COMMITTEE ACTS ON LOCAL CRUISER WILHELM OPTION TO-MORROW NIGHT

Will Be Favorably Reported and May Reach Final Passage Stage In House By Week From To-mor-

House is called to meet to-morrow by Chairman Williams, when it ! is probable that the local option bill will be ordered to be reported out favorably and it will then come up for first reading on Thursday, second reading on the Monday evening folwing, and on final passage on Tues

In the meantime both the "wets fort to win. It is conceded that the friends of the bill have over eighty votes, and some of them claim ninety, and that the Vare members of the House in Philadelphia have the balance of power, numbering seventeen. They are all said to be awaiting their cue from Senator Vare, and will vote on the local option matter as he de-

Senator Vare is reported to have said that in the matter of local option he will not attempt to influence his followers in any manner. With ninety votes in favor the friends of the bill need but fourteen

With ninety votes in favor the friends of the bill need but fourteen more to pass it, 104 being a majority of the entire House. On the other hand the opponents of the bill deny that it has any number near ninety pledged for it, and say that it has but few over sixty. Great influence is being brought to bear on men who are said to be "on the fence" to bring them into the cold water camp.

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Senator Snyder is said to want a hearing by the Judiciary Special Committee on the child labor bill, which would mean that it will not be reported from the Senate committee this week. Of all the platform pledge bills this is the one nearest of accomplishmen. The House will meet to-night and

HER HONEYMOON WAS BRIEF Wife Seeking a Divorce Says Husband Left Her on Wedding Day

Left Her on Wedding Day

A hearing has been set for June 14, next, in the divorce suit of Bertha vs. Wilson C. Potteiger, and therein lies the climax to a brief courtship, an elopement and hurried marriage, half a day of domestic bliss, desertion and, eventually, court troubles galore.

Desertion, wilful and malicious, is charged by the young wife, who, through her attorney, W. Justin Carter, this morning began the legal fight for separation. The husband in March was paroled in a criminal case for another three-month period on his promise to Judge Kunkel to accept the alternative of returning to and living with his wife, rather than undergoing imprisonment in the county jail or the penitentiary.

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Young Potteiger's court troubles Young Potteiger's court troubles date from the summer of 1913, when he pleaded guilty to a serious criminal charge. Subsequently—on August 6, 1913, it was—he 'jumped' his parole, eloped to Hagerstown and married the

Accused of Concealing Weapon
Lebanon, April 12.—Ray Forry, who
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Lebanon, April 12.—Ray Forry, who has been in the police eye for some time and who recently escaped from the Lebanon City Hall and later was captured and arrested on the charge of having robbed Campbell's hardware store, was served with still another warrant on. Saturday in his cell at the county jail here.

Forry escaped from the City Hall cell after being locked up by P. & R. Detective Fornwalt. B. H. Booser, chief of the detective force of the Harrisburg division of the P. & R. railroad, and Officer Fornwalt appeared before Alderman R. L. Miller and swore out a warrant against Forry on the charge of having carried concealed deadly weapons, the weapon being a loaded revolver.

was taken ill and her death was not unexpected. She was a resident of Palmyra since 1857 and was one of the oldest residents of the borough. Mrs. Witmer was born on the present Killinger farm near Fontona the daughter of the late Peter Bachman, and married the late Professor Peter B. Witmer, founder and principal of the Witman Academy, Palmyra. She was a member of Trinity Reformed church, Palmyra. These children survive: Charles K. Witmer, Chief Burgess of Palmyra borough, and Miss Rose Witmer, of Palmyra; Mrs. H. B. Felty and Dr. Peter B. Witmer, of Abilene, Kansas. She as the last of her family. Mrs. Witmer, was the sister of the late Mrs. C. C. Gingrich, of Lawn, this county.

