

The Bloomfield Times.



NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A. Tuesday, April 4, 1870.

THE Senators and Representatives of Texas have been admitted to their seats.

HARRISBURG mourns the loss of Mayor HAYS. He died on Thursday last, after a severe illness.

SENATOR AMES of Mississippi has been admitted to his seat in the United States Senate.

THE bill to pay the Border Counties for damages done during the war has been defeated in the House. This will be gratifying news to residents in all all counties, except those which were to be benefitted by the bill.

THE PRESIDENT has issued his proclamation, announcing the ratification of the fifteenth amendment, and declaring it a part of the Constitution of the United States. He has also sent a message to Congress in which, in view of the fact that so large a number have been enfranchised, that he urges them to take some action to promote the education of this class.

A MAJORITY of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States have decided to allow the question of the constitutionality of the "Legal Tender act" to be re-opened for discussion. Arguments will be heard early next month.—This is, in fact, equivalent to a reversal of the late decision, as all in favor of allowing this course, concur in the opinion at that time delivered by the minority of the court, fully affirming its legality. As the act in question, in a great measure owed its original passage to the personal influence of the then Secretary Chase, his recent decision against it always seemed to us like a man trying to prove the illegitimacy of his own offspring. Yet, for all this, as the decision had been rendered we dislike to see the question re-opened, as this playing "fast and loose" with decision of the Supreme Court has a tendency to weaken the veneration which should be attached to decisions of the highest tribunal in the land.

Important to Whiskey Drinkers.

A new process has been discovered in which sulphuric acid is used in the manufacture of whiskey from corn, by which treatment the quantity of whiskey is increased from 15 and 16 to 18 and 19 quarts per bushel. A specimen of the article, which has been shown to us, proves to be a most deleterious and poisonous compound. When put through the usual course of rectification it corrodes and destroys everything with which it comes in contact, and an alcohol manufacturer, in attempting to distil it, discovered that it rusted the copper still to such an extent that the fluid was highly impregnated with copperas. If a copper still cannot withstand this article, how can the human stomach be expected to get it.

About the last thing to steal is a grave-stone, unless it be the grave itself. However, a thief with a peculiar bent of mind appropriated a head stone and foot-stone from the marble-yard of Mr. Jacob Kohler, in Philadelphia last week. Mounting them on a wheelbarrow, he was about trundling them away when a policeman interfered with his illegitimate proceeding. After being safe in custody he gave his name as Daniel Fassett, and said he dwelt in Bainbridge street. At present he is residing in Moyamensing Prison.

English sparrows have lately established their residence in Lexington, Ky., greatly to the surprise of the unfeathered bipeds there residing.

Advice to Philip Sheridan, Esq.

A great many complaints have been made against Sheridan because he kills the Indians. The following bit of advice is about as good a piece of satire on the subject as we have ever seen:

One of the objections made to Sheridan as a warrior is, that he killed people. Another is, that he kills the Indian father at a time when his family needs him as a provider of food, and the innocent squaws and children suffer from this cruelty. We always did think Sheridan killed the enemy too much. Why can't you just shoot them a little, Phil, so as not to hurt them? Why do you want to go around making a graveyard of everybody that murders American citizens? Don't you know any way to carry on a war without killing people this way? Suppose the poor Piegans have taken a scalp or two, and dug the bowels out of a few babies, and subjected a few women to the embraces of half a tribe of the most hellish ruffians that ever wore the human form, what has that to do with it? You ought not to do that way. You should send missionaries to them. Send them a peace Commissioner—send them the Cincinnati Gazette—send them a bald headed Quaker that can't be scalped—send them confound it—send them Mangan and his fiddle. We can spare him. It would do him good to go. It would do us good to have him go. The Indians would be glad to see him. Let him take Mrs. Cobb along. Let him take the whole female lobby from Washington. If they can't bring the Piegans to repentance and to thinking of his latter end, nobody can. And don't be so brash with your shooting any more. Don't you remember how you used Rosser, in the Valley? He only wanted to come along down in the rear. He wasn't hurting you any. Yet what did you do to that young man? You went out with Castar and shot at him and charged into him with your infernal cavalry, and made him get up and get till his artillery wagons went so fast only one wheel touched the ground, and his horses were nearly tired to death. That's no way to treat a man. You should have been polite and friendly to him. You should be polite and friendly to these Indians. Give them blankets and Spencer rifles and scalping knives; give them tobacco and meerschaum pipes or Partagu cigars; give them the Agricultural Report, and the Congressional Globe, and Greeley's "Recollection of a Busy Life," and other civilizing documents. Give them Lydia Thomson. Give them Lydia. Yes, by all means give them L.—Ohio State Journal.

