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Better Days.

At least let us hope for them. The American people have something to be thankful for. They may be thankful that civil war has ceased; that the price of living is coming down; that the times are in every way improving, and that unless the junta of politicians in Congress at Washington attempt to carry their internal schemes too far, and again plunge our country into internecine troubles, we may indeed hopefully look for a speedy return of the peaceful and prosperous years of the past.

As a nation, the history of the world does not furnish an example of unparalleled prosperity as has been allotted to us through the wisdom and beneficence of an Omnipotent God. After five terrible years of murderous war, and that a war of brothers, which would have irretrievably ruined any other nation on the face of the globe, yet to-day we stand the leading nation of the world. Let us then, in the fulness of our hearts for all these blessings, hope and pray that if more troubles are in store for us, that the Good Being who is the guardian of our destiny may either avert them, or carry us as safely through them as he has done in the past.

As individuals we may all have privations, tribulations and sufferings in store for us, but a bold heart will overcome all of them. Let us school ourselves to look well to the present and the future will take care of itself.

The editor of the Brookville Herald thus discourses on the recent fall of snow. We think if he is married he had better get a divorce.

Lots of Fun.—Old mother Nature, who has been letting things run loose for the past year or two, waked up to the necessities of the season, and on Saturday night and Sunday last, she did her nicest in the way of a snow storm—she did the thing up in genteel style, giving us twelve to fifteen inches of clean white snow, and rendering the prospects for a gay time during the holidays flattering in extreme. The jingle of sleigh-bells is gay and joyous music, and we thank old dame Nature in our heart of hearts for being so kind to the boys and girls, as to send this snow just in the nick of time. Won't there be a smashin' time. Moonshine and snow all at once. How many merry makings, happy hearts, and happy matches, and other little et ceteras will result from this opportune favor of the blessed old Dame? Heigh-ho! we almost wish we were young again. It is such jolly good fun to sleighride with the gal you love, and in a country where toll bridges are plenty with nobody to see but the man in the moon.—Oh, dear, "I wish I were a boy again," &c.

At Ottawa, Canada, on Friday, a young coquette, Julia Walter, had made an appointment to elope with a British private, John Welsh. While in waiting for the girl, the soldier was seized, gagged, stripped, and an old flane, Larry Lawlor, whom Julia had jilted for the red-coat, donned the uniform, kept the tryst, and was firmly tied to the girl before she discovered the mistake by a ready-made priest feed for the occasion. The girl's mother had arranged the whole affair.

A Dutchman at Decatur married a second wife a week after the loss of wife No. 1. The Sabbath following the bride asked her lord to take her riding, and was "cut up" with the following response: "you tink I ride out mit another woman so soon after the death of mine frau? No, no."

An English jury has decided that when a man who is smoking in a railroad car refuses to remove his cigar at the request of his fellow passengers, they have the right to knock it out of his mouth, and the judge thought that the blowing of tobacco smoke in the face of a fellow passenger might be considered an assault.

Perilous Adventure.

A young couple living just above Windsor came to this city on Saturday to visit some friends. They reside near the shore of the river on the other side, and it had been their custom to cross in a small boat and return whenever inclination suited them. They had been making a brief visit in this city last week, and intended to return to their home on Saturday morning.

A strong north west gale was blowing at the time, and their friends attempted to dissuade them from returning. Especially did they think it unwise to venture out in a small boat, and the safer route by the regular ferry was urged. But the gentleman had every faith in his ability to manage a boat, and his wife had equal confidence in her husband. At least, she determined to accompany him.

They accordingly set out. It was scarcely daylight in the morning when they started out. The family upon the other side of the river expected their arrival, and when the morning passed by and they did not come, anxiety began to manifest itself. Shortly after dinner one of the family came to this side to ascertain the cause of their detention. Judge of his astonishment to find that they had set out for home early in the morning. As they had not arrived it was immediately conjectured that the boat had been overturned in the gale, and that they had been drowned. Inquiry was immediately set on foot.

A man at one of the mills in the upper part of the city, who saw them set out reported that shortly afterward he saw a small boat which he identified as being the same, drifting down the river, and bottom side up. This seemed to decide their fate, and their friends gave them up as lost.

