

FOR A SANE FOURTH.

The list of casualties resulting from the insane manner in which Americans celebrate the Fourth of July is appalling. In ten years from 1899 to 1909, five hundred and eight persons were killed on the Fourth of July and twenty-nine thousand and eighty-five wounded. Each year has seen an increase of the number of casualties, the number killed and injured in 1909 being double that in 1899. These figures were compiled by the Chicago Tribune, and are believed not to reach by several hundred the actual number of persons who have been slaughtered on the great American holiday.

The large number of casualties on the Fourth of July result from the use of dangerous explosives invented in recent years. The boys and men of to-day are not satisfied with the innocent firecrackers, but must have as an aid to the celebration of Independence day inventions which make loud noises. Parents whose children are allowed to use these death-dealing things are foolish. They permit their children to celebrate the Fourth in an insane and dangerous manner and if death reaps a rich harvest these parents have regret and sorrow to carry with them the rest of their lives.

As parents will not use their influence to prevent the use of explosives of a dangerous character on the Fourth of July, the law should step in and demand that Independence Day shall be observed in a safe and sane manner. The use of dangerous explosives should be prohibited by the authorities of the municipalities of this State in order to put a stop to the slaughter of children. The Fourth of July should no longer be a day of terror, anxiety and dread to the parents and the suffering of children should be prevented by every means in the power of the authorities.

OUR STREETS.

One of our exchanges has the following: "The official whose duty it is to keep the streets of Tekneu, China, in proper condition has been placed in a pillory on one of the worst streets of the town to remain there while his successor makes satisfactory repairs."

It is very fortunate for the members of our town council whose duty it is to give us passible streets that they do not live in China. The condition of our streets are not only deplorable, but a damage to the trade of the town; it is the consensus of opinion of out of town people who drive to Honesdale that we have the worst roads (called streets) in Wayne county. Why not take the money which is being wasted and arrange with the Ladies' Improvement Society to use this money in bettering our streets? They could not do worse, and there is a chance they might improve them. It's worth trying.

WORTH KNOWING.

A devoted daughter who likes to see that her father has a flower in his buttonhole every day has evolved a clever little arrangement for insuring the flower's freshness. She obtained a short piece of small rubber tube, closed at one end, forming a little receptacle which holds about a tiny thimbleful of water. This diminutive vase she dexterously fastens under the lapel of her father's coat just below the buttonhole, so that when she puts a flower through the buttonhole the stem fits down into the water and the posy keeps fresh and fragrant all day, to the astonishment of those not in the secret.

The Fourth of July has been a big day in the wars of this republic. In 1861, July 4th was the first day of the extra session of congress, with eight states unrepresented.

On July 4, 1863, Vicksburg surrendered to General Grant.

On the same day news was sent over the country that the Federal forces had won at Gettysburg.

On July 4, 1864, Grant was gradually driving Lee back, though at a terrific cost of human life.

On July 4, 1898, we got the news that Cervera's entire Spanish fleet had been destroyed off Santiago by the United States fleet, that 600 Spaniards had been killed and drowned, and 1,400 taken prisoners on the day before.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

St. John's Catholic church was well filled by the graduating class of the High School, their friends and relatives last Sunday evening who were present to listen to the baccalaureate sermon which was delivered by Rev. Thomas Jordan. The discourse was a most brilliant one, and bristled with ideas and thoughts, which, if carried out, will bring success, happiness in this world, and joy in the world to come.

FANCIED WRONG LEADS TO MURDER AND SUICIDE

Both Men Almost Nonagenarians---Doubly Related and Well-to-do.

The people of Honesdale were shocked on Friday morning when a telephone message was received that George Baker and Mark Van Deusen, two well-to-do farmers of Dyberry township were dead; later particulars revealed the fact that Van Deusen had deliberately shot Baker, killing him instantly, and then turned the weapon upon himself with fatal results.

