

The Grand Cross of a Commander of the Legion of Honor was bestowed upon Thomas A. Edison at Paris last week.

A DISCRIMINATING BIOGRAPHY.

Not any too soon for the truth of history, but on the principle better late than never, we are to hear something approximating a true story of the man who is justly described as first in peace, first in war and first in the hearts of his countrymen.

Weems and others who have written him up deal so largely in fiction, that they have invested him with a character wholly at issue with the nature of a real human being.

1889 METEOROLOGICALLY CONSIDERED.

Exceptional as this year has been in its manifold and terrible calamities, it has its counterpart in its sudden and severe atmospheric changes, as well as in its long spells of bad weather.

The few warm, pleasant days of a week ago since were suddenly succeeded by a spell of shivering, chilly weather that sought winter wraps and heavy overcoats to the front, and made December a necessity.

DEFECTIVE KNOWLEDGE

Every once and a while men are discovered how little they know, and how wide of what they think they know has anything like a truthful basis which to rest.

As an illustration, and about as amusing one as could be conceived, take the following wise official conclusion reached after much discussion by a body of learned physicians in the year of 1835.

a locomotive passing rapidly is sufficient to cause the same cerebral derangement, consequently it is absolutely necessary to build a fence ten feet in height on each side of the railway."

How far those grave M. D's., each the possessor of a nicely executed diploma setting forth his skill and medical knowledge, missed the mark, we leave the fifty years of railroad history to say.

FILLED IT WELL.

The DAILY DEMOCRAT to-day entered upon its second volume. It has had a hard run to hoe, but has filled it well, and we are glad to read its own utterance of this morning that it is "a permanent fact."

AT HENDERSON'S MORGUE.

Two More Bodies Found on Saturday—A Death at the Red Cross Hospital.

On Saturday morning a body was found in the sand on the bank of the Stonycreek at the foot of Walnut street. The description at Henderson's Morgue is as follows:

No. 477—Male, height five feet seven inches, brown hair cut short, smooth shaven face, two teeth out of upper jaw, one right side, one or two out on each side of lower jaw, white cotton underwear, black pants, black coat and vest with small bar cloth covered buttons, woolen shirt, has evidently been blue, pockets on left side, black overcoat with rubber buttons, scull cap in pocket.

On Saturday evening a body was found buried in the sand on the banks of the Stonycreek at the foot of Union Street. The morgue description is as follows:

No. 479—Female, height, five feet five inches, brown hair, wool dress, mixed goods, pleated front on waist, belt of same goods as dress, wine color lining to collar and back silk facing, metal buttons, with square figure in centre, black ribbon hose, spiral garters, cream color ribbed around neck, button shoes, size 4 1/2 or 5. The above body will be sent to Grand View on Monday.

Richard Weldon died at the Red Cross Hospital on Saturday, aged about forty years. He has no friends in this country and is supposed to be from Liverpool, England. His body was taken to Henderson's Morgue and will be interred at Grand View to-day. It will be numbered 478.

Mr. Dana's Three Score Years and Ten. The Saturday Globe, New York.

The greatest man that ever lifted a pen to make a newspaper in this or any other country, is Charles A. Dana. We speak of him purely as a genius and a journalist, and with no reference to current political discussions.

Not Correct. Ebensburg Freeman.

Gibbs Hasson, the heretofore Democratic postmaster at Ebensburg, refuses to recognize President Harrison's commission to Mr. Barker, and declines to surrender the office to his appointed successor.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Some Interesting News from the Capital for Our Readers. To the Editor of the Johnstown Democrat:

President Harrison is still wrestling with the problem of trying to find a man for Pension Commissioner who can satisfy the applicants for pensions without creating a financial deficiency. The thing is impossible, but of course its one of our business, if the administration wants to wear itself out in that way let it go ahead.

Mr. Blaine is at last President, not of the United States, but of the Three America's Congress. He was elected to the position Wednesday when the Congress met and organized. Ex-Senator Henderson of Missouri was elected President pro tempore.

Democrats here express considerable disappointment over the result of the elections in the new states. They had been led to expect something different. Secretary Tracy's difficulty in getting a Naval officer to command the Kearsarge, which started from New York Tuesday for Hayti, with Fred Douglass, our minister to that country as a passenger, has been the subject of a great deal of joking around Washington this week.

Ex-Representative Harris, of Virginia, who has just made a trip through that State, says the Democrats will have a walk-over, and that Mahone will never again be heard from politically. I have it on good authority that several members of the administration have given up all hope of Mahone's election.