On Monday morning, however, the missing couple returned to their home to the astonishment and the delight of their friends. It seems that, upon reaching the middle of the river, they found the gale to be much more violent than they had supposed. When the full force of the gale was felt, the boat was filled with water and nearly capsized. The strength of a single man could not manage it, and it was driven a wreck upon Belle Isle, just above the city. Though completely saturated with water and nearly frozen with the increasing cold, the gentleman and his wife managed to cling to their little craft until it was driven ashore. They then made their way to one of the residences on the island, which they reached in a benumbed and almost fainting condition.

The gale still continuing very violent throughout the day and night of Sunday, it was impossible to reach the main land. The capsized boat which was seen drifting down the river on Saturday proved to belong to a schooner which was lying ashore and from which it had broken away.—Detroit Post December 10.

The News.

Baltimore, Dec. 20.—John Clare, charged with the murder of H. D. Grove, photographer, at his establishment on Baltimore street, about a year since, was to-day convicted of murder in the first degree by the Court at Townsontown, Baltimore county, where the trial had been removed. A motion was made by counsel in arrest of judgment. The weather is very cold to day and ice is rapidly forming.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—J. T. Anderson, a stock dealer, was robbed of \$1,450 on a street car, yesterday. The steamboat Grey Eagle was wrecked in this harbor yesterday.

This morning a company of forty emigrants left this city for Venezuela, to locate on a tract of land granted by the Venezuela government to Dr. Henry W. Price, of Virginia.

Galveston, Dec. 20.—Gen. Kiddoo, of the Freedmen's Bureau, has announced his intention to furnish transportation to negroes from States where there is a superfluity of labor to those where it is in demand. He will extend unusual facilities to planters desiring laborers.

New York, Dec. 20.—A special dispatch to the Herald from Leavenworth, Kansas, says Charles Hamilton, Eugene Hamilton, alias Prof. Lewis, Dr. Livingston and the DeForrest brothers, were arrested on the 26th instant at El Paso, by detectives on a charge of robbing the bank of Rockwell & Co., of Elk town, Wisconsin, of \$180,000, a year ago.

A Radical paper says it will tax the wisdom of Congress heavily to undo the mischief done by the President. But the wisdom of Congress can't bear a heavy tax, retorts Mr. Prentice.

The News From Washington.

Special Correspondence of the Age. GENERAL DEBATE.

The understanding that this was to be the last day of the session, for two weeks, caused quite a solemn attendance in the House this morning, the consequence of which no important business was transacted, the day being devoted by common consent to speech-making. The Senate took up the Nebraska bill immediately after the morning hour, and had not reached a vote up to the moment of writing. A number of members left the city for their homes this morning, and many more will leave to-night. The New Orleans excursion party start to-morrow morning over the new Southern route, via Lynchburg and Tennessee. They expect to be absent about two weeks. Very few members will remain during the recess; only those who are on important committees are expected to spend the holidays here.

ANOTHER MILITARY COMMISSION CASE.

It is expected that the case of Dr. Watson, of Virginia, now held by order of General Schofield at Richmond, awaiting trial by military commission for shooting a negro, will come before the Supreme Court very shortly on an application for a writ of habeas corpus for the discharge of the accused from the custody of the military authorities. The same points are involved as were decided in the Indiana case a few days ago. CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA.

It is intimated in Radical circles that Congress will, early next month, take decisive action to prevent the infliction of corporal punishment by the courts of North Carolina. A resolution to that effect was introduced in the senate to-day by Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts. It is the intention of the Radicals to make the enforcement of General Sickles' anti-flogging order obligatory upon the President.

CASE OF MR. CULVER.

Mr. representative Williams, from the Judiciary Committee, read a long report in the House to-day on the case of Hon. C. V. Culver. It maintained that, under the Constitution and the uniform parliamentary usage, a member of Congress is exempt from arrest or imprisonment upon civil process, and concluded by a resolution, which was adopted, directing the speaker to issue his warrant to bring Mr. Culver to the bar of the House.

OFF FOR SOUTH CAROLINA.

Mr. Hike's committee, authorized to investigate the murder of Federal soldiers in South Carolina, will leave for Charleston to-morrow to frolic there during the holidays at the expense of the contingent fund of the House.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH LINE.

