



TERRIBLE TRAGEDIES. TWO FIRES BY WHICH HUNDREDS OF LIVES WERE LOST—SHOCKING MISMANAGEMENT.

BLOOMSBURG, PA. Friday, Dec. 16, 1881.

Some of the Illinois papers are trying to get up a boom for John Logan for President. A worse candidate might be found but the probability is most remote.

Hon. Frederick T. Freylinghuysen of New Jersey was on Monday, nominated and confirmed as Secretary of State. The white-plumed knight from Maine is now open to an engagement. It is said, that Grant will choose one of the remaining cabinet officers. Surely this is to be a Stalwart administration.

John Cassia has concluded not to contest the election of Judge Baer, but proposes to sue Judge Hall for libel. A live man is Cassia, always presenting some novelty for public consideration. His mission on earth does not extend beyond "whooping up" the Republican ticket, if he could only be convinced of it.

We call the attention of our readers to the article on the first page of this paper, entitled "Zach Chandler on Hayes." It is a scathing indictment of the fraudulent President and gives some illustrations of his meanness and duplicity not before known. Coming from such unalloyed authority as the veteran stalwart Senator the exposures are worthy of note.

Congress has not yet fairly settled down to work. The House is waiting for the Speaker to appoint the various committees, and this it is said will not be done until after the holidays. The Senate was not in session from Thursday until Monday. In the Senate on Tuesday the session was devoted to the discussion of Mr. Pendleton's bill to regulate the civil service. In the House a large number of bills were introduced, among them one to repeal the internal revenue tax on matches, bank checks, cigars, snuff and spirits distilled from grain and other fruits. Before the end of the States was half completed 756 bills had been referred to committees.

Congressman Strait, of Minnesota, has received a telegram signed by the postmaster, sheriff, and two prominent citizens of St. Peter, saying there was a woman in that town who was a servant to the family of Mr. Scoville, a citizen's brother-in-law and cousin. It was reported that she had committed the murder of General Garfield discussed by members of the family at that time. Mr. Strait placed the telegram in the hands of the district attorney and vouched for the responsibility of the persons who had signed the message. It has been privately reported here for some time that Gutieau had communicated to the Scoville family his intention to kill the President before the 21st of July, when the murderous shot was fired.

Col. John W. Forney died at his home in Philadelphia on Friday morning last after a brief illness. He was born at Lancaster, September 30th 1817. He entered a printing office when a boy and for the remainder of his life was connected with newspaper work. In 1857 he founded the Philadelphia Press and to that journal the best of his editorial labors were given. He earnestly advocated the election of James Buchanan to the Presidency and contributed in no small degree to the success of his Democratic ticket. Subsequently he opposed Mr. Buchanan's administration and thereafter served with the Republicans. At the last election he warmly espoused the cause of Gen. Hancock. At the time of his death he was editor and proprietor of the Progress, a newspaper of more than ordinary merit. Col. Forney filled an important place in the journalistic and political world that his loss will be keenly felt. He possessed rare abilities both as editor and politician, and was a man of ripe culture in literature. The world is poorer for his death, and it will be hard indeed to fill his place. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon and the body was interred in Laurel Hill Cemetery. The pall bearers were General W. S. Hancock, Hon. W. D. Kelley, General D. E. Sickles, Hon. S. J. Randall, Hon. E. B. Hart, Hon. A. G. Curtin, Colonel A. K. McClure, George W. Childs, Daniel Dougherty and Lewis C. Cassidy.

