## MRS. KERRISON'S HEART. (A Short Story.)-

married the news came as a great shock to me. I asked Jack Goney my informant, "Ishe married much?"

'Oh, frightfully!" said Goney. "Who is the creature?" I inquired, after a tense pause.

And when he replied, "The eldest Miss Carruthers," I was more shocked than ever. That Lillian-my beautiful, wild white dove-should consent to become a mere tame domestic fowl -and for Tom Frisby's sake, galled my sensibilities. I remembered how I had laid the offering of my own unfledged affections at her feet, and how she had danced on the elaborate embroidery of the words in which I had clothed my passionate avowal.

"I shall go and see them," I told

I found that Lillian-no, Mrs. Frisby!-was already by way of becoming a social success. She was developing into that dreadful thing, an ideal hostess. She was obtrusively tactful and offensively managing. It was said of her that she had a knack of bringing the right people together, which, being interpreted, means that she strove to pair off her guests as if they had been vases.

Frisby himself was bolsterously happy and rosily content and, moreover, most beautifully trained to obey his wife's lightest word.

"Ah," he said; "you will find your affinity some day." "If both of us find my affinity,"

said I, "there will be trouble." But he was in nowise disconcerted. He merely waggled his fat head at me and said: "We must look out for a wife for you."

And from that moment began the unconscionable crusade against our cloistral bachelorhood, in which both Frisby and his wife took a meddlesome part, and which terminated in the lamentable contretemps that it is the purpose of this story to detail. She, of course, was the more subtle

sinner. One night Frisby and I were talking as man to man. We had been telling each other that we were both rather blackguards really, but deuced fine fellows notwithstanding, and we were consequently in a fine glow of self-satisfaction.

"One thing I've forgotten to say to you," he remarked. "It really is se-

"Serious for whom?" I asked. He paused, and then, dramatically, "For her," he said.

d the noker with a crash. "For her!" I repeated. "What are you driving at?

"Perhaps I cught not to have broached the subject," he faltered. "You haven't," said I.

"It's not fair to her," he jerked out. "And yet it's all due to that odius trick you have of talking to every woman you meet as if she were

the only one of her sex in the world." "I don't think they find that particularly odious," said "But lookers-on do," said he. "And it is a bit rough on 'em, you know, old chap. Of course we who under-

stand you, know it's only your way, but girls-innocent, young, unso-I rose also. "Good night," I said, abruptly, offering my hand.

"I'll tell you her name, then," said "It's little Miss Kerrison-if you

"Oh," said I, rather disappointed. "I know-the girl who is so awfully conscious of her profile."

"My wife's cousin," he sait stiffy "And you mean to say that foolish chit is in love with me?"

"Oh, come! Well, I suppose so. But confound your complacency, any-

"Poor thing!" I murmured. "Poor silly thing! Pretty, too! Well, what would you advise me to do about it?" He shrugged his shoulders. don't presume to advise at all," he replied.

Best way, I suppose, would be to put her out of her misery at once,"

"There are worse girls than Nina Kerrison," he said. "But do you think they would suit

me better?" I asked him. "No," said he. "You are not so

'You overwhelm me," I observed, "with those touching tokens of your

approval." And then we talked of other mat-

I had had not the least intention of going to the Chandlers' dance the following evening, but now I determined to go after all, since Miss Kerrison was bound to be there, and it were best to get this painful business

In the conservatory I made out a dim, rounded form in filmy white, and came face to face with Miss Kerrison. She sat there motionless, her hands in her lap, as if awaiting her

fate in the person of myself.
"All alone?" I said, lightly. "I prefer to be alone," she said,

hastily, and rose as if to go. But I understood what an infinity of meaning the studied curtness of her words would have fain concealed, and I whispered, 'Please don't for

"Why?" she asked. A most awk-

ward question.
"Why?" I repeated slowly, to gain "Oh, because those people in there bore me. And you-you never do that, Miss Kerrison.

"Well, it is something to be a har-bor of refuge," she remarked, "Thank you. Then, by the way, is it really true, this time, that I am to congratulate you?"

"On my good fortune in finding you here, do you mean? Why, certainly," I said.