Coroner Harry B. Searles, of Honesdale, was immediately summoned and proceeded to the scene of the affair. The residence of the Baker family, where the tragedy occurred, is situated on the Dyberry road about one mile from the Fair grounds. Baker was a brother-in-law of Van Deusen, having married his sister and was also his father-in-law, Van Deusen having married Sarah, the oldest daughter of Baker. Baker was 87 years of age, while Van Deusen was 86. The latter has made his home with the Baker family for years, but on account of Mrs. Baker's health failing and her increasing years it became necessary to lighten her household labors and cares, and for this reason, it was deemed advisable to have Van Deusen make other arrangements and secure another boarding place. Mr. and Mrs. Baker had broached the subject in a very kindly way and explained the reasons for the change. Van Deusen became surly and ill-tempered over the matter and the amicable relations were so strained that upon several occasions words were passed that made it more urgent to carry out the arrangements. Van Deusen, who was naturally of a morose and discontented disposition, brooded over the matter until Mrs. Baker became alarmed, and did what she could to prevent an outbreak between the two men. About 6 o'clock on Friday morning Baker had gone out to the cowshed to milk the cows when Van Deusen, who had surreptitiously procured a 32-calibre revolver, started for the place where Baker was employed. He had gone about half the distance when Mrs. Baker came out on the back porch to do some chores. Van Deusen halted, turned around, and retraced part of his steps, again turned back, and started back to the cow shed. His peculiar actions attracted the attention of Mrs. Baker and she remained on the porch to watch his further actions. She saw him approach her husband, heard the report of the revolver and as he turned and started on a run toward her, she seeing the smoking revolver in his hand, although stunned for a moment, had presence of mind enough to seize a horn which was at hand for emergency calls, and gave several loud blasts. Van Deusen hearing the sound of the horn, and seeing that the call was being answered by the neighbors, immediately stopped, and pointing the pistol at his own head fired and fell on the back porch of the house. Mrs. Leslie Van Deusen and Mr. Elma Nelson who heard the call ran across the fields and reached him just as he was breathing his last. They then went hurriedly to the cow shed and

found Baker lying in a pool of blood dead. The coroner was at once summoned and on his arrival found that Baker had been shot so that the ball had passed diagonally through his cheek and neck, severing an artery causing immediate death. The bullet which killed Van Deusen entered the right side of his head, and protruded through the left. The coroner at once selected a jury consisting of Dr. Peterson, George L. Eck, L. D. Bunnell, Charles Arthur, Jacob Hauser and Frank Thomas. After an examination of the dead, the testimony of those who witnessed the tragedy was taken, after a short deliberation, they rendered a verdict as follows: I, H. B. Searles, Coroner of Wayne county, having been called, took the following inquisition this 11th day of June, 1909, upon the solemn oath and affidavit of P. B. Peterson, M. D., George L. Eck, E. D. Bunnell, F. H. Thomas, Charles T. Arthur, J. J. Hauser, six good and lawful men of Wayne county, aforesaid, charged to inquire where, and by what means Mark Van Deusen and George Baker came to their death, who having viewed the bodies of the said M. Van Deusen and George Baker, and heard the evidence produced before them, do find and say that George Baker came to his death by a wound inflicted by a revolver shot by Mark Van Deusen, and that the said M. Van Deusen then shot himself, the affair occurring in the township of Dyberry, county of Wayne, about 6 o'clock of the morning of the 11th day of June, 1909, and that the said M. Van Deusen did with intent and purpose kill the said George Baker and himself against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In witness whereof we affix our names and seal, Jurors: P. H. Peterson, M. D., George L. Eck, E. D. Bunnell, F. N. Thomas, Charles T. Arthur, J. J. Hauser, H. B. Searles, M. D., Coroner.

Van Deusen is survived by his wife and five children: Frank and George of Honesdale; Leslie of Dyberry; Mrs. Fred J. Robinson of Lebanon, and Mrs. Allen Kimble, of Honesdale.

Baker is survived by Mrs. Lafayette Nelson of Rileyville; Mrs. Frank Kimble and Mrs. Nicholas Hamble of Honesdale, Mrs. George Kimble, of Oregon, children by his first wife, and a twin brother, Stephen, of Siko.

Baker was buried at the Bolkeem cemetery, Rileyville, on Sunday afternoon; Glen Dyberry being the last resting place of Van Deusen, funeral taking place on Sunday morning.

