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KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS.

THREE CHILDREN CREMATED. CAUGHT IN A FIRE AT THEIR FATHER'S HOUSE.

CANONSBURG-Fire completely destroyed the farm house of Samuel Skiles in Chartiers township, two miles west of this place, and in the conflagration Skiles'three youngest children lost their lives. Skiles was awakened by the noise of the flames, and hurrying to the kitchen found the room in flames. He endeavored to subdue the fire, but finding that impossible turned his attention to rescuing his little ones, who were sleeping in an upstairs apartment. He was unsuccessful in this, and two children, aged respectively 4 and 6 years, perished in the flames. A babe of only a few months, which was terribly burned, died a few hours later. The fire originated from an overheated cook stove in the kitchen, in which natural gas was used.

## THE HOY FAMILY BURIED.

EVIDENCE THAT HOY CONTEMPLATED DROWN ING HIMSRIP IN THE RIVER.

CONNELLSVILLE .- The bodies of John Hoy. wife and two children, who were munlered Sunday night, were buried in Hill Grove cometery Thursday. While preparing Hoy's body for burial it was a iscovered that he had waded into the river up to his armpits. This is taken as evidence that he first contemplated drowning himself and then changed his mind and returned to the house killing family and then himself. As the fact is not established that Hoy was a murderer and suicide, and some think he died defending his family, the Rev. Father O'Connel decided that his body could be buried in consecrated ground.

FOUR MINERS PATALLY SUBNED.

TREMONT-Through the carelessness of one of their number, six miners employed at Middle Creek Colliery, of the Reading Company, were seriously burned by an explosion of gas this morning. They are Charles Maurer, John Seager, Frank Huth, William Boltz, William Bretzius and Wil liam Erdman. The injuries of the first four are fatal. The explosion was caused by a naked lamp.

#### MONSTROSITY OF ANIMAL NATURE.

Ott City .-- A ewe owned by a farmer fiving near De , pseytown gave birth to a monstrouty which lived but two days. It had two perfect bodies, except that they had but one neck and one head, one heart, four lungs and two livers, all apparently healthy, The pelt was jet black and as fine as silk.

## MANGLED TO DEATH.

Eurs-Mrs. Antonio Cushlerbeski, a lady of 60, undertook to cross the Lake Shore tracks by crawling under a train. The cars started, and the old lady was mangled to death.

epenk-easy keepers was arrested Tursday afternoon. At night eight masked men forced an entrance through the Burgess' of-ine and lockup and broke the lock on the cell doos in which the speak-easy on the cell doo- in which the speak easy queen was and released her. A carriage was wait-ing outside and she was driven off toward Mt Pleasant. This is the third time Mary Riley has broken jail.

TWILIOHT. A golden glory in the sky, Mirrored in waves which strive no more : The cry of night birds, flitting by, And lo I the day is o'er.

The crescent moon disc, rising slow, With one attendant, radiant sphere, A cloud across the sunset's glow, And lo ! the night is here ! -Ninette M. Lowater, in Youth's Companion.

The Sword and the Altar.

BY WALKER Y. PAGE.

MONG the almost innumerable incidents of our Civil War, heroic, pathetic and otherwise, which from time to time have found a place in the columns of the leading magazines and newspapers of the country, I have failed to see any mertion of the simple story which I am about to relate, which, while it is

not wholly destitute of pathos, will at the same time serve to illustrate most forcibly the undercurrent of genuine religious sentiment and personal piety that pervaded all ranks and conditions of the men engaged in that fratricidal strife-an undercurrent none the less deep and strong that the surface was stained with the blood of brothers and strewn with the wrecks of war-the dying and the dead.

In was in the early spring of 1862, when the Federal forces, under Major-General B----, were advancing on that memorable campaign in the vailey of Virginia. Every foot of ground, from the Potomac to Staunton, had already been fought over-at one time occupied by Federal hosts, at another by Confederate.

