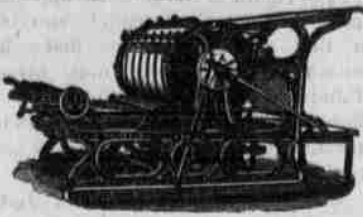


The Bloomfield Times.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A. Tuesday, June 18, 1872.



The State Superintendent of Public Instruction of New York, has decided that children cannot be excluded from the Public Schools of that State for refusing to read the Bible.

MR. SUMNER has introduced a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, providing for an election of the President by direct vote of the people.

On the 12th inst., the Democrats of the Seventh Massachusetts district met in convention at Lowell and elected delegates to the National Convention at Baltimore.

On the same day the Democrats of Indiana held their state convention and nominated ex-Senator Thomas A. Hendricks as candidate for Governor.

Resolved, By the Democracy of Indiana, that the principles of the Cincinnati Liberator, taken in connection with the propositions in Horace Greeley's letter accepting the nomination of that Convention, constitute a platform on which all elements in opposition to the present corrupt administration of the Federal government can stand.

Delaware at their State Convention, adopted resolutions demanding that the National Convention nominate a straight Democratic ticket, and repudiate any coalition with the Liberal Republicans.

Cheap Railroad Fares.

At the last session of the Massachusetts Legislature an act was passed whereby every railroad in the State should be compelled to furnish a morning and evening train at proper hours, for instance not exceeding fifteen miles, and for such tariffs they shall furnish yearly season tickets at a rate not exceeding three dollars per mile a year, good once a day each day for six days in a week, and quarterly tickets not exceeding three dollars per mile per quarter; providing that the number of persons making application shall not be less than 200.

The idea which led to this move is derived from the success of a similar plan in London. As early as 1862 the three principal railways consented to convey not less than one thousand passengers from any place within ten miles of London and back for twopenny (or about four cents) a day, and since 1865 all the new railways constructed at that point have been obliged to do the same thing.

The Beer Business.

There is no doubt that the consumption of malt liquors is constantly increasing in this country. Mr. Henry Clusen in the opening address before the brewer's congress lately in session in New York, stated that in the United States there are more than three thousand breweries, giving employment to thousands of people, and representing \$100,000,000 of capital.

The Philadelphia and Erie Railroad bridge, five miles west of Williamsport, which was burned down on Thursday night the 6th inst., has been rebuilt. This is quick work, as the length of the bridge is eleven hundred and seventy feet.

A Wonderful Surgical Operation.

AN ELEPHANT THE PATIENT.

The Chicago papers give an interesting account of a surgical operation which was recently performed in that city on the Elephant Romeo.

"Romeo is getting old; his flesh is slow to heal; and a lack of knowledge how to treat elephant sores, coupled with many misapplied remedies, soon placed the old hero in a sad plight. The wounds festered, inflammation increased, bad became worse, until now his legs resemble the catancombs of Rome, being mere receptacles of corruption.

After a full hour spent in slashing, gouging and scraping, during which the poor beast was rid of fifteen or twenty pounds of putrid matter and flesh, and a pound or two of bone, the surgeons concluded that sufficient for a day might be the evil thereof, and desisted from that part of the operation, to enter upon another ten-fold more painful and harrowing.

While these excavations had been progressing, men were busy at the furnace heating huge soldering irons, several inches in diameter, to a white heat. These were now brought into requisition to remove the proud flesh. When Dr. Withers approached the animal with the first glowing iron a shiver ran through his frame, and he was disposed to resent any further aggression, but being convinced by the pointed arguments of his keeper that it was all for his good, he issued another low thunder, which was echoed from every cage, and straightened his trunk, and braced himself for further martyrdom.

The red hot iron was now run into tunnel No. 1 the length of about a foot, and a hissing sound, followed by dense volumes of fumes and an intolerable stench, issued from the opening. The poor brute shook like an aspen, made a slight effort or two at resistance, but soon settled into quietness again. Another red hot iron was introduced, again there was a quiver of the whole frame, but this time he only drew up his back and changed his position a trifle.

The blood now began to flow from the caverns in copious supply, a sight that made all the animals of the cat species desperate, and lions, tigers, leopards, hyenas, panthers, wolves and others of the innumerable horde whose cages formed a circle about the martyr, joined in low growls, which were intensified to roars and shrieks as the fumes of the burning flesh filled their nostrils.

When the din and noise were somewhat quieted, the operation was proceeded with, and during the two following hours above thirty red hot irons was thrust into the poor brute's carcass. When the surgeons finally desisted it was not because they believed their task completed, but because the caverns had assumed such dimensions that the two-inch irons proved too small to be further effective. Besides, Romeo was evidently weakening and getting a little "groggy" from loss of blood.

The openings were then thoroughly washed with lotions, and afterwards carefully bound up.

The old fellow has always displayed a strong predilection for candy and other sweet things. After the operation, a nice, big stick was proffered to him, but he refused it with a solemn shake of his head.

