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DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION.

FOR STATE TREASURER:
DANIEL O. BARR, of Allegheny County.

THE statement telegraphed from Europe a few days ago, that the troubles which have existed between the Vatican and the German Government ever since 1870 had at last been satisfactorily settled, is contradicted by a later dispatch from Berlin. Negotiations are still going on.

THE total number of cases of yellow fever in Memphis up to yesterday was 235 and the number of deaths 75. The people who remained in the city up to last Saturday night will be compelled to stay there shut off from the outer world, the last passenger train that would be permitted to leave having taken its departure early that evening by the Nashville road.

IT is scarcely necessary to state that the election in Kentucky on Monday last for Governor and members of the Legislature resulted in a brilliant Democratic victory. The vote was light, and the Greenback party, which was quite lively and aggressive two years ago, don't seem from the returns to have any existence in that State now, except in a sickly condition and only in spots few and far between.

DANIEL O. BARR, the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer, and Gen. Coffroth, President of the late Democratic State Convention, met at Pittsburgh on Friday evening last and appointed George W. Miller, of Washington county, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee. Mr. Miller was formerly a member of the Sate Senate, is a gentleman of ability, belongs to no faction or clique, and we have no doubt will prove himself both intelligent and efficient in the discharge of his duties. It was decided that the headquarters of the Committee shall be in Pittsburgh. This is a reversal of all former custom in a political campaign, and although it may prove to be a wise departure, we have always held to the opinion that the State Committee should have its headquarters at Harrisburg.

TO HAVE BEEN BORN in Ohio is a joy forever to a man who wants an office from Mr. Hayes. Charles H. James left that State about after a years ago and pitched his tent in Washington as a lawyer, and in January having recently taken place in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Mr. Hayes selected James to fill it without any difficulty or delay. For what we know he may be a proper man for the place, but however that may be, his Ohio nativity has served him a good purpose by securing for him a judgeship, which he probably never would have reached if he had been unfortunate enough to have first seen daylight in some other state. An Ohio man has an certain a passport to office under Hayes and John Sherman is the scoundrel who composed the Returning Boards in Louisiana and Florida, as well as their confederates, both at home and from a broad, who united in the perpetration of the fraud which placed their benefactor, Mr. Hayes, where he now is.

THAT the so-called "General" Conway, who has been visiting several cities in the east, collecting money ostensibly to aid the negroes in Mississippi and Louisiana to emigrate to Kansas, or some other northern latitude, would turn out to be a public swindler, is not at all surprising. He appears to be well known in Vineland, N. J., and the *Times* of that place declares its belief, "formed after long deliberation on the evidence which has come to us from time to time, that he is an adventurer and a fraud, hesitating at few means of making a living saving the honest and honorable one of hard work." How readily a certain class of people in the north become the victims of a counterfeit philanthropist representing his purpose to be the welfare of the colored man! If this adventurer, Conway, instead of appropriating most of the money he receives to his own use, would devote it to the purpose he professes to have in view, he would still be the worst enemy the negroes could have. The pitiable condition of the hundreds or more colored people of the six or eight thousand who sought Kansas as their Canaan, and who had managed to get back to St. Louis but week, hoping in some way to reach their former abodes in the lower Mississippi valley, pleads trumpet-tongued against the fanatics and fools who are trying to seduce the negro from his southern and natural home.

GENERAL TYNER, First Assistant Postmaster General, recently passed through Kansas on his return from a trip to California, and the Johnstown *Tribune* of Monday last represents him as saying "that the westward movement of the blacks has but commenced, and that Kansas will eventually have half a million of them, and that they will find plenty to do and make a good living." In the same number of the *Tribune*, Captain John Brown, Jr., who is a son of Captain John Brown, Sr., who was hung at Charlestown, Virginia, about twenty years ago for the crime of murder committed during his armed invasion of that State at Harper's Ferry, is made to say in a letter to a Cleveland paper, after he had spent a week among the colored emigrants to Kansas, that "great numbers of them are in utter destitution and all need assistance, yet they are the most uncomplaining people I ever met." Looking at these two statements, which don't exactly dovetail into each other, although both rest upon high Republican authority, the question naturally suggests itself, "Which of these two loyal Republicans, General Tyner or Captain John Brown, Jr., has been lying?" The presumption of guilt is very violent against "General Tyner," but he can plead in his defence that he didn't know anything about Captain John Brown's letter to the Cleveland *Leader*.