It is reported that Van Deusen left a note giving his son Frank instructions to divide his property equally among his children and also wrote a note on a slate bidding them good-bye, thus showing his act was fully premeditated.

Baker and Van Deusen were in Honesdale the day previous to the tragedy, the latter visited his children while the former called on several friends and conversed with them in a good natured way, they complimenting his unusual good health and vigor at his advanced age.

PERDITA.

Upon her brow and cheek, so fair,
There rests a shade of weariness,
Through all their smiles her eyes confess
The lurking presence of Despair.

At Pleasure's fount she seeks to fill
The dreary void within her breast;
With love, unhallowed and unblest,
The hunger of her heart to still.

She calls it love, though we... she knows
Love died to her long years before;
Pale embers strew her altar-floor,
The vivid flame no longer glows.

The tender bliss, unmarred by pain,
The radiant dreams that Passion wrought,
The rapturous life its presence brought,
Can never thrill her pulse again.

Her faith, her heart, her soul, adrift,
Derelicts on life's turbid stream;
The past, a shadow—haunted dream,
Whose shrouding veil she does not lift.

The lowering future, starless night,
O'ercast with shame, regret, and tears;
No hope in all the coming years,
In all their gloom, no gleam of light.

And still she plays her smiling part,
A blossom in that gay parterre;
A nameless pang, a boding fear,
Forever trembling in her heart.

CECIL MARCH.

Wash Dresses in English Rep, Linen, and Linette, at 45c6 MANNER & CO.'S Stores.

VINDICATION OF DAVID L. HOWER

Former Superintendent of Wayne County Schools.

Prof. D. L. Hower, principal of Media High school, and former Wayne County Superintendent of Schools, was acquitted on Friday before Judge Bromdall of the charge of assault and battery on one of his pupils, Walter Griscom. The charges grew out of a whipping which the Griscom boy received in school. From the evidence secured by the court it appears that the Griscom lad had been sent to Prof. Hower on more than one occasion, for being disorderly in the school room, but the direct cause of the charges made against Prof. Hower was for a whipping administered to Walter Griscom on April 20th for the throwing of torpedoes out of the second story of the school building while school was in session; the torpedoes were of such a size that when exploded close to the school building they caused great alarm among the teachers and pupils.

Mr. Andrew Thompson of this place, and Mr. Emerson Gammell, of Bethany, were witnesses for Prof. Hower and testified as to his character while a resident of Wayne county.

The following letter received by Mr. Thompson shows what the school board thinks of Mr. Hower's actions:

Media, Pa., June 12.
My Dear Mr. Thompson,

You may have seen the decision of the jury in the morning papers. What a vindication it is! All the costs were put on the prosecutor.

You will be glad to know that the school board re-elected me last night and gave me an increase of three hundred dollars, making my salary eighteen hundred dollars.

Everywhere do we meet expressions of approval, and the discipline another year will be much easier because of this decision. I desire to most heartily thank you for the assistance you rendered me and your willingness to testify.

Yours very truly,
D. L. HOWER.

WANAMAKER'S NEW PHILADELPHIA STORE

State and City Take Part in Celebrating Climax in Great Merchant's Career.

The greatest event in the long business career of John Wanamaker, merchant prince, statesman, philanthropist and reformer, was celebrated in Philadelphia last Saturday afternoon before 4,000 persons in the Egyptian Hall of the new Wanamaker stores. It was the laying of the cornerstone of the newest addition to what is the largest store building in the world. Characterized by addresses by Governor Stuart, of this state; Mayor Reyburn, of Philadelphia; the Right Rev. Mgr. Fisher, Rabbi Krauskopf, Robert C. Ogden, of New York, and Mr. Wanamaker, the creator of the great business enterprises that bear his name, the ceremonies partook of a great public celebration.

The John Wanamaker chorus of 1,000 voices recruited from the stores of Wanamaker, the Wanamaker band and the great organ which the founder of the business gave to the hall furnished a musical programme of extraordinary merit.

