The Brave Coast Guards Who Patrol the Shore While the Storm Rages.

was founded by in its track is Boston. Sumner L. Kimenue Marine Bu-

reau of the Treasury Department. Congress, introduced scientific methods of saving lives and ships, drilled the men, built stations at points within a few miles of one another from Maine to Florida, and along the shores of the Great Lakes, and effected such improvements that he got the en-tire country heartily at his back. The amount of property and the number of lives saved, from the outset, was most impressive. In 1874 he prepared a bill to extend the work, to bestow medals upon deserving life-savers, to collect and tabulate statistics of marine disasters, and to determine what oints on the coast were specially points on the coast were specially liable to maritime calamities. He caused life-boats to be selected for particular regions with a view to their fitness for meeting the conditions there existing; he investigated the

Our Life-Saving Service is now unique among nations. The greater part of our coast being practically uninhabited and deserted, and in many places very dangerous to naviga-tors, there was need that it should be sedulously watched. The entire

merits of various inventions in the

way of guns for shooting lines to wrecked vessels, and of life-cars and

other devices for bringing persons from wrecks to the shore. Finally, the Bureau was separated from the

Treasury Department, and set up in



PIRING THE LIFE-LINE.

stretch of coasts, about ten thousand miles in extent, is now patrolled daily during the stormy seasons, and no wreck can occur without being promptly reported, and all possible means taken to minimize loss. The men are perhaps the most thoroughly drilled, intelligent and efficient body in the world, and constant inspection and encouragement of the worthy maintain them at this high level. The station buildings are commodious and wellkept, and stored with whatever can be this coast. of use in the service, or productive of benefit in educating the men. The latter are paid regular salaries by the Atlantic weather for the winter Government, and in case of their dis-months, habitually predict gales of

N the year 1871 | goes forth from its lair in the Arctic the Life-Saving seeking whom it may devour, the first Service of the United States Cod and the first large seaport that lies

The meteorologists tell us that most ball, at that time of the destructive cyclone storms orighead of the Revinate in the Gulf of Mexico or elseinate in the Gulf of Mexico or else-where in the South Atlantic, and in picked up and towed to a place of truth the warnings of approaching safety by the Belgian steamer Switzer-

thing that savors of meteorological science or official interference. Lightships are anchored with an eye to violent conditions of tempest, their mooring chains are so huge and heavy that to lift one of the links requires something of an effort to an ordinary man. In spite of all, this phenomenal gale tore these lightships from moorings, breaking the huge chain cables and sending them adrift to work their way under sail to such harbor as Providence might vouchsafe. One of them, the Pollock Rip lightship, was driven away down toward

the fing-officer of a squadron down to

the skipper of a coasting sloop, to cherish a certain contempt for every-



BEACHCOMBERS AT WORK ON THE SALVAGE.

hurricanes at all seasons confirm the land, truth of this theory. But be that as it may, when the northeast wind gets an unobstructed sweep of some thousands of miles down the wide stretch of ocean that leads the Gulf Stream northward it has a chance to develop a degree of violence that it can hardly attain where its course is interrupted by outlying islands and reefs.

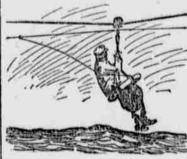
During the comparatively calm and eaceful voyage that most travelers by sea achieve from New York or Boston to London, Liverpool or Southampton they are told that when the ship crosses a tract known to sailormen as "the space than is at my disposal. Wherhole in the wall" their seamanship is ever human life was imperiled men likely to be tested. The reason for this is that until that point is reached the southward sweep of wind and wave is more or less modified by submerged shallows such as the Graud Banks and other ridges that are revealed by deepsea soundings. It is not surprising, therefore, that the accumulated force of a protracted winter's gale is some thing terrific when it breaks on the sandy headland that forms the extremity of Cape Cod.
On one of the high sand dunes that

form this promontory stands the Highland Light, looking out to sea, and from sunset to sunrise, year in and year out, sending its rays over leagues of restless ocean to give warning of the daugerous sand-bars that are formed by waves and current all along

