Increasing and Healthy Activity Manifested General y.

During the week just ended the general industrial activity has continued, reports to that effect coming from all quarters. Numerous manufacturing concerns that have been closed during the business depression have again resumed operations, re-employing hunagain resumed operations, re-employing hundreds of workmen. A gratifying feature of the week's news is the large number of instances where the wages of employes have been increased; in most of those reported the increase has been voluntary on the part of the employers, and in many in making the announcement the firms have stated their reason for so doing, and it has been identical in every case—"improvement in business."

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Capitalists engaged in the tron industry, which is generally recognized as furnishing a reliable gauge of business in general, and a reliable gauge of business in general, and is second in importance only to agriculture, seems to have no doubt that good times are here and that better times are coming. The manufacturers of steel rails, steel plates and other structural forms for railroads and buildings are putting on increased forces of workmen, and running to their full capacity. So in all lines of manufactures and trade there is increasing and healthful activity.

### A Signal Victory

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The International Typographical Union have won their fight of long standing against the big publishing house of Rand, McNally & Co., of Chicago, and the office is now thoroughly unionized. This fight has been carried on industriously for years by the Typographical Union, and this is the first time in fifteen years that it has required a Union card to get work in the office. President Prescott, of the International Typographical Union was ably assisted in bringing about the settlement by the central labor bodies of Milwaukee and Chicago, who threatened to boycott the school books published by the firm unless Union men only were employed in the office.

### Decided To Make War.

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It is reported in railway circles that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has decided to make war on the Order Railway Conductors. The company do not discharge the members of the Order contright, it is said, but they are given to understand that it would please the company if they would retire from the Order, and men who are not members of the Order are advanced over those holding membership. The company claim that the resson they are doing this is that there are a large number of ex-conductors and others not in the railway service who are members of the Order, and who are continually stirring up strife or trying to foment trouble between the company and the men.

### Will Think it Over.

General Master Workman James R. Sover-eign's order to members of the Knights of Labor to boycott national bank notes from Labor to boycott national bank notes from and after September 1, was referred to at Sunday's meeting of District Assembly 220 of New York. After a sbort debate it was decided irregular to go into controversy and express opinions over a subject, of which the district had no official notice. The delegates wanted more information about the merits of the matter and a resolution was passed mak-ing the subject a special order of business for the next meeting of the District Assem-bly.

# Year's Work Ahead.

The Valentine iron company of Beliefonte, Pa., elected W. E. Rehard, of Williamsport; Charles W. Wilhelm of Reading, Walter L. Ross of Philadelphia; John P. Harris, Robert Valentine and J. W. Gephart, of Beliefonte directors, with J. W. Gephart as president and Robert Valentine, secretary and treasurer, for the ensuing year. The company has sold all surplus stock, and has orders on hand to keep the entire plant, furnace and rolling mill busy a year.

# LABOR NOTES.

The strike of quarrymen near Dunbar, Pa., the went out for a 20 per cent. advance, was stilled on a basis of a ten per cent advance. The tin plate mill at Cumberland which

has been idle for some time resumed its de-partments. The plant gives employment to about 100 hands.

The Luke Fiddler colliery at Shamokin, 2a, which has been idle since last October, rill resume in a short time. Eight hundred men and boys will be given employment.

The Aetna Standard iron company Actnaville, O., has voluntarily granted an increase of 10 per cent in wages to all em-ployes in the mechanical department of the works.

The coal miners' strike in the Wheling, W. Va., district remains unchanged. About 200 men are at work, and nearly 600 will not re-turn to work unless the 60-cent scale of wages is granted them.

Notices were posted in all the cotton mills of the city of Lowell. Mass., that a general increase in wages will be made, beginning August 5. The amount of the increase is not stated. About 10,000 employes are benefitted by the advance.

The Pewabic mining company of Iron Mountain, Mich., has announced a 10 per cent, increase of wages throughout the mine, and it is probable a number of other mines of this range will follow the example. The new scale gives miners \$1.70 per day, trimmers \$1.50 and laborers 1.10.