"I did not mean that," she said, 'I meant that-that-well, the usual rumor is out concerning you." "Indeed!" I exclaimed. which of the usual rumors do you

refer to?" "There is only one-isn't therethat is commonly linked with the name of an eligible young bachelor. But is it true?"

"Believe me," I assured her, "it is not true."

"I am so glad," she breathed softly. "Poor girl! At least-that is-She wouldn't have covered up her indiscretion, but perceiving that it was now too late, she paused abrupty and lapsed into silence.

"Why are you glad?" I asked. "I had not intended to proceed on exactly these lines, but I found it difficult to be sufficiently brutal now that the necessity confronted me." "Oh," she drawled, with a woeful

affectation of indifference, "I think, as the song says, 'You are owre oung to marry yet,' you know." "I wonder what your wife will be like," she went on presently. "I do hope she will be a nice, helpful sort of girl, and not a mere society butter-

fly-like me." "If she were like you-" I began, and stopped. "She won't be," said Miss Kerrison

quickly. "I mean," she explained, "that the object of our first fancy is so seldom the person to make us truly happy, if we but knew it."

I remembered then that some one had told me this was Miss Kerrison's third season. "First love is the only love," I

said firmly. I had temporized with my conscience too long already. She must now be made to realize the sad truth in all its ghastliness.

"That is not so," she said. "Believe me, Mr. Craven, when I tell you that you are as yet far too young to know what is best for your welfare."

And there I made an abrupt end. for she had suddenly begun to laugh. There could be no doubt about it, She was laughing-not hysterically, either, but with unmistakable enjoyment, as at an irresistible jest.
"Mr. Craven," she said at last,

nore seriously, "I think I'll be frank with you. My honest dealing may onceivably cost me your good opinon, but only for a time. You'll like ne all the better afterward. And I am sure you have enough common sense, really, not to think me unwomanly or immodest in saying what am about to say to you now."
"Miss Kerrison," I cried in sore

distress, "forbear, reflect, consider. Don't speak yet. You may save us oth much pain if you keep silent. "Nonsense!" she exclaimed sharply.

This was an affront. "Go on, then, f you will," I said sternly. "I've an idea," she said, "that we re at cross-purposes, and that it is all the fault of those dear, foolish Frisbye. Mrs. Frisby has said something to you about-well, about me, hasn't she? Please be straightfor-

ward, Mr. Craven." "No, she hasn't," I answered. "Mr. Frisby, then?"

"What did he say?" I turned on her in desperation. 'How can I repeat what he said?" I "Miss Kerrison, let me implore you to say no more. Let me

'No," she replied. "I will tell sou what they said. They told you Iwell-had a penchant for you."

"They were wrong!" I exclaimed, still eager to spare her. "Of course they were," she re-"As wrong as they were when they told me-well-that you were—in love—with my unworthy self. But——" And she began to And she began to laugh again. "This woman, I tell you, had no sense of humor, or of lecency, either, I should think. "But they meant well, I suppose. there's no harm done except to our vanity, perhaps. Anyway, the path they would have us tread hardly leads

to the Wicked place, does it?"
And she smiled at me inscrutably and I think she would have added some pleasant, salving words. But just then a man poked his head round the bead curtain and she darted up and went forward to greet him. heard her call him "Frank," succeed then that it was for him she ad been waiting so meekly, all alone And at last I understood—I knew—that I—I had merely provided some comic relief from the tedium of her

Our own lives are robbed of aweetness by bitter thoughts of others

THE LOST WIRE.

Telegraph Operator's Observations of

Domestic Habits of Eagles. "It sure was strange who was stealing the wire up there on the Lehigh and Hudson, popularly known as the Lean and Hungry Railroad," said the old railroad telegraph operator, who has gained a reputation for his work in assisting Truth to rise after she has been crushed to earth. "You see the road is putting up a new line of wires and they had lots of trouble losing their equp-

"Most of the trouble occurred up near Sugar Loaf Mountain, near the old cemetery, just the other side of Eastchester station. They never could seem to find out who stole the

wire. "A fellow would be sending messages up the road to the different summer resorts-'Love me and the world is mine'-and other telegrams of the soft boiled egy variety\_from guys in the city to their girls in the mountains, but the messages never would get to their destination.

