

Miscellaneous News.

An Old Mortgage Turns Up.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 15.—An old unsatisfied mortgage has been found which affects the title to about one-sixth of the estates of this place.

Will Be Tried in Lebanon County.

LEBANON, Pa., Dec. 15.—Counsel for William Showers, the old man who brutally murdered his two grandchildren some time ago, this afternoon filed his application for trial in some neighboring county, alleging that in Lebanon county public sentiment was so wrought up against Showers that his trial here could not be fairly conducted.

IN A CRITICAL CONDITION.

Mr. Powderly is taken with another hemorrhage yesterday afternoon.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 15.—Powderly's condition to-night is regarded as critical by his physicians. He was seized with another hemorrhage this afternoon. It is now known that since his return to his home here he has slept very little and is very nervous and restless on that account, and is also very weak in consequence of the hemorrhages.

Millions of Chinese Homeless.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The steamer City of Sydney arrived this evening from Hongkong and Yokohama. The Chinese give details of a disaster occasioned by the Yellow River overflowing its banks in the province of Honan, and describe it as one of the most appalling occurrences in loss of life and property recorded in recent times.

HE EMBEZZLED THOUSANDS.

An Old and Trusted Bookkeeper Detected in His Peculations.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Joseph Knight, the bookkeeper of the Manufacturers' National bank, was taken before United States Commissioner Edwards this afternoon charged with stealing from the funds of the bank between sixty and seventy thousand dollars.

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Pleasant Dreams.

"It ain't everybody I'd put to sleep in this room," said old Mrs. Jinks to that fastidious and extremely nervous young minister who was spending his first night in B—at her house.

"This hear room is full of sacred associations to me," she went on. "My first husband died in the room. My head on the year I was bed with Mr. Jinks. I took my pills, and poor very old settin' right in that corner chair there in the corner. Sometimes when I come into the room in the dark I think I see him settin' there still."

"My own father died layin' right on that lounge under the window. Poor old! He was a spiritualist, and he allus said he'd appear in this room again after he died; and sometimes I'm foolish enough to look for him. If you should see anything of him to-night, you'd better not tell me; for it'd be a sign to me that there was something in spiritualism, and I'd hate to think that."

"My son by my first man fell dead of heart disease right where you stand. He was a doctor, and there's two whole skeletons in that closet that belonged to him; and half a dozen skulls in that lower drawer."

"Well, good-night, and pleasant dreams!"—Puck.

Gibberish and its Translation.

"Lemmeknow whenyeroin' wouder?"

"Can you translate for me?" asks Mary B. Douce in Wide Awake, "that gibberish." It is not Greek. It is not Latin. Neither is it a sample of any known living language, but just a corruption of our own English tongue, which the children and too many of their elders are prone to encourage through heedlessness and haste.

The translation, "Let me know when you are going, won't you?" is easy enough speaking—except, it may be, the "won't you"—for all, at least, who appreciate the beauty of perfect enunciation.

"Won't you" may pass criticism in familiar colloquy, but this compressing of two words into one is never desirable.

"Will you not" is surely better.

"Ain't" of course is a vulgarism not to be thought of in connection with any man or woman of graceful culture, yet we sometimes meet people, who imagine themselves to be leaders, who use this expression for all the negatives of the verb it represents: "I ain't, thou ain't, he ain't, you ain't, they ain't." Is it not absurd?

Dinah Speaks Out in Meeting.

While at service an old lady happened to sneeze, and, as nearly every eye was turned toward her immediately after she had sneezed, she felt very uncomfortable. When she arrived at home she said to Dinah, her colored maid of all work, who had accompanied her to the meeting, "Dinah, why didn't you take the blame of that sneeze on your shoulders? You should have made it appear as though I was you, not I that sneezed." At the next meeting the old lady sneezed again. The preacher paused in his discourse and there was a slight titter among the congregation, which increased to a roar as the simple minded but honest Dinah arose and remarked: "I takes de blame of dat sneeze dat my missus had just sneezed on my own shoulders."

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