General B---- had advanced his lines as far as Middletown, in the upper valley and beyond, while the Confedcrate army, under General J ......, was occupying the Luray valley, near Staunton and Harrisonburg-made famous in history by the not far distant battle field of Port Republic.

It was one of those calm, quiet Sunday mornings, suggestive rather of peace on earth and good will to men than of the fiery passions born of war and bloodshed, when General Erode out from his headquarters in the town, accompanied by his personal staff, on a short tour of reconnoissance. It was a sightly pageant—that well ap-pointed band, with their bright sabres flashing in the sunlight, and their gaily caparisoned steeds impatient of the control of bit and bridle.

An hour's rapid ride through field and wood brought them in sight of a small country church, nestled away just within the vestibules of a forest. with its modest spire still pointing

heavenward, having not yet had the accessing hard and an approached they became aware of the fact that a congregation had assembled, and that the services had already commenced.

soul. It is this He offers you on the sole condition that you will come. His invitation is: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye, buy and est-yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Incline your ear and come unto Me, and your soul shall live.'

"This gracious Saviour offers a balm for every wounded heart in Divine presence this morning—the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. There are many of you, I know, who greatly need this Divine Comforter. Those habiliments of woe (the ladies of the congregation were all in monrning) speak to me of bleeding hearts bencath them. To you my text commends itself with special emphasis. The grave has shut forever from your eyes the loved forms and faces of those who were once your joy and pride. Did I startled by the appearance of a horsesay 'forever?' Oh, no! not forever! Hear the righteous Job, and let his steed, black as a raven's wing, except holy confidence be your abiding con-solation : 'I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth ; and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God, whom I shall see for myself?"

"Yes, my beloved brethren, be assured there will come a time when all these tears shall be wiped away, when our loved and lost ones shall be restored to us, when reunited we shall sing together the song of the redeemed.

He imposes. Come just as you are. Weary and heavy-laden, it may be, with the burden of your sins, heavily oppressed with sorrows manifold, many f you, like Rachel, weeping for her children, and who would not be comforted because they were not. Come to the only Fountain that can wash away sin, the only true balm and consolation for wounded hearts; come, cannot heal.

"Tis Jesus bids you come. Will you slight His gracious invitation? Come, my beloved brethren, to the table of your Lord, which is spread for you this day; come with your bruised and broken hearts. He has said: 'I will refresh you.' Come to the foot of the cross this morning. View your crucified Redeemer agonizing there. See in His' feet and hands the prints, and the spear nail thrust in His side. Behold that crown of thorns, and hear that mocking cry of 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Was ever other king so crowned?

that scene in our hearts this day. Let us feed on Him in our hearts by faith to-day is keeping time just as it did with thanksgiving."

the sermon of that eloquent old man. When he closed, there were but few dry eyes in that hushed and awed congregation. Perhaps it was expected that the visitors would retire quietly at the close of the discourse. But no! they remained and participated in the ante-gommunion service, and when the

young to be a soldier ; I hope you may live through this terrible conflict to be a blessing and a comfort to your mother." The boy's heart was touched, for as he turned away, unbidden tears

were in his eyes, The general continued: "Gentlemen, please present our thanks to your. worthy pastor for his sermon to-day." So, saying, "Forward ! double quick !" and almost before the three Confederates had rejoined their friends in the church, the Federals were out of sight in the distance.

When five or six minutes had elapse in discussing the event of the day, and before the congregation had dispersed to their respective homes, they were man in their midst, riding a noble where his glowing hide was flecked with foam.

The rider, who, at the head of his command, sat like a centaur, as he drew rein in front of the church, was recognized at once by all the congregation as the famous commander of the "Black Horse Cavalry." When in-formed of the character of their distinguished visitors, the part they had taken in the services of the day, and the generous menner in which the Confederate soldiers had been treated, "Come! This is the only condition he made no comment, but merely remarked : "We knew they were here, and rode hard to capture them, and should have done so, but for the time consumed in a skirmish with their picket line."

