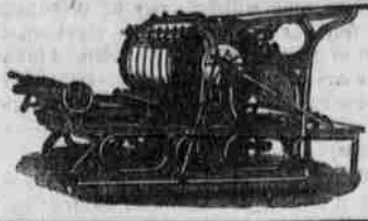


The Bloomfield Times.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A.

Tuesday, May 28, 1872.



The Presidential campaign opened at San Francisco on the 18th inst, at which time an enthusiastic meeting was held and a large procession paraded in which every man wore a "Greeley hat."

The Virginia State Conservative Committee has issued a call for a convention at Richmond on June the 27th. The members of the Committee represent the feeling of the country generally to be overwhelmingly in favor of Greeley and Brown.

The examination of the charge against the Rev. L. D. Huston commenced at the parsonage of Trinity Church, in Baltimore on Wednesday last. The case of Virginia Hopkins, a servant girl, was first taken up, and she was on the stand for four hours. It is understood that her testimony was of the most positive character. The entire proceedings are conducted with secrecy.

The Supplementary Apportionment Bill which gives Pennsylvania one more member of Congress, making the delegation twenty-seven, has passed the Senate. This increase will make it necessary to elect three Congressmen at large at the next election unless the Governor should sign the apportionment bill passed by the last Legislature, when one would be so elected.

Should he sign the bill, another apportionment will have to be made before Elections can be held for members of the Forty Fourth Congress as the bill provides that for the Forty Third Congress ONLY, can members be Elected from the State at large.

The SENATE has passed the Civil Right bill which provides that if owners or persons in charge of any public inn, or any place of public entertainment, for which a license is required, and the owners or persons in charge of any stage, coach, railroad, or other means of public carriage, for passengers or freight, make any distinction as to the admission or accommodation on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude, they shall be punishable for each offense by a fine of not less than \$500, nor more than \$5,000, and shall be liable to suits for damages in any of the United States Courts. The Senate has also passed the Habeas Corpus suspension bill.

CONGRESS has passed an amnesty bill which provides that all political disabilities imposed by the third section of the fourteenth article of amendments of the Constitution of the United States are hereby removed from all persons whomsoever except Senators and Representatives of the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh Congress, officers in the judicial, military and naval services of the United States, heads of departments, and foreign ministers of the United States.

The exceptions will, it is supposed, cover less than two hundred cases, including Jefferson Davis and John C. Breckenridge. The President has signed the bill.

The Farmers and Greeley.

The Chicago Post says: Political arithmetic, as ordinarily applied, may prove inadequate in figuring out the chances of Greeley's election. It is probably true that no prior candidate for the Presidency has been so well calculated to bring to the front a heretofore retiring, but very important, part of the voting population. We refer to the Agricultural interest. For twenty-five years the farmers of large portions of the country have been familiar with the name of Greeley, and have come to look on the venerable man with a respect not to say reverence, which it will be hard for the jokes and jibes of his opponents to upset, especially as they will probably never see them.

In agricultural neighborhoods, even the traditional uncouthness of Greeley, his lack of care for fine clothes, not less than his historic and honest devotion to the interests of labor and heartfelt sympathy with those who sweat and toil with their hands, have given the sage of Chappaqua a foothold at the firesides of farmers and their families which probably no other man in the Union possesses or ever did possess.

E. H. Rauch, (PIT SCHWEPFELBRENNER) formerly editor of Father Abraham, proposes to start in Lancaster, a campaign paper to be called "The Greeley Banner."

The business portion of the village of Haysville, near Ashland, Ohio, has been destroyed by fire. Loss estimated at \$30,000. Insurance light.

Patrick Callaghan has been arrested in Chicago on the charge of murder in Winona county, Minnesota, seven years ago.

"Local Option."

A law was passed last winter giving the 23d ward of Philadelphia a local option law. The constitutionality of this law was recently argued before the court of Common Pleas, and the decision of the court was in favor of the law. The question was brought before the court on the application of a dealer for a Mandamus to compel the Commissioners to grant him a license. The following is an abstract of the opinions.

The opinion of the Court was read by President Judge Allison. He first stated the general question as presented to the Court, and then proceeded to say that the Legislature of Pennsylvania had an undoubted right to legislate upon the subject of intoxicating liquors, because there was nowhere to be found in the Constitution of the State or of the United States prohibition against such legislation. It was only a matter of police regulation, which was clearly within the scope of legislative power. Whether the General Assembly would prohibit the sale of liquor throughout the State was not the question before the Court.

