

Elk County Advocate.

J. S. BORDWELL, Editor. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26 1870.

INDIAN WANTS AND GRIEVANCES.

A Message has reached the war department, signed by chiefs of the Arickarees, Gros Ventres, and Mandans, directed to General Hancock, in which they relate their grievances and wants, stating that notwithstanding the treaties which they have made with the Government...

SAD DEATH.

Daniel Caslin and John McGiff came to their death suddenly on Saturday last, under distressing and peculiar circumstances. In company with a friend named John McGiff, Caslin was on a boat on the river...

The two friends were to have returned to this city on Sunday. Failing to appear, their families became alarmed. A brother of John McGiff proceeded to Gloucester to find out what had detained them. He found the house closely barred. Assistance was obtained, and a window forced open...

In going to bed they had filled the stove with coal and had turned the damper in the stove pipe in the wrong direction, throwing all the deadly carbonic oxide gas into the tightly-closed apartment. The result was a painless, unconscious death for both, although their bodies were so much discolored as almost to be beyond recognition...

A RELIC OF THE LAST CENTURY.—John Kitts, a soldier of the Revolution, visited the President a few days ago, and subsequently upon the floor of the House. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, in 1762, and is, consequently, one hundred and seven years of age.

REPORTED DEATH OF DR. LIVINGSTONE.—The London Times of Feb. 2 publishes the following private letter from Captain the Hon. Ernest Cochrane, commanding Her Majesty's ship Peterel, on the West Coast of Africa: "My Dear Sir: A few lines, to tell you Dr. Livingstone has been killed and burnt by the natives 99 days' journey from the Congo. He passed through a native town, and was three days on his journey when the King of the town died. The natives declared Livingstone had bewitched him, set after him, told him he had witched their King, and he must die. They then killed him and burnt him. This news comes by a Portuguese trader traveling that way. Livingstone was on the lakes at the head of the Congo, making his way to the Congo, where he was going to come out. I believe this news to be true. I am expecting the Commodore here every day, and on his arrival my orders for home."

Dr. Bushnell once secured a subscription for a house of worship from a wealthy unbeliever, by asking the novel question: "What would real estate be worth in Sodom?"

HONESTY REWARDED.—A humorous incident occurred the other day at the court of ex-Queen Isabella of Spain. One of the young ladies of the Queen had lost her pocket-book during a walk on the seashore. The book contained some eight hundred francs in bank bills, and was mourned as lost, when, a few days after, a peasant, bright and handsome, presented himself at the Queen's residence and brought the pocket-book back. An examination of its contents proved that nothing was missing. And now, my friend, said the Queen, touched by the honesty of the young peasant, "what kind of a reward do you want? Tell me and I can realize your wish, I shall do so with much pleasure."

CHILDREN.

Mrs. Stowe in Heart and Home says: The direction about putting a child away alone to sleep, without rocking or soothing, is a good one only for robust and healthy children. For the delicate, nervous kind I have spoken, it is cruel, and it is dangerous. We know one authentic instance of a mother who was trained to believe it her duty to put her infant to bed in a lonely chamber and leaves it. Not daring to trust herself in the ordeal, she put on her bonnet, and, positively forbidding the servants to go near the child, went out for a walk. When she returned the child was still, and had been so for some time. She went up to examine. The child had struggled violently, thrown itself over on its face, a pillow had fallen over it, and it was dead from suffocation.

Nervous children suffer untold agonies and fear when put to bed alone. No tongue can tell the horrors of a lonely room to such children. A little delicate boy, whom his parents were drilling to sleep alone, used to cry violently every night, and his father would come in and whip him. He mistook the pertinacity for obstinacy, and thought it his duty to conquer the child's will. One day he said: "Why do you always scream so when you know you shall be punished?" "O, father, father!" said the little fellow. "I don't mind your whipping me, if you'll only stay with me." That father's eyes were opened from that moment. He saw that a human being cannot be governed, by dead rules, like a plant or an animal.

INSANE BREAK OF AN EMPRESS.—The French journals tell a very painful story. A few days back a lady elegantly dressed, and wearing many diamonds, drove up to the house of a gentleman at Enghein, a village near Paris, and presenting herself as the Queen of Spain, she desired to rent his house, and wished to be allowed to visit it. He proceeded to show her over it, but her manner was strange, and after awhile she addressed him as "Sire." He naturally came to the conclusion that she was a lunatic, but was embarrassed as to what he should do. Presently, however, two well-dressed men arrived. The lady at first started on seeing them, but followed them quietly, and they took her away. They told the gentleman that she was a very great lady that her mind was affected, and that she had escaped from Paris on her way to the Pyrenees, where she had been ordered by her physicians. The gentleman subsequently learned that she was no less a personage than the sister of the King of the Belgians, the sister-in-law of the Emperor of Austria, the cousin of the Queen of England—she was the widow of Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico. She is, it appears, hopelessly mad.