General Strike Is Averted

Syracuse, N. Y., April 12.—Traction officials and labor leaders expressed themselves as well pleased with the outcome of the conference early to-day between the railway authorities and the labor unions, whereby the strike on the lines of the Empire United Railways was declared off and an agreement reached to submit other matters of diswas declared off and an agreement reached to submit other matters of dis-pute to arbitration. The settlement pute to arbitration. The settlemen was reached after a conference lastin until 1.30 this morning and eliminated the possibility of a general strike that threatened to affect virtually every large electric line in the State.

Edward P. Moxey Is Dead

By Associated Press.

Philadeiphia, Aprii 12.—Edward P. Moxey, an expert accountant who appeared as a witness for the government in many prosecutions of offenders against the national banking laws, died suddenly in Chicago to-day of heart disease. Mr. Moxey, whose home was in this city, had a national reputation of untangling muddled accounts. He was a witness for the government in the cases against Charles W. Morse, in New York, and John R. Welsh, in Chicago, convicted of violating national hank laws.

Artistic Printing at Star-Independent.

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early to-day, although Commander Thierfelder expressed the hope that he would be able to do so. It is generally believed, however, that will interne has ship.

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One hundred and fitty tons of coal, fifty tons of fresh water and three days' supply of fresh meats, fruits and vegetables were loaded on barges during the night and were alongside the cruiser at sunrise. These provisions were allotted the raider by Collector of Customs Hamilton after conference with the Washington authorities.

To Remove the 61 Prisoners
Arrangements also were under way for removal from the ship of sixty-one British sailors taken by the Kronprinz Wilhelm from the steamships Tamar and Coirby, destroyed in the South Atlantic.

lantic.
Lieutenant Commander Thierfelder, Lieutenant Commander Thierfelder, commander of the cruiser, has asked for time to survey his ship and to submit to examination by a board of United States naval officers before making a formal request as to the time he wishes to remain in American waters for full supplies and repairs. His machinery after a 255 days' voyage from New York harbor is said to be in fairly good condition, evidenced by the fact that the ship was able to make at least 23 knots an hour Saturday night and Sunday morning in her dash into Hampton Roads through a lane that echoed and re-echoed with the sputterings from Roads through a lane that echoed and re-echoed with the sputterings from wireless instruments of enemy warships. All was shipshape on the Wilhelm at sunrise to-day, officers and sailors in their queer-looking gray uniforms of French army cloth captured from the steamer Guadeloupe presenting a fresh appearance after the first undisturbed night's rest in eight months of persistent and clusive operation on

undisturbed night's rest in eight months of persistent and elusive operation on the high seas.

'It was a long voyage from New York to Newport News,' said Over Lieutenant Warnake, first officer of the Wilhelm, as he looked out on the brilliant sunrise. 'But it was a pleasant voyage and in all that time we never touched land. Always we were on the big ocean and now at last we have arrived. Two hundred and fifty-five days from New York to Newport News and from New York to Newport News and the distance is only 270 miles. I won-der what can be the matter with this ship.'' The officer smiled as he enoyed ship." The o

Sank a Neutral Vessel

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Sinking by the Wilhelm of the neutral Norwegian bark Semantha, bound
for Falmouth, February 5, last, promised to-day to present an interesting
international case similar to that precipitated by the sinking of the American bark William P. Frye by the German raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich, now
interned here. The Somanthe was interned here. The Semantha was loaded with wheat for England.

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"The Norwegian ship's cargo was contraband of war," said Lieutenant Warneke when asked about the destruction of this neutral ship today. "There was no alternative for us. The cargo of wheat was worth far more than the ship itself and from the ship's papers we found that the wheat was insured by the British government. What could we do? We had to destroy her."

Investigation is being made of the charge. Subsequently—on August 6, 1913, it was—he 'jumped' his parole, eloped to Hagerstown and married the woman now suing him. The wife now charges that he never lived with her for even one day thereafter.

NEW CHARGE AGAINST FORRY

Man Under Arrest in Lebanon Now Accused of Concealing Weapon Lebanon April 12—Ray Forry who States.

