

## The Bloomfield Times.



NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A.

Tuesday, May 10, 1870.

The committee on pensions have reported adversely on the petition of Mrs. Lincoln for a pension, and yet the general impression in Washington appears to be that the pension will be granted. If the members feel that the amount asked for can be spared, it seems to us that the country would be acting more justly to increase the pensions of the maimed soldiers who depend upon the pittance received from the government for their daily bread, rather than to pay a pension to one who according to testimony offered is worth sufficient to live comfortably.—Pensioning a person worth \$50,000 while some starve on a monthly pittance of \$8.00, is not exactly the thing for a republican government to do; and from testimony offered to the senate committee, it was proved that Mrs. Lincoln possessed property variously estimated to be worth from thirty to seventy thousand dollars. Under these circumstances we do not think she has any claim for a pension.

IN THE House of Representatives a very excellent bill has been introduced, and one which will, if passed, save the country many thousands of dollars. We refer to a bill which provides that in cases of contested elections, neither party shall be paid any mileage or compensation, while the case is pending, and after it has been decided, the members declared elected shall receive both compensation and mileage. The opposing party is to be allowed only his actual expenses in contesting the seat.

With such a law in force in the State there would be fewer contested seats, and consequently the members would have more time to attend to their other duties, and the State would save thousands of dollars.

## The Census of 1870.

The ninth census of the United States will be taken, under the provisions of the act of May 23d, 1850, on the first of June next. The assistants are paid as follows:—Two cents for every name taken; fifteen cents for every productive establishment industry; two cents for every dead person; and two per cent. of the gross amount of names enumerated, for social statistics; and ten cents per mile for travel. It will be seen by the foregoing that the compensation allowed an assistant or enumerator, provided the district allotted to him shall not contain less than 20,000 persons, will be about \$600 or more.

The United States Marshal is forbidden by law to accept any bribe or consideration for an appointment of assistants, and is liable to a fine of \$1,000 should he be convicted of so doing.

The law provides that each assistant, after qualifying, shall perform his duties by a personal visit to each dwelling house, and to each family in his subdivision, and shall ascertain by inquiries made by some member of each family, if any one can be found capable of giving the information—but if not, then of the agent of such family—the name of each member thereof, the age and place of birth of each, sex, color, etc., and shall also visit personally the farms, mills, shops, mines, or other places respecting which information is required; and when such information is obtained and entered in his blanks, then his memoranda shall be read to the person furnishing the facts for revision.

There is a penalty of thirty dollars for refusing to furnish the required information to the assistant.

The Revenue for the first nine months of the present fiscal year amounted to \$121,266,534, against \$101,244,198 for the corresponding period of last year.

## Operations of Judge Lynch.

On the 2d inst., a general meeting of the citizens of Helena, Mon. Ter., was called to take action in the case of two men charged with robbery and attempted murder.

The meeting then selected a committee of twenty-four persons to try the case, and upon coming before the committee the prisoners confess their crime, from which it appears that the robbery and murder of Mr. Leuhart were deliberately planned by them. At two P. M. the Committee reported that both the prisoners were guilty, and sentenced them to be hanged at half past four, and at that hour over three thousand persons were congregated at the hangman's tree.

At five P. M. the wagon on which the prisoners stood, with ropes about their necks was driven from under them, and frontier justice was satisfied. The citizens' meeting was not a vigilance committee and the whole affair was conducted in a quiet but determined manner, and no one questions the justice both of the trial and verdict.

The largest tannery in the world is in Elk county, Pa. It was built 1867. The property of which it is a part comprises 22,000 acres of land heavily covered with hemlock. The bark mills of the concern are in a building 45 by 1000 feet, two stories high, and capable of grinding seventy-five cords of bark per day. These mills are driven by an eighty horse-power engine, and the only fuel used is spent tan. The leaching house is 38 by 210 feet, and two stories high. It contains twelve leaches of immense size. The "sweat pit" is 70 by 90 feet of stone. Seven hundred vats are now in use. The product is 120,000 sides of sole leather will be turned out annually. The consumption of bark is 14,000 cords per year.

## A Smuggler and Robber.

Three weeks ago a New York Custom House Inspector arrested James Scrimshaw, an English burglar, on board the newly arrived steamer *Main*, from Southampton, and after seizing \$15,000 worth of diamonds, which he was endeavoring to pass over free of duty, let him go. A fortnight later Commissioner Whitely, hearing of the transaction, set detective Nettleship on the track of Scrimshaw, and a day or two ago effected his arrest in Newark, N. J., where was found upon his person \$60,000 worth of stolen French and Russian bonds.