It is understood that the House Post-office Committee are in favor of reporting a bill for the establishment of a telegraph line between New York and Washington, under the control of the Postoffice Department. A similar measure is before the Postoffice Committee of the Senate.

CASE OF SURRATT.

This morning, Lewis H. Weichman, the rather notorious witness in the case of Mrs. Surratt and others, was up before the Grand Jury of this District to testify in regard to John Surratt's complicity in the murder of Mr. Lincoln.

News Items.

—There has never been a divorce granted in South Carolina.

—It is suggested that if to-day you don't like the news from Mexico, wait till to-morrow and you probably will.

—A man was roasted to death at Uniontown, N. Y. last Friday, by falling into a pit of hot ashes at a blast furnace.

—Two boys and a little girl were drowned at Alton, Ill., on Monday last. They were playing on the ice, which broke and precipitated them into the water.

—A correspondent of a Western paper spins a yarn about a German Jew who, after a three days' wandering in the sewers of New York, picked up 27,000 worth of jewelry, precious stones, silver spoons, &c.

—At Lancaster, Vermont, last week, there was a triple murder. A woman was at the bottom of the difficulty, and a young man shot two rifles, and ended the business by shooting his wretched self.

—A man named Hartman accidentally hung himself near Bellevue, Iowa, a few days since, by being caught by his "comforter" while descending from a tree. When taken down life was extinct.

—A large black eagle visited Milwaukee on Thursday, during a storm. He alighted on a cathedral spire, and

remained there during the day. His station was near the great clock, but its striking did not disturb him.

—Five convicts escaped from the penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., on Thursday evening last, by creeping through the sewer. The heavy iron which protected the sewer, both inside where they entered and outside where they got out, had been sawed off and taken out by some persons outside of the walls.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—The Clarion, official paper of Mississippi, states that there are no laws in force in that State to prohibit the freedmen from acquiring real estate; on the contrary, they purchase, and the courts hold their purchases valid, and more, they are not prevented bearing arms, no license being required.

Hartford Dec. 19.—A shocking accident, from carelessness in the handling of kerosene oil, occurred here to-night, resulting in burning to death of Alice Gilmore, aged eight years, daughter of George Gilmore, who resides at No. 62 Retreat avenue.

Boston Dec. 19.—The steamship Asia, for Liverpool by way of Halifax, sailed at noon. She carries out only \$50,000 in specie.

Charlestown, Mass., Dec. 19.—There is considerable feeling here, over the result of the late election. Not one of the wards, it seems, has had a fair count of the votes cast; and even the Mayor elect is looked upon by many as occupying a doubtful position by being counted instead of being voted in.

The citizens declare they will have justice in the matter, but the ruling powers are slow in counting their friends out.

—At least thirty members of the House have entered their names as candidates for the floor to make speeches on the late annual message of President Johnson. We presume there will be some tall talk.

—A boy eight years of age, was killed at Hannibal Mo., last week, while witnessing a game of base ball. The ball, which was made of an India rubber car spring, struck him in the pit of the stomach.

New Advertisements.

LICENSED AUCTIONEER. NOTICE is hereby given that I have taken out a license as auctioneer, and will attend promptly to the calling of all sales entrusted to my care. Any person calling sales without a license will be held answerable to the strict letter of the law. P. W. BARRETT, Auctioneer. Dec 24 1866td.

ORPHAN'S COURT SALE OF Valuable Real Estate!

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF THE ORPHAN'S COURT OF ELK CO., the undersigned administrator and administratrix of A S Rhines, of the township of Warsaw, county of Jefferson, deceased, will offer for sale on Tuesday,

The 8th Day of January, 1867, at 1 o'clock, P. M., of said day, the undivided one-half of the following described piece or parcel of land situate in Spring Creek township, Elk county, Pennsylvania, described, to wit:

