

THIRTY-SECOND YEAR—NO. 27.

SHAKE UP ANTICIPATED IN M. E. CONFERENCE

MANY CHANGES AMONG DISTRICT PASTORATES.

No Assurance Given Relative to May's Landing's New Pastor—Sessions Lively and Full of Interest—Appointments Tuesday.

For the third time in its history the New Jersey Methodist Episcopal Conference opened Wednesday morning in the First M. E. Church of Camden, with Bishop Luther B. Wilson presiding for the twenty-seventh year. This is the seventy-third session of the Conference and promises to be one of the most interesting in its history. The session opened promptly at eight o'clock with the singing of "Book of Ages" after which Bishop Wilson administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by District Superintendents J. Morgan Root, Alfred Wager, Norman J. Wright, J. R. Haines and the superannuated ministers in attendance. Bishop Wilson was presented with a gold and silver memorial service was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Haines, and the Rev. J. R. Haines, who has attended forty-three previous conferences. Rev. Melville E. Snyder was unanimously elected Secretary of the Conference. Other officers elected were: Statistical Secretary, Rev. J. R. Haines; Treasurer, Rev. A. L. Ladden; Secretary, Rev. D. E. Chair. The annual interest attaching to the Conference this year is caused in part by the uncertainty among the pastors as to their future charges. A general shake up is anticipated after the four districts of the Conference. No assurance has been given so far in the official record of the local M. E. Church as to the probable successors of the Rev. William Dismore, who is retiring after a long and successful career in the Camden district. Mr. Dismore is a member of the Statistical Committee, which is working night and day to complete its labors and will bring forth some interesting data concerning the New Jersey Conference and the many churches under its jurisdiction. The appointments will be read Tuesday evening next, and it is not likely that any change will be made until that time. The members will occupy their new pulpits the Sunday following.

POOR LIGHT SERVICE. Township Committee Wants to Know Why Lights Are Dim.

Steps were taken last Saturday evening by the Township Committee to ascertain why the electric light service in May's Landing has been so poor recently. Members stated that the lights were very dim and many times out altogether. The current is furnished from Egg Harbor City by the Atlantic County Electric Company and is thought is not as strong as it used to be. Residents generally have complained of the poor light for several months and their complaints have been with the Committee in charge of the electric light service. Several notices were disposed of by the Committee during the session.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING. Three Trustees to be Elected and Appropriations Made.

The annual school meeting for the election of three trustees and making school appropriations for the next term will be held in the High School building next Tuesday evening. The terms of Miss B. Crowell, Ralph S. Van Hook and Henry Dismore expire this year and their successors are to be elected. The school appropriations for the schools have not yet been made and will be determined at this meeting, when the polls will open at 7:30 and remain open as long as necessary to receive a vote.

Deaths in Highway Menace to Public Safety.

Editor of The Record. DEAR SIR:—When anyone suggests the removal of one of the state's old oak trees from May's Landing they are venturing upon very dangerous ground. The writer has been in the south of Atlantic County for many years and has seen the removal of one of these trees, and he can assure you that it is a calamity and a menace to the public safety. There are three oak trees, however, growing in the center of Main street adjacent to the post-office building and one at the corner of May Avenue and Main street leading to the L. L. Lempke—that are presenting a dangerous menace to public safety, especially to the rapidly increasing automobile travel. It is a question whether the Township committee can be made to remove these trees, which are a menace to the public safety, and the proper maintenance of the highway at this point. This question should command the early attention of the Township authorities, inasmuch as it concerns the safety of the traveling public. Trusting that the matter will receive the speedy action it deserves, I subscribe myself, Respectfully Yours, S. A. May's Landing, N. J., March 10, 1909.

In the Churches.

The topic of discourse at the Presbyterian Church tomorrow morning will be "Christ Present in Heaven." This will be the fourth sermon in the series on "The Heavenly World." In the evening at 7:30, a warm-up service will be held at 7:30, Christian Endeavor meeting at 8:45. Topic, "What Are Our Rights and How are They Enforced?" Leader, Robert H. Abbott. Special music will be furnished by the Junior Choir. A cordial welcome will be given to all. Rev. Robert H. Abbott, Pastor.

Death Claims Old Resident.

John Schussler, aged seventy-eight years, died early Monday morning of paralysis after a lingering illness of several years' duration. Mr. Schussler was one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of this place, a man of sterling Christian character and until stricken by illness was an earnest worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Funeral services will be held at the First M. E. Church at 10:30 A. M. Sunday next at 12:30 P. M. Burial will be in the Union Cemetery. A wife and two sons survive, George W. Schussler, of this place and Milton H. Schussler, of Minneapolis, Minn.

MAY'S LANDING JOTTINGS

Paragraphs, Personal and Otherwise, Briefly Describing What Has Occurred in the Capitol of the County.

St. Patrick's Day Wednesday next. Now is the accepted time for planning Spring Improvements.

Arthur Cramer was a Jersey City visitor Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Robert Joslin is recovering from a threatened attack of pneumonia at his home in Gravelly Run.

The active endeavors of the Board of Trade to boost the municipality should be assisted by every resident. Miss Margaret Abbott has been confined to her home at Gravelly Run this week by an attack of grippe.

The Gravelly Run school was closed Wednesday owing to the illness of the teacher, Miss Evelyn Hixley.

The members of the Union Club will hold a St. Patrick's social in their club rooms next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Charles Woodbert, of Elmer, N. J., has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Ripe this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gifford and children, of Millville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Vannaman last week.

Naturalization Clerk Thomas C. Stewart will be the host at a Grand Opera party in Philadelphia this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard R. Somers, of Burlington, N. J., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sunday last.

The monthly meeting of the M. E. Society will be held next Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. Albert Smallwood.

Many residents will attend services in the First M. E. Church of Camden tomorrow to hear Bishop Wilson preach.

The monthly meeting of the Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. E. Izard.

Frederick John S. Risley attended the monthly meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Wednesday in Memorial Hall, Atlantic City.

David Marshgale has completed a contract with the A. T. C. of Egg Harbor City, to furnish ice to residents of this place next summer.

The flow from the new well at the water-works plant, while not equal in volume to the first well, is excellent and the water is absolutely pure.

Roads are drying up and will soon be in prime condition again. The large appropriation this year insures well maintained highways for Hamilton Township.

The many friends of William Barrett will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from the effects of his recent illness and is convalescing at the home of his sister, Mrs. Frank Bentley, of Millville.

The Rev. George W. Ribout, now pastor of the Wesley M. E. Church, of Trenton, formerly pastor of the local M. E. Church, will occupy the pulpit of the latter tomorrow, morning and evening.

With the advent of Spring the organization of a local base ball association will no doubt be effected. The national game has many enthusiasts here who look for a strong team here next summer.

The High School where are taking in all subjects in February will fulfill an endeavor to secure their teachers' certificates at the May examination.

"Safety" is a commendable pointing out the advisability of removing trees when they become a menace to public travel. His suggestions are worth reading and may lead to early action relative to the question.

