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KEYSTONE STATE COLLINGS.

A DRUNKEN RACE RIOT.

RUNS AND POLES BATTLE AT PRICKERSBURG, THREE FATAL AND MANY OTHERS BADLY INJURED.

SHANTON—Saturday was pay day at the mines at Prickersburg, a prosperous borough of this county, and the several hundred Hung and Polish employes began to drink heavily.

The borough police arrested four Hungarians and lodged them in jail. At 9 o'clock the Hungarians held an indignation meeting, and then proceeded in a body to the jail, where they overpowered the keeper and liberated the prisoners.

Shortly before midnight Deputy Sheriff Craig arrested several of the rioters and restored peace. Many arrests will follow.

THE CROP BULLETIN.

REPORTS INDICATE THAT RAIN IS NEEDED EARLY IN SOME PARTS OF THE STATE.

In the weekly report of the State Weather Service, it is said that rain is badly needed for crops in the Southern section. Tobacco, potatoes and pastures are suffering. The corn crop looks well. Wheat and hay are about housed and oats are being harvested.

TWO LITTLE BROTHERS DROWNED.

ALLENTOWN.—While three brothers, George Willie and Lewis Sobrany, aged 13, 11 and 6 years respectively, sons of George A. Sobrany, were sitting on the banks of the Lehigh river in this city, Willie toppled into the stream.

TO CATCH LIARS.

Among the laws passed by the recent legislature is one for the protection of newspapers.

Any person who wilfully states, delivers or transmits by any means whatever to the editor, publisher, or reporter of any newspaper, magazine, publication, periodical or article for publication therein, any libelous statement concerning any person or corporation and thereby secures the actual publication of the same, is hereby declared guilty of a misdemeanor.

At Beaver Falls the other evening Mrs. Jane Smith was sitting on her front porch in her bare feet. A pot chicken saw one of Mrs. Smith's bare feet and gave it a fierce peck.

Mrs. Polly Rose, of Butler county, who died last Saturday after celebrating her hundredth anniversary, came of a long lived family.

While Mrs. W. H. Brick, of Buffalo, Somerset county, was sitting in front of her house looking very elegantly, a vulture swooped down as if to carry off or attack the child.

Last year the Raney farm, near Mahoningtown, Lawrence county, was stocked with imported blue snapping toads.

Last Saturday night a valuable horse belonging to J. W. Goodaway, a Greensburg merchant, got twisted up in the halter in some way and hanged itself, being found dead in the morning.

A freight wreck at Bixler, on the Pennsylvania railroad caused by the breaking of an axle killed 11 horses, injured others and delayed traffic five hours.

John W. VANATA, for extorting money from an old soldier, was sentenced by Judge Bullington at Erie to 60 days and serve three months at hard labor.

E. J. GAYNON, railroad contractor, Pottsville, has assigned. Judgments amounting to nearly \$50,000 have thus far been filed, assets nominal.

At work in one of the quarries at M. Harbinger is a mule that is known to be 34 years old and bids fair to live many more years.

At Harrisburg, John W. Boyer, who did not hear the gong, was killed by a street car while gathering wood in the suburbs of the city.

MAYOR TILBROOK, of McKeesport, has issued an order that street fakirs will be prohibited from doing business.

ALBERT TAYLOR has sued Mercer county for \$25,000 for alleged injuries received while crossing a county bridge.

The Fayette county mutual insurance company, of Uniontown, which suspended in 1879, has been reorganized.

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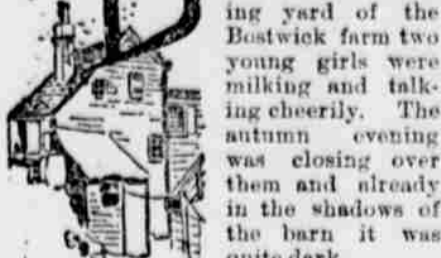
She drank out her curving palms. A draught she could not see. Full filled they were and running o'er, There had been space for not one more.

A lover's kisses, newly pressed On soft palms, tenderly; With thirsty lips she eager quaffed, And smiled, until for joy she laughed.

Through tears, and could not see. —Anna C. Drackett, in Scribner.

How Cassie Saved the Spoons.

BY ANNIE H. FRECHETTE.



OWN in the milking yard of the Bostwick farm two young girls were milking and talking cheerily. The autumn evening was closing over them and already in the shadows of the barn it was quite dark.

The girls were Rose and Cassie Bostwick, and their pleasant chatter followed their parents upon a journey they had that morning undertaken. They were also speculating as to when their brother, who had driven them to the station twenty miles distant, would be back.

At the house their younger sister, Florence, was preparing the supper and entertaining "the baby," a boy of three, who between the falling of evening and the pangs of hunger was growing sleepy and low spirited.

Rose's over strained nerves were her best allies, and as she flew down the stairs, it was the easiest thing in the world for her to give one piercing shriek after another. They resounded from the narrow stairway through the kitchen, and for the moment seemed to paralyze its inmates.