THE election in California which will take place on the 3d of September, will be one of the most important that has ever occurred in that State. The adoption or rejection of the new constitution which was recently framed by a State Convention will then be determined by a vote of the people, and the contest between its friends and its enemies is intensely bitter. In addition to this, a Governor and other State officers, four members of Congress, a new set of Judges of the Courts, and a new Legislature are to be elected. There are three candidates for Governor in the field, and four political organizations, as follows: The Democratic candidate is Dr. Hugh J. Glenn, one of the most extensive land owners and certainly the largest land cultivator in the State, having this year harvested *forty-five thousand acres of wheat*, besides other crops. Glenn is also the nominee of the Constitutional party, whose main purpose is to secure the adoption of the new constitution. The Republican candidate is George C. Perkins, who is regarded as the representative of the railroad rings in the State, and for that reason is specially obnoxious to the workingmen, whose candidate is William F. White, who, like Glenn, the Democratic nominee, is a farmer. Dennis Kearney is of course the moving spirit of the Workingmen's party, and also advocates the adoption of the new constitution, which foreshadows, we would suppose, its popular approval. Kearney, in his speeches throughout the State, is the same blatant, vulgar demagogue he has always been ever since he first made his appearance as a political agitator on the platform erected on the San Francisco sand lot. The following extract from one of his recent harangues is in his best style, and we give it for the edification of our readers:

"There are but two parties in the field now and there will be but two parties in the future—traitors on one side and patriots on the other. Schemers, scallywags and office seekers, unprincipled ruffians, leeches, fineart dead-beats, broadcloth hunters, tax shirkers, tax eaters, tax swindlers, white slave traders, boodlers, plunderers, bell-born thieves and double-dyed rogues, every available stiff in thieftom and every sour-embittered, disappointed political hack and spavined dead-beat in California and every whisky thief, perjurer and jailbird outside of California will be drilled into active service this fall to defeat combined monopolists, water robbers, land sharks, fraud and corruption, as against the poor, the humble, the clean, the innocent producers, the fair-minded citizen, the honest farmer, the moral father and virtuous mother. Yes, the good, the noble and the free have pooled their issues. Those who refuse to obey this oath, you will find it recorded in heaven when you get there, that rather than submit to misrule, bad government and oppression they will wade knee-deep in blood and perish in the pool."

The greatest importance, however, of this election is the effect it may possibly have on the next Presidency, if there should be a failure of the people to elect and the choice should be thrown into the House of Representatives. There are *thirteen* States, and it would require a majority of the members in *each* of *twenty* States to elect. Without counting California, as that cannot of course yet be done, the Republicans now control the delegations from *eighteen* States, and the Democrats control them from precisely the same number—*eighteen*. It will thus be seen that if the Democrats carry *three* of the *four* California members they will have *nineteen* States, and if the Republicans elect a majority of the members they will control *fourteen* States. The present delegation from Indiana is a tie, having six Democrats, six Republicans, and one Greenbacker, De La Matyr. It all then comes down to this: De La Matyr holds the balance of power in the Indiana delegation and can, therefore, throw the vote of that State either for a Democrat or for a Republican, or he can prevent it from being cast for any candidate whatever. If the issue should come to this, which we do not think it will, Gilbert De La Matyr will hold in his hands the most tremendous power that has ever been committed to any one man in this country.

THE Johnstown *Tribune* of Friday last, in referring to a Washington dispatch which stated that letters had been received there from prominent Pennsylvanians suggesting the names of several citizens of this State, "ex-Congressman Campbell" being among the number, in connection with the vacant mission to England, and believing that Jacob M. Campbell, of Johnstown, was the "ex-Congressman Campbell" referred to in the dispatch, puts itself to the trouble of saying most emphatically that "the Gen. C. is not an applicant for the mission to the Court of St. James." The *Tribune* don't understand the dispatch. The ex-Congressman Campbell referred to is Jas. H. Campbell, who was raised in Sunbury and after his admission to the bar settled in Philadelphia, was elected to Congress from that city for two terms, we think, and was afterward appointed Minister to Denmark. He is a man of considerable ability, but not enough to fit him for the English mission. Although the *Tribune* think that Gen. Campbell "cannot help but feel flattered by having his name presented in such goodly company for so important a position," we differ with it and will do Gen. C. the justice to say that in our judgment he correctly understands just what public position he is capable of filling, and that if he could find out a man who had written a letter to his friend Hayes recommending him for Minister to England, and if he could decoy him into a private room, he would give him a piece of his mind in a few short, vigorous and sulphurous sentences, that would cause each particular hair of his head to stand on end. Whatever else Gen. C. may be, he is not a Hartranft who can't see himself as others see him, and is always ready for anything from a foreign mission, or a seat in the Cabinet, down to the Philadelphia postmastership.