Residents are eager to see the projected new road between this place and Tuckahoe completed at an early date, as it is much in demand. The route is in keeping with Governor Fort's recommendations for roads connecting the County Seats.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of a former May's Landing boy, Irving Fitch, to Miss Annie J. Peterson, of Sea Isle City. The ceremony will be held Monday, the 20th inst., at the residence of Mr. Charles Peterson at 12 o'clock noon.

Four adult students of Hamilton Township will endeavor to obtain their naturalization papers at the session of Naturalization Court before Judge E. A. Hughes Tuesday next. The would be citizens are Carl Goetz, Francesco Garofoli, Peter La Quilarm and Raphael Sorrentino.

Epidemics of Spring ailments are prevalent and many people are confined to their homes by grippa, sore-throat and similar illness. Too great precaution against taking cold cannot be taken at this season, when the varying temperature and damp atmosphere are especially favorable to sickness.

SWIFT JUSTICE LIKELY FOR NEGRO MURDERER

FATALITY SHOT WOMAN IN ATLANTIC CITY.

Attempted to Escape from Resort But was Captured by Detectives—Prisoner is Reticent—Cordner Will Hold Inquest.

Edith Ballard, colored, shot and fatally wounded by her admirer in Atlantic City Tuesday evening, died in the City Hospital Wednesday without regaining consciousness. Ernest Powell, the alleged murderer, is kept in the city jail and will be brought to the County Jail to await the action of the Grand Jury. He was captured Wednesday evening by Captain of Detectives Richard Whalen and James Malseed after endeavoring to escape from the city.

From what has been made public of the tragedy the shooting was caused by jealousy and a quarrel which resulted. Powell and the woman had been quarreling frequently preceding the murder and on one occasion he served a short sentence in jail for assaulting her. They lived together at intervals but at the time of the shooting had been separated. Powell became jealous of another man's attentions to her and it is thought that this was the immediate cause of the quarrel that led to her tragic death. He gained admission to her room Tuesday night and after a few words shot her with a revolver. Jumping from the rear of the house he made his escape, remaining hiding until he attempted to leave the city Wednesday at nightfall.

Coroner Emanuel Sontheimer swore in a jury Thursday consisting of Commissioner Harry Schneider, Carl M. Voelker, Councilman James W. Lane, Philip Mitten, John Beisel and John Crook. The jury viewed the remains of the murdered girl and the room where the shooting occurred. Inmates of the house arrested by the shots, rushed to the room and found the victim in a dying condition. Before losing consciousness she accused Ernest Powell of the shooting. The inquest will be held next week in order to give the police ample time to secure evidence against the prisoner, who is reticent as to the shooting.

The last Grand Jury has not yet adjourned finally and may be called together to return an indictment this month, in order that the negro may receive a speedy trial. Powell is said to have made statements to the police but their nature has not been divulged.

FARMERS' TRAIN WELCOMED. Cars Thronged at Every Station While Free Lectures Were Given.

Thousands of farmers thronged South and West Jersey received valuable instruction in scientific methods of agriculture this week, when a special farmers' train was run free by the Pennsylvania Railroad containing noted lecturers and members of the State Department of Agriculture. The trip lasted three days and during that time intense interest was displayed at every station. Farmers crowded the cars, which were fitted up with lecture rooms and eagerly listened to the lectures, embracing almost every topic connected with the tilling of the soil and stock breeding. Receiving emphasis. Professor K. C. Davis was the particular exponent. According to him, no one thing does so much toward improving soil as getting better drainage and the use of "cover crops." The latter are temporary crops to be used when the land would otherwise be bare. They are intended to be plowed into the soil at the beginning of the growing season as food for the main crop.

"The moisture that is most needed and that most generally gets away from the average farmer," he said, "is the moisture that falls in Fall and Winter. It is an absolute necessity for the success of next season's crops that moisture should be there the Summer following its fall. When you realize 300 tons of water are required for every ton of corn we raise, you can understand how we want all the water we can get. There isn't ever enough that falls in the growing season."

"What you must do is to borrow your soil repeatedly. By harrowing you mix the soil with the free moisture, and when it is so mixed it takes a longer time to dry out. It won't come unless plant roots draw it out. Harrowing will do more toward keeping soil moist than anything else, and the New Jersey farmer of this section particularly, has got to use it more if he wants to add hundreds of thousands of dollars to New Jersey's wealth."

Representing the State Agricultural College were Dr. Edward D. Voorhees, Edward Van Abt, K. C. Davis and M. A. Blake. Division Freight Agents W. W. Wimer, Jr., and William Coffin represented the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

This policy of co-operating in every possible way to build up farming sections has been augmented by furnishing fast preference freight service to those sections which develop their agricultural resources. What this has accomplished in New Jersey alone is shown in the past season. The estimated value of the produce shipped in July of 1908 was \$1,750,000, an increase over the previous year of \$748,000.

Tendered Birthday Surprise.

A birthday surprise party was tendered Dr. H. C. James by Mrs. James at their Winter residence last Saturday evening. The assembled guests, members of the Presbyterian Church, were gathered at the residence of Dr. James, who was the guest of honor. The evening was spent in the enjoyment of Irish songs and jokes served to entertain the guests until ten o'clock, when luncheon was served beneath emerald streamers on the banks of Lake Killarney, each guest assuming a typical Irish name.

The menu was as follows: Blue Points, Walrus, Roasted Irish Potatoes, Crab Salad, Coffee, Ice Cream, Fancy Cakes, Confections, Cigars for the men.

The luncheon was tastefully served and contributed largely to the pleasure of the evening. At a late hour the guests departed singing "Auld Lang Syne." Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. H. C. James, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shaner, Mrs. Denmead, Mrs. Edith Beach, Misses Marjorie Shaner, Irma James and Ellen Baker, Ira B. Smith.

Six convicts from Atlantic County now serving time in State Prison have entered application for pardon. Michael Raymond, sentenced to two years for commitment of the murder of John Buggie for which Joseph Labriola paid the life penalty and Mrs. Bugli is serving a ten year sentence is one of the applicants. The others are Crawford Dunsheath, Obadiah Gaines, Edward Williams and Dunlap Wolfe.

Card of Thanks.

The family of the late John Schussler desire to express their sincere appreciation for the many kindnesses shown by friends during the illness and following the death of husband and father.

Atlantic Lodge No. 50, I. O. O. F. meets every Friday evening in the Lodge Room over the Post-office.

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY

Happenings of Interest Transpiring in the Cities, Boroughs, Towns and Townships Told in Few Words.

Correspondents are requested to affix their signatures to all letters to "The Record," not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee for the Editor.

RISLEY. Mrs. Joshua Mitchell was a recent visitor in Ocean City. Mrs. N. J. Trout and son Godfrey were visitors at the County Seat Monday.

The organization of a strong ball association is being discussed by our young men. The public school is pushing out a successful year and many proficiencies will be made at the end of the term of those who have completed their course of study and passed a satisfactory examination.

Large vineyards are being planted on the outskirts of the town by New York people, who have been studying the soil several years and it is stated a large wine cellar will be built in the near future.

Fruit trees are in blossom in many protected places and farmers are preparing to sow the season's crops. Among the most prolific vegetables raised locally are sweet potatoes to which the soil is well adapted.