Within the next three months the manufacturers of the South are to feel the grasp of the biggest coal combine ever formed. It is to embrace and coatrol almost the entire is to embrace and control almost the entire output of nearly all the mines of Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama, the total value of which is nearly \$50,000,000 and this is to be the capital stock of the organization. The outlook for the coal and fron industries of the South is bright. Prices are advancing and there is no immediate danger of over-production or foreign competition.

# GOOD NEWS.

Idle Factories Resume-Better Wages for Workmen.

John Anisfield & Co., manufacturers of clocks, at Cleveland, employing 500 hands inside and outside their shop, have advanced

The large charcoal furnace at Joanne, Berks county, Pa., has resumed after three years of idieness.

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Twice within a few months the wages of the furnacemen in New Castle, Pa., have been raised. The last increase ranges from 10 to 12½ per cent, and went into effect, the achedule fixed holding until January 1, 1896.

The Chapin mining company, at Iron Mountain, has advanced the wages of its 900 employes 10 per cent. The other mining companies in the district will probably announce a like increase, and thus remove all danger of a strike in this region.

The Brooks fron company, at Birdsboro, Pa. Berks county, increased the wages of its puddlers from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per top, and ordered another of its blast furnace, employing 126 hands, into operation.

The Soc road has raised the pay of its engineers and brakemen to the schedule in force prior to August 1, 1893. Other classes of employes will be given similar restoration.

### TELEGRAPHIC TICKS

Ex- Speaker Crisp has sailed for Europe, Rain has quenched the forest fires in Northern Michigan.

Mi-sistippi Democratic primaries have all seen for free sliver.

Judge Showalter, in Chicago, directed Receiver McNulta to sell all the property of the old Whisky trust. The strike of ship laborers and switchmer

at Colon is spreading, and all steamers at The statistician of the Orange Judd Farmer

estimates the American wheat consumption at 4.77 per bead. .The Iron Moulders Union of North Ameri-

ea, in convention at Chicago, elected Martin Fox of Cincinnati president. The Cumberland Valley Railroad, controlled by the Pennsylvania railroad, has purchased

the effects of the South Penn. Two Italians in Ascension parish, La., were fatally wounded Tuesday evening by an un-

known man, who fired through a window. The Salt Textile Company's works at Bridgeport, Conn., are closed by a general

strike for a 1256 per cent. Increase in wages, The "Nene Freie Presse" says that 4,000 workmen in Przemysi, Galicia, are on a strike, and that the streets are patrolled by the military.

A dispatch to the "Lokal Angelger" from Suez says that 14 persons have been killed by the explosion of a boiler in a mill situated at that place.

The Italians of Galveston have sent to Gov. Morton a protest against the electroontion of Maria Barberi, who killed her faith-

John Howard Bryant, the only brother of William Cullen Bryant, celebrated Tuesday the 80th anniversity of his birth at his home near Princeton, Ill. James W. French, recently warden of the

penitentiary at Michigan City, Ind., has been appointed warden of the new federal penitentiary at Ft. Leavenworth, Kas. In a quarrel at Barboursville, Ky., Rosa

Garden stabbed two other women to death and escaped into Whitley county, where she was captured and sayed from a mob, George V. Massey, the lawyer and states

man of Delaware, was, by action of the board of directors, made assistant general solicitor of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Cellulose, the new fibrous product of corn-

stalks, has been adopted by the United States navy to replace cocoa fibre, to prevent leakage from apertures made in warships by the enemy's guns. The summer somnolence of Boston Back

Bay society has been rudely disturbed by the marriage of millionaire John D. Bates to Mary Clarkin, his cook. He is 60 years old and she is 30.

Judge Murphy has refused a change of venue in the case of Theodore Durant, charged with the murder of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, whose dead bodies were found in Emanuel church, San Franciscs, and the case will be heard in that city.