"After what has happened." continued the famous chief of the "Black Horse," "I am glad that we did not arrive in time. Even now we might cut them off before reaching Middlefor earth hath no sorrow that heaven town; but let it pass! We will return to our headquarters empty-handed, as we came.

The Confederate horsemen disappeared as suddenly as they had come, leaving the congregation standing in that old church-yard dazed and uncertain whether it had not all been a Sunday morning's waking dream, the baseless fabric of some distorted vision. -Blue and Gray.

#### A Durable Watch.

After hanging on the limb of a tree all winter, exposed to the rain and snow, a valuable gold watch and chain belonging to O'Hara Darlington, who "Let us commemerate, my brethren, lives a short distance above Sharpsburg, Penn., has been discovered, and before it was lost early in last Novem-The above is but a meagre sketch of ber. Mr. Darlington owns the old Darlington mansion with its broad acres at Guyasuta, where the noted Indian chieftain bearing the same name is supposed to be buried. Last fall he was in the woods superintending the burning of some brush.

The day was warm and sultry, and on his way home he carried his coat communicants were invited to approach | and vest over his arm. At the supper the sacred table, the church presented table he had occasion to look at his a scene as rare as it was impressive; watch, but it was not in the accuseight Federal soldiers, together with tomed pocket, neither was there any Concluding that he was still by several miles within his picket lines, General B— ordered a ordered a Hastily leaving the supper room, Darlington hired men, six in the old pastor had invoked a blessing Lumber, who in turn gathered together Procuring lanterns and rakes, the go, it seemed as though they were party went to the woods and spent the loath to quit the sacred precincts of entire night in searching for the missthat old country church where ing watch and chain. Early the next they had doubtless been brought morning Mr. Darlington were back in nearer to God and nearer to their the woods again, and the search was loved ones, worshipers of the same Al- kept up for two weeks. The entire woodland was raked from one end to With bowed heads and deeply rev- the other, but no trace of the watch erential manner, they filed two and and chain was found. The search was two out of the church, led by the com- finally abandoned and Mr. Darlington Ore afternoon recently Fred and This soldierly cavalcade, once more Frank Stout, sons of Harry A. Stout, in the saddle, formed an imposing manager of Tibb's glass house, Sharpsgroup to look upon; the general, a burg, went to the wood for a stroll. man of rare personal presence, seared The two boys had not gone far till on a magnificent charger, and sur- one of them had his hat knocked from rounded by his staff officers, each of his head by the overhanging branch of whom was but second to his com- a tree. Glancing up to see what he had run against, he was astonished to see right before his eyes and within The boys approached the limb to manly boy who had seen scarcely four- for the command "Forward." It did which the watch was hanging, cautiously, lest by some awkward movement a pretty optical illusion should be dispelled. However, they soon beexclusion, for the moment, of the sol- came convinced that they had not been made the victims of a trick, and a few moments later they were flying homeward, with the watch and chain safely stowed away in one of their pockets. When Mr. Stout came home in the evening and was shown the sent General B--- 's compliments to watch he, too, was greatly surprised, for along with a party of other neighfederate uniform, and say that he bors he had gone on an all-night search for that watch five months before. How the watch came to be in the position in which it was found is a mystery .- Pittsburg Dispatch.

# ABOUT LEFT - HANDED MEN REV. DR. TALMAGE PREACHES

On the Power of Those Who Strive

Perseverance the Sure Road to Success in Religion.

