

[From the Philadelphia Sun, of Thursday.]

Terrible Tragedy in Philadelphia.

About half past 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon a terrible tragedy was enacted at the St. Lawrence Hotel...

The deceased was a native of England, was about 47 years of age, and has been in this country about twenty-five years.

He has been in the habit of visiting this city frequently, and always, we believe, sojourned to the St. Lawrence Hotel.

The prisoner gives the name of Thomas Washington Smith. He is a fine-looking man...

His wife is at her home in Tamagna, and the sad news of the death of her husband was telegraphed thither.

When taken in custody by officer Albright of the reserve corps, was in a high state of excitement.

We learn the following statement, which was made to an officer by Smith, shortly after the arrest.

"A short time since I made the acquaintance of a young female at a seminary, and took her for a virtuous woman.

This statement was rapidly made while the prisoner was in a high state of excitement.

After the hearing, Smith said to the Alderman: "I acknowledge that I killed the man."

Alderman Egan told the accused that he would not doubt be tried for his life, and he urgently advised him to keep quiet.

The prisoner then struck his breast in a rapid manner, and said, "I stand here, sir, as an honest man."

He was taken down stairs, and placed in a cell. Lieut. Dickhart was charged with conveying the accused to prison.

Smith was then placed in a cab, and driven rapidly to prison. On the route, he told the Lieutenant if that woman and his knife were sent to him at his cell, he would not trouble the law.

The jury rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death from injuries received by pistol shot wounds fired by the hands of Thomas Washington Smith, at the St. Lawrence Hotel, on the 4th of November, 1857.

Smith boarded at the Madison House, in Second street, above Market, and on his way to prison told officer Albright he might have the pistol, and he would find the accoutrements belonging to it, at the above named house.

We learn that Smith consulted David Webster, Esq., a short time since, on the subject of obtaining a divorce from his wife.

The Philadelphia Bulletin gives the past history of all the parties, all follows:

Mr. Carter was an Englishman by birth, and when he first came to Schuylkill County, some years ago, he began to work as a miner.

He used to accompany her to and from Wilmington, stopping frequently at Philadelphia, his wife not being informed of his movements.

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himself sincerely attached to her; that he wished to have her to himself, and that he would have married her if it had been possible.

Mr. Carter bore the reputation of being loose in his moral principles in his younger days, and his conduct towards Miss McCauley more recently gave rise to considerable scandal.

Smith was at one time engaged as a clerk in the store of his victim, at Tamagna. He was doubtless under the impression that Miss McCauley was an adopted daughter of Mr. Carter.

SERMON BY A MISSIONARY FROM SYRIA.—The Rev. H. H. Jessup, a missionary of the American Board, at Tripoli, Syria, and son of Judge Jessup, of Montrose, was in this city on Sunday and preached in the morning at the Green Hill Presbyterian Church, and in the evening at Calvary Church, in Locust street.

Mr. Jessup's morning discourse was exceedingly interesting. It was founded on the text from Jeremiah: "They have forsaken the fountains of living waters, and hewn out for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water."

A chapter of the New Testament was read previous to the discourse, and the landmarks and Eastern customs referred to in it were explained with a force which such expositions do not generally possess.

We understand that Mr. and Mrs. Jessup set out for the scene of their labors in Syria in the course of few weeks.—Phila. Bulletin.

DAVID WILMOT.—No office in the gift of the people could add a particle of lustre to the name of this great and glorious bearer of freedom's standard.

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ELECTION FRAUDS IN KANSAS.—The following paragraph, which we copy from a Kansas letter, (says the Pittsburgh Commercial Journal,) is quite interesting and suggestive:

FROM WASHINGTON.—Saturday, Nov. 7.—The War Department has just received dispatches confirmatory of previous reports that the Mormons are bent on a resistance of the United States troops.

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TOWANDA:

Thursday Morning, November 12, 1857.

TERMS.—One Dollar per annum, in advance. Four weeks previous to the expiration of a subscription, notice will be given by a printed wrapper, and if not renewed, the paper will be discontinued.

