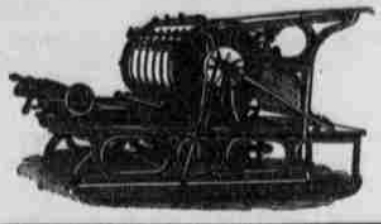


The Bloomfield Times.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A. Tuesday, May 7, 1872.



THE U. S. Senate on Tuesday last passed a bill making Tea and Coffee free. It provides that on and after the 1st of July, next, tea and coffee shall be placed on the free list, and no further import duty shall be collected from the same, and all tea and coffee which may be in public stores or bonded warehouses, on said 1st of July, shall be subject to no duty upon the entry thereof for consumption, and all tea and coffee remaining in said stores, on said 1st of July, on which duties shall have been paid, shall be entitled to a refund of the duties paid.

The day following, the House under a suspension of the rules, concurred with the Senate and the President at once signed the bill. So free tea and coffee is a fixed fact after the 1st of July next. The present duty is three cents per pound on coffee and fifteen cents on tea.

The Cincinnati Convention.

The attendance upon the convention held by the Liberal Republicans at Cincinnati on the 4th inst., was very large.

The convention was organized by the election of Hon. Carl Schurz as permanent president. The usual committee were appointed, who proceeded to perform the duties assigned them. The committees on resolutions reported a platform which cannot fail to commend itself to every one who reads it, and which was adopted unanimously. The convention then proceeded to ballot for a candidate for the office of President of the United States. The result of the first ballot was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Adams 208, Trumbull 108, Davis 92, Greeley 147, Brown 96, Curtin 82, Chase 2, Sumner 2.

Before the vote was announced, Gratz Brown, by unanimous consent, took the stand and thanked his friends for their support of him, but withdrew his name and asked his friends to support Horace Greeley.

Five more ballots were then had. On the sixth ballot, Horace Greeley was decided the nominee.

The convention then proceeded to ballot for a candidate for Vice President, and selected for this position Hon. B. Gratz Brown. The ticket therefore which this party present to the country is as follows:

For President Horace Greeley of New York. For Vice President, B. Gratz Brown of Iowa.

The following are the resolutions adopted as

THE PLATFORM OF THE PARTY.

1st. We recognize the equality of all men before the law, and hold that it is the duty of government in its dealings with the people to meet out equal and exact justice to all, whatever nativity, race, color or persuasion, religious or political.

2d. We pledge ourselves to maintain the union of the States, and not to reopen any of the questions settled by the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments.

3d. We recommend the immediate and absolute removal of all obstacles which result from the rebellion, and general amnesty for all.

4th. Local self-government, with impartial suffrage, freedom of person, with the habeas corpus, and the subordination of military to the civil authority.

5th. The civil service of the Government has become an instrument of party ambition and we regard a thorough reform of the civil service as the duty of the hour. That remain the subject of protection and free offices of the government should cease to be objects of personal and party favor, and to this end no President should be a candidate for re-election.

6th. We demand a system of taxation which will not be burdensome on the industry of the people, but shall be sufficient to pay the expenses of an economical administration of the Government. We trade to the people of the Congressional districts, wholly free from executive influence.

7th. The public credit must be sacredly maintained, and we denounce repudiation in every form.

8th. A speedy return to specie payments is demanded by every consideration of national honor.

9th. We remember with gratitude the soldiers who fought for the country.

10th. We are opposed to every grant of land to railroad or other corporation, and prefer preserving the same for actual settlers.

11th. We hold that the Government should endeavor to cultivate friendly foreign relations by a just policy.

12th. To promote these principles and give success to the nominees upon this platform, we wish and welcome the co-operation of all citizens without regard to previous political preferences.

The Polar Expedition.

Letters have been received from the Polar expedition, which give a flattering account of the progress so far. The letter says: On Christmas day the ship Polaris was hemmed in by heavy field ice, but the weather was as pleasant as an Italian spring day. The Esquimaux and the dogs which Captain Hall procured at St. John's were brought into requisition, and a seal hunt was proposed as the object of the day. The dogs were lowered to the ice in a boat from the davits, and were tackled to low sledges by the Esquimaux. Captain Hall says that the sagacity and tractableness of these animals was remarkable. After half an hour's sharp gallop over the heavy ice, the panting dogs suddenly drew up and yelled and pawed the surface. One of the Esquimaux—the oldest of the lot—at once interpreted the warning of the dogs, and as quick as lightning he bounded from his seat and turned the dog's heads toward the ship. In half the time it took to reach the distance they had traveled from the Polaris, the eager dogs pulled up beside the hull. Around the horizon then there were murky clouds assembling, and the atmosphere felt misty and bleak. Within an hour after the warning of the sagacious animals the ice had been broken up and the Polaris was separated from it by a stormy channel nearly half a mile in width. Had the seal-hunting party fulfilled their intention of urging on the dogs and keeping up the sport until moonlight, few of them would have survived the excursion. Upon another occasion these valuable dogs acted as setters in scenting out a large number seals which would have probably passed the notice of Indians themselves. On that day they shot over forty seals and brought back to the ship the "flippers" or paws of several old harps, which were given to the cook's charge, and proved to be a rare and palatable relish.