There is a large amount of waste land in this vicinity that could be converted into profitable fruit farms if the right methods of farming were used. The land is now covered with scrub oak and pine and is excellent soil for the cultivation of peaches and plums.

The project of erecting a textile mill here seems to have fallen through owing to lack of backing. Residents hope that the day is not far distant when a mill will be established here to give employment to their families. Work must be sought in other places which is not always convenient.

EGG HARBOR CITY.

Proprietor Rosech is making noted improvements to his hotel. Miss Annie Stroetman, of Atlantic City, has been visiting relatives in this city recently.

Council at a recent meeting decided to give several unemployed men work in repairing the highways of the city.

Several changes will occur in the city pastorate this Spring. The churches are in a general flourishing condition and the services are well attended.

Franz Hegenberg, one of the oldest pioneers of this part of the County, passed away Saturday morning last after an illness at the age of 88 years. The funeral occurred Tuesday and interment was made in a local cemetery.

Evidence of returning prosperity is given by the announcement that the Liberty Cut Glass Works are to enlarge their plant and employ some twenty men and boys. The works now employ 120 hands and pay out over \$300 a week in wages.

A funeral party was tendered Rev. George Reschke and family Tuesday evening, and many gifts were bestowed upon the worthy pastor and his wife, who have been exhorting workers in the Lutheran Church. A large number of prominent residents attended.

HAMMONTON.

A night watchman was placed on duty in the Reading tower Monday. The ladies of the First Baptist Church were the hosts of a social at the home of Mrs. Charles Luger.

Homer P. Saxton and family have left this city and will reside in Hollingswood. The W. T. T. held a meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Luger.

Mrs. L. Wetherbee and daughter Miss Blanche are spending a brief sojourn among relatives in Washington.

Mr. J. H. Price recently dug two parsnips from his farm measuring twenty-two and twenty-three inches in length.

The Rev. Allen Spidel has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist Church and occupied the pulpit Sunday last.

At the annual school meeting next Tuesday the Board of Education will ask \$10,000 to build a four room addition to Central Annex.

SENATE WILL END SESSION.

Passes Resolution to go home March 20—House Not Ready to Adjourn. The Senate passed a sine die adjournment for March 20 Wednesday, together with a resolution forbidding the introduction of any bills after March 15 unless by consent of both houses. The bill was sent to the House, where it will probably remain until some definite agreement on a date for final adjournment is arrived at. The Senate has cleaned its calendar.

Among the important events of the week was the production of a bill authorizing the coast counties to build the Ocean Boulevard at their own expense. The automobile bill extending the speed limit to 30 miles an hour was laid over until next week.

The bill requiring all hunters to secure a license before gunning in this State whether residents or not was introduced in the House Wednesday and a hearing will be held at a later date. The Fish and Game Commission is said to favor the bill but many sportsmen object to paying a license in their own State.

The House has taken no action as to adjournment but it is stated will probably end its session during the week ending March 27.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

RECENTLY RECORDED

ENTERED AT THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Brief Description of the Properties That Have Changed Hands and the Considerations as Shown in the Documents of Transfer.

Atlantic City. Edward C. Stowell et. ux. to Dora Welsh, 40 x 100 ft. west side North Carolina ave. 210 ft. south of Atlantic ave. \$1.

Ella F. Smith et. vir. to Elizabeth B. Nourse, 30x65.63 ft. west side Belmont ave. 310 ft. south of Pacific ave. \$7,500.

Elizabeth B. Nourse et. vir. to Ella F. Smith, 100x140 ft. east side Newport ave. 232 ft. north of Ventnor ave. \$3,000.

Percy E. Howard to George W. Kite, 25x30 ft. east side 8th ave. 230 ft. south of Ave. B. \$50.

Lida Somers to Thomas K. Wilson, 27x90 ft. north side Westminister ave. 118 ft. east of Kentucky ave. \$2,750.

J. Estel Evans et. ux. to Benjamin Rosenblatt, 8 ft. 9 in. x 324 ft. west side California ave. 302 ft. south of Pacific ave. \$1.

The Transil and Building Fund Society of Self Supporting Missions to Charles Singer, 30x50 ft. east side Arkansas ave. 110.5 ft. south of Baltic ave. \$862.50.

William W. Eldridge, Exr. to Charles Singer, described as above, 1-2 interest, \$862.50.

Longport Imp. Co. to William H. Schureh, Jr. Irreg. beginning at intersection of north side Atlantic ave. with east side 21st ave. \$1.

Ventnor Dev. Co. to Edmund H. Hichner, 25x30 ft. west side 8th ave. 200 ft. north of Ave. A. \$450.

Atlantic City and Chelsea Imp. Co. to Charles Seger, 50x50 ft. west side Ridgway ave. 90 ft. south of Atlantic ave. \$1.

St. Leonard's Land Co. to Elmer R. Ayres, 60x100 ft. north side Winchester ave. 65 ft. west of Somerset Place, \$2,400.

Charles T. Ferguson et. ux. to Ezra Lewine, 30x105 ft. southwest corner Arctic and Indiana aves. \$7,200.

Oscar S. Moyer et. ux. et. al. to Annie W. Bickley, lot No. 15 Thoroughfare ave. on plan of South Atlantic City, \$20.

Laura P. Crandall et. ux. to Edward G. Harris, Irreg. east side Maryland ave. 225 ft. south of Mediterranean ave. Irreg. east side Maryland ave. 275 ft. south of Mediterranean ave. \$1,150.

Edward G. Harris to Jarvis B. Griffin, described as above, \$3,000.

John C. Steelman et. ux. to Frank J. Curry, Irreg. northeast corner Trenton and Sunget aves. \$3,350.

Sea Side Land Co. to Hill Dredging Co. 75x90 ft. east side Hillside ave. 75 ft. north of Ventnor ave., 40x75 ft. east side Hillside ave. 244 ft. north of Ventnor ave.; 61x75 ft. west side Hillside ave. 275 ft. north of Ventnor ave. \$6,200.

Albert W. Porter et. al. to Henry Wiederhold, Irreg. west side Illinois ave. 250 ft. north of Pacific ave. \$9,000.

William H. Burkard, Exr. to Samuel Cantor, 75x80 ft. southwest corner Arctic ave. and Burkard Terrace, \$5,000.

son, 65x125 ft. northeast corner Atlantic and J. Randolph Adams et. ux. to Mary J. Kennedy, 50x50 ft. east side Florida ave. 150 ft. north of Pacific ave. \$5,200.

State of New Jersey to Frederick C. Lingg, Irreg. beginning in high water line of east shore of inside Thoroughfare where intersected by northeast side of Albany Terrace, \$17,188.

John D. Sanders to Borough of Longport, 40 x 150 ft. southwest side 31st ave. 145 ft. north-west of Pacific ave.; 40x150 ft. southwest side 31st ave. 225 ft. northwest of Pacific ave. \$50.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

Other Matters of Import to the Real Estate and Financial World Entered of Record at the County Clerk's Office.

Cancellation of Mortgages, Atlantic City. C. Stanley Grove et. ux. to Ventnor Dredging Co. 20x30 ft. north side Sunset Drive, 108 ft. east of Hartford Terrace, \$300.