Senators Hampton, of South Carolina, and Harris, of Tennessee, are very wide apart in their ideas of a correct solution of the race problem.

Charges have been filed at the Department of State against Reed Lewis, of Pennsylvania, Consul Agent at Morocco. He is accused of having attempted to extort a large sum of money from a Vice Consul as the price of his retention in office.

The Knight Templars are beginning to arrive for the Conclave. They will remain here ten days.

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ASIA'S ABLEST SOLDIER.

John Hinton, the Ameer's Favorite a Pennsylvania Country Boy. From the Somerset Democrat.

Nearly forty years ago, in South Huntington township, Westmoreland county, lived John Hinton. He was an orphan boy, rude and uneducated, and had wandered there from the neighborhood of Mason town, Fayette county.

He is next heard of traveling in a caravan from Delhi, westward across the Indus River, through Afghanistan and Persia, to Turkey and back. In time, from trading, he became immensely wealthy and was the owner of five caravans, containing 13,000 horses and camels and fifty elephants.

About 1880 he was made Military Commander of the District of Herat, and in 1876 suppressed a local rebellion to the great satisfaction of his sovereign.

Iron and Steel Trade Boom.

A Pittsburgh dispatch says: The boom in steel and iron rivals the memorable advance of 1884. Even when compared with that time, other things considered, the advance in products of steel and iron is more remarkable.

In the last few days Bessemer pig has stiffened from \$18.75 to \$19.50 and a heavy consumer said to-day he doubts if he could buy 100 or 1,000 tons for less than \$20.

Will Have a Place of Amusement.

It is authentically asserted that Messrs. McCann and Flynn have leased the Parke Opera House, and propose to open it to the public in a few weeks. It is their intention to book traveling companies of the better class, and will positively allow no low variety companies to play in the house.

Seriously Ill.

Mr. E. J. Hoar, of Philadelphia, who escaped from Johnstown to the hills at the time of the great flood, is lying dangerously ill at Atlantic City.

A Phenomenal Hotel Man.

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THE FLOOD COMMISSION.

What Secretary Kremer Has to Say About Paying Out the Money. Saturday Secretary Kremer handed us the following letter concerning the distribution of the money intended for the flood sufferers.

Sir: Earnest inquiries having repeatedly been made as to when the Commission will begin paying the \$1,600,000 appropriate at their last meeting for the sufferers in the Conemaugh Valley, it seems proper that I should make the following statement:

The Committee of Inquiry have made their recommendations, except as to a few cases, concerning which they are waiting further information, as to the claims now comprised under classes 1, 2, and 3.

What has seemed to be a delay in the distribution has been only, on the part of the committee engaged in the work, a conscientious care that there should appear in the final result as few mistakes as possible.

BILL STILL PRESENTED.

The Pittsburgh Relief Committee Subject to More Delays.

Treasurer W. R. Thompson, of Pittsburgh, has recently checked over \$400,000 to the General Fund of the Johnstown Flood Commission, retaining only enough to meet certain small bills which are contingent in nature.

CAPTURE OF FIVE TOUGHS.

They Were in Hiding for a Month, but Finally Were Run Down. The DEMOCRAT contained a full account of the riot that the following named toughs were engaged in while on the Johnstown Accommodation: John Ruffner, John Cairnes and Pat Carnes, of Crab Tree, and Joseph McCormick, of Latrobe, and Elmer Johns, of Bradenville, were Saturday captured by Special Agent, H. Houghton, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and charged before Squire Morris, of Greensburg, with assaulting a conductor of the Johnstown Accommodation on the 4th of September.

Warrants were sworn out for their arrest, but when search was made for them, they had disappeared, and had been in hiding up to Saturday, when the detectives succeeded in locating them.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The Following Have Been Granted Since Our Last Report.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Location. Includes Elizabeth Gains, William Blake, Sadie Morrison, Andrew Smith, Bridget O'Connell, Benjamin Rager, Dennis Beardsley, Edward Sanford, Bella Rutledge, John Yurt, and Christina Young.

A P. R. R. Employee Killed.

William Shehan, an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad at the Blairsville Intersection, while at work on the line Thursday evening near Gray's station, was struck by a freight train and almost instantly killed.

The Fourth Victim Dies.

Harry Connell, aged twenty-six years, one of the men who was buried at the Braddock blast furnace, died at the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, at 12:10 Friday morning.

A Coal Miner Killed.

