

TRAGEDY IN PARIS.

PRINCE NAPOLEON SHOOTS AN EDITOR.

Paris, Jan. 11, 1870.

The city is greatly excited over the tragedy which occurred yesterday afternoon. Prince Bonaparte's version of the unfortunate affair was furnished to the journals of today by M. Paul Cassagnac. He says the Prince made the following statement to him on his honor: "M. Foville and M. Victor Noir came to my residence with a menacing air, with their hands in their pockets, and presented a letter from M. Pascal Grousset. I said, 'It is Rochefort, and not his creatures, that I seek.' Read that letter," replied Noir. I had my hand on my pistol in my pocket. "Are you responsible for it?" I asked. At this I received a slap in the face from Noir, when I drew my revolver and fired at him. Foville crouched behind a chair, and from the protection that afforded, aimed his revolver at me, but he could not get it to go off. I fired at him while he was in that position, when he ran out of the room. He stopped in the next room and again turned his pistol towards me. I fired at him again, when he fired."

The office of the *Marseillaise*, Henry Rochefort's newspaper, has been seized by order of the government.

The *Journal Officiel* of this morning contains a decree convoking the chamber for bringing action before the High Court of Justice to decide upon the charge of homicide against Prince Bonaparte. The Prince belonging to the Emperor's family, the examination must be held before that court of justice.

The *Journal*, in its account of the transaction, says that the Minister of Justice, as soon as he heard of the affair, ordered the arrest of the Prince, but hours before the issuance of the order he had surrendered himself into the custody of the Commissioner of Police of Autenil, and been taken to the Conciergerie.

Paris Jan. 12—6:45 A. M.

The *Marseillaise* appears in mourning to-day. It asserts that Prince Pierre Bonaparte shot Victor Noir without provocation. It says: "The Prince asked if the seconds took the responsibility of Rochefort's act?" Noir replied: "We are responsible for our friends." The Prince then struck Noir with his left hand and discharged his revolver. Noir fell, and the Prince dashed at Mr. Foville, who drew a pistol to defend himself. The Prince then retired behind a door and again fired at Foville, the shot going through his paletot. All France is excited.

A SCENE OF DEATH AND DESTITUTION.

A St. Louis police officer sent the following to his chief on Sunday last: "I have the honor to report that between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning Sergeant Sheridan met a little girl of the most miserable and poverty-stricken appearance on second street, near Cherry. She was crying bitterly. Upon being questioned by the Sergeant, she stated that her mother was dead and father was drunk. The Sergeant went to a place in the rear of No 1,004 Forty Second street, where he beheld a most horrible sight. On a board, covered with an old blanket, lay the lifeless body of the child's mother. Besides the corpse were two bottles of whiskey and two glasses, the husband and father sitting close by in a state of drunken idleness. There was not a particle of furniture in the room but the stool upon which the drunkard was sitting. As the officer entered he was invited by the inebriate to take a drink. The scene, however, was too solemn for the Sergeant to "smile." The room without a particle of furniture—the dead mother under the dirty blanket—the whiskey bottles and the drunken father—the half naked, poverty pinched child, its poor little heart breaking with woe at the midnight hour—formed a picture of misery, degradation and death not soon to be forgotten. The woman's name was Bridget Don. The little girl is thirteen years of age."

GAS WELLS.

The people of Erie have at last awakened to the importance of the gas existing beneath the city, and several parties are intending to bore wells and obtain it for fuel and light. The people on East 8th street seriously contemplate putting a well at the creek on eighth street crossing, to supply that neighborhood. Several manufacturing establishments are awaiting developments at the water works gas well, intending to be governed by the result there. "Others propose sinking wells soon without being governed by the result of this one. The present indications are that within one year there will be at least a dozen wells in addition to those now in use.—*Western Pennsylvania.*"

General Risley, a pioneer in the garden seed business, at Fredonia, New York, died a few days ago, aged 82.

The editor of the *St. Mary's Gazette* has issued the following circular to his subscribers:

St. MARY'S Pa, 15th Jan. 1870.

It is due to our readers, as well as to myself, that a summary of the reasons for the non issue of the GAZETTE this week should be made public. In our last issue we announced that our next would be as usual; we have been disappointed, and our readers must bear with us. As is well known, the GAZETTE office had been levied on as the property of its former Editor, Mr. E. F. Hodges, at the suit of Jacob Reichard. Not being willing, however, to believe that the plaintiff could be so blind as to subject himself to an action of trespass, by selling the property of the Company as the property of one who, he MUST have known never owned it, we had no hesitation in making the announcement; we were mistaken. On Saturday last the Sheriff sold the entire office; Reichard becoming the purchaser.