Earthquakes in Ecuador.

Much damage has been done in the vicinity of Quito, in the Province of Imbabura, and in many other places by earthquakes. On the 2d of December several shocks were felt, and on the 12th, continued shocks were felt from noon till morning of the next day, when a shock of extraordinary violence occurred. "The inhabitants," says the Panama mail, "were terrified, and rushed from their dwellings, fell on their knees, and implored for mercy. During the latter part of the day thirteen distinct shocks were felt in Jipijapa, each one being accompanied by a violent wind storm. On the 13th of December another terrific shock was experienced.

"Several times since many shocks have taken place, but none created great alarm, until the 2d instant, when there was one of unusual severity at about midday; but the most terrifying one of all took place on the 3d instant, when between Pedernals and Cabo Pasado the earth was seen to open and emit a hillock of stones from 30 to 40 feet high. Behind or near the spot where this occurred stood an earth hill about 60 feet high, which suddenly and entirely disappeared. Around the base of the hillock is a circular pond of salt water, and for a long distance surrounding that the earth which before was hard and solid has become soft and spongy. The inhabitants of the locality have become positively terror stricken, and no inducement will take them within a very long distance of the spot."

An Eastern paper says, Mr. W. A. J. Seals, of Monroe, has shown us two minnie balls which were picked up on the field after the second conflict at Bull Run. The balls met at right angles, and the point of one was buried half way in the body of the other. The ball that was struck is bent, and the striking bullet is flattened, but the plug end is plainly marked.

The Troy Murder—An Extraordinary Confession.

On Wednesday night of last week Manning Vanderspeyden, a wealthy farmer, living a mile from this city, was murdered in his barn. His son-in-law, G. A. Alexander, reported that the murderer attacked him, after killing Vanderspeyden, hit him with an iron pump-handle, broke his arm, and also cut his head with a knife. Suspicious were aroused that Alexander himself did the deed, and this afternoon, at four o'clock, after writing a complete confession, he committed suicide by blowing out his brains with a shot gun.

His confession states that he meditated the murder for a year, and about four weeks ago intended to do it, but the presence of a negro frustrated his design. He says the Lord prompted him to do it. He tried to escape but could not, and thinks he has done no wrong. He asks the pardon of his wife, hopes to meet her in heaven, and says he had no accomplices.—Troy Paper.

A Double Man.

All the stories told of the Siamese twins hardly equal this of the Scotch man, of whom the following account is given by the Rerum Scoticarum Historia:

During the reign of James III., of Scotland, and at this court, there lived a man double above the waist and single below that region. The King caused him to be carefully brought up. He rapidly acquired a knowledge of music. The two heads learned several languages, they debated together, and the two upper halves occasionally fought. They lived generally, however, in the greatest harmony.—When the lower part of the body was tickled the two individuals felt it together, but when, on the other hand, each individual was touched, one alone felt the fact. This monstrous being died at the age of 28. One of the bodies died several days before the other.

The New York Sun in a report of a night alarm of fire, tells the following story, which is good, if not true: "The staircase was blocked up with boarders endeavoring to get away their baggage. One young woman exhibited a heroism worthy of record. She was petite, with dark curly hair, and had just arrived on the landing with her arms full of knick-knacks, when she suddenly dropped her load, and putting her hand to her head exclaimed in heartrending accents, "Oh, my blonde hair!" rushed frantically back and disappeared in a volume of smoke. There was a minute of awful suspense to the by-standers; but presently the courageous girl appeared at the top of the stairs, carrying about ten pounds of blonde capillary ornamentation. One of the boarders said that this hair was lately imported from Paris at a cost of \$175."

Remarkable Preservation.

A case has been recently reported of a boy who fell from the mast head of the ship Surprise into the sea, keeping himself afloat for three quarters of an hour, then being rescued by the vessel. This occurred during a very dark night, and is one of the most remarkable cases of preservation on record. The lad had on heavy clothing at the time, but succeeded in divesting himself of most of it, and his boots, or otherwise he would have been unable to sustain the weight of water they would have contained.

No HUMBAG.—We do not wish to inform you reader, that Dr. Wonderful, or any other man, has discovered a remedy that cures all diseases of mind, body or estate, and is designed to make our sublunary sphere a blissful paradise to which heaven itself shall be but a side show, but we do wish to inform you that Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy has cured thousands of cases of catarrh in its worst forms and stages, and the proprietor will pay \$500 for a case of this loathsome disease that he cannot cure. It may be procured by mail for sixty cents, by addressing R. V. Pierce, M. D., Buffalo, N. Y., For sale by most druggists everywhere.

