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NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A.

Tuesday, November 8, 1870.

THE ELECTION in West Virginia resulted in a democratic victory, that party gaining two members of Congress and probably the Legislature, which elects the next United States Senator.

HON. COLUMBUS DELANO the former commissioner of Internal revenue has taken charge of the Interior Department in place of Mr. Cox. Mr. Douglass the deputy commissioner of Internal revenue is in charge of that department and it is probable he will be appointed as Mr. Delano's successor. In this connection the letter of Mr. Cox, offering his resignation, may be of interest, as it shows that the reason for his resignation, was that he felt that his attempt to introduce honesty and ability, as a test for clerkships in his department, was not properly supported by the administration. The ex-Secretary says:—"My views of the necessity of reform in the civil service have brought me more or less into collision with the plans of some of our active political managers, and my sense of duty has obliged me to oppose some of their motives of action through the department. I have no doubt whatever that public sentiment will, soon or later, sustain the efforts at what I regard as needed reforms, but I ought not to overlook the fact that for the present they involve opposition which it may not be for the interest of the Administration to provoke, and as my personal tendency is to be rather more than less persistent in the course to which I am committed, I deem it my duty to place in your hands my resignation of the office of Secretary of the Interior, to take effect as soon as you can conveniently determine my successor."

### The Fertility of California.

A recent letter from California in speaking of the fertility of that state says: Stockton is the point of departure to the Yosemite valley. The fertile San Joaquin valley through a level country, is covered with wheat fields. The long lines of teams—almost invariably seven spans of mules or horses to the load with three long wagons in line, loaded with bags of wheat, which we were constantly meeting on their way to market gave us an idea of the fruitfulness of the country through which we were passing. This is a country of great ranches. At Trelford's rancho, where we stopped for a short time, the proprietor cut 10,000 acres of wheat alone this year, and will send to market of this year's crop, 70,000 bags containing over 220,000 bushels. His rancho contains 20,000 acres, all of which he proposes to put under cultivation in another year. The advantage that this country gives the farmer over the East is, that before the grain matures rain ceases entirely, and there is not a drop for the space of at least four months. The grain, therefore, ripens in dry weather, is cut and gathered at leisure, thrashed in the open field, bagged and piled up as our farmers pile their wood for seasoning. All over this country in the fields, wheat is stacked and corded in this way, not only without danger of harm from the weather, but all the while improving by exposure.

### Foreign News.

An Armistice has been arranged between France and Prussia to commence on the 4th and continue to the 28th inst. In the meantime the condition of the armies is to remain the same as at present, and an election is to be held in France by the 15th inst.

By this election a Government will be formed with which Prussia can negotiate, and perhaps be enabled to form a treaty of peace. At least such is the hope of the neutral nations at whose suggestion the armistice has been arranged.

### A Kentucky Breach of Promise Case.

Theresa Gahlhaus, a young girl about the age of "sweet sixteen," the daughter of an estimable widowed lady of this city was wooed and won by Henry Hostetter, (no relation to the bitters man,) an old gentleman who has long since passed the meridian of life, but who possesses a reasonable amount of filthy lucre, together with other property, consisting of stocks bonds, and other securities. This, of itself, was no uncommon occurrence, but with its sequel, it has formed a social sensation in the neighborhood which will be food for the gossips many days hence. It came about thusly: The old gentleman whose wife died about three months ago, realized, from sad experience, the force of the scriptural adage. "It is not good for man to be alone," and looking about him with an eye to business, it fell with an admiring gaze upon Theresa, who was employed as a domestic in the family of a gentleman on 18th street, and who is said to be a very pretty girl. The old gentleman became acquainted with the girl through his relations with her brothers, who rent from him one of two farms which he owns in the country. His suit progressed very favorably, and he soon brought matters to a crisis by offering his hand and his real estate to his innamorata, who accepted them with the distinct understanding that they were to be like the States of the Union, "one and inseparable." To this arrangement, "Barkis was willing," the preliminaries were settled, and the marriage ceremony was to take place at St. John's church, on the 11th instant. Every arrangement for the wedding had been completed except, to the expectant bride, the most important one, that of making to her a deed to two farms in Jefferson county, valued at \$15,000. At an early hour, on the morning of the 11th, St. John's church was filled with an anxious and expectant audience, that had assembled to witness the union of December and May; and till a very late hour was it known that the old man's darling had gone back on him. The young lady says that she is only waiting for him to perform his part of the contract, when she will be ready to fulfil hers, and as she has waited in vain several weeks for him to do so, she yesterday brought suit in the Jefferson court of common pleas for damages in the sum of \$20,000.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

### A Prophecy.

The following lines taken from "Talleyrand's memories" which were written many years since, have now really come to pass, and it would almost seem as though he had been gifted with prophetic vision.

