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NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A. Tuesday, August 22, 1871.

APPLICATION has been made to the Governor for the pardon of the Alleghany Co. Commissioners, convicted of bribery.

We wonder that any one would have the assurance to ask for the pardon of persons convicted of such a crime. Instead of shortening the sentence of the law, it is a great pity that the penalty had not been much greater.

The Great Fraud on the State Treasury.

The daily papers, of all shades of political opinion, are filled with discussions of what appears to be a great fraud on the State treasury. The facts involved may be presented, in a condensed statement, as follows:

By a joint resolution of the Legislature, approved on the 23d March, 1867, and found on page 1348 of the pamphlet laws of that year, the Governor was authorized to appoint a special agent to collect claims of the State against the United States, whose compensation shall not exceed ten per cent. of the amounts thus collected.

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. August 2, 1871. Joseph M. McClure, Esq., Sir—In compliance with your request of the 23d ult., I enclose herewith a statement showing the amounts paid to the State of Pennsylvania, from January 1st, 1867, to July 1st, 1871, for expenses, &c., during the rebellion.

And then follows the statement showing the following warrants drawn in favor of John W. Geary, Governor, in care of Geo. O. Evans, and paid to said Evans either as special agent of Governor Geary, or as attorney in fact:

The money on the last two warrants never came to hands of special agent Evans, nor had he anything to do with the settlement between the State and the United States, to close up which, said warrants were drawn.

Seventy Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-Three Dollars and Twenty-four Cents by the U. S. Government, on account of Military Expenses from January 1, 1867, to July 1, 1871, inclusive as follows:

April 25, 1871, \$157,822 09
May 19, 1871, 242,167 57
June 28, 1871, 286,753 08
Total, \$687,743 74

I further certify that this is the whole amount of money received at the Treasury Office between the above mentioned dates, and that no Commissions have been paid at this office for collecting the same.

It thus appears that special agent Evans, with an impudence which is simply astounding, claims to retain as his commissions ten per cent, on nearly two millions of dollars which Gov. Curtin congratulates the legislature in his annual message in 1863 as having been at that time fully adjusted and paid!

1st. No special state agent was needed for any honest purposes. A general agency having been established at Washington on account of the exigencies arising out of the rebellion, it was, by the 1st section of the Act of 1864 (found on page 799 of the pamphlet laws) enlarged so as to include such other duties as the Governor may from time to time direct;

2d. On the same day that the joint resolution authorizing the appointment was approved by the Governor, he appointed and commissioned Geo. O. Evans as his special agent.

3d. The bond securing the Commonwealth was taken and approved by the Governor in the paltry sum of ten thousand dollars either through ignorance or design.

4th. Jos. M. McClure Esq., Deputy Attorney General, to whom alone is due the credit of instituting this investigation, has been urged by the Attorney General, at the instance of the Governor, to resign!

It is also asserted by the Germantown Chronicle that Evans made an agreement with a certain gentleman well-known in political circles, to pay him a specified sum out of his commissions in return for assistance rendered in the collection of the claims;

A mysterious affair occurred at the residence of Joseph Davis, in Bullock county, Georgia, about 3 o'clock Wednesday morning of last week, the inmates of Mr. Davis' house were alarmed by the loud screams of his wife.

The Annapolis, Md., Republican says: "Mrs. Henry A. Jones, of Friendship, was reported to have died suddenly on the 3d inst. The lady was on her way to camp meeting, but feeling unwell returned to her home, where she died, apparently, two or three hours afterwards.

Explosion in a Mine.

On the 14th inst., a fire damp explosion occurred in the Eagle Shaft, at Pittston. There were twenty men at work in the mine at the time, sixteen or seventeen of whom were at work on a gangway where the explosion took place.

It is not known, and most likely never will be known, how the men came to their death, whether all were instantly killed by the explosion, or whether they were stunned and afterward suffocated by the choke-damp.

A Singular Fire at Jersey City.

One morning last week, at about 1 o'clock a dull, heavy explosion, followed a moment later by a very slight one, occurred at the corner of Washington and Montgomery streets.

It was supposed the explosion came from a secret "Still" that was in operation in the cellar of the building.

The "Westfield" Disaster. The Coroner's jury in the "Westfield" case has returned the following verdict:—"That the deceased, Andrew Coyle and others, died through the rupture or explosion of the boiler of the ferry-boat 'Westfield,' July 30th;

Singular Escape from Death.

The Harrisburg State Journal says: "A miner named Christian Shampier, employed at the Williamsport colliery, in the upper end of this county, made a narrow and singular escape from death on Friday morning a week, while at work in one of the breasts at that colliery.

Golden Bullets.

Not long ago some hunters and "prospectors" encountered in a ravine in the North of Tucson, Arizona, toward the Salinas, a party of hostile Apaches. After the fight the pouches of the slain Indians were found to contain several golden bullets, hammered out of nuggets picked by them in the course of their rambles.

A Volcanic Eruption.

A volcano in the Malay Archipelago recently burst out after a long interval of silence making a sad havoc. Besides covering the whole surface of the island, the matters thrown out accumulated in some places, forming hills several hundred feet high.

A Lucky Well Digger.

A Paducah (Ky) paper tells the following pleasant incident: Some years ago a cashier of one of our banks was well acquainted with a gentleman who made a living by digging wells.

An Unpleasant Passenger.

A few days since no little consternation was created in a South Baltimore city passenger car, caused by a dozen or more of hard-shell crabs.

Almost Buried Alive.

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