Beginning at a flat rock on Clarion River, thence down said river south eighty-one degrees west thirty-six perches to a rock; north seventy-seven degrees west fifteen perches to a flat rock north fifty-seven and a half degrees west, sixty-six perches, north fifty and a half degrees west fourteen perches, north twelve and a quarter degrees west eight, ten perches and six tenths, north seventeen and three quarter degrees east twelve and six eighth hundredths perches north seventeen and three quarter degrees east twelve and sixty eighth hundredth perches; north twenty-seven and three quarter degrees west twelve perches, thence by other lands south eighty-one and a half degrees west one and two tenths perches, thence by lands of James Crow south ten and a half degrees west thirty-eight perches south thirteen degrees east twenty perches, south fifty-two degrees east, sixteen perches to a brick south one hundred and seventy-six hundredths perches to a hemlock, thence by lands of Wilhelm, Willink & Co., No. 2954 east one hundred and twenty-eight and thirty six hundredth perches to a hemlock, thence by land of John Nicholson No. 4044 north fifteen degrees west ninety perches to the beginning, containing Sixty Four acres One Hundred and Forty Three perches and allowance.

ALSO—The undivided one half of the following described piece or parcel of land situate in Spring Creek township, Elk county Pennsylvania, to wit:

On the south by warrant No. 2962, on the east by warrant No. 4044 and a tract of land warranted in the name of Smith Dow and Brown, on the north partly by warrant No. 4044, and partly by land unknown, and on the west by land unknown, which said tract is known, numbered and marked as warrant number Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Four (2954), warranted in the name of Wilhelm Willink & Co., containing nine hundred acres and allowance.

Said lands are well covered with HEMLOCK and some PINE timber. Terms of sale—CASH. CAROLINE RHINES, Adm'r. R. S. HUNT, Administrator. Dec. 24th, 1866ts.

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NOTICE.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS of Elk County, No. 15, January Term, 1867.

In the matter of "Petition of B. F. Ely for a commission of de lunatico inquirendo, in behalf of Lucretia Warner, of Ridgway, Elk county, Pa., widow of Zebulon Warner, deceased."

To the friends or relatives of the said Lucretia Warner: Notice is hereby given in pursuance of an order of said Court, that a Jury will be empaneled from the Jurors attending the next Court of Common Pleas the 24 Monday of January, 1867, at the Court House in Ridgway, at 2 o'clock P. M. of said day, and that the inquiry will be held by one of the Judges of said Court to inquire as to the lunacy of the said Lucretia Warner. SOUTHER & WILLIS, Att'ys for Pet'r. dec20td

LICENSE NOTICE.—The following named persons have filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions Elk county, their petitions for License at the January Sessions next, agreeable to the Act of Assembly of March 31st, 1856, entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors."

TAVERN LICENSES.

David Thayer, Ridgway. John Hesly, Ridgway. Mrs. E. O. Clements, Ridgway. H. B. Shons & H. Lary, Centerville. Amos Wheeler, Centerville. Joseph Windfelder, St. Mary's. Charles H. Volk, St. Mary's. A. Forhtman, St. Mary's. D. C. Oyster, Fox twp. Joseph Koeb, Centerville. Herman Kretz, St. Mary's. J. F. Martin, Fox township.

STORE LICENSES.

Frederick Rudolph, St. Mary's. Joseph Wilhelm, St. Mary's. Coyne & McVean, St. Mary's. James McCloskey, Centerville. GEO A RATHBUN, dec 20, 1866. Prothonotary.

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FOR SALE: A GOOD SPAN OF HORSES, Inquire of or address T. B. COBB, Ridgway, Pa. dec13td

NOTICE WHEREAS, MY WIFE TERRISSA WILDFIRE has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, all persons are hereby cautioned against harboring or trusting her on my account as I derelict pay no debts of her contracting. ANTHONY WILDFIRE. Dec. 13th 1866. 3t.

THAYER HOUSE, RIDGWAY, PA. DAVID THAYER, Proprietor. The undersigned having fitted up a large and commodious hotel on the southwest corner of Centre and Mill streets, with good and convenient stabling attached, respectfully solicits the patronage of his old friends and the public generally. dec13'66 1y DAVID THAYER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Le Mont Gas Coal Company will be held at the office of the Company—No. 71, Broadway, New York City—on THURSDAY, the 20th inst., at 1 o'clock. H. A. R. MORN, Secretary. dec13 2t.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the Estate of Eddy Hyatt, late of Fox township, Elk county, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, therefore all persons having claims against, or are in any way indebted to said estate are requested to call and settle their accounts. J. N. HYATT, Adm'r. ORPHA HYATT, Ad'x. dec13 6tpd.

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