Several of the officers and men of the

ay she are naturalized Americans and have of Pail vived in the United States for many years. Some of them are former members of the crew of the United States many, American manufactures were been of the were for the Kronprinz in the South Atlantic. Several others were members of the crews of ships sunk by the auxiliary cruiser.

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British Vice Consul Kenworth in communication with Collector Hammor of the prisoners. It is the intention to send them back to England on the British steamer Casandra, now in this port. The Casandra is fitted for carrying passengers, but has been engaged in the freight carrying trade of late. German vice Consul Grassau also paid an official visit to the craiser.

Early to-day United States had failed to maintain its right to experie many, American manufactures were permitted to continue shipping munitions of war in unlimited quantities to Great Britain and her allies. Some question had arisen as to what Count Von Bernstorff, the Ambassador asked on his own authorities, since the document, a diplomatic "memorand delivered some days, ago, was made public last night by the Ambassador. He said that he did so without arrangement with the State Department, recalling that the department itself recently published the American note to Germany on the Frye case, though there had been no agreement for its simultaneous publication in Berlin.

Vice Consul Grassau also paid an official visit to the cruiser.

Early to-day United States naval patrol of the James river was begun in the vicinity of the Wilhelm's anchorage. The naval tug Patuxent took a position alongside the German raider, while torpedo boats and submarines anchored in positions leading to Hampton Roads.

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er were for use in this port only, the last of which was responsible for the epidemic of beri beri.

MRS. CATHERINE NEFF DIES Burial Will Be Made at Oberlin on

Wednesday Afternoon Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth Neff, 58 years of age, wife of Amos Neff, died yesterday afternoon at 5.45 o'clock at her home, 1527 Penn street. She was a member of the First United Brethren

AMERICAN SHIPS IN BRITISH INSTITUTIONS ASK STATE MAY MAKE DASH PRIZE COURT SEEK RELIEF FOR TOTAL OF \$125,000,000

London, April 12, 1.30 P. M.—The American steamers Navejo and Joseph W. Fordney, both under detention at the present time by the British marine authorities at Kirkwall, have appealed to the American embassy here to procure their release.

The captain of the Joseph W. Fordney has advised the embassy that a British prize crew took charge of his ship off the Norwegian coast.

The Navejo from Galveston to Bremen, has on board a cargo of cotton. She has been ordered to the prize court on the order of council, cutting off all trade to Germany. She was taken into Kirkwall April 7.

The Joseph W. Fordney left New York March 20 for Malmore. She was taken into Kirkwall April 8.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

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that alone resulted in the recapture of a trench At Eparges the French have not advanced beyond the positions cap-

a trench At Eparges the French have not advanced beyond the positions captured by them April 9. Paris admits also that the Germans have recovered some ground temporarily lost by them between Pontamausson and St. Mihiel, but even there the French claim to hold most of their gain.

The fighting in the Carpathians continues along a seventy mile front with apparently undiminished vigor with Russia claiming to have repulsed a determined counter offensive on the part of the Austrians and the Germans. On the eastern flank the Russians are drawing near to Uzsok Pass. If they carry this position they will command another easy road to Hungary.

Interest in the near eastern situation has been stimulated by the receipt in Lendon of two special dispatches, one of which declares that the recent mission to Berlin of Field Marshal Von Der Goltz was instigated by the young Turks, who have declared that Germany must send a strong force to invade Serbia and threaten Bulgaria in order that munitions of war might be sent to Turkey, while the other quotes the Prime Minister of Bulgaria as saying a new situation has been brought about by the actions of the allies in the east in which Bulgaria sees a possibility of realizing her national aspirations.

The sinking of the Belgian relief ship Darpalyce on her return voyage has created much comment here, but the American Relief Commission is awaiting official confirmation of the report that this ship was sent down by a German submarine before making a protest.

