

Why He Didn't Report.

On one of the country plantations were employed, among a score of other colored field hands, a couple of typical darkies. They were man and wife. The man, in addition to his work in the field, was called upon to attend to the horses and do chores about the house. He was well on in years, but was one of the most faithful of his race that ever followed a plow or carried a horse. His wife officiated as cook and "helped" with the housework. The master was a hard worker, who spared neither himself nor his employees, and though he gained the rather unenviable reputation as a "driver," he had his good points, and one of them was a liking for old Rufus and his dusky wife Rebecca.

They were negroes of the old-time slavery days, polite and mindful of the days when their lives were literally owned by their masters. One day the aged negro did not appear in time for work, and as the master had counted on his early presence about the stables, he took Rebecca to task for the tardiness of her spouse.

"Hev to 'scuse Rufus dis mawnin', boss; hev to 'scuse him—"

"What's the matter with him? Why ain't he here on time, eh?" the master put in, testily.

"Hev to 'scuse him dis mawnin', Rufus died jes 'fore sunup, boss."

The quaint manner of her putting the matter and her faithfulness to her own work acted somewhat on the master's good qualities, and quickly telling her she could "have a holiday," he turned away, possibly to conceal his feelings.

—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Brain of the Criminal.

An Italian brigand having died after a most notorious and remarkable career, even for a man in his profession, his brain was given to a scientist for examination in order to discover, if possible, whether there was any difference between it and the honest, or normal, brain. After exhaustive experiments, the professor in charge was forced to admit that he could find nothing abnormal about the brain structure.

According to all known laws on the subject, the man was possessed of great ability, and, the professor says, might have been a great man. As the brigand was a murderer, a thief and a bad lot generally, it would seem that the fact of there being no abnormal conditions in the brain might have a bearing on the much-discussed subject of brain structure. Some time since a suggestion was made that intelligent people and those of eminence in their professions should will their brains to a society for scientific investigation, in order to determine, by comparison, what were the causes of criminal tendencies, and what brain conditions these tendencies brought about.

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An old cat loves a sunny corner and a long nap, and this is natural and wise. The genial warmth of the sun lulls to rest, and while asleep, it may be curative to the cat's few ailments. Soreness and stiffness come upon us suddenly and put the machinery of the body out of gear. St. Jacobs Oil goes suddenly to work upon the trouble, and with its warmth, like warmth to the cold cat, it lulls the pain to sleep, drives out the cold, softens the stiffened muscles, lubricates the machinery, and in a short time puts the whole body in good working order. Soreness and stiffness are not much to be feared if the use of St. Jacobs Oil, but, if neglected, they take the form of rheumatism, which gives a great deal more pain.

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PRESENTED A STOLEN TICKET.

Two Men Arrested for Robbing a Depot a Year Ago.

In August of 1895, the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern depot at Osgood was broken into and robbed of a small amount of cash and a large number of tickets. Last week Charles Hoover presented an un-stamped Sandy Lake ticket to the agent at Osgood, requesting him to stamp it. The agent recognized it as one of the stolen tickets, and told the man to get on the train and the conductor would make it good. In the meantime the general office at Cleveland was communicated with and Detective Hanson had Hoover under arrest. Hoover implicated a man named Robinson in the affair, and he was also arrested. The pair were bound over to court.

Ralph Meek, William Rice, John O'Neil and William Shartbaugh, boys all under 16 years of age, were arrested in Altoona on the charge of burglary. O'Neil and Shartbaugh were captured in the act of burglarizing the People's tea store. Shartbaugh promptly made a confession implicating Meek and Rice. The youthful crooks confessed to a long series of burglaries, and disclosed a plan to be formed to break into other business houses in the near future. A little fellow 8 years of age was implicated in the robberies. The quartette was given a hearing and each was committed to jail in default of \$200 bail.

Gov. Hastings has decided to reappoint Col. Thomas Robinson, of Butler, superintendent of public printing and binding. His term expires June 4, and there are several applicants for the place. Col. Robinson was appointed two years ago for the unexpired term of Col. William Hayes, chief of Columbia, a Democrat. Representative James Moore, of Butler, is opposed to Robinson's retention, and called to see the governor to ask that he be not reappointed. Congressman Showalter and other Butler leaders are also opposed to the reappointment, and Senator Quay has asked for his reappointment, and he has the word of the executive that it shall be made.

An important change in studies at the Washington Female seminary will be inaugurated next term. Mrs. Martha S. Miller, of St. Charles, Mo., who several weeks ago was chosen principal to take the place of Miss N. Sherrard, resigned, was in consultation with the trustees concerning the course of study and teachers. It was decided to have two courses. There will be the regular course with a diploma given, as heretofore, and the preparatory, which is more advanced, and which includes Greek, Latin, French and German.

Final arrangements for the big two days' carnival, cannon dedication and historic celebration to be held at Luzerne on May 21 and 22 have been completed. In connection with the big affair there will also be a bicycle road race and there will be parades, fireworks, concerts and oratory. The celebration will begin on the morning of the 21st, and will close on the night of the 22nd. There will be special excursion trains in and a great crowd from outside of Luzerne valley.