IT seems now to be conceded by those who have given the question close attention, that at the election in Maine, which will take place on Monday, the 8th of September, there will be no choice for Governor by the people, and that the contest has resolved itself into a struggle for the possession of the Legislature. In most of the districts the Democrats and Greenbackers have united on legislative candidates and will control that body as they did last year. And yet Blaine and Hamlin both live in that State.

THE Democratic County Committee met at the Court House on Tuesday last, thirty-seven of its fifty-one members being present, and as will be seen by its proceedings, published elsewhere, adopted a resolution by the close vote of 19 to 18 directing the old convention to meet again on next Monday week, the 18th inst., for the purpose of doing the work it failed to perform at the proper time. We have twice taken occasion since the former convention neglected to discharge its duty by putting in nomination a county ticket, to express in very plain language our opinion of the course the County Committee ought to pursue in the premises, which was the issuing of a call for a new delegate election and the holding of another convention. We believed then that a return to the preliminary steps to a County Convention would furnish a satisfactory solution of the difficulty, and we believe so yet, for the reason then expressed, that when a convention reaches a stage in its proceedings which developes the fact that it is either unable or unwilling to perform its plain duty, and takes refuge under a motion in favor of a *sine die* adjournment, it abdicates all its powers and returns to its original elements; or, in plainer language, it then and there ceases to exist, and is beyond all political resurrection. This is "the law and the prophets," and we will not now stultify ourselves by a change or modification of our former views, honestly entertained and freely expressed. The members of the Committee, however, by *one* of a majority, have seen proper to determine otherwise—a decision about which we will not quarrel except to say that it was effected by the votes of several substitutes for the original members of the Committee, the admission of whom is a custom more honored in the breach than in the observance, and which on more than one occasion within the last ten years has threatened the Democratic party of this county with very serious dissensions. With this we drop the subject, only adding that in advocating the election of new delegates and the holding of another convention we were not governed by any wish either to promote or to injure the prospects of any one of the candidates before the former convention for the office of Sheriff.—We did so simply because we believed and still believe we were right; and when such is our judgment on that or any other question closely affecting the harmony and success of the Democracy of the county, we will never lack the courage to express our convictions. If it should unfortunately happen that the action of the Committee fails to realize the expectations of those who promoted and brought it about, we will have the consolation of knowing that to us cannot be imputed any of the blame; while if opposite results should perchance be attained, we will still adhere to the belief that a new convention could and would have done the work fully as well, in as short a time, and much more satisfactorily both to the candidates and the Democracy of the county.

OATS ON A CORN STALK.—William T. Birch owns a ranch near Redwood City, California. As Mr. Birch was passing through his oat field, a few weeks ago, he was surprised to see, towering above the dark green of the crop, a stalk of what at first glance appeared to be corn. He plucked the stalk up by the roots and presented it to the State Agricultural Society. The main stalk, which stood several feet high, was round and reedy, precisely like that of corn. At intervals it sent out the peculiar long, narrow blades of the corn plant, the only difference being that the leaves of this plant had no stamen or hackbone like corn blades. At the juncture of the stalk, with the leaves where the fruit appears, instead of an ear of corn there was a large bunch of perfectly-formed oats. Again instead of a tassel the corn-stalk was topped off with a large cluster of oats. Altogether it was the most singular freak of any nature found in grain for many years. The Agricultural Society regret that the plant was pulled before the ripening of the oats, as the latter might have been sown with the possibility of reproducing the wonder. The society are inclined to think that some use could have been made of the grafting, especially as the grain appeared to be more forward and of better quality than that growing immediately around.