"We must not delude ourselves; the European equilibrium, of which we laid the foundation at the congress of Vienna will not be eternal. Some day it will tumble, but it promises us some years of peace. What threatens to break it up at a period more or less distant are the aspirations which are becoming universal in the centre of Germany. The necessities of defence and of a common danger have prepared their minds for German unity. This idea will continue to develop and some day one of the great Powers who form part of the confederation will form the desire to realize this unity for its own profit. Austria is not to be feared; being composed of scraps and morsels, and having no unity at home, she cannot dream of exporting it abroad. It is Prussia, then, that should be watched. She will try the venture; and if she succeeds, then all the conditions of the balance of power will be changed, and it will be necessary to seek for Europe a new basis and a new organization."

Having examined the more or less difficult circumstances amid which this reconstruction will be effected, M. Talleyrand indicates France as being the nation most interested in combating the unification movement, or in seeking to be compensated for it. All this reads as if written after the facts, instead of many years before them."

A terrible accident occurred at Huntingdon on Thursday evening. At five o'clock, the passenger engine Huntingdon; of the Huntingdon Broad Top Railroad, exploded her boiler, while taking water, and Jerry Wertz, employed as engineer hostler, was blown twenty-five feet and was instantly killed. His face and head were badly mangled. He leaves a wife and child. A boy named Daniel Heck, who was standing on the tender, had his eyes and face frightfully injured by steam, and it is not expected he will live. The engine was thrown down a ten feet embankment.

### A Horrible Case of Wife Murder near Lima, Ohio.

A correspondent of the *Pittsburg Commercial*, at Lima, O., telegraphed to that journal on Saturday:

It has just come to light, to-day, that a man living about nine miles southwest of this place, named Bittinger, murdered his wife last Monday night. The deed was done by cutting her throat, in an awful manner, with a butcher knife, and stabbing her with the same instrument in four other different places, and then threatened to kill the children if they told of it, and also told them that they must bury her. It is said they then dug away some dirt and put her body under the porch of the house. Bittinger left immediately for parts unknown. The children, it seems, remained in fear up to this time, and then informed some neighbors, who came here to-day after the coroner, to hold an inquest.

On Wednesday last the internal revenue officers, aided by a force of twenty-five hundred United States marines and regulars, made a grand raid on the illicit whisky distilleries in the Fifth Ward of Brooklyn, N. Y., and captured and destroyed over twenty establishments and their contents. Eight fire engines were employed several hours in pumping out the contents of still and mash tubs which were afterward completely demolished by a large force of laborers accompanying the troops.

In the early part of the affair a mob hurled several volleys of stones, brickbats and other missiles upon the marines under Col. Broome, but were routed by a bayonet charge. Colonel Broome then warned the crowd that the troops would fire if any further violence was offered, but were not again molested. Assessor Dutcher was hit twice by flying bricks, and several revenue officers were more or less injured during the raid.

A girl named Emma Adams, aged sixteen who lived in Russel Place, Burton Crescent, London, recently died from exhaustion consequent on the want of the necessaries of life. The medical officer who was called in to see her said the room in which she lived with her father, mother, and five other children, was small, in a dirty condition, and there was no furniture of any description. Deceased was laying dead on the floor of the room covered with rags and vermin, there being no bedding. The body was very much emaciated and unclean. If she had been properly attended to she would have lived. The father was out of work and said he had not tasted meat for several days.

Near Cleveland, in the afternoon of the 1st inst., two magazines containing 15,000 pounds of nitro-glycerine, exploded at Fairport, near Painesville, Ohio. Four persons were blown to atoms, viz.:—Patrick Scribner, two Malones, father and son, and Edward Duncan. The buildings on the east side of the river were much damaged, and the shock of the explosion felt for miles. The loss to the glycerine company is not less than \$25,000. Where the magazines stood are now two lakes, fifty feet across and seventy-five feet deep. The people of Fairport are greatly excited, as this is the second explosion of the kind within two months. One of the men killed leaves a wife and six children, in destitute circumstances.

A man named B. B. Smith, who was supposed to have been murdered by the Apache Indians, with twelve others about a year ago, turned up at San Francisco recently. He tells a very romantic story of his capture by a band of Indian warriors, under the command of a Mexican named Montoia, who seemed to take an insane delight in murdering traders. Of his party, for some reason, he was alone spared, and after being retained in captivity for some twenty-eight days, he was released and permitted to resume his journey. At the time the massacre was reported the correspondents of the California papers declared that Smith's body had been mutilated beyond recognition.

A stringent measure relating to the traffic in strong drink has been introduced into the Vermont Legislature. It imposes a fine of \$100 for the first offense on every person who shall sell intoxicating beverages in violation of law, and the same fine with imprisonment for the second offense. It also imposes a fine on persons who shall be found in a state of intoxication, of \$50 for each offense.

### Miscellaneous News Items.

Corn sells in Linn county, Kansas, at 40 cents per bushel.

Sixty-one per cent. of the people of Mississippi can neither read or write.

The first sleighs of the season were out on Monday in the mountain districts of Maine and New Hampshire.

The American surgeons are rendering valuable service to the sick and wounded soldiers of both nations.

A young man named John E. Moore committed suicide at Danville, on Saturday, by taking two ounces of laudanum.

