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A new batch of Star Route cases will soon be ready for trial. Ex-Senator Kellogg is one of the defendants. The fellows may go clear again, but the worry and expense of being in court may be worse than being in the penitentiary, where they belong.

Barggettstown, in Washington county, this state, was the centre of a cyclone, which was almost as destructive as any that have visited the South or West. A great many houses were unroofed and otherwise damaged, trees and fences leveled, crops despoiled and 500 head of cattle and sheep killed.

A Butler boom has started in New England, to make old Ben President. It is said he would carry all the New England states but Vermont and Rhode Island.

Chicago has an affair similar to the Duke case—a father killed for attempting to protect the honor of his daughter. On night of 17, Randolph Brem, 50 years old, was struck down and killed by Albert Fusch, a young man. The deceased met Fusch by appointment for leading the former's daughter into evil ways. The assault was apparently unprovoked. The assailant is at large.

The star-route trial presents one queer feature. At the beginning of the trial Rerdell plead guilty. The jury in its verdict said he was not guilty. Who knew best?

The World in its comment says: Rerdell is one of the accused, who was accepted as State's evidence after he had entered a plea of guilty, having been pronounced innocent by the twelve jurymen, became a white elephant on the hands of the prosecution. "What will they do with him?" was the legal problem, the solution of which was anxiously awaited by the profession.

The learned Judge Wylie has discovered a way out of the difficulty. As Rerdell had confessed his guilt, it seemed proper to punish him. As he had been declared "not guilty" by the jury and there is no punishment for lying, it appears proper to let him go free. But how could he go free while he stood recorded on his own confession as guilty.

The Judge cuts the Gordian knot by permitting Rerdell to withdraw his plea of "guilty." "The Court has no hesitation in allowing that to be done," says the profound Judge, "because one man cannot be guilty of conspiracy." Then how could one man's plea of guilt be accepted at all? He spoke only for himself, and as he is but one man his plea of guilty was, according to Judge Wylie, an absurdity. His plea ought to have been, "Guilty," provided the rest are." What a learned set of dolts the star-route prosecutors are!

The work of the abortionist's trade in our cities is quite extensive, and the practitioners in this infant murder are numerous. To what extent this criminal practice is carried on can be gathered from a single case reported from Philadelphia, a few days ago. The report says: Police found in the cellar, under dwelling 2243 North Fifth street, formerly occupied by Dr. Isaac Hathaway, an alleged abortionist, the bodies of several children and a large number of human bones. Dr. Hathaway was arrested in March, 1881, with Rev. Thos. B. Miller, for committing criminal malpractice upon Mary Butler, a servant girl, whose child died after the operation. Both were admitted to bail and Hathaway fled. He, however, returned to the city some time ago, but has never been re-arrested on the charge. Three months ago his wife charged him with brutally assaulting her and threatening her life. She asked to have a warrant issued for his arrest, but subsequently withdrew the charge. She told the officials at the time her husband had performed several criminal operations upon her, and she knew that he had performed hundreds upon others. Twenty-one skulls or portions of skulls of infants had been found buried in the cellar of the dwelling.

The high license plan has caused a big rush for licenses in Chicago, and 3000 were granted in one day, in order to evade the high-license act before it takes effect. On the morning of 20, when the clerks office was opened the line of expectant dram-sellers extended through the hallway and half a block along the street. Preparations for speed had been made, however, and by noon the jam was practically over. The result of three days' work is the issuance of 3000 licenses. There are about four thousand saloon-keepers in the city. It is alleged

JUDGE BLACK'S LETTER.

The "Constitution Club" was christened recently in New York. Its plan of organization is "to unite the influence of independent citizens, without regard to party, to uphold economical, pure, and wise government—national, State, and municipal—as originally contemplated by the constitution, and to resist the corrupting influences which of late years have made such headway." * * * Secretary Evans read a letter from Judge Jeremiah S. Black, who was unable to be present, and who wrote:

"The constitution—what is it? The self-imposed restraint of a free democracy upon its own political action, whereby the power of the Government is limited and the equal rights of all the people are protected. Shall it be obeyed? On such a question what argument can you or I or anybody make? To a patriot the duty of defending it is too plain to be enforced by words, and the greedy monopolist or the scurvy politician drives like an idiot when he tries to give reasons for violating it. Nevertheless it is constantly disregarded by those who swear to observe it. The interests of a class are stronger than the rights of the people. Stafford, the Minister of Charles L. Ingham, declared that the little finger of the King was heavier than the loins of the law. Monopoly is king in this country and needs beheading more than the most perfidious of English monarchs. Its excessive and lawless taxation of land and labor is more intolerable than anything the civilized world has seen since the outbreak of the first French revolution.

