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NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A. Tuesday, October 10, 1871.

Do Your Duty.

We trust that every man who is not prevented by sickness will see that his duty, at the polls is properly attended to today.

An important step has now been taken by the U. S. Court in Utah. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Brigham Young on the charge of Licentiousness and Adultery.

The Public Debt.

The decrease of the National Debt during September, is \$13,459,020. For this rapid decrease the Government officials claim to be entitled to the warmest praise.

The Wealth of the Keystone State.

The total number of acres of improved land in Pennsylvania, by the census of last year, is found to be 11,515,965 of unimproved 6,478,235. The present cash value of farms is \$1,043,481,582.

Cancelled Postage Stamps.

The Post Office Department is almost daily in receipt of letters from various parts of the country, making inquiry as to the truth of a current newspaper statement that the government will pay \$300 to the collector of one million cancelled postage stamps.

Another Departure.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher has evidently wandered away from the old-fashioned orthodox teachings. After the close of his sermon on Sunday the 1st inst., he invited all present who felt that they were sinners, to join with Plymouth Church in the sacrament which he was then about to administer.

A sad mistake was made by a Philadelphia surgeon a few days since. A man named Rider of Centre Co., Pa., wishing to have a diseased eye removed, took chloroform, and while under its influence the good eye was taken out instead of the blind one and the poor fellow came to consciousness in total darkness.

The New York Troubles.

The New York Times of the 2d inst., says that the committee of Seventy have commenced work in thorough earnest, and exciting times may, in consequence, be expected in the courts this week.

On Wednesday last Mayor Hall was arrested charged with malfeasance in office, and held to answer the charge. An appraisal of the cabinet work done by Ingersol & Co., in the court house has been made and the appraisers state \$324,796, as a very liberal price.

An Extraordinary Theft.

Last Sunday morning a passenger train, on the Ohio and Mississippi railroad was detained at North Vernon, waiting for connections. While waiting the engineer left his engine for a moment. The fireman was in his cab asleep, and the engineer, who was standing on the platform some yards distant, was astonished to see the train move suddenly, without a warning note from the bell or whistle, and in a few moments was tearing down the road at the top of its speed.

An Important Claim.

The heirs of Lazarus J. Powell, who died in Philadelphia about 1850 or 1851, without making a will, or leaving any instructions as to what disposition should be made of his vast property, said to amount to two million dollars, have turned up and are about instituting inquiries relative to what steps are necessary to recover the property.

An Ivory Mine.

San Francisco hopes for a great trade in ivory, a late vessel from Alaska having brought a cargo of fossil ivory from that icy domain. So far as explored, the banks of the streams of Alaska abound in fossil ivory.

Is It True?

The Locomotive Firemen recently met in convention at St. Louis, when Henry Hoffman of New York made this startling announcement. "I think this question of intemperance is one of the utmost importance to us as railroad men."

A son of R. Marshall, of Saline county, Missouri, was shot through the head and instantly killed while attempting to kill a snake with the stock of his gun.

A Man Falls a Mile.

On 2d inst., at Paoli Orange county, Indiana, Professor Wilbur made arrangements for a balloon ascension. He was to be accompanied by George H. Knapp, editor of the Orange County Union. As they were getting into the balloon the cords gave way and they made a spring for the car, but only succeeded in grasping the ropes.

Horrible Murder in New Jersey.

On Saturday morning, the 30th ult., between 8 and 9 o'clock, a little place called Branchville, in Frankford township, away up amid the hills of Sussex county, N. J., a terrible tragedy was enacted. An old resident of the place, about seventy-five years of age, named Henry Wyker, had some trouble with his wife, nearly as old as himself. It culminated in a frightful domestic row. In the wildness of his fury the old man seized an ax and literally hacked his wife to pieces.

After he had completed this dreadful act, he procured a gun and discharged it at himself. He dropped on the floor and died almost instantly. Singular to relate, the horribly mutilated Mrs. Wyker lived some time after her husband.

The prime cause of the trouble is not known. The wildest excitement prevails throughout Sussex county regarding the matter. A coroner's jury was at once summoned. Old Wyker was well known, and stood well in the community.

