

Home Affairs.

CHILDREN ALONE IN A BALLOON!

BALLOON AFFAIR.—Mr. Jacob Barr of Bennett's branch was brought to town on last Monday charged with attempting to shoot Philip Chambers. We have not been able to obtain full particulars, but the story runs about thus: A misunderstanding existed between the parties, and Chambers went to or near Barr's house and talked something about shooting, having at the same time, a revolver or something of the kind in his hand; upon which Barr went into the house and brought out his trusty rifle and told his assailant that if any shooting was to be done he would have a share. What then followed we know not, but no lives seem to have been lost, and no powder wasted. Both parties however made information, and Mr. Barr's share of that performance seems to have been his trip to the county seat, and the prospect of being immersed in the county boarding house, unless he can procure bail. This comes of making an unlawful use of those weapons which should never be turned by man against his fellow except in legitimate warfare.

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LIVE VICTIMISTS.—A few days since an aged man, named Wm. Finger, was arrested in Baltimore, Md., and taken back to Norristown, N.J., where he had escaped from jail, having been confined for counterfeiting.—Some years ago, a young man was living in New York city, in grand style. He had a large business, connections, and was so much engrossed by the world's glitter and display that he took no time to look after his sister, at that time a poor teacher in one of the boarding schools of New York. That man was William Frazer. The once poor teacher lives now at Paris, in the Palais Bourbon, on the Champs Elysees, and is the wife of Prince Lucien Murat. She may dream every night of kings and crowns, whether unfortunate brother is awaiting his sentence to the State Prison.

A GOON ONE.—The Harrisburg "Telegraph" tells a huge story about a train on the Central Railroad being detained by grasshoppers. It looks incredible. We will, however, give the story as they render it: We understand from the engineers on the Central Railroad that the speed of the locomotive is considerably decreased by the immense swarms of grasshoppers between Lancaster and Philadelphia. One of them stated that his train was forty minutes behind at that point, owing to the number of grasshoppers on the track, and that he was obliged to use twenty buckets of sand, which was thrown on the rails in front of the driving wheels to enable him to get along at all. Improbable as this story may appear its truth is vouched for by the engineers above aluded to.

THE STATE CANALS.—We learn from Harrisburg that the sale of the State Canals has been fully consummated, Mr. Moorehead, the President of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, having just concluded with the Governor, State Treasurer and Attorney General, the closing of the entire transaction, namely, the paying of the Commonwealth, as provided in the third section of the law authorizing the sale, 15 per cent. of the excess of the price, three and a half millions, at which the Canals were sold to the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company. This excess amounted to two hundred and eighty-one thousand and two hundred and fifty dollars.

Reading Gazette.

THREE COMETS VISIBLE.—The three comets now visible are set as follows: *Deneb*—In the constellation Urs Major—Rises—3h. 16m. A. M., N. E. by North. Sets—8h. 44m. P. M., N. W. by North.

Epsilon—In the constellation Cancer—Rises—1h. 05m. A. M., North-East. Sets—5h. 17m. P. M., North-west. *Tuttle*—In the constellation Perseus. This Comet has just come within the circle of perpetual apparition, and therefore does not yet fit us. It is on the meridian, above the Pole, at 3h. 34m. in the morning.

The American Merchant.—The Sept. issue of this valuable Merchantile Magazine has been received, and is fully equal to any of its predecessors, both in the matter which fills its columns and its mechanical execution. It is also embellished with a fine engraving. Bryant & Stratton N. Y. at \$2. per annum.

Peterson's Detector. for Oct. 1st. has been received, and is a valuable number for merchants and business men generally. It contains a full and accurate list of all the late counterfeits and broken banks, prices of stocks, prices current &c. &c. Persons wanting an accurate detector and guide, can do no better than to subscribe for Peterson's.

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Three Hundred Mormons Renouncing the Faith.

From the Jefferson City (Mo.) Examiner, Sept. 4.