The Government observers of ocean phenomena, in their forecasts of North ablement or death, pensions are pro- greater or less severity at intervals of

As this is written revenue vessels are out looking for the other lightships that are adrift, and, as still other storms have intervened between then and now, the question of finding them becomes more and more doubt

To recount even a few of the incidents and adventures and daring deeds of rescue performed alike by men of the Life-Saving Service and by volunteers who manned lifeboats and went to the rescue of crews on board foundering vessels that they met on



SAVED BY THE BREEGIES BUOY.

without hope or prospect of reward, and while instances have been re-ported of alleged plundering of wrecked persons and property along shore, the weight of evidence, on the side of courage and faithful discharge of duty, is largely in the lead. Heaven grant that the interval may be long before such another storm descends from the Northern Ocean!

It Roused His Ambition

The fat boarder groaned softly as he watched the landlady hand around the cold chicken. He saw his finish. It would either be a section of the back, or a leg joint. He wasn't much of a favorite with the landlady.

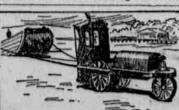
"I am not," he sorrowfully re-marked, "a man of ambitious long-ings. I care nothing for the cares of state, or the applause of thousands. But it never struck me so forcibly as it does this evening that I would like to be President.'

"And why this evening?" inquired the unsuspecting landlady.

"Because the President," said the fat boarder with an unctuous fervor, "because the President, whenever he dines-and it's an old and beautiful custom-is invariably waited upon first.

And he took his section of back with a heavy sigh.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Passing of the Tow-Path Mule. The speediest solution of the canalboat difficulty is offered by M. Salliot, of Dijos, France, who has invented an electric traction engine which will run on any towpath without rails. The motive power is furnished by an over head trolley wire. The towing cable is fastened to the back of the engine, and in the cab sits a man who does the steering and controls the current. The locomotive is perfectly stable, and stands all sorts of shunting and cross-



KEYSTONE STATE NEWS GONDERSED

RESIDENCE LOOTED.

Valuables to the Amount of Several Thousand Dollars Carried From a Wealthy Manufacturer's Home House Was Then Flooded.

One of the biggest robberies that has been committed in New Castle for a long time was discovered the other evening when a son of James Crawford, a wealthy iron manufacturer, whose handsome suburban residence is situated at "Birchiawn," visited the place. The house had been completely situated at "Birchiawn," visited the place. The house had been completely looted, and in addition was literally fleeded with water, the robbers having turned on all the faucets which were still running. The house was unoccupied, as the family is in California. Everything of value was taken, the loss amounting to several thousand dollars. The whole house is saturated, carpets and fine rugs ruleed, and the ceiling and walls are down all over the lower part of the house. The damage to the house is over \$1,000.

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The following pensions were issued last week: John F. Schultz, dead, Pittsburg, \$10. Bernard Schmid, Pittsburg, \$10. Bernard Schmid, Pittsburgh, \$8: Simon Parsons, Punxsutawney, \$6 to \$8: John Wortz, Oscoola Mills, \$8 to \$12: William L. Bemis, Sanford, Warren, \$6 to \$8: Margaret M. Fullerton, New Castle, \$2: Mary Woodmanay, mother, Crossingville, Crawford, \$12: Margaret M. Dunlap, Wheeler, Mercer, \$8: Harriet Bennett, Houtzdale, Clearfield, \$8: Anna M. Edgin, Allegheny, \$8: Mexican war survivor, George W. Ramsey, Mechanicsburg, \$8 to \$12: Alexander Hazle, Petrolla, \$8: H. P. Wilcox, Philipsburg, \$12: Hozekiah Hilty, Vandergrift, \$8: Andrew Wallinzer, Howard, Center, \$6 to \$10; Henry McMurray, Burgettstown, \$8: Samuel Clark, Wooddale, Fayette, \$8 to \$10: John C. Hughen, Dallas City, McKean, \$6 to \$12: Julia G. McMuilin, Bellefonte, \$8: Rachel McMillin, New Bethlehem, \$8: Paxton Gray, Connellsville, Fayette, \$8: Andrew J. Farier, Masontown, \$4 to \$12: James N. Staup, Coul Run, \$8: Freeman N. Piper, New Hamburg, \$8: Ida L. Meeker, North Springfield, \$8: Caroline Pelton, Albion, \$8: minor of Robert H. Manning, Warren, \$14 (Spanish war); James S. Harter, Washington, \$8: William Woods, Bellevernon, \$12: Griffin Reno, Kane, \$17: Henry Bullen, Latrobe, \$24: Paul Q. Bates, Sugar Run, Bradford, \$17 to \$24: Reed A. Douglass, Jones Mills, \$4 to \$12: William T. Calhoun, Park Wood, \$6 to \$8: Jeremiah Zimmerman, Waynesboro, \$8 to \$8: Lucina Petrle, Parter, Manderbilt, \$8 to \$8: Lucina Petrle, Parter, Manderbilt