In a court in Boston, Patrick Keller has been sentenced to two years in the State Prison for leaving Lawrence to engage in a prize fight at Salem, N. H.

Allen and Gallaher, prize fighters, were arrested in the vicinity of St. Louis, on the 1st inst., they having announced to engage in a pugilistic encounter.

A soldier's monument in a design submitted by Martin Millmore, is to be erected on Flagstaff Hill, Boston Common, at an expense of fifteen thousand dollars.

Henry Miller, of Taylorstown, N. J., died on Wednesday night, from the effects of food poisoned by his wife, and during the post-mortem examination, she took poison which caused her death on Thursday morning.

Weston, the pedestrian, has arranged to walk 450 miles within five consecutive days, at the Empire Rink, N. Y., on Monday, November 21. During one of the five days he is to attempt to walk 112 miles within twenty-four consecutive hours. If successful, the management of the Rink give him a purse of \$5000.

In Newark, N. J., at noon on the 31st ult., a large frame building in process of erection in Pennsylvania avenue was prostrated by the high wind. Two carpenters at work on the scaffolding at the time were injured. A dwelling at East Newark was also blown down, but no one was injured.

At New Orleans, A. B. Long, U. S. District Attorney, was found dead in his office, with his throat cut, on the 31st ult. It is thought he committed suicide. He was born in Greenfield, Mass., in 1836, studied law under Judge Hoar in Boston, and was admitted to the bar in New Orleans in 1860.

While the steamer "Thompson Dean" was at Cairo recently two men on board began wrestling in play, and one of them fell overboard and was drowned. The other, while attempting to rescue him, also fell over and was lost. Soon after a deck hand on the "Dean" commenced beating his wife, when his brother interfered, and a fight ensued, in which the brother fractured the husband's skull.

The starch factory of George Fox, at Jackland, ten miles north of Cincinnati, caught fire between 5 and 6 o'clock on the 1st inst., and was totally destroyed. Loss about \$60,000, insured for \$50,000 all in local companies, except \$5000 in the Lycoming county, of Pennsylvania. From sixty to eighty operatives are thrown out of employment.

A short time since a lad in Ports month, N. H., in attempting to separate two roosters who were fighting, came near losing his eyes. The roosters turned on him and tore some pieces of flesh from his face, and it was with difficulty that they could be driven away. The boy says they were game.

An Italian merchant named Murillo whose daughter had been stolen from New York, and sent with the other children to the West about seven years since, recently traced her to a reform school in Ohio, and secured her release. The girl was originally carried away by a wicked nurse who had a grudge against the family.

A wealthy hypochondriac of New Orleans, who believed that his earthly house was as brittle as glass, and that he ran in constant danger of breaking it, was completely cured of the conceit, a few days since, by the kindness of two medical students who followed him about from place to place, and when questioned as to their motives stated that they were waiting for him to "break himself," so that they might have a chance to pick up the pieces for dissection.

At New York, on Monday of last week while firing cannon in the neighborhood of Thirty-fifth street and the East river, for the purpose of notifying voters to register, a serious accident occurred. An old shell, fired from a flat boat moored in the stream, exploded and threw some of the iron into a small vessel anchored in the river, sinking it immediately. It is reported that two men were on the board at the time and were drowned.

Mary A. Stinebaugh, who graduated from Oberlin college, in 1864, and who has lately become somewhat noted as a Methodist preacher, was married a few Sundays ago, at Palmero, Ohio, to Rev. Henry J. Bradford, a Methodist minister. Just before the marriage ceremony, Miss Stinebaugh preached before the conference, which was in session at Palmero, after which she stepped from the pulpit to the altar, when the marriage ceremony was performed. What a fix the Rev. Bride would be in, if the Conference should appoint her to a distant church from her husband.

The inquest on the body of the burglar Tweedle, whose death was caused by the discharge of a trap gun, while he was attempting to force an entrance into the premises of Joseph Agostino, a gunsmith, on Twenty-third street N. Y., resulted in a verdict censuring Mr. Agostino for constructing the infernal machine, and that gentlemen was accordingly held to bail by the coroner to await the action of the Grand Jury. Recorder Hackett, however, investigated the matter, and rendered an opinion setting aside the action of the coroner.

It is stated that a recent letter to Bismark, marked "private," was opened by his confidential clerk, who had scarcely opened it and read a few lines when he was seized with violent pains in the head and fell back in a swoon. Another clerk picked it up and felt the same symptoms. After a little while they recovered, and carried it to a chemist, who soon ascertained that the letter had been poisoned with veratim, a subtle and dangerous substance, the odor of which mounts into the brain, and is very liable to produce death or insanity.

In West Philadelphia, one evening last week, a culvert caved in resulting in an accident of a very serious nature. Three men on horseback, who were passing at the time, were precipitated into the sewer. Two of them, together with the horses, were rescued, however, without any serious injury. The third man, whose name is James Blee, was killed by the fall. The excitement in the neighborhood, at the time of the accident, was intense as it was supposed that all of the men would be fatally injured.

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