

MISSED BEING A MILLIONAIRE.

A Pennsylvania Man Who Lives to Regret a Lost Golden Opportunity.

General John A. Wiley, of Franklin, Pa., says the News of that place, rises up now and then in the middle of the night and kicks himself when he thinks how near he once came to being a millionaire. It was through no fault of his own that his plans miscarried, but all on account of a trusted party failing to carry out instructions. It happened about ten years ago, on a trip with a friend through the Southwest, when the mining fever was at its height. They were at Tucson, A. T., where prospectors were as thick as Democrats in Texas, and had talked to some of them who had "the best thing in the world" for sale. Finally a man put in an appearance who said he was positive that he had a big thing; that he had two claims, sixty miles from there, in which was a rich deposit of copper that would assay seventy-five dollars in silver to the ton; that there was a hog-backed mountain on the claims which he had tapped in a straight line in four different places and struck copper each time.

The man's talk had the true ring, but, like most of the prospectors, he was without money. He had a fine gold watch and this he put up to guarantee the expenses of the two days' journey by wagon in case the property was not what he claimed. They paid his expenses at the hotel and the next morning started on the trip. Arriving there they found every thing to be as he had represented and arranged to buy the two claims outright for the sum of \$8,000, the General agreeing to take a quarter interest for himself. They had traveling with them a young man in whom they had confidence, and to him they entrusted the details of the arrangement, as they wished to proceed home and had found means of returning to Tucson at once. So the agreement was drawn up, and the young man and the prospector were to go to Tombstone, eighty miles in an opposite direction, where the money had been deposited subject to the young man's check, with positive instructions for him to pay the money and close the deal.

The General and his companion arrived home, but three weeks having passed by and the letter they longed for not having come, they telegraphed their agent to ascertain the cause of his delay in forwarding the papers. He answered that he had sent a letter. When it came they learned from its contents that he had not settled the matter, having come to the conclusion that it was best, in his judgment, not to purchase the claims. And this, too, from a man who had received positive instructions to close the deal.

Well, shortly afterward an agent of Flood and Mackey came along, gave the poor prospector a cool \$100,000 and the retention of a one-eighth interest for his claims, and entered into an agreement with the millionaire to work the mine on a certain percentage. The company was stocked for \$12,000,000. So you see the General's one-fourth interest would have stood him \$3,000,000. The Copper Queen is still a great mine, while it is said that the agent who took the contract of working the same has pulled out as high as \$60,000 in one month for his percentage.

The Hour When Death Occurs.

From a study of fifteen thousand cases, extending over a period of twelve years, Dr. J. F. Burns states in the New York Medical Journal that death occurs seemingly without any particular predilection for any certain hour and that the number of deaths for each hour is very evenly proportioned, considering the large number of cases taken and the time covered. The only very positive conclusions the author has formed from the figures are (1) that the idea that more deaths take place in the early morning hours is an erroneous one; (2) if stimulants are to be pushed in disease during these hours the practice must be justified upon some other ground than to avert the possibility of danger supposed to be very probable at this period; (3) that the vitality of an individual in disease is not regulated by the same influences or subject to the same laws that govern the vitality of a healthy human being, the normal equilibrium maintained in health between the mental and physical states being altered.

That Mysterious Gulf Stream.

For years and years the absorptive mind of man has taken the Gulf stream as an easy explanation of the vagaries of the weather. That mysterious current has created cyclones; it has backed up the winds to the Rocky mountains and organized tornadoes; it has warmed Europe, and its recent shifting has changed the climate of this land of ours. These were the theories with which we pleasantly and ignorantly removed our meteorological difficulties. In the beautiful maps of our physical geographies we saw the Gulf stream circling around the body of water from which it takes its name, running in a well-marked body to the northward and stretching out its kindly arms toward the United Kingdom. But now Mr. J. W. Pedway tells in the Forum that there is no truth in it at all; that the Gulf stream never gets into the Gulf; that while very little is known about it anyway, it is definitely ascertained that it does not go to Europe or anywhere near it.

The Wrong Couple.