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gasp. She could not have told you why she said "poor sister," unless it was from the sense of calamity which had overtaken them all.

"In that case be sry, for I'm hungry and want you to pour out my tea for me. I like to have a pretty face opposite me at table."

"Well, Rose, you must be about tucked out. You came upstairs as though you were eighty," said Cassie, looking up from the shoe she was fastening.

"Does he know I'm here?" "Yes, I've told him." "Then it would be no use for me to pretend to be Ned," thinking aloud.

"Well, you do the screaming and I'll do the chasing. Rush down stairs and scream and scream—and bang the door to, and just shriek: 'She's out—she's out—she's coming down stairs!'"

"Well, I don't go round giving myself out as a dreadful creature," responded a jolly voice from the porch. "Hello! What's this! I'm breaking my neck over?"

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"There, there, baby," going to the still affected boy, "don't cry any more, sister Cassie, was just making a dirty old tramp hop; she didn't really shoot him, she was just playing about."

"Oh, Cassie, you splendid brave girl, how did you ever happen to think to go crazy?" asked Rose, as she looked over her shoulder from the door which she was barricading.

"Well, I knew something had to be done, and that just popped into my mind. I was doing 'Ophelia' the other day up in my room, so I was in practice, and didn't I make a sweetly girlish will never again make disrespectful comments upon any little private theatricals of mine."

"Surely that can't be Ned back already—he wasn't to start home till 9," said Rose, going to the window and cautiously peeping out under the curtains.

"Right you are there, Sister Rose," assented Cassie. It sounds unbecomingly like young Farmer Dunsecomb's whistle to me.

"Well, whoever it is, I am deeply thankful that somebody beside a tramp is coming," interrupted Florence.

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COLUMBIAN FAIR NEWS ITEMS.

A SUNDAY FAIR PROBABLE.

EVERYTHING points to open gates for the World's Fair again on Sunday. It is not believed the directors feel warranted in violating Judge Stein's injunction during the pendency of the litigation to appear in response to contempt proceedings.

Director General Davis and Attorney Mason, representing the directors, if he had been served with copies of the answers. Upon his replying in the negative the court gave him until Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock to formulate his reply.

The response of the council of administration set up generally that the vigorous opposition to opening the Fair gates which sprang up throughout the country made it desirable that they be closed, that on last Saturday the members found themselves confined by the old rule closing the gates, which they believed to be still in force.

The grounds had much the same appearance as they had last Sunday, when the gates were closed. Nearly all the state buildings were closed and so were many of the structures containing exhibits.

The case of Charles W. Clineham vs. the World's Columbian Exposition company was called in Judge Stein's court on Tuesday morning, and upon motion by the attorneys the court issued an order requiring the officers and directors of the fair who have been notified of the injunction closing the fair to appear and show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court.

The paid admissions to the World's Fair grounds on Sunday were 18,637.

WOMEN will be interested to know that the authorities of Texas, having been prohibited by constitutional enactment from providing funds for erecting a State building, or for any similar purpose, the men of the State proposed to raise sufficient money to put up a building. Their effort, however, was fruitless; the women came to the rescue and by their determination raised \$35,999 and erected and furnished for Texas one of the most handsome and convenient State buildings that can be found in the White City.

The Dairy Kitchen, Hotel and Restaurant, at State and Madison streets was closed by the Sheriff Saturday afternoon.

THE paid admissions at the World's Fair on Wednesday were 91,945.

RAILROAD STATISTICS.

SOME interesting figures from "Poor's Railroad Manual." The twenty-sixth annual number has just been issued of "Poor's Railroad Manual," for many years the recognized authority on matters pertaining to railroad corporations.

The total length of track completed up to the close of the fiscal year, the respective companies was 171,966 miles, and the operations are reported of 179,957 miles, exclusive of the elevated railroads.

The earnings per passenger mile have decreased from 2.194 cents in 1885 to 2.143 in 1892; and the dividends paid on the bonds, stock and debt amounted to 3.01 per cent in 1892 against 3.20 per cent in 1886.

MILLIONS TO BE SAVED.

100,000 Pensions Will be Suspended—Nearly 90 Per Cent. Likely to Be Terminated.

As the result of the examination now being made of the pension cases allowed by Commissioner Raum under his interpretation of the act of July 27, 1890, 100,000 pensions will be suspended.

Of this enormous number it is probable that nearly 90 per cent. will, upon further investigation and in default of new evidence be dropped from the rolls, involving an annual saving to the Government of more than \$11,500,000.

An unknown enthusiast nearly succeeded in stealing some \$10,000 worth of stamps from the National Philatelic Association's exhibit in the World's Fair Federal building.

NOT SO BAD AS REPORTED.

NATIONAL BANK FAILURES.

Greatly Exaggerated. Comptroller E. Kels Issues an Official Statement, Which Inspires Confidence. Pennsylvania's Good Report.

