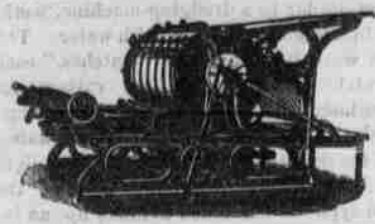


The Bloomfield Times.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A.

Tuesday, April 9, 1872.



PROF. MORSE so well known to the world by his telegraphic inventions, died last week.

THE Iron Manufacturers at a meeting in Pittsburg on the 4th inst., advanced all sizes of iron three-fourths of a cent per pound, and nails twenty-five cents per keg.

THE ELECTION in Connecticut last week resulted in the success of the entire Republican ticket. There were four candidates for Gov., the Republican candidate having a majority of about 70 votes over the other three.

In Rhode Island the Democrats elected the Lieut. Gov. and the Republicans the rest of their ticket.

CHAS. A. DANA, Editor of the New York Sun was arrested while passing through Philadelphia on the 29th ult., and held to bail in the sum of \$5,000, being charged with publishing a libel. The suit was brought by Wm. H. Kemble, Ex-State Treasurer, and originated in a statement made by the Sun regarding the Evans fraud.

GEO. B. RUTTER, one of the directors of the suspended Tennessee National Bank, of Memphis, testified before the Investigating Committee that he gave Comptroller Hubbard a carriage and harness worth \$625 as a bribe. This is bringing to light bribery in high places, and we hope for the credit of the nation that the case will be further investigated and both briber and bribe taker punished.

THE following astonishing bill was allowed by the Senate for expenses of the Gray-McClure contest.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes 'For reporters and their assistants', 'For printing evidence', 'Sergeant-at-arms and assistance', etc.

THE LEGISLATURE adjourned sine die on Thursday last. With the exception of providing for a Constitutional convention, making a new Congressional apportionment and passing the Local option bill, most of the session has been occupied by local and private legislation.

Report of the Evans Investigation Committee—Remarkable Testimony.

The day the Legislature adjourned the committee appointed to investigate the Evans fraud, made a lengthy report, which was signed by every member of the committee. The report clears Gen. Hartranft, and the State Treasurer from any participation in the fraud, though the same cannot be said for some other officials.

"Your committee have not language sufficiently strong to express their disapprobation of so bold an outrage, or fitting terms in which to characterize those in official position who seek to palliate or excuse the wrong. After adjusting the accounts settled in 1862 by Governor Curtin and Secretary Chase by this formal transfer and entry, there yet remained of the accounts allowed by the settlement of April 24, 1867, the sum of \$78,516.89, for which the Secretary of the Treasury drew his warrant, No. 1,897, dated May 1, 1867, upon the Treasurer of the United States, in favor of John W. Geary, Governor. It was never endorsed by the Governor, but was endorsed by and paid to George O. Evans. No part of this money ever reached the State Treasury, and neither the accounting department nor the Treasury officials knew of its payment until 1871. Evans received the warrant on May 1, 1867, and reported to the Governor in May, 1867. Eighteen thousand dollars of this money was paid to S. P. Brown, of Washington, and \$2,500 to a member of the family of J. R. Durlington. No semi-annual statements seem ever to have been made to the State Treasury, as required by the agreement and bond of Evans."

The committee also make the following statement regarding other portions of the testimony:

"The testimony of Dr. Trimble corroborates the statement and agreement of the Auditor General as to the compensation to be allowed for collection of the claims in 1870, and your committee are clear in their opinion that this claim for ten per cent. is unfounded. They cannot but express their disapprobation of the looseness of official routine that placed in the hands of Evans over a million of dollars of valuable assets without requiring from him any security whatever.

