

Dreadful Occurrence.

The beautiful Indian village of Potawatomi, situated on the Neosho River in the State of Kansas, was the theatre of an intensely exciting, but wholly unavoidable occurrence on the night of Sunday, May 21.

Old Emperor made up his mind to enjoy himself, and moved on with slow and majestic tread toward the stream, seeming to care for naught but the commands of his keeper.

As soon as he was unfettered and began to move, it seemed as if the tocsin of war had sounded; from every wigwam, but and calum they swarmed forth, young and old, as strange and fantastic looking crowd of humanity as ever was seen before.

The Indians slowly disappeared, and sought their wigwams for the night, and there being no further need of remaining awake, the tired showmen also sought to obtain the rest they so much needed in order to enable them to go through with the to-morrow's work.

About midnight the watchman, wishing to receive some information in regard to starting in the morning, stepped over to the hotel where Mr. Robinson was quartered.

The women and children uttering piteous wails of terror crouched cowering down near the men with pale and frightened countenances—crying 'What is it? Are we attacked by Indians? Will they come here?'

The noise and din seemed to grow louder each instant, and being in the Indian portion of the town, they hurriedly made thither; and upon suddenly turning a corner they beheld a sight they will never forget.

As the showmen were preparing to rescue Emperor, crash went his huge trunk, and an entire wigwam was seen flying through the air, while from the clouds of dust and heaps of rubbish could be seen the naked forms of some half dozen squaws and children reeling unconscious, and darting away through the woods with frightful yells of terror.

The company headed by Mr. Robin son, rushing up immediately, scattered the Indians off from the elephant's back and led him away. He manifested his delight at finding himself once more among his friends by repeatedly caressing his keeper with his trunk.

The Indians, becoming alarmed for the safety of the rest of the wigwams, commenced goading him with spears and knives; while at the same time a hundred torches were flashed upon the scene, producing the very effect they were endeavoring to prevent.

Old Emperor was purchased from the King of Siam, and has been in this country on exhibition for about thirty years. He is known to all showmen as being the best disposed elephant in the United States.

The Western Indian is noted for his thieving propensity, but history has no record of their ever endeavoring to pilfer so large an animal before, although their disposition was good enough to attempt it.

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But Mr. Robinson insisted upon his receiving a sufficient amount to rebuild the dwellings, which he was loth to do, but finally accepted, and thus a matter which at one time threatened to result in a fearful loss of life was happily averted.

Fancy of a Fashionable Belle for a Heathen Chinese.

An unusual tit-bit is now going the rounds of fashionable gossip, says the New York Star, relating to the strange fancy of an up-town belle for a veritable 'Heathen Chinese.'

beauty and accomplishments. About six months ago the father took into the household as butler or steward, a remarkably clever and intelligent Chinaman.

In vain the daughter cried, and pleaded her love, avowing her determination to marry him. It only added fuel to the flame of wrath consuming her father's heart.

A Fierce Attack on a Farmer by an Enraged Horse.

From several farmers coming into town yesterday, from the township of Taylor, our reporter learned the particulars of a very exciting affair which occurred in that township, about seventy miles from Detroit, on Sunday last.

After being struck several times he broke loose and ran at Andrews and struck him down with one of his fore feet. While in this position the farmer received a bad injury from being stepped on, but managed to get up and show fight, still retaining possession of his weapon.

The people at the house had heard the sounds of the struggle, and a hired man and the family were soon around the door. As the horse seemed to quiet down a little, the man shouted to Andrews to crawl carefully along to the door.

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A Veritable Silver Island.

Marvelous stories are told of the ore that are being taken out of the Silver Island region, on the northern shore of Lake Superior.

is said to be clearly defined from the surrounding rocks by being several feet in width and two or three feet high, and of a wholly different and harder material.

Ink Slings.

BY JOSE BILLINGS.

Truth is like the burdock's cow gits onto the end of her tail; the more she shakes them off, the less she gets rid of them.

There is 2 kinds of men in this world, that I don't care about meeting when I am in a great hurry. Men whom I owe, and men who want to owe me.

