

NEWS OF A DAY IN THE CITY OF CAMDEN

County Detective John S. Smith was somewhat taken aback yesterday morning when he walked into his office at the Court House to find a stranger occupying his desk and turning over the detective's papers.

"What are you doing here?" inquired the detective.

"Why, I'm located here now. I've got a job," replied the stranger, proceeding to open one of the detective's private memorandum books.

Detective Smith was trying to regain his mental equilibrium when Detective Cherry walked in and recognized the stranger as A. H. Wells, who had recently been released from the asylum at Blackwood. Wells was later escorted home by a policeman.

After a conference with several city officials Mayor Ellis, in Camden, yesterday refused to sign the contract for the construction of the sewer that will drain Sweet Potato Hill. The Street Committee of City Council awarded the contract to Aaron Ward "for the best interests of the city," although B. F. Sweeten & Son were the lowest bidders. The latter protested and as a result Mayor Ellis refused to append his signature to the contract. The sewer has been sought after by residents in the extreme southern section of the city for years and it will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000. Work will now probably be delayed until next spring.

In default of \$500 bail Joseph Pointick, of 1189 Sycamore street, was committed to the county jail in Camden yesterday by Justice Thompson on a charge of atrocious assault and battery on Tony Romano, of 309 Atlantic avenue. It is alleged that the defendant struck Romano over the head with a crowbar and that while the complainant lay unconscious Pointick bit a piece out of his cheek.

Thirty persons in a lodging house at 87 Market street, Camden, narrowly escaped having their lives snuffed out early yesterday morning when in some unknown manner a hole was burned in a gas pipe. The escaping gas flooded the place and then became ignited. A farmer passing the place aroused W. R. Brice, the proprietor, who rushed to the cellar and shut off the flow of gas from the meter. This prevented the spread of the flames, but the fumes that had escaped prior to the

fire seriously affected several of the lodgers. All were revived after some little difficulty.

All the downtown fire companies were called out yesterday because William, alias "Tin Can Billy" Bade, of Mulford street, Camden, thought his pile of tin cans was in danger of being burned. After the engines, the hose wagons and other apparatus had responded, causing intense excitement, it was found the only evidence of any fire was in the chicken coop of one of Billy's neighbors, who was smoking out insects.

Albert Rock, 9 years old, of Broadway and Van Hook streets, was knocked down by a horse near his home yesterday. A physician dressed a severe scalp laceration.

The York Construction Company was incorporated yesterday with a capital of \$150,000, the incorporators being George and William Schreiner and Harry Taylor.

Charged with practicing as a midwife without being registered, Mrs. Rosie Bubolski was held in \$100 bail for a further hearing on Monday by Justice Colding. The charge was made by Mrs. Annie Carahaywich.

Charles Middleton, 23 years old, of 423 Clinton street, was thrown from a trolley car, resulting in lacerations of the arms and legs. He was taken to the Homeopathic Hospital.

Richard Dutton was admitted to the Homeopathic Hospital last night with a badly lacerated foot resulting from striking it with an ax.

Herbert Beck yesterday resigned as miscellaneous clerk in the office of County Clerk Patterson.

John Quicksall, the insane man who attempted to drown his baby in Cooper's Creek, was taken to the asylum at Blackwood yesterday.

Mrs. Dehm, of 110 South Second street, Camden, writes to The Inquirer that her son, who was missing, has returned home. He had been seized with a fit and taken to an institution at Media, where he was detained for medical treatment.