Whoever pinched the wires would leave just enough of the metal wire hanging from the pole to reach the ground, thereby making a circuit and the wire would work all right between Eastchesfor and the end of the line, but the next morning we would get a postal card from the summer resort saying they lost the wire at such and such a place. The wire thieves were literally running the business of the company into the

"So the management stationed a night watchman up near the old cemetery to nab the marauders and teach 'em to keep their hands off the company's property. For the first three or four nights there was noth-

ing doing on wire thieves. "One night about 8 o'clock as we regulars were sitting around the big stove in Duff Masten's grocery store, talking over the general condition of the onion crop, the watchman stumbled into the front door, almost frightened to death. He allowed that it was ghosts from the cemetery

who were swiping the Lehigh wires. "Res Conkling and all of us poohpoohed the idea of ghosts. There were a good many operators burled in the old cemetery, but they had had enough trouble with wires during their lives without trying to cabbage any after death.

"Barney Smith and three or four more of us framed up an expedition to find out the whys and wherefores of this ghost business. We journeyed up there by Sugar Loaf Mountain several nights without any results.

"About 12 o'clock on the fourth night we were about leaving in disgust when there was a whirring sound up behind one the large tombstones in the grave yard and a large object went flying over to one of the telegraph poles and began pecking at the wire there.

" 'By goah, it's spirits!' cried Charley Crist, one of the exploring band. 'Change your brand,' said I. 'I'll tell you what it is. It's an eagle.'

"I'd heard only a week or two before about a pair of bald headed eagles which had been seen up on Sugar Loaf Mountain. Barney Smith agreed with me that the wire pirate was the male eagle stealing wire to build a nest for his mate.

"Yes, sir, sure's you're born. Of course, the wire wasn't as heavy as the modern telegraph wires and could coil nicely into a fine nest for the lady eagle. The warm messages which had circulated through the wires to the summer girls would aid materially in hatching the eagle's

"It wasn't very hard for the big strong male eagle to snap off a length of wire and fly off with a coll of it around his neck. Of course it was just by accident he left enough of it flying to stick into the ground.

Well, sir, the company tried its best to kill that eagle, placing a bounty of \$50 on his head. But no one seemed to shoot straight enough to kill him, or else he was so tough the bullets took no effect. Even so sure a shot as Barney Smith failed to bring him down. The big bird was a too, for every time he wanted to add an L to his nest or build a new apartment he'd just draw on the telegraph line.

"The super was at a loss as to what to do. Finally I hit upon a scheme. Why not put in a special brand of barbed wire? It was obvious that if a lady eagle was preparing to lay an egg and sat down on a piece of barbed wire, she'd change her mind about laying the egg and say 'Prunes' or words to that effect

in eagle language. "My scheme worked all right and after the barbed wire was installed the depredations ceased, although many sharp messages were sent over

"Say," observed the tall, cynical conductor, 'you've got those nature fakers spiked to the switch."-New York Sun.

During the financial dog-days of a Southern college a wealthy merchant called upon the president to say that he had provided in his will for a rather handsome bequest to the college, to be paid after the death of himself and his wife. The president was overjoyed, and asked permission to announce the gift in the city pa-This request was granted on condition that the donor's name

should not be mentioned Accordingly the president wrote a entogistic notice of the donation and hurried to the newspaper office, In his baste he neglected to give his item a title. The editor, hurried and worried, absently elapped on the first words that came to his mind; and the item appeared the next morning with

the following caption: "Two Pair of Shoes to Wait For." -Harper's Weekly.

A Limerick. A correspondent presents us with -a libel on the language from

here was a young person named Tate, the invited a friend at 8.8. hey dined tete a tete, o I cannot relate

FOREST PLANTING.

A Circular Issued by the Forest Service to Urge and Advise.

Recognizing the great need and demand throughout the New England States, New York, New Jersey, all of Pennsylvania except the western portion, Michigan, Wisconsin and the eastern portion of Minnesota for reliable information concerning the planting of the most desirable tree pecies, the Forest Service has gathered together the necessary informa-tion and has issued it in the form of a circular which can be obtained free upon request to the Forester of the United States Department of Ag-

riculture, Washington.