What is the remedy? Not enforcement of the constitution and laws, which command what is right and prohibit what is wrong, for that cannot be effected without officers that are faithful. As it is, our Governors do not govern, and legislators laugh in your face when you tell them of their oaths. Shall we turn them out and fill their places with true men? That is easier said than done. Monopolies have the vote of the debauching party leaders, cheating voters, and deceiving the very elect, perpetually defeat our hopes of honest government. If the power of the corporations increases a little more, they can put their worst rascal into the highest office as easily as Callaghan's horse was elected Consul by the people of Rome.

You will infer from this that I am somewhat discouraged, and it is true that very recent events here in Pennsylvania have much disappointed me. But that is no reason why you should despair. You have what we have not, an organization to make your grievances known, and I hope that from your meeting the truth will go forth to rescue and rouse up like the sound of a trumpet."

FROM VIRGINIA.

Mr. Elias Hoy writes us from Cumberland county, Va., June 21: Harvest is nearly over in our county; there will not be over half a crop of wheat. The weather was too dry, since May 1st, and if there is no rain soon there will be little chance for corn or anything else. Beginning of April prospects were good for hay and wheat, but April proved so wet that no work could be done on the farm. First of May dry weather set in, since which we only had a few light showers—now it is so dry that nothing can grow. The reason of this dry spell I think is this: On 24 May we had our county election, and our Republican congressman and postmaster, both from Farmville, came on the election ground the night before with whiskey for negroes to drink and get them to vote for the Re-adjuster candidates the most of whom are not able to write their own names.

THE WESTERN FLOODS.

St. Louis, June 25.—The river is still rising slowly, but the situation is practically changed. A large volume of water still flows through the breaks made yesterday in the Chicago and Alton and other railroad tracks and it is spreading and covering more and more bottom toward the bluff.

Alton, Ill., June 25.—The break in the dyke below the city has caused destruction, covering a wide area. Thousands of families between Louisiana and Crawford are homeless, and fleeing before the floods. Stock to the number of 6000 have already been drowned in the American bottoms. The Scurycate bottoms are ruined for the year.

Kansas City, Mo., June 25.—The river at 7 p. m. marked 25 feet, four inches on the signal service gauge, and was raising steadily. It has risen six inches since last night. The inhabitants of West Kansas city are preparing to leave. The water is now higher than at any time since 1881.

A GOOD REASON.

"Look here," said the Governor to a high State official, "when are you going to pay me that \$10?" "Upon my honor, Governor I don't know." "Why, sir, the other day when I mentioned the fact of your indebtedness you asked me where I would be on Tuesday?" "Yes, sir." "Well, wasn't that a promise that you would pay me Tuesday?" "No, sir." "Why, then, did you want to know where I would be Tuesday?" "Because I wanted to know where you'd be so I could make arrangements to be somewhere else."

AN AERONAUT'S FALL.

Fayette, Mo., June 20.—E. L. Stewart, the aeronaut, made an ascension here on Monday in an old hot-air balloon, which burst when it had attained the height of about 2000 feet. The balloon and aeronaut came down with a rush and both plunged into the Bonne Femme creek, and at once disappeared. Stewart's body was recovered.

TRIPLE MURDER.

Columbus, Ga., June 13.—A report of one of the most atrocious murders ever known in Alabama reached this city today. On Thursday, at Rockford, Coosa county, Ala., a negro named Jordan Co-

ENCOUNTER WITH A PANTHER.