There is always one chance agin the best laid plans of man, and the Lord holds that chance.

Take a kitten that can hardly walk on land, and chuck him into a mill pond, and he will swim ashore—enny bobby can apply the moral in this.

Take a wizen man to suffer prosperity, but most enny phool can suffer adversity.

Pride, after all, is one of our best friends—it makes us believe we are better and happier than our neighbors.

Before you give enny man advice, find out what kind of advise will suit him the best.

Knowledge is like money, the more a man gets the more he hankers for. The advice and phylis of great men are never admired or imitated by great men.

The trow art of criticism is to excuse faults rather than ridicule them. We have no more right to laff at a deformed person, than we have at a crooked tree—both of them are God's arktecture.

How strange it is that most men had rather be flattered for possession what they hav not, than to be justly plaited for having what they possess.

Suavity of manners towards men is like suavity of molasses towards flies, it not only calls them to you, but sucks them fast after they git there.

There is a great deal of charity in this world so kolly rendered that it fairly hurts; it is like lifting a drowning man out of the water by the head, and then letting him drop on the ground.

Exchanging compliments is another name for exchanging lies. The greatest thief in this world has ever produced is Procrastination, and he is still at large.

Religion is nothing more than a chattel mortgage, executed and recorded, as security for a man's morality and virtue.

White lies are sed few be innocent, but I am satisfied that enny man who will lie for phun, after a while will lie for wages.

A man with only one accomplishment kant expect tew interest us long. We all git tired pretty soon looking at a goose standing on one leg.—New York Weekly.

Curious Joke.—A physician in the Grand Army Journal, tells this ghastly joke: 'If remember one day in making my hospital rounds, a patient, just arrived, presented me an amputated forearm, and in doing so could scarcely refrain from a broad laugh; the titter was constantly on his face.

Turning to our own country and later times, he contrasted Lincoln and Davis in the discharge of their antagonistic duties.

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TESTIFYING IN ONE'S OWN BEHALF.—The experiment of permitting parties to crimial suits to testify in many of the States with satisfactory results.

As an instance we may cite the fact that Judge Bedford of New York, in passing sentence upon a murderer, remarked that the prisoner had been permitted, under the new law, to testify in his own behalf, but that did not help his case as he swore too much, and thus tainted his evidence with suspicion, and the Judge added, that such has been the case in almost all instances in which prisoners have testified.

The platforms of the Keystone and the Buckeye State Democracy are the Keystone of Democratic victory. So says the N. Y. Herald.

A yacht race for a twenty hundred dollar gold cup is to come off at Cape May in July.

Lafayette College Commencement.

One commencement day is much like another, but that of Lafayette college, occurring to-day and evening, has been somewhat more than unusually agreeable.

The subject will appear to many somewhat hackneyed, but the audience found the treatment anything rather than that. I would like to give you a resume of the address, but have neither the time nor the skill to abridge it in that way.

Washington was perhaps the only man who could have won the independence of the colonies, and yet there were those in the revolutionary army no less brave, and much more brilliant. It was rare wisdom that called him to the chief command.

Let us for a moment transpose the two chief military leaders of the early part of the present century. Transfer Napoleon to Britain and Wellington to France.

The people of these two powerful nations moulded their leaders, and through them moulded their own destinies. Had they been differently educated and inspired, they would have created other leaders, and the annals of their heroism would have been no less glorious.

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This was followed by contrasts relating to the chief actors in the great struggle; all opposite and skillfully placed. The oration was exceedingly fine, and the entire address was complimented by the most profound attention on the part of the audience.

All Sorts of Paragraphs.

'Coughing Hoss' is the Indian name for locomotive.

Why is a hay-rick like the 1st of May? Because it is made hay.

A Western gentleman advertises for a 'self-supporting wife.'

Anybody can get ice on the Kennebec river, Mo. for 25 cents a ton.

The new colored cadet at West Point has been dubbed Sir Charler Napier.

Bears are said to be quite plenty among the White Mountains this season.

The N. Y. Post speaks of the ostrich-like delusion of newly-married people.

Ladies' watches are now made in an oval case to look like lockets, and worn on the neck.

