709 and the third 1,000.

TO ADDRESS FARMERS' MEETING

State Zoologist Surface to Talk on Destroying Corn Pest
H. A. Surface, State Economic Zoologist, will talk to the McCormick Farmers' Club at its monthly meeting to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Sporting Green farm, conducted by E. E. Lower on the Carlisle pike, near Hagerstown. Professor Surface will talk along the same lines as the speakers at the previous meeting have followed, namely describing the pest that has been destroying corn and clover, and suggesting remedies.
At the January meeting of the club Hiram Billett, general superintendent of the Boonmead's farms, will speak on the proper rations for feeding dairy cows.

BOMB HURLS FATAL COUPLER

Dynamite Used to Clear Railroad Wreck, Reverses Rule
Pottsville, Dec. 16.—Herman Koerper, 16 years old, of Tremont, died at the Pottsville hospital yesterday, as the result of an explosion of dynamite at a railroad wreck in Tremont Monday.
A locomotive left the track and in order to free it from the incumbrance of wrecked cars a charge of dynamite was put off to break the coupling pin. The pin hit young Koerper in the head, fracturing his skull, and striking almost with the force of a bullet.
As dynamite usually strikes downward, the result of the explosion was a shock to the railroad officials.

Masons Elect Their Officers

Samuel C. Cerkins, Royal Arph Chapter, No. 209, Masonic Lodge, Mechanicsburg, has elected the following officers to serve for the coming year: M. E. high priest, William Grant Miller; King, James S. D. Eisenhower; scribe, John D. Spong; treasurer, Samuel E. Basehore; secretary, Harry C. Harper; trustees, Alexander H. Ege, Robert H. Thomas, Jr., Harry L. Snyder; representative to Grand Chapter, Levi M. Myers.

SAVES YOUR TIME AND MONEY

At This Particular Season of the Year Both Are Well Worth Saving

What is more valuable at this time, while the Yuletide is approaching, than time? Somebody who is watching the exchequer says "money." Well, save both time and money, then. How? It's easy.

You have a cousin "down home" that expects you to send the usual Christmas present. Then there are these friends that you visited last summer, who ought to be remembered. There are some other out-of-town folks, too, who'll expect a little remembrance. This will all require time and money. But here's where the saving comes in. Just clip coupons from the Star-Independent and present each one of these friends with a genuine flexible leather \$5 Bible. Nothing can be more appropriate. The \$5 volume is a most beautiful book, stamped in gold and packed in a box which bears the label giving the retail price, \$5, and no other marks appear thereon, so it becomes a \$5 present for only one coupon and the small expense bonus amount to defray the necessary items of distribution.
Now, isn't that a real saving of time and money? Everybody will appreciate such a present, too.
To-day's coupon is printed on another page of this issue. Clip it and save both time and money.

WOMEN SAVE AGED MOTHER

Mrs. Frederick Cease and Mrs. J. M. Horn Risk Lives at Plymouth
Plymouth, Pa., Dec. 16.—Fighting their way through flames and smoke, Mrs. Frederick Cease and Mrs. J. M. Horn risked their lives to rescue their mother, Mrs. Sarah Mains, aged 85 years, from her home early yesterday.

The fire had almost enveloped the Mains home before it was discovered. When Mrs. Cease and Mrs. Horn learned that their mother was still in the building they refused to stand aside and permit others to make the rescue. Battling with flames and smoke the women worked their way to the bedroom of their mother, who had been overcome, and bedding her in blankets made their way to safety. Mrs. Mains was not burned, but her daughters were burned about the head, face and arms. Two buildings were destroyed and two others damaged by the fire. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

"BOMB" CAUSES CLOSE SHAVE

Customer Minus Part of Nose in Barber Shop Excitement

Pittsburgh, Dec. 16.—William White had just been talked to sleep in the barber shop of John Beymer on the North Side when with a crash of glass through the front window came a piece of lead pipe with a burning "fuse" attached. So startled was Beymer that a quick movement of his razor shaved White's nose. All except White fled.
White grabbed a towel to stop the blood, and noting the lighted "bomb" drenched it with a mug of water. Barbers and patrons cautiously crept back and found the bomb dead.
Police who were summoned found the "bomb's" fuse was rope, and that the lead pipe was empty. The ends had been hammered together to hold the rope in position.
White lost a good portion of his nose. The police are searching for the "bomb" thrower.

Penny Paydays Announced

According to a schedule in the local offices of the Middle Division of the Pennsylvania Railway Company the employees of that division will receive their pay for the first half of December on the following days: First day, Monday, December 21; Tuesday, December 22; Wednesday, December 23; Thursday, December 24; Friday, December 25; Saturday, December 26.

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Like Draws Like
The superintendent of a lunatic asylum was strolling round the grounds a few weeks after his appointment, when one of the inmates came up to him and touching his hat, exclaimed: "We all like you better than the last one, sir." "Thank you," said the new official pleasantly. "And may I ask why?" "Well, sir," replied the lunatic, "see, you are more like one of us."—Kansas City Star.

HOTEL BILL UNPAID, PRINCESS LOSES ART TREASURES



THE GERMAN EMPEROR. PORTRAIT BY PRINCESS PARLAGHY



Princess Lwoff-Parlaghy, who for the last few years has been living at the Plaza Hotel, New York, surrounded by an entourage of servants that included three butlers, maids, waiters, a private physician and special representative, it was learned, has left the Plaza and is living with a friend in an apartment in New York. The Princess, who is an artist of no mean talent, has left the greater part of the pictures she has painted, together with her valuable bronzes, tapestries, potteries and ecclesiastical hangings, in the possession of the management of the Plaza. There seems to be a question of the non-payment of a bill to the amount of about \$12,000.

PRINCESS LWOFF-PARLAGHY