TEXT: "But when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord the Lord raised them up a deliverer, Ehud, the son of Gera, a Benjam-de, a man left handed."-Judges till, 15. We, a man apt nanded —Judges III., 15. Ehud was a ruler in Israel. He was left handed, and what was peculiar about the tribe of Benjamin, to which he belonged, there were in it 700 left handed men, and yet so dexterous had they all become in the use of the left hand that the Bible says they could sling stones at a hair's breadth and

Not miss, Well, there was a king of the name of Well, there was a king of the name of Egion who was an oppressor of Israel. He imposed upon them a most outrageous tax. Ehud, the man of whom I first spoke, had a divine commission to destroy that oppressor. He came, pretending that he was going to pay the tax, and asked to see King Egion. He was told he was in the summer house, the place to which the king retired when it was too hot to sit in the palace. This summer house was a place surrounded by flowers and trees and springing fountains and warbling birds.

birds. Ehud entered the summer house and said to King Egion that he had a secret errand with him. Immediately all the attendants were waved out of the royal presence. King Egion rises up to receive the messenger. Ehud, the left handed man, puts his left hand to his right side, pulls out a dagger and thrusts Egion through until the haft went in after the blade. Egion fails. Ehud comes forth to blow a trumpet of recruit amid the birds forth to blow a trumpet of recruit amid the mountains of Ephraim, and a great host is marshaled, and proud Moab submits to the conqueror, and Israel is free. So, O Lord, let all Thy enemies perish! So, O Lord, let all Thy friends triumph !

I learn first from this subject the power of left handed men. There are some by physical organization have as much strength in their left hand as in their right hand, but there is something in the writing of this text which implies that Ehud had some detect in his right hand which com-pelled him to use the left. Oh, the power of left handed men ! Genius is often self obser-vant, careful of itself, not given to much toil, burning incense to its own aggrandizement. while many a man with no natural endow-ments, actually defective in physical and mental organization, has an earnestness for

mental organization, has an earnestness for the right, a patient industry, an all consum-ing perseverance which achieve marvels for the kingdom of Christ. Though left handed as Ehud, they can strike down a sin as great and imperial as Eglon. I have seen men of wealth gathering about them all their treasures, shuffing at the cause of a world lying in wickedness, roughly ordering Lazarus off their doorstep, sending their dors, not to lick his sores, but to hound their dogs, not to lick his sores, but to hound him off their promises, catching all the pure rain of God's blessing into the stagnant, ropy, ran of door s blessing into the stagnant, ropy, frog-inhabited pool of their own selfishness -right-handed men, worse than useless-while many a man with large heart and little purse has out of his limited means made poverty leap for joy and started an influence that overspans the grave and will swing round and round the throne of God, world

without end, amen. Ah, me, it is high time that you left handed men who have been longing for this gift and that eloquence and the other man's wealth should take your left hand out of your pock-et. Who made all these railroads? Who set up all these cities? Who started all these churches and schools and asylums? Who has done all the tugging and running and pulling? Men of no wonderful endowments, thousands of them acknowledging themselves to be left handed, and yet they were earnest, and yet they were determined, and yet they were triumphant.

