

Plank Road Meeting.

We call attention to the notice, in another column, for a meeting to take into consideration the proposition...

Rail Road Matters.

We have noticed, in the Buffalo Commercial, several communications signed "S. A. Reader," "A stockholder," "Many Citizens," &c., all of which are evidently written by the same person...

In a Rage.

That plink of politicians, the Editor of the New York Tribune, is a perfect fury because the Legislature of New York failed to elect Hamilton Fish Senator on the day prescribed by law...

Crawford County.

We are gratified to see by the proceedings of a meeting of the Democracy of Crawford, held at the Court House in Meadville, on Monday evening last...

Giving the Public Lands to Actual Settlers.

There is no doubt that the proposition to give a limited quantity of the public domain to every one wishing to cultivate the same, is gaining proselytes every day. It is a project which appeals to the vanity of thousands...

LEGISLATIVE JOTTINGS.

Since our last record of the sayings and doings of our "wise men of the people" at Harrisburg, but little of note has been transacted. Private bills and private claims—some local in character—have been introduced...

From Washington.

Just as I begin to get the hang of this grocery work in commencing in earnest. How all the public bills are to be passed is a puzzle that Astrologer Hague could not answer satisfactorily. I am thinking the California Land Claim bill can never get through the House...

Telegraph by O'Reilly's Line.

News from Feb. 14, 3 o'clock, P. M. By a Packet Ship just arrived at New York, we have the following from the Atlantic. The Packets show the Atlantic and reports all on board safe and well. It is supposed from this that he got short of coal, and is now on the coast of Ireland some where. It is anticipated that by the Africa, which is shortly due, we shall have full particulars.

A Yankee has just invented a suspender that so contracts on your approach to water, that the moment you come to a puddle, it fits you over and drops you on the opposite side.—A. Paper.

If mud would have the same effect upon their contracting and lifting up qualities, it would be a most useful help in crossing our streets, at the present time.

At Cleveland, John Leonard was brought into court upon the suit of Julia Ziesenheim for breach of promise, damages \$2000; and as he couldn't find bail, and dalked imprisonment, he compromised by marrying the woman on the spot. The "Flaundealer" says John's bridal smile "smacked of pica."

MYSTERIOUS PUNISHMENT.—The alarm of a fire on Sunday evening last was caused by the burning of a quantity of bed-clothing in the dwelling house of Mr. Levi Bennett, in Farmer street. This is the fourth time within the last three months that our citizens have been alarmed by the cries of "fire" from Mr. Bennett's residence, leaving no doubt at all that upon every occasion it has been the work of an incendiary. Mr. Bennett and his family are the victims of a deeply laid system of persecution, by some demon in human form, who seems bent on destroying, not only their domestic happiness and poverty, but if possible, their lives. All efforts to ferret out the offender have thus far proved fruitless. The four attempts to burn down his house have all been made in open day-light, about the same time of day, when the family were busily employed in their usual domestic duties. They think it impossible that any person could enter the house from without, for such a purpose, without being seen, and they have not the least reason to suspect any member of the family. On Sunday afternoon, when the last alarm was made, the whole family were quietly seated in one of the lower rooms, and no one could have entered the house, gone up stairs and fired the building and retreated, without being detected.

But a few days previous to this, an attempt was made to poison his family! The servant girl was engaged pouring some coffee from a small coffee-pot, into a cup to be given to a sick child. Mr. Bennett, sitting by, noticed a small lump of hard white stuff falling from the coffee-pot, but naturally thought it was undissolved sugar. He tasted it, however, and found it to have a peculiar taste. The Physician coming in at the time, he handed it to him, who also tasted it and pronounced it sugar. A moment's reflection, however, prompted him to give it a closer examination. The coffee was taken from the large coffee-pot, out of which this small one was filled, and upon analyzing it, it was found to contain arsenic acid (a deadly poison), it was found to poison the whole family.

Mr. Bennett has always been a good citizen, an industrious, hard-working mechanic, is not aware of his having any personal enemies, and cannot account for these repeated attempts to injure himself and family.—London Argus.

A Field of Coral.—In the immediate vicinity of Bermuda, says the New Orleans Picayune, is a field of coral, some twenty miles by ten in extent, which, seen through water several feet deep and perfectly transparent, presents an object of great beauty and richness. The prisoners at that English establishment are frequently employed to procure, by diving, specimens of coral from that exhausted field of beauty and richness, which are sent to numerous cities and individuals on both continents, for ornaments upon mantle pieces. In many places coral rock is used as the only building material. For forts it is probably preferable to any other material. It is more difficult to shatter by cannon balls than any other rock. Though not hard, it is tough, and is the carbonate of lime. The Potomac marble, used for pillars and columns in the American Capitol, is calcareous pudding stone. It is composed of pebbles of the carbonate of lime, of various sizes, from that of a man's head to grains smaller than a pea.

The American Courier has not been received for some weeks. It is one of those newspapers whose prospectuses have been inserted in this paper, and we expect an exchange.—Janita Sentinel.

And it would serve you about right if you should never get either of them. A country editor who is so excessively venal as to publish the prospectus of a city weekly for the sake of an exchange, deserves to be dismissed. So we think, at least, and we are going to let all country editors who are of the same way of thinking, the enormous lists which some of the sickly, sentimental city papers now have in our country towns, to the injury of the country press, would grow smaller by degrees and beautifully every.—Holidays Standard.