Henry Snook, of Reedsville, had quite a spirited encounter with a panther in the Seven mountains, one evening. It seems that he had been informed that such an animal had been seen the day previous on the back mountain, and he, accompanied by his brother and Robert Dignan, also of Reedsville, equipped themselves and started for points in the Seven mountains where these ferocious beasts have been known to be frequently. When they reached the vicinity of the place they concealed themselves some distance apart. And just as the sun had retired behind the Western hills and evening shadows were shutting out the light necessary to aid the hunter in making a sure shot, Henry Snook's eye fell upon the burly form of their coveted game cautiously moving toward him, and as there was no time to be lost Mr. S. fired a load of buckshot at the animal, breaking one of its hind legs. The enraged and crippled creature advanced upon Snook who retreated a short distance when the animal halted. The hunter then returned when another conflict ensued and Snook run the muzzle of his gun into the animal's mouth and fired, breaking its under jaw. It then struck several terrific blows at him with its paws, and another retreat was in order, and owing to the darkness Henry concluded it was time to cease hostilities. Two men returned to the place the next morning but did not see the panther. Our informant obtained this account of the affair from Mr. Snook himself, who is a reliable gentleman. Mr. S. is a good hunter and a good shot, but owing to the darkness the odds were against him in the encounter.—Lewistown Sentinel.

SIX ASSASSINS CONVICTED.

Mount Sterling, Ky., June 14.—John Barnett, on trial for the murder of Vaughn Heston, was permitted to withdraw the plea of not guilty and to plead guilty. The prosecution then offered testimony to show the facts of the murder. The widow of the murdered man told her husband was shot in his bed and fell dead upon a sleeping infant by her side. The jury fixed the punishment to be confinement for life in the Penitentiary. Five of the men jointly indicted with Barnett—namely, Newton Garber, John Beckett, Wm. Beckett, John Gibbs Elliot Wadkins—also pleaded guilty and received a life sentence.

WIFE MURDERER STARVING HIMSELF.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 11.—George M. Millan, now confined in the Canton, O., jail, awaiting execution, which is appointed to take place next week, is slowly but surely starving himself to death. For weeks he has tasted little if any food, and for ten days past nothing has passed his lips but one glass of milk. He is growing weaker and thinner daily, the jail physicians say he cannot hold out until the day of execution. He has taken the method of starvation as the only way out of the difficulty. He was sentenced in November last for the murder of his wife, whom he shot through the head with a revolver on June 16, '82, while laboring under a fit of jealousy.

THE SUNDERLAND PANIC.

Sunderland, June 10.—The funerals of a great many of the victims of Saturday's disaster took place today. The streets were crowded with sympathetic people, most of whom were dressed in mourning. The blinds of the houses were drawn and the church in which the funeral services were held displayed a black flag at half-mast. One hundred free graves were prepared in one cemetery for the reception of bodies of victims exclusive of those for which parents of the children who lost their lives in the disaster will pay. Fifty-four bodies were interred in this cemetery today and thirty-one in a smaller cemetery.

FREAKS OF WHIRLWIND.

Clarendon, Pa., June 12.—A fearful tornado swept over the town to-night, demolishing eighty-six large, oil rigs, five buildings and deluging the entire town, causing great loss of property.

PRINCETON, MO., JUNE 18.

Princeton, Mo., June 18.—While a public sale was in progress at the residence of R. S. Light, near Ravenna, a heavy thunder storm came up. About thirty men took refuge in a barn. The building was struck by lightning, and John Bowers, James Berry and George Wyatt, respected citizens, were killed and two or three others injured.

AS WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG.

"I have used Parker's Hair Balsam and like it better than any similar preparation I know of," writes Mrs. Ellen Perry, wife of Rev. P. Perry, of Coldbrook Springs, Mass. "My hair was almost entirely gray, but a dollar bottle of the Balsam has restored the softness, and the brown color it had when I was young—not a single gray hair left. Since I began applying the Balsam my hair stopped falling out, and I find that it is perfectly harmless and agreeable dressing." June 25.

PENN HALL ITEMS.

This town is much in need of a church building for the convenience of our church-going people; hope our solid citizens will soon move in that direction. Business is booming at our crutch and paint shops; they are busy on new work and repairs. Their practical trimmer, Charlie Smith, has left for his home at Pine Grove.