We are unable to arrive at any reliable data as to the disposition of the whole of the commissions withheld by Evans. He testifies that he is without property of any kind, and that he paid his debts and expenses with these moneys. D. C. Forney admits that Evans paid him \$5,000 out of the commissions and swears that he had a contract for \$10,000 thereof. Evans swears that the sum paid Forney was \$6,000, and to S. P. Brown, of Washington, \$20,000. Dr. John Trimble received about \$5,500 for his services and cash expended, and a member of the family of J. R. Durlington, then private secretary to Governor Geary, received \$3,500. The testimony of Evans is contradicted in its material points by S. P. Brown who swears that "he (Evans) also stated to me that he had to pay a large amount of money to Pennsylvania officials for the purpose of obtaining the necessary legislation. He gave me a memorandum of amounts he had promised to pay to these parties. On this memorandum appeared the name of Gov. Geary and friend for thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars. D. C. Forney, six thousand (\$6,000) dollars; J. Robley Dunglison, five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, and other parties eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars. He subsequently stated to me that he was to procure the publication of the life of Governor Geary, and that a large portion of the thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars was to be appropriated to that purpose. In a subsequent conversation, Mr. George O. Evans told me that he had an interview with a publishing house, the name of which he mentioned—I think it was Appleton & Co., but am not certain—and that it would cost forty thousand (\$40,000) dollars to publish the life of Governor Geary, being about ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars more than he had anticipated. Another consideration he was to give Governor Geary, was that he (Evans) was either to purchase a controlling interest in a paper in Harrisburg, or to start a new one to bring Governor Geary's name prominently before the people as a candidate for the Presidency. This proposed paper was to be run wholly in the interest of Gov. Geary, and to be under his (the Governor's) control. He told me he had parties interested with him, to whom he had and was to pay large fees. I asked him their names but he declined to give them."

Heavy Robbery at Muncy.

The office of the Lycoming fire insurance company was entered by burglars on the night of the 2d inst., and one of the safes blown open. Over \$30,000 of registered railroad bonds and stocks were abstracted, \$10,000 of which belonged to the company, and the balance to private individuals. Three suspicious characters have been arrested in connection with the robbery.

Miscellaneous News Items.

A girl named Nellie Randall, of New Haven was found in a hall-way on south Fifth Avenue last week N. Y. apparently dying from the effects of an abortion performed by herself.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was last week obliged to arrest a couple of members of the Virginia House of Delegates to keep them from fighting on the floor of the House.

John Talbot was recently sentenced to imprisonment for thirty years, for smuggling cigars from the steamer Moro Castle. This is the first sentence for the crime of smuggling which has been passed in twenty years.

A remarkable coincidence was presented in connection with the death of Mr. Johns Parker, of Gooson, N. H., on the 15th ult. Three cousins, residing in different States, all died the same night, and nearly at the same hour, and each in a fit.

New Orleans, April 1.—The runner of the Citizens' bank was robbed at Canal bank of money amounting to \$67,000. The runner placed the book on the counter and some one asked him a question, while answering which his book was taken and another substituted. No arrests.

Michael Hayes has been arrested in New York for the murder of James O'Donnell, in May, 1857, in a brawl in Roosevelt Street. The accused has been in California since the murder, but recently returned to that city, was recognized by a brother of the murdered man, and indicted by the Grand Jury.

San Francisco, March 29th.—Advice coming in from the volcanic country north of the Mojave river, show that the earthquake of Tuesday was felt with a terrific force there. At Lone Pine twenty-three people were killed, and thirty wounded. The shocks were felt at intervals for thirty hours. Fifty houses were demolished and the town is in ruins.

An attempt was made by some unknown miscreants, on last Thursday, to throw the Boston express train off the track, at William's Bridge, by placing chains over the rail, which was happily frustrated by the alertness of Mr. and Mrs. Reidinger, who reside near the spot. They suspected that the villains intended to throw the cars down an embankment, and during the confusion, to rob the passengers, as well as the mail, express and baggage cars.

