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## Editorial Excursion.

The Seventh Annual Excursion of the Pennsylvania Editorial Association, which took place last week, was largely attended. On Monday evening very many of the party met at the Girard House in Philadelphia, where every arrangement had been made for their comfort.

On Tuesday morning a special train was furnished by the P. R. R. Co., who operate the West Jersey R. R., for the conveyance of the excursionists from Camden to Cape May, which place was reached shortly before noon, and in a few minutes the whole party were comfortably located at the Stockton House. This house is one of the largest hotels in the country, and is splendidly located on the beach, where the cool sea breezes make even the hottest days comfortable. The wide porches, the broad halls, and the large airy rooms of the Stockton were a pleasant treat to the dusty travelers after their hot ride. On Tuesday evening the entire party assembled in the rotunda of the hotel, where they were joined by the Editorial Associations of New York and New Jersey, when the visiting associations were welcomed to the State by the President of the Editorial Association of New Jersey. After the formal reception, music and dancing completed the enjoyment of the evening.

On Wednesday evening a banquet was spread in the large dining-room, where over six hundred persons were seated and provided with substantial and luxuries suited to such an occasion. The dinner was followed by toasts which were responded to by appropriate speeches, the last speech being by Florence Nightingale (Miss Barton.)

As we were not able to remain longer than Thursday morning, we have no personal knowledge of subsequent doings. We have no doubt, however, that the other two days were as pleasantly passed, and that the party broke up feeling that the occasion had been one ever to be happily remembered. To the Secretary of the association, Mr. R. S. Menamin, the members are largely indebted for their pleasant trip, and his exertions would have been futile had he not been so generously aided by the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., who through their general passenger agent, Mr. L. P. Farmer, assisted by Mr. F. J. McWade, did everything in their power to make the excursion a pleasant one. As an evidence that the editors appreciate the exertions of Mr. Menamin to promote their comfort, a handsome silver set was purchased to be presented to him.

## Bank Tax Assessors Abolished.

By the 18th section of the general revenue act which passed the legislature in the last hours and, we believe, has become a law by the Governor's signature, the office of bank tax assessor is abolished. The Auditor General will hereafter assess bank shares. The president or cashier of each bank will hereafter be required on or before March 1st of each year, to report under oath to the Auditor General stating specifically the amount of capital stock, and the amount paid in full, a complete list of shareholders with their residence and their number and par value of share and local market value. A duplicate of each bank's report must be filed with county commissioners. The Auditor General will then assess the shares by inquiring into the value of the stock, and either abate or increase the value of the same as may be just or proper. In case of neglect or refusal of any bank officer to make report as above stated ten per centum is added to the tax of his bank. It is estimated that about \$25,000 will be annually saved to the State, now that the office of assessor has been abolished.

## An Important Point.

It has been said if a bank certifies as good a check upon it to the order of a certain payee, and the check is afterward altered by the drawer so as to make it payable to bearer, and, thus altered, it is paid by the bank to some unknown party before the original payee is advised of the certification, and before any third person has acquired an interest in the check, the bank cannot be held for any loss to others caused by paying the check because of an agreement between those others and the drawer to which the bank was not privy.

## An Unusual Grave Scene.

On the arrival of the funeral procession of Mrs. Hull (who was murdered in New York) at the cemetery on Friday week, the coffin was placed on two bars laid across the top of the pine box or outer case. This in turn lay on two bars placed across the open grave. The six pall-bearers stood close around for a few moments, while the mourners came up and stood looking on at the preparations. Dr. Hull, with his sister-in-law on his arm, stood close at the foot of the grave. Suddenly the earth at the foot of the grave caved in. One of the cross-bars fell and the end of the box dropped to the bottom of the grave. The bar under the head of the coffin slipped, and the coffin itself was thrown with a dull crash down into the grave. It lay for a moment at an angle of about forty-five degrees, the foot still supported by the cross-bars, and the head on the fallen box below. Two of the pall-bearers had fallen partly under the coffin and partly into the grave. A small monument over the grave of one of Mrs. Hull's nephews was upset by the starting back of one of the pall-bearers. For an instant every one was paralyzed. Several of the women wept and turned away their faces. Dr. Hull, husband of the deceased, stood as if rooted to the ground. The tears rolled from his eyes, and as he wept he repeated again and again, "Oh, dear! oh, dear! oh, dear!" Apparently he could not stir, and he stood absolutely still while the coffin was lifted up by a dozen quick hands and placed on a grave near by. It was slightly broken, though it retained its shape and held together. The seams at the head had sprung apart about a quarter of an inch and the lid over the plate was partly displaced, though fortunately not enough to disclose a view of the rudely shaken corpse. It was replaced at once, and preparations were again made for lowering the coffin to its last resting place, which was accomplished after a delay of twenty minutes.