Near Morrisonville, Ili., Dr. Richard Reasoner was waylaid and shot dead by Alfred Entrekin. The latter's wife, who was attended by Reasoner during sickness, died. Entrekin blamed the doctor for killing her and this caused the murder. Entrekin es-

# STILL ENCOURAGING.

Volume of Business Not Great, But the Tendency Healthful.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: It is not the season for the tide of business to rise, but there is scarcely any shrinkage, except that which comes natururally with midsummer heat. The volume of new business is small compared with re-cent months, but large enough to encourage of new business is small compared with recent months, but large enough to encourage more openings of long-clored works and more advances in returns to labor. Accounts of shrinkage in the yield of wheat come from Pacific states and from the Dakotas. It would be an unnatural July without such reports, and yet they have weight enough this year to advance the price 8½ cents. Western receipts for the week were not a third of lost year's, and for four weeks, only 5,366,063 bushels, against 11,983,619 last year. The western movement largely depends on the export demand, which is phenomenally light. Corn advanced about a cent with wheat. Cotton has remained unchanged at 7 cents, although the latest reports favor larger estimates of the yield. Prices of iron and steel products still rise, the feature this week being the startling advance of 60 cents per keg in cut and wire nails, with new cards for various sizes, which it is stated, makes the advance really greater than it appeared. Angles are also a shade higher, and other prices strongly maintained. Bessemer pig does not advance, although the Carnegie and one other company have been buying about 140,000 tons which is supposed to forshadow large contracts for rails.

In the first half '95 orders for rails were 713,000 tons against 502,000 in the first half of last year, and a good many small orders appear at Chicago. Otherwise there is a distinct halting in new demand, though nearly all iron and steel works are crowded with orders for some time to come. The prospect that other furnances with a capacity of 8,000 tons weekly in the east, and as much in the south, will go into blast with the remaining month of 1895 hinders a further rise in pig.

Enormous sales of wool 44,778,864 pounds in four weeks, against 29,290,250 in 1892, far exceeding actual consumption but reflect the belief that the prices will not decline, and the few changes this week have been upward. Scarcity of domestic wool in eastern markets is in part due to the heavy speculative with-drawals.

A Frightfut Discovery.

William Mack and two young women, Lata Latham and Lena King, who were attending a pienic at McKee's Rocks, Pa, started out to take a walk through the woods, and after going a short distance made a borrible discovery. It was the body of a man, apparently about 50 years old, hanging to the limb of a tree. The body had evidently been hanging there for weeks, as the flesh beneath the clothing had dried to the bones. The body has been identified as that of Bernard Wunder. He lived on Fingel street, and disappeared from bome about five or six weeks ago. He was drinking heavily for several weeks before he left home. He is survived by a wife and family.

Burned Almost to a Crisp.

John B. Shaffer, a retired farmer living in Madisonburg, about twenty-two miles from Belisfonte, Pa., went out to the fleid to bring in the cows. While there a storm came up and he took shelter under a tree. The tree was struck by lightning and riddled to pleces. Mr. Shaffer was killed instantly, and when found his body was burned almost to a crisp. He was 67 years of age and leaves a wife.

# ANOTHER TRAIN ROBBERY.

DYNAMITE USED.

Travelers in a Panic and Express Moos enger Overpowered.

The Lake Shore, Chicago & New York ex press was held up at Reese Station Tuesday night by four men. Conductor Darling arrived in Chicago with train Wednesday morning

ed in Chicago with train Wednesday morning and reported as follows:

I was sitting in the first-class coach when the train was stopped. The robbers turned a witch at Reese, a place in Ohio tetween Stryker and Archibald. They stopped the engineer with a red light, and it was after-ward found that a plice of ties had been placed on the track. After sending a brakeman to the rear of the train with a lantern to protect us from anything that might be coming from behind, I went forward into the baggage car and watched what went on from there. Once I styck my head out, but a bullet went whitzing by, and I didn't try it again.