At New York last week Judge Blatchford excused W. F. Miller from serving on the United States jury, the latter averring in a letter that he is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church, which maintains that it is wrong to act with the government of the United States, as it does not acknowledge God the Saviour of the Bible. The judge said that such a man was not fit to be entrusted with the responsibilities of a juror.

The Staten Island Railroad has passed into the hands of a Receiver, in consequence of the non-payment of judgments for the Westfield disaster.

The Fish Laws.—The following is a synopsis of the laws regulating the taking of Fish, in this State:

BLACK BASS. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or kill, by any means or device whatsoever, any black bass in the Delaware or Susquehanna rivers, or any of their tributaries, until the first day of August, A. D., 1873: Provided, That the accidental taking of black bass shall not be construed as a violation of this act if the same shall be immediately returned alive into the said rivers, and such black bass in their possession shall be accepted as Prima Facie evidence of their having been taken from said rivers or tributaries in violation of this act. Any person violating the above provisions of this act shall, upon conviction thereof before any justice of the peace, pay a fine of five dollars for each and every fish so taken or had in possession, without being able to prove that they were not taken from the said rivers or streams, and in default of the payment of such fine to undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for a term of ten days.

PIKE. The species commonly known as Susquehanna salmon, pike, perch and jack salmon, shall henceforth not be taken in any of the streams meant to be included in this act during their spawning time, this is to say between the first day of February and first day of June in any year; and the mode or proof of such taking and the penalty for the same shall be the same as in the case of black bass.

TROUT. No person shall at any time, with intent so to do, catch any speckled brook trout or any speckled river trout, with any device save only with a hook and line; and no person shall catch any such trout, or have any such trout in possession, save only during the months of April, May, June, July and the first fifteen days of August under a penalty of five dollars for each trout so caught or had in his possession; but this section shall not prevent any persons or corporation from catching trout in water owned by them or upon their premises, to stock other waters in any manner or at any time.

DRUGGING FISH. No person shall place in any fresh water stream, lake or pond, without the consent of the owner, at any time any deleterious substance with the intent to injure fish, or any drug or medicated bait with intent thereby to poison or catch fish, nor place in a pond or lake stocked and inhabited by trout or black bass any drug or other deleterious substance, with intent to destroy such trout or bass, nor place in any fresh water, pond or stream stocked with brook trout, any pike, pickerel, black bass or red bass, or other piscivorous fish [salmon excepted], without the consent of the owner of the land upon which the pond or stream is situated. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall in addition thereto, and in addition to any damage he may have done be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars.

FISHING WITH SEINES. It shall not be lawful for any person to fish with seines in the waters of the Raystown branch of the Juniata river and its tributaries under a penalty of ten dollars for each offense.

FISH BASKETS. The sheriff of the county is authorized and required to declare fish baskets and brush nets a common nuisance in the rivers of the Susquehanna and Juniata and their tributaries, and on failure of the owners to remove them, the sheriff shall destroy or remove them himself.

EDITORIAL NOTICES are so common that it is almost impossible for an editor to express his honest opinion of the merits of any article without being suspected of interested motives. This fact, however, shall not deter us from saying that we think of a new addition to the Materia Medica to which our attention has been recently directed. We refer to Dr. J. Walker's California Vinegar Bitters, a remedy which is making its way into more families just now than all the other advertised medicines put together. There seems to be no question about the potency of its tonic and alterative properties, while it possesses the great negative recommendation of containing neither alcohol nor mineral poison. That it is a specific for Indigestion, Biliouness, Constipation, and many complaints of nervous origin, we have reason to know; and we are assured on good authority that as a general invigorant, regenerating and purifying medicine, it has no equal. It is stated that its ingredients, (obtained from the wilds of California,) are new to the medical world; and its extraordinary effects certainly warrant the conclusion that it is a compound of agents hitherto unknown. If popularity is any criterion, there can be no doubt of the Vinegar Bitters, for the sale of the article is immense and continually increasing. 1444

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