TRAINED CHICKENS.—Master William M. Speakman, a young lad living with his mother on East Gay street, near Matlack street, says the West Chester *Jeffersonian*, has three or four chickens which he has trained to drive in a wagon, jump over hurdles, etc. One of them, "Dick" will lie down at his bidding and remain in any position he is placed until ordered to arise. While we were there yesterday afternoon we saw the last named bird harnessed to a child's express wagon and a brick placed on it, which the chicken drew about the yard with comparative ease. The chickens are small, of a white color, very pretty and seemingly very intelligent. The secret of the lad's success in getting control over these chickens is evidently kindness and firmness combined. The performances of his little pets are truly wonderful, and we do not know when we have spent a half hour so pleasantly as we did in witnessing them yesterday afternoon.

A SINGULAR HOMICIDE.—Frank Walker walked into the District Attorney's office at Wilkes-Barre, on Saturday, and stated that he had killed a man at Jeddo, by striking him on the face with the edge of his open hand. An investigation corroborated his statement, and it was learned that the name of the deceased was Thomas Jevers. There were some half dozen men sitting upon the turf, when hot words ensued and the blow was given, resulting fatally. Walker says that he traveled sixty miles in order to arrive at the District Attorney's office before an arrest could be made. He is now in jail.

HON. GEORGE W. MILLER, who has been selected to fill the chairmanship of the Democratic State Committee, served as a member of the State Senate from 1878 to 1881 and made for himself a splendid record. He is a gentleman of ability, culture and large experience in the practical affairs of life. As a political organizer he has a very good reputation and will doubtless conduct such a vigorous campaign on the issues marked out by the Democratic State Convention as will bring success to the party.—*Harrisburg Patriot.*

NO GOOD PREACHING.—No man can do a good job of work, preach a good sermon, try a law suit well, doctor a patient, or write a good article when he feels miserable and dull, with sluggish brain and unsteady nerves, and none should make the attempt in such a condition when it can be so easily and cheaply removed by a little Hop Bitters. See other column.

NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

—A copperhead snake and seventy young ones were recently killed near Minersville, Schuylkill county.

—A Madrid dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company says: A powder magazine at Durango has exploded, killing fourteen persons.

—John H. Miller, residing in Pittsburg, was killed by a stroke of lightning on Sunday afternoon, while seeking shelter from a storm under a tree.

—Charles Ballett shot and killed his wife and then himself at Middletown, O., Wednesday last. Whiskey and domestic infelicity caused the tragedy.

—A pitiable old tramp was recently entertained at Battle Creek, Mich., by a negro whom he had once owned in the South. Times had changed for both.

—Mrs. Eliza Haldeman, of Harrisburg, who is eighty-three years old, recently went to a picnic and climbed to the top of a mountain to view the scenery.

—A man fishing in the Conestoga at Lancaster caught a wild duck, which, it is supposed, was swimming under water in search of food, and swallowed the bait.

—A railway accident occurred on Monday between Nancy and Vezelize, in France, by which five persons were killed and eleven seriously and forty slightly injured.

—A man named Whitehead, seventy years of age, and living in Pittsburg, has been abandoned by his children and compelled to throw himself upon the charities of the city.

—An old gentleman of Washington, Pa., was so much pleased because of the attentions shown him by a waiting maid in a Pittsburg hotel that when he died recently he left her $1,000.

—The lungs of a cow that died recently at West Pikeland township, Chester county, of pleuro-pneumonia, were found to weigh forty pounds. The usual weight is seven or eight pounds.

—Mrs. Dennis McCarthy, of Pittsburg, during a storm on Thursday, was standing in her door holding an infant, when she was struck by lightning and instantly killed, while the child was unhurt.

—The cries of a man were heard coming from a swamp at Tewksbury, Mass., and he was found with only his head protruding above the surface of a quagmire, into which he had inadvertently stepped.

—A circular has been addressed to the bishops throughout the Catholic world calling on them to promote a monster clerical pilgrimage to the Eternal City for the next Feast of the Epiphany.

—Thomas Bechtel, sixty years of age, lives on an Island in the Schuylkill river, near Reading, with a boy fifteen years of age. The old man leads the life of a hermit, doing his own cooking and sleeping in a wagon at night.

