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### NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A.

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CONGRESS met yesterday. The members elected this fall do not take their seats until the 4th of March, when the Forty second Congress commences its session.

THE NEWS regarding the war in France is quite contradictory. Despatches from French sources say that the attempts to break through the Prussian lines around Paris have been successful, while Prussian reports say that the French attempt to raise the siege has been an entire failure. One thing however is sure, and that is that during last Thursday and Friday, terrible fighting has been going on in the vicinity of Paris. A few days will probably give us reliable news.

A terrible accident occurred in Cedar street N. Y., last week, a boy named William Sheehan, aged 12 years, who lived with his parents at No. 34 John street, was instantly killed. Sheehan was employed as press feeder at the printing establishment of George W. Phillips on the top floor of No. 56 Cedar street and having nothing to occupy his time that morning, went out on the roof of the building in company with another boy, named John Monolt, aged 16 years.

The two boys began a game of ball, and in their excitement climbed over the roofs of the adjoining houses until they reached that of No. 48, where the accident occurred. Manolt was too much horrified at the death of his companion to be able to give any clear explanation of the occurrence, but it is supposed that Sheehan lost his balance while at play and fell headlong to the street.

### \$25,000 Dollars For A Wife.

A Mr. Wm. C. Conover has just begun three suits at Morristown, N. J., two for \$10,000 each against his father-in-law and mother-in-law for harboring his wife, and another against a neighbor for \$5,000, for "trespassing upon his wife. An investigation has elicited the following facts:

About two years ago, William C. Conover, then employed as a freight clerk in the offices of the Morris and Essex railroad in Hoboken, won the affections of Miss Eliza Muchmore, eldest daughter of a lumber merchant of that name, who is highly esteemed in Morristown, N. J.

They were married and the father-in-law showed his good feeling toward the groom in a note for \$1,000. Conover then procured a team of horses, wagons and necessary paraphernalia for the starting of a coal yard. Mr. Muchmore also went security for the payment of his son-in-law's coal and wood bills, and allowed him the use of certain stables, sheds, &c., with a house in which to live. Mrs. Muchmore also gave him \$500 in cash and for a while the horizon of Mr. and Mrs. Conover's life was bright.

After a lapse of three months the young groom's appreciative friends elected him to the position of Town Clerk, to which no salary is attached, this office required his absence from his wife in the evenings and appears to have necessitated his constant frequenting of the drinking saloons of Morristown.

A horse and buggy, with gay robes whip and trimmings, were also found necessary, and were added to the appurtenances of the coal yard. The young wife pined in her solitary home, but kept her sorrows to herself, not even complaining to her parents. Late hours and boon companions of his new life seems to have led to the utter ruin of young Conover. After a year and three months of wedded life the suffering wife, while visiting a neighbor's house, was taken with hysterics, which so alarmed her host, who was a friend of her father, that he immediately ran to him and informed him of his

daughter's condition. Mr. Muchmore came to her assistance at once, and was for the first time told the story of her wrongs, whereupon he took her home to his own house.

A formal demand was soon afterward made by the husband for his wife through an ex-Councilman of the city who was driven to the door by Conover. The latter caught sight of his mother-in-law at the door and immediately threatened her life. For this he was arrested, and released on \$500 bail. The girl refusing to go back to him, he began the suits for \$25,000 as stated above.

### A Battle Between Miners.

A dispute between parties for the possession of the Bonner and Creole mines at Pioche City, Nevada, culminated in a battle at the place one day last week, in which W. G. Sullivan was killed and ten other men wounded, and two precipitated down the shaft of the Creole, seventy feet. These two escaped with a but a few slight hurts. Tuesday evening a party took possession, holding the mine until 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, when they were attacked and drawn out by a party of the Creole men. Trouble had been looked for all day, for it was rumored around town that a party were aiming to take possession of the mine, by force if necessary.

At the time of the attack all trouble was supposed to be over for the day at least, but as soon as the firing commenced the mountain side was black with people. The crowd was allowed to approach within a hundred yards, when they were hailed and forbidden to approach nearer. None of the wounded are considered in any great danger, but their wounds are very painful. The following are the names of those wounded: James Finley, Thomas Newland, Jack White, Albert Doliff, John Morgan and Courtney. The names of those who fell down the shaft are not yet ascertained. Over sixty shots were fired in the skirmish. The parties retaining possession of the Creole mine after the fight were arrested by Sheriff Kane on Wednesday evening. They were brought before Justice Clapp on Thursday morning, and upon their waiving an examination were held under \$5000 bail, which was given.

### Elopement and Suicide.

The elopement and attempted suicide of H. E. Haskins, a Hudson City jeweller, with Miss Jenny Boyd, daughter of John Boyd, ex-Chief Engineer of the Hudson City Fire Department, have furnished an abundance of food for gossip on the hill, where the young couple were well known. The friends of the young man are reticent, and have made arrangements for his departure from Hudson City as soon as he recovers.