Commonwealth Real Estate & Imp. Co. to William McLaughlin, 38x75 ft. west side Margaret Park 38 ft. north of Winchester ave. \$50.

Daniel B. Frazier et. ux. to Minnie Goldsmith, 38x75 ft. east side Hillside ave. 196 ft. north of Atlantic ave. \$2,500.

Emma L. Wilkham to Amanda D. Fleisher, 50x130 ft. west side Delaware ave. 890 ft. south of Pacific ave. \$16,000.

Wilbert S. Higbee et. ux. to Howard G. Harris, 34x125 ft. west side Morris ave. 125 ft. north of Arctic ave. \$900.

Sarah E. Martin et. vir. to Henry D. Moore, 100x100 ft. north side Caspian ave. 125 ft. west of Michigan ave. \$1,500.

Peter Majane to Augustus Bacharach, 21x115 ft. north side Baltic ave. 27 ft. east of Michigan ave. \$1,500.

Joseph Zuber et. ux. to William Kahn, 21x 115 ft. north side Baltic ave. 27 ft. east of Michigan ave. \$1,200.

C. Stanley Grove et. ux. to Ventnor Dredging Co. 20x30 ft. north side Sunset Drive, 134 ft. east of Hartford Terrace, \$300.

Franklin P. Stoy et. ux. to John F. Craig, 40x90 ft. north side Pacific ave. 60 ft. east of Maryland ave. \$1,000.

J. Pratt Cramer et. ux. to Augustus Cramer, Irreg. 100 ft. south of Pacific ave. and 175 ft. west of New Hampshire ave. \$3,000.

Premier Mfg. Co. to Esther W. Strawbridge et. al. Truss, Irreg. southwest corner Atlantic and Frankfort aves.; 14x20 ft. beginning in high water line Atlantic Ocean, where intersected by southwest side Frankfort ave. \$30,000.

Ventnor Finance Co. to Premier Mfg. Co. described as above, \$17,400.

John W. Parsons et. ux. to Thomas D. McDevitt, 21x100 ft. west side Massachusetts ave. 210 ft. north of Pacific ave. \$1,000.

Susan C. Seull to Jane W. Bartlett, 35x75 ft. east side South Carolina ave. 100 ft. south of Baltic ave. \$400.

Ventnor Light & Water Co. to Atlantic S. D. & T. Co. all the estate, real, personal and mixed of party of first part, situate in Atlantic County, \$20,000.

Frederick C. Lingg et. ux. to Atlantic City & B. Assn. lot No. 1 and part of lot No. 2 block 364 map of lots in Chelsea belonging to Ventnor Dredging Co. \$7,500.

Edward M. Sweeney et. ux. to John C. Reed, Trustee, north side Baltic ave. in line of land belonging to Chalkley S. Leeds, containing 92.2 acres; exception; all right etc. \$17,000.

Walter H. Caviller et. ux. to Henrietta Widenor, 48x75 ft. east side Delancy Place, 176 ft. north of Winchester ave. \$450.

Hammononton.

Rosena A. Luca et. vir. to James C. Snare, centre of Main Road 40 perches southeast of the intersection of Oak and Main Roads, containing 10 acres, \$250.

Joseph H. Garret to Margaret A. Macdonald, 100x150 ft. northwest corner Washington and Orchard sts. \$1,000.

James H. Garret to the estate of William H. Garret, 100x150 ft. square lot \$1,400.

Werner to Workingmen's L. & B. Assn. lots 6 and 7 on plan of Heston tract, \$1,500.

Annis Cook to Workingmen's L. & B. Assn. Irreg. west corner of 2nd and Pratt sts. \$1,000.

COURT DIRECTS VERDICT FOR SOOY OYSTER CO.

COUNSEL WON ON TECHNICAL PRINCIPLE.

Problem of Riparian Rights Still Unsolved—Sudden Termination of What Promised to be a Long Suit—Two Hundred Attend.

The long anticipated suit of the State against the Sooy Oyster Company was brought to a sudden termination Tuesday afternoon when Judge Allen B. Endicott directed a verdict in favor of the defendant after listening to the arguments of counsel several hours, leaving the oyster problem in this County still unsolved.

Two hundred baymen and oyster planters from all parts of the County were present to testify in the case, which if tried would probably have lasted two or three weeks.

Practically all the day was taken up with the arguments of the lawyers on technical questions, and upon their conclusion Judge Endicott directed the jury to return the following verdict: "We find the defendant not guilty of the trespass and ejectment laid to its charge."

The contention of the plaintiff was that the land so granted was natural seed beds for oysters and consequently prohibited from being granted to any individual or corporation, by the provisions of the statute governing the oyster industry. The plaintiffs endeavored to introduce testimony to prove that the land so granted was natural beds and by so doing to establish the deeds under which the defendant company hold the land should be declared void. The whole question turned upon the meaning of the statute as to what constitutes a natural seed bed. The statute of 1888 says that no natural seed beds shall be granted to any person but lawyers agree that natural seed beds are not defined by the law which says they shall not be granted.

The State will carry the case to the Supreme Court and if that should decide against it will bring an action in the Court of Chancery. The argument of counsel was a legal battle royal and scores of authorities and precedents were cited by either side to substantiate their claims.

The Sooy Oyster Company bought land in the Mullica River from the State Riparian Commission several years ago for \$1,400, the deed now being on record in the Clerk's office. Oyster planters refused to cease taking oysters from the beds, asserting that they were natural and therefore public property. The decision gives the Sooy Company full right to the use and possession of the beds.

The struck jury that rendered the verdict follows: Isreal Adams, Rev. Charles Sinkinson, John E. Izard, Lewis Risley, William L. Black, Albert Beyer, J. Estelle Evans, Charles Roesh, Harrison Thompson, George N. Beebe, Daniel Medina, George W. Newcomb.

The panel of twenty-four jurors drawn by Justice Trenchard

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MAY'S LANDING, N. J., SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1909.

In an address recently made before the State Teachers' Association Charles J. Baxter, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, lauded our system of public schools and pointed the way to further advance. "New Jersey's system of free public schools," he stated, "is justly rated as one of the best in the United States, and the reasons for this are made clearly apparent by an intelligent examination of the more important provisions of its school statute. Though it fails in adaptation to some of the varied conditions which exist throughout the State, it is nevertheless a collection of well-considered and properly related enactments, which are the outgrowth of long experience and careful observation. We have been singing forward by such leaps and bounds that it is almost necessary to stand aside and look at ourselves in order to realize where we are at! Our school appropriation has increased 120 per cent. in seven years." Mr. Baxter argued in behalf of more practical education in the public schools, mandatory medical inspection and industrial training. His recommendations were practical and if carried out will serve to greatly advance the efficiency of the public school system of New Jersey.

It will be a matter of general rejoicing if the members of the Township Committee succeed in finding out why the electric light service has been so poor recently and remedy the trouble. The lights have been generally dim and on several occasions have left the municipality or portions thereof in total darkness. The inadequacy of the service has been noticeable several months and is in strange contrast to the former efficiency of the system. It was thought when the County Jail circuit was taken off that the service would be improved, but the hope was short-lived, and it is noticeable that the current is as poor Sundays as weekdays when the amount consumed is much greater. The Township and the many residents who pay well for the electric lights are certainly entitled to much better service than has been received recently.

