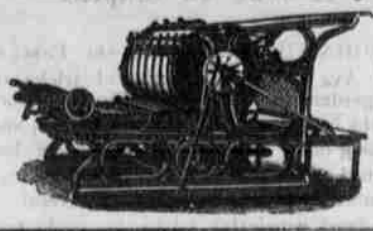


The Bloomfield Times.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENNA.

Tuesday, April 2, 1872.



The apportionment bill which passed the House was changed somewhat by the Senate...

The attempt to remove the Capital from Harrisburg to Philadelphia, has been defeated. It was an outrageous scheme...

It has transpired that the Senate bill, placing Tea and Coffee on the free list, was a different bill from that which passed the House...

It is announced that a Convention of the National Labor Reform party of Pennsylvania will be held in the city of Williamsport...

The committee selected to try the Gray-McClure case have reported in favor of Col. McClure, awarding him the seat as Senator from the Fourth district.

The amount of fraud shown to have been committed at the recent election in that district is a disgrace to both parties, and we think it would have been more just to have declared the seat vacant...

Grant's Position on the Nomination for President.

The Washington Republican, speaking apparently by authority, makes the following statement in explanation of President Grant's position in reference to political affairs...

"President Grant's position on the subject of the nomination for the Presidency is this: He has never asked any one to vote for his own re-nomination, or in the slightest way to ask for it. He feels that it is for the people through their representatives in national conventions assembled to say who shall or who shall not be their standard bearers."

Such a statement is sheer nonsense. Every one knows that it is the office holders of the Federal government who started the movement for his re-nomination, and who are working to secure that object. The people also know that any office holder who desires to keep his position dare not take any other course.

Forged certificates to the amount of \$17,200, purporting to be issued by George Opdyke & Co., have been sent to New York for payment by Iowa and Kentucky banks.

Alexander Reavy, a New York lawyer, is in jail on a charge of obtaining a lady's signature on a blank sheet of paper and then filling it up so as to obtain property.

The Liquor Bill.

The Philadelphia Telegraph in referring to the liquor bill just passed and which has been approved by the Governor, plainly advises the liquor dealers to bribe the Legislature to repeal it.

"The liquor bill which has passed the Legislature and received the signature of the Governor, and which appeared in our columns yesterday afternoon, is not intended for the benefit of the public, or to promote the cause of temperance, but simply to 'pinch' the liquor dealers of all grades and force them to pay handsomely for its repeal."

The men who voted for this bill did so with the expectation of being asked to repeal it; and we hope that the liquor dealers of all grades will take action in the matter immediately, and call a meeting to prepare such a protest as the Legislature will be forced to pay attention to.

It is bad enough to slander the advocates of temperance, by saying the law was passed with the intention of 'pinching' the liquor dealers, but to plainly advise that class to band together for the purpose of buying a repeal of the law, is rather bad advice for a public journal to give.

Singular Religious Excitement.

A most remarkable and unaccountable religious excitement has existed for some time past among a number of the citizens of Old Berlin, Sangamon county, Ill., and vicinity. It seems that the pastor of the Presbyterian church of that town became a convert to the religious dogma of perfect holiness and entire sanctification, and became so absorbed in the dogma, and excited in reference thereto, that the church dismissed him from the pastorate thereof.

Two wealthy farmers who resided near the town were so far carried away by the preaching of their minister, who they believed was God's oracle, that one of them executed a deed conveying to him his farm, and the instrument stated, "for Jesus," and the other gave him \$4,000 "for Jesus."

Earthquake in California.

A despatch from San Francisco, dated March 26th, says: A shock of earthquake was felt throughout the State at 2:30 A. M. to-day. It was felt less in San Francisco than in Sacramento. No damage was done here.

Hydrophobia.

Lycemung county has had a number of cases of hydrophobia during the past month. The Muncy Luminary gives the following account of another case. A mad dog made his appearance near Muncy borough, on the 13th ult., biting a cow belonging to Isaac Watson, a dog belonging to Joshua Tuggart, two dogs and a cow and calf belonging to Thomas Wood, Esq., a dog belonging to G. Hervey McMichael, one belonging to Louis Hill, and a dog and two cows belonging to Abner Fahnestock.

An old gentleman saw a ladder placed against his daughter's window, he at once raised the cry of fire, and commenced to dash water on the ascending "spark."

Horrible Affair in Otis, Mass.

On Friday evening last, at Otis, Mass., there occurred one more of that long list of unintentional slaughters by the criminal practice of "fooling" with fire-arms and pointing them at people "in sport."

This particular case of this criminal folly was one Philo Clark. He had a gun in his hand. He says he had cleaned it out with water and supposed it to be empty. His sister, Mrs. Ellen Turner, who had come in to her brother's house, with her husband and her little daughter, to make a call, sat near by, with her husband. Clark was talking with them, and held his gun in his hand. The little girl asked what he was going to do with it.

The next moment Clark fired, blowing his sister's head in pieces, and injuring the little girl's arm so that amputation will be necessary. "He had no evil intentions, being on the best of terms with Mrs. Turner, and is overwhelmed with grief."

Lofty Tumbling by Mules.

The Indianapolis News says with levity: A span of two confiding mules attempted to walk the trestle-work at the Otter Creek mines, in Clay county one day last week. They had heard of Blondin stopping and turning somersaults and the like, and had egotism enough to try it themselves.

Miscellaneous News Items.

A young lady who arrived at the Franklin House at Detroit, and registered as Miss Frances Tyler, Quincy, Mich., committed suicide on Sunday night by taking arsenic.

W. E. C. Harrison, David Abercrombie, John Ambercrombie and Ed. F. Nicholson have been convicted and fined in Baltimore for selling obscene newspapers. The cases will be taken to the court of Appeals.

The women of the Methodist Church at St. Louis held a meeting last week to consider a plan for memorializing the General Conference of the Methodist Church to permit the ordination of women as ministers.

A man having announced that he wanted to marry a girl "with plenty of snap in her," the La Crosse Leader advises him to "go for the Wisconsin girl who swallowed forty percussion caps the other week."

There are in the United States two hundred and sixty-one soldiers who have lost both eyes, one hundred and eighteen who lost both legs, eleven who lost both feet, five who lost both hands, thirty-two who lost both arms, and sixteen who lost an arm and a leg.

On the night of the 21st, the house of Sandy Clayton, in Lawrence Kansas, was burned, and Clayton and his three sons, aged fourteen, eight and four years, perished in the flames.

In Chicago post office, the other day there was found in the mails a newspaper containing \$110, which the simple minded sender was trying to forward to England under a two cent stamp.

A colored woman named Johnston, residing near Birchrunville, Chester county is represented as a perfect Amazon, abundantly able to handle any man in the town-ship. It is related of her that on one occasion a warrant had been issued for her arrest and placed in the hands of a constable, whose efforts to take her into custody were resisted.

Of all extraordinary living creatures which have made their appearance upon the earth, the most extraordinary is what is called a Compound Fowl now to be seen in Norfolk, Va. Its head and feet are those of a chicken. Its body is the body of a penguin. It is duck-legged, and has a bear's tail. It crawls like a rooster, waddles like a duck, but stands erect like the penguin aforesaid.

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