Two weeks ago Miss Jennie, with a well-filled carpet bag left her home at West End to visit her uncle's family in Patterson, where she was to remain a week or two. But on the next day she took a homeward bound train on the Erie Railway. At the west end of the tunnel Miss Jennie left the cars and was joined by Haskins, who had crossed from St. James Hotel, carpet-bag in hand, and the couple went away on an eleven days' tour. A day or two subsequently Mr. Boyd met his Patterson nephew, and asked, "How is Jennie?" Young Mr. Boyd replied: "Why she started for home yesterday."

Mr. Boyd at once instituted a search for his daughter, which proved unsuccessful. Fearing she had been forcibly abducted, he advertised for information respecting her. The inquiries resulted in ascertaining the fact that Haskins had also disappeared.

On their return on Saturday morning last at the depot of West End, Haskins heard the rumors of threats to shoot him down on sight, if he ever returned to Hudson City, and losing his mental poise he wandered off down to Bergen Point and took poison.—N. Y. Sun.

In Muskingum county, Ohio, a man named Dutton had been out coon hunting, and, after returning home and retiring, dreamed in his uneasy slumber that he had caught the coon and struck it against a tree killing it. He was awakened by the frantic screams of his wife, and to his horror found that he had picked up his little infant daughter and dashed her against a bedpost killing her almost instantly.

A ring was found by a lad last week in the water at South Beach, Nantucket, which was lost by a lady while bathing twenty years ago. The ring was returned to her.

The Titusville Courier says that on Wednesday of last week, Mr. E. Rolph, proprietor of Titusville bath house, in driving a pipe for a well for the use of his baths, struck a vein of clear water, which immediately commenced to flow, discharging a stream the full size of the pipe—1 1/2 inches—and with sufficient force to elevate it a foot above the surface of the ground. The well was only down a depth of 12 feet, and another 1 1/2 inches, was driven down near it a depth of 14 feet, when another vein of water was "tapped" with about the same results. It is estimated that about 1,000 barrels of water flows from each of these wells every 24 hours. In the immediate vicinity of these flowing wells numerous wells have been driven to the depth of 25 and 30 feet before water has been found, and then only in pumping quantities.

On Thursday evening, says the Indianapolis Journal on the 28th ult., a murder was committed at Fortville, Hancock county, a short distance from the city, on the Bellefontaine road, which is horrifying in its details, and more so from the fact that it was committed for a sum of money less than \$5 in amount. John A. Messler, a well-to-do bachelor farmer, in that neighborhood, was found in his barn on Friday afternoon with a bullet hole in his head, and dead upon the barn floor. It is supposed the murder was committed on Thursday evening, as he was last seen then, and the fact that he lived alone accounts for the body not being found until Friday. The murderer or murderers, had first shot him through the head with a rifle, the ball entering over the left eye, and leaving the head just behind the right ear. A stake was then used to beat his brains out, after which the house was ransacked, and less than \$5 worth of valuables secured. Mr. Messler was an Odd Fellow, and a gentleman very highly respected in the neighborhood. The cause of death was undoubtedly a desire to plunder his house but who did the deed is not known, and suspicion points to no one. A despatch announcing the murder was sent Friday evening to Lieut. Stevens, of the police force, who at once set detectives at work looking up the case.

### Miscellaneous News Items.

The Massachusetts Supreme Court has decided that a contract made on Sunday and carried into effect, cannot be repudiated by either party.

Mary Kennedy, a native of Ireland, aged 102 years, died a few days since at the residence of her son in Albany.

At a horseflesh depot in the Rue de la Roquette Paris, notice is given:—"Horse meat of first quality on sale from the stables of Comte de la Grange."

A Wealthy citizen of Boston is building the most expensive private residence ever erected in that city. It will cost \$400,000.

Bananas are successfully and profitably raised in the neighborhood of Palatka, Florida. A gentleman of Orange county now realizes \$125 a month from nine plants set out three years ago.

The Western communities are agitating for iron passenger cars on railways, and also for the abolition of fires for heating the cars. They want hot water in pipes instead of coal in stoves.

The will of the late Silas E. Burrows, of Mystic, Conn., covered 50 sheets of foolscap. All the executors having declined to serve on account of its length.—The court has appointed an administrator.

A letter from Paris in the Pall Mall Gazette says: "It is strange and painful to see groups of well-dressed women looking in at the windows of pork butchers and tripe shops with the same eager curiosity with which they used to gaze at ribbons and bonnets."

In St. Joseph, Mo., the other day, two twin sisters played a game of "seven up" for the hand of a young farmer, and the winner married the man within a week.

Charles Wolf, of 1201 Wood street, shot his wife and child, and shot himself, last week. Wolf is dead, his child shot through the arm, but the wife is unhurt.