The Liberal Christian denies that the Rev. Mr. Hopworth, Unitarian, is going to turn Episcopalian.

At the present rate of progress the Northern Pacific Railroad will be finished within three years.

The number of horses in the country that are 'going to beat Dexter' is said to be getting very large.

Groovy sums it all up when he says farming will certainly pay if conducted in a profitable manner.

The term 'Gilt-edged Hell' is applied this season to John Morrissey's gambling house at Saratoga.

A Boston widow daily places flowers on her deceased husband's grave at an annual expense of \$600.

'Grasshopper Jim' is the dignified cognomen by which an editor of Portland, Oregon, is distinguished.

Gentlemen will wear at the Springs this summer high crown mouse color hats and light bob-tail and shad-belly coats.

The marriage record of Boston for 1870 develops the fact that during the year eleven white girls married colored men.

Mr. Butler is arranging a big hen farm near Geneva, Ill. on which he expects to keep 18,000 hens of choicest breeds.

In India they cure leprosy by washing the patient with warm water and soap one day, and with carbonic acid and oil the next.

Engagement rings of diamonds are getting too common to be subject to a return to the plain gold betrothal ring has taken place.

A Troy editor lately returned a tailor's bill with the following memorandum on the margin: 'Your manuscript is respectfully declined.'

Mr. W. J. Carvan is the fortunate man who drew the \$25,000 prize at the gift concert of the Musical Society, lately given in Milwaukee.

The Hon. W. C. Flagg, of Mass., Madison county, Ill., has been awarded a gold medal for his extensive works, which cover over one hundred volumes.

It is announced in London that General Slekios who is a great favorite at the present Court of Spain, is shortly to be married to a young and beautiful Spanish lady.

In Dubuque the other day a man promenade Main street, from one end to the other, with two large rattlesnakes coiled about his neck, arms, and shoulders.

Twenty-four car loads of strawberries, comprising 250,000 quarts of the fruit, weighing 250 tons, passed through Wilmington, Del., for the North in a single day recently.

Mr. Whitehead, the inventor of the 'fish torpedo,' will, it is said, receive \$75,000 from the English government in consideration of his making over his invention to it.

There are said to be 1,000 raft of timber on the Susquehanna, between Columbia and Williamsport, that are prevented from going down by the shallowness of the water.

A foreign-looking man created quite an excitement in New York, a few days ago, by driving a four-in-hand of immense bull dogs attached to a light wagon, through Central Park.

The scandal that a school teacher in Vermont had flogged her uncle is somewhat mitigated when we learn that the uncle is only twelve years old, and was one of her unruly scholars.

A Massachusetts man who telegraphed to New Bedford for a box of pressed cigars, is astonished at the mistakes the telegraph man do make.

Twenty-six thousand children are now learning music in the Boston public Schools. Fifteen thousand of them are so far advanced as to be competent to take part in a musical festival.

St. Louis has the 'boulevard fever,' and has just opened a new one-eight miles long and one hundred feet wide, on which the nobbist turnouts in the Western world will be exhibited.

A friend of Ralph Waldo Emerson met him in the Yosemite valley, and said, 'I hope you feel no disappointment here.' 'No, no,' said he, 'it is the only thing that quite comes up to the brag.'

Rev. J. Hyatt Smith is so much censured by his Baptist brethren on account of his Open Communion notions, that he says he would be in danger of suffering at the stake if he were not too wet to burn.

The teacher of an infant class in a Portland Sunday school is ninety years old. His son is superintendent of the school, and his grandson secretary, making the school considerably in the family.

Wisconsin farmers complain bitterly of the damage done to their wheat fields by millions of pigeons. They make regular raids every morning, and leave little of the sown grain behind them when they retire.

They are going to celebrate the Fourth of July at Niagara by sending an old ship over the falls. A motion has been provided that the ship be first filled with Niagara hackmen.

In Indianapolis a charming lady physician was called to administer to a gentleman who was down with fever. 'You need good nursing,' said the lady. 'Nurse me for life,' replied the patient. 'I will,' was the soft answer.