Our plan to prevent the consummation of this outrage, and compel the purchaser to a course which would raise the question of title having been fully determined, we put it in force after the sale; and as we well knew the exact interest of Mr. Hodges, we felt perfectly justified; his entire interest being comprised in three shares of the capital stock. After the parties left our office, with the assistance of one of our employes, we left it securely locked. In a short time Mr. Reichard acceded to, demanding the keys of our premises; this request we declined, as emphatically as courtesy permitted) to grant. The same evening he effected an entrance, placing two men in the building to hold possession.

On learning this we proceeded to our office and demanded entrance and possession; being refused, we caused the arrest, as well of Reichard, as the parties we found holding the premises for him, on a charge of forcible entry and detainer; during the present session of Court the defendants were found guilty of forcible detainer, and sentenced accordingly. The count charging forcible entry was not proven; it appearing from the testimony of one of the counsel for defendants, that Reichard effected an entrance to our premises through an unused door in our garret; into which apartment he obtained access from a neighboring building. In sentencing the Court said it would have been more severe but that the defendants had acted under advice of counsel. Immediately after sentence, counsel for the GAZETTE Company filed a Bill in Equity praying the Court to restrain Reichard from removing or in any way interfering with the press, type, etc. on our premises; and also a Bill between ourselves as lessee of the rights and franchises of the Company, and Reichard, to restrain him from publishing the *Elk County Rail Road and Mining Gazette*; enjoined accordingly. The final hearing will be had at Warren next month; this will settle the absurd claim of Hodges' ownership, and put a quietus on a brazen conspiracy to wrest, on account of political spleen, and personal malice, from the GAZETTE its property. In its decree the Court directed the stockholders upon ten days notice to hold a meeting and thereat choose a receiver to take charge of the paper until final hearing. The meeting will be held on Monday, January 24th 1870; after that date we hope there will be no further interruption. In conclusion, we ask the attention of subscribers and advertisers to the fact that subscriptions must be paid in advance, and advertisements quarterly in advance. This will be an inflexible rule, and we hope no one will subject himself to a decided refusal by asking other terms. We have given considerable time to the interests of the *Gazette*, and thus far have received but small profit; the serious loss arising from the enforced non issue of the paper should also be borne in mind; it is impossible to publish a newspaper gratuitously and we do not propose to attempt the task.

All, therefore, who wish this circular, receive a bill, will, we expect, perceive the necessity of at once paying up. Those who do not receive a bill will understand that their accounts are settled in full.

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ANECDOTES OF THAD STEPHENS.

At a late interview with the house-keeper of Thaddeus Stephens some interesting anecdotes were obtained: He desired a simple tablet laid level over his grave, but said, "I suppose, like the rest of the tools, we shall have to get something stuck up in air; let it be plain." He wished flowers planted at once above his remains and renewed often, and for this purpose he left \$1,000. For flowers he had a passion—he planted them always on his mother's grave; also for music, though he said: "I'll be hanged if I know one tune from another."

Another good anecdote is told of Stephens.

During the war, a rebel, who happened to bring up at Lancaster, barefooted and starving, sought work in vain, and, as a last resource, applied to Mr. Stephens' housekeeper, who, with a fear that assassination lurked beneath such appearances, asked: "But, why come here?" "Well," was the reply, "I have sought in vain the best men I could hear of, and now I come to him who is called the worst." He was sheltered and taken care of in Mr. Stephens' house.

DID'T SEE THE "MONEY" IN IT.

A California woman, having a very slight acquaintance with paper money, was shown a twenty-five cent note of our postal currency. She turned it over with keen curiosity. "It seems very strange to me that it should be money," she said. "It don't look like money," she said. "What does it look like?" "Well," (hesitatingly, and with the utmost sincerity,) "it—looks—like—a label for an oyster can."

QUIET BABIES

A correspondent of the *Medical Gazette*, who is a practicing physician, comes to the rescue of the babies against what he denounces as their deadly enemy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. He says he was called to see an infant that was in a dying condition, apparently from the effects of a narcotic poison, and he was assured that it had taken no medicine but the "soothing syrup." The doctor took the bottle and had some of the syrup analyzed by a skillful chemist, and the analysis showed that each ounce of the stuff contained nearly one grain of morphine. A dose for an infant three months old, as prescribed by Mrs. Winslow's printed directions, contained an amount of morphine equal to ten drops of laudanum. This is ordered to be given to the child every two hours, in certain cases, and double the quantity to a child of six months old. As children are very susceptible to the influence of opium, of which morphine is the active principle, four drops of laudanum having been known to kill an infant of nine months, and as the manufacturers of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup sell annually about one hundred thousand two-ounce bottles in the single State of New York, the reader can form some idea of the number of babies that are soothed to perpetual sleep by this nostrum. Mothers had better fall back on catnip tea.