The simple subject of present consideration was whether the Legislature could prohibit the sale within the Twenty-third ward of this city. If for the safety, prosperity and happiness of the people the Legislature would direct that no powder mill, petroleum factory or other such place should be erected in a densely populated district, why could they not as well suppress the sale of liquors in any district.

In treating of the constitutionality of a law, it is not proper to urge its hardship, for a judicial tribunal is bound to a strict construction of fundamental documents—the Constitution. It was a clear proposition, that whatever the Legislature was not prohibited from doing by the Constitution it certainly had the power to do. There was no word in our Constitution withholding from the Legislature the power which they have in this instance exercised.

The relators had cited in their argument the decision of the Supreme Court in Parker vs. The Commonwealth. This case, even though it had not been seriously shaken by subsequent decisions, did in no wise point to the invalidity of the law. The reasoning of the learned judge in that case was purely inferential, and would not fit the case.

But that it was not to rule the present question, was evident from the very fact that of all the similar laws to that which have been passed since the decision, not one has been decided to be unconstitutional, but, on the contrary, many of them have been sustained by the Supreme Court, though they involved the select ions of sites for townships, the establishment of schools the making of Justices of the Peace of the election of public buildings and territorial consolidations.

Though Parker's case has not been overruled by name, yet the Supreme Court have since in the clearest manner given effect to a principle, which was not there considered, and a penalty was attached to the act of March 3, 1872. A statute can certainly be made conditional, and it is of no moment whatever whether the condition be a certain vote of the people.

This act is a law of itself defining an offence and prescribing a penalty without a vote of the people. The vote of the people does not make the law or enact it. The prohibition was of the sale of liquor without license, and a penalty was attached to that, and, though there had been no vote of the people on it, this prohibition and penalty would have been effective. Besides, this act authorizes the citizens to hold an election and prescribe the date of the election officers.

And, therefore, it was not true, in fact, to say that the act was inert and inanimate when it left the hands of the Legislature. It was as perfect a law as any by which we elect the President of the Republic. It was a great analogy to previous legislation on the subject of the sale of liquors, which stood as good until repealed.

The relator was bound to establish the unconstitutionality of the law, and the learned counsel had failed to do this to the satisfaction of the Court and therefore his demurrer was overruled.

DISSENTING OPINION.

Judge Ludlow read a dissenting opinion, in which he said he could not see how this case was to be decided independently of the decision in Parker's case. He thought that case ruled this. There it had been declared that the Legislature could not delegate its powers to the vote of the people.

And therefore, if the legislature had acted upon this subject and kept within constitutional bounds it should have said whether liquor should be sold in this ward or not, but he had left it to be decided by the people. He thought this matter was ruled by Parker's case, and therefore respectfully dissented from the opinion of the Court.

It is stated that there are received and kept regularly on file at the American Newspaper Advertising Agency of Geo. P. Rowell & Co., New York, no less than 582 different American Daily Newspapers, 56 tri-weeklies, 49 semi-weeklies, 4,063 weeklies, 8 semi-monthlies and 320 monthlies, making a weekly average of over 5,500 periodicals of all kinds which are regularly filed and kept open for inspection by advertisers and others who may be interested. The visitors to New York from Oregon, Texas, Florida or Maine, can find at this establishment the local paper published at his home.

A Promise Kept.

At Omaha a few nights since a prominent and wealthy citizen, named Wilkie B. Brown, was called to the door, by some unknown person and shot dead. The affair, it is said, grew out of a seduction which occurred over a year ago. A young lady who worked in Brown's family, was seduced and the brother charged Brown with the deed, and threatened to kill him on sight. The young man returned from Texas a few days since, and it is supposed he is the guilty party.

Drake county, Ohio, is in a terrible state of excitement over the liquor law. Nine suits for sums ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 each have been entered against saloon keepers and owners of property occupied by them, the plaintiffs being the wives of intemperate husbands. One woman, whose husband was killed in a drunken brawl, has brought suit for \$10,000, while the wife of the man who perpetrated the homicide has sued for \$5,000. All the saloons are closed.

Cincinnati, May 23.—A furious tornado passed over the country north and east of this city about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Several houses and barns were demolished. The house of George M. Millen, a farmer, was taken up and carried several rods with the members of the family in it, all of whom were injured, but not fatally. The tornado was a quarter mile in width.