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Interest in prohibition in England continues unabated with the latest material for discussion supplied by a morning paper which asserts that the continues unabated with the latest material for discussion supplied by a morning paper which asserts that the government is prepared to take the industry of manufacturing light beer at the same time suppressing all other intoxicating drinks.

From Russian sources it is reported that the invasion of Hungary has been begun. A dispatch from Lemberg, Galicia, says the Russians are advancing successfully along a wide front be-

slicia, says the Russians are advancing successfully along a wide front between Bartfeld and Uzsok, descending the southern slope of the Carpathians and pressing back the Austrians. In the Dukla region also the Russians are said to have routed the Austrians, frocing them to abandon stores and transports in their retreat.

The Meuse-Moselle region is still the scene of the principal contest in the fighting, with a few unimportant exceptions, and that the French have sustained extremely heavy losses.

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BERLIN SAYS FRENCH LOSE HEAVILY TAKING TRENCHES

Berlin, via Amsterdam to London

Berlin, via Amsterdam to London, April 12, 4.36 A. M.—The main army headquarters has made public a detailed description of the battle between the Meuse and the Moselle.

While up to April 7 the French attacks were directed exclusively by both German wings, the descriptions say the enemy now is also attacking the center, having gathered forces near St. Mihiel, but each succeeding day has ended with a full German success on all the attacked fronts. All the trenches lost in these fights have been regained with the exception of a small unimportant part.

The details assert that fighting of the fiercest character has been continued from Wednesday to Friday with the French troops generally taking the offensive at a frightful cost in killed, wounded and prisoners, and with the Germans occasionally yielding a trench or two under severe artillery fire but later counter attacking and resuming their old positions.

Birth of a Daughter Announced Mr. and Mrs. Harry B, Saussaman, of Paxtang, announced the birth of a daughter yesterday.

Committee Says Cuts Will Be Made to Conform With Charities Board's Views Confers With Governor

Representative Woodward, of Allegheny, chairman of the House Appropriation Committee, held a conference this morning with Governor Brumbaugh on appropriation matters.

The appropriations for almost all of the hospitals, State institutions and homes asking State aid, will be reported out of committee this week and Chairman Woodward says a special calendar will be made for their consideration which will have right of way on certain days until all are disposed of.

In almost every instance the sums asked for, if beyond those recommended by the State Board of Charities, will be cut down, and in no instance is there to be any allowance for new until the committee here hills.

ed by the State Board of Charities, will be cut down, and in no instance is there to be any allowance for new buildings. The committee has bills in its hands, the total of which is about \$125,000,000, and these will have to be cut down to come within the revenues of the State, which are estimated at about \$62,000,000 to cover all the expenses of the State,. The general appropriation bill, which has passed second reading in the House has been referred to back to committee, will not come out before next week, and in the meantime the heads of departments will be conferred with as to their actual wants. Governor Brumbaugh is quoted as saying that if the appropriations are kept within the revenues of the State, he will not use the ax, but there is fear that the House and Senate will disregard the recommendations of the Appropriations Committee and raise the appropriations Committee and raise the appropriations in the bills on their way through the respective bodies, and if they go beyond the estimated revenues the Governor will ecertainly use his veto ax and will accept the responsibility thrust on him by reckless law-makers.

FINANCE

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

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DEDICATE LODGE TEMPLE

Knights of Malta of Reading Open

Building Which Cost \$60,000 Reading, Pa., April 12.—Visitors were present from Philadelphia, Lancaster, Pottsville, York and Harrisburg, caster, Pottsville, York and Harrisburg, and four prominent Reading ministers, who are members of the order, made addresses at the dedication of the new \$60,000 Knights of Malta Temple here yesterday afternoon. The exercises were part of a week's jubilee, which opened Saturday with a street parade, in which 2,000 participated. The principal address was by Grand Commander H. F. Fisher, of Braddock, Pa. The other speakers were the Rev.

