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SAD ENDING OF A ROMANCE.

A Private Soldier Condemned to Death for Falling in Love.

To-day, just as the sun is at meridian, just as with solemn sound the great bell of St. Louis Cathedral tolls forth the hour of noon, a soldier will pay the penalty of a crime for which the military justice knows but one explanation. The United States barracks, below the city, has been the place selected where the execution is to take place, and the green sward of the grassy ground will in many hours be stained with the crimson life-blood of the unfortunate man.

He was a member of one of the companies of United States troops stationed near a village in one of the interior parishes of Louisiana. Near the camp of the company was the plantation of a wealthy gentleman who had sympathized with the Union cause during the war, and who, therefore, was the object of special attention on the part of the officers of the command then performing provost duty. The planter had a daughter, a young woman who was a daughter who possessed in a remarkable degree that rare type of beauty for which the women of the South are noted. She had imbibed the sentiments of her father, and therefore took great pleasure in entertaining the officers who frequently visited to her house.

The first lieutenant of the company, Ambrose Black, at once conceived a warm attachment for the beautiful young creature, and endeavored in every way to induce her to share his feelings. In an interview with her, however, the lady treated him in a peculiarly polite but formal manner that proved her heart was set toward him. This was a great shock to his vanity, and he was at a loss to understand it. Finally the planter, playfully rallying him upon his ill success, stated that he had discovered why the lady refused to smile upon him. He had accidentally witnessed an interview between herself and Private Alfred Blake, the soldier who had been detailed to guard the plantation. An interview which proved conclusively that the heart of the young creature was irrevocably the private's and not the officer's.

This intelligence was too much for Lieutenant Black. His pride was wounded, and he felt that he had been forestalled where his heart was most enlisted, and by one of his own subordinates. Seeking Private Blake at once, he poured out the details of his wrath upon him, taunted him with his position, and declared he would send him home with a shaming girl, while on duty. Alfred Blake had borne much, but this coarse allusion to the woman he loved better than life fired his heart and brain, and with one blow he struck his officer prostrate upon the ground in the presence of his company. Then followed the trial—which was rendered inexpressibly touching by the presence of the woman who had dared to love a private soldier—the sentence of death to be preceded by imprisonment at Ship Island.

To-day the sentence is to be enforced and the majesty of the law sustained.—New Orleans Enquirer.

MORE CLERICAL SCANDAL.

Rumors Affecting the Honor of a Doctor of Divinity.—He is charged with breach of promise of marriage. The Pittsburgh Commercial of yesterday says:—The community for some time past has been excited over rumors affecting the honor and reputation of a well-known and popular minister, pastor of a very large and flourishing congregation in Allegheny. The minister is a widower, his wife having died some three years ago. In his congregation was a young lady, the daughter of a widow in humble circumstances, but highly respectable. The lady had received a good education and qualified herself for the profession of teaching, and had for some time taught in one of the ward schools of Allegheny.

This lady was a great favorite with her pastor, and in due time he became a suitor for her hand, and was accepted. It is said that she has in her possession ninety-six notes and love letters, which he had written to her, and in one of them the promise to marry is referred to, and June, 1870, fixed upon as the time. The intercourse continued manfully agreeable, but the matter, when the Doctor became cold towards her, and finally expressed his determination not to marry her. The rumor also goes that the Doctor is in love with a young lady in an Eastern State, who is an only child and heiress to a large fortune. There is intense excitement in his congregation over these rumors, and some forty families, it is said, either have severed their connection with the church, or contemplate doing so, unless a satisfactory explanation is made. The church session has taken informal notice of the matter, and will probably bring the case before Presbytery. The young lady first alluded to has given all the Doctor's letters into the hands of the session. She states that she has no desire to prosecute him, but only wishes to have his duplicity exposed.

She has applied for a situation as teacher in a school in Chicago, where she has a brother residing, engaged in the practice of medicine. It is not known whether the Eastern lady is aware of the situation of affairs here, but the matter has assumed such a serious aspect that a full explanation will ere long be demanded by the church judiciary.

THE STATE AUDITING SYSTEM.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

Steamer Ashore at Sandy Hook.

The State Auditing System.

The McFarland Murder Trial.

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Arctic Exploring Expedition.

Financial and Commercial.

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Hayes Expedition.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Dr. Hayes, the Arctic explorer, arrived here to-day at the instance of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, in order that they may obtain his views as to the propriety of an appropriation for a new expedition to the North Pole, under his command.

CONGRESS.

