HUNTING AN AEROLITE.

PROF. EMERICK'S LONG SEARCH FOR A FALLEN METEOR.

The Professor's Accidental Success—An Interesting Story from Pennsylvania—The Composition of the Visitor, from the Skies.

The finding of the great aerolite which was seen by many persons in Independence township, Washington County, Pa., on the night of Sept. 14, is told at length by the Pittsburg Dispatch. About a month after the aerolite was seen and was said to have fallen, Prof. Jonathan Emerick of William and Mary College began searching for it. His search led him into Butler County, then into Allegheny, and, although he decided that if the stone fell anywhere it must have been near Claysville, he examined very minutely all that region of country lying contiguous to Claysville, extending his researches north and south of that point for about six miles, and also spent some time in wandering through that part of West Virginia lying adjacent to Washington County. On the 15th of this month the savant was rewarded by finding the huge stone on the farm of Mr. Frederick Miller, about two miles north of Claysville. It was lying at the base of a high hill, which is heavily timbered with oak, and was deeply imbedded in the soil and almost concealed from view by the dead leaves the wind had blown over it. The discovery was only an accidental occurrence. The Professor, being well acquainted with the geological strata of Western Pennsylvania, was engaged in locating a well for the Claysville Oil Company, and in the discharge of this duty stumbled upon the spot where the immense aerolite lay. It required three men several days to unearth the monster. It had penetrated the earth until it came in contact with a stratum of limestone, when this sudden check of its fearful velocity caused it to break into many pieces of all sizes and shapes, yet when the earth was removed from around it, it still preserved its original shape, so that the Professor was enabled to have a photograph made of it, and it only fell to pieces when the specimen hunters tackled it.

Professor Emerick states that there are only eighteen well-authenticated cases in which aerolites have fallen in the United States during the last sixty years. Besides these there are 261 the date of whose fall is reasonably well determined. The are also 74 instances of aerolites in which the date of fall is not given authoritatively. Add to these 86 masses, which, from their peculiar composition, are believed to be aerolites, though the date of their fall is not ascertainable, and we find the entire number of aerolites which have fallen to be about 430. Prof. Emerick says this stone will weigh perhaps 200 tons, being considerably heavier than the aggregate weight of all which have heretofore fallen. On an analysis it was ascertained that there was in its composition chromium, nickel, aluminium, copper, magnesium, tin and other metal and metalloids.

It contained 87 per cent. of iron which may be readily worked. This indicates that the stone is not of terrestrial origin, for while iron ores are abundant in nature, iron in the metallic state is exceedingly rare. It also contains in a small quantity a substance called schreiberite, a composition which has never been found except in aerolites. Its specific gravity is 7.412, about twice that of the Gurnsey, O., aerolite, which fell on May 1, 1860. The elevation of the aerolite was computed to be about 52 miles above the earth's surface, and its path was nearly horizontal. The length of its visible path was about 150 miles, and it moved from northeast to southwest. The time of its flight was estimated between 5 and 10 seconds, indicating a velocity of not less than 15 or 20 miles per second.

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HOW A LUMBER KING DIED.

Baptized on His Deathbed, He Preached to His Men Until They Cried.

From the New York Sun.

DUBOIS, Pa., May 19.—The circumstances surrounding the death of John Dubois, the father and patron of this town, were very pathetic, and have left a deep impression on the community. Although not an infidel, he had lived a careless life. He seldom went to church, preferring to spend Sunday walking about his mills or his fine farm of 1000 acres. For a year or more, however, his mind had been strongly inclined to religious matters. He did not go to the preachers with his perplexities. He read his Bible and consulted with his lawyer about it. His lawyer was the Hon. George A. Jenks, who has just resigned the Assistant Secretaryship of the Interior in order to keep a promise to Mr. Dubois that he would take the place of the latter as confidential adviser to a young nephew who gets the vast estate.

A few days before his death Mr. Dubois sent for the Rev. Mr. Bell, and, after a long conversation with him, he was baptized and received into the Presbyterian Church. He immediately sent for the heads of all the departments in his works and as many of the men as could crowd into the sick room, to the number of about fifty. When they were gathered he gave them such an exhortation as had never been heard before in all this region. He told them he was dying, and that if he had been well assured of his eternal welfare a week before he would not have been living to talk to them. He could not let go life, he said, until he got that question settled, and he urged them not to put it off as he had done. He was willing now to die, but if it was the will of Providence that he should live one year longer, he would not wish to take up his affairs again. He would put in every day, he said, going about the mills telling his men the great truth that he had at length found out, and trying to undo some of the evil his example had wrought in his long lifetime.

His voice and brain were strong, although his body was wasted almost to a skeleton and he could scarcely sit up in bed propped with pillows. The men had worked for him —some ten, some twenty, some thirty years. They were rough, grizzly fellows from the logging camps and the mills, but there was not a dry cheek in the room as he talked to them and called them by name and bid them good-by. Three days after he died. He was buried on his own farm at a short distance back of the house where he lived. He picked out the spot himself. It is on the top of a gentle sloping hill, and overlooks his mills and the town that he built. For the three days between his death and his funeral all hands in the town were as idle as his own. Not a wheel turned in any of the mills. Nobody did any business in the stores. Three thousand people looked at him in his coffin and walked behind it to the grave.

