

NEW JERSEY STAND

OPENING SKIRMISH IN WOMAN'S BATTLE

Question of Admitting Woman Delegates to General Conference Up.

SHORT AND SHARP DEBATE.

Newark Conference Was Hotly Discussing the Subject When It Was Laid Over.

"STRONG ARM OF THE CHURCH"

One Disputant Applied the Laudatory Phrase to Woman Yet Insisted She Is Unfit to Help Make the Church's Laws.

Two questions of more than passing importance came up at the third day's session of the Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Newark, yesterday. One was as to the right of women to go to the general conference as delegates and the other was in regard to limiting the number of candidates on trial for the ministry.

IS CUNFORD A NOTED THIEF?

Railroad Detective O'Brien Makes a Discovery in the Somerset Jail.

EX-MAYOR GRANT IN COURT.

As Counsel, He Secures a License for Hotel Keeper Wortendyke, of Oradell.

CHIEF OF POLICE IN ERROR.

Was Going to Stop a Sparring Exhibition When Recorder Ames Interfered.

TURNS TABLES ON HIS WIFE.

Morris Drucker, Accused of Desertion, Charges the Complainant with Bigamy.

SUIT ENDS HER SECRET.

Mrs. Peck, Who Sues Mrs. Scott for \$50,000, Was for Years Mrs. Peters.

"JUST MARRIED" THE SIGN.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harrison Decorated Their Wedding Coach.

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COLLECTOR IMLAY MISSING.

Condition of His Financial Affairs Cannot Be Known for Some Days.

Lived Three Days with Broken Neck.

Charles Jaeger, of No. 26 Eighth Street, Newark, N. J., died in the City Hospital these yesterday from a broken neck. He accidentally fell into a coal excavation at No. 2 Clifton avenue on Tuesday night and struck on his head. His friends took him home, but he did not live as he was subsequently sent to a hospital. The autopsy showed that his neck had been broken.

Bucket Brigade Saves a Bridge.

Brimington, N. J., April 9.—The bridge over the Delaware River at Frenchtown caught fire last night, but the flames were discovered before they had gained much headway and a bucket brigade put out the fire.

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

A Number of Bills Passed by the New Jersey Legislature Meet. The Executive Approval.

BOY AND GIRL DEAD, AND HER FATHER DIES.

Cruel Trolley Brings Woe to the Marcus Family in Newark.

FREIDA KILLED BY A CAR.

Shock to Eight-Year-Old Mark Brings on His Death; Crazy Mother Attempts Suicide.

"Papa, if Frida don't get well by Easter, I'll die."

BIG RAILROAD IMPROVEMENT.

Pennsylvania Line Will Straighten Its Tracks in New Brunswick.

NO SIXTEENTH WARD.

Judge Dupue So Informs the County Board of Registration.

OLD LISTS ARE VALID.

These Decisions, Made as a Private Citizen, Go Far to Clear the Election Muddle.

WANTS TO SELL HIS BODY.

Poverty-stricken Henry Biesch Advertises Himself Ready to Die to Help His Family.

CYCLERS IN A QUANDARY.

Richmond County Wheelmen Have Been Violating Their Own Rules.

WOMEN FIGHT IN COURT.

Mrs. Shultz Said to Have Knocked a Baby from Mother's Arms.

UNLUCKY LABORER NO. 13.

Pick Wielded by No. 14 Sinks Four Inches into His Back.

LEFT A TRAIL OF FIRE.

Molten Glass Destroys the Poughkeepsie Works, with a Heavy Loss.

TRIED SUICIDE WHILE ON POST.

Joseph Gerbey, a switchman on the Steinsway Railroad, stationed on the meadows between Freshing, L. I., and Corona, was shot yesterday morning, with a gaping wound above his right temple. A revolver lay at his side. The man was removed to the hospital, where he was attended by his parents' home in Corona. The doctors say he cannot live. No cause is known for the act.

FOUND FLOATING IN THE DELAWARE.

Camden, N. J., April 9.—The body of a man was found floating in the Delaware River last evening and was taken to the Morgue at Gloucester. It had been in the water a long time.

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"BOSS RULE" ARRANGED

Henry Loomis Nelson Lectures on Popular Government Before Rutgers Students.