While the necessity for tree plant-ing has not been felt in this part of the United States so keenly as it has been, for instance, in the treeless West, yet sufficient planting has been done in the past to prove that the growing of wood crops is entirely practicable. Large areas of land in this region are fit for forest growth only, and from an economic standpoint it is important that these lands be put into a state of productiveness. Extensive investment in forest planting has thus far been unduly discouraged by present methods of taxation, and, in parts of the region, by difficuly in securing adequate fire protecdon. The true value of forest land and its rightful place among the pernanent resources are, however, besoming appreciated, and an enlightmed public sentiment is rapidly makng this form of investment safe and 1esirable

Throughout this region there are arge lumbered areas on which sucressive fires have destroyed all young srees of valuable species. Inferior trees, such as aspen, fire cherry, scrub sak and red maple, as well as shrubs, have spr. ng up. This land is worthless in is present condition, but where ade uate fire protection can be provided forest planting will bring it again to productiveness.

There is a large amount of land, particularly in New England and Michigan, which was first cleared for farming, but has since deteriorated in value either through loss of fertility or through neglect or abandonment. Throughout Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire many of these abandoned farms and old pastures are now covered with white pine. But this crop is rapidly being removed and little natural reproduction will follow, because seed trees are lacking. These lands offer exceptionally fine opportunities for forest planting, owing to their nearness to market and to their freedom from brush cover.

The barren sand plains of Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Michigan, which cannot be tilled and are a source of expense to their owners, will in many instances support a good growth of white pine or at least one

of the more hardy species of pine. The protection of city watersheds demands urgent attention. The annual spring floods, which bring destruction to thousands of homes in the lower lying fertile valleys and are generally followed by epidemics of serious diseases, would in a great measure be prevented were the slopes covered by forest. Forests regulate the flow of streams, prevent erosion and turibidity and make waste areas beautiful and productive, besides insuring a source of pure water sup-Wherever natural reproduction cannot be depended upon to cover the denuded and burned-over lands of most of these watersheds tree planting operations must be undertaken. While the immediate object of this reforesting will be protective, timber crops will eventually be produced which will yield good profits on all

such investments. Nearly every farm has at least a few acres which are of little value for growing agricultural crops. This land should be set aside for a woodlot and devoted to the production of fuel, tence posts and timber for farm uses.

The species best suited for plantations of these various sorts, as well as planting directions and advice as to protective measures, are given in

An A B C Formula. A was Americana Dementia Co., Unlimited.

B bonded it C capitalized it. D dignified it, E elaborated it. F floated it.

G gobbled it, H handled it. I invested in it, juggled it. K kidnapped it,

L looted it. M manipulated it. N negotlated it. O organized it.

U underwrote it.

V victimized it,

W watered It.

P promoted it, Q queered it. R robbed it. S scuttled it. trimmed it.

> Y yellowed it, and Z zeroed it. -Ellis O. Jones, in Life.

Justifiable Homicide? "Your testimonials," said the business man to an applicant for a situation, "are very good, and you appear to be a very pushing traveler. By the way, I suppose you have never been in trouble of any kind?" "Once in my life, sir," was the reply. was in prison for a month. business man started. "Well-er, he began, "I'm afraid that puts a different complexion on the case. But, tell me, what you were sent to prison for?" "For nearly killing a mar that refused to give me an order.

said the business man; "you're engaged."—Scottish American.

answered the applicant. "Good!"

A school teacher noticed that it always rained when the inspector happened to call on her. One day a curious fact, and received the answer: "That's because I play golf on ine days."—London Chronicle.

## · Newsof Pennsylvania ·

BEATEN, BOUND AND ROBBED.

Young Man With Gag In His Mouth

Wriggled Up Steep Hill. Easton (Special) .- John Baier, a well-known young man of this city. was waylaid and robbed while returning from a visit to the Southside. He was found bound and gagged with a wound on his head and nearly unconscious from the times Warzel shot the girl and then, of blood and shock following

It was late, as Baier was passing a am satisfied. dark and lonely point, that he was struck from behind and felled. He remembers nothing after that until recovered consciousness hours er. Then he was bound hand and time in the vain hope that a pedes-ghost, he bro train would pass and find him in his his deception

Finally he decided to make a fight to free himself and gradually worked his way to the stop of a steep hill at the foot of which there ar a number of houses. He wriggled over the summit and rolled down the incline. The roll down the bill added to his injuries and when he reached the base he was compelled to rest until he regained his strength and nerve. Then he his strength and nerve. Then he crawled to a doorstep and attracted the notorious Biddle brothers, who crawled to a doorstep and attracted is serving a life sentence.

