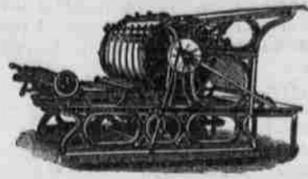


The Bloomfield Times.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A. Tuesday, May 21, 1872.



A WASHINGTON correspondent asserts that prominent Republicans have offered General Grant a million of dollars to withdraw from the canvass. We think the story rather doubtful.

GENERAL O. S. FERRY, the present U. S. Senator from Connecticut was re-elected on Wednesday last. His opponent was ex-Gov. Hawley, who was a Grant man while Senator Ferry is opposed to Grants re-election.

THE House of Representatives have passed a bill to increase twenty per cent. the pensions of soldiers and sailors who lost both eyes or both hands, or were otherwise totally disabled. It will make the pension expenses about \$600,000 more annually than at present.

ONE of the most important bills which has passed Congress is one allowing, one third of all the custom duties to be paid in legal tender notes. This will undoubtedly be the first step towards a return to a specie basis, and had the original motion—which was to allow one half so payable—we think it would have been still better.

THE U. S. House of Representatives has passed an extra apportionment bill by which Pennsylvania gets one more member, making our delegation 27. The Judiciary committee of the Senate have also reported the bill without any amendment so that it will undoubtedly pass the Senate. This will require a re-districting of the state unless the governor signs the bill passed by the last legislature, in which event the extra member would be elected from the state at large.

HORACE GREELEY is getting ready for the fall campaign. As a preliminary step he has resigned the charge of the "Tribune" as will be seen by the following card:

"The Tribune has ceased to be a party organ but the unexpected nomination of its editor at Cincinnati seems to involve in a new embarrassment. All must be aware that the position of a journalist who is at the same time a candidate, is at best irksome and difficult. That he is fettered in action and restrained in criticism by knowing whatever he may say or do, is closely scanned by thousands eager to find in it what may be so interpreted as to annoy or perplex those who are supporting him as a candidate, and whom his shackled condition will not permit him to be servicable. The undersigned, therefore, withdraws absolutely from the conduct of the "Tribune," and will henceforth, until further notice, exercise no control or supervision over its columns.

(Signed) HORACE GREELEY. May 15, 1872. The editorial management of the "Tribune" falls upon Whitelaw Reid.

How Greeley's Nomination is Received.

The Democratic papers of North Carolina declare that the nomination of Mr. Greeley is the most satisfactory that could have been made. The Democratic papers of Tennessee, so far as reported, are enthusiastic in favor of Greeley. The New Orleans "Times" and "Picayune, and the Houston "Times," all Conservative and Democratic papers, support the ticket, and so do the St. Louis "Times" and "Republican" and the Cincinnati "Enquirer." Evidently the political situation is a strange one. It looks more and more as though there was to be a new deal, but who will hold the winning hand seems impossible to foretell. Any Democratic candidate who should not receive the support of the papers we have named, would not be apt to get many electoral votes.

We heard a prominent Republican politician a few days since, in speaking of the chances for Greeley's election, say, "that the nomination reminded him of the man who offered to bet his horse's speed against anything that carried four legs. When the day came, a man appeared with an ox, saddled and bridled, ready for the race. The owner of the horse looked bewildered, laughed, and finally declined the race.—'Why didn't you run with the ox?' asked a bystander. 'Well, to tell the truth,' said he, 'I didn't know what the devilish ox might do!' and that said he 'is just the way I feel in regard to this Presidential race.'"

A Jefferson county shoemaker gives the following notice: "I, B. Stumph, shoemaker of the borough of Punxsutawney, do hereby proclaim that I will give all indebted to me, on book account and otherwise from this date, until the 1st day of June, A. D. 1872, to come and make settlements of their accounts, after which time I will proceed legally against all who owe me, be he a Democrat, a Republican or any other man. No lallygagging about this. I mean business."

Terrible Fire in Somerset.

On the 10th inst., nearly the entire town of Somerset Pa. was destroyed. The fire originated in a stable in front of the Keim Foundry, at 4 P. M. on Thursday. In a few minutes the two adjoining stables were in a blaze, and the unusually violent wind blowing at the same time, in a few minutes carried sparks and blazing shingles over the business portion of the town, and the fire became general.