The State Fish and Game Commission is urging competent committee appointed for that purpose, asserting that much confusion exists by reason of the multitude of legislative enactments each year. The commission further asks for a wide distribution of the code in various languages, in order to prevent the destruction of insectivorous birds by foreigners ignorant of the law. The present laws have been printed in the Italian and Hungarian languages and charts distributed, but there are constant changes in our alien population and there should be plenty of this literature printed in other languages for distribution. A revision and codification of the present patchwork of game laws will meet with the commendation of true sportsmen.

The Board of Trade is waging the campaign for new industrial establishments with unabated vigor and with all the means at its command. Recognizing the urgent need for more factories in May's Landing the members are leaving no stone unturned to induce manufacturers to locate industries here, to give work to the unemployed and add to the general wealth of the community. They may not succeed immediately, but their persistent efforts are certain to bring ultimate results and redound to the good of the municipality. Every citizen, every business man and the various public organizations should lend all possible assistance to the project.

Automobiles are wearing roads away at a rate that presents a grave problem to road builders. The best gravel and macadam is disintegrated by the speeding machines, which are constantly increasing in number. But this is no reason why further good roads should not be built or why the automobile should be abolished. It is rather a new condition that must be faced, for which a remedy can and will be found. Expert road builders are experimenting and the day is close at hand when the problem will be solved. We must have the automobile and good roads are a necessity.

So far the Legislature has not accomplished much actual legislation, but progress has been made along many lines, especially in solving the financial difficulties of the commonwealth and investigation of various State affairs. Because a Legislature does not pass a multitude of laws it does not follow that the members are inactive. Successful legislation consists rather in a few judicious enactments than in many hastily made laws. The statute books are now full and to add thereto without actual necessity would be unwise.

A good example of what a corporation can do for the welfare of the people was shown recently, when a special train carrying State lecturers was sent through West Jersey to instruct farmers in modern methods of scientific agriculture. The run was highly successful, farmers thronging the cars at every stop. The railroad company is actuated by a view to the welfare of the farmers, and the public should evince just appreciation of what has been done to advance the agricultural interests of the State.

South Jersey has much waste land that could be converted into profitable farms by scientific agricultural methods. Much of the soil is impoverished and only needs proper fertilization to become prolific. Says the Camden Post-Telegram: "Some of our North Jersey contemporaries not as well informed as to South Jersey resources and products as they should be are wont to refer to this section of the State as a poor region, noted principally for its pine barrens and sand hills. They do not seem to realize that the richest farm and garden soil in the State is located in South Jersey and that its products of produce, fruit, berries, etc. are of great value. On the Pennsylvania system alone the value of produce shipped from South Jersey in July last was \$1,178,000. New York and Philadelphia depend very largely on South Jersey for fresh produce in the Summer. In recent years scientific methods of culture have been applied to the raising of truck with great success and with the widening of the market, due to improved train service given by the South Jersey railroads, the farmers of this section are more prosperous than at any period in the past thirty years. South Jersey is more than holding its own as an agricultural region."

Recent events in the aeronautical world have stirred the Trenton State Gazette to make the following comment: "How imperfect the so-called new airships or aeroplanes still are is clearly seen by the accidents, serious sometimes and less so at others, which are continually happening to them. They have sometimes made a descent more hurried than was desirable from a considerable height, and again, as one day last week, when just in the act of leaving the ground. The fact seems to be that when the physical conditions are all favorable, when none of the parts of the machine breaks or fails to do its work, when the air is undisturbed by storm or breeze, in short, when there is no mishap of any kind, these frail pieces of mechanism can be made to send along at low altitude for an hour or more; but how would the best one ever designed and constructed behave in a strong wind, not to say an actual storm? The difference between these two conditions is about the same as that which a man would encounter if he mounted a long-maned, flowing-tailed horse in a merry-go-round and an unbroken broncho from a cattle ranch. The first is of easy accomplishment; against the latter no horsemanship is available."

It is the general spirit of conservation existing throughout New Jersey that discourages extremists in excise matters. Radical reforms or changes in the fundamental law of the commonwealth are not apt to find many converts among the people of this State, who prefer to forge ahead along well tried lines. In spite of all the agitation over local option and other excise reforms it is not likely that the present law will be changed this year. The project that seems to find most favor, however, is that extending the high license idea which many assert is the only effective improvement that can be made to the existing system.

STATE PRESS COMMENT.

"The Ways and Means Committee of the House in Congress is reported to be preparing to present a tariff bill as soon as the special session begins, and assurance is said to have been given President Taft that it will keep the promise of the Republican party in the revision of the present duties. There are rumors about that the iron and steel schedules will be severely cut, with what effect on the wage-earners engaged in the industries remains to be developed. The cattle growers and meat packers of the West will be seriously affected, perhaps, by the placing the hides on the free list, but the shoe industry will be still more profitable for those engaged in it, however little the consumer will be benefited. The duty on raw wool, rumor has it, will be retained, in obedience to the clamor of the wool growers of the West, but all manufacturers of woolen goods will be short of protection and a wider door opened to goods marked 'made in Germany.' Wage earners employed in the textile trade will undoubtedly have to share with their fellow laborers in iron and steel in wage reduction. Accompanying these stories of cuts and reductions in the schedules of the tariff is the deduction of their authors that they are not meant to be adopted by Congress, and that an understanding exists between the legislative leaders in both houses by which the Senate will overrule the work of the House and compel a revision that will not strike so seriously at the principle of protection to home labor and capital. Of course all these rumors may be without foundation, for the members of the Ways and Means Committee have been remarkably discreet and have not given out an inkling as to their probable conclusion on any of the schedules passed upon. The bill reported by the committee is expected to be fair and impartial in every respect, but it is not doubted the minority will fight it with might and main."—*Camden Daily Courier*.

"There appears to be a nationwide feeling that, when the tariff schedules are revised in accordance with President Taft's ideas, the country will come into a long period of prosperity. No prosperity as great, perhaps, as that which marked the history of the country in the chair of William McKinley's second year in the presidential chair to the beginning of the year previous to the retirement of President Roosevelt from the White House; but it may be a better and safer prosperity, regulated by common sense and reasonable economy. The money makers and the money earners of the United States have learned a valuable lesson. If they haven't learned it, they have had an opportunity to and they ought to, and probably will, profit by past experiences."

"The remarkable financial vitality of this country was shown in the splendid resistance with which it withstood the shock that followed the troubles in Wall Street a little more than a year ago. The splendid record made by William H. Taft in various fields of activity warrants the belief that his administration will be one of conservation and good business judgment; but we should not forget that the president of the United States cannot accomplish all that he aims to accomplish without the assistance of the people whose chief executive representative he is, and his success is largely dependent upon the individual effort of the citizens to uphold his hands and approve his efforts when they are made in the direction of advancing national interests."

"President Taft faces conditions that call for courage, wisdom, self-reliance and a vast amount of mental energy. He possesses all of these attributes, and in his undertakings he deserves the encouragement and support of a broad and unswerving public sentiment."—*Trenton State Gazette*.