—The Emmittsburg *Chronicle* tells of a blacksnake having been killed on the mountain near that place last week by two boys, which measured 11 feet 3 inches long, with 14 inches circumference in the middle of the body.

—John Rogers, a West Chester mute for the past four years, suddenly recovered his speech while attending the Chester Heights camp meeting. He is a religious enthusiast, and attributes his cure to miraculous intervention.

—Three rival lovers of Miss Hudson, at Lakey Bend, Ill., pooled their issues in a combination against a fourth and more favored suitor. They seized him as he was going to call on her, threw him into a pond, and let him drown.

—A family, consisting of seven persons, were poisoned at Pont Yean, Quebec, on Monday from eating bread which had been standing in the same place with Paris green. Three are dead, and no hopes are entertained of the others recovering.

—David James, of Shenandoah, Schuylkill county, a lad of sixteen years, has run away with a dashing widow of twenty-three. This is the young gentleman's third elopement with the widow. Twice before he was captured, brought back home and well dogged.

—William Fitzpatrick and Edward Ryan, two dock hands, while engaged in a fight in the stairway of a building just over the river on Clark street, Chicago, on Friday night, were precipitated over the railing to the dock, and thence into the river, where both were drowned.

—The *Catholic Standard* says there are 18,000 children attending the parochial schools, academies and other Catholic institutions in Philadelphia, and claims that the Catholic population, in educating these children, effect a clear saving to the city of at least $300,000 per annum.

—At a recent wedding in California the officiating clergyman was a woman, the guests were all women, and the only man in sight was the groom. A female contributor to to the Syracuse *Herald* looks forward to the time when these ceremonies may take place without the disturbing element at all.

—Robert Burns, son of the poet's eldest son, has just died in the Dumfries Hospital. He was once a schoolmaster, but his school dwindled away till he had to take refuge in the poor-house, from which about eighteen months ago he was transferred to the more comfortable quarters in which he died.

—A young Pottstown miss 12 years of age has now a school of fifteen pupils. The little "school marm" commenced at first giving her young playmates lessons for amusement in a play-house made of a piano box, and her success there was such as to lead some of her friends to give her a start.

—Mrs. Caroline S. Brooks, who carved a bust of Iolanthe in butter and exhibited it at the Centennial, is working obscurely in New York, modeling busts in clay and obtaining a precarious livelihood by selling photographs of her first efforts. She is completing some designs which will either establish her work or put an end to it.

—Three sons of the Siamese twins, Chang and Eng, are now living in Sumner county, Kansas. They recently appeared at the United States Land office, in Wichita, in a contest in which one of them was a defendant and the others witnesses. They are spoken of as intelligent, wide-awake citizens, and fully up to the spirit of the times.

—A colored man was arraigned in Charleston, S. C., on the charge of beating his wife. It being proven to the satisfaction of the court that the man had exercised this authority with no indication of malice or ill-will, Justice Chisholm dismissed the case, holding that a husband had the right to chastise his wife for her correction.

—Mrs. Mary Alice Seymour, formerly connected with the girls' seminary of Knox College, at Galesburg, Ill., has received an appointment in the Imperial household of Austria as Mistress of English to the young Archduchess of Austria and the Princess of Tuscany, and will be known henceforth in the Imperial household as Lady Alice Seymour.

—Four persons named John, Thomas and Mary Hanson and an Italian musician named Frank Delucn, were drowned in the Mississippi river, above Lacrosse, on Friday night. They were part of a pic-nic party from Lacrosse in three boats. One boat, containing six persons, was upset in passing a dam and the above drowned before they could be rescued.

—The new two cent return postal card is out. It is provided with a stamp at each end and room for writing two messages. If the sender wants an answer, he must remember not to occupy all the space. One stamp is canceled at the office from which it is sent, and the second from the point where responded to. The postal will soon be in general circulation.

—At a late hour Friday night, Mrs. John Howe, wife of a prominent business man of Cincinnati, and her servant, Anna Brown, fell through a floor vault at her residence in Covington, and before aid could be secured both suffocated. Mr. Howe, hearing it, ran and jumped down to their relief. He was taken out insensible, but was resuscitated by vigorous means.

—The Bristol (Va.) *News* credits Mr. Robert Blevins with the killing of a rattlesnake on top of the Iron Mountain, southeast of Bristol, which lacked only one inch of being eight feet long. Circumference six inches behind the head, and twenty inches in centre of the body. When coiled it could not be more than covered by a large sized wash tub. It had twenty-five rattles.