## A Bold Robbery.

Another daring bond robbery was perpetrated on the 3d inst., on the person of a respectable gentleman named Benjamin N. Clapp, stopping at the residence of his son, No. 229 W. Twenty-fifth street N. Y. He entered the office of Vermaileya & Co., on Nassau street, and from them purchased \$5000 in United States bonds. While paying for the bonds, he laid the latter on the counter by his side, when some adroit thief quietly picked up the package and retired with his plunder unobserved. Two of the bonds, \$1000 each, are numbered 223,513 and 159,291.

## A Desperate Duel.

A correspondent of the *Lawrence (Kansas) Journal* states that a few days since Colonel A. Payne and M. C. Stapleton, influential citizens of Monticello, Kansas, quarreled about some trivial matter in a dark room. Payne had a knife and Stapleton a revolver. Some citizens upon hearing a pistol shot, burst open the door, and found Stapleton with his throat cut and Payne shot through the lungs. Both men are alive, but will probably die.

A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a man. Kites rise against the wind, and not with the wind; even a head wind is better than none. No man ever worked his passage anywhere in a dead calm. Let no man wax pale, therefore, because of opposition; opposition is what he wants and must have, to be good for anything. Hardship is the native soil of manhood and self-reliance. He who cannot abide the storm without flinching lies down by the wayside to be overlooked or forgotten.

In Richmond Va., the 4th inst., was generally observed as a day of humiliation and prayer for the great calamity. Nearly all the churches were open and fully attended. All the flags were at half-mast; bells were tolled; business in the city departments was suspended, and business generally was somewhat relaxed. Very handsome collections were taken up, amounting to several thousand dollars. The Southern people there gave liberally.

## Pennsylvania State Sunday School Association.

The annual Convention will be held at Harrisburg Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 14, 15, and 16. George H. Stuart, Esq., is expected to preside. Each Sunday school in the State is requested to send two or more delegates. Pastors and Sunday school workers are also invited to attend and participate. It is requested that the names of those who expect to attend shall be sent to Rev. Thomas H. Robinson, D. D., Chairman, or John M. Sayford, Esq., Secretary, of the local committee of arrangements at Harrisburg, on or before the first day of June, so that places of entertainment may be provided.

Secretaries of county organization are requested to immediately send their address to the State Secretary, Lewis D. Vail, Esq., 703 Sansom Street, Philadelphia, so as to receive printed details. Where there is no organization, the Secretary wishes to correspond with some earnest Sunday school worker, and requests that his or her name be forwarded to him.

When diseases of the throat prevail, and particularly a dry, hacking cough, which is not only distressing to ourselves, but to our friends and those with whom we are brought into contact, those thus afflicted may be benefited by the following remedy given by a correspondent:

Last fall we were induced to try what virtue there was in common salt.—We commenced by using it three times a day, morning, noon and night. We dissolved a large teaspoonful of common salt in about half a tumblerful of cold water. With this we gargled the throat most thoroughly before meal time. The result has been that through the entire winter we were not only free from the usual coughs and colds to which, as far as our memory extends, we have always been subject, but the dry, hacking cough has entirely disappeared. We attribute it entirely to salt gargle, and do most cordially recommend it to those of our readers who are subject to disease of the throat.

Many persons who have not tried the salt gargle have the impression that it is unpleasant. Such is not the case. On the contrary, it is pleasant, and after a few day's use no person who loves a nice clean mouth, and a good sharpener of the appetite, will abandon it.

## What "Port Wine" is Made of.

Some parties in Stonington, Connecticut, have recently been prosecuted for selling adulterated wines and liquors.—Samples of their "stuff" were submitted to Prof. Silliman, of Yale College, the State Chemist, and the following is the result of his analysis of what was sold for port wine: the liquor was turbid, heavily laden with sugar or molasses and some coloring matter; containing 21 per cent. of alcohol; over 19 per cent. of sugar of molasses; about 100 grains of sulphuric acid to the gallon, part of it free, as oil of vitriol, and part combined in alum; oxide of lead, or litharge, in poisonous quantities of about 45 grains to the gallon. The alcohol had an acid taste, and the coloring matter an offensive odor.—The liquor was stronger of lead than most water poisoned by it.

Glycerine Cocktail is the name of a new drink just invented, which is a very good thing, if not abused. Should a policeman chase you, all you have to do is to fall heavily on the sidewalk. Concussion explodes glycerine and kills policeman. What becomes of the holder of the cocktail is not stated. He probably bursts, laughing to see the policeman go to pieces. Ingentive age, this.

In the McFarland trial at N. Y., they have finally progressed so far as to be done with taking testimony, and the lawyers are summing up the case. The probabilities are that the farce (for the trial is only a farce) will be closed in a day or two. The "insanity plea" is becoming altogether too frequent, and under its operations murder is rarely punished in New York.