The origin of the fire is attributed by some to the sparks from the Keim Foundry, falling on the stable. A gentleman who was on the ground at the time says three adjoining stables burst into flames at the same moment, and unhesitatingly attributes it to incendiarism. Every business house is destroyed except Holderbaum's grocery, every hotel except the Barnett House, both the printing offices and the Presbyterian and the Lutheran churches.

In a large number of cases the stores were used at the same time as residences and many, in fact the majority, of the losses represent all the owners had.

Goods were removed from the houses to be destroyed in the streets, or in some cases to be carried off by miscreants to the country. Scarcely anything was saved, the complete destruction effected being one remarkable feature.

Said a young man who forgot that he had lost all, "My old father, rich at noon yesterday, hadn't a dollar at night, and with his two daughters, had to beg a floor to lie on last night—and he eighty four years old."

Another said, "Beside Chicago this will appear small, but we won't get help, but God knows we need it,—it was all we had." Yet there was no needless complaining, and all tried to smile and talk cheerfully and hopefully of the future. None can appreciate the scene unless they stand with a father looking over the ruins with his family, not a dollar or a mouthful to eat in the world and cheerfully say, "It will all come right."

The following buildings were destroyed in order named. The dwelling of Messrs. Huntsecker and Bear, the grocery store of W. W. Davis & Bro., cabinet shop W. B. Coffroth, with his fine block on Main street, including Flick's Washington House and the Odd Fellow's Hall; D. S. Kneer's hotel; Samuel Pile's dwelling house; Noah Casbeer's tinware establishment; store and dwelling of A. J. Casabeer & Co.; Sayer & Conover's hotel, the Rose House. Here the fire crossed Turkeyfoot street and swept away the finest establishment in the place, that of Knabbe & Sutton; J. H. Miller's stove store; the postoffice kept by Mrs. Ogle; the banking houses and dwelling of M. A. Sanner & Co.; the Glade House, a large hotel; then the dwellings of H. F. Schell, F. J. Kooser, Dr. E. M. Kimmell and Mrs. Wilson. Leaping across the street, the flames lapped up the properties of Mrs. Chorpenning Neff and George Chorpenning; the drug store of Dr. A. G. Miller; Hitley & Bro.'s clothing store; G. W. Benford's drug store; J. H. Zimmerman's shoe store; the Bear Mansard block was also destroyed, including the library and photograph gallery of W. H. Welfley, and the large grocery store of C. E. Rhoads & Co. Next went the banking house of Schell & Kimmel, R. G. Parker's store, and the entire block ending with the Lutheran church, also the law offices of A. J. Colburn, S. Gaither, Val. Hay, W. H. Postlewaite and others; Marshal's and Pisel's stores, and the dwelling of Mr. Stutzman; the variety store of Mrs. J. S. Hinchman; A. Dennison's saddlery establishment, the dwellings of H. C. Benitz, J. C. Kimmel, John Knabbe, Cyrus Myers, Mrs. Ankeny and Samuel. Thence the fire spread to the fine large building occupied by H. C. Benitz, J. F. Blymer, A. H. Coffroth, J. L. Pugh, County Superintendent, and the elegantly furnished lodge room of the Masonic fraternity; Mrs. M. D. Tredwell's millinery store, and a barber shop. Mr. Isaac Hugus' dwelling, one of the old landmarks of the town, which was built nearly seventy years ago, next melted away in the fervent heat. Both of our newspaper offices, the Herald and Democrat, with their presses and material, were destroyed, the loss of them being some \$30,000. The Presbyterian church was also burned, and the dwellings of Michael Keipner and D. S. Weand, and an engine house.—Pittsburg Commercial.

On last Wednesday, a wood-chopper, whose name we were unable to learn, seeing the fire approaching, ran to his cabin to carry to a place of safety some of his effects, was surrounded by the fire. He remained in the cabin until the heat drove him forth. By this time the entire mountain on all sides was a glowing furnace. To remain was certain death; to try to work his way out, was his only chance, and he ran toward a little mountain stream hoping to reach it in safety, but he reckoned without his host and before he reached the stream, his clothing took fire, and was terribly burned. A party of men knowing that he was in the vicinity of the fire, and fearing the result, started out to hunt him. He was found lying in the stream suffering great agony, although conscious. From him they learned the particulars as we have related them above. He lingered only a short time, when death came to his release. His body was taken to Shippensburg, where he resided, on Friday.