A Brave Hunter.

The Yankton Dakotian thus describes a famous hunter of that region: Louis Kelly is, perhaps, the most daring and successful Indian hunter in the Great West. He travels alone, fights alone, wears a complete suit of buckskin, and wears a turban around his head when out on the prairie. He is said to be a graduate of a college and hails from Virginia or South Carolina. It is thought he was a rebel officer. He is about twenty-two years of age, handsome, well-formed, and muscular.

The Indians dread him as much as they ever did Kit Carson or Daniel Boone. He never misses his mark. An Indian is as good as dead the moment he draws sight on him. He will travel weeks at a time through hostile Indians and never express a thought of danger. Kelly is now on a trip to the head waters of the Yellowstone, a country never yet visited by any white man. He is alone. He has been known to dare a dozen Indians on the open prairie and fight them in a body. No Indian will ever get within reach of his deadly rifle.

Two Boys Burned to Death.

The Edwardsville, Ill., "Intelligencer" says: About ten o'clock on Monday night of last week, a fire broke out at the dwelling house of Mr. John Brown, half a mile east of Mitchell Station, in the bottom. The family had all retired. Brown and his wife and four small children sleeping on the first floor, and his two sons, aged nine and ten years, occupying a room above with a hired man.

The flames had gained such headway that the ordinary means of escape was cut off. The man raised the window and jumped, telling the boys to follow. They hesitated till their shirts were burned off, then the oldest jumped to the ground. The youngest one crawled to the window sill and held on till the flesh burned from his fingers, and then dropped. Both the boys died the next day.

The Western Fires.

Reports dated the 4th inst., from the section of the country now being devastated by fire are of the most startling character, and as yet there is no abatement in the fury of the flames. The previous reports of the rapidity with which the fire is traveling south and southeast towards the more densely populated country are confirmed. It has already traversed through seven counties, in which the prairies have been burned, and the fire is now raging in an immense timber reservation. Thousands of tons of hay and bushels of grain have thus far been destroyed, many farmers losing their all.

Later telegrams give a still more fearful account of the devouring element. The wind is carrying the burning cinders far in advance of the flames, and the destruction continues at a terrible rate.

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Irish Troubles.

On the 2d inst., a serious collision occurred at Cork between a lot of Fenians and the authorities.

The police, through spies, obtained information of the Fenians and broke in upon them suddenly in a body. A desperate fight ensued, pistols being freely used. Many of the participants in the affray were wounded but it is at present unknown whether any were seriously injured. The police, being of superior numbers, succeeded in dispersing the Fenians and several have been arrested and placed in jail.

Mysterious Murder.

On the 4th, inst., Geo. W. Darrow an overseer on the Tift farm near Buffalo while riding home in a buggy, was murdered by some unknown person, who fired several shots from a revolver, apparently through the back curtain of the vehicle. The assassin was so close to his victim that the powder burned the curtain. Darrow was highly esteemed by all his acquaintances and the cause of his murder is a mystery, as the money and valuables on his person were undisturbed.

A Simple Railway Precaution.

To prevent a Revere disaster on their line, the managers of the Fitchburg Railroad, in Massachusetts, have provided their station-masters and flagmen with six-minute "hour-glasses." When a train passes, the glass is turned, and if a train approaches before the sand has run out, a red flag is displayed and the train is stopped. As soon as the sand has run out the glass is turned again, and if a train comes before the sand is down, two flags, red and white, are shown, which indicate "proceed with caution." Afterward, a white flag shows the track is clear.

Recently the night bell of Dr. F. W. Calkins, of New London, was rung, and two men well muffled up informed the doctor that he was wanted to dress the wounds of a man whose name and the locality the doctor must not know. The doctor was carefully blindfolded and rowed to a vessel, where he found a man horribly cut and wounded. The wounds had been inflicted with a tumbler or decanter. It required twelve stitches to suitably dress the wounds. The doctor was then thanked, paid, and as secretly returned to his office.

A few days since the suspension bridge crossing the creek at Wheeling broke down with nine persons on it, six of whom fell thirty feet. Three were killed and the other three were badly hurt, while three clung to the cables and were rescued.

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