There appeared to be four men in the at-"There appeared to be four men in the attacking party, but it was terrible dark, and we couldn't see distinctly. One of the men was a short, heavy-set fellow with a sandy beard and mustache and about 40 years old. They got into the express car and opened the small safe, but could not get into the large one. They made the engineer climb down from his cab, and one of the men kept bim standing beside the engine in the ditch. The fireman, H. Boardman, was under guard next to the express car. After about 40 minutes they disappeared in the darkness. The amount taken was, I believe, about \$2,000.

"The passengers were in a panic, but they were not interiered with. There was an explosion that woke them up."

Express Messenger Nettleton said in regard to the holdup: "I was dozing in my chair near the safe about 12 o'clock. I knew there would not be another stop for half an hour, so I was surprised and startled when the brakes began to jar on the wheels. The train came to a sudden stop and I suspected something was wrong. We had no sooner come to standstill than there was a shock and a loud report under the right forward end of my car.

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"I grabbed my spencer (a short shotgun) and stood at the door, which was unlocked and had been partly open. In the darkness I saw two men with guns pointed at me. I dodged back into the car, and raising my gun, let them have it, as I thought, full in the face. Apparently it didn't hit, and after that they wouldn't stand any monkeying. 'If you place any value on your life, you will put down the gun and let us in,' one of the men said. Then I gave up, and they came in and went to work. They got into the way safe easy enough, but after exploding six charges of dynamite against the other one they had to give it un. They kept me covered all the time with their guns. There were two who were working in the car and two who stood on guard outsside. The men had hand-kerchiefs tied over their faces and I could not recognize them."

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As soon as the train arrived in Chicago the As soon as the train arrived in Chicago the express car was run on the side track next to the United Express freight office. Supt. Wygant, and a number of detectives immediately boarded it. Every window had been smashed and the side of the car next to where the safe stood had one board missing. The inside wall was smashed to kindling wood. The big safe showed a circular dent about six inches in diameter, where the dial had been. The dial itself had been blown off and fragments of it lay about the car. Among the other trophies left by the bandits was a four-inch stick of dynamite.

The facts as to the actual loss are hard to get at, inasmuch as everything given out has had to pass the approval of Supt. Wygant. Twice when telliux the story the messenger stopped and appealed to that gentleman to know whether his narrative was meeting his approval.

A rumor that found some currency was to the effect that \$40,000 worth of jewelry had been put on board at Cleveland and that this was known to the robbers, and that the raid was planned with this in mind. Supt. Wygant places the loss at \$150.

# CHINESE DUPLICITY

Attacks on Missionaries to Frighten For

The steamer Empress of India has arrived at Victoria, B. C., bringing Tokic advices to July 12. The Japanese authorities are now in possession of information from China giv-ing a new explanation of the riots in Szechuan and directly implicating the Pekin govern-

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Among commercial stipulations in the peace treaty with Japan that of opening the remote interior to foreign trade has met with the strongest objections from the court and the tung it yamen, and it is aileged that Viceroy Lu was secretly instructed to foment disturbances in order to prove that the upper Yang Tse provinces were unsafe for strangers. By this means it was hoped that aliens might be prevented from availing themselves of the privileges; but since the outrages have been resented, with a wholly unexpected spirit, the government has taken fright and endeavors to escape responsibility by degrading Liu and making him the scapegoat. This is more than the deposed viceroy is willing to endure, and his followers threaten trouble in case he is subjected to a public trial, as the French envoy proposes to publish facts inculpating some of the highest dignitaries of the empire. If Liu must fail he is determined that others greater than he shall go down with him.

# GAINED NINE SEATS.

Unionists Continue Their Victories in Great Britain.

The pollings for the paritmentary elections so far as returned, leave the state of the

parties as follows:

Conservatives \$26; Liberal-Unionists 60; total Unionists, \$86.

Liberals, 146; Parnellites, 10; McCar:hyltes, 59; Laber, 2; total opposition 217. The net Conservative gain thus far is 81.

