

## The Bloomfield Times.



NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A.

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ALREADY we have reports from several sections of the country of severe thunder storms, in which lives have been lost.

THE contest in Congress over the seat in the fifth Pennsylvania district has been closed by the House awarding the seat to Colonel Taylor, who has accordingly been sworn in.

AMONG the cases requiring the attention of the coroner in the city of London for one day were nine cases where death resulted from starvation. No wonder the English and Irish poor are anxious to emigrate to this country.

THE number of murders and robberies which occurred in Philadelphia, the perpetrators of which go undetected, would seem to indicate, that either their detective system, or the detectives themselves need reconstructing.

THE CANADIANS are now having their annual scare over the threats of a Fenian invasion. The only way for them to rid themselves of that trouble is by coming under Uncle Sam's control and protection.

HEAVY freshets are troubling the residents along the upper Mississippi. On the 13th inst., the river opposite Quincy was eight miles wide, and West Quincy was entirely submerged. Much damage has already been done, and the river was still rising.

THERE seems to be a chance for a conflict between state and national authority, as the Attorney General of California has rendered an opinion that until the law of the State is changed, or Congress adopts some legislation on the subject, that it is the duty of county clerks to refuse to register negroes, and he urges them to obey the State law, at least until some positive action is taken by Congress.

## A Singular Outrage.

Dr. Bailey and his wife occupy rooms on the second floor of a building on Pine street. On Tuesday evening Mrs. Bailey, who had been ill during the day, retired to bed about half-past eight o'clock, and soon fell asleep, and while in this condition some unknown person entered the room and cut off her hair. Mrs. Bailey wore her hair in tresses, falling upon her shoulders. It was long, dark and luxuriant, and she was in the habit of throwing it back upon the pillow.

In this position the hair was cut very near to the head, and so dexterously that she was not awakened. The door of the office was (as usual in the absence of the Doctor) unlocked, and whoever perpetrated the outrage was doubtless familiar with this circumstance. Dr. Bailey returned home about 9 o'clock and at once made the discovery. His wife, who had been undisturbed, could give no account of the transaction, and thus far the investigations have failed to throw any light upon it.—Titusville Herald.

## A Strange Case.

Mrs. Nancy Hayes, an aged lady, who, with a demented husband, occupied a house on Twenty-third street, Richmond, was found dead recently having been dead three weeks. The cows and chickens on the lot were found starved to death. The husband, also, was nearly starved. He had been telling the neighbors when they came in that his wife was asleep, and her death was not known till this morning, the husband not having the mind to understand what had happened. The parties are from Philadelphia.

## Lawsuit About A Hen's Egg.

In Shaler township there reside in adjoining houses Mrs. Anna Meyer and Mrs. Chirzena Mimm. The parties had always lived peaceably until lately, when Mrs. Meyer bought three hens. Suit was followed by Mrs. Mimm, who also invested in poultry to a similar extent. In due course of time the hens began to lay eggs and the fruit proved an excellent addition to the breakfast bill of fare in each of the houses. The women had always lived quietly together until the investment was made in the hens.

The tenants occupied a yard in common, and the socially-inclined chickens would mingle with each other and were as happy as hens generally are. The first trouble between the neighbors was relative to the qualifications of the hens to lay eggs. Mrs. Meyer was positive that each of her hens laid an egg in the morning. Mrs. Mimm was equally assured that each of her three hens made a similar deposit, yet in the morning but five eggs could be found as the result of the united efforts, of the entire half dozen fowls.

The absence of one egg raised considerable difficulty. Each hen owner was positive that her brood had done their whole duty as hens, yet the sixth egg could never be found. Each of the neighbors demanded three eggs every morning, but of course, out of five their desires could not be gratified. Mrs. Mimm, it is alleged, was in the habit of rising very early in the morning, and, by visiting the hens' nests, made sure of her quarter dozen, leaving but two eggs for Mrs. Meyer, when she would reconnoitre.

If Mrs. Meyer would get up at five o'clock one morning, Mrs. Mimm would be up at half-past four the next. This thing continued, until frequently the two women might be seen prowling about at different hours, shortly after midnight.

Mrs. Mimm had been getting up too late for several mornings, to secure the three eggs claimed by her, but on the occasion referred to she had determined to be up betimes. So had Mrs. Meyer. The result was that both women met in a dark corner of the yard. Each was armed with a lantern. On confronting one another they ran to a convenient woodshed, and while one seized a club the other grasped an axe, and they threatened to annihilate each other.