CLIPPING.—The Reporter will be sent to Clubs at the following extremely low rates:

ADVERTISEMENTS.—For a square of ten lines or less, One Dollar for three or less insertions, and twenty-five cents for each subsequent insertion.

MONEY may be sent by mail, at our risk—enclosed in an envelope, and properly directed, we will be responsible for its safe delivery.

THE ELECTIONS.

NEW YORK.—The returns received, are not very authentic but it seems to be generally conceded that the Democratic State Ticket is elected by about 12,000 majority.

WISCONSIN.—The election in this State is very close, but RANDALL, Republican, is probably elected. The Republicans certainly have the Legislature.

MARYLAND.—Has gone American, though the Democrats gain one member of Congress, in the fifth district.

GEORGIA and MISSISSIPPI, both Democratic, of course.

MASSACHUSETTS.—The plurality for BANKS over GARDNER is about 25,000.

The Senate (complete) stands, Republicans, 33; Democrats, 4; Americans, 3. The House stands 166 Banks, 34 Gardner, and 36 Democrats. Nine districts to hear from.

TOWANDA LYCEUM.

The citizens of this place, for the purpose of intellectual improvement and recreation, during the coming winter, have organized a Lyceum, which meets every Tuesday evening, at the public School House.

The ladies are particularly solicited to attend and a general invitation to the public is extended. The exercises are both interesting and entertaining.

PUBLIC LECTURE.

Rev. THOMAS K. BEECHER has been invited by the Alpha Epsilon Society to lecture in the Court House, on Monday evening, and will deliver his celebrated Lecture on "PLAY."

This is the first of a course of popular lectures which it is proposed to give in this place during the winter. The success attending this, will in a great measure determine the success of the enterprise.

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BRIGHAM YOUNG has addressed a letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, ostensibly to render a report of the dealings with the Indians in Utah during the last quarter, but in reality to give the Government a piece of his mind.

THE AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST.—We take pleasure in recommending the American Agriculturalist to our farmer friends.

SINGULAR CASE.—For some time past, a case of alleged lunacy has been lingering in the courts of New York city, the details of which have furnished rich food for the scandal mongers.

THE SYRACUSE (N. Y.) Courier says the salt business is greatly depressed. A comparatively small portion of this season's yield has been shipped, and manufacturers generally are in straightened circumstances.

THE PHILADELPHIA MURDER TRIAL.—The case of Charles D. Phillips, tried at West Chester last week, before Judge Haines, for the murder of J. Cleaver Bartholomew, near Paoli, Chester county, resulted in the verdict of manslaughter.

AN UNWORTHY EXAMPLE.—The "National Democrats" of Leecompton, true brethren of the party of that ilk in Pennsylvania, have held a meeting to denounce Governor Walker for being so undemocratic as to reject a fraudulent election return.

ANOTHER RAILROAD DECISION OF IMPORTANCE.—The Birmingham Democrat states that a trial came off before Judge Balcom, at the Broome Circuit, last week, between Mr. Beebe, a respectable Gentleman of fifty years and upwards, and Mr. Ayres, a conductor upon the Erie Railroad.

ANOTHER SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS has been made in Minnesota, under circumstances similar to those attending the sale of the Fort Snelling Reservation.

THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT has decided that under the present laws post-masters are not compelled to receive cents in payment for either postage or postage stamps, nor from any one person at any one time more than thirty cents in three cent coin.

Governor Walker's Second Proclamation.

Three days after Governor Walker's first proclamation was issued, rejecting the so-called election returns from the Oxford precinct in Johnson county, a second proclamation, was issued setting aside the returns from three precincts in McGehee county, on account, as the Governor expresses it, of "the monstrous frauds" there perpetrated.

This charge is founded upon the fact that there is a parliamentary rule which provides that a legislative body may determine upon the qualifications of its members.

From intimations which have been permitted to become public, it appears that the administration has resolved not to punish Governor Walker by a formal removal, but to censure him in such a manner as to compel his resignation.

