

DOWN TO DEATH.

EXPRESS JUMPS THE TRACK.

TRAINS RETURNING FROM A REUNION MEET WITH A FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT—THREE KILLED THIRTY-SIX INJURED.

The spreading of rails on rotten timbers and a frightful wreck on the Butler division of the West Penn railroad at No. 6 bridge, just above Sarverville station, Pa., 11:15 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The bridge was filled with people returning from the annual reunion at Butler were precipitated over a 115-foot embankment, causing a fatal casualty. Dozens of persons were killed, several others fatally injured.

The fatal train was drawn by engine No. 10, and manned by Conductor Joseph Gray, Engineer John Cuthbert, Fireman Elman and Brakeman Charley Karns.

HE SHOT A RABBIT.

A singular manifestation of a smitten conscience was exhibited at Norristown, Pa., when a Mennonite minister, named Landis, residing in Worcester, went before Magistrate Uner, and confessed that he had violated the game laws by shooting a rabbit after the close of the season in which rabbits may be legally taken.

He said that, realizing immediately after that he had committed a crime, he gave the rabbit to his nephew, who sold it to a man whom it was eaten. He said his conscience had troubled him ever since, and that he desired to atone by suffering the penalty prescribed by law.

The accommodating magistrate at once imposed a fine of \$5 which the preacher paid, subsequently claiming and receiving half the amount of the fine, which was law gives to the informer.

WANTED REVENGE.

A conspiracy to poison five farmers of Indiana. A conspiracy to kill five of the best known farmers at Winamac was made known by Charles Lytle, who filed an affidavit against John Sutton, charging him with conspiracy with him (Lytle) to put strychnine in whiskey, and give it to five men, neighbors of Sutton, and then burn their barns, and also the Old Fellows' building at Star City.

Lytle was to receive the small sum of \$5 for his work when completed. He had the strychnine in his possession and gave it to Sheriff Burton.

CAPTURED A THIEF.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mrs. R. H. Bryan, a small and delicate looking woman, thought she heard a noise in her bedroom. She made an examination and found the window had been opened, and on looking out she saw a young man in the yard. He asked for Mr. Johnson, and on being told he did not live there, started up the alley toward the street.

HE MAKES HIS OWN GODS.

A READING MAN WHO WORSHIPS THREE HUNDRED HOME-MADE IDOLS.

A most remarkable character has just been unearthed at Reading, Pennsylvania. He is a thorough idolator, and daily bows down to gods of his own manufacture within sound of the church-going bells, as reverently and devoutly as the most pious Hindoo or Zulu. He has made a religion entirely his own, and has evolved out of it some 300 or more gods, who dwell in and speak through the same number of idols of clay.

All of his gods are hollow and are from time to time filled with such food as he thinks their peculiar nature demands. Among others, he has a god of medicine. This is filled with pills and odd prescriptions, and whenever he feels unwell he prays to this divinity and always, he says, with beneficial results. He has a god of sewing machines, which is filled with blank contracts for the purchase of machines on the installment plan.

He has these images set up on shelves in his cellar and his garret and worships them constantly according to his needs. His name is William Christoph Cleumer, and his house is at 614 Locust, where he lives with his wife and six children. He is a brick-maker by trade and works regularly at one of the brick-yards of the city, occupying all of his spare time with his idols, which he fashions out of clay obtained at the brick-yard. He is a Pennsylvania Dutchman and cannot speak English, is unlettered and can scarcely read.

A CLAIRVOYANT'S CLAIM.

FORGOT THE FINDING OF A BODY AND WANTS THE REWARD.

Last January E. J. Cheney, one of the best-known traveling salesmen of Cincinnati, O., mysteriously disappeared. The disappearance caused a great sensation throughout the country and rewards aggregating \$1,150 were offered for information of his whereabouts. Not a trace of the body was found until May 1, when James Pangborn and Rudolph Kantz saw a dark object in the river at Lavanna. Pangborn said, "That may be Cheney's body."