Henry Loomis Nelson delivered a stirring lecture on "The Conditions and Achievements of Popular Government" in the Fine Arts Building of Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J., Thursday evening. He gave "boss rule" an unmerciful roasting. "The first conception of government," said he, "is the preservation of order. Yet order exists in Pekin and Siberia; natural rights are respected in St. Petersburg as well as in London. Yet what a vast difference between the respective governments! Despotism is quickly executed; democracy is slow to reach conclusions.

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FARMER CLAY MAY HAVE BEEN STUCK

A Greenish, Greasy Substance Floats on the Top of His Well Water.

ALL MILLTOWN AT WORK.

Other Farmers Are Boring Holes in Their Fields and the "Oil" Has Been Sent to a Chemist.

Visions of great wealth float before the eyes of Henry Clay, a farmer of Milltown, near New Brunswick, N. J. A few days ago he discovered what he thinks is an oil well, and now all his neighbors are eagerly turning up soil searching for more.

Mr. Clay made the discovery by accident. His well in the rear of his house ran dry and he drove a four-inch pipe down into the centre of the well. A pump was attached to the pipe, and on the surface of the water obtained appeared a greenish, greasy substance.

Mr. Clay offered a barrel of the water to one of his horses. The animal refused to drink it. He thought some grease might have lodged in the pail, but upon filling a perfectly clean vessel from the well the same kind of substance was found on the water.

When Clay spoke of the matter to his Milltown neighbors they laughed at him. Later it was found that the valves in the pump refused to work, and investigation showed that the oily substance had burned them out.

This converted the sceptical farmers, and they hastened away to search for more oil wells. Some of the liquid was bottled, and yesterday Clay took it to the chemist at Rutgers College for analysis.

Mr. Clay is about fifty years old and poor. He is a good type of the Jersey farmer, and doesn't claim any relationship to the Kentucky statesman of bygone days.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Railroad Station and a Store and Dwelling at Whittings, N. J., Destroyed.

Mount Holly, N. J., April 9.—The passenger station at Whittings, which is operated jointly by the Pennsylvania, Tuckerton and New Jersey Central railroads, was struck by lightning this morning and destroyed. A store and dwelling adjoining, occupied by George Cramer, were also destroyed.

FOUGHT WITH JOE HOOKER.

Second New Jersey Brigade Veterans Celebrate General Lee's Surrender.

Yesterday was the thirty-second anniversary of the surrender of General Lee to General Grant, at Appomattox, and, as has been customary for the Second New Jersey Brigade for the last ten years, the annual reunion of the surviving members of that gallant body was held in Plainfield. The visiting comrades were entertained by the local G. A. R. men in the Casino of the Union County Country Club.

The business meeting was held in the morning, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. W. Coriell, Plainfield; vice-presidents, Captain David, Jersey City; W. H. Williams, Plainfield; G. H. Miller, Philadelphia; Colonel Manderson, Newark; T. O. Doane, Plainfield; secretary, U. B. Titus, Trenton; treasurer, J. B. Clugston, Trenton; chaplain, Lewis Kline, Philadelphia; General J. F. Russling, of Trenton, was authorized to prepare a full history of the brigade from the time it enlisted up to date, and a committee of survivors from various sections of the State was appointed to urge the proposition that the State make an appropriation sufficient to erect a suitable monument at some point in honor of the dead of the Second New Jersey.

COFFEY STILL LOCKED UP.

New York Broker Has Not Yet Succeeded in Getting Free on a Bond.

Edward H. Coffey, the New York broker and prominent resident of New Brighton, S. I., has now been locked up for a week in the Richmond County Court House because of failure to give a bond to secure a judgment against him of a little over \$4,000.

Everything was arranged to give bonds for him yesterday. His wife, who is independently wealthy, was to go upon his bond, but her counsel yesterday notified Judge Stephens she would not appear as arranged. It was said last night that Mrs. Coffey was about to sell the property which was to have been pledged, and the prospective buyer did not want the property clouded by the bond.

Coffey's uncle, Sheriff Marchant that on Monday he expected his uncle to appear and release him. He said his uncle was former Postmaster Bissell, of Buffalo.

LEFT A TRAIL OF FIRE.