ALB-WAGA HOUSE.—We are glad to announce to the numerous friends of the Alb-waga House, Mr. Brower and Ben Wilcox, that Ben and Brower have entered into partnership—the Alb-waga to be henceforth under the firm of Brower & Wilcox.

A CASE OF TRANSPRESSION.—A woman's life was seriously prosered by her husband in Staffordshire, England, lately by the process of transfusion. She lay at the point of death, as a last resource a vein was opened in her arm, by Dr. Wheatcroft, surgeon of Channock and one in the arm of her husband, and as the blood flowed from the latter it was transmitted by suitable apparatus to the vein of the wife.

SHOT AT.—A man who was watching an celvare in the Luckawanna river near this village was shot at by an unknown person about twelve o'clock on Sunday night last.

SOME EXCITEMENT was occasioned in Philadelphia, on Saturday, by an application made by the Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania for an attachment against the property of Mr. Allibone, late President of that institution.

NEW YORK & ERIE R. R. WAVERLY STATION. Commencing Monday, June 15, 1857. Trains will depart as follows:

GOING WEST. GOING EAST. Dunkirk & Buff Exp. 3:20 p.m. (Cincinnati) Exp. 3:20 a.m. Night Express. 3:47 a.m. Night Express. 12:17 p.m.

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS—TOWANDA P. O. WAVERLY, daily, arrives at 12 1/2; departs 1 P. M. closes at 11 A. M.

CANTON, tri-weekly, arrives Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 1 P. M.; departs on alternate days, at 7 o'clock at 8 A. M.

WELLSBURG, arrives on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 8 P. M.; departs on alternate days, at 1 A. M. closes at 8 A. M.

MONTROSE, arrives on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, at 6 P. M.; departs on alternate days, at 1 A. M. closes at 8 A. M.

DUSHORE, arrives on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 12 M.; departs on alternate days, at 1 P. M. closes at 11 A. M.

ATHENS WAY, by the way of Sheshoning, departs on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 9 A. M.; arrives same days, at 8 P. M.; closes at 8 A. M.

CARD FROM JOSEPH C. M'KIBBEN.—Mr. Joseph C. M'Kibben publishes a card in the Philadelphia Press, in relation to the shooting affray, an account of which we gave yesterday, which closes as follows:

"In conclusion, I desire to say, that I make this publication simply from misstatement, that prejudice others than myself. I feel no necessity for justification. Had I killed him under any circumstances, or in any way, it would be no atonement for the past.

The Harrisburg Telegraph, of last evening, says:—"Accounts from Shippensburg by the noon train of cars to-day, represent Mr. Craig, who was shot by the brothers M'Kibben, at Chambersburg, on Tuesday, as being confined to his bed. The second pistol ball received by him in the groin still eludes the search of the physician, although nothing serious is apprehended from this fact.

Few are aware how frequently Publishers are compelled to insert among their advertisements, statements which they can neither sanction or believe.

A pleasant exception to this disagreeable necessity are the advertisements of Dr. J. C. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and Pills which will be found in our columns. We have published for him before, and always with the feeling that in so doing we in no wise lend ourselves to deceive or mislead the public.

EX-SENATOR FORTÉ has turned up again. Defeated as a Know-Nothing candidate for the Senatorship before the California Legislature, in which body that party had a clear majority, he has become a backslider from the fold.

The Hardware merchants held another meeting yesterday afternoon in the Astor House, at which after tedious debate, a substitute for the resolution recommending the six month credit system, which had been reported by the Committee, was adopted, and a four months' standard, to go into operation on the first day of January next, was carried by the Chairman's casting vote.

MR. STETSON of the Astor House, N. Y., was at a Cattle Market, on Thursday, looking for forty cows, which he purchased to be put in a stable in Jersey City, and feed them well, in order to get pure milk for his hotel.

The principal reason which induced the acting Governor of Maine to appoint the 19th as Thanksgiving Day, is said to be that the fiftieth anniversary of his father's marriage occurs on that day.

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