Since his confinement Dorman has social prisoner and had the the door.

Baier was taken in and a physicia been relieved of about \$20.

## BULL ON THE RAMPAGE.

Swims The Susquehanna To Harrisburg And Clears The Streets.

bull jumped the fence of a yard in which he was confined at Marys lowed the road to West Fairview plunged into the Susquehanna River at that point and after reaching the Harrisburg shore dashed madly through the business section of this through the business section of the city, injuring several people. One of these was policeman Charles Humphries, who bleeding at the ears. Congressman insist they will convince him of the error of his ways, who were the controlled word to the police station and the members of his family that his condition was critical.

Patrolman Humphries was so forcibly thrown to the street that his head struck the curb and he was rendered unconscious. The bull dashed on down Market Street and was corralled near the Reading Railway, but later got away from the

crowd of excited people Benjamin Tenis and S. S. Grove were also taken to the hospital wit injuries received by being gored by the bull at Tenth and Market Streets Neither is seriously injured. At last accounts the frightened animal was dashing out into the country followed by a yelling crowd. ABATING SMOKE NUISANCE. Pennsylvania Railroad Instructing

Firemen In Their Duties. Harrisburg (Special) .- An impor tant step toward the abating of the smoke nuisance has been taken by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in this city. Special agents of the the cat off and later killed it. company have been detailed to ingines without turning out clouds of

These men, after they have in structed the firemen and have made them understand that black smoke unnecessarily made is no longer to permitted, are ordered to report headquarters all who refuse to obey the rules. Suspension will fol-low the first offense and dismissal is in store for repeated violations.

Four Miles Saved.

the Secretary of Internal Affairs there are 2328.05 miles of passenger road and 2714.08 miles of freight controlled by the Pennsylvania Rail- his sister. road Company in this State. The statement shows the distance from statement shows the distance from the stabbing Bray telephoned for Philadelphia to Pittsburg to be 348.8 Constable Robinson and gave himmiles and gives the distance from self up. one station to another over the tire system. According to the Pennsylvania Railroad time-table the com pany is charging for 353 miles be tween Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

Bounty Held Up. Harrisburg (Special). - Whether the "Daniel Boons" and "Kitt Carsons" of Middle Paxton and Rush to raise fox, mink and weasels in order to secure the State bounty pelts and scalps is not yet definite ly known, but the County Commis-sioners of Dauphin County are suspicious and have refused to pay a bill of \$10 presented by Henry Stock, of the latter township, until there be an investigation.

Failed In Imitating Tell. Pottsville (Special) .- William Burke, while at play with his little cousin, Bennie Hyer, was fatally shot by a Flobert rifle which the

Bennie, attempting to emulate William Tell, playfully pointed the weapon at Burke's head. It was a hair trigger and almost before the boy was aware of it the piece was discharged. The bullet penetrated the forehead and lodged in Burke's His death is momentarily ex-

Tobacco Under Cover Uneven. Lancaster (Special). — After an inspection of the tobacco grown under cover at the State experimental station, the Lancaster County Tobacco Growers' Association decided that the tobacco there is as equally uneven as that of the crops over the entire county.

Cucumber Salad Fatal. Allentown (Special).—From the effects of too hearty indulgence in cucumber salad, Nathaniel Eck, of Mountainville, died at his home CONFESSES KILLING GIRL.

'I Shot Her Because She Was Go-

ing To Marry My Brother." Pottsville (Special) .- "I shot her because she was going to marry my is on trial here for shooting and killing his sweetheart, Miss Mattie when arrested and taken to her side while she was dying, he said, "I

The murderer claims he sees visions of his murdered sweetheart every night in his cell at the country prison. He shammed insanity so effectually for several weeks after one night, during a terrific thunder storm, when he first saw Mattie's shost, he broke down and confessed

JAIL DELIVERY FOILED.

Big Plot To Break From Western Penitentiary Forestalled.