ALLEGED MURDERER ACQUITTED.

HUNTINGDON, PA., Jan. 17.—The trial of A. Howard Crewitt, indicted for the killing of Miles Hampson, on the twenty-fifth day of October last, was closed on Saturday evening. It had been in progress since the previous Tuesday, a period of five days. The case was closely contested and Crewitt was ably defended by R. M. Spear, P. M. Lytle and J. H. Cromer. The jury, after being out an hour and a half, returned a verdict of "not guilty," which was received with cheers and applause by the large crowd in the court room. The defendant and his brother Andrew Crewitt fainted, and the most intense excitement existed until they were resuscitated and removed to their homes.

PHOTOGRAPH MURDERERS ATTEMPT ESCAPE.

It was discovered on Saturday last that Bohner and Van Bordenburg, the murderers of the Peightal family, were making preparations to escape. An old German, who was subpoenaed from Altoona as a witness, went to Wharton & McGuire's hardware store and asked for a file and saw to cut iron with. This aroused the suspicions of the proprietors, and they sent information of the fact to the sheriff. The prisoners were immediately searched, and on the person of each was found a knife of about ten inches in length, sharp at the point and on both edges, with a guard at the handle like a dagger. All the provisions that had been given them for several days past were found carefully packed away in a haversack, to be used on the journey they expected to take. They had written a communication covering eight pages of paper, which they evidently intended to leave behind them, stating that it was better for one man to die than for two to be hanged, and that they intended killing the guard that night (Saturday) and escaping. They threatened vengeance on Judge Taylor, the district attorney, the Sheriff and others. The jury in this case have been called and sworn on Friday last, the trial proceeded. R. M. Lytle, who with R. B. Petrick, assists the district attorney. Milton L. Lytle, opened for the Commonwealth. More than thirty witnesses were examined to-day, tracing the murderers step by step, from Altoona to the scene of the murder and back to Altoona with their plunder. The trial will close to-morrow or Wednesday, the length of time required to finish the trial depending on the number of witnesses there may be for the defendants. They sent a subpoena to Altoona to-day, but it is not known except by their counsel and themselves what they intended to prove.

MEXICO.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 10, via HAVANA, Jan. 17.—The revolution in the State of San Luis Potosi is increasing. The Government of the state and the members of the Legislature are still held prisoners, and some Federal generals have joined the insurgents. The officer commanding the Federal troops in that State reports that his forces are not strong enough to operate against the usurpers.

The Federal troops in Durango under the command of Gen. Herrera, have pronounced against and refuse to recognize the National Government.

The inhabitants of several districts of the State of Morelos have also pronounced against the national authority. A detachment of Federal troops sent against them were defeated. The rebels in the State of Puebla continue to maintain a defiant attitude in the Sierra. Their leaders have issued a decree pardoning all Imperialists.

The Family of President Juraz will soon sail on a trip to Europe. The Miraflores the largest in Mexico have been destroyed by fire. One thousand operatives are thrown out of employment. The State of Aguas Calientes seized a *conducta* of \$80,000 on the way to Mexico, and appropriated the funds.

MATRIMONIAL matters are daily becoming more and more curious and strange; and one of the most curious recently transpired in a certain town in Ohio. A widow lady, who was a Spiritualist, became convinced that her affinity was the spirit of a gentleman who had been dead two years. She sought counsel of a medium, who advised her to be united to the deceased in wedlock. So the lady made all due preparations, such as brides are wont to make, and at the appointed time appeared at the house of the medium in bridal attire. She was there placed in "communication" with the spirit of the departed, the ceremony was performed, and the two pronounced "man and wife;" after which the bride returned to her own residence, where she received the congratulations of friends, and a sumptuous repast served in honor of the event!

STATE TREASURER.—Gen. W. W. Irwin, Republican, of Beaver county, was on Wednesday last, elected State Treasurer on the third ballot, in joint convention of both Houses. He received 70 votes to his opponent's, (R. W. Mackey, Rep., and present incumbent,) 61. This was the most exciting contest that has ever taken place in this Commonwealth for the State Treasurership.

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