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Important Notice.

With the commencement of the present volume it was our intention to advance our subscription price; but as we desired to furnish our paper at the lowest possible rate...

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THE Legislature of this State at its last session passed nearly eighteen hundred bills; three-fourths of them being of a private character.

THE police authorities of New York are making vigorous raids on the policy and gambling dens of that city. The scamps who send out fraudulent circulars through the country are receiving especial attention.

ON the 21st inst., a fire damp explosion occurred, seriously burning three men, one fatally, in a mine at Ashley. On the same day, a slope to a mine near Wilkesbarre fell, shutting in 40 men, who escaped after great exertion, though some were badly affected by the foul air. It will take some weeks to clear the slope ready for work.

THE Republican State Central Committee met at the Logan House in Altoona, on the 21st inst., Hon. Russell Errett, Chairman of the Committee, presiding. Gen. H. H. Brigham was elected Treasurer by acclamation. P. M. Lytle, of Huntingdon, and Ezra Lucas, and D. F. Houston, of Philadelphia, were chosen Secretaries.

PRIZE fighting appears to be getting unpopular with the authorities in New York, for we now learn that Harry Hill and Reddy the blacksmith, have been arrested and sent to Queens county on a charge of being the respective backers of Billy Edwards and Jim Collins in their recent prize-fight on Long Island.

WE wish it was contrary to law, as it undoubtedly is to good policy, for any person to occupy the Presidential chair for more than one term. Were such the case, the people would be gainers, the politicians would be losers, and the President himself would be the greatest gainer of all.

A Curious Case.

The citizens of Broadway, Warren county, N. J., and the residents of the neighboring townships have been greatly excited over a curious phenomenon. On Monday morning, the 19th inst., about 10 o'clock, as a canal boat from Phillipsburg was passing over the two mile level, between New Village and Broadway, the driver of the boat heard an unusual rumbling noise like that of a muffled thunder, and looking ahead he saw in the canal, about a hundred yards beyond, the water seething and boiling like a whirlpool.

Careful investigations were made of the neighboring streams and the surrounding country, but no outlet for the water was discovered.

Above the canal, in the wood, three apertures were made, averaging in diameter 20 by 25 feet. In these holes or cavities rocks and trees were swallowed up. The tops of the trees were visible to the eye, while the trunks were entirely buried in the earth. Fissures were made on the surface below the canal, to the extent of hundreds of yards.

Laborers have been constantly engaged in filling up the hole in the canal, but as yet have made no apparent progress. One hundred bundles of corn stalks, together with the branches of trees, were thrown into the cavity, and disappeared immediately from sight.

The level where this occurred is about a mile and a half long and in fifteen minutes after the first noise was heard that entire section was dry and forty boats were left sticking in the mud.

The cause of this phenomenon is a mystery, which only an Agassiz can attempt to explain.

HON. C. L. VALLANDINGHAM of Ohio, died on Saturday the 17th inst., from wounds received by the accidental discharge of a pistol. He was engaged for the defense of Thomas McGehee who was on trial for the murder of Meyers and had taken a pistol to show in what manner the death of Meyers might have been caused by accident.

By mistake Mr. V. took up a loaded pistol instead of the one he supposed the load had been taken from, causing the fatal wound. Probably no man in the country was more widely known than Mr. Vallandigham as he had for many years taken a very active part in politics, and he was the leader in establishing what is called the "New departure." The democratic party lose a powerful leader by his death.

Colonel Tom Scott.

Col. Forney, in the Sunday Chronicle biographs Col. Thomas A. Scott, the head-centre of the American railway system. Thomas Alexander Scott was born in the village of Loudon, Franklin county Pennsylvania on the 28th of December, 1824, and on his next birthday will be forty-seven years old.