Pa. The other speakers were the Revs. G. F. Bierman, Carlell. Gramm, J. Addison Kutz and H. G. Weaver. The festivities of each evening of the jubilee will be in charge of one of the local commanderies.

HIKED TO READING SUNDAY

Roth Brothers Braved Storm on Jaunt

to Berks County

Professor Frank G. Roth, of the Central High School faculty, and Professor Edward B. Roth, physical director at the Y. M. C. A., both sons of Frank J. Roth, court stenographer, yesterday hiked to Reading, a distance of 54 miles.

miles.

The brothers left Harrisburg at 4 a. m. arrived in Lebanon at 11 a. m. and after spending two hours in that city departed for Reading, arriving there between 7 and 8 p. m. Rain in the afternoon failed to halt the pair.

New Jersey Minister Here
The Rev. G. B. M. Closser, of Pemberton, N. J., will give a talk on "Dispensational Truth" at the home of C.
W. Fenstermacher, 929 North Third street, to-night at 7.45 o'clock.

ACCUSED OF MOVING HIS NEW TENANT'S FURNITURE

Charged by O. A. Wert With Putting Household Effects Into Street Because "Not Good Enough"

If S. Rifkin, the owner of an apartment house at 407 Veroeke street, has adopted a policy that the tenants of his houses must have "swell?" furniture or comparatively as "good as the house into which it is moved," he adhered to that policy on Thursday, according to a suit filed to-day in which he is charged with "deliberately and maliciously" removing a wagonload of home furnishings belonging to Ort Addison Wert from the Verbeke street apartment and easting it into the street.

Wert found his furniture on the highway when he was about to transfer the second wagon load of his household goods from 1537 Fulton street to the Verbeke street apartment, he says. Much angered, he at once sought to know why he had been "dumped into the street," but he charges that the landlord's only excuse was that the "furniture is not good enough for the house."

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landlord's only excuse was that the "furniture is not good enough for the house."

Back Wert went to the Fulton street house, taking his furniture with him, and an hour or so later he was in the office of W. L. Loeser, an attorney. This morning he began a \$1,500 damage suit against Rifkin, in which he demands' compensatory and exemplary damages." Wert alleges in his action for redress that he had contracted with Rifkin to pay \$2.50 a week for the Verbeke street apartments and that before attempting to move his furniture he paid \$1.50 to bind the bargain.

Rifkin, he charges, now has the \$1.50 and refuses to give it up. It also is alleged that Rifkin was aided in removing Wert's furniture from the house, although the names of the supposed necomplices are not contained in the bill of complaint.

REPORTS ON UNIFORM LAWS

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The report of the Commission on Uniform State Laws, consisting of Judge William H. Staake, Deputy Attorney General Hargest and Walter George Smith, was this morning presented to Governor Brumbaugh. It contains the laws that Pennsylvania has adopted from time to time as prepared by the Uniform State Laws Commission.

sion.

The uniform partnership law already The uniform partnership law already has been adopted and the uniform sales law is now pending, and when passed these will complete the adoption by Pennsylvania of all the uniform commercial laws that have been recommended between States.

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There already have been adopted by previous Pennsylvania Legislatures the uniform negotiable instruments act, the warehouse receipts act, the bills of lading act and the stock transfer act. The uniform divorce act will not be presented this year.

Included in the report was the minute adopted on the death of the late Robert Snodgrass, of Harrisburg, who was a member of the commission.

1,150 Canadian Soldiers Insured Hartford, Conn., April 12.—Through the city of Toronto, insurance has just been taken out with a local company, it was learned, on the lives of 1,150 Canadian soldiers of the second expe-ditionary force for which Lord Kitche-ner has called to go to the fighting line. The amount on each man is \$1. line. The amount on each man is \$1,7000. For three years the city of Toronto will pay the aggregate premium of \$45,000. After that the men will be expected to pay the premiums themselves.

Japs Aid Widows of U. S. Sailors

By Associated Press.