—The St. Louis *Dispatch* says that Mr. William Thompson, of Douglass county, is in happy possession of his fifth wife. Mr. T. has been totally blind for twenty years, and this newly-acquired bride is the third to whom he has been wedded since he was afflicted with loss of sight. He says he has been exceedingly happy in all his matrimonial affairs, always getting most excellent wives.

—A telegram to the Rochester *Democrat* says that Mr. Daniel Clark of Conesus was married to Miss Lizzie Gordon of Springwater, at 9 o'clock Friday evening, by the Rev. Mr. Walker of Scottsburg. The age of the happy groom, Mr. Clark, is 72—that of the bride, Miss Gordon, 22. The marriage was the result of an acquaintance of a few days, the courtship being brief, but earnest.

—Charles Drews, Frank Stichler, Geo. Zeehman, Henry Wise, Josiah Hummel and Israel Brandt, convicted in Lebanon county last April of murder in the first degree for killing Joseph Raber, were brought into Court last Monday on a writ or error. After hearing argument Judge Henderson granted a new trial to Zeehman, but denied the application of the others, and they were remanded for sentence.

—An aged couple of negroes had lived as husband and wife thirty-five years, at Oglethorpe, Ga., without ever being formally married, when the old man eloped with a frisky yellow girl. He soon returned and obtained the old woman's forgiveness; but she insisted that they should be remitted by a marriage ceremony, as she was convinced that something stronger than their former union was necessary. The wedding was made notable by a great gathering of colored people.

—Rev. John Graham, D. D., of Brighton, England, lost his life while bathing in the surf at Cape May, on Friday morning, having ventured out too far. The body was recovered thro' the brave efforts of Dr. Graham's niece, Miss Bessie Graham, with whom he was bathing. She secured the drowning man and clung to the pier with him until aid reached her, but the doctor was found to be dead. The cause of his death is said to have been congestion of the heart, resulting from fright.

—Myron G. Collins, of Tennessee, claims to have discovered a cure for rattlesnake bites. Drs. Eve and Shacklett, of Nashville, according to the *American*, made a test of the medicine. Collins let a rattlesnake bite him on the wrist, and at once applied to the wound and took inwardly a decoction of mosses from oak and hickory trees. He suffered from nausea, and his pulse and temperature were excited, but within an hour he had completely recovered. The bite of the same reptile speedily killed a dog.

—Early Saturday morning a respectable girl, aged eighteen, named Ada Ray, was found lying in Plumer street, in the outskirts of Oil City. She was removed to a house near by, where investigation revealed the fact that she had been ravished and left in a dying condition. The doctor said she would not survive, but Sunday evening she recovered from the effects of the drugs sufficiently to give the names of four young men who stopped her in the street and committed the outrage. One of the villains, named Hump Stewart, has been arrested.

—One of the greatest vegetable curiosities we have ever seen, says the Lancaster *New Era* of Saturday, was shown us this morning by Mr. John W. Barnhart. It is a tomato, grown on the premises of Capt. John Barnhart, of No. 417 High street. On the side of the tomato are two projections, one of which, nearly one inch in length, is a fac-simile of a parrot; the body is the dark red of the tomato, the head is of a yellowish green color, and the bill is black and very perfect in form. It is as complete a parrot in all respects as though it had been sculptured.

—The N. Y. *Herald*, an independent journal, says that General Ewing's showing of the saving which has been effected in the national administration since the Democrats came into possession of the House of Representatives is unanswerable, and it will strike the people. The single notorious fact that since the Democrats obtained the mastery of the House the lobby has utterly disappeared from Washington is an argument which every farmer and mechanic in Ohio can understand. It means that huge and wasteful leaks in the Treasury have been stopped.

—Charles Johnston, the largest man in Washington, died at 7 o'clock Friday morning. He was born a slave on the Carroll estate, in Maryland, but was freed before the war. A year since he weighed 700 pounds, but at his death only 400 pounds. A special coffin had to be made, and the side of the house had to be removed to let the body be carried to burial. "Uncle" Charley was a temperance man, but would drink all the gin he could get. He was five feet nine inches in height, three feet two inches across the chest and hip, and measured three feet around the abdomen.