But I do not suppose that Ehud the first time he took a sling in his hand could throw a stone a hair's breadth and not miss. I suppose it was practice that gave him the wonderful dexterity. Go forth to your spheres of duty and be not discouraged if in your first attempts you miss the mark. Ehud missed it. Take another stone, put it care-fully into the sling, swing it around your head, take better aim, and the next time you will strike the center. The first time that a mason rings his trowel upon the brick he does not expect to put up a perfect wall. The first time a carpenter sends a plane over The first time a carpenter solution is beam he a board or drives a bit through a beam he does not expect to make perfect execution. The first time a boy attempts a rhyme he does not expect to chime a "Lalla Bookh" or a "Lady of the Lake." Do not be surprised if in your first efforts at doing good you are not very largely successful. Under-stand that usefulness is an art, a science, a trade There was an oculist performing a very difficult operation on the human eye. A young doctor stood by and said "How easily you do that. It doesn't seem to cause you any trouble at all." "Ah," said the old oculist, "it is very easy now, but I spoiled a hat-ful of eyes to learn that," Be not surprised if it takes some practice before we can help men to moral eyesight and bring them to a vision of the cross. Left handed men to the work! Take the gospel for a sling and faith and repentance for the smooth stone from the brook, take sure aim, God direct the weapon, and great Goliaths will tumble before you. I learn also from this subject the danged of worldly elevation. This Egion was what the world called a great man. There were hundreds of men who would have considered it the greatest honor of their life just to have him speak to them. Yet, although he is so high up in worldly position, he is not beyond the reach of Ehud's dager. I see a great many people trying to elimb up in social position, having an idea that there is a safe lace somewhere far above, not knowin the mountain of fame has a top like Mount Blanc, covered with perpetual snow. We laugh at the children of Shinar for try-ing to build a tower that could reach to the heavens, but I think if our eyesight were only good enough we could see a Babel in many a dooryard. Oh, the struggle is flerce ! It is store against store, house against house, street against street, Nation against Nation. The goal for which was see Nation. Nation. The goal for which men are run-ning is chairs and chandeliers and mirrors and houses and lands and presidential equipments. If they get what they anticipate, what have they got? Men are not safe from calumny while they live, and, worse than that, they are not safe after they are dead, for I have seen swine root up graveyards. One day a man goes up into rabilities One day a man goes up into publicity, one day a man goes up into publicity, and the world does him honor, and people climb up into sycamore trees to watch him as he passes, and as he goes along on the shoulders of the people there is a waving of hats and a wild huzza. To-morrow the same man is caught between the jaws of the printing press and mangled and bruised, and the very same persons who applauded him before cry : "Down with the traitor ! Down with him !" Bolaberrar division that is a statement of the same set Belahazzar sits at the feast, the mighty men of Babylon sitting all around him. Wit sparkles like the wins and the wine like the wit. Music rolls up among the chandellers, the chandellers flash down on the decanters. The breath of hanging gardens floats in on the night air; the voice of excelse floats out The breath of hanging gardens floats in on the night air; the voice of revelry floats out. Amid wreaths and tapestry and folded ban-ners a finger writes. The march of a host is heard on the stairs. Laughter eatches in the throat. A thousand hearts stop beating. The blow is struck. The blood on the floor is richer hued than the wine on the table. The kingdom has departed. Belshazzar was no worse perhaps than hun-dreds of people in Babylon, but his position slew him. Oh, be content with just such a position as God has placed you in! It may not be said of us, "He was a great general," or "He was an honored chieftain," or "He was mighty in worldly attainments," or "He thing may be said of you and me, "He was a good citizen, a faithful Christian, a friend of Jesus." And that in the last day will be the highest of all culogiums.

I learn further from this subject that comes to the summer house. Egion di expect to die in that fine place. Amid flower leaves that drifted like snow in window ; in the tinkle and dash of the tains ; in the sound of a thousand leave tains ; in the sound of a thousand that tering on one tree branch ; in the cool is that came up to shake feverish trouble the king's locks, there was nothing that of death, but there he died! In the w when the snow is a shroud, and when wind is a dirge, it is easy to think of mortally, but when the weather is pla and all our surroundings are agreeable difficult it is for us to appreciate the that we are mortal ! And yet my text to that death does sometimes come to the

mer house. He is blind and cannot see the leaves is deaf and cannot hear the fountains

it death would ask us for victims, we point him to hundreds of people who rejoice to have him come. Push bash door of that hove! Look at that little cold and sick and hungry. It has a heard the name of God but in blasple Parents intoxicated staggering aroun straw bed. Oh, death, there is a mar thee! Up with it into the light! B these little feet stumble on life's pathway, them rest.