Honolulu, April 12.—The Japanese cruiser Tokiwa put in at Honolulu late Saturday and remained several hours before proceeding. Admiral Tochinai conveyed to the United States authorities here condolence of the Japanese Emperor on the loss of the crew of the submarine F-4. Officers and crew of the Tokiwa contributed \$100 to the relief fund being raised for families of the F-4's dead.

Kreider Shoe Factories Very Busy
Lebanon, April 12.—The Kreider
shoe factories located at Annville, Palmyra, Elizabethtown and Middletown,
have received a very extensive order
for fall shoes from the various distribn 72½ 72½ uting houses operated by Congressman 56 55½ A. S. Kreider, of Annville. The local plant recently received its share of the 59 59 operation of the share o order and now has enough orders on hand to keep the plant running steadily until July 18 of this year.

"Eben Plympton." Actor, Dies

By Associated Press,

New York, April 12.—Eben Bradlee, known on the stage as "Eben
Plympton," one time leading man with
Mary Anderson, died here to-day of
pneumonia. He had been ill nine days
and in poor health a long time. He
played leading roles with many stars,
including the Booths, Clara Morris and
Mme. Modjeska.

Eight Indicted For \$5,050,000 Deal

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Chicago, April 12.—Indictments against John Farson, Jr., and his brother, William Farson and six other men charged with misuse of the mails in the sale of securities amounting to \$5,050,000 in a Colorado Irrigation deal were announced to-day by the United States Attorney's office here.

Thieves Break Skylight and Run Thieves Break Skylight and Run
Thieves early this morning were
frightened at the noise when they broke
the skylight in the drug store of Oroll
Keller, 405 Market street, and they
vanished before persons from the St.
James' hotel adjoining got to the rear
of the store. The screen was removed
from the top of the skylight and the
glass broken. Nothing else was disturbed.

KNIGHTS OF ST. GEORGE MEET

Elect E. J. Kreidler Delegate to Convention at Scranton
At a meeting of the Knights of St. George, Branch 168, of the St. Francis I Roman Catholic church, Edward J. Kreidler was elected director, to go to the convention to be held in Scranton June 1. Other candidates were Mr. Waldschmidt, who has been director for the past three years; Adam Sutter and William Storm. It was decided that on April 29 a reception be held for the members of the Branch and their firends. The music will be furnished by the Verti Italian band.

GOVERNOR IS PREACHER AT CHURCH OF BRETHREN

One of Many Ministers to Discuss Local Option in City Churches Yesterday -Congregations Vote to Support Him in Stand

Among the many ministers who spoke on local option in Harrisburg churches yesterday in compliance with Governor Brumbaugh's request was the Governor Brumbaugh's request was the Governor himself, who is an ordained minister of the Church of the Brethren. He attended services at the Hummel street church of that denomination, and although his intention had not been to speak to the congregation, he was called upon in the course of the service and addressed the large gathering. An address by the Governor had not been announced but many visitors filled the church.

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'if,'' said the Governor, 'your officials elected to office do not stand by their creed in office they are utterly unfit to rule. We officials are set aside by the people not to lord over but to serve them. My stand is very commonplace, for you who have always known me and my habits have a right to expect me to behave in office as I have before. A man who would do other wise would be a hypocrite.

Local option sermons were given as announced in many churches, and members in many instances wore white ribbons and white flowers. The Tipperary local option song was a favorite during services.

Representative Wildman heard the sermon of the Rev. W. H. Dallman at the Market Street Baptist church and Representative Nissley that of the Rev. W. S. Booth at the First Baptist church.

The congregation of the Nagle

W. S. Booth at the First Baptist caurch.

The congregation of the Nagle Street Church of God unanimously voted to support the Governor in his local option stand, following a sermon by the Rev. H. B. Wolbert.

Following a sermon by the Rev. J. A. Lyter, especially addressed to the men of the Derry Street United Brethren church, the voters present adopted a resolution endorsing the Williams' local option bill and the action of Governor Brumbaugh in his efforts to secure its passage.