"We coincide on the prediction that it is only a question of time when a ship subsidy bill will be passed by both houses of Congress and be signed by the President. The postal subsidy bill came within a vote or two of passage at the close of the final session of the Sixtieth Congress and President Roosevelt would have been glad to have attached his signature to it. It was killed by the opposition of Representatives from the interior States. This was largely a narrow and selfish opposition. If it had been an appropriation for irrigation works, everyone of these votes would have been in the affirmative. The country needs more representatives of broad views, who in matters of this character will legislate for the benefit of the country as a whole."

"National interests require the building up of the American merchant marine. This in conjunction with the maintenance of the protective tariff can only be accomplished by a system of ship subsidy—both will permit American-built vessels to compete with foreign-built ships on the ocean highways."

"The money squandered by the government in the purchase of transports, yachts and other private craft in the Spanish war emergency would have paid a reasonable subscription to an American merchant marine for a number of years and these subsidized vessels would be at the command of the government when needed in an emergency."—*Camden Post-Telegram*.

POINTS OF INTEREST.

INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE FROM AFAR.

Places in Atlantic City and County Where Seekers After Pleasure May Find Entertainment of Every Kind.

The famous Atlantic City Oceanwalk along the ocean front from the Inlet to South Atlantic City, is seven miles long. Absecon Lighthouse, Pacific avenue, between Vermont and Illinois avenues. Visitors permitted to ascend the 167-foot tower on weekdays, and in fine weather only, from 10 a. m. until 12 m.

United States Life-Saving Station, on rear of Inlet house, South Vermont avenue, near Pacific. Open from August 1st to June 1st.

Post Office, Pacific and Pennsylvania avenues. Open weekdays from 8:30 a. m. to 10 p. m. Sundays from 11 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., and 4 to 5 p. m. There are nine sub-stations in Atlantic City.

United States Weather Bureau Station, 21 South Rhode Island avenue. Mammoth weather map, Oceanwalk and Pennsylvania avenues.

Municipal Life-Saving Service, beach patrol on city ocean front during the Summer season for protection of bathers. Three stations headquarters South Carolina avenue and Beach.

Pennsylvania Railroad Passenger Station, South Carolina avenue near Atlantic avenue.

Electric express trains between Atlantic City and Philadelphia, Atlantic and Tennessee avenues.

Reading Railroad Terminal, Atlantic avenue, between Arkansas and Missouri avenues.

County Seat of Atlantic County, May's Landing, on rear of Inlet house, South Vermont avenue, near Pacific.

Atlantic City Country Club, Northfield, Golf Links, 7 miles from Atlantic City. Eighteen holes, 5,900 yards.

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GUIDE FOR VISITORS.

THE NEWSPAPERS, BANKS AND TROLLEY SERVICE.

Principal Municipal Institutions of the City By the Sea Located for the Information of Patrons of the Resort.

City Hall, Atlantic and Tennessee avenues. "Atlantic City Daily Press," office, The Press, Atlantic and Pennsylvania avenues.

Walter E. Edge, Publisher. "Atlantic Review," office, Bartlett Building, Atlantic and North Carolina avenues, H. S. Wallace, Publisher.

"Atlantic City Evening Union," office, The Press, Atlantic and Pennsylvania avenues, Walter E. Edge, President; William R. Dill, Editor.

"Sunday Gazette," (Sunday), office, Alkazar, Atlantic and North Carolina avenues, William McLaughlin, Publisher.

Atlantic County Bar Library, Room 20, Real Estate and Law Building.

Adams Express Office, 1221 Atlantic avenue. Union Transfer Company offices, Atlantic and North Carolina avenues, and Reading Department.

United States Express Company offices, Atlantic and North Carolina avenues and 1106 Atlantic avenue.

West Jersey Express Office, North Carolina and Atlantic avenues.

Atlantic City National Bank, Atlantic and Pennsylvania avenues.

Atlantic Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Atlantic and New York avenues.

Chesapeake Bank, 133 Atlantic avenue. Guarantee Trust Co., Atlantic and North Carolina avenues.

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SIZES. SIZES.

Hunting With Dorothy.

By LITTELL McCLUNG.

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Dorothy was a sportswoman from the tip of her dainty pumps to the top of her aristocratic head. Never had Owen Compton met a girl in whom so many delightful qualities were blended.

That dashing creature known as "the athletic girl" he cordially disliked, holding that young women were intended primarily for cozy corners.

So, when introduced to Dorothy, he felt sure he would not like her a bit. Handsome she undoubtedly was, and, only, too, but with her queenliness Dorothy was vivacious herself. She could ride with the skill of a cowboy the wildest pony that ever leaped a fence. She could shoot like an expert and row like a university oarsman.

And after galloping early over the fields on one of her papa's most famous young horses she would come into the drawing room and, with sympathetic touch, play a score of old-time melodies surcharged with sentiment.

Before many moons Owen discovered that with all her athletic propensities Dorothy was as tender natured and as warm hearted as any girl who breathed the breeze.

The result was inevitable.

Therefore when Dorothy looked up from the piano, a coquettish light in her dark eyes, and asked, "Owen, when are you coming out to shoot partridges with me?" Owen replied that next morning would find him ready with cartridges and gun.

He appeared by sunrise, and Dorothy was awaiting him with her own favorite setter and her own brightly polished little shotgun. In hunting boots, short skirt and a brown jacket, whose large collar fell back over her shoulders, disclosing her round, white throat, she was a veritable vision of the forest.

"As I live, but you do look stunning!" was Owen's comment as he gave her a rapid survey. "Another Diana ready for the hunt, but whether it be birds or hearts it's hard to say!"

She laughed merrily.

"The former, of course, sir," she declared. "At evening with moonlight setting, you know, is the proper time for wounding hearts. This morning in the bright sunshine partridges are to be our only consideration. Please remember this!"

"Agreed," he said, his eye flashing back the challenge. "Let's strike out. Look, your dog is just crazy to be off!"

Then down the long slope they went and out into the fields. The autumn sun was a dull, golden disk that seemed to cast color over the leaves and the ruddy fruit. As they made their way through an orchard Owen stopped and, throwing a stick up into the boughs, brought down several fine apples.

With evident relish Dorothy set her sharp teeth into one of the largest of these. The appeal of the picture was too much for Owen, and he began to quote something about the drowsy whiffs that fanned "a heart ripe as the apples grown in orchard lands of long ago."

She stopped him with a disapproving glance. "Do you remember what we started out to do?" she asked.

"Yes, to shoot birds, not to talk sentiment!"

"I nodded, and they pushed out into the open fields again. The setter, a hundred yards ahead, was already standing a covey of partridges. They hurried up close.

"Ready?" he asked, raising his gun.

"Ready," she answered. "You take those on the left; I'll look after those that fly up on the right."

Burr-burr-burr, and a dozen partridges rose obliquely and sailed over the fields.

Bang, bang, spoke Dorothy's gun. Bang, bang, echoed his.

Two birds dropped, one in line of Owen's fire, the other over to the right.

"Honors are even!" cried Dorothy. "It's a hit and a miss for each of us."

He sprang forward, and as the dog brought up the dead birds he dropped them into the sack he carried. Suddenly a hundred feet in front of him a partridge that had become separated from the others ran out of the grass and fluttered off toward a clump of bushes on the hillside.