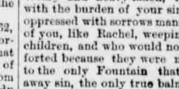
Here is an aged man. He has dom work. He has done it gloriously. They panions of his youth are all gone, his dren dead. He longs to be at rest, wearily the days and the nights pass. says. "Come, Lord Jesus, come quice Oh, death, there is a mark for thee' from him the staff and give him the same Up with him into the light, where eyes b the long years of eternity. Ah, death the long years of eternity. Ah, death not do that. Death turns back from straw bed and from the aged man reach the skies and comes to the summer hous What doest thou here, thou bony get

What doest thou here, thou hony, g monster, amid this waving grass and this sunlight slifting through the branches? Children are at play. How, their feet go and their locks toss in the Father and mother stand at the side room looking on, enjoying their gis does not seem possible that the wolf s ever brack into that fold and carry lamb. Meanwhile an old archer stand lamb. Meanwhile an old archer stan ing through the thicket. He points h at the brightest of the group-he b marksmup the bow bonds the arrow Hush, now! The quick feet have st and the locks toss no more in the Laughter has gone out of the hall. a the summer house

Here is a father in midlife. His co-nome at night is the signal for mirth, children rush to the door, and there are children rush to the door, and there are on the evening stand, and the boars away on gial feet. There is nothing ing in that home. Religion is the sacriflees on the altar morning and a You look in that household and say You look in that household and say "I not think of anything happler. Idu really believe the world is so end a plan some people describe it to be." Then changes. Father is sick. The doors be kept shut. The deathwatch chirps fully on the hearth. The children win and walk softly where once they rea-Passing the house late at night, you see unick glancing of lights from recent to uick glancing of lights from room to n If is all over. Death in the summer he Here is an aged mother - aged, but as firm. You think you will have the joyd ing for her wants a good while yet. As goes from house to house, to children grandchildren, her coming is a droppin sunlight in the dwelling. Your children her coming through the lane, and they "Grandmother's come " Care for y marked up her face with many a

marked up her face with many a wrinkle, and her back stoops with rying your burdens. Some days s very quiet. She says she is sick, but something tells you will not much longer have mother. She sit with you no longer at the table nor hearth. Her soul goes out so gently y not exactly know the moments of innot exactly know the moment of its a Fold the hands that have done -o many nesses for you right over the heart that beat with love for you since before you born. Let the pilgrim rest. She is we Death in the summer house ! Gather about us what we will of con

and luxury, when the pale messenger of he does not stop to look at the archie of the house before he comes in, nor ent does he wait to examine the pletures we gathered on the wall, or bending over pillow he does not stop to see whether is a color in the check, or gentleness eye, or intelligence in the brow. But a of that? Must we stand for ever mot among the graves of our dead. No! No people in Bengal bring cages of birds to graves of their dead and then they oper so I would bring to the graves of you all bright thoughts and congratulation bid them think of victory and redemptic stamp on the bottom of the grave, a breaks through into the light and gier heaven. The arcients used to think that the an entering the Red sea were very dance places, as they supposed that every ship went through those straits would be stroyed, and they were in the habit of ting on weeds of mourning for those had gone on that voyage, as though were actually dead. Do you know what called those straits? They call them "Gate of Tears." Oh, I stand to-day at gate of tears through which many of loved ones have gone, and I want to tell that all are not shipwrecked that have a through those straits into the great of stretching out beyond. The sound that comes from that shore on still nights when we are wr in prayer makes me think that the dep are not dead. We are the dead-we toil, we who weep, we who sin-we are dead. How my heart aches for human row! This sound of breaking hearts the hear all about me! This last look of h that will never brighten again! This kiss of lips that never will speak an This widowhood and orphanage! Oh. # will the day of sorrow be gone? After the sharpest winter the spring mounts from the shoulder of a southers; and puts its warm hand upon the earth. In its paim there comes the grass, and it come the flowers, and God reads over poetry of bird and brook and bloom pronounces it very good. What, my fri f every winter had not its spring, and night its day, and every gloom its glow, every bitter now its sweet hereafter? If have been on the sea, you know, as the passes in the night, there is a phosphore track left behind it, and as the waters rethey toss with unimaginable splendor. Wacross this great ocean of human treat



Mus. NANCY McCauntonen was struck and instantly killed by a train on the Lake Frie railroad, near Pittsburg. Her daughter, Ellen, 18 years old, was also struck and probably fatally burt. The unfortur unfortunate women were returning home from church. They were walking linked aris on the r ilroad.