\$12; William T. Calboun, Park Wood, \$6 to \$8; Jeremiah Zimmerman, Waynesboro, \$6 to \$8; Henry Huffine, Vanderbilt, \$6 to \$8; Lucina Petris, East Charleston, \$8; Susan Ayers, Altoona, \$8; Sarah Zeigler, Orrstown, \$8. To save his mother from his father's murderous attack, Lewis Dennis, near Milheim, killed his father the other morning by a blow with a chair. The dead man, Samuel Dennis, has been subject to epilepsy for several years. For some time after midnight the son heard his mother call for help. He for some time after midmight the son heard his mother call for help. He found his father had apparently gone lesane and was choking her. The son could not induce his father to desist, and was forced to brain him with a chair. Mrs. Dennis is still suffering from shock and physicians fear for her life.

Samuel M. Graham, known through-Sanuel M. Graham, known througa-out Central Pennsylvania in baseball and football circles, having been man-ager of several clubs, was instantly killed near Philipsburg, a few days ago, while attempting to get a kodak picture of a large stump which was about being blown out of the ground with dynamics a silver striking him about being blown out of the ground with dynamite, a sliver striking him on the neck and nearly cutting his head from the body. He was a member of the firm of Graham, Herd & Co. He was a corporal in Company B. Fifth regiment, during its service.

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passenger train crashed into a Dela-ware, Lackawanna & Western engine bringing freight out of the Diamond switch at Seranton a few days ago. Richard Dougherty, engineer of the latter train, was fatally injured, and James Dolley, conductor, and Will Echelman, fireman, badly injured, it is said the Delaware & Rudson crew disregarded the crossing target, which

it is stated is against them.

Terrence Anderson of Plymouth, who was demented, told his wife the other morning that he intended killing himself by jumping down a coal shaft. He started in the direction of the Delaware & Hudson mine at Plymouth. Delaware & Hudson mine at Plymouto. His wife and two sons started in pursuit. He ran for half a mile and threw himself down shaft No. 4, which is 800 feet deep. His body was crushed into an unrecognizable mass.

Suit for \$10,000 has been brought by Nancy J. Ray against J. Q. Ray of Grove City, her father-in-law. She alleges that he circulated false and slanderous stories about her and in-

slanderous stories about her and in-duced her husband to leave the state, even giving him money for that pur-

Owing to the shortage in the ac-

Owing to the shortage in the accounts of the murdered city treasurer, John Blevins, of New Castle, the board of school controllers will be forced to borrow \$10,000 to pay the salaries of the teachers and running expenses for the balance of the school term.

Cyrus M. Bowers, single, aged 40, of weak mind, whose home was in Proctorville, was struck and killed by a passenger train at the Philadelphia & Reading railroad bridge on Loyalsock creek last week. His body was found suspendered.

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W. C. tack at, of Smithfield, has sworn our warrant for the arrest of Colonel J. E. Keener, the Morgantown cattle dealer, who is alleged to have lessed \$40,000 in notes for cattle, which he sold and then departed with the proceeds. proceeds.