"Recent dispatches have appeared in the newspapers," said Comptroller of the Currency Ekeles to a reporter on Friday, at Washington, "that since January 1, 1893, 200 national banks have failed, the following statement has been prepared that the public may be properly informed. Instead of 200 having closed their doors, but 10 have gone into the hands of the comptroller of the currency. Fourteen of this number have already resumed business under favorable conditions and are possessed of the confidence of the communities where located, and during the ensuing week it is expected several others will have complied with the requirements of the comptroller and reopened, while prior to September 1 an equal number will resume."

"Out of the total of 105 closed but 10 have gone into the hands of receivers, the balance either having re-opened or are held in the hands of the examiners with assets of \$100,000,000. Five of the 10 banks are capitalized in the amount of \$1,000,000 each, 1 at \$600,000, 6 at \$50,000, 2 at \$40,000, and the remaining at \$300,000, \$250,000, \$100,000 and less, but all at more than \$50,000. The greater number, however, are from \$20,000 to \$100,000. By geographical sections the failures are distributed as follows: New England states, 2; middle and western states, 1; middle and Mississippi valley states, 1; northwestern states, 6; west states, 35; southern states, 25."

The statement then goes on to show the number of national banks in operation in all the states, which is 3,785, of which 2,415 are in Pennsylvania, 241 in Ohio and 100 in West Virginia. There has been no failure in Pennsylvania nor in West Virginia, but 2 in Ohio. The statement continues: "It is further worthy of note that national banks have failed in Boston, Brookline, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Washington, Buffalo, Cincinnati, St. Louis, New Orleans, San Francisco, Atlanta, St. Paul and numbers of other great commercial centers, and that but one has failed in New York, two in Chicago, and one in Milwaukee. The cause of the failures in New York and Chicago were large business failures. The number of failures in local areas has caused many of the banks to suspend. Nine of the banks failed as reported by officials who are now under arrest."

THE RETURNING GOLD. The large order sent to have been sent by New York financial houses for gold abroad to be imported into the country as regarded the treasury department as a favorable symptom of returning confidence.

Gold in considerable quantities is also coming here from the West. India's present indications the gold in the treasury will soon pass \$100,000,000. It is said \$97,500,000 when the \$100,000,000 is reached the treasury will again resume the issuance of gold certificates which is expected to be suspended when the treasury gold is reduced below \$100,000,000.

MISSIONARIES MURDERED. A Chinese Mob of Fanatics Commit a Awful Crime. The steamship Empress of China arrived at Vancouver, B. C., with news of the murder of two Swedish missionaries and Chinese fanatics at Sing Pa. Revs. Wickham and Johnson, the missionaries, arrived at Sing Pa last April and were the only missionaries there. Sing Pa is an important market place northeast of Hankow and contains about 30,000 inhabitants. They made no converts, but on the contrary the lives were in danger almost from the start. They were warned by servants they would be killed July 1, but took no precaution except to send a letter to a magistrate demanding protection.

Early in the morning of July 1 their boat was surrounded by a mob composed of loafers, tradesmen and scholars, who clamored for their boat. Stones were thrown at the house and the windows battered in until the missionaries could no longer remain indoors. They attempted to escape out of the roofs of houses, but were followed by the mob. Finally they could go no farther, and dropped into the hands of the mob. Their sufferings were short. Wickham's skull was smashed with an ax and Mr. Johnson was speedily beaten to death. A semblance to human shape by bamboo and iron bars. The bodies were stripped naked, subjected to revolting mutilations and left on the street for dogs to eat. The mob then looted and burned the missionary houses.

Two missionaries from Hankow in company with a man and soldiers left for Sing Pa on July 4 to investigate the matter and recover the bodies.

Unknown Husbands.

From an article on "Unknown Husbands of Famous Women" we learn that Mr. Humphrey Ward is an art critic of the London Times and is author of quite as many books as his wife; that the husband of Mrs. Leuse of Kansas lives in Topeka, and says: "It's all right for my wife to make speeches, but it's the drug store, just the same, that keeps things running;" that the husband of Margaret Deanda is a hustling advertising agent, and won fame by revealing the flying wedge; in football that the husband of Mrs. Van Rensselaer Cruger (Julien Gordon) is Col. S. Van Rensselaer Cruger, manager of the vast Trinity Church corporation in New York city; and that Mr. Burton N. Harrison is a New York attorney, and that "when his wife's literary work is mentioned he is dumb."

Utilizing Former Waste.

Mr. W. Smith, the largest dealer in cheese in New York City, runs a factory which consumes ten million gallons of milk a year, and he tries to utilize as much as possible of it. So he has perfected means by which he saves the milk-sugar and expects to turn out 300,000 pounds of it this year, at the wholesale price of about sixteen cents a pound. Some heretofore waste parts are utilized in the production of poultry and duck food, and there is also produced a lactose vinegar which is recommended as a good table condiment, and a prophylactic against cholera.