The charred remains of Engineer Wallace who was killed onFobruary 6 in an accident at Williams station on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad have been found in the debris The gold watch he carried had melted and was imbedded in the hip bone.

Tue big new mill of the Medix Run Lum ber Company, in Elk county has begun operations. The mill will saw 70,000 feet o lumber a day. The company has 200,000,000 feet of timber, chiefly hemiock. About 150 men will be employed.

Two CHILDRES of Francis Showers a sec-tion foreman on the Valley read at Logan's Ferry, were drowned while tishing and their bodies have not yet been recovered. They were aged 10 and 12 years.

ALBION COLE, aged 80, was found dead under a trestie in Uniontown, where he had been thrown by an engine which ran over him during the night. He had been reduced to pauperism by drink

ROBERT GALES, an employe of the rail -road company, while employed in helping to clear the wreck of Main's circus, near Tyrone, was instantly killed by a tank falling upon him.

THE wife of Henry Kuhn, of Lancaster, neglected to call him in time for dinner, When he awoke he was so angry that he cut his throat. Yet he was old enough to know better, being 63.

The house of William Donaldson in Clintonville was struck by lightning and fred. A daughter of Donaldson, aged it years was so badly burned that she will die

May 31st was the fourth anniversary of the Johnstown flood, but no public demon-stration was made further than to decorate the graves with flowers.

Mns. DAVID LOVE and two daughters, o Alverton, were dangerously injured in a runaway vesterday. The older daughter is probably fatally injured.

THE 10 year-old son of George Long of Kecksburg, Westmoreland county, feil from a tree and struck on a snag, frightfully in juring himself.

Reports received at the office of the State board of agriculture indicate a bountiful grop of all kinds and of stone fruits except cherries.

MRS. GEOBOLANA FREEMAN, of Mt. Holly teft her baby at home alone for a few hours. When she returned the child had cried itself to death.

CHARLES SALVARDS, who killed Policeman George Martin in April, at Carlisle has been found guilty in the first degree.

THE Morgan tunnel on the State Line railroad, near Smithfield, caved in Saturday It will take two weeks to clear it.

### The Visible Supply of Grain.

The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat on last Saturday as compiled at the New York produce exchange is as follows: Wheat, 70,157,000 bu; decrease 1,369,000 b.a; Corn, 5,628,000 bu; decrease 418,000 bu; oats. 3,342,000 bu; increase 158,000 bu; rye, 560,000 bu: decrease, 16, 000 bu; barley 393,000 bu; decrease 116,00, bu

halt, and after a brief consultation with his officers, and the stationing of four sentries commanding all the approaches to the building, the whole cavalcade dismounted, and leaving their horses in charge of their orderlies, proceeded in a body to the

church. The beautiful morning service-the distinguishing feature of Episcopal worship-was just ending as this unexpected accession to the congregation entered.

The organ way pealing jorth its al-most human cry of "Jesus, Saviour of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly. quietly and with most respectful 85, solemnity, this small but distingusihed band of officers took their seats.

Small as was that little country church, there were numbers of empy pews, and those that were occupied were occupied mostly by women and children, with a small contingent of gray-haired men.

There was a most noticeable absence of men worshipers-only two or three old men with whitened locks, and three others, two young men and a Confederete uniform.

The momentary ripple of excitement occasioned by so unlooked-for a presence soon gave way before the spell of pious devotion which pervaded that little sanctuary as though some angel had whispered to their hearts : "Peace, be still !'

And now came from the chancel the voice of the aged pastor, as he announced his text-a voice deep, sonorous, and pathetic. Standing there, with his long white hair and flowing beard, his very presence seemed a sermon in itself; but from the moment he announced his text: "Come unto Me, all ye that are weary and heavyladen, and I will give you rest," every eye was riveted upon him, every ear was strained to catch his holy utterances.