## A Convict's Suicide.

Thomas Tayman, the Philadelphia and Reading Express Company embezzler, who was sentenced last March to eighteen months in the Penitentiary, committed suicide in his cell on Saturday with a sharp shoemaker's knife. — Every Saturday afternoon the prisoners are given razors to shave themselves with. The keeper who carries them round to the cells stopped in turn at Tayman's door day before yesterday, but received no response to his call. The light was dim, and it was several moments before the janitor discovered the body of the prisoner stretched out on the floor cold and stiff. His head was more than half severed from the body, and blood had settled in pools about the floor. His self-attack was of the most desperate character, and his death must have been almost instantaneous. Deputy Coroner Beam held an inquest in the case, and the jury of course brought in a verdict in accordance with the facts. The keepers testified that Tayman was one of the last convicts in the prison that they would have believed capable of self-destruction. He was neither a depraved nor desperate man by nature. — Before he fell from grace he was a clerk in the office of the Reading Express Company, on Chestnut street below Seventh, and enjoyed the confidence of his employers. The position of remittance clerk was open to him if he could furnish proper securities. To do this he abstracted the contents of remittance packages little by little, and escaping detection, he grew bolder and purloined large amounts. Finally, when he had taken possession of some \$7,800 of the company's money, he absconded, but was soon captured, and sentenced to eighteen months with hard labor. He had a young wife, who has visited him from time to time since he has been in prison. — Philadelphia North American of the 23rd ult.

## Farmer Howe's Death.

OHIO CITY, Pa., June 24. — On the 2nd inst. the body of Samuel Howe, a farmer, aged 72 years, was found lying in a field about ninety rods from his residence, near Pioneer. It was at first supposed that his horse kicked him to death, but but the subsequent examination revealed the fact that he had been murdered, having been shot in the head twice and then pounded with a rail. He left three sons, all in comfortable circumstances, one of whom lived on the farm with him. Two weeks elapsed before any effort whatever was made to find the murderer. Then the three sons, after much urging, promised to give \$25 for his apprehension and conviction. The county commissioners offered two hundred and fifty dollars more, and stimulated by the three hundred dollars, the officers went to work and circumstantial evidence was obtained so strong against the young son, Robinson Howe, that he was arrested and brought to this city. He had a hearing yesterday and to-day before Squire Groves, by whom he was held for trial and locked up in Franklin Jail.

One point against him is, that he came into possession of nearly all the old man's property by provisions of his will which the father was talking of having changed.

## Unpleasant Quarters.

A negro living on Mr. Warren's place, about four miles from town, was fired upon Saturday night and notified to move off. He has complied with the demand. We are informed a bloody coffin was found on Penn. McRee's gallery one morning last week. The bulldozers have notified Dr. Applewhite to leave the county, we are informed. The Doctor declined to obey, and stands ready to welcome those who would escort him off. We have advised persons guilty of lawless acts to desist, as have others of the county, but they seem to pay no attention to the advice. They will realize when too late that they have gone too far in their devilment, and if the courts and citizens cannot check them, they need expect nothing more than to have troops quartered on them by the government. We again ask them to stop their mischief. — Brockhaven (Miss.) Ledger.

## A Rat Eats a Man's Toe.

George Hall, the obliging colored hostler at the Beale House stables, Wednesday night lay down on his couch at the stables to sleep, as it is customary for him to do. He was tired and slept soundly. In the night a rat, supposed to be a large one, crept up under the bed covers and began to make a square meal of George's little toe. The vermin ate the end of it away, and George still slept. When he awoke this morning he was surprised to find himself minus the end of his small toe. It is quite painful now, and Hall is thinking about having a general rat-killing at the stables one of these days, for if they are getting so numerous as that it is dangerous for him to sleep there. — Delaware Co., Advocate.

## Arrest for Stealing \$10,000.

NEW YORK, June 21. — Detective Rogers and Dorsey had in their custody this morning two men who are accused of being the robbers who stole \$10,000 from the Government Printing Office at Washington, on January 2nd. The names of the prisoners are James Burns and William J. Cornell, Alias Geo. Carson. Detective McDevitt, of Washington, came to this city some time ago, carrying United States warrants for the arrest of the men. The officers saw Burns and Cornell on Broadway early this morning and arrested them. The prisoners were taken to police headquarters and from thence to the Post Office building before the United States District Attorney. They will be taken to Washington this afternoon.

## Low Price of Oil.

The price of crude petroleum has gradually been decreasing from seventy-five cents per barrel at the close of May, to sixty-three and one-third cents on Saturday a week. This was the price in New York and is not the lowest in the history of the oil trade, but is the lowest for four years and a half. About that time oil was down to fifty cents a barrel for crude, the lowest price ever had. The highest ever paid was twenty dollars per barrel, in January, 1860. The average price of oil last year, was two dollars and thirty-seven cents per barrel, and in 1876 it sold at two dollars and eighty-three cents. The present decline in price, equal to about fourteen per cent. in two weeks is, due to present over production.