Daniel Weaver, poultry dealer, is putting up a chicken hatching machine; many millions be in it for him. Much admired—Col. Weaver's tom cat; his growling watch dog is not so much of a favorite; he is too ferocious for a pet. The young people of this town and vicinity had a picnic on Saturday, at the Pennsylvania cave; it was a very pleasant affair, and all were much pleased with the magnificent views in the cave. J. E. Fisher had his counting room repaired and repainted in a handsome style; the work was done by P. E. Suman; he also added a neat book case in which he placed his day-books and ledgers from 1842 on, for future reference. The books during the rebellion are the most interesting when a web of muslin is charged up \$2, and other goods in proportion. Chas. F. Heanich and wife returned from the west and are much pleased with the new country. Mrs. Fisher has a fine collection of foreign and domestic canary birds—some elegant singers. J. P. Condo and wife will be absent next week on business and pleasure trip to Philadelphia and Atlantic City. Constable Kline and Hubler went to Farmers Mills and arrested a felon who came from the west charged with larceny; he was arrested by the authority of the chief police of Chicago, and was placed under bonds until the office from the west arrives. News Boy.

SWIFT PUNISHMENT.

San Francisco, June 19.—A special from Los Gatos, a small town on the Southern Pacific Railroad, six-six miles from this city, gives the details of a murder and lynching. Two Mexicans, named Incarnacion Garcia and Raphael Maravales, had a quarrel over cards in the bar-room of the Los Gatos Hotel. Maravales was an old man and fled from the room pursued by Garcia, who overtook and killed him with a knife. The son of the murdered man stood over the body with the bloody knife in his hand, which he had wrestled from the murderer, and cursed him in Spanish. Garcia turned a moment as if paralyzed, then stooping like a hunted deer. The son and another man pursued and caught him. A constable then locked him up in the calaboose to keep him from the large crowd which had gathered. Another crowd assembled, and after hearing the story of the son went to the calaboose, took Garcia, marched him down to a bridge near the scene of the fatal quarrel and swung him off. His neck was broken, and only one hour after the affray began, Garcia's dead body was cut down by the constable. The swift vengeance was largely due to the excitement in town over the light sentence given three men who recently committed a double murder in the mountains at Los Gatos.

TERMS REASONABLE.

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After April 1st will open in the Durst building, when he will be prepared to make to order Boots and Shoes, and do all kinds of repairing. Satisfaction guaranteed, and charges reasonable. He asks a share of the public patronage. Smartly Wm. A. SANDOE, MERCHANT TAILOR, CENTRE HALL, PA.

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At Evansville, near Pigeon Creek, Ill.

an oak was cut down the other day. The tree was completely decayed inside, and about five feet from the butt was found a human skeleton with handcuffs on the bones of the wrist. There was no office by which anything could have been placed in the hollow of the great tree. "The Illustrated World," weekly, by Jas. Elverson, Philad., is second to none of its class. —There have been several knock-down prize fights but that is not of the same importance to the numerous readers of the Reporter as the knock down within a few days at Bellefonte, when Lewis knocked down the price of clothing to lower figures than ever before. We don't see how he can stand it to sell a suit and have scarce any profit on it. However, that is his own business, and his fondness to do good accounts for his low prices.

Mr. John C. Reisinger, Wrightriville, Pa., says: I had heartburn that nothing relieved until I tried Brown's Iron Bitters.

Oranges and Florida.

Better than Breezes and Blossoms—Under a New Flag. Even the balmy air and orange groves of Florida fail to keep its people full of happiness and comfort. Art must help nature everywhere—in the tropics as among the pines of the north. "And chief among the blessings which are adapted to all zones," writes Dr. J. G. Wallace, of Fort Duane, Pa., "is Parker's Tonic. It seems to have the world for a field and the most current diseases yield to its action. I have used it in the case of a delicate young lady, with the most gratifying results. It seemed to accomplish what used to be done by medicine and treatment for that miserable mania—dyspepsia—failed to bring about, and she has to state that she feels her health restored and her personality of a robustness which she never enjoyed before." Parker's Tonic is a safe and reliable remedy for the most delicate of cases. It is the ideal partner and safeguard. Parker's Tonic is a safe and reliable remedy for the most delicate of cases. It is the ideal partner and safeguard.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of administration upon the estate of Aaron S. Wosner, dec'd, issue of Foster township, having been lawfully granted to me, I hereby give notice that I will respectfully request all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the estate to present them duly authenticated for settlement. W. J. THOMPSON, 30m1ry Adm'r, Fosters Mills, Pa.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Upon the estate of John Dutweller, deceased, late of Penn township, having been lawfully granted to me, and the same being in my hands, I hereby give notice that I will respectfully request all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the estate to present them duly authenticated for settlement. FRANK DUTWELLER, Executor. J. DUTWELLER, Executor. 29m1ry

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