The evidence given in the trial of Gutieau for the past few days has shown his utter depravity in the longest light. He seems to be utterly devoid of all moral perceptions and his life has been one of the most despicable character. He grows more insolent every day and not only interrupts witnesses and counsel but is outrageously abusive. His brother, John W. Gutieau, has had more or less to say and there have been several quarrels. Rev. Dr. R. S. McArthur, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, New York, testified as to the disreputable character of the assassin, who had been guilty of every imaginable of fence against decency. Gutieau was very noisy and insolent. The trial was adjourned from Friday until Monday. Dr. Edward C. Spitzka testified on Monday that Gutieau was insane, but the cross-examination was so searching as to do away with the effect of the testimony. Gutieau was exceedingly expatriated and paid no heed to the rebukes of the court. It is becoming quite apparent that the assassin is perfectly sane and is playing a part to influence the jury, coupled with a desire to keep himself before the public. In the court room on Monday some person called out "shoot him." Warden Crocker has received recently a number of anonymous letters advising him to remove the prisoners from the wing of the jail in which Gutieau is confined, so that in the event of a dynamite explosion no lives except that of Gutieau will be endangered.

On Tuesday Dr. Spitzka was again on the stand, but his testimony was not important. Dr. Forsythe Barker of New York testified that he believed Gutieau was sane. Samuel B. Phelps, a broker of New York, was the next witness and was outrageously insulted by the assassin. Gutieau's behavior grows worse daily. On Wednesday Rev. J. L. Whitlow D. B. Charles A. Bryan and Henry M. Collier were witnesses. Their testimony was damaging to the character of Gutieau and he became furiously angry and abusive. The sickness of a juror brought the case to a close for the day.

The jury convicted them with recommendation to mercy of the Court. The sentence was thirty days in the county jail and costs of prosecution.

Commonwealth vs. Fred Smith. Violation of liquor laws. Case tried. This trial occupied two days and excited considerable interest, a large number of people from Catawissa being in attendance. After being out several hours, the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty, but pay costs.

The Grand Jury made final report as follows: To the Honorable Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Columbia county. The Grand Inquest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania inquiring for the body of the County of Columbia, respectfully reports that we have, pursuant to our required duties calmly and deliberately investigated all the bills of indictment presented for our consideration and have passed upon them according to their merits. We have also examined the county buildings and find them in good condition, except some needed repairs around the Court House, and that the water closets in court yard are in a filthy condition.

Exceptions filed to witness's appraisal in estate of Edward Hatley. Cyrus McHenry, L. R. Appleman and Abram Dilbine appointed viewers of a road in Pine and Greenwood. Sale ordered in estate of George Leiby and bond approved. Petition for citation filed in estate of Adam Gable.

Commonwealth vs. R. F. Howell. Fornication and lewdness. Case tried. Verdict guilty. Usual sentence. Sheriff Ent acknowledged the following deeds: To J. Conatock and M. S. Williams, land in Orange for \$20. Sold as property of John Stiner.

Charles Merrill tract, in Greenwood, to Appella Merrill for \$7,000. Edward Hatley lot, Centralia, to Sarah Hatley, for \$100. William Watts land in Franklin, to Charles Reigle for \$700. Sale ordered in estate of John Hicks. C. W. Miller appointed guardian of Ralph B. Aul, a minor.

Sale of real estate ordered in estate of Peter Appleton and bond filed. Sale of real estate ordered in estate of Samuel Rhone. Commonwealth vs. Francis Guinn. Recognizance of defendant and John Guinn in \$100 for good behavior of defendant for one year. Same in case of Samuel Jones, Jr.

Moses Hower, J. Kosterhauder and W. Scott appointed viewers of a road in Catawissa, near W. K. Koffler's. Following sales of real estate were confirmed: Estates of Philip Miller, Collins W. Suttler, George Hollenback, Mary Cleaver, W. White and William Verry. Writ of partition awarded in estates of George Breese, John Kline and David Deant.

Samuel Kiser appointed viewer of a road in Pine, near George Stackhouse's, in place of W. R. DeMont, who is unable to act. Road in Benton township, near T. B. Cole's, confirmed finally. Recognizance of Charles Brown, Daniel Geiger and Stanley Ellis entered to keep the peace for one year. Auditor's report in estate of Jonathan George, confirmed nisi. Auditor's report in estate of Alexander Garrison, confirmed nisi.

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