THE DEATH PENALTY.—The Detroit Advertiser declares its belief that the sentiment of a majority of the people of Michigan is in favor of the re-employment of the death penalty for the crime of murder in the laws of the State. The crime, it says, has been of more frequent occurrence than formerly, and it is believed to be on account of the leniency of the punishment. Two murders of a revolting character have recently been committed, one in Detroit and another in Monroe county, which have left a feeling of horror upon the minds of the people. The constitutional convention last year refused to reinstate the penalty, after warm discussion of the subject.

POLYGAMY.—A German lady from East Boston has caught her husband playing at the game of polygamy. The parties had been married about two years. Last July the husband left his wife and never returned. A day or two since hearing that he was in Lawrence she proceeded hence, and lo-and-behold she found him residing with a sweet foreign girl of 18, to whom he had been publicly married about two months. Her presence in L. being known to the guilty man, he took his young wife to Lowell. Thither the wife followed, had him arrested, and is now in prison, charged with the crime of polygamy. The "victim" of his villainy was almost paralyzed with grief, and has returned to her home a wretched and ruined woman. The wife is at East Cambridge.

IMPORTANT PROJECTS.—The Legislature of Missouri had under consideration two gigantic projects, both of which have been referred to appropriate committees, and reported upon favorably. The one is the Pacific Railroad company, with a capital of four and a half million of dollars, one third to be subscribed and paid by individuals, and two-thirds to be built on the credit of the State for which bonds are to be issued accordingly. The other is the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad company, of equal capital, and to enjoy the same governmental encouragement.

MURKIN AT COLUMBIA, Pa.—Columbia has been the scene of another tragedy, the particulars of which are simply these: A man by the name of Casper Sherris, has been in the habit of visiting the house of a Mr. Eiseick, (who is a widow woman), for base and illicit purposes. On Thursday night last, (having absented himself several months previous), he again visited the house in a state of intoxication, and attempted violence upon her person. Two of her sons, who are pretty well grown, ejected the monster from the premises. He returned in a short time, armed with a butcher knife, which he plunged into the side of the younger boy, from the effects of which he must die. This will be the fourth murder in Columbia within a few years, the victims being Pearl, Winsen, Stout, and Eiseick.

GER. JACKSON AND THE KROCKERS.—One of the spiritual knockers died last night, it seems, has been in communication with the spirit of Gen. Jackson. The querist wished to know what the "old General" had first said. The reply was, "The Union—by the eternal—don't split it!"

PANIC AT SEA.—A southern paper tells the following ludicrous story of an Alabama bumptin, which made us laugh down to our knees:—A green lad from Alabama, who was a passenger

on board one of the steamboats navigating the Gulf of Mexico, suddenly bolted the cabin door, and, before the passengers had time to fully comprehend his object, he had fled. "We are lost!" cried another; "Yes, lost!" said the lad, astonished at the alarm he had created; "I know we are lost, 'cause the Captain's on top of the house, and another man's on the mast, a lookin' to see what we are."

The Oregon Spectator says that a coal mine has been discovered in Admiralty Inlet, of superior quality and in quantity sufficient to propel all the steamers that now visit the Pacific for centuries to come. The inlet belongs to us. It has been ascertained there was no coal in that region except Vancouver's Island, belonging to the British.

ANOTHER SCIENTIFIC WONDER! PERLIN, an artificial digestive fluid, or gastric juice, prepared by Dr. Bennett, of the Southwestern Dispensary, Philadelphia, Pa. This is a truly wonderful preparation, and will cure all the diseases of the stomach, Dyspepsia, Jaundice, Liver Complaint, Constipation, Debility, &c., after a person's own method, by nature's own agency. See advertisement in another column.

A SMALL FORTUNE.—THE ABOVE ARTIST'S FIRST SUCCESS.—THE ABOVE ARTIST'S BROTHER, MR. R. REED HOUSE, also, by DR. J. H. HALL, No. 1, HIGH STREET.

MARRIED. On Wednesday last, by the Rev. Jos. H. Pruett, Mr. Levi W. Cooper, of Millersburg township, and Miss Mary Jane Green, of this city.

In Independence, Missouri, on the 16th of January last, by Elder F. Palmer, Mr. James L. Gray, formerly of this place, and Miss H. R. Thomas, of Independence.

On the 5th inst, by Rev. S. Gregg, Mr. William Henry and Miss Catherine Crowlitt, both of Erie.

DIED. In Watburgh, on Sunday, the 9th inst, FREDERICK W. J. T. Ziesenheim, Esq., P. M. of that place, aged 27 years.

In this city, on Sunday morning last, Mrs. Cynthia Miles, after a lingering illness, on the 7th day of her age.

In this city, on Wednesday last, of Consumption, A. C. Hiltz, aged 54 years.

On the 5th inst, in Kenosha, at the residence of a brother-in-law, Arthur T. M. J. M. of that place, in the 25th year of his age.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Public Notice. The undersigned, Geo. W. Bennett, of the Erie and West Chester, Pa. R. R., has the honor to announce that he has been appointed agent for the sale of the Erie and West Chester, Pa. R. R. stock, and that he will receive applications for the same at his office, No. 101 N. 3rd St., Erie, Pa., on and after the 15th inst. He will also receive applications for the same at his office, No. 101 N. 3rd St., Erie, Pa., on and after the 15th inst. He will also receive applications for the same at his office, No. 101 N. 3rd St., Erie, Pa., on and after the 15th inst.

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