A TREE FALLACY.

The Idea That the Branches Rise as

It is commonly believed that as a tree grows it elevates the lower branches and any other thing firmly attached to ft. As a result, curious stories like the following circulate:

A Canadian farmer built a barn on willow posts set in the armond. The society clerk R. R. Seaman, who is secretary of the society.

willow posts set in the ground. The next spring happened to be wet, and he noticed that the horses had trouble in stepping up to the floor on entering. Finally it dawned upon him that the willow posts, which by this time had put out branches and leaves, were growing and elevating the whole barn.

The process continued until the floor

was some nine or ten feet high.

Then he put in another floor at the

ground level.
At the time the story was told this second floor was four feet from the ground, and the farmer was hoping for a wet season so that the elevation might continue until he could put in a third floor.

It is impossible to take this tale se

riously, but many folks believe stories with as little foundation. Sometimes s hog tight fence is attached to green posts. In a few years the owner no-tices that good sized pigs can crawl underneath it, and often he concludes

underneath it, and often he concludes the green posts have grown and ele-vated the whole fence.

This elevation, however, happens also with seasoned posts and is due to another cause. Water expands whea, it freezes, and in the ground the expansion cannot be downward or side wise, so it must be upward. Consequently, every time the ground freezes the posts are pushed upward a frac-tion of an inch. When thawing occurs the weight of the fence is not suffi-cient to push them back.

Thus every frace means a slight ele-

vation, and in the course of three or four years the fence may no longer be

hog tight. of the ground in the early spring when the ground freezes for several nights in succession and thaws in the day-

lieve that a growing tree elevates its lower branches; otherwise, they say, bow is it that a three foot cherry tree in a few years has not a branch with-in four feet of the ground? If elevation really occurred, however, it is difficult to see how we could ever have a low headed tree, and that it actually does not occur is shown by careful ob-servation spread over a number of years. The lower branches gradually die as they are shaded by the upper ones and in the course of time drop off. This natural pruning can be seen in all its stages at the same time in any fairly dense forest. any fairly dense forest. Here it is easily seen that only branches in she light continue to thrive and live.

No branch is elevated to any extent after it is a year old.—Farm and Fire-side.

Flage of a Ship. Here is the complete story of a ship's flags, where they are flown and what they signify:

On the staff in the bow—The jack of

On the staff in the bow-The jack of astion to which vessel belongs.
On the foremast—Flag of foreign nation vessel is going to. If going to own national port she carries flag of nation she is leaving if that nation happens

to be foreign.
On the mainmast—The bouse flag. al-On the aftermain til she has

On the attenuant and the control of the mizzen—Nothing.
On the staff at the stern—The national ensign of the nation to which the vessel belongs.—New York Tribune.

Then They Quit
"What's the trouble here?"
"The bellboys are on a strike."
"Want more pay, I suppose?"
"O. A man came in a little while ago and asked to have Waldislasez Szeburezs paged."—Chicago Heraid.

COURT HOUSE

FOREIGNERS IN SLANDER SUIT

FOREIGNERS IN SLANDER SUIT

Farmers Have Dispute Involving Purchase of Farming Implements

Whether a criminal suit charging Simo Russor, a Steelton foreigner, with attempting to defraud his creditors, was brought with a malicious intent to defame Russor's good name, is what a jury in Judge McCarrell's court will have to decide. Russor is seeking damages from one Artso Dimoff, another Steelton alien, whom he charges was the prosecuting witness in the criminal action, which figured in the court months ago. The Grand Jury threw the case out. Judge C. V. Henry, of Lebanon county, is specially presiding in No. 2 court, where a case involving the sale of a farming implement was being tried. Samuel Bower, the plaintiff contends that the machinery was not as represented by R. L. Wiest, the defendant, and he seeks to be relieved from paying for it. Judge Kunkel remained in chamber where other cases occupied his attention.