He lifted his gun to his shoulder and pulled both triggers, but the bird continued its flight. Then behind him flashed Dorothy's gun, and the partridge dropped like a spent rocket.

At the same moment a sharp, stinging pain ran through Owen's left hand. Instinctively he jerked it up. It was covered with blood.

His face grew pale, for he thought that a good part of the leaden load had struck him. He raised his arm, and the blood ran down in a tiny rivulet over his wrist. With his right hand he reached for his handkerchief to stop the crimson flow. He was conscious that the girl was running up to him.

"Good heavens!" she gasped, her face white as chalk as she saw the blood. "I've shot you, Owen!"

at the spring she became alert. Removing the handkerchief from Owen's hand, she soaked it in the water and then bathed the wound thoroughly.

The blood had ceased to flow, and there was little pain. In fact, the cool water and the pressure of her hands were decidedly pleasant.

Then she wrung the water out of the handkerchief and tied it neatly around his fingers. "Now, when we get to the house a little listerine and a new bandage will complete the operation," she said.

The strain over, she sank down weakly on one of the large stones near the stream. In a second he was all apprehension.

"Why, what's the matter, Dorothy?" he asked. "Positively you look ill!"

"Oh, it's nothing," she replied brokenly. "Only I'm so very, very glad you were not badly hurt. The reaction has made me a little weak, that's all."

"My dear Dorothy," he said, taking both her hands in his uninjured one, "maybe it is more serious than you think."

"Oh, no, it can't be dangerous!" she exclaimed in sudden alarm. "The bleeding has stopped, hasn't it?"

"Oh, my hand's all right," he replied, "but I fear that's not the only wound you've inflicted."

Sudden terror shone in her eyes. "Oh, heaven, dear, surely no other shot struck you? Tell me—tell me they didn't!"

She was quivering with apprehension.

"Well, I don't know whether it was a bullet or not," he answered, "but I feel that I have been struck, and fatally—right here!" And he put his uninjured hand over his life side and smiled at Dorothy significantly.

She caught his meaning on the instant.

"Are you sure, Owen, that the shot struck home?" she queried encouragingly.

"Dead sure of it, my dear girl," he answered.

"And what are you going to do about it?"

"There's only one thing I can do," he said—"ask you to try to heal the heart wound as you did the other. Will you, dear?"

But there was no verbal reply—none was needed.

"So it was hearts, after all, that my modern Diana hunt hunting for?" he asked on his way home.

"It looks that way," she said, laughing up at him.

That Settled It.

For years Mr. Clerkley had eaten his frugal but nourishing luncheon in a little restaurant half a block north from his office. He was an easily satisfied person, and what he ordered seemed always to suit him to perfection. The waitresses never knew him to complain.

But one day things went wrong. The butter was rancid and the bread so moist that Mr. Clerkley, who had decided ideas about hygiene, would not eat it. He did his best and left the table early.

The next day the same thing occurred, and the day after there was no improvement. He called the waitress to him.

"May I see the proprietor, please?" he inquired.

The girl disappeared for a minute and returned with the news that the proprietor was out.

The following day as well as the one after there was no improvement in the food and no sign of the proprietor. Mr. Clerkley made up his mind to seek another restaurant. He decided, however, to give them a chance and on Saturday at luncheon again asked for the owner of the place.

"He's gone out," was the reply.

Mr. Clerkley became bold.

"This is ridiculous," he exclaimed. "I come here at noon every day, and every day he is out. Where is he anyway?"

"We expect him back any minute," said the girl. "He has just stepped out to get his lunch."

Stage Villains.

Why is it that all stage villains have black hair and dark eyes? There is surely some reason for this and for the resultant association in the popular mind of villainy and swarthy features. Possibly it will be traced back to some bogey man of folklore in the cradle days of the race. But, whatever the cause, the idea is deeply rooted in English stage literature that villains always must have dark complexions. A villain with yellow hair and blue or gray eyes, if introduced by some daring dramatic lionel, would be presumably booed off the stage. If we look back over Chicago's criminal history we will find that the villains of real life seem to fly in the face of this immemorial melodramatic tradition. The city's murderers, the criminals who have been headed to prison and the men who have been hanged have had a strong numerical leaning to the blond type. That nine out of ten of the men who have danced on air at a rope's end in the Chicago jail had gray or blue eyes is a fact of common knowledge to jail employees. A visit to Joliet, Chester and Pontiac will convince the curious that Illinois penitentiaries are filled with gray and blue eyes.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Even Now.

"Say, old chap, lend me a dollar, will you?"

After complying the lender suddenly has his memory refreshed.

"Look here," he declared to the borrower the next moment. "Come to think of it, I lent you a dollar over a year ago and you never returned it!"

"That was odd."

"What was odd?"

"Dollar No. 1."

"What of it?"

"Well, this is dollar No. 2; that makes it even. Savvy?"

Sam—What's de matter with you and Chow? Susan—Matter 'nough. She insulted my friend, Mr. Jackson, what called on me las' night. Sam—Insulted Mr. Jackson, did she? Susan—Dat's what she done. She asked me who dat 'ere nocturnal visitor was—Yonkers Statesman.

Natural Gas And Miranda.

By MARY ALDINE

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Mr. Samuel Perkins, assisted by two Italians, all with their coats and vests off and perspiring profusely, was boring an artesian well on his farm.

Suddenly the drill was forced out of the ground. There followed a great puff of vapor that had the odor of bad eggs and sulphur mixed together. Mr. Perkins had struck a natural gas well.

A month later Mrs. Perkins was saying to him:

"Samuel, remember that we spell our name P-a-r-k-i-n-s; also that a month hence we sail for Europe. We've got money, and we've got a daughter Miranda. We are going to give her a chance."

"A chance for what?" asked the husband, who was trying to get used to wearing a collar and a coat around the house.

"To get polished up and to marry some one worthy of her. You needn't sit there thinking that a few weeks ago Miranda was hanging out the clothes. We've struck natural gas, and that makes a difference. We sail in four weeks."

"I did kinder think we might go to Niagara Falls for a week or so," began Samuel as he rubbed his chin.

"What's Niagara Falls to people with money? What are they to Miranda? Samuel Perkins, can't you realize that you struck gas?"

"I know I did."

"We are climbing for the top of the ladder. We can't be kept down. Haven't you got it through your head yet? It's Europe and polish. It's Europe and a husband for Miranda. If them Chicago butchers can take their daughters to Europe and marry them off to lords and dukes, why can't we?"

"Isn't natural gas just as high toned as pork chops? You keep a coat on and your shoes black and get used to looking like somebody and leave the rest to me."

Mr. Perkins would rather have sat on the steps of the village and related for the five hundredth time what his emotions were when he struck gas, but he was dragged off to Europe.

Miranda betrayed a surprising lack of interest, but Mrs. Perkins did the thing with all her might. She had native wit and observation. By sitting in a corner most of the time and having as little as possible to say to the husband and father made out after a fashion.

In due time he even became interested in things. He became so interested that one evening after they had been in London for a fortnight he asked his wife:

"Mary, are we hitting the pike all right?"