The feature of to-day's returns was the Conservative capture of lour Scotch seats in addition to five English seats. The Parnellites were victorious in South Meath and the McCarthyltes unseated James Rochefort Maguire, Parnellite, in the west division of Clare. Maguire is ex-speaker Peel's son-in-law.

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The temperance people are delighted at the fact that Sir Wilford Lawson was re-ejected in the Cockermouth division of Cumberland, but his majority was cut down by 530 votes, in spite of the fact that Lawson is one of the largest land owners in the district, while his opponent was a comparatively unknown man.

Fired Upon.

Captain Quick, of the American schooner Carrie E. Lane, upon his arrival at Delaware Breakwater had a tale to tell about a thrilling encounter in Cohan waters with a Spanish gunboat. Two shots were fired at the Lane by the man-of-war, and one of the schooner's crew harrowly escaped being killed. The vessel was made to heave to, and give an account of herself before being allowed to proceed.

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The government officials at Washington have received no information in recard to the firing on the schooner Carrie E. Lane by a Spanish war vessel off Port Antonio. The general opinion of naval officers, who read the report of the affair as discribed by Captain Quick is that the Spaniard did not exceed his authority in overhauling the schooner if the latter was in the territory of Cuba.

### WAR VESSELS

An Exedition Departs From Delaware Bay For Cuban Waters.

By Tuesday or Wednesday of this week there will be in Cuban waters the largest ex pedition from this country that has yet left, It will be under the command of Col. En-

pedition from this country that has yet left. It will be under the command of Col. Enrique Collazo, who arrived in this country about July 6, and since that time has been preparing for the expedition.

Cuban sympathizers in Philadelphia play an important part in the expedition, as it was there that all the men were enlisted for it, and where all the arms and animunition were shipped. The ship is fitted out as a war vessel and also to cope or run away from any Spanish war vessel now cruising in Cuban waters. She is capable of a speed of 17 knots an hour and has made 19. About ten days ago a trial trip was made off Sandy Hook. Under forced dranghts she averaged for the four hours nearly 17½ knots. She was at once accepted and the money paid over. Clearance papers were obtained and the vessel put out to sea.

A contingent of about 25 loyal Cubans, skilled shipwrights and experienced men-of-wars men, were shipped on another vessel and transferred to her on the high seas. The men at once went to work transforming her to a condition suitable for the serious work ahead. Rapid firing four and six-inch guns were purchased, and these, with two gattling guns, were sent out out in the same vessel and by the time the boat reaches Cuban waters she will have quite a formidable baltery in position.

What is needed more than anything else by the insurgents is said to be aboard the vessel. There is said to have been loaded from this city 3,000 Remignor rifes and 50,000 pounds of ammunition. The rifles and ammunition are said to have been shipped to this city by the manufacturers, or rather to a point near this city, and loaded on vessels at points down the river and bay. They were then carried out to a point on the high seas off the Delaware and there transferred to the vessel. Everything was completed for sailing on Saturday night, and the vessel is new believed to be on its way to Cuba.

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There is but one Cuban in the party. Among those who are enrolled is a former officer of the United States navy, an officer of the national guard and four or five men who served throughout the civil war.

As soon as the Cubans are recognized as beligerents by some foreign government the vessel will be purchased by the insurgents, the Cuban flag will be raised on her and she will be named, in all probability, the President Marti. This recognition is expected from a South or [Central American republic in a very few days.

### MORE TROOPS.

Spain Will Send Another Army to Fight

Preparations are being made to dispatch large reinforcements of troops to Cuba. According to the present plans by August 15, 20,000 infantry, 1,250 cavalry, 1,200 artilery

According to the present plans by August 15, 20,000 infantry, 1,259 cavalry, 1,200 artilery and 1,000 engineers will leave Spain for Havana. The government will ask the court to mobilize the first infantry without delay. Dispatches from Manzaniilo, province of Santiago de Cuba, say the city council and the inhabitants of Mauzaniilo, as well as the inhabitants of other towns of the neighborhood, are giving a warm welcome to Captain General Martinez de Campos in recognition of his victory over the insurgents. The news of the captain-general's victory has been confirmed. With 1,200 troops he routed 5,600 insurgents. The insurgents left 500 dead and wounded on the field, and also left 150 dead horses on the battlefield.