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In Massachusetts, some of the railway trains run so slow that they have to detach the cow-catcher from the engine and put it on the rear car to keep the cows from running over it.

BOLD ROBBERY.

On Thursday evening last between 8 and 9 o'clock, two men went into the shoe shop of Geo. Miller situated on Allegheny Avenue, and got some repairing done for one of them, after paying for which, they left, but soon after returned, when one of them ordered a pair of new boots to be made for him, and while Mr. Cross (who was alone when they came in) was in a stooping posture measuring his foot, one of the ruffians struck him a powerful blow on the back of the head felling him senseless to the floor. They then robbed him of his money (about \$20.00) and some other valuables, set the lamp under the counter with the light turned down so that it might not attract particular attention and then left, while their victim was yet lying insensible on the floor. Mr. Cross must have lain insensible some two hours and on regaining his sense and his feet, he went to where his lamp had been placed and none to soon, for the heat of the lamp had charred the wood work near it so that it was nearly ready to ignite and had it ignited before he became sensible and able to get up, he must have been burned up with the shop—he certainly had a very narrow escape. Early the next morning he entered complaint before Justice Judd who issued warrants against the second and before night officers Kimball and Nelson had them both safely lodged in the county jail, where they will probably remain until the April term of our court, where it is hoped they will receive the reward due them for this outrage and robbery. Their names are Lane and Boyle and are not residents of this county. Mr. Cross, their victim, proves to be not very seriously injured.—Euphorium Independent.

A STABBING APPRAISAL.—On Saturday night last, says the Euphorium Independent, Tom Creaton was seriously, if not fatally stabbed in the back by a man by the name of Patrick Mooney, who works with the "floating gang" on the P. & E. R. R. It seems that Patrick was at Tom's hotel and had been drinking pretty freely, until Tom refused to let him have any more, when Pat kicked up a row and stabbed Tom and arrested Pat and took him to jail where he was kept until Monday A. M. when he was taken before Justice Judd, and as no one appeared to complain against him, the justice admitted him to bail. We learn that Patrick has since left for parts unknown and left his bail to suffer the consequence. Tom is reported as lying in a critical condition, but will probably recover.

FAST.—A story is going the rounds about Ed. Shirter, of Tomkins county, N. Y., which, if true, proves Shirter to be a shiftless fellow; Edward's first wife died of consumption on Saturday; on Sunday he married his hired girl, and on Monday the wedded pair mingled their tears over the cold casket of Mrs. Shirter, No. 1, at the church. On Thursday there was a male child born in the slum of Edward; on Wednesday he moved with his family to Chicago, and at last accounts the husband was seeking a divorce with a view of hitching himself to another affinity.—E.

MONTHLY, February 18.—Judge Elliott committed Mayor Price to jail to day for refusing to give up the office books and papers of the Mayorality to Harrington, and refused to grant any appeal, although bonds were offered to any amount. On being presented with a bill of exceptions, Judge Elliott put them in his pocket, and said he would read them at his leisure, and walked out of the court-house, and took the train for Montgomery. His conduct on the bench and the trial of the case are subject to the severest animadversion by members of the bar and citizens generally.

CONTESTED ELECTION CASES.—After the nature deliberation of five months, and an exhaustive and most patient hearing extending through the lower and higher courts, the Supreme Court have at last decided that all the Republican contestants in the contested election cases from Philadelphia are entitled to the offices they claim—the Mayorality excepted. The decision is generally acquiesced in by both parties Law abiding citizens, without regard to the party of the ballot and the integrity of self-government.—Forney's Press.

A GOOD LAW.—The Legislature has passed a bill relative to baggage smashing. It provides that any baggage-master, express agent, stage driver, hack man or other persons whose duty it is to handle, remove or take care of the baggage of passengers, who shall wilfully or recklessly injure or destroy any trunk, valise, box, package or parcel while loading, transporting, unloading, delivering or storing the same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall pay a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

THE WAR BOUNTY FUND.—The Senate Military Committee, at its late meeting, agreed to report a turning over to the National Asylum for Disabled Soldiers some \$150,000 belonging to the bounty fund, which accumulated during the war. This fund is the result of money paid the Government for substitutes during the latter part of the rebellion. The committee are of opinion that no better disposal could be made of the money than to give it to the soldiers who went into the army and came out disabled.

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