## Disgusting Scaffold Scene.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 26. — Robert Jones, a negro, who murdered Rudolph Eaton (white) in the village of Rocky Mountains on December 25, 1877, was publicly hanged to-day at Tarboro. On the scaffold Jones laughed, talked and poked fun at the Sheriff. He dwelt long on his religious experiences and said he was going straight to heaven. He was the coolest man ever seen on the gallows there. He drank wine in remembrance of his brethren in Christ, and shook hands all around. The drop was sprung at 12:30 and death resulted from strangulation in twenty-six minutes. He seemed to suffer much.

## Attempted Suicide.

An attempt at suicide was made on the 22nd ult., by a young girl living in Bartine alley near Broad street, Harrisburg, the would-be destroyer of her life using laudanum as the means. It appears that she collected a sum of money for another person and appropriated it to her own use. Frightened at what she had done, and fearful of the consequences on the discovery of her deed, she resolved to commit suicide and swallowed laudanum. Fortunately for her she took an overdose, and it made her sick, and her friends, discovering the attempt, used vigorous means to counteract the effects of the drug, walked her rapidly for a long time until she was out of danger.

## Large Sum of Money.

Alexander Ervin, acquitted several months ago in the Quarter Sessions in Philadelphia, on a charge preferred by Henry G. Morris, formerly his employer, has been ordered to pay to the latter \$195,486.25, which it is said he has not accounted for. The order was made in the Common Pleas on Saturday, and declares that Ervin, when employed by Mr. Morris as confidential agent and financial manager, did not truly account for moneys passing to his control, which were the property of Mr. Morris and that he do pay to the assignee of H. G. Morris, the sum of \$195,486.25. And it is further ordered that a perpetual injunction do issue restraining and enjoining the said Alexander Ervin from transferring, assigning, or disposing of any estate, real or personal, which was acquired by him, with any of the moneys or other property belonging to Mr. Morris, and vested since April 29, 1875, in the assignee of the latter for the benefit of creditors. And that the writing marked by the Master "D. W. S., October 24, 1877," be impounded, and remain with the Master subject to the further order of the court.

## Military Pensioners.

It may not be generally known that a membership in a military company invalidates any pension any member may have been entitled to previous to joining such company. This decision is founded upon the fact that a man who can pass a military examination cannot be seriously incapacitated from earning a living by work, and therefore needs not a pension.

## Jeff Davis to Speak Again.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., June 25. — The Confederate Survivors' Association will have a grand celebration on the 4th of July. Rev. Father Ryan will deliver the opening address. Jefferson Davis is expected to be present. Many Northern soldiers have been invited, General Hancock being among the number. Extra trains will be run into this city on all the railroads.

## Miscellaneous News Items.

A disgusting spectacle is reported at Lansingburg, N. Y., where the cemetery fence is in such a dilapidated state that hogs have rooted through the premises and exposed some of the remains that were interred there.

Thomas Dinkel, who it is alleged murdered his wife in Buffalo some time ago, committed suicide on Tuesday by cutting his throat with a razor which had been given him to shave with, preparatory to going to trial.

During the thunder-storm of Wednesday of last week, the lightning struck in an open field on the farm of Jesse Keller, Esq., in Conewago twp., Adams county, tearing a considerable hole in the earth. This is the third time lightning has struck in the same field within a few years.

Weston, the American walkist, has carried off the prize in England, and now wears the champion belt of the world. At the late contest in London he covered his 550 miles within the time, and had five minutes to spare. Brown, his competitor, made but 453 miles.

John Robinson, a Frankstown, Blair Co., farmer, took his horses into the woods on Thursday to haul wood. He left them stand and made a few strokes with his ax into the trunk of a dead tree, which fell suddenly and struck both horses, killing one instantly and breaking the skull bone and knocking the eye out of the other.

HARRISBURG, June 23. — By the breaking of a spreader chain William Savage and Lewis W. Snyder, machinists, and James Harkins, boiler-maker, were precipitated to the bottom of the slope at Williamstown colliery. Savage and Snyder were killed and Harding seriously injured.

A Frankfort, Ky., dispatch says that on Saturday night, a party of unknown men attacked the house of Sam Faulkner, severely wounding Faulkner as he ran from the house, then set fire to the dwelling, which was consumed with its inmates. — Harry Russell, aged 17, was also shot, and two children of Faulkner's, aged 11 and 3. No cause is given for this brutal affair.

It is related that a young man in Iowa was married under some difficulties the other day. The parents of the young woman refusing to allow him to see her, he had himself arrested for breaking into a building, and then subpoenaed the girl as a witness. By this means he secured access to her long enough to complete arrangements for the marriage.