In the battle of Valenzuela, Lleutenant-Colonels Baquero, Samartin, Lolo and Benites were wounded. The other officers wounded were Captain Tranesi and Lleutentant Soto, principal aide-de-camp to General Santociides, who was killed.

A dispatch from Havana, says: Yellow fover and dysentary are causing great mortality among the Spanish troops. The rebels have cut the railway bridges, thus isolating Puerto Principe. It is reported that Maximo Gomes is centering a considerable force of insurgents thirty miles from Puerto Principe. Recent arrivals at the later city state that, while the troops are garrisoned at the principal towns, the rebels have complete control of the country. Antonio Macco is again menacing an attack on Manzanillo. Several soldiers were killed with Mauscer builets in the recent engagement, which occurred between Manzanillo and Bayamo, showing that the insurgents possess Mausers. A large section of the insurgents are quite prepared to lay down their arms if Spain, immediately grants to Cuba complete autonomy, combined with aliegiance to Spain. According to insurgent accounts, 200 Spanlards were killed in the recent engagement, which occurred between Manzanillo and Bayamo, showing that the insurgents accounts, 200 Spanlards were killed in the recent engagement. According to insurgent Marshai Martinez de Campos, escaped. Gen. Campos was wounded. There is much dis-content among military officers at Campos method of conducting operations.

A Great Scheme.

A movement is on foot by a number of Pittsburg capitalists, interested in the well-fare of Pittsburg, to buy up, lease or in any other manner get control of the idle mills of Pittsburg and start them at once. The good effects of the good intentions of these gentlemen are already apparent at the old Moorhead-McCleane company plant, which they purchased recently and which is rapidly being gotten into shape to operate. Plenty of capital is back of the new company, which will apply for a charter on August 13, and which is composed of the following well-known Pittsburgers: James Andrews, ex-Postmaster James S. McKean, Charles F. Stuart, Walter W. Andrews and E. E. Andrews, and will be known under the name of the Pittsburgh Steel and Iron Company.

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Col. G. R. M. Hawley, private secretary of ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney, has announced the engagement of Miss Pauline Whitney, daughter of the ex-secretary, and Almerte H. Paget, of St. Paul.

Mr. Paget is a young son of a well-known English family. He has lived in the west since he came to this country about four years ago, and is said to have accumulated a fortuse there. For several years Paget has been managing representative for a very large English real estate company. He is not much over 39 years of age, and Miss Whitney is about 20. She is really a very handsome girl, tail, very winsome and naunusually well educated.

# Murderer Gives Up.

Wm. J. Urquhart, accused of murdering John E. Gray, November 8, 1870, and who has been a funitive from justice since that time, voluntarially surrendered himself to the authorities, and had a preliminary hearing before the mayor of Suffolk, Va., who held him for the grand jury without bail. Gay was found murdered near his home, with a pistol shot wound in his becast. Urquhart left the community, and notwithstanding efforts of detectives toward his capture, he sluded them for nearly a quarter of a century. He has confessed the murder, but claims self-defense. The accused is 57 years old.

Price Current on Crops.

The Price Current summarizes the crop conditions for the past week as follows: "Threshing returns are more disappointing than otherwise in both yield and quality of wheat. Moisture has been unfavorably affecting the grain in the shock in Missouri and elsewhere. There have been more complaints from the spring wheat region, and the indications are moderately less favorable. Corn generally is doing well, but a portion of the area is urgently needing moisture. Onts are maintaining fairly good returns. The week's packing of hogs amounted to 100,000, against 245,000 for the corresponding week last year."

# KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS

### A BIG AMOUNT SECURED.

Some of it Was Gold Which had Been Kept Seventy Years.