Pittsburg (Special) .- Warden W McC. Johnson, of the Western Penientiary, discovered a gigantic plot by convicts to escape from the pris-Walter Dorman, the accomplice of

peen a model prisoner and had the of the prison. Monday the offiwas sent for. He could not describe c'al discovered, hidden in the chapel, his assaliants, but said that he had a growt bundle of ropes, straps, revolvers and knives and street cloth-ing, which the gang expected to use in making their escape.

In addition there was a sum of Dorman was surprised examining the hidden treasure, and and will likely die. Harrisburg (Special) .- A young in a dungeon immediately afterward.

SIBLEY TO RETIRE.

ville, seven miles west of here, fol- Congressman Says He Will Not Again

Be A Candidate. Sharon (Special) .- Joseph C. Sibey, five times elected to Congress nate and re-elect him. are agitating his renomination Mr. Sibley, from his summer home at Valcour, N. Y., writes that he will not run again for Congress. Also a few months

ATTACKED BY A CAT.

Springs At Mistress And Bites And Claws Her Viciously. County, was appointed by Governor Stuart to be a member of the board Shenandoah (Special) .- On enter ng her home after visiting a neighbor, Mrs. Andrew Zamanda was at-tacked by a pet cat, which sprang at her from a table, and bit and clawed her viciously about the head

The woman shook the infurlated animal off, and as it fell to the floor it bit her left hand severely, and when she again shook it off the

animal seized her left foot in its By this time the woman was exhausted, but her screams brought her

CALLED POLICE BY THONE. After Joseph Bray Had Killed His

Brother-In-Law. (Special). -Bray, aged 24 years, murdered his brother-in-law, James Allen, at the latter's home in Fernwood, by stab-bing him through the kidneys with a long knife. Death was almost in-

stantaneous. been drinking heavily. Allen had been arrested last week by his wife Harrisburg (Special).—According for assault and battery, and the murto a statement filed in the office of der was directly due to the assault committed by Allen on his wife, who Nickel Steel Company, at Carnegie, is the sister of the murderer. It is alleged that Bray had threatened to

Only a few minutes after he did

Peacemaker Shot. Chester (Special). — Because he interfered with Angelo Pezziaman, who attempted to beat his wife at a boarding house on West Fifth street, Luci Guidon, a fellow boarder, was shot three times by Pezziaman and will probably die. hurried to the Chester He was where physicians located the three Townships, this county, have started bullets, one of which lodged in the

> Capacity Of Factory Doubled. Clarion (Special) .-- The Pearl Glass Company began its run for the coming season. The company during the summer has doubled the ca-pacity of its plant by adding a new 12-hole tank and will now employ about 400 men and boys.

Big Pay For Harvest Hands.

Mount Joy (Special) .- With one Mount Joy (Special).—With one county, who has been missing for of the biggest corn crops in years, the past seven years, was declared almost ready to harvest, farmers in legally dead by the Court, and his costate given to his sister, Miss Ida, Lancaster County are confronted with a great scarcity of help. Some farmers have offered as high as \$2 a day for corn harvesters, but they cannot get sufficient help at that high figure. Other farmers are offering 3 cents a shock and a good har-vester can easily cut one hundred Ten years ago Mr. Here also suffere ing 3 cents a shock and a good har-

Corner Stone Laid. Media (Special) .- Dr. William E.

Media (Special).—Dr. William E. Staub, pastor, was in charge of the exercises held here in honor of the laying of the corner stone of the new \$30,000 church for the Baptist denomination. Dr. Staub also handled the trowl which applied the cement to seal the stone to the foundation. Addresses were made by Dr. Thomas Hanna, and Rev. Wesley Sullivan, both of Philadelphia; Dr. J. T. Childrey, and Rev. W. D. Thatcher, of Chester, and Rev. David Tully, pastor emeritus, of the First Presbyterian Church.

FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

Commissioner Rockey Contemplates Opening An Agency.