In the light of the lanterns the tableau was effective. Eventually they dropped their weapons and seizing each other indulged in a regular scuffle. The result of the matter was that Mrs. Meyer called on Alderman Taylor, and charged Mrs. Mimm with surety of the peace. The matter will come up for disposition shortly when we hope the magistrate will be successful in settling the hen question amicably.

## Woman's Rights.

A man cannot sell his real estate and give a clear title without the consent of his wife and her joining in the conveyance. He may have owned a million dollars in real estate at the time of marriage, or may have since bought it with his own money, yet if he wishes to sell or mortgage it his wife must join in the conveyance, else her inchoate right of power hangs like a cloud over the title.

He is liable for all the debts his wife owes at the time of marriage. She is not liable for his debts.

If his wife commits a trespass, or appropriates goods not belonging to her, her husband is liable for the damages. If such acts are committed by the husband, neither the wife nor her property can be held accountable.

He is compelled to support her, even though she may be wealthy and he poor. She need not expend a penny for her own sustenance, but can procure it on credit and compel him to foot the bill, even though she may be fifty times as wealthy as he. On the other hand, though her husband may be helpless and in want yet she cannot be compelled, though rich to provide in any way for his support. He may be a pauper, in the poor house, yet she cannot be made to pay the pauper's charges.

He cannot by will deprive her of her interest in his lands. It matters not how large her own estate is, nor how needy his parents or children (by former marriage) may be, she has the one-third interest during her life.

He is liable for the debts contracted in her business, while she is not liable in any shape or manner for his.

After reading the above who will say that women do not have their rights?

## A Dreadful Mistake.

A terrible mistake was made in the family of Mr. Hertzog in Hawsville Ky., last week by which four persons were fatally poisoned.

Mr. Hertzog had purchased a quantity of arsenic for the purpose of poisoning rats. He was thoughtless or imprudent enough to place it in a bottle in a cupboard, near another bottle containing bread soda. The next day Mrs. Hertzog went to the cupboard to get some soda to mix into pie-crust. She either did not know the arsenic was in the cupboard or had forgotten about it. At any rate she made the terrible mistake of taking the arsenic and mixing it in her pie-crust instead of the soda.

On the same evening one of the pies she had baked was eaten for supper. The family consisted of five persons. One of the children, a boy, was absent during the meal. The other four, however, partook of the poisoned pie, and by the next morning every one of them was dead. Their sufferings were dreadful, the poison taking effect in a few minutes after the supper was concluded. The poor wife discovered her terrible and fatal mistake, when it was too late, for, twelve hours later, husband, wife, and two children had ceased to live.

## A Swindle.

A well to do farmer residing a short distance from Meadville, became a widower three years ago. Two years later he became the husband of his rather gay and festive second wife. This second wife had only recently arrived from Ohio on a matrimonial adventure, and officious friends secured for her this eligible match. Her enterprising turn of mind was not suited to the monotony of an honest farmer's home and though comfortably, pleasantly and even romantically situated, she eventually prevailed on her husband to sell the old homestead with a view of removing to the West, where she assured him he could do much better. Very recently the farm was sold, and several thousand dollars were received for it, which, for safe keeping, the confiding husband deposited with his affectionate wife. The result is—to-day the wife is missing, and the afflicted man, with two children, has no wife, no home, no farm, no money, and no very bright prospects for the future.

## Black Justice.

The Macon Telegraph says that a New York drummer was recently arraigned before one of the black justices in Savannah for selling goods without license.

The drummer insisted that he had made no sales. Whereupon the black dignitary told him to prove that, but while hunting up his proof he must leave \$50 by way of bail. The drummer handed over the money, went out and brought in three or four merchants, who stated that he had sold nothing to them. After the witnesses got through, the following decision was delivered:

"Dis court hab heard de prefixes and de conclusion to dis case, and decides dat de Yankee hab left de case in doubt; and it bein de law to gib de State de benefit of de doubt, de court will keep de fifty dollars." These are facts.

## Singular Religious Monomania.

A young man named Jacob Harnish, aged about 17, who resided near Midway, on the Lancaster and Strasburg turnpike, a few days since deliberately cut off his own legs with a hatchet, while laboring under a religious hallucination. When asked why he done so, he replied that the Bible said, "If thy foot offend thee cut it off," and he had done it in obedience to the command of the Savior. Surgical aid was procured as speedily as possible, and every effort was made to save his life, but the loss of blood was so great that he died shortly after the surgeons arrived. Until the commission of this act the young man had never shown any symptoms of insanity or monomania. Before he died he expressed regret at what he had done, but said he thought at the time he was doing right.