FOUR MEN KILLED.—A terrible accident occurred at the coal mines of Richard Hecksler, situated a few miles from Shenandoah City, on the 29th ult. It appears that while four men were descending the shaft to commence their day's work the rope broke, precipitating them to the bottom, a depth of over 60 feet. All were instantly killed.

Prince Pierre Bonaparte has been requested by Napoleon to leave France. It is said he purposes coming to this country.

Miscellaneous News Items.

Imprisonment for debt has at length been abolished in Rhode Island.

Only five persons were killed in Russia, last year by railway accidents.

An American minstrel troupe has made "Shoo Fly" popular in Hamburg.

It is noticed that all the severe storms this year, have come on Sundays.

Immigration from Ireland to the United States has largely increased lately.

An old gentleman of ninety, in Maine, is now in mourning for his fifth wife.

The largest shoes for women made in the Philadelphia market go to Utah; the smallest are ordered for Havana.

The latest about the composer Wagner, is that he intends to write two more operas, and then turn his attention to politics.

The coffin at a recent New Hampshire funeral was drawn to the grave on a hand sled, and the mourners followed on snow shoes.

Commissioner Delano has issued a circular to revenue officers enjoining them to discharge their duties promptly, courteously and in a conciliatory spirit.

Reuben B. Russel, a well known live stock dealer, accidentally shot and killed himself while hunting, near Belleview, Ohio, one day last week.

A Registry act supplement was passed in the House at Harrisburg, with the addition of a clause providing for the registration of all without distinction of color.

An argument was made in the United States Supreme Court, last week, by the Attorney General, in favor of a reopening of the legal tender decision.

A man named Thomas P. Williams was found dead in the chamber where he worked, at the Continental mines, on the 27th ult. He went to work apparently well.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature, at the request of the Water Department, to regulate the manner in which the water is to be used in Philadelphia.

Owing to the sudden rise in the river the embankment at the lower lock of the canal at Keokuk, Iowa, gave way on the 28th ult., and the Government works at that place were flooded, causing much damage.

A bill passed the State Senate enabling the Treasurer to draw on the Sinking Fund when otherwise unable to meet current expenses, and requiring the payment in gold of interest on the debt contracted prior to 1862.

In Williamsburg, a young lady, Miss Eliza Creed, aged nineteen years, was recently dashed to the sidewalk by the wind with such force as to cause injuries resulting in her death about two hours after the accident.

Accounts have been received at Des Moines, Iowa, of the freezing of two men in the north western part of that State during the severe storm of the 15th ult. Six others are missing in the same county, and it is feared they have met the same fate.

William Dean, alias Dick, has been arrested by detectives Elder and McDougall at No. 139 Broadway, the \$50,000 worth of bonds lately stolen from the Ocean and Norfolk banks having been traced to his possession. Dean is a resident of Yonkers, and has heretofore held a good position in society.

On the 30th ult., a barn in Avondale Ohio was destroyed by fire, together with all its contents, including two valuable horses, at one o'clock yesterday. It was the work of an incendiary, who barricaded all the doors of the residence and set that on fire also. Fortunately the latter went out, else the entire family would have been destroyed.

On the 30th ult., as the night train from New York was about four miles from Bristol, the engineer, discovered an obstruction of some kind on the track. He was then very close upon it, but he succeeded in slowing the train in a considerable degree before he was forced upon it. The engine struck the obstruction, but owing to the good management of the engineer but little or no damage was effected.

Thomas Higan, a Philadelphia peddler, supposed to reside in Pine street, was decoyed, robbed and murdered in Kent Co., Del., on the 19th inst. Two colored men have been arrested, named Lober and Young, on suspicion, and it is said one of them has confessed their crime. The body was found on Saturday by some fishermen hauling their net in a mill pond.

Some years ago, a Milwaukee gentleman was robbed of a \$100 bond. The thief has now sent it back, with the information that it has "layed on his stummuck ever since." His reason for taking it was very simple: "I tuk it for I wanted munny."—His reason for not selling it is rather complicated: "Evry time I went to sell the thing sumthing told me not to, and I didn't." His surrender of the security is unconditional: "Here it is for I can't keep it no longer."

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I have not time now to say more, as I could with a hearty good will, and always have done, in praise of the Pain Killer. If this hastily written letter, in commendation of Perry Davis' valuable medicine, will be of any service, you are at liberty to do with it as you please.

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