Mrs. Sarah Colt, who established the first Sunday-school in the United States in 1793, for the instruction of factory children in reading and writing, died in New Jersey, last week.

Laws Relating to Newspapers.

We have been asked to give the law, as it stands relating to newspapers and subscribers.

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered wishing to continue their subscription.

2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of their periodicals, the publishers may continue to send them until all arrearages are paid.

3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their periodicals from the office to which they are directed, they are held responsible until they have settled their bills, and ordered them discontinued.

4. If subscribers move to other places without informing the publishers, and the papers are sent to the former direction they are held responsible.

5. The courts have decided "That refusing to take periodicals from the office, or removing and leaving them uncalled for, is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud."

6. Any person who receives a newspaper and makes use of it, whether he has ordered it or not, is held in law to be a subscriber.

7. If subscribers pay in advance they are bound to give notice to the publisher at the end of their time if they do not wish to continue taking it; otherwise the publisher is authorized to send it on, and the subscribers will be responsible until an express notice, with payment of all arrears is sent to the publisher.

A Sheriff Attacked with Hot Water.

On Thursday morning, May 9th, Sheriff Myers, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Hess and Frank Musselman, visited the premises of a family named Barclay, residing near Dry Wells, in Colerain twp., Lancaster county, to dispossess them from a property sold at Sheriff's sale, and confirmed by the court to H. B. Swarr, Esq., in January last. The Sheriff found the house locked, the inmates being Sarah and Martha Barclay, and their mother, aged seventy-eight, and a man named Miller. The demand for admittance was refused, the sheriff broke the door with an axe, and the party threw hot water through the opening. Frank Musselman entered, upset the boiler containing hot water and put the fire out. The inmates, being armed with clubs and hatchets, retreated up stairs, vowing they would not surrender alive. The old lady flourished a double barrel gun, loaded and capped, daring any one to come up stairs. Sheriff Myers took the gun from her, uncapped it and put it away. The party parleyed with the sheriff, begging him to leave and report that he was unable to dispossess them. Finally the sheriff and his party succeeded in dispossessing the occupants, and putting their goods outside. Possession was then given Wm. Campbell, to whom Mr. Swarr had rented the property. The party said they had been advised by a lawyer to resist.

A Disaster at Sea.

Harbor Grace papers contains the details of a terrible disaster which occurred at Labrador. The brig Huntsman, with sixty-two men on a sealing voyage, when off Cape Charles, Labrador, April 30, was driven upon rocks. Before the vessel struck, three seamen saw the rocks and jumped over board to try and save themselves, but were instantly killed by floating ice. The remaining 59 took to the rigging, and in five minutes afterwards both masts went over at six feet above the deck, and only seventeen of the crew escaped. Of these seventeen, all but three, were seriously injured, by having arms and legs broken and bodies bruised. They managed to reach another vessel by crawling over the ice, a distance of half a mile. Forty-five men were lost, most of them leaving families at or near Harbor Grace.

The Bellefonte Watchman says there is a curious chap in jail in that place by the name of Scott Maguire. He was arrested not long since for picking up things around German's hotel, and as he is partly insane, is held for court, when it is believed the judge will send him to the asylum. The other day he got out of his cell, somehow, through the register, into the hall, using one of the iron bars which he had torn out of the register, and made his way up stairs into an impassible place in the attic, from which he had to be dislodged by firing blank cartridges at him. He was returned to his cell, when he was suddenly seized with a paroxysm of mirth, and indulged in a multiplicity of capers, and including dancing, singing, &c.

A Nice Find.

From Cold Spring, Cape May county, N. J., comes a story of the discovery of a chest containing \$30,000, on the Dick Thompson farm, near Fishing creek. Two men, one of whom bears the name of Garretson, were digging ditches on the farm, which is now owned by Garretson, when they hauled up the money chest.

The coin, they say, is so old that it is scarcely possible for them to tell the exact value of the pieces, but the larger part is gold, the pieces being about the size of twenty-dollar gold pieces. It is said furthermore, that Captain Kidd's name was found imprinted on the chest. There has been a periodical excitement in the place for the last forty years, and this report has caused a sensation that has affected the country for miles around.

Great Run of Shad.

The Rochester Union says: The practicability of artificial propagation of fish, has at last been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the doubters. Four years ago Seth Green, under the directions of the fish commissioners of the State, began the work of propagating shad in the Hudson. Last year the fish were of a size to be marketable, and the increase was so great as to make shad cheap. The shad season has just been opened in the Hudson and gives evidence of still greater improvement.