February 11, Clara G. Byan, of New Albany, Ind., wrote to Mrs. Cheney claiming that the body of Cheney would be found six or seven miles down the river and opposite a large building, which was in some way connected with a farm. She said that the body would be found by two men and he identified by articles found on it; that it would be some time before it was discovered, because it was being held at the bottom of the river by some foreign object. The clairvoyant declared it was a case of suicide. She now claims the reward.

As noticed, the body was found at Lavanna, seven miles from Ripley, on the 10th of May, after a hard rain and just opposite one of the largest barns on the river. The body was identified by a lead-pencil bearing Cheney's name and the Coroner's verdict declared it a case of suicide. The two young men who found the body received the greater part of the reward offered and will be made co-defendants with Mrs. Cheney. They say they never heard of Madame Byan until now.

COPPER CONFERENCE.

AMERICAN PRODUCERS SAY THE PRICE OF METAL WILL BE SUPPORTED. The conference between representatives of the various copper producing interests, which was held in New York, has been transferred to Boston.

The participants state that progress is being made steadily, and that the price of the metal will be supported beyond doubt. It was brought out at the meeting that the development of electrical business in Europe is progressing on an enormous scale, and that the demand for copper used in connection therewith must be very great.

PRICES UNCHANGED.

For a period extending until the close of Fall business the price of pipe and tubing will remain at present prices. This was the understanding reached at the meeting of the Wrought Iron Pipe and Boiler Tube Manufacturers' Association, held at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia. The meeting was largely attended by the members, and was unusually harmonious. It is said few members were favorable to an advance, but they readily gave way to the judgment of the majority, which voted no advance.

THE BRIDGE GAVE WAY.

A PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED AND SEVERAL PERSONS BADLY HURT.

The northbound passenger train on the Fort Branch division of the Evansville & Terre Haute railway, met with an accident by the breaking down of a small bridge 12 miles north of Mount Vernon, Ill., which resulted seriously to a number of passengers.

There were about 35 passengers on board, and the train consisted of two coaches, a baggage car and a flat car. It was making schedule time, and the locomotive rushed on the trestlework and got safely over, but the baggage car broke through and was thrown off the rails and turned over the bridge, falling 20 feet, while the rear coach rolled down the embankment.

About a dozen persons were more or less injured, none, however, are thought to be fatally hurt. Baggage-master Burns, of Henderson, Ky., was badly bruised. When the crash occurred the safe in his car was knocked out of position and thrown against Mr. Burns, who was knocked out of the side door to the ground below the trestlework, fully 20 feet, where he lay stunned and unable to move. Mrs. Glaze, of Princeton, was badly bruised and injured internally and cut about the head and face. Six other passengers were more or less injured. The injured were conveyed to Fort Branch, where everything was done for their comfort.

KILLS A DESPERADO.—At Hinton, Summers County, W. Va., a white man, named John Adkins, made a murderous assault on an offensive negro, named Peyton. The latter struck Adkins with a stone, killing him instantly. Peyton is under arrest. Adkins was a relative of one of the men charged with the lynching of the negro Carter, a few weeks ago.

COMMERCIAL.

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LITERARY NOTES.

Among the papers for young people that deserve the success, they have attained the Young's Co. position, takes it place in the highest rank. Perry Mason, & Co., Boston, Publishers.

WINNER OF THE 'AMERICA' PRIZE. Last September AMERICA, of Chicago, through the American Economic Association, offered a prize for the best essay on the 'Evil Effects of Unrestricted Immigration.'

The royal grant debate has gone all to pieces. By the way, they are guinea pieces. What wrought the change? This woman's face is ruddy with a rose's grace.

An electric motor has been applied to running brushes used in grooming horses. It's a Mighty Cold Day. In January when Pe-runa fails to keep you warm, when the blustering blasts of winter envelope your body by their embraces, and seem to freeze your very marrow, when you shiver and shake with the cold chills that...

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