Molten Glass Destroys the Poughkeepsie Works, with a Heavy Loss.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 9.—The Poughkeepsie Glass Works were completely destroyed by fire this morning. The blowers stopped work at 1 o'clock and went home. At 2:15 o'clock one of the large tanks holding molten glass sprung a leak and the red-hot glass rushed like lava through the building, leaving fire in its wake. The only part of the factory that the firemen were able to save was the office and some sheds, under which new goods were stored. The loss approximates about \$100,000. Insurance, \$50,000. The works will probably be rebuilt on a larger scale at once.

TOOK HER LIFE AT LAST.

Corrall, N. Y., April 8.—Mrs. Sarah E. Lewis committed suicide to-day by jumping into a private reservoir near her residence. She is said to have become insane through brooding over the loss of her husband, which occurred in September. This was her fourth attempt at suicide within six weeks, and she was about to be committed to the Middletown asylum.



Appointed United States Marshal for New Jersey.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY'S appointment of Thomas J. Alcott, of Mount Holly, N. J., as United States Marshal for New Jersey, to succeed Colonel George Pfeiffer, of Camden, meets with the hearty approval of the Republican residents of Burlington County. Mr. Alcott was born in Mount Holly in 1840. In 1863 he enlisted in the Twenty-third New Jersey Volunteers, and during the war was promoted to the position of Quartermaster's Sergeant in the Army of the Potomac under Generals McClellan, Burnside and Hooker. At the close of the civil war he returned to Mount Holly and entered into the manufacture of the Alcott turbine water wheels with his father, Thomas C. Alcott, until the death of the latter, since which time Mr. Alcott has conducted the business alone. Mr. Alcott has always been a Republican. He was a member of the Legislature from 1884 to 1886, during which time he served as Chairman of the Committee on Railroads and Canals, State Treasurer's Accounts and other committees of importance. He was prominently mentioned in the convention held at Toms River, in the Fall of 1892 as a candidate for the Congressional nomination. He is a prominent worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church, has served as superintendent of the Sunday school and is at present a member of the Board of Trustees of the church at Mount Holly. He was a director of the Mount Holly Bank for several years.

For over two weeks the boy was delirious, and all efforts to stay the ravages of the disease failed.

On Wednesday the boy's father saw that the end was near, and in order that Mrs. Marcus should not witness the terrible suffering of her child, she was sent into a neighboring house. The end came soon afterward, and when Mrs. Marcus was admitted to her home she saw a white sheet covering a form on the bed, and knew that her boy had passed away.

Reading by the City Council of that city Thursday evening, Alderman Housell's amendment requiring the company to pave French street from the tracks to the intersection of Albany street was ruled out of order.

The railroad company contemplates removing the double curve between the railroad bridge and Paterson street. This will place the tracks in a straight line through the city and will necessitate the changing of the grade of several streets. The railroad will spend \$1,000,000 in improvements in New Brunswick.

School Trustees Reach No Decision After Miss Walling's Trial.

The Board of Education of Middletown township met at the office of John E. Foster, Atlantic Highlands, N. J., yesterday afternoon, to give their decision in the case of the New Monmouth school teacher, Miss Eleanor S. Walling, who was tried a few days ago on a charge of having received attention from George Morford, a school trustee, who is married, in a manner and to an extent calculated to create impressions injurious to the scholars and prejudicial to the interests of the school.

Trustee Morford, when put upon the stand at the trial, said he paid frequent visits to the school house, partly because Miss Walling was a very nice lady to talk to, but principally because of his official duty.

Parents of several scholars testified to having seen Morford go to the school house after school hours and remain there an hour or more with the blinds closed, others testified that Morford's visits to the school were on business pertaining to his office.

At the meeting of the board yesterday some of the members were afraid to go on record in the matter, and action was deferred until the May meeting, when the teachers are engaged, it is understood that Miss Walling will not be re-engaged.

Jealousy Robs Literary Society of Its Former Place of Meeting.

The Board of Education of Belleville, N. J., and the Literary and Social Society, which is composed of graduates of the Belleville School are at odds because the Board has refused the society permission to use the school house in the future.

The Board took this action because the claim had been made that if one organization were allowed to use the school house the same right should be afforded others. To prevent further jealousy the Board of Education decided that no one should be allowed to use the school.