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A young lady in Ross county, named Caroline Frederick, aged fifteen, measures five feet and half an inch in circumference under her arms, and two feet one and a half inches around her leg just below the knee! Her weight is four hundred and sixty-two pounds. She bids fair to make a good sized woman. Who can beat that.

## Miscellaneous News Items.

A serious riot occurred at St. Quentin, France, during last week.

One hundred and forty thousand dollars is the amount of the Stanton fund.

A judge at Muncie, Iowa, recently fined a woman of that place twenty dollars for thrashing her two grown-up daughters.

The number of Mormons who practice polygamy is said not to exceed two thousand.

In the city of Boston no person except a native of the State is allowed to play a hand organ in the streets of that city.

The House joint resolution granting the widow of the late General Rawlins a year's salary has passed the Senate.

American Silver continues to arrive from Canada, and within a few days \$1,000,000 have been purchased by foreign bankers and is being packed for shipment.

A. J. Butler is under arrest, at San Francisco, accused of stealing \$10,000 in bonds, from Alfred Colville, in Wall street, New York.

A bill, making the Northwest Territory a province of the Dominion, under the name of Manitoba, has been introduced in the Canadian Parliament.

Captain Story, a Deputy United States Marshal, was shot and killed at Salt Lake City, on Monday, of last week, by a desperado whom he was about to arrest.—The murderer was shot by the Mormons.

Sioux Indians have made hostile demonstrations at the Hudson Bay Company's fort at White Horse Plains, and a general Sioux war is apprehended by the American settlers over the line.

In Philadelphia, a man on Tuesday last, went to the City Missionary and began to tell that he was ill with the relapsing fever. Before he could finish his story, he fell insensible upon the pavement.

A St. Louis Clerk, in rescuing a pretty girl in the street, from a big dog, luckily sprained his ankle. The young lady called a carriage, took her brave preserver home, nursed the roses back to his cheeks, and married him, with pa's blessing and greenbacks.

By a robbery committed on the 4th inst., at Rockland, Me., the bank lost about \$1100 and the special depositors about \$19,500, on which payment has been stopped to the amount of \$15,000. \$2500 collateral is held as security for the notes loaned.

Resolutions favoring the construction of a railroad on the thirty-second parallel to the Pacific Ocean, and the grant of the franchise to the Southern Trans-Continental Railway Company, were passed by the House Sub-Committee on Pacific Railroads, last week.

The Rev. Mr. Smith, a popular and sensational preacher of New York, is on his trial before a committee or conference of his brother ministers on the charge of having taken gin and milk on Sunday, in a public hotel or restaurant, in company with two or more reporters, who did likewise.

A colored man named Miller, a resident of Frankford, on Tuesday last, was seized with a sudden fit of insanity and commenced raising a disturbance, finally threatening to cut his throat. A number of citizens secured and bound him; he was then handed over to the police, and they transferred him to the Almshouse.

Molasses is now shipped in the bulk, vessels being fitted up like large tanks.—One containing 8000 gallons was recently pumped out at Boston in four hours, and was ready to proceed again to sea. In the old way of carrying in casks, the same ship would only have held one-half the quantity, and would have taken two days to discharge.

It has lately come to light that some ingenious person has discovered a method of extracting a kind of yellow grease, resembling butter in appearance, from London mud. This stuff is mysteriously shipped off to Holland, and a horrible suspicion has arisen among London housekeepers that it returns to them in the shape of the Dutch butter largely consumed in their kitchens.

At Chester, Pa., on the 4th inst., the extensive cotton mill of Messrs. Brewster, McCree & Co., situated in the North Ward, was destroyed by fire. The factory has not been in operation for some time, owing to a strike among the workmen, and the fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. The loss is in the neighborhood of \$60,000, which is partially covered by insurance.

At Louisville, Ky., John H. Morton, aged 19 years, son of H. C. Morton, a banker of that city, shot and killed Dan Powers, a gambler, at a house of ill-fame, on Eleventh street, between Main street and the river, kept by Annie Rayburn, on Monday afternoon last. Jealousy was the cause. Young Morton has surrendered himself and is now in jail.

On the morning of the 5th inst., some burglars effected an entrance into the dry goods store of Messrs. Melloy & Cooper, No. 310 S. Tenth street, Philadelphia, by forcing open a door, in the rear of the premises, with a jimmy. After ransacking the store, the rascals departed unmolested and unseen with an assortment of fine silk dress goods valued at from \$6,000 to \$8,000. The chief of the detective police has been authorized to offer a reward of \$1,000 for the recovery of the property.

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