An Ellaville (Ga.) minister of the gospel had a rather funny bit of experience not long since, though he did not enjoy it much at the time. He was called out in the country to tie a matrimonial knot. When all was ready he stepped out into the middle of the floor to await the coming of the bride and groom. There was no music or extra display. One couple marched in and took position on the left, and another followed and took position by the side of the first. Then followed another couple who halted a little to the right. Not being acquainted with them, the minister, thinking the last couple were the candidates for matrimony, turned and had them about half married before the little lady, who stood blushing, squirming and choking, exclaimed: "We ain't the marrying ones, it's that other couple over there."

FROM THE COUNTY SEAT.

Epitome of the Week's Events at the Seat of County Affairs.

Joe Goggles, the Irrepressible, Special News and Society Reporter.

The Bret Hart club languishes.

Dr. Eskey says he has come back to stay.

Indianola narrowly escaped a blaze last week.

Bartleyites swarm our streets almost every day.

Deputy Treasurer Ballew is in town every day.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Eskey arrived home Tuesday.

A special pension agent is doing the city this week.

Charley Scour has postponed his trip to the mountains.

The aid coming to this point is decreasing in volume.

Dave Killiber is talking of going down to New Mexico.

County Attorney Dodge is in the city for the past few days.

Hon. J. W. Dolan is sojourning in the state capital at present.

Young peoples' meeting at the M.E. Church every day this week.

The members of the Indianola gun club now go out and shoot at a mark.

Judge Cochran came down to attend the funeral services of M. B. Brown.

Ex-commissioner Bennett is in town this week urging forward his contest case.

We have heard it hinted that there are great things in store for Indianola this year.

Some discouraging reports have reached this inland city from the Denver colony.

John J. Lamburn has set in on his tenth year as cashier of the First National Bank.

Rev. Jacob Long found his way to into the capital city of Red Willow county, Tuesday.

A. McCarmie, collecting agent, has been making this city his headquarters for the past week.

E. Peterman expects to leave this particular spot of God's moral vineyard in about a month.

Our real estate men Rand and Cramer are preparing to do some business in their line before long.

It is reported that C. H. Russell will go on the road as traveling salesman for an implement house.

Bert Briggie is back from the Black Hills country. Bert says that he was within a few miles of the Indians.

We have been told by a prominent alliance man that the Representative from this county has an annual pass.

Rev. I. N. Clover, a pulpit orator living within the corporate limits of Bartley, was looking over our ocher field on the 14th inst.

The directors of the Great Western Watch Company and the Red Willow County Co-operative Association have organized a mutual admiration society.

S. R. Smith, attorney in the county seat contest, will appeal from the allowance of \$200 fee. Mr. Smith claims that his expenses were \$75 and that he worked fifty days in the case.

Banker Quick says that whatever laws the farmers may enact that will be beneficial to them will also help him. So he is not at all worried about what the alliance people may do at Lincoln this winter.

Judge Harlow W. Keyes, our dignified county judge, has returned from Lincoln where he has been several days watching our state circus; at the same time he was admitted to practice before the state supreme court.

The funeral sermon of M. B. Brown who died at his home on Red Willow creek, Monday, was preached in the M. E. Church, Tuesday, by Rev. J. T. Roberts, and was largely attended by the F. A. R.; A. O. U. and the I. O. O. F.; Mr. Brown being a member of each of these lodges in this city.

Rev. Taylor was in the capitol of Red Willow county on the 14 inst. for the sole purpose of putting a stop to the editor of the "Bartley-Long-Felt-Want." The Rev. had blood in his eye so to speak, and Bro. Carpenter is likely to meet a warm reception upon his return from Lincoln. The talented edit-

or of the above named manual will soon know whether he is an editor or lawyer or either.

Some time ago one of P. D. Armstrong's boys, a lad of fifteen years of age, on being twitted with the fact that his father was in some measure dependent on charity; boarded a freight train, and for two weeks was not heard from; when his parents received a letter from him stating that he was in Iowa working getting fifty cents a day; and now the two younger boys aged 12 and 13 have managed to get to the same town, without money or aid of friends.

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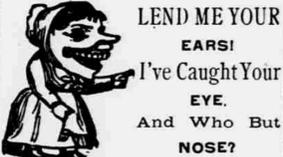
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