

THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Members Inspect the Work and Order a Cessation on Sept. 30th—This Action Influenced by Positive Instructions From Governor Beaver That the Work Must Stop.

The members of the State Board of Health made a tour of inspection of the town Saturday, and afterwards met at their headquarters to take action on certain matters. Doctor W. E. Matthews, Chief Inspector of the work and Dr. Wagoner presented reports covering all the work done by the Board since the flood. Dr. Edwards took the report with him and will publish it in a medical journal which he is editing. They found the work progressing very satisfactory, about one thousand men being employed. Upon a statement by telegraph from Governor Beaver, however, stating that the money for this purpose was totally exhausted, a resolution was passed directing that the work should cease on the 30th inst. The members of the Board were influenced in this action very much by the Governor's message, and afterwards several of them talked of another meeting to reconsider this action. After considerable parley, however, Doctors Edwards and Dudley of Philadelphia, concluded to go home and left on the 10:30 train last night. Consequently their action taken during the day will stand and the work will cease. The cessation of the work is not because the Board of Health thinks it is the proper thing to do, but because Governor Beaver has imperatively said there is no more money for the purpose. At eleven o'clock last night Captain Hamilton said that he had not received orders to quit work, but they will likely be received to day. Captain Hamilton feels very sorry that this move has been taken as he had his force in excellent condition to do good work, and in a few weeks a great deal would have been accomplished. Everybody is sorry that the work could not have been continued a little longer, and Governor Beaver is severely censured for his action. The finding of three bodies in one day is very good evidence from a Christian standpoint why the work should continue.

IS HIS PROTECTION?

Fire Engines Totally Cold and the Firemen Probably Asleep.

A statement in Saturday evening's Tribune, saying "that the firemen were promptly at the scene of the fire with an engine, and had steam up," but that the owner of the building did not want the water turned on is in seeming reply to the criticisms in the Democrat. Of course there was an engine on the ground as one is stationed on the corner, less than a hundred feet away. It is a matter of fact, however, that it was fully twenty minutes after the fire began before the steam gauge registered forty pounds and then the water was turned on.

In verifications of our strictures it is here stated that notwithstanding the warning of Thursday night the engine at corner of Main and Franklin streets, which is supposed to be kept as a protection to the Park business buildings, had no steam in at all last night. As the town clock struck 12, a representative of this paper examined this engine and found it totally cold, and thrusting his hand in the fire-box discovered the least bit of warmth to be discerned. No firemen were to be seen anywhere although they were likely asleep in their shanty. Is this the protection the people are paying for?

MORE BODIES.

Two Victims of the Flood Found Yesterday—One the Mother of Ex-Sheriff John Ryan, the other Mrs. Ed. Swineford, a Passenger on the Lost Day Express.

A body was found Friday in the middle of the Stonycreek, lodged against a stump, opposite Napoleon street. The morgue description is as follows: Female, quite aged, height five feet, gray hair, no teeth, black cloth cap lined with red and black ribbon, bow on top, white handkerchief around neck, black cashmere dress, woolen undershirt, brown striped wool shawl, lace shoe (small foot), two purses containing about \$10, one \$2 bill, rest in silver, all halves and quarters, except two dollars and four nickels. This body has been identified as that of the mother of ex-Sheriff John Ryan, by relatives. Mrs. Ryan was perhaps the oldest woman in the city at the time of the flood.

The other body was found on Iron street, Millville, the feet were lying on the wall between Morgan Reese's and McGough's cellars and the head and body were hanging down in Reese's cellar. At the morgue it was identified as Mrs. Ed. Swineford, one of the passengers on the ill-fated Day Express that was engulfed at East Conemaugh. Mr. Harry Bischof, a brother of the lady, who has been here ever since the flood, making diligent search for her remains, easily recognized the features of his sister. He also identified her by two rings she had on, in the inscription on the inside of one being "E. S. to A. W., 1888," and by her clothing and some gold braid on the front of her dress. The body will be taken to St. Louis for interment.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Young Story, of Altoona, Steps in Front of an Engine.

William E. Story, of Altoona, and well known to many residents of our city, stepped in front of a moving train at Hollidaysburg Thursday morning about 5:30 o'clock, Joseph Story, father of young Story, accompanied by his son were visiting here about three weeks ago, and the many friends of the unfortunate man will be sorry to learn of the sad news.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

HOW ROB SAVED "SHACK."

KNOW you will take good care of "Shack," Rob," "I will, mother."

"And don't drop him into the cistern." "No, father," replied curly-headed Rob, with a laugh.

"We will be back before dark, dear Rob," and away drove his father and mother to town, leaving sturdy ten-year-old Rob standing by the claim-shanty, where he watched the wagon until it was lost to sight behind one of the little knolls in the rolling prairie.

Rob was not in the least afraid of being left alone there, but it was the first time he had ever been left in charge of "Shack" and he felt a little embarrassed by the gravity of his trust.

"Shack" was a remarkably good baby. He derived his peculiar name from the fact of having been born in the claim-shanty, which is called in some parts of the west a "shack." He was round-eyed, round-cheeked and possessed of an astonishing amount of patience.

"What'll I do to him if he howls?" thought Rob. But "Shack" seemed to have no intention of howling. He sat on the floor, blinking at the hot sun like a toad, and looking so comically when Rob burst out into a laugh, in which "Shack" joined with a chuckle and a crows peculiar to himself.

"Come, Shack, let's play," said Rob. There lay the heap of moist earth right out of the cistern, and, happily, in the shade of the house all the afternoon. A piece of an old barrel stave made a splendid trowel. A section of a stove pipe made a very good shovel, and in a short time a gorgeous palace arose, more substantial and producing more real happiness than many of those Spanish castles you sometimes build when you get to be older children.

"Shack" sat near by, almost as much interested as the youthful architect himself, although it must be confessed he did not help much in the building, and, in fact, at a critical moment, by a sudden movement of one of his feet, he demolished the entire left wing of the palace, and flattened the dungeon tower to the ground.

Patience Rob built it up again, and to keep "Shack" occupied, put a pile of sand into his lap, into which he thrust his grubby hands and occasionally fed him, and it made queer faces, at which Rob laughed merrily.

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