From the arrival of a man named Herbert Brandon, we have been furnished with the following information from Salt Lake:

"I left," says our informant, "Camp Scott on the 13th of June. The Mormon troops had passed Camp Scott on their way to the States. They stated, while camped at the above place, that they would not have been permitted to leave, or they would have abandoned Salt Lake long ago.

On being questioned as to their determination to visit the entrance of the United States troops, they replied that the major part of the Mormons only avoided the entrance of the troops in order to effect their escape from Brigham Young.

On their arrival at Camp Scott they were minus the common necessities of life, being asked the cause of their destitute condition, they stated that before Brigham Young had relented from his determination to resist the troops, he had ordered them to deposit what provisions they had in the storerooms, but as soon as he made known his intention of going South, those of the Mormons who refused to go were deprived of all, and they could get nothing for their outfit. They also stated that, but for the interference of Governor Cumming, the destroying angels would have forced them away, and that they did succeed in instances in driving away several women.

I came down with the two Mormon trains from Camp Scott, numbering about 300 persons, who were mostly English and Scotch, and the principal topic of their conversation throughout was the absurdity of Mormonism and its principles. They were all unanimous in their denunciations of Brigham Young and his apostles, and talked of his assassination by the Mormons who remained at Fort Scott, as a sure event. They have, without exception, become disgusted with Mormonism, and have renounced it, and express their desire to return to their native countries, and would, if they had the means to do so, in order that they might be instrumental in saving others from the car and stoned out, "Let me go up!" Let me go up!"

The aviator proceeded at once to gratify them, but from some carelessness or accident as he was letting them up, the rope slipped from his hands, and the balloon mounted upward with the velocity of a rocket. The frantic agony of the parents and the consternation of the aeronaut may be imagined. In a minute or two the balloon had passed entirely out of sight, and was lost in the blue depths of the sky. Nothing could be done but to hasten back to Mr. Brooks, at Centralia, and ask his advice.

Saturday morning at daybreak, a farmer near New Carthage, forty-three miles distant from Mr. Harvey's place discovered the balloon suspended in the air, attached by the grappling rope to a tree in his yard. He immediately hauled the balloon down, and found the youngest child asleep in the bottom of the basket, and the eldest carefully watching over her little brother.—They had been wafted about by the different currents of air throughout the night, and had come to a halt at a little white before they were relieved. The story the girl told was that as the balloon acceded she cried pitifully to her father to pull it down. She said she passed over a town where she saw a great many people, to whom she likewise appealed at the top of her voice. This place was Centralia. The balloon was seen to pass over there, but the people little imagined it carried two persons in such danger. Her little brother cried with cold, and the heroic girl took off her apron, covered him and got him to sleep.

In handling the ropes she happened to pull one which had the effect of bringing the balloon down, and although not understanding the philosophy of the movement, she was quite content to keep the valve open, so long as by so doing she found she approached the earth. The youthful aeronauts were in the balloon about thirteen hours and a quarter. It may easily be imagined that among the neighbors where they landed they were the objects of much curiosity and interest. The girl's presence of mind and love and consideration for her brother, may well entitle her to remembrance, while the incident itself was of such a remarkable character that we opine it will not soon be forgotten in that section. The boy and girl were conveyed home as soon as practicable, and it is needless to say were received with outstretched arms.

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ORIGINALLY TRIUMPHANT!

Successor of David McCleary, of Niagara Falls, Ontario.

In April, 1858, at near as I can remember, a small purple snake-like serpent of six inches, which soon became enlarged and grew to a length of twelve inches, with a width of one inch, crawled on Lt. Col. Dr. C. H. Scott, who pronounced it CANCER, and prescribed a wash of wine and brandy. During these times he was engaged in a battle with Dr. Shaffer of Pennsylvania, who also pronounced the disease CANCER, and advised him to drink brandy and wine. The latter continued to grow, but still did not affect the patient, so he took a wash of brandy and wine, and the disease was greatly relieved. When he was about to leave, he again consulted Dr. Shaffer, who recommended a wash of brandy and wine, and the disease was again relieved. The snake was then removed, and the patient recovered.

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