In Cherry township, It itler county, Wilson Thompson, an aged an exceedingly wealthy farmer, was the viet. . of an outrageous robbery. Masked men entered the house armed with deadly weapons. Mr. Thompson armed with deadly wea, ons. Mr. Thompson was roughly handled, and notified to tell where his money was. The old farmer finally succumbed, and as a result the whole house was ransacked, and the amount secured will reach large proportions. A good bit of the money was in gold, and had been in possession of the Thompsons for more than 70 years.

### WITH USUAL RESULTS.

Mrs. David Burk, living near Clarksville, tried starting the fire with kerosene with the usual result. The can contained about two quartee of oil, and the flame from the stove biased up and ignited the oil. Mrs. Burk's dress caught fire and was almost completely burned from her body. Physicians have given up all ho; e of her recovery.

### BANK OFFICIALS INDICTED.

The grand jury was discharged after re-turning true bills against Harry A. Gardner, H. L. Claybaugh and Mayberry Miller, of Altoona, for making false entries on the tooks of the First National Bank of Altoona. The trouble at this bank will be recalled from the fact that it prompted Bank Examiner Miller to commit sufeide.

### CALF NOT A PARM PRODUCT.

Justice Davidson, of Unionrown, decided the famous call case of Sturgis vs Hustead, holding that a call born on a farm was not a farm product, and therefore could not be claimed by a tenant working the farm on

John Christopher, an old r sident of Stone-boro, and one of the oldest calizens in Mercer county, died on Wednesday last. Deceased was 162 years old, a consistent Christian, and was respected by all who kne w him. He had used tobacco very moderately during his life, but was never known to drink liquor of any kind. He took to his hed about one week ago, and until then retained the agility of a man of 69. Up to his death he had full con-trol of his mental faculties.

At New Castle Sarab Harper, the 12-year-old girl who eloped with her brother-in-aw, Benjamin Sealum, a week ago, has made a confession that is unparalleled in its story of depravity. The couple tramped together for several days before being arrested. Sealum is awaiting trial.

The \$4,000 artesian well at Midvalley colliery near Shamokin, was ruined by unknown persons, who plugged it with stones and iron. A dam was also emptied by presumably the same persons, and it is probable the collier will have to be closed down.

John Walsh was set upon by two footpads on South Mercer street, New Castle, and pounded over the head with some sharp in-strument. After taking 20 cents from his pockets the highwaymen left him for dead. It is thought he wilt recover. The grape growers in Eric county are of the opinion that about one-half the usual crop will be harvested this year, but they are not down-hearted over this fact. The price to be charged for grapes will be fully twice as much as was charged last year.

The Williamsport Passenger Railway company has a \$25,000 damage suit on hand, brought by Hugh McManigai for injuries received by being struck by a Souht Side trolley car. He claims that his injuries are per-

A decision of the Ponnsylvania supreme court has been discovered which says an occupation tax which taxes a man upon his income instead of his occupation is an income tax, and therefore unconstitutional. Thomas Clark, formerly employed as a section hand by the Penusylvania railroad company at Youngstown, has sued the com-pany for \$39,000 damages for injuries receiv-ed by being run over by a train.

The Kittanning Iron company signed the Amalgamated Association scale, and will put its plant in operation at once. The mill has been idle for two years. The action is due to the boom in the iron trade.

The Leader refining company of Washington, capitalized at \$20,000, was incorporated with the following directors: George L. Caldwell, Ed. E. Boltonville, Charles S. Caldwell, well, all of Washington.

The reunion of the McGrew, Guffey and Logan families, in Sowickley township, West-moreland county, will take place during the first week in September. Temporary repairs have been made on the Baitimore & Ohio tracks near Uniontown re-cently washed out by storms, and the traffic has been resumed.

Thomas Foy, a laborer, was instantly killed and James Fox, a miner, fatally hurt, by a fall of rock in the Keystone colliery at Wil-

kesbarre. The reunion of the Eleventh regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, will be held at Latrobe

The epidemic of diphtheria at Canonsburg, has resulted in one fatal case, Miss Dora

Franz dying.