The latest sensation at Jacksonville, Ill., has been occasioned by the matching of a bear against a St. Louis tiger bull-dog. The fight was to come off in the 30th inst., and is expected to draw a large audience.

A man named Spal, who kept a clothing store at Parker's Landing, and was burned out at the recent fire at that place, was arrested, on his arrival at Parker's, on Thursday, charged with setting fire to his building, which resulted in the burning of the town. He had an insurance upon his goods, and a young woman who had been his mistress for a long time, exposed him, stating that he set fire to the building to get the insurance. He is now confined in jail at Kintanning. Other evidence appears strong against him.

Mrs. Magdalena Spinner issues the following pronouncement in a late number of the Warren Mail: "Whereas, my husband Jacob Spinner, has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, I hereby forbid any one to trust or harbor him on my account, as I shall pay no debts of his own contracting. I have boarded him about 23 years from my own hard earned money. Hence, if any body wants him, while I am alive, they are welcome to him."

### "MAGDALENA SPINNER."

A boy sixteen years old, named Henry Bushell, tried to kill himself last week by swallowing five cents worth of oxalic acid. One account states that he was a good Sunday-school boy and "wanted to be an angel." Another says that his father accused him of stealing, and he wasn't like Washington, for he'd "rather die than own up." He will get well.

Towanda has a fire every Wednesday night for the past two months, and the people there have begun to look upon its weekly recurrence as a matter of course. The insurance companies are beginning to revoke their policies, and the citizens are making the most strenuous efforts to discover the incendiaries.

James Odium, of 58 Main street, Brooklyn, called at the East Thirty-fifth street police station last week, and told Sergeant McConnell that his daughter Mary Ann, eight years of age, was kept in pawn by Patrick Hayes, of Thirty-second street near First avenue, in default of the payment of thirteen dollars due for the child's board. This being a kind of property not legally pawned, the police had the child released.

Mr. English, keeper of the toll-gate on Fairfax turnpike, having been bitten in the hand last August by his dog, which had gone mad, died last week in horrible spasms. In his same moments he implored his friends to leave him. He was chained down to the floor, several men being unable to hold him down.

A young lady was recently left waiting four hours for her intended bridegroom at an Indiana church. At length the announcement came that the courage of the young fellow had given out at the last moment, and he had blown his brains out.

### For The Bloomfield Times.

#### Andersonburg Orphan School.

MR. EDITOR:—I had the pleasure of spending thanksgiving day this year at the Soldier's Orphans' School, at Andersonburg. I believe it is conceded that this is one of the best conducted schools of the kind in the State. Mr. Motzer and his excellent lady, who have the care of this school, are very much beloved by the orphans, than whom you will never meet with a happier or a better behaved set of boys and girls. They call Mr. and Mrs. Motzer by no other name than Papa and Mamma; and to these children they truly act the part of father and mother, and this not from policy, but from a heart overflowing with genuine Christian sympathy. As an illustration of this, Sampson Lanehart has been at the school since early last spring without an order from Superintendent McFarland. Speaking of the boy, Mr. Motzer remarked: "I could not turn him away. And so he has been teaching, boarding and clothing the boy for over seven months gratuitously. The boy is a bright, young lad, and was admitted on order in the last of October. Mrs. Motzer has another soldier's orphan in his school for whom he is tenderly caring, but who is too young to receive an order for admission.

Professor Wm. H. Hall, who has the care of the department of instruction, has a very happy faculty of controlling the school and imparting knowledge. The school numbers between 130 and 150 orphans.—There is no comparison in good behavior between this and our common schools. I have never heard a boisterous or unkind word from any of the children, and I have frequently been among them. Kinder little hearts you do not meet with anywhere.

Their mental improvement is everything you could expect. The older ones are perfectly familiar with the multiplication table, and with the maps hung around the wall. As an illustration of the former they will mentally follow you in a question of this kind, and as soon as you are through proposing the question—if you do not speak too fast, be ready with the answer. Ex.—Take 10, add 9, subtract 8, multiply by 5, subtract 12, add 7, result, and they will answer 30.

As an illustration of the latter, as soon as I would touch a State upon the map with the pointing rod, they will call out its name, and so on any of the countries of Europe; and when I gave them the pointing-rod and requested them to point out the scene of the war of Europe it was instantly done.

With regard to the singing, I would remark, there is at times a little harshness on the part of the boys. I would suggest to them that the beauty of music lies in the softness and sweetness of the voice, not in the loudness, and when we cannot sing loud without harshness we had better not sing loud. The louder the better if it is only soft and sweet, but by all means avoid a grating harshness.

Some of these boys and girls whom the State is educating in these schools will undoubtedly make their mark in after life, and will repay the State for her motherly care of them. It is true, the State is not educating them as an object of charity, but of debt, which she justly owes to them for the life of their fathers so nobly given in defence of our government, but she will be doubly paid in their usefulness hereafter.

Yours truly, J. J. HAMILTON.

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