"Hitting the pike?" she repeated in scornful tones. "Samuel, cut the pike and other things out. Miranda and me are watching ourselves every minute, and you want to do the same. Don't you leave the spoon in the cup when you drink your coffee, and don't tuck your table napkin clear up under your ears. If you spoil Miranda's chances I'll never forgive you."

"But what I want to know is has any fellow come around yet?" persisted the husband.

"No, not exactly. But I've noticed different fellows looking at her and other things. You leave that part of it to us, and you tend to yours. Whenever you can, you just drop in a word about natural gas and millions."

"Oh, I won't spoil nobody's chances. I didn't want to come at first, but now that I've got over here I rather like it. Makes a fellow feel as if he was somebody to have a boy ready at every turn to brush off his coat."

"I guess I'd be proud to have a lord or a duke for a son-in-law. That's Miranda's lowest dignitary, isn't it? He hasn't come over here and then take up with no haysed?"

It was Paris after four weeks in London, and there was a continual improvement in the family. Miranda and her mother picked up as much as one French word a day, and the husband and father left his fears behind him and assumed a little swagger and a patronizing air that sat well on him.

He had struck natural gas at home simply by accident. He reasoned that he might strike a husband for Miranda abroad in the same way. Therefore, whenever he came across any one who would listen to him and who could speak English he introduced gas wells into the conversation.

It was always in the plural. It was never one gas well, but half a dozen. He also tried his best to make the head waiter understand the gas question, and if he did not succeed entirely he at least elicited the exclamation:

"Gas from the ground, mon dieu! And each well \$1,000,000! How you must suffer with so much money!"

"Yes, a heap of suffering, but I grit my teeth and stand it."

When Mrs. Perkins announced that they were to leave Paris for a resort in the Alps, Mr. Perkins had his opportunity to ask:

"Any feller in sight yet?"

"Samuel, hadn't you got no polish in these last two months?" demanded the wife.

"Of course I have."

"Then show some of it. No gentleman would speak in that brutal manner. I'm glad Miranda was not here."

"Well, has any lord or duke been making up to her?"

"Making up? Making up! Humph! Mr. Perkins, are you in Europe or Texas? My daughter Miranda cannot be made up to. I catch your meaning, however, and in order that you may not use any more such expressions let me say that I'm not worrying."

"You mean?"

"I mean that we are going to Switzerland to stop for a month or more at the same hotel with a lord."

"By George, but you don't mean it!" exclaimed the husband. "How in thunder did you bring it about?"

"Samuel!"

"Yes, but that's a cute trick of yours. You'll have him panned right up."

"Samuel Perkins!" cried the wife as she flushed up.

"Oh, well, I won't say nothing more. You'n Miranda go right ahead, and I'll back you with natural gas enough to run all France. I guess it hadn't for me to mix in."

Just how Mrs. Perkins located the lord doesn't matter. For a five franc piece Parisian chambermaids have been known to locate a whole duke. He wasn't registered as a lord, but that wasn't expected. He would be in—Mr. Perkins took it that any of the forty men around the hotel might be his lordship, but the wife, with the keener intuition of her sex, spotted the right man within twenty-four hours.

Then Mr. Perkins came to the front like a man. He introduced himself to the victim and talked of America and his wells and dollars. There was enthusiasm in his voice as he talked of the gas that would continue to pour out of the earth for centuries to come, and he worked up considerable paths over the admission that he hadn't enough wells to supply over half the United States. Mr. Perkins had done his full share. The rest devolved upon other shoulders.

A day or two later his lordship strolled up a mountain path by himself. A little later Mrs. Perkins and Miranda strolled up the same path. His lordship was overtaken just in time to rescue Miranda from walking on an overhanging rock that would have surely given way with her weight and dropped her into the valley a mile below.

The half fainting girl and the shattered mother were assisted down the path to the hotel, and Mr. Perkins found them in bed to recover from the shock. He heard the story and then rushed downstairs. When he appeared half an hour later there was a bland smile on his face, and he was rubbing his hands.

"Mr. Perkins, what have you done?" asked the wife as she sat up in bed. "Have you been saying anything to his lordship?"

"Now, don't you folks get into a sweat about me," replied Mr. Perkins. "What I haven't polished up quite as fast as you have over here, but I know when to do the right thing for all that."

"And you've seen the lord?"

"I have."

"And talked with him?"

"For sure. Yes, sir—had quite a talk with him."

"Samuel Perkins, what did you say?" asked the wife as she sat up in bed. "Have you been saying anything to his lordship?"

"What should I say under the circumstances? I thanked him from the bottom of my heart for saving Miranda's life. You don't think I spoke about the weather, do you?"

"And what else, Samuel?"

"What else, pa?"

"I offered him \$25 in cold cash."

Two shrieks shrieked out in chorus, and two females went into mild hysterics. Only Miranda was suspiciously like a laughing, while her mother's was the real thing. It was a long minute that Mr. Perkins stood there, hands in pockets and wondering what had happened. Then his wife forced back her emotions and faintly asked:

"And—and—what?"

"And he took it and said, 'Thank ye.'"

Two days later as they sat in the train bound for home Mr. Perkins noticed a tear, stealing down Mrs. Perkins' cheek. He turned to her and asked:

"Ain't you feeling chipper today?"

"Ain't feeling chipper. How could I feel chipper?" exclaimed Mrs. Perkins in fierce tones.

"Dunno, but you mustn't blame me. I didn't know that he was a lord that went about saving human lives for cash on the nail! And, anyway, Miranda kin marry Joshua Rawlins to home. He writes to me that he's going to give up farming because he's struck gas too."

And Miranda squeezed his hand and whispered, "You do everything just right, pa."

The Facetious Suburbanite.

The second story man had climbed into the front window of the facetious suburbanite's villa and was engaged in rifling the latter's pockets of such random possessions as were to be found therein.

"Ah, good evening, my friend," said the facetious suburbanite from the depths of his bedchamber. "Aren't you working overtime?"

"We can't help it in our business, governor," replied the burglar. "We ain't got no regularly organized hours of work. It's to do while you can with us, day and night."

"That's a shame!" said the facetious suburbanite. "You ought to get together and form a burglars' union for your own protection."

"We ain't a trade," retorted the burglar scornfully. "We're an industry."

"Then you should be incorporated into the steel trust," said the facetious suburbanite.

Whereupon the midnight marauder laughed so long and loud that he was overheard by the policeman on the corner, who, recognizing the laugh, immediately fled to a place of safety—Judge.

Jack Tar and the Actor.

A famous Irish actor of the eighteenth century named John Moody early in life, before he went on the stage, had been to Jamaica and worked his passage home as a sailor before the mast. One night some time after he had been engaged at Drury Lane when he was acting Stephano in "The Tempest" a sailor in the front row of the pit got up and, standing upon the seat, hallooed out, "What cheer, Jack Moody—what cheer, messmate?"

This unexpected address rather astonished the audience. Moody, however, stepped forward and, recognizing the man, called out: "Tom Hullett, keep your jawing-tacks aboard. Don't disturb the crew and passengers. When the show is over make sail for the stage door, and we'll finish the evening over a jug of punch. But till then, Tom, keep your locker shut." Moody, it is related, was as good as his word.

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