In 1850 he entered the service of the great Pennsylvania Central, at Duncanville as their general agent of the Mountain or Eastern Division. On the opening of the Western division he was put in charge of that, and there he remained till he was called to take control of the entire line, in consequence of the ill health of General H. J. Lombaert, the superintendent. In 1859, on the death of Hon. William B. Foster, vice president of the road, he was elected to that position, which he continues to fill.

A curious incident was observed recently by a gentleman of Rochester. An oriole was engaged in conveying a piece of twine to a nest she was building, when, as she reached the branch, the loose end of the string caught on a twig, when at the same instant the other extremity became fastened around the oriole's throat. The bird dropped as far as the string allowed, and was as effectually hung by the neck as if the operation had been done purposely. The gentleman, who saw the state of things climbed the limb, and extricated the involuntary little suicide before life was extinct. He carried the bird into the house and tenderly cared for it. It was still alive, but its back appeared broken.

A man named Morris Griffin came into the Central station at N. Y., recently and requested officer Prince to shut him up because some one was after him. He was taken into the jail for a short time, but later in the day became wild, and was carried to the armory and locked up. Nothing more was heard of him until the next day when he was visited by a physician and appeared about as the day previous. About 10 o'clock he was found suspended by his handkerchief, with his feet dragging on the floor, and dead. He was about thirty-two years of age.

Murder and Suicide.

A terrible case of suicide and murder occurred in the family of Dr. Connolly in New York on Sunday a week, the following particulars of which we find in the N. Y. papers.—Dr. Connolly had been for some two or three days on a periodical "spree," and on Saturday and Sunday he took occasional doses of morphine to quiet his nerves. About 4 o'clock on Sunday p. m., he entered the bed-room of himself and wife, on the rear of the second floor, taking his two children with him and locking the door. His wife soon afterwards endeavored to enter, but without success.

The police, warned by the neighbors, entered the house about 7 o'clock, and forced open the door. The room being dark, the gas was lighted, when a horrible spectacle was presented. On the bed lay the father and children, all dead and literally bathed in blood. The children had nothing but their night clothing on. The father was clad in a white undershirt, covered with blood, while a pair of red flannel drawers served to add to the ghastliness of his appearance, leading one to believe, at the first glance, that his entire clothing was soaked in blood from head to foot.

The headboard was spotted with blood, and the bed clothing and mattresses soaked. A rubber ball, with which the children had apparently been amusing themselves, all bloody, lay on the bed. The weapon the imatic had used also lay on the bed. It was a carving-knife, with a blade sixteen inches in length and tapering gradually to a fine point. The throats of both children had been cut, their jugular veins being severed. The throat of the father was cut nearly from ear to ear, and there were besides several stab wounds in the breast in the vicinity of the heart. A physician examined the bodies and announced that death had occurred several hours previous. Mrs. Connolly was rendered insane for the time by the terrible discovery.

A Desperate Attempt to Escape from Prison.

At Sing Sing on the 20th inst., three convicts, named John Wilson, James Cox and James Ward, made a desperate and almost successful attempt to escape. They commenced operations about 11 a. m., by seizing a grocer's wagon which happened to be left standing unattended in the prison yard. Jumping into the wagon they lashed the horse furiously, and dashed past the guard at a rapid rate, defying any attempts to obstruct their passage.

The guards were taken completely by surprise at the suddenness of the movement, and before they could recover from their astonishment, the wagon and its occupants were fairly out of the gate, and quickly driven off. Twenty shots were fired after them without effect. A number of prison officials instantly rode after them in hot pursuit, and after a most exciting chase of twenty minutes, during which the officers continued firing on the fugitives as they pursued them, they succeeded in overtaking them about a mile from the prison, on the high road leading to Tarrytown. The prisoners quietly succumbed, and allowed themselves to be taken back, seeing further resistance was useless.

Wilson was shot in the thigh, but not dangerously, and was returned to prison and placed in irons. He was, however, removed to the hospital where he had his wounds dressed. A suit of citizens' clothes was found on the wagon, which some of the prisoners doubtless had intended to substitute for prison garb as soon as they were fairly beyond pursuit. Wilson was undergoing a sentence of two years and six months, Cox ten years and Ward ten years at the time of the attempted escape.