At four o'clock when the ceremonies began, every employee of the New York and Philadelphia stores paused for the space of two minutes while the cornerstone was actually laid. In the cavity of the stone was placed along with a copy of the Bible the Constitutions of the nation and state, the leading newspapers and photographs of the oldest and most important employees of the institution and a remarkable document signed by every member of the Wanamaker business family. The latter contained a record of the business career of Mr. Wanamaker and paid a high tribute to him as a leader of men and a humanitarian. The record included the information that starting with the first day's sale of \$24.16 on Apr. 3, 1861, the Wanamaker business has reached an enormous volume, and that during his career Mr. Wanamaker has distributed to the people of the country the amazing total of \$500,000,000 worth of merchandise.

The new Wanamaker building is unique in that it is the largest store in the world under one roof, containing forty-five acres of floor space. It is the largest block of granite in the world, covering a full city block, and it is the largest steel-ribbed, granite-walled, fireproof structure of modern construction in the world.

It is the only large store in the world having its monster power house outside of the building, for safety.

It is the only store of large size, so far as is known, where a new building was erected on the site of the old and a business carried on at the same time during rebuilding.

It is the only store in the world that is both a store and a university, for the building whose cornerstone was laid last Saturday is the home of the American University of Trade and Applied Commerce, a chartered institution, which forms an integral part of the Wanamaker business.

RIVER JORDAN WATER USED.

Twelve Babies Baptized at Middletown, N. Y.

Middletown, N. Y., June 13.—A remarkable feature in connection with the Children's Day exercises at St. Paul's Methodist Church, in this city, on Sunday, was the baptism of twelve infant children with water taken from the River Jordan. The services were attended by a large congregation.

Rev. Dr. Charles L. Walsworth, the pastor of the church, who officiated at the service, personally took the water from the section of the river where Christ was baptized by John the Baptist.

In brief remarks previous to the service Dr. Walsworth told how the water had been secured by him while he was making a tour through the Holy Land.

OBITUARY.

Cora M., wife of Julius A. Dunn, died at her home in Oregon township on Sunday morning of a complication of diseases. She was born at Youngville, Sullivan county, New York, and was 33 years of age. The deceased is survived by her husband and parents. Funeral will be held at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning at the house. Interment in the East Dyberry cemetery.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made at the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Wayne county, on Thursday, the 24th day of June, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., by the undersigned for a license to carry on the business of detective, with the principal office in the borough of Honesdale, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, for a period of three years, and that said application was filed with the clerk of said Court on the 14th day of June, 1909, under the provisions of the act of the General Assembly approved the 23d day of March, 1897, and the supplements thereto. N. B. SPENCER, Honesdale, Pa., June 14, 1909.

ABOUT THE CHILDREN.

Early training in the practice of self denial; instruction as to the use and value of money; opportunities for earning and saving money; all these tend to fix and fasten the children in the ways of thrift and prosperity.

We are always glad to assist the little folks in their efforts to save money.

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To adjust matters we have taken all our Twelve and Fifteen Dollar Suits and say to you take your choice for \$10

These suits are no back numbers. They are NEW SPRING SUITS. The best we have and the best we have had—this season's make.

TAKE A LOOK at them—if they don't beat any suit you have ever seen offered for TEN DOLLARS, don't buy them. Drop in and see what's doing.

Enterprise Clothing House.

A. W. ABRAMS, Proprietor.

HENRY Z. RUSSELL, PRESIDENT. ANDREW THOMPSON, VICE PRESIDENT. EDWIN F. TORRE, CASHIER. ALBERT C. LINDSAY, ASSISTANT CASHIER.

HONESDALE NATIONAL BANK.

This Bank was Organized in December, 1836, and Nationalized in December, 1864.

Since its organization it has paid in Dividends to its Stockholders,

\$1,905,800.00

The Comptroller of the Currency has placed it on the HONOR ROLL, from the fact that its Surplus Fund more than equals its capital stock.

What Class? are YOU in?

The world has always been divided into two classes—those who have saved, those who have spent—the thrifty and the extravagant.

It is the savers who have built the houses, the mills, the bridges, the railroads, the ships and all the other great works which stand for man's advancement and happiness.

The spenders are slaves to the savers. It is the law of nature. We want you to be a saver—to open an account in our Savings Department and be independent.

One Dollar will Start an Account.

This Bank will be pleased to receive all or a portion of YOUR banking business.