Arthur Seaton, of Mercer, represent-ing a syndicate of Pittsburg and local capitalists, has bought the Parks heirs' farm of 108 acres, about five miles west of New Castle, for the purpose of erec-ting a mammoth bridge building About 25 Amishmen of Wilmington

township, near Sharon, will join a colony to be organized of their sect from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Penn-

from Ohlo, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania, and migrate to Idaho.

The freight house of the Pennsylvania & Northwestern railroad at Punxsutawney was totally destroyed by fire the other day. Loss, \$3,000.

The body of Isabella Coffroth, aged 48, of Mt. Airy, Lancaster county, was found in a small stream running through her mother's farm. Her skirts were hanging on a tree nearby. She is supposed to have committed suicide.

Andrew Zariski, a Siay who was run.

suicide.

Andrew Zariski, a Siav who was run down by Baltimore & Ohio passenger train near the Oliver coke works at Dunbar Wednesday night, died at the Cottage hospital Saturday, shortly after one of his legs was amputated.

Thomas Brown, a negro, who was reported to be over 100 years of age, died at Latimer last week. He is said to have been married four times, and leaves 12 children, 4 grandchildren and a number of great trandchildren.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE

House.

The general appropriation bill was reported to the house Tuesday by Chairman Marshall. The bill carries with it an appropriation of \$15,399,000, of which \$11,000,000 is for the support of the public schools.

The Keator ballot reform bill was taken up for third reading and was passed finally by a vote of 103 to 50.

The measure was drafted by the Pennsylvania Ballot Reform association and provides absolute secrecy in voting. Under the proposed law no voter shall have a helper unless he is incapacitated or unable to read. His helper must first declare under eath, subscribed to, that he will not attempt to influence the voter, but will give him the help he desires, and that he will not disclose the contents of the ballot except in a legal proceeding. The bill does away with the circle, and the name of the candidate shall be printed but once on the ballot and enables the voter to avoid risk or mistake in voting. There is only one way to mark a ballot, according to this bill, by putting a mark opposite the name of each candidate, the candidates being in groups with party names and appellations following them.

The Woodruff amendment to the Constitution, to abolish the poil tax, also passed finally.

The surprise in the bribery investigation Wednesday was the disclosure by Representative Wilson of Westmoreland of the name of the man alleged to have offered him \$5,000 to vote for Quay. He reluctantly named Hon. John R. Byrne. Byrne resides at Everson, Fayette county, but is a business man in the adjoining town of Scott-dale, Westmoreland county. He has been prominent in Fayette county politics, having been shairman of the Republican county committee, representative to the legislature, and at last fall's election a candidate for senator from the Fayette-Greene district. Byrne is to be summoned as a witness.

The Shaw bill empowering the county commissioners to borrow money and issue bonds for the "purpose of building, improving and repairing public roads and highways," by a vote of 109 to 18, passed finally in the house Wednesday.

These bills passed finally: Appropriating \$108,500 to the Morganza reform school; \$122,000 to the Eastern penitentiary; \$142,000 to the feeble minded institution of Western Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and

sylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

Dumb.

The Baldwin direct inheritance tax bill was taken up in the house Thursday and amended, after which it was laid aside for printing and final passage. The bill levies a tax of 2 per cent on direct inheritances consisting of personal property only and is similar to the bill passed by the last legislature with the exception of the retroactive and exemption clauses.

Among the bills passed finally by the house were:

house were:

To authorize boroughs to provide a supply of water for the use of the inhabitants, to make all needful regulations for the protection of the pipes, reservoirs and other constructions and apparatus and to prevent the waste of water so supplied. rater so supplied.

water so supplied.

To amend the act to provide for the licensing of buildings and other places in which theatrical, operatic or circus performances are held and menageries or museums are exhibited and fixing the price to be paid for said licenses, exempting buildings used for such purposes in becoming and townships have poses in boroughs and townships hav-ing a population of less than 1,509 people.

The general appropriation bill passed

The general appropriation bill passed third reading in the House Friday and was laid aside for printing and final passage. The section relating to the public school appropriation, as amended provides that if there is sufamended, provides that if there is sufficient money in the state trassury the appropriation shall be paid on December, 1300, and March 1, 1901, in four payments, to be equal.