The most important clue to the existence of a Polar passage is the fact of the crew of the Polaris having seen, followed and killed a whale having in one of its fins a harpoon similar to those used in the South Pacific; and this happened in a region where, as Captain Hall says, "the sail of an American or European vessel had never been given to the wind before." In May Captain Hall hopes to make a clear passage to the undiscovered Pole, and to learn all the necessary information concerning that region, about which so much has been conjectured, and for which so many noble lives have been sacrificed.

A Town Held by Robbers.

Early on the afternoon of the 30th ult., five mounted men rode into the town of Columbia, Adair county, Ky., and having dismounted at the Deposit Bank, two of them with pistols in their hands held the horses while the other three with drawn revolvers entered the bank. One of the intruders demanded the keys of the safe. Another attempted to shoot James Garnett, a bank employee, but he struck up the robber's weapon, although his hand was burned by the explosion. All the bank officers escaped from the building except the cashier, who, although under fearful threats, refused to unlock the safe. He was shot dead, and the marauding party pillaged all the valuables outside the safe, which they were not able to unlock.

While this was proceeding the party outside fired their pistols in all directions, driving every body off the street. The town seemed panic stricken, until the robbers mounted their horses and dashed off. The citizens organized and started in pursuit, and at the last accounts were gaining rapidly on the fugitives. The amount stolen was not large. If captured, the robbers will probably be lynched.

A Brave Deed.

On the 9th ult., a little child was seated upon the T. and C. railroad track, near Enterprise, unconsciously playing with the pebbles between the ties, when an upward bound freight train came round a curve close upon the child, which did not realize its danger, and continued to play in the face of a horrible death. The engineer sounded his whistle, but with no effect; the train was too near the infant to be stopped before reaching it, and its death seemed inevitable. A moment more and the laughing innocent would be a crushed mangled mass of inanimate clay! John McFarland, the conductor, comprehended the fearful situation, and with a heroic disregard of his own life risked it by running over the engine and down upon the pilot, where he clung with one hand and reached forward with the other to save the child. The moment came and with a quick motion he clutched the babe and threw it from the path of the locomotive, safe but bruised. Its weight had been more than he expected, and taxed his strength to such a degree that he almost lost his hold of the pilot!

A Mr. Hart, living near Chastworth, Ill., set fire to some prairie grass on last Wednesday, but the flames soon got beyond his control and burned his hay stacks and stable and seven horses. To add to his affliction, his little child, five years old, ran out of the house in search of its father and perished in the flames.

A farmer living two and a half miles from Bloomfield, Ill., took a load of potatoes to that city on Sunday, not knowing the day of the week.

A Curious Statement.

Judge Ball, who is collecting facts for a history of Hoosick Falls, furnishes the following: "In the year 1799 several cases of small-pox occurred in the town, and a dwelling near the village of Hoosick Falls was used as a pest-house. Seventy years afterwards the house (having been occupied all that time as a dwelling, with no case of small-pox or other unusual sickness,) was repaired. One of the workmen employed on the repairs was taken down with a disease which proved to be malignant small-pox, to which he had been not otherwise exposed than by working on this old pest-house." If small-pox virus can be retained for seventy years in the walls, floors, ceiling or furniture of a dwelling house, greater care and more stringent measures will be necessary to insure protection from this loathsome disease.—Troy Press.

Vaccination a Cure for Small-Pox.

Mr. R. C. Furley, licentiate of the London Royal College of Surgeons, in a letter to the Scotsman, says he is able to prove that vaccination is not only a preventive of disease but a cure. He says he can show from cases under his care at the present time that "if you vaccinate during the febrile stage the fever is slightly increased, but the eruption does not make its appearance, and if you vaccinate during the eruptive stage the eruption is immediately arrested. The mature lymph overtakes the immature poison, and the disease terminates. If the eruption has gone the length of having white tops, there is danger of infection; if not, it dies away as pimples." Mr. Furley "invites members of the medical profession to accompany him through the patients he has under his care," and thus, he says, possibly stamp out the epidemic in a few weeks.

Bitten by a Mad Dog.

On Sunday last week, Mrs. Enly Smith, in Graham avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., while playing with a pet black and tan dog, was surprised to see the little animal suddenly cease his gambols, and begin growling and snarling in a very vicious manner. At the same time froth began to ooze from his mouth, and she opened the door and ordered him out. Instead of obeying, the dog turned and sprang on her breast and bit her twice severely, in the face, after which he ran into the street, and half an hour later was shot by a policeman. Physicians were at once summoned, but despite their efforts the unfortunate woman was seized with spasms, and this morning is in a dying condition.

Probable War with Spain.

The Washington Republican makes the following specific statement:

That the adoption by the House of Representatives of a resolution demanding the unconditional release of Dr. Emile Houard and the restoration of his confiscated property is construed as requiring the President to exercise his authority in presenting the demand without delay.