—The Census Department desire to keep a complete record of all deaths occurring in the United States during the next six months, with their causes and any comments which the attending physicians desire to make. To attain their end they invite every practicing M. D. to send a record of fatal cases in his practice to the Census Department, Washington, D. C. The Government will furnish blanks for the purpose, and application for such blanks should be made immediately. The census officers request all those who have not received blanks to forward their names and addresses at once to the Department.

—A pleasure party left Clayton, N. Y., on Thursday, on two steam yachts for an excursion on the St. Lawrence river. The yachts were lashed together, but had not gone more than twenty rods when the head lashing loosened and one of the vessels capsized and sunk. Five women were drowned. The bodies of Miss Pollock and Mrs. Bostwick, two of the victims, were recovered on Friday morning. Both were in the boat, and had such a firm grip on its sides that it was with great difficulty they could be removed. The bodies of Mrs. Berkalew and her daughter were found clasped in each other's arms, about forty feet from the boat.

—Frederick Malcho, a murderer, ventured from his hiding place in the woods to his home at Wilberton, Ill. He feared the officers of the law less than he did his neighbors, who, as he knew, would like to lynch him. Hungry and fatigued, however, he had resolved to take the risk of this visit. It was night, and, after eating a hearty meal, he lay down on a bed to sleep, first placing a loaded gun within reach, and stationing his wife at a window to keep a lookout for lynchers. He had not slept long before she awoke him to say that mounted men were approaching. He unhesitatingly shot himself through the heart.

A Thrilling Encounter.

The Mt. Vernon (O.) *Banner* tells in this wise of what befell a man in that vicinity who recently intruded himself at a private snake fight:

Mr. William Bowersmith, a farm hand, while working in a field near where Owl creek empties into the Mohican, met with an encounter a few days ago that seldom falls to the lot of man. Mr. Bowersmith had taken an axe in his hand to repair some fences bordering on the streams above referred to. Passing over a little bayou formed by the black water in the recent freshet, and over which a large sycamore had fallen, he came to a little unused piece of ground, deeply shaded by buckeyes and the common larch, and grown over by tall grass and iron-weeds. Mr. B. repaired some breaks in the fences and was turning to go away, when his attention was attracted by most peculiar sounds, described as something like the hissing of geese, mingled with dull thuds, like striking on an old boot. Mr. Bowersmith turned his eyes in the direction of the sounds and saw the grass and weeds were in violent motion and leveled to the earth, as though smitten with a club. He approached the spot cautiously and by climbing upon a stump close by its eyes met a sight never to be forgotten. Almost beneath his feet, locked in deadly conflict, lay two immense serpents, hissing, writhing and twisting, while their crimson mouths exuded blood and froth. Their eyes gleamed like rockets and protruded from their heads like beads. They would twine around one another and lash the ground with their tails, and fasten their fangs into each other's necks would shake with the ferocity of bull-dogs. It soon became apparent that one of the serpents was about to die, after making a desperate charge upon its opponent the other seized it near the under part of the throat and settled down upon the ground, where they lay writhing for several minutes. At last everything became quiet and Mr. Bowersmith crept from his position, and, raising his axe, advanced to dispatch the victor. He reached the spot when, with the rapidity of lightning, the remaining serpent sprang upon him and in an instant had so entwined itself about his person that resistance was impossible. At each respiration the snake drew his deadly coil closer and closer. Mr. B. sank upon the ground, his face pierced in several places by the sharp fangs of the reptile. How long he remained in this position he knows not, and in all probability would not have been alive to day had not a neighbor—who, with a common brain similar to his own, and who desired to see Mr. Bowersmith upon some unimportant matter—followed him to the spot and found him as above narrated. It was the work of a moment for the neighbor to cut the body of the serpent in twain with the sickle and release the unfortunate man, who was restored to consciousness by the abundant application of water and the imbibing of a little spirits, which the neighbor had in his possession. The serpents proved to be two large reptiles of the species known as the black snake. After straightening them out the smaller one measured six feet four inches from tip to tip, and the other eight feet two inches, and was thought to be some three inches in diameter. Mr. Bowersmith has now nearly recovered, although his face is still swollen from the poisonous effects of the serpent's fangs, and the shock to his nervous system would have proved fatal to a less robust man.