Andrew May, a coal miner, living in Mansfield, near Pittsburgh, was killed on the Panhandle road near that place, Friday afternoon. He was walking on the tracks, when he was struck by the cars and killed almost instantly.

GLEANINGS FROM EVERYWHERE.

Fifty Paragraphs of Late News in Condensed Form.

A school organized specially for the education of women in the legal profession has been opened in New York under the most auspicious encouragements of success.

Admiral Porter is lying very ill at his summer home at Johnstown, Rhode Island. His family regard his illness as most serious, and are apprehensive as to the result.

A pumpkin weighing 130 pounds took the first prize at the Westchester County Fair a few days ago. On the closing of the exhibition it was promptly purchased by a large New York hotel.

The fifteenth annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Pennsylvania will be held in Association Hall, Fifteenth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, 9th, 10th, and 11th of October.

A paragraph is going the rounds of the press stating that when church members in Chicago are particularly pleased with a good point in a sermon they whack the pew in front of them with a hymn book and snort.

An umbrella-maker of Birmingham, England, has perfected a transparent umbrella which will allow the bearer to see what is directly in front and escape being run into. It is a sensible as well as novel improvement.

To-day Connecticut will vote on the prohibition Constitutional Amendment. Leaders of the old political parties say its defeat is a foregone conclusion, predicting that it will be defeated by not less than 20,000 majority.

Washington society is interested over the addition shortly to be made to its numbers by the arrival from Europe of Lady Pauncote and her daughters. They have already sailed from Liverpool with the British minister.

The French government announces that so far as the American exhibitors at the Paris Exposition have been awarded 53 grand prizes, 199 gold medals, 271 silver medals, 218 bronze medals and 220 honorable mentions, and the list is not nearly completed.

There is a curious little museum in Berlin in which no relics are kept except royal garters. It is run in conjunction with the Hohenzollern museum and was founded by William I. Garters from the legs of all the princesses who have been married since 1817 are to be found in this unique collection.

The Faculty of the University of Pennsylvania have by a decided vote agreed to admit the sexes to coeducation in that institution, a movement which cannot at once be fully appreciated in importance, but which is bound to have a commanding influence on other seats of learning in this country.

The largest suspension bridge in the world is the Brooklyn bridge; the largest fortress in the world is Fortress Monroe; the largest university in the world is that of Oxford; the largest tunnel is the St. Gotthard; the largest head belongs to Russell Harrison, and the competition for the largest mouth is still waxing hot between Tanner, Forkner and Private Dalzell.

Black Bart, who is known to fame as "the lone highwayman of California," has, it is thought, gone to China or Australia. Over thirty robberies of stages and express trains are attributed to this Napoleon of the stand-and-deliver game. Evidence to convict him was obtained only in two or three cases. When he was caught, in 1883, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to prison for seven years. He was a good prisoner, read devotional works and was liked by the authorities at San Quentin. During the last year his robberies have been very numerous.

Miss Carrie Meyer, a fifteen-year-old girl, is now frescoing the walls of the Southern Hotel in St. Louis, Mo. She has designed and executed the frescoing for a large number of the finest rooms in the hotel, and is regarded by her employers as an able and accomplished fresco painter. The child is a musician as well as an artist, and plays with skill upon a number of instruments, including the bass viol, organ, flute and violin. Her father wishes her to devote herself to painting pictures, but she enjoys fresco work better. She is described as very pretty and graceful, and exceedingly shy.

An Interesting Visitor.

Ebensburg Freeman. The Johnstown DAILY DEMOCRAT has entered on its second volume and although it has had more than ordinary hard luck, is prospering and going to stay. The DEMOCRAT is a welcome and always an interesting visitor to our office and we hope with each succeeding year its prosperity may be increased.

Will Never Die.

Meyersdale Commercial. The Johnstown Daily DEMOCRAT commenced its second volume on Wednesday. It has had a hard road to travel, but looks bright and regards itself as permanently fixed. We sincerely hope so. A paper that survives the storms it did will never die and should not.

Long and Prosperous.

Altoona Independent. The Johnstown DEMOCRAT has entered its second year with encouraging success. Its advertising patronage is very fine and this is the life of journalism. The paper passed through the great flood and survived. We wish it a long and prosperous life.

Brave and Newswy.

Huntingdon Local News. The JOHNSTOWN DAILY DEMOCRAT has entered upon its second volume. It is a brave and newswy journal, and is destined to live and prosper, notwithstanding the reverses it has undergone in its brief career.