The ten year old daughter of Henry Bishop, of Anville, Lebanon county, has mysteriously disappeared and so far nothing is known of her whereabouts. On Wednesday morning the father openly accused a man named Wm. Bodenborn of being the cause of his daughter's absence, and following up his accusations with threats of violence. For behaving thus he was lodged in jail.

PHILADELPHIA, June 24. — The legisla-

tive committee appointed to investigate the alleged over-issue of State bonds of the loan of 1853 met here this morning in continuance of the session which had previously been held in Harrisburg. Among the witnesses examined was Henry C. Stroup, transfer officer of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, who testified that there is no way of telling which of the bonds are genuine or who holds the over-issue.

READING, June 24. — Mr. Joseph R. Miller, the hat manufacturer, whose mysterious disappearance on the eve of his marriage to Miss Neitz was announced several days since, was not murdered in New York, as some of his friends feared. He went to Saratoga, and from there wrote to his betrothed, saying he was in good health, but giving no explanation of his failure to appear at the appointed time. To-night he was expected to reach here at 10:30, but did not come.

BOSTON, June 24. — Representative men of the Butler wing of the Democratic party state it as a fact that General Butler will receive and accept a nomination, both from a Labor Reform and a Democratic Convention this fall. They say reports have been received from the largest towns in the State during last week, and that with but a single exception, these reports favored Butler's nomination. They say their State Convention will be held at Worcester in September, but that a gubernatorial nomination of Butler will be made previously by either a Labor Reform or a Greenback organization.

PITTSBURG, June 25. — At four o'clock this morning three burglars forced the door leading to a room occupied by Harvey Bollman, a wealthy bachelor, living in a lonely spot in the Eleventh ward, Allegheny. Bollman, who is lame, blind and nearly deaf, was seized, bound hand and foot, beaten and cut for screaming. His screams brought his housekeeper to the room, but a cocked revolver aimed at her heart persuaded her to silence. Bollman refused to disclose his money, notwithstanding the kicks and cuffs, and the burglars fled on the approach of neighbors attracted by Bollman's first screams.

NEW YORK, June 24. — Through the confession made in Boston last evening by Cox, the murderer of Mrs. Hull, the police recovered this morning the remainder of the missing jewelry.

Detective Schmitzberger telegraphed from Boston last night that a part of the jewelry had been given to Della Johnson, a mulatto girl in a house of ill fame on South Fifth street, New York. She was found this morning asleep, and arrested. About her neck she wore the topaz necklace stolen from Mrs. Hull's trunk by her murderer. In her possession was also a solitaire pair of diamond earrings, and a pawn ticket of other diamonds. She admitted she got the jewelry from Cox.

HARRISBURG, Pa., June 21. — A boy murderer was committed in a field near Highspire yesterday, and the perpetrator of the deed is in jail in this city. Samuel Harley, a negro, left Middletown in company with two other boys, with a load of leather for this city. Near Highspire, Harley espied a white boy, Joseph Tennis, aged 11 years, against whom he had a grudge, and sprang from the wagon and proceeded to punish him. Being vastly superior to Tennis in physical strength he choked and violently dashed him on a pile of stones, after which he joined his comrades, leaving his victim lying in the field in which the unequal contest occurred. Eight hours afterward Tennis died from his injuries. Harley says the deceased applied insulting remarks to him.

MEMPHIS, June 24. — Official reports, dated June 20, from the mayors and presidents of boards of health at Memphis, Vicksburg, Jackson, Miss.; Canton, Miss.; Shreveport, La.; Collierville, Tenn.; Hickman, Ky.; Grenada, Miss.; Helena, Ark.; Holly Springs, Miss.; Decatur, Ala., and Tusculumbia, Ala., bring intelligence that in zone of the places mentioned has the health outlook ever been more favorable. In no instance has there been any indication of a return of the fever. — Better health than is usual at this time of the year prevails and every preventive that sanitary knowledge can suggest has been made use of to preclude a recurrence of last year's epidemic. Quarantine regulations have been established and are ready to be enforced should an exigency arise.

Another remarkable case of mistaken identity is reported. Four years ago Lyman Hay, of Courtland county, New York, was convicted of an outrage upon a girl and sentenced to twenty years in the State Prison — fortunately for him the penalty for his alleged offense not being death in New York, as it is in more than one State. Not long ago a man named Corwin confessed that he was the real criminal and Hay entirely innocent. The story goes that Corwin confessed under promise that his confidant would keep the fact secret till he could reach Canada whether he is known to have gone and reported to have committed suicide. The two men resemble each other very closely, so that the girl might easily have been mistaken in her identification of her assailant, and an effort is at once to be made to secure the innocent man's release.