Mysterious Accident.

William Oakley, a resident of Rochester New York, in some unaccountable manner, found his way to the space into which the draw of the Charles river bridge at Boston runs and which is some six feet below the surface of the bridge, and fell asleep with his body between the two rails upon which the trucks rest that carry the draw to and fro, his outstretched arms lying across the rails and his head close to the wheels of the truck. As the ponderous structure, which weighs upwards of a hundred tons, was moved slowly back, it pushed the body of the sleeping man along with it, the trucks passing over both arms, tearing the left one completely from the socket, and nearly severing the right arm at the elbow, besides breaking the lower jaw and inflicting severe injuries about the head and chest. The unfortunate man had a wife and two children.

Taking the Oath.

The following is a pretty severe commentary on the usual manner of administering an oath in a court of justice. John Watrous a German witness had the oath administered as follows: "D'you-sol'm'y-swear, that 'ev'idence-you-sh'll-give-between-t' people-and-Henry-White-'ll-be-the-truth-s'help'y-God-kiss-the-book." "Oh, yaw, exclaimed the witness as he kissed the well-worn volume. "Mr. Watrous," asked the Judge, "what did the clerk just say to you?" "Well, he ax me of I know Henry Vite, and I say yaw, dat I know him."

A Startling Death.

On Sunday of last week, Elder Howe, of the Christian Church, of Quincy, Ill., exchanged pulpits with the minister of the Christian Church at Augusta, in that State, and at the close of his sermon, Mr. Howe exhorted his hearers to prepare for death, impressing upon them the uncertainty of life and the necessity of every one being prepared for that hour which cometh unawares.

He closed his exhortation by "saying that there might be some person in the congregation now listening to his voice who would never reach home alive." Hardly had he ceased speaking when Mr. Howe observed a man gradually sink down in his pew and lay quietly over on his side. A gentleman immediately behind him reached over to raise him up—but he was dead! The effect upon the congregation may better be imagined than described.

On Monday evening of last week Mrs. Elizabeth Gargan, of Long Island City, had a difficulty with her husband on account of jealousy. The neighbors heard hard words, but thought nothing of it. The husband says that a little before midnight she arose from the bed where she had been lying with her clothes on, and before he comprehended what she was about, poured the contents of the kerosene can over herself, completely saturating her clothing with the oil. She then deliberately set fire to her clothes. Before doing so, however, she took her baby, a child of seven months from the bed into her arms. The husband grasped the child and wrapped it in the bed clothes. He then threw a blanket over his wife, smothering the flames. Dr. Denner was called, and on his arrival the poor woman was found standing in the middle of the room entirely nude, and burned in the most shocking manner. She died the next day.

Boston has a peculiar law case, and the judges disagree. John Platt, silversmith, had a heavy balance at the Second National; John Platt, blacksmith (no relation), hadn't any balance anywhere. Nevertheless John the blacksmith drew a check for five thousand, signing his own name in his own handwriting, and presenting it at the Second National, drew the silversmith's money. That is the whole of the testimony. For what shall the blacksmith be punished?

Among the effects of a bachelor who died a short time ago in Wrightsville, Pa., was a nice little sum of the "brilliant gold and shining silver," kept dormant for many years. When the rebels visited that region in 1863, the possessor, fearing it might be stolen, secreted the money in a wood pile, until the invaders had departed. The amount of gold and silver coin found by the appraisers, was about six hundred dollars, besides several coppers and nickles.

In conversation with a lady at a church fair recently (says the New Orleans Bulletin) we were complimenting her upon her exertions towards erecting the new church, and expatiating upon the moral effect the achievement would have. Yes, she answered, I take a great deal of interest in the matter, a church always improves the neighborhood so.

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