A gang of robbers gained entrance to the Altoona Silk Mill, where they hid in the coal bin until Watchman John Stultz, aged 40 years, made his appearance. One of the thieves, a Democrat, named James Moore, and the other members of the gang, gagged and blindfolded the aged watchman. They turned their attention to the safe and soon had it blown open. After ransacking it and only securing about \$100 they fled.

Miss Thompson was chosen principal, Misses McCurdy, Hart, Freshett, Roger, Miller, Speer and Kulin, teachers, all having held their positions for years. The new teachers are Misses Jennette and Gertrude McMillan, daughters of the principal, and Miss Margaret Hampton of Washington. Dr. Kirchner, the W. A. J. physical instructor, was also chosen for the same position in the seminary.

Wednesday night while Grocer Snyder and his wife, of the West End, Oil City, were busy in their home, a woman came in and they were sleeping, and left a baby on a bed, together with a note, directing Mr. Snyder in regard to the rearing of the child. There is no clue to the identity of the strange woman. The Snyder family will attend to the child.

Manager Frank A. Crosswell, of the Tri-County agricultural and driving park association of Johnstown, closed a contract with the State agricultural society by the terms of which the state fair will be held in that city again this year—some time early in September. The fair last year was an enormous success, in spite of all handicaps, lack of funds for buildings and the equipment of the grounds.

At a meeting of the finance committee of the borough council of New Brighton, it was decided to recommend the reduction of taxation for the coming year from 8 to 5 mills. This, on an assessed valuation of \$2,800,000, will yield a revenue of \$20,000, which the committee regards as sufficient to run the affairs of the borough the coming year.

A congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church at New Brighton was held to take action toward securing a pastor. Rev. Mr. Gregg, of Ottawa, Ill., was the only minister heard since the last meeting. By a vote it was decided not to consider him. A meeting will be held each Wednesday evening until definite action is taken.

After having been out 24 hours and 10 minutes, the jury in the case of ex-Assistant City Attorney W. H. House, of Pittsburgh, returned a verdict finding him guilty on the first count. This count is aiding and abetting W. C. Barron in his conspiracy to defraud city funds. The defendant was recommended to the extreme mercy of the court.

Owing to a reduction of 5 per cent, in the wages of some of the workmen at the Valley Iron Company's plant, at Bellefonte, it is taken effect from May 1, quite a number of men have quit work. Among those who have left the yard workmen, and in consequence the yard is almost blocked with loaded cars and iron for shipment.

The aggregate of trout captured during the past ten days at Bellefonte was almost 1,000, with a weight of from 125 to 150 pounds. In no section of the state has this fishing been so good as here, the present results fully bearing out the predictions made prior to the opening of the season.

The union tailors and tailoresses of Meadville, about 50 in number, went on strike against a reduction of 25 per cent. in wages. The merchant tailors say that even at 25 per cent. reduction wages will be as high as they can pay. It is believed that a compromise will be effected.

One of the largest engines ever erected in the Shenango Valley is the one recently placed in the Buhl steel mill in Sharon. The fly wheel weighs with hub and shaft, 99 tons. The wheel contains seven spokes, with the rim, and each weight ten tons.

David Davis, of Wheatland, caught a German carp in the Shenango river which weighed 22 pounds, and was nearly three feet long. This is the largest fish of this species ever caught in this vicinity.

Rev. J. H. Bickford, pastor of the First Methodist church of Akron, has been chosen to succeed Rev. Nathaniel Lucorek as pastor of the Smithfield Street Methodist Episcopal church of Pittsburgh.

The J. V. Rose works at Sharon started up after an idleness of six months. About sixty men are employed at the works. The prospect for a steady run of work is bright.

The Supreme Court has refused to interfere in the case of Frank Jorgensen, who is condemned to death for the murder of Jessie Carin, at Hillsville, last October.

A man named Alfred Dean is under arrest at Franklin charged with being one of the men who attacked and robbed Judge Heydrick. The Judge identifies him.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

May 2.—A bill was introduced in the house this evening by Mr. Gough, of Venango, to prevent the marriage of a person who from natural, as distinguished from accidental, causes shall have been insane in the past, or of a person who shall hereafter have been twice convicted of a felony, or of an insane or feeble-minded person. The measure also provides that any person who shall knowingly assist in procuring or abetting such a marriage, including the parties to the marriage, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to six months' imprisonment and \$500 fine, both or either, at the discretion of the court.

The senate has accepted an invitation to attend the unveiling of the Girard monument in Philadelphia on May 20.

The Mitchell bill to prohibit the exhibition of prize fights by means of the vitascope and similar machines, passed second reading.

CAREER OF THE LAND COMMISSIONER WHO WAS OVERTURNED BY SECRETARY BLISS.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

Abstract of the Important Measures in Both Houses.