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Shortly after the corpse was placed in the coffin, Mr. S. S. Smith, the keeper, locked the door upon the three companions in an adjoining room, and left the building for the purpose of consulting with the manager at the National Hotel. He states that he was not absent thirty minutes, but that upon returning, a scene presented itself too horrible to detail.

The two male associates had gained access to the corpse, and were biting and gnawing at the fleshy part of the body with all the eagerness of the native cannibalism! The female stood aloof in one corner, and by sign, word and gesture, was entreating them to desist. It is understood that this woman is a convert to the teachings of English missionaries, and looks with abhorrence upon all the unchristian habits of her tribe.

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Fires in Franklin County.

The Chambersburg Opinion of the 14th inst., says:

A great fire has been raging for about a week past, near and about Mount Parnel and Franklin furnace. We are told that the Franklin furnace company have sustained a very serious loss in cord wood—about 3,500 cords having been consumed. The people are out fighting the fire, but owing to extreme dryness of the weather, have been unable to subdue the element. It is with the greatest difficulty that they have succeeded in keeping the fire from running into the settlement. Another informant says that the village of Loudon was in great danger of being destroyed on Friday and Saturday, and that about 200 persons were out endeavoring to keep the fire within the bounds of the mountain district.

Since the above was put in type, we have learned of still greater destruction of property, and the loss of a life, by the fire at the same furnace. Six thousand cords of wood having been cut and piled in pits for the purpose of converting into charcoal, caught from the burning timber in the vicinity, and was soon reduced to ashes, entailing a loss of probably \$15,000. All the hands that could be spared from the furnace were hard at work fighting the enemy, but their efforts were futile.

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Miscellaneous News Items.

A burglar in Missouri carried off every article of clothing in a certain house, and the owner had to secure the services of a tailor before he could go down to breakfast.

The United States detectives have seized between \$4,000 and \$5,000 worth of whiskey, in the possession of Michael Carney & Co., Boston, the official stamps on the barrels being counterfeit.

Several large manufactories at Hamilton, Canada, have locked out their employees, about one thousand in number, rather than to yield to the nine hour movement.

Copenhagen, May 14.—A schooner which arrived from Iceland reports a series of earthquakes at Hasvik on April 16, 17 and 18th. Twenty houses were destroyed, but no lives were lost.

A woman in Missouri, who has an erratic husband, tracked him to a masked ball, and there, while disguised, induced him to elope with her. He did not find out the cheat until he lost a good deal of hair.

John Clark and Charles Ford assaulted A. B. Cleveland, at Carthage, on Friday night, to drive the latter out of town. Both the former were shot, and Cleveland was dangerously wounded. A woman was at the bottom of the affair.

George Glass, fifty years of age, committed suicide at Foxburg, on the Allegheny Valley railroad, on the 27th ult., by shooting himself in the side. He was reproved by a son, aged nineteen, for drinking, when he went his office and straightway committed the deed.

The property of the Staten Island ferry company having been placed in the hands of a receiver by a United States court, the Westfield sufferers who have verdicts against the company to the amount of \$50,000 have but little hopes of getting any thing.

The propeller Chicago sunk in the ice, about twenty miles from Buffalo, on the 13th. The crew were saved. Over one hundred vessels are in sight of the harbor, blocked by an immense mass of ice from the upper lakes. Nearly every tug in the harbor has been disabled while endeavoring to tow vessels through.

The carpenters and joiners of this city began their strike for eight hours, without a reduction of wages, this morning. The strike was very general, and thus far has been very quietly conducted. Many of the bosses gave notice that they would accede, and the men resumed work as usual this morning. So much building is going on at present that master builders are threatened with a dead lock should they refuse. Those men who were not at work assembled in Masonic Hall, from which were sent out committees to interview the bosses. An attempt will be made to induce the sash and blind makers to enter into the strike.—N. Y., Paper of the 14th inst.

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