A prize fight, announced to come off on the 12th at Charles Island, near Milford, Conn., was broken up by the State Militia under general Merwine, of Governor Jewell's staff, and Sheriff Hotchkins, of New Haven county. Kerrigan, one of the principals, was arrested together with Malay and Edge, who were to fight in the same ring, and about 90 rough necks are now lodged in jail in New Haven.

The crowd sacked many houses in Milford, robbed people in the streets, and was one of the most desperate gangs that ever left New York.

## Practical Joking.

A large town in the interior of the State was thrown into great excitement, a few days since, by the perpetration of a practical joke on a highly respectable widow lady of that place. Some enterprising individual who had more leisure than gentlemanly instincts, addressed notes through the post office to different persons, signing the widow's name, requesting them to call at her residence.—The lawyer was invited to come and make a will; the minister to marry a couple of loving youths; the dry goods clerk to see a young lady friend; the upholsterer to bring a cradle; two lumber merchants to haul large loads of lumber, shingles, etc.; the sewing machine agent to send one of his best; the life insurance agent to call and explain the different tables; the painter to do some glazing; the expressman to get a trunk; the tinner to fix a stove; the bricklayer to repair a chimney; the miller to send a barrel of flour; the American gentleman of African descent to cut the children's hair; another to call and purchase some hogs; and last, though not least, the brewer to bring a couple a kegs of his best lager. Nearly all did as requested by the letter, and there was a brisk, vexatious and embarrassing time at the widow's mansion one afternoon last week. As yet there is no clue to the miscreant who perpetrated the forgery. If he is discovered, there will be lively times there.

## A Dangerous Play Thing.

A lady was recently out walking, accompanied by her nurse and two children near St. Louis, when one of the latter was missed for a few moments. On being called, he answered from a little distance, "Here I am, mamma, behind the stump. I'm playing with a big beautiful worm. I've got a chip, and it opens its mouth ever so wide when I touch its teeth its teeth with the chip."

Anxious to see the character of the child's playmate, the two women went to the spot, when, behold! they saw a rattlesnake, two feet long coiled against the butt of the stump, and the child thrusting the chip against its head. The snake appeared perfectly passive, not even giving the usual warning with its rattles. It is needless, perhaps, to say that the mother was frightened beyond the power of motion. The nurse quickly removed the child, and one of the hands despatched the dangerous playmate.

## Miscellaneous News Items.

Three colored men have been summoned as jurors in a case in Newark.

Nearly the whole of the business portion of Medina, Ohio, was destroyed by fire on Friday last.

The Mormons are threatening to tear up the Pacific Railroad track in case Congress passes any bill interfering with their imagined rights.

Golladay, of Kentucky, who was involved in the sale of cadetships, and so lost his seat, has been defeated for a re-election by the Confederate General S. H. Lewis.

Robert C. Callicot, a merchant of N. Y., last week committed suicide at his residence, in Brooklyn, by shooting himself through the head.

A New York ferry boat was cut down by a sound steamer last week. She just floated long enough to land all her passengers.

Twelve thousand dollars' worth of diamonds were taken on the 12th from a passenger, named Williams, on the Bremen steamship Rhein. Williams is represented as a professional smuggler.

A man in Shelby, O., recently having a preparation of sarsaparilla, and also another of carbolic acid in bottles precisely similar, took the latter, by accident, which for a time was supposed would be fatal.

George Howser, of Kittanning township, Armstrong county, while riding with his daughter in a buggy, remarked to her that the buggy was upsetting, and then fell therefrom dead. Heart disease, it is said, was the cause of his sudden death.

The death warrant of John Deal, who was sentenced at the January term of the Berks County Court for the murder of Richard M. Horion, has been issued by Governor Geary. He is to be executed in the jail yard at Reading on Friday, the 13th day of May.

A Dutchman was excused from serving on the McFarland trial for because he said:

"I speaks English pad, and conderstands him padder, and hear noting at all."

A jewelry firm in N. Y., have in their possession an interesting relic of the Revolution. It is a magnificent gold snuff-box, presented by Louis XVI, of France, to Colonel John Laurins, Special Envoy to the Court of Versailles from the Continental Congress. On the cover is a beautiful medallion of the royal donor set in diamonds. Over one hundred diamonds are used in the setting.

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