A POTATO VINE BEARING TOMATOES.—The Springfield (Mass.) *Union* is responsible for the following strange story:

A remarkable freak of vegetation has appeared in the grounds of R. B. Tatman, at Worcester, in the shape of a potato vine which bears tomatoes. It appears to be a mixture of the two vegetables, and is accounted for by the fact that a strong tomato vine from chance-sown seed grew in the same hill with the potatoes, and the pollen of the two plants became mixed. Unfortunately the vines were pulled up before the peculiarity of the growth was noticed. Some of our agriculturists may desire to make comparison from this. As both the potato and the tomato are of the solanacee family, it is not impossible that one should be fertilized by the other, and a remarkable economy of labor might be effected if careful and scientific cultivation should produce a plant which should bear good potatoes at the roots and good tomatoes on the tops.

TERRIBLE STORM IN ENGLAND.—A London dispatch of Monday says:

The severest storm known here for many years raged in various parts of England, and especially in the valley of the Thames, on Saturday night. The storm was attended by hail of four inches, some of which were five inches in circumference. The damage to glass in places immediately around London amounts to thousands of pounds sterling.

In a great part of Bedfordshire the hay crop has been completely swept away, and many cattle were drowned. New Mariel and the neighborhood are flooded. The rainfall in Buckinghamshire is estimated at seventy tons per acre. Damages by floods and lightning are also reported from Cambridge, Norfolk, Guilford, Leicester, Bath and Monmouth.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE

THE undersigned, Assignee of Matthias Eder, will expose to public sale, at the **Court House** in the City of **Williamsport, Pa.**, on

SATURDAY, August 30th, 1879,

At **10 O'CLOCK, A. M.**, the following described real estate, late the property of said assignor, viz:

All those certain PIECES OF LAND situate in the Township of Loyalsock, County of Lycoming, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded on the north by lands of Mrs. Henry Hepburn, about 80 acres of which are cleared, with the appurtenances, consisting of a Lime Kiln, one Brick Dwelling House, a large Frame Barn, and other Outbuildings.

ALSO,

All that certain LOT OF GROUND situate in the Fifth Ward of the City of Williamsport, Pa., aforesaid, bounded and described as follows: On the north by Mrs. Henry Hepburn, on the east by Centre street, south by an alley, and west by lot of H. H. Cummin, having a front on Fourth street of sixty-seven feet and a depth of one hundred and ninety-two feet, more or less, about the same erected a Brick Dwelling House, Frame Office, Frame Stable, and other Outbuildings.

ALSO,

All the right, title and interest of the said Matthias Eder, assignor, in a PART OF A TRACT OF UNSEATED LAND situate in Elk township, Tioga county, Pa., surveyed on warrant numbered four thousand six hundred and forty-three, containing one hundred and twenty acres, more or less, and all that certain tract of Unseated Land situate in the Township of White and Chest, County of Tioga, and State of Pennsylvania, surveyed in the warrantee name of Thos. Sanborn, containing 127 Acres and 122 Perches. Also, all the right, title and interest of Unseated Land adjoining the one last described, and situate in the same county, surveyed in the warrantee name of Simon Walker, containing 282 Acres and 8 Perches. Also, all that certain tract of Unseated Land adjoining the one last described, and situate in the same county, surveyed in the warrantee name of Henry Phillips, containing 127 Acres and 122 Perches. Also, all that certain tract of Unseated Land adjoining the one last described, and situate in the same county, surveyed in the warrantee name of William Forker, containing 127 Acres and 70 Perches.

ALSO,

All the right, title and interest of the said Matthias Eder, assignor, being an undivided ONE-THIRD interest therein, in all those certain FOUR TRACTS OF UNSEATED LAND situate in the Townships of Portage and Sylvania, County of Potter, and State of Pennsylvania, surveyed in warrants numbered four thousand six hundred and four thousand six hundred and twenty-one, and four thousand six hundred and twenty-two, and four thousand six hundred and twenty-three. (Nos. 4601, 4621 and 4622 and 4623.) containing [illegible] Acres, more or less; said four tracts being contiguous to each other.

Terms of Sale.—Twenty per centum of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale, and the balance on the first day of October next, when the deeds will be delivered.

JOHN WHITE,
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