Harrisburg (Special) .- Chief of the Bureau of Industrial Statistics brother." This was the declaration John L. Rockey is considering the made by jealous Charles Warzel, who advisability of establishing free and advisability of establishing free employment agencies in the larger cities of the State. The idea is to furnish employment gratuitously to persons seeking work after the plan in force in Illinois where, during 1906, 53,637 persons obtained em-ployment through the free agencies Chfcago and other large citie

"The justice of such a plan," said Mr. Rockey, "Is apparent when it is considered that the usual expense foot and there was a gaging in his his arrest as to deceive experts, but mouth. He could raise no outcry one night, during a terrific thunder and lay upon the sidewalk for a long storm, when he first saw Mattie's deceive amounts to several dollars for each application, whereas it is shown by the Illinois statisties that the cost to the individual furnished employment was nothing and to the State less than sixty centa.

An experimental agency will be stablished by Mr. Rockey in one of the cities of Pennsylvania and if it a success the next Legislature will be asked for an appropriation to continue the plan.

Children Play With Pistol.

Hanover (Special) .- While visiting at the home of his uncle, John Wentz, of Manchester, near here, the 8-year-old son of George Wentz, obtained a pistol. While he and his coustn, a little girl of about the same age, were playing with the weapon, it exploded and the bullet struck the girl under the shoulder blade and penetrated the right lung. The child is in a critical condition

Mine Accidents Increase.

Shenandoah (Speclal).-State Mine Inspector, A. B. Lamb, for the Fifth Anthracite District, reports one fatal, and four non-fatal dents, leaving one widow and four orphans for the month of August, out of a working population of nearly forty thousand men and boys. This is the smallest number of accidents in one month, for many

slep by the cries of a baby, Mrs. Minnie Haldman lit the gas and at-tempted to put medicine into a

Woman's Combs Explode.

Reading (Special) .- Aroused from

The sidecombs in her hair came into contact with the light and he writes he is planning to visit exploded. In trying to tear them Egypt and the Holy Land, sailing in from her head she was badly burned and was taken to a hospital Appointed Hospital Trustees. Harrisburg (Special) .- Samuel D. Townsend, of Hughesville, Lycoming

> of trustees of the State Hospital for the Insane at Danville, vice Howard Lyon, commissioner exxpired.

Order Of Good Fellows. Hazleton (Special) .- The Grand officers of the Order of Good Felows beld their annual convention here, electing the following officers: Grand Master, Joseph Hund, Philadelphia; Vice Grand Master, lain, John H. Schott, Hazleton; Sec-retary, F. Winkler, Philadelphia.

Next year's convention will meet in Philadelphia.

Easton (Special) .- During a short shower here lightning struck in the middle of Ferry Street, near Sixth. Miss Mabel Freck, daughter of Jacob Freck, was seated at a second-story window and was so badly shocked that convulsions followed. Mrs. Fred Derr, living on the

side of the street, was rendered un-

Steel Companies Sold. Pittaburg (Special) .- The properties and patents of the Damaseus and the plant of the Black Cutlery alleged that Bray had threatened to Company, at Scottdale, have been get even with Allen for assaulting bought by the Carbon Steel Company, of Pittsburg.

The price paid is not known but

the Damascus Company's holdings are valued at \$500,000. Extensive

improvements are planned by the purchasing company.

STATE OBITUARY. Bradford.—Byron Delano Hamlin, the nestor of the McKean County bar, and for years one of the most prominent of the earlier residents of the county, passed away at his home in Smethport. Mr. Hamlin, Hospital home in Smethport. Mr. Hamilu, the three was born in Bradford County May

> Senandoah .- Mrs. Elizabeth Parker, who would in a few days have attained her 100th birthday, died from heart failure. Schwenksville. - Samuel Faust, who was a member of the State Leg-islature from 1884 to 1886, died at his home in Frederick Township,

aged 79 years:

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF. Harry Leek, of Jeanesville, Lucerne

Leek.

The large barn of William E.

Hess, a well-known farmer of Upper
Mt. Bethel Township, Northampton
County, was struck by lightning and
burned. All the barn's contents were

Richard Jackson and William Peo ples were beld for court by Justice Kelly, of Huntingdon, charged with robbing the residence of Joseph Wil-

goods.

George Reese, of Shamekin, has been appointed general outside superintendent of the Natalie Colliery. The mine will seen be placed in operation, after an idleness of a number

Watson Rice, a cager at the mine of the Carbon Coal and Coke Company, was struck by a Huntingdo & Broad Top passenger train an instantly killed.