# She Had 12 Husbands.

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The funeral services were held at La Paz, Ind. Tuesday of a woman who achieved national fame. Mrs. Blackmire, whose death occured last Saturday, enjoyed the unique record of having had 12 husbands. Her first marriage occurred when she was only 15 years old. The bridgeroom was little older than herself. After 10 years of wedded life they parted. After the first venture divorce, death and marriage followed each other in quick succession, the eighth husband having been secured when she was only 38 years old. Six mouths ago she became Mrs. Blackmire and the divorce court got in its fateful work four months later.

# Building And Loan Swindle.

The Phoenix Savings & Loan association, of Pittsburgh, is in the hands of a temporary receiver in the person of James S. McKean. This is the result of an examination into the financial condition of the association, made by the deputy state bank examiners, O. P. Cochran and J. B. Niles, Jr. They inspected the books of the company a few days ago, and reported to the superintendent of banking, who at once ordered the concern to be placed in the hands of the Union Trust company as receiver.

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The five children of Alexander Berch, a farmer of the Lake Dauphin district, near Winnipeg, were drowned Monday. The children ranging in ace from 5 to 15 years, went to the lake shore to bathe. Finding an old boat they pushed out. A stiff breeze carried them out and a gale sprang up. They bad ma oars and could not get back. Hugh waves filled the boat. The children hung on until they were exhausted, when one by one, they let go and disappeared. The parents and several neighbors were witnesses of the drowning but were unable to go to their rescue.

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### VERDICT AGAINST HOLMES.

The Pietzel Inquest Ended and a Warrant Issued.

The adjourned inquest at Toronto, Ont., on the body of Alice Pietzel was concluded Monday night. There was very little evi-

Monday night. There was very little evidence submitted and nothing of a new or startling character. The coroner charged very strongly against H. H. Holmes, alias Mudgett, alias Howard, of murdering Alice Pietzel in the city of Toronto on or about the 25th day of October, 1894.

After the return of the verdict the coroner made out a warrant for the arrest of Holmes. The warrant will be placed in the hands of the attorney general and the necessary papers will be made out demanding Holmes extradition.

H. H. Holmes is now in prison in Philadelphia awaiting trial on the charge of conspiracy to defrand the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Association of \$17,000. This amount was obtained by Lawyer Jeptha D. Howe, of St. Louis, representing the family of B. F. Feitzel, who, it is alleged, was killed in the explosion of a chemical, and who had shortly before been insured in the Fidelity Company.

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More startling disclosures have been made to the Chief of Police of Chicago in the Holmes investigation, by Patrick Quilan, the trusted friend and former employe of the alleged wholesale murderer. He gave information which convinced the police that Holmes made away with Kitty Kelly, who was employed by him as his clerk, at the drug store in Englewood. Quinian gave the police a picture, which he said was that of the missing girl.

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Chief Badenoch said the case was growing more horrible and mysterious every hour, and he was sure Holmes had committed more murders than the world had yet been apprised of.

### WOMEN LEFT TO DROWN.

Five People Perish in a Collision with a Norwegian Steamer.

The Norwegien steamer Terrier, which arrived at New York from Demerara reports that on July 12, outside the harbor at Deme-rars, she collided with the schooner Eagle, of and from Barbadoes, and sunk her. Twenty-lour persons were saved and five lost.

Twenty-four persons were saved and five lost.

Those lost were two women, one child and two men. When the schooner was struck, among the first to abandon her was the captain, who did nothing whatever to assist the passengers. He walked to the steamer's deck sobbing, moaning and wringing his hands. All of the men abandoned the vessel without attempting to assist the women and children. After the accident, the sea was covered with all sorts of floating material from the wreek. Search was continued for a long time, in the Search was continued for a long time, in the hope that some poor unfortunate would be found clinging to the wrecking, but none were found. The Terrier returned to port landed the people of the Eagle, and proceed-ed on her voyage. The Terrier sustained but slight damage.

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