Although his works were divided up into different departments, each under its responsible head, he knew all of the 800 men who worked for him, and always spoke to them as courteously as if they were all millionaries as well a[s] ... Some years ago ... lumber fell ... works ... in

ures they had brought him, but made no decision. The next day he summoned them to meet him again, and said:

"This will not do. I have examined the books at the store, and find that it takes about all these men earn to buy necessaries for themselves and their families. If we must reduce wages I will begin with you, who are better paid. Say no more about it; I guess I can stand a loss better than the men can a reduction."

—Adam Walker, of Tavistock, Ontario, writes, in February, 1868, that after trying many cough and lung remedies for a severe cold which he has suffered with for three years, he procured Allen's Lung Balsam and was being much benefited by it. In a letter still later, he said his night sweats were all gone and he was rapidly recovering—his appetite was much better and he felt like a new man. 36

A Picture of Herr Most.

From the Cleveland Leader.

The pictures of Herr Most which are being published by the papers do not represent him. In them he appears to be a fair looking man. He is in reality as ugly as sin, and his frame is as badly joined as was that of Caliban. I saw him here two years ago. His face is twisted about so that one half of it seems to be trying to look over one shoulder with a frown, while the other half is trying to smile over the other. His head slopes upward on a plane like that of a flat-headed Indian, and his whole cranium is an anomaly of ugliness. His eyes are blue and strained. His twisted-up face is covered with reddish brown whiskers, and his hair is combed straight back from the cowlicks which sprout from the base of the inclined plane of his head. His mouth is all on one side of his face, and it has been said that it looks as though he was in the habit of unbuttoning his collar with his teeth.

—For a long time I have wanted that "Queen of Perfumes" for the handkerchief, "Lotus of the Nile." Please tell me how I can get it. Thus writes A. M. Granado from away off in Batesville, Arkansas. When it is considered that the Lotus has not been advertised in the States it must indeed be a wonderful perfume to have become known so far off. 36

Employers and Employes.

Commenting on Bishop Potter's recent pastoral letter the New York Evening Post says: The melancholy fact is that in modern life the lot of the employer is almost as precarious as that of the laborer. Do clergymen who censure the capitalists for not doing more to lift the laborer up to their own level realize that 95 per cent. of the men who "go into business" in this country —that is, become employers of labor—become insolvent, and have to begin over again, and continue to fail and try again, until they sink themselves into the rank of the employed, and become dependent on their children or on friends? Do they realize that nine out of every ten strikes for higher wages or shorter hours are made against men who are so absorbed in the terrible problem of meeting their own notes, and thus saving themselves from bankruptcy, and their families from want, that it would be impossible for them to bestow a thought on the labor problem were they never so full of sympathy and pity? It is really only among a few large employers, such as the great railroads and great manufacturers, that there exists the security, the abundance of means and the superfluity of energy and leisure necessary for a strong and persistent effort to lift the laborer, often as he has to be lifted, in spite of himself, out of his present condition of helplessness or dependence.

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From the Philadelphia Bulletin.

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—The cowardice of the nineteenth century is exemplified, inasmuch as the administrative forces, begotten of centralized thought—the wisdom of our day—shirk and throw upon the shoulders of the people. That the heads of both contending parties be kept cool, J. Stewart invites them to visit him at 341 Yonge street and buy a comfortable bed and spring. x

Five Shipmates in One Family.

From the Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

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White or Black.

From the Chicago Daily News.

An explanation of the colors of the human race has been long sought which would harmonize with the law of natural selection. If black is the color which most absorbs heat and white the least heat-absorbing, then natural selection should have developed white as the color of the skin best suited to the equator and black at the poles, while the reverse is the case. A writer in Nature cites three peoples in different parts of the world who blacken their faces to protect them from intense light and heat. In Morocco, and all along the north of Africa, the inhabitants blacken themselves round the eyes to avert ophthalmia from the glare of hot sand. In Fiji the natives, who are in the habit of painting their faces with red and white stripes as an ornament, invariably blacken them when they go out fishing on the reef in the full glare of the sun. Lastly, in the Sikkim hills of India, the natives blacken themselves round the eyes with charcoal to palliate the glare of a tropical sun on a newly fallen snow.

Empirical physiology here contradicts the teachings of physical science, and that, too, among widely separated races which could under no circumstances have copied from each other. They use, to protect one of the most sensitive human organs from reflected light and heat, an agent which, in physical experiments, is employed because it is the best absorbent of heat radiation. It may be that we have too hastily assumed a similarity between the conditions of the laboratory and of the human body. It is just possible, also, that nature knew what she was doing when she gave the negro a black skin and the polar bear a white coat.

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