The senate bill regulating the publication and preservation of legal notices in Dauphin county and fixing the compensation therefor passed second reacting.

fennte.

The senate concurred on final pas-sage in the house bill providing for the construction and maintenance of sidepaths along the highways in the

sidepaths along the highways in the townships of this commonwealth for the use of bicycles and pedestrians.

Because he got a cold in the head while doing service at Lattimer in 1897 as a member of the national guard the senate this evening decided to grant a pension of \$300 to Samuel D. Hughes of Scanter. of Scranton.

of Scranton.

The bills passed finally: Prohibiting hereafter the establishing or maintennance of additional hospitals, pest houses and burial grounds in the builthouses and burial grounds in the builtup portions of cities; repealing the
local option law of the Fifteenth ward.
Philadelphia; providing for an additional law judge of the several courts
of the Sixth judicial district (Eric
county); appropriating \$23,000 to the
Packer hospital at Sayre; an amendatory act providing that the term of
county solicitors shall not exceed beyond the term of the board of county
commissaioners, by whom they may be
appointed.

appointed.

The Baldwin mercantile tax bill was The Baldwin mercantile tax bill was a special order on second reading in the senate Wednesday morning. Mr. Miller of Berks opened the debate by proposing that the graduated scale of taxation be dispensed with: that retail storekeepers be taxed one mill on the dollar, and the wholesalers half as much. In support of his amendment Mr. Miller said that the Constitution demanded a uniformity of taxation, and, according to his opinion, as framed is unconstitutional.

After further debate, in which Mr. Film stated that the merchant prince of Philadelphia had told him he favored the bill, the assertion of Mr. Brown of Lawrence to the contrary notwithstanding, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 26 to 13. The section it amended was agreed to.

Senator Brown of Westmoreland, introduced in the senate Thursday

Senator Brown of Westmoreland, introduced in the senate Thursday morning a resolution to provide a glorious and fitting reception for the Tenth regiment Pennsylvania volunteers, the Western Pennsylvania command which has so distinguished the state in the Philippine campaign. The resolution provided for the appointment of a committee of five senators and eight representatives to arrange a welcome, after finding out when the command of Col. Hawkins may be expected to come home.

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By a vote of 25 to 10 the bill authorizing the trustees of any normal school of the state to place a mortgage not to exceed \$50,000 on the buildings and grounds of such institution or any part or parts of the same which shall be prior in lien to all liens of the commonwealth for money appropriated to the schools, passed finally.

The joint ballot Friday resulted:

Quay, 40; Jenks, 38; Irwin, 34; total, 112.



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vided for them or their families. Politics are kept rigorously out of the Bu-reau; and altogether, its bistory and far as Hatteras, or perhaps even till tatistics are perhaps more gratifying to the national pride and pleasure than those of any other bureau apper-taining to our Government. Mr. Kimball has been the right man in the right place, and the life-savers them-salves have magnificently supported him by their achievements in the face t tremendous perils and difficulties.
Collier's Weekly has a striking article on the Life-Saving Service from bich the following is taken:

The venturesome mariner may lay a straight course past Iceland and Spitzbergen northward till he brings up against the sternal ice, by steering due northeast from anywhere on the coast of Eastern Massachusetts, and keeping away enough to clear the projecting headlands of Nova Scotis and Newfoundland. In other words, when the

this zone and extending southward as they melt away into the gentle trade winds of the tropics. even the hydrographic office ventures as yet to predict very far ahead the approach of phenomenal storms such as visited this coast at the end of November. It could and did give warning several hours before the storm began to make itself felt at the Virgiffia capes and along up the Jersey shore. Hurricane signals were promptly set at every station away up the coast as far as the jurisdiction of the United States extended, and if the coastwise authorities of the British possession

st wind arises in its might and great many masters of vessels, from planted,

TOWING CANALBOATS BY ELECTRICITY. ing. Experiments made in Paris were had only been willing to accept the so successful that the problem of towwarning of American weather prophets they, too, might have shown danger signals for the benefit of their seafaring population.

It is a singular characteristic of a friend of our fathers has been sup-