May 2.—"The issue was made," as Speaker Reed put it in the house, in a resolution of the speaker's policy of postponing the appointment of committees. Mr. Simpson, of Kansas, brought it on by another attack upon the speaker, which moved Mr. Reed to challenge him to propose a resolution instructing the speaker to appoint the committees. The Kansas evaded this challenge, but Mr. Lewis, a Democratic member from Washington, took up the gauntlet which the speaker had thrown down and moved the adoption of a resolution of resolution suggested by Mr. Reed. Then Mr. Fleming Dem., Ga., offered a substitute embodying the instructions in different terms, and Mr. Dingley, the Republican leader, to make the point in plain, he said, presented another substitute directing the speaker to appoint the committees "immediately."

When the vote was taken on the proposition the speaker was sustained by practically the solid vote of his party, assisted by 23 Democrats under the leadership of Mr. Bailey. The resolution was defeated—yeas 52, nays, 124, present 13.

May 4.—Senator Aldrich presented the tariff bill to the Senate to-day, and gave notice that it would be called up on Tuesday, the 18th inst. The time for the bill to take effect is made July 1, 1897, instead of May 1, as provided in the House, and the words in the first paragraph "or withdrawn for consumption" are stricken out.

May 5.—The usual routine morning business was dispensed with to-day in the senate and the consideration of the sundry civil bill resumed.

An amendment was offered by Mr. Allison, Iowa, to the paragraph relating to the survey of the Nicaragua canal. It strikes out the words requiring the commission to consist of one engineer and one civil engineer, and substitutes the words, "not less than three nor more than five persons, from the army or navy, or from civil life, or from both, at its discretion."

Finally on motion of Mr. Hawley the amendment was modified so that at least one engineer shall be selected from the army and one from either the active or retired list of the navy.

May 6.—The Senate to-day agreed to an amendment to the sundry civil bill, revoking the order of President Cleveland, made on February 22 last, establishing forest reservations aggregating 17,000,000 acres. The debate brought out much criticism of Mr. Cleveland's order. Senators Pettigrew, Wilson, Turner, Hawkins and White speaking against it. Mr. Gray of Delaware defended the course of the president, pointing out that it was the result of an inquiry authorized by congress and conducted by the National Academy of Sciences.

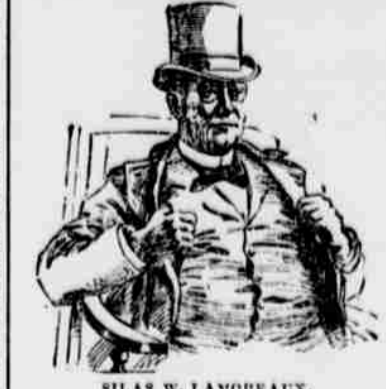
The Republican bill of the House to-day followed up their recent endorsement of Speaker Reed's policy of postponing the appointment of committees by establishing the policy of bi-weekly meetings through the adoption of a resolution reported by the committee on rules providing that the House shall meet on Mondays and Thursdays until further action.

During the jubilee festivities in London sisters are to receive as much as 17s 6d a day.

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Career of the Land Commissioner Who Was Overturned by Secretary Bliss.

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of Chicago, land that is estimated to be worth \$60,000,000, caused considerable of a sensation, and when the Secretary of the Interior reversed it and hinted at a possible scandal in the General Land Office the interest in the case was augmented. The plot of land in question was at one time counted so worthless that the Government Surveyor did not take it into account at all. It was only a thirty acre strip on the lake shore then, but Chicago has since grown out into the lake and increased it to its present size.

Judge Lamoreaux, as he is known in Wisconsin, has made his home in Dodge County ever since he was 13 years old. As a youth he was given the advantages of an academic and college education and was admitted to the bar when he reached his majority. In 1864 the young lawyer dropped his briefs and enlisted in the Fifth Wisconsin Infantry, serving until the close of the war.

On returning home he resumed his practice and became interested in politics. In 1872 he was elected a member of the State Legislature, and later he served one term as district attorney. In 1877 he was elected judge of Dodge County and continued to fill that office until 1883, when he resigned to accept the appointment of Commissioner of the General Land Office tendered by President Cleveland upon re-organization of Senator Vilas, whose friendship for Judge Lamoreaux is of long standing.

For many years Mr. Lamoreaux was a resident of Mayville, Wis., where he owned a bank and did an extensive and profitable business, but in 1892 he removed to Horicon. He is married and has four children.

A man can't flirt with a girl after he has known her awhile.

The Toronto police census returns indicate that the city has a population of nearly 290,000.

Thirteen millions sterling is the yearly value of potatoes grown in the United Kingdom.

A HEALTHY WIFE Is a Husband's Inspiration.

A sickly, half-dead-and-alive woman, especially when she is the mother of a family, is a damper to all joyousness in the home.

I sometimes marvel at the patience of game husbands.

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"I wish," said the artist who had been so absorbed in his work as to neglect his eating, "that you would send out and get a nice large head of cabbage." "Certainly," replied his wife; "have you an inspiration for a new still life?" "No; I merely want it for a pot-boiler."—Washington Star.

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