He stood within the chancel rail. without manuscript or note. He said : "I come to you this Sabbath morning, my beloved brethern, with a gracious message from heaven. I come as the ambassador of Christ, to offer rest to the weary, and relief to the heavyladen-rest, sweet abiding rest, to earth's toil-worn and sin-laden suffer-

"Let us first consider, my brethren, who it is that makes this gracious When I tell you it is Christ ffer. limself, mighty to save all who come into God through Him, you will reognize not only the ability, but the willingness of the gracious offerer. We all know, my brethren, what rest means to the hungering and thirsting

took of the broken body and shed blood reveal the missing valuables. of a common Lord and Saviour.

Not until all had communed, and called his upon all, did these Christian soldiers a large number of neighbors. offer to retire ; and when they arose to mighty Father, in temples far away.

mander, the congregation remaining gave up his watch for lost. in their pews until all had passed out.

mander.

The spell of the sanctuary was still upon them, for as yet not a word had easy reach a gold watch and chain. been spoken, and they waited in silence teen summers, all three dressed in not come. Their leader seemed pondering upon some thought which had taken possession of his mind to the dier instinct of mental alertness.

Suddenly he spoke. "Call an orderly," he said.

When the soldier came forward, he thus addressed him :

"Orderly, go to the church and prethe three gentlemen dressed in Conwould be glad to see them for a moment."

Without a moment's hesitation, the three came forward, accompanied by the orderly. After the salute, which was gracefully acknowledged by the general and his entire staff, the general, addressing them as "soldiers," said :

"I requested your presence, gentlemen, because I suppose you cannot possibly be aware that you are several miles within our lines, which have been ceives almost daily letters giving an very recently moved forward. I do account of some infant prodigy in that not know how you propose to get back especial region. One of the most to your command, but this I do know, unique is a youth who produces most that any way you may choose will be interesting results with paper and attend with much risk and perhaps capture as prisoners of war. After what story, which he illustrates with figures, has transpired to-day, I feel anxious trees, houses and animals, all made of that you should get back without being subjected to the danger and annoyance of arrest and probably indefinite detention." Then, tearing a leaf from his pocket portfolio, he wrote :

This he repeated three times; only. | on the continent of Australia.

### An Artist in Paper.

It is remarkable how many wonderful children there are in the world in latter days. Mrs. George Dunlap, who is the head and centre of the children's department of the World's Fair, retissue paper, cut with scissors. It is said that somewhere in the Eleventh Century there was a young prince who excelled in this art, which has been lost to the world ever since .--Detroit Free Press.

There are no native kangaroos except

Jesus walks. Oh, that in the phosphores track of His feet we might all follow an illumined ! There was a gentleman in the rail cart

saw in that same car three passenger very different cirsumstances. The first a maniac. He was carefully guarded by attendants : his mind, like a ship dismas was beating against a dark, desolate a from which no help could come. The stopped, and the man was taken out into asylum to waste away perhaps through y of gloom. The second passenger " culprit. The outraged law had seized on As the cars jolted the chains rattled. O face were crime, depravity and despair, train halted, and he was taken out to penitentiary, to which he had been demned. There was the third passenger der far different eireumstances.

bride. Every hour was gay as a mar-bell. Life glittered and beckoned. Her panion was taking her to his father's h The train halted. The old man was the eleome her to her new home, and his "

welcome her to her new home, and his -locks snowed down upon her as he senied word with a father's kiss. Quickly we fly toward eternity. We soon he there. Some leave this life of demned culprits. They refused a part they carry their chains. Oh, may it hes us that, leaving this fleeting ill for the we may find our Father ready to great w our new home with Him forover. That our new home with Him foraver. The sole a mariage banquer. Pathers wents Father's bosom! Father's kiss! Hear