Appeal Is Filed
An appeal from the decision of the Public Service Commission who refused the application of the Business Men's Association of Hatboro, to compel the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company to continue running a late night train between Reading and Hatboro, was filed with the court this morning. A date has not yet been fixed for the court hearing.

Kerstetter Released From Jail
Judge McCarrell this morning made
an order permitting Walter E. Kerstetter to enter into his own recognizance
as security for his faithful compliance
with a court maintenance order made
in favor of the defendant's wife. Kerstetter had been unable to get another
bond and had been in jail. He was released to-day.

Bridge Inspectors Named

At the suggestion of the County Commissioners, Judge McCarrell this morning named Martin M. Keet, A. S. Hamman and C. H. Hoffer a board of Hamman and C. H. Hoffer a board of viewers to inspect the new concrete viaduct spanning the Swatsra creek, between Middletown and Royalton. The inspectors will meet at the place of the improvement on Thursday afternoon at 4 ofelock.

Banquet Committee to Meet

Bond Is Reduced The \$1,000 bond which had been demanded of the defendant in a damage suit by Pearl Gebhart against Semo Jovanovic, this morning was reduced to \$300.

Sues For Divorce Through his attorney, W. Justin Carter, Harry J. Harris this morning begun suit for divorce against his wife Mabel V. Harris, charging deser-

Damage Suit Settled

The damage suit of Sarah and Benjamin H. Prowell against the Harrisburg Railways Company, which was to have been heard at the Common Pleas court term which opened this morning, was settled by the parties.

STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE

William C. Henry Injured As He
Walks Around Trolley Car
William C. Henry, 1255 South Thirteenth street, was struck and seriously hurt by an automobile, said to have
been driven by Guy S. Vogt, on Cameron street, near the Susquehanna fire
engine house, Saturday. Henry rounded
the front of a trolley car he had just
alighted from and was run down by
the machine which was rounded the
outside of the car, according to the
report made to the police.

Another autoist who saw the accident, took Henry to the latter's home.
He received a badly sprained left leg,
body bruises and lacerations.

CLASS MASCOT IS NO MORE Alligator Brought From Florida by O.
P. Beckley for Derry Street Men Dies
The alligator which was brought
from Florida by O. P. Beckley as a
mascot for the men's Bible class of
Derry Street United Brethren church,
Fifteenth and Derry streets, died Saturday.

Announcement was yesterday made or the death. The little reptile was brought from Florida during the Easter snow storm and the change proved too much for its constitution.

SCULPTOR DIES OF INJURIES

Karl Bitter, Creator of Quay Statue, Succumbs at New York Hospital Succumbs at New York Hospital
Karl Bitter, widely known sculptor,
who executed the statute of former
Senator Quay standing in the rotunda
of the State Capitol, died Saturday in
a New York hospital. He and his wife
were run down last week by an automobile and his injuries proved fatal.
He was born in Austria in 1867 and
came to America when a young man.
He received many gold medals and was
honored by art institutions.

Mrs. Jennie S. McKinney
Mrs. Jennie S. McKinney, aged 70, died last evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Zimmerman, at Enhaut. Mrs. McKinney was a native of Altoona, the widow of the late John W. McKinney, who was for years connected with the Hollidaysburg "Standard" and Altoona "Tribune," and came to Harrisburg in 1872 as a reporter of legislative proceedings for the Legislative burget and Mrs. Harry Zimmerman of Enhaut. The funeral will-take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Mrs. Zimmerman's residence. Interment in Harrisburg cemetery.

Reading Shops Working Longer Hours The motive power department of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad on Saturday issued a sweeping order to put all of the car shops on a nine-hour day and a fifty-hour week, increasing the hours of labor one hour each day. The order went into effect to-day.

Noted Lecturer Here To-morrow Walter Thomas Mills, M. A., will decture to-morrow night at the Board of Trade on "Science and Socialism." The lecture begins at 8 o'clock.