Monroe Green, who has just pitched his tents at Mull's fishery, ten miles below Albany preparatory to the commencement of the artificial production of shad, writes his brother Seth, under date of the 15th, that the fishermen are taking lots of shad further down the river. They are sold at fisheries, for from eight to ten dollars per hundred fish, and they have been sold as low as three. The market of Albany was glutted, and dealers did not know what they would do with so many fish. The shad had not yet reached Mull's in any number, but are shortly expected there, when the work of hatching will begin.

It will be remembered that the shad which are sold at the prices above named will weigh from two to four pounds, and are very cheap food. These shad are those which were turned loose from the hatching boxes of Mr. Green in the spring of 1868 and '69. Those of later seasons will come along in due time to further demonstrate that the waters properly cultivated can rival the land in the production of food for the people.

Had Governor Geary seen fit to sign the fish bill passed at the last session, this State would have soon enjoyed the same benefit that New York is now enjoying. It is now too late to commence operations this year, and so he has delayed any good results which might arise for another year.

A Dog Worth Having.

At Lawrence, a few days ago, two boys, sons of Robert Christie, were fishing in Shawshee river, one of them, fell in, and the other plunged in to rescue him. The water being deep, both sank, when a Newfoundland dog belonging to Mr. Christie, which was with them, sprang into the water, and seized the youngest, took him to land, and then returned and rescued the other.

Miscellaneous News Items.

Ten thousand emigrants arrived in New York on the 20th, the largest number ever landed on one day.

There is in Clay county, Indiana, a family with twelve pairs of twins and one odd one.

Libbie Garrabrant, for the murder of R. F. Burroughs, at Patterson, New Jersey, was sentenced to be hanged on July 19th.

On the 17th inst., a carpenter named Simmons, residing in Chicago shot his wife and then killed himself, just because he was troubled with jealousy.

A boy named Thomas Cooper jumped off a log into the river at Terre Haute to recover his hat which had blown off, and not being able to swim he was drowned.

Hon. E. Washburn, Warden of the Illinois Penitentiary, has now 1,508 prisoners in charge, a larger number than any other Warden in the United States.

The Tribune says New York drinks 1,800 gallons of swill milk daily, and that the total receipts of 74,800 gallons of milk are swelled to 93,500 gallons by the addition of water.

Charles Walter, convicted of murdering a family of three persons and robbing them of all their property, eight miles from Marshfield, Mo., three years ago, was hanged at Marshfield, on the 17th.

A terrible tornado passed over a portion of Illinois on the 23d inst. It moved in a South East direction commencing at the Mississippi River, tearing down houses barns fences and trees. So far no lives are reported lost.

In New York George Reilly was sentenced to twenty years in the State's prison for highway robbery of twenty-eight cents.

A bridge at Ithaca fell on the 24th inst., carrying down a steamer which was playing on a fire near by, and two hundred people. Fifteen persons were seriously injured. The bridge was twenty feet above the water.

At Memphis, Tenn., on the 19th inst., four children, at ages varying from two to ten years, were horribly burned by the eldest kindling a fire with coal oil. One died an hour after the accident, the second and third soon after. The fourth died the next morning.

An alarm of fire occurred in a Chicago church on Sunday the 19th, caused by a singular accident. The veil of a child took fire at the altar of the church, and during the burning, the ceremonies were terminated by a panic caused by the cry of fire. A rush was made for the open air, and during the excitement the front door was burst open. The scene which ensued was indescribable, men, women and children being huddled together in one mass of terror-stricken humanity. No one was killed.

A few days since a box containing a coffin, was addressed to John Reinhardt, undertaker, Jersey City Heights. No such undertaker lives there, and the coffin yet remains in the express office. The coffin contains a corpse. The box came from Connecticut, and no one seems to know anything about it.

The Alton, Ill., "Telegraph" says: During a violent whirlwind which passed through a section of country south of Marine, last week, a farmer's wagon-bed was carried up in the air upwards of thirty feet, where it was firmly retained by the branches of an oak. The bed, which is very large and heavy, still remains suspended in the tree.

A few days since near Memphis, a singular detention to railroad trains was had. The obstruction was caused by vast numbers of caterpillars lying on the railroad tracks, and in crushing the insects the tracks became so slippery that the wheels of the cars refused to perform their legitimate functions. The woods are literally stripped clean of their foliage by the pests, and the same condition is reported of other localities.

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