FORTY-FIRST TERM—SECOND SESSION.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Mr. Howard reported favorably the bill annulling certain acts of the Territorial Legislature of Wyoming relative to the Pacific Railroad.

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FROM THE STATE.

The Auditing System.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Telegraph.

HARRISBURG, April 6.—The various propositions to reform the auditing system in Philadelphia have ended in the following bill, which has been sanctioned by both houses:—

Section 1. Whenever auditors are appointed by the Court of Common Pleas, or the Court of District Court, or the city and county of Philadelphia, in cases where the balance for distribution amounts to \$1000 and upwards they shall each be entitled to receive the sum of \$10 for each day of all necessary attendances, and the duties of their appointment, not to exceed five days, and the additional sum of \$25 for making the report; and in cases where the balance for distribution shall be less than \$1000 they shall each be entitled to receive one-half the above rates of compensation for their services provided that in important cases on cause shown the Court may make a decree or order allowing such additional compensation as they may deem proper.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

Senate.

HARRISBURG, April 6.—Mr. Randall presented the minority report of the Diamond-Wood committee, which sets forth that Diamond is entitled to the seat by a majority of 147. This report was signed by Messrs. Lancaster, C. B. Smith, and W. C. Smith.

Mr. Drake also submitted a minority report of the Scott-Findlay Committee, signed by himself.

House bill legalizing the publication of the Local Gazette was taken up. The Speaker inquired if this being substantially the same bill as had been defeated in the Senate, no action could be taken.

Mr. Moore introduced a bill for the relief of the Speaker, and was sustained by 17 yeas to 10 nays.

House supplement to the Schuylkill River Freight Railroad was called up and passed.

House bill for the relief of Chesnut street, Philadelphia, was passed.

Mr. Wallace, from the Committee on Finance, reported an appropriation for the purchase of the furnishing of the Executive mansion. Passed.

Mr. White, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a resolution directing the Committee on the Judiciary General to inquire into the propriety of reorganizing the judicial system of the State, to report at the next session of the Legislature. Passed.

Mr. Howard, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill divorcing Watson and Julia Goodrich, of Crawford.

Mr. Billingsley demanded an explanation of the case.

Mr. Low replied that it was a good case, one of general commonness on the part of the woman, but he did not desire to initiate a speech upon the Senate at this time.

The bill passed—yeas, 16; nays, 4.

Mr. Rutledge moved to go into executive session on the nominations of the Governor. Agreed to.

The nominations of H. Gilbert, William W. Rathbun, and George B. Rogers, Trustees of the Pennsylvania Insane Asylum were unanimously confirmed.

Commissioners of the Board of Public Charities were re-elected.—General Thomas L. Kane, for five years; Hon. G. B. Coleman, four years; George L. Harrison, Esq., three years; Charles C. Smith, one year; Hon. H. Heister Clymer, one year. Confirmed unanimously.

The nomination of Charles S. Minor as Trustee of the State Lunatic Hospital, for the unexpired term of F. B. Pennington, resigned, was unanimously confirmed.

The nomination of John Youngman as Superintendent of Public Printing was unanimously confirmed.

The nomination of Colonel E. L. Osborn as Major-General of the 9th Division, Pennsylvania Militia, was unanimously confirmed.

The nomination of A. L. Pearson as Major-General of the 18th Division, Pennsylvania Militia, was unanimously confirmed.

House.

Senate bill authorizing Schuylkill River Passenger Railroad to lease or sell its roadway passed; it also authorizes its extension to Point Breeze, but the roadway shall not be laid east of Twenty-third street now west of Twenty-fourth.

Further investigations have been made in reference to the cattle bill. It appears that the original bill, purporting to amend the act of 1857, was defeated in a committee of the other. While there is no absolute evidence that this bill would have been amended, before the House, it is believed that Philadelphia, there is strong reason to believe that such would have been the fact if public attention had been called to the matter.

The substance of the plan regarding the State Treasury as agreed upon by both houses; requiring the State Treasurer to give bonds, with ten securities, for half million dollars, and fixing his salary at five thousand dollars, making it his duty to keep two separate books of account, one for the sinking fund, and another for the general revenue. Balances shall be struck on the last day of the month, and he shall at that time furnish the Sinking Fund Commissioners with a certificate showing the amount of the sinking fund, as well as the amount of the general revenue, and the amount of the securities of the State at current rates. The moneys shown to be due to the sinking fund shall be deposited on the first day of each month at the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Philadelphia, to the credit of the State; the commissioners shall in course provide for interest as it falls due, and securities shall be purchased on the general revenue. 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