That Minister Sickles is, therefore, instructed, on his arrival at Madrid, to demand his passports and to notify the Spanish Government that until it is prepared strictly to fulfill all its obligations, friendly relations between the United States and Spain must cease.

Speedy Justice.

W. S. Johnson, treasurer of a building association in Philadelphia, on the night of the 10th ult., attended a meeting of that association. When he left he carried with him two thousand dollars. Near his home he was attacked, knocked down, and an attempt made to rob him, but his cries saved him. A policeman came to his rescue, and captured his assailant, Frank McFalls, who was afterwards recognized as a notorious character.—McFalls was taken into court the next afternoon, tried, convicted, and sentenced by Judge Allison to seventeen years' imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary.

A Mystery.

In Pittsburg, Penn., Peter Weiss was recently arrested on a charge of having murdered his wife at East Liberty. When the woman was first discovered, with her throat cut, she wrote her husband's name as the person who had committed the deed, but afterward, being sworn, she made a statement that she had attempted suicide, and she persisted in tearing the bandage from her throat, which caused her death. It is believed that her first statement was correct, and that her husband by threats caused her to say she attempted suicide.

A serious difficulty has occurred between New Jersey and Delaware fishermen. A tug with armed men arrested eleven Jerseymen on Thursday, near the Jersey shore, opposite Pennsgrove, and took them to Wilmington, Delaware, and fined them \$25 each for fishing and invading their rights. The Jerseymen have telegraphed to Governor Parker, who summoned his Attorney-General to meet him at Trenton to arrange some plan to protect the Jersey fishermen. Serious fights are expected at Pennsgrove and other fishing points, unless the authorities of the two States settle the matter by prompt interference.

A man was picked up near Muscatine, Iowa, one day last week, floating down the Mississippi on a trunk. His skiff had sunk, but his trunk saved him.

Miscellaneous News Items.

An unknown man was killed in Bergen Tunnel on Saturday night a week. A handkerchief found in his pocket was marked "C. W. Taylor."

On the 29th ult., a fire broke out in a stable attached to the Germania Hotel in Warren, Pa., and spread so rapidly that nearly \$30,000 worth of property was destroyed before the fire was extinguished.

A well in Decorah, Iowa, was 32 feet below the surface, the last seven feet through solid rock, when a body of water was struck that apparently has no bottom.

On the night of 30th ult., the house of John Jennings in Brooklyn was burned, and his wife and three children escaped by tying the sheets together and lowering themselves from the third story window.

At Columbia Pa., on the night of Tuesday last, the large woolen mill of William G. Case was entirely destroyed by fire. Loss about \$30,000; insured for \$12,000. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been accidental.

Three men drove up to John M. Stearn's silk factory, on east Forty-second street, on last Tuesday at an early hour, knocked down the porter, and robbed the building of \$5,000 worth of silks. The robbers escaped with their booty.

In Massachusetts, recently, was a wedding in which the bridegroom, a widower of nearly seventy, married a lady whom he and his former wife had brought up from infancy, and who had lived in his family as a daughter for forty years.

At Davenport, Iowa, the wife of J. H. Malokan drowned her baby, fourteen months old, in a barrel of water, and then drowned herself. It is supposed that she was insane. The husband, on recovering the bodies, was seized with spasms and lies very low.

At Titusville Geo. W. N. Yost, convicted of perjury last week, was sentenced to a fine of \$5,000 and costs of prosecution, and confinement two years, at hard labor, in the Western penitentiary. His perjury consisted in false affidavits in a patent suit.

The entire town of M'Clure in Snyder county was recently destroyed by fire. The statement is not very alarming when we state that the only building in the place was a saw mill used for a station by the railroad from Lewistown to Selinsgrove.

At Buffalo, on the 1st inst., a daring attempt was made by a gang of burglars to blow open the safe of the New York and Erie freight house, in which several thousand dollars in currency were deposited. The burglars entered the building and gagged the private watchman. They were in the act of blowing open the safe when they were disturbed by the police, but made good their escape.

The notorious Jack Shipman, alias Gilbert Norton, a professional burglar, manufactured an instrument to pick locks from a tin cup, picked the locks of the Carbon county jail, and escaped with two of his cronies last week. They were well provided with funds, and it is thought they have put many a league between themselves and the sheriff.

A remarkable fleshy woman, Mrs. Daniel Bolich, died in East Brunswick twp., Schuylkill county, on the 26th ult. In life and health Mrs. Bolich weighed about four hundred and fifteen pounds. Notwithstanding the fact she was sick for some time, and fell away considerably, a coffin eight feet in circumference was required to contain her body.

David M. Book, a young man, whose father and family still reside in Maytown, Lancaster county, committed suicide in Chicago recently. He blew his brains out with a pistol, at the hotel where he was staying. He was at one time a clerk in the Columbia Bank, afterwards resided in Pittsburg, where he leaves a wife and two children.

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