When the animal's naturally vicious temper is taken into consideration, his noble behavior during the painful operations can only be accounted for on the hypothesis that, with an elephant's proverbial sagacity and fine instinct, he was convinced that it would redound to his good. Otherwise he would have strewed his tormentors about like "the leaves on the strand," and might, controlled by a pious inspiration, have knelt on one or two.

The gentleman who operated upon him expressed strong hopes for his recovery, but Romeo subsequently died from the effects of his disease and its treatment.

The body has been donated by Mr. Forepaugh to the Chicago Medical College, where the mounted skeleton and stuffed skin will be placed in the anatomical museum. Scarcely had "Romeo" breathed his last, when, Mr. Forepaugh, with characteristic energy, sent a telegram to his agent in New York, authorizing him to draw upon Jay Cooke & Co., to the amount of \$30,000, and directing him to proceed at once by the first steamer to London, and purchase the wild and ferocious elephant caged in the British Zoological Gardens, preferring an untamed specimen, because, as he queerly expresses, he will be "less stupid and more ambitious" than one which has been thoroughly subdued.

An explosion occurred in the attic of the United States Hotel, at Portland, Maine, on the 7th, setting fire to the building. The roof was burned through and the house drenched with water. The furniture and fixtures are damaged to the extent of \$15,000. Damage to building, \$8,000, all fully insured. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Accident to Barnum's Show.

From the Erie Dispatch we learn that an accident occurred to Barnum's train, on the Twelfth street track, that city, on the eve of departure. It appears there is a triple switch at the point where the accident took place, which was turned right for the main line, when two engines attempted to come out with the cars. As they struck the switch, the engines jumped the track and one went over on its side. The train was running very slow, but the check was too sudden to be harmless, and the platform cars crushed into one another, pitching off three of the cage carriages and alighty damaging others. The carriage containing the "happy family" and the monkeys was amongst those thrown off, and as the rear end of the heavy train came crushing up, one of the cars was squeezed out and turned over on the monkey cage. This was between one and two o'clock in the morning, and the night was pitch dark. The ends of two other carriages, one containing the sea lions, and the other the "gorilla" and an eland were stove in. A scene of wild confusion here ensued. Shouts and yells went up from the showmen and railroad employees, the Abyssinian lions set up their fiercest howls, assisted by the bark of the sea lions, the horses commenced kicking with a vigor that threatened to knock the sides off the cars in which they were tied, the happy family was unhappy, monkeys came dodging out from beneath the flat car, gibbering with fright, and began to run over the cars and cages: with the howls, yells and groans, it seemed as though the inhabitants of Pandemonium had broken loose. When daylight came, the monkeys were hunted up and the remnants of the unhappy family gathered together. One of the monkeys had strayed to the car works, and other curiosities were found in unheard of localities, but all were brought in, and early in the morning the train left for Corry, to exhibit there. The monkey carriage and the carriage containing the sea lions, being a wreck, were left behind for repairs, and were on Saturday at the shops in Erie, where large numbers congregated out of curiosity.

Terrible Tornado in Ohio.

Late particulars from the scene of the storm which visited Logan county Ohio, on Saturday evening the 8th inst., show that the storm was more terrible and destructive than the first report indicated. A sultry day was followed by the appearance of a cloud in the West, at 5 o'clock in the evening, which gathered in blackness and size with fearful rapidity. A heavy wind set in, and at 5:30 o'clock the wild wind struck the earth five miles from Quincy, moving northwardly. The destroyer was hardly five minutes in reaching Quincy, through which it passed, making a clean sweep of houses, trees and fences along its path, which fortunately was comparative narrow. In this village fifty or sixty dwellings and stores and two churches and as many more shops, stables and outbuildings were unroofed, rocked upon their foundation, or demolished. The air was literally filled with flying weatherboards, furniture, lath and plaster. A parlor stove was caught up by the wind and hurled through the air, and falling upon a woman crushed her so that she died. The Baptist, Methodist and Episcopal churches were completely destroyed. The tornado, on the way to De Graff, struck Boggs's flouring mill, five stories high, containing three thousand bushels of grain, moving the building nine inches upon the foundation, and carrying away the roof and a portion of the fifth story. It ploughed its way through De Graff, scattering destruction in its path, but hurting fewer persons and injuring a less number of buildings. After leaving De Graff it passed several settlements, and finally rose from the earth, and was seen for miles carrying in its funnel-shaped form timber, rails and debris, which it had gathered in its destructive march. The papers this morning give the names of thirty-nine persons injured in Quincy and eleven in De Graff, the list not comprising all the injured in the former village. Mrs. Rall, reported to have been killed in De Graff, is yet living. Two of her children were killed. Mrs. Glick, in Quincy has since died of her wounds.

Friday morning the 9th inst., Jacob Sham, residing near Unionville, in Penn township, Lancaster county, left his home, taking a gun and telling his family he was going to shoot crows and look for work. As he did not come home at noon search was made for him, when he was found dead about a quarter of a mile from home. He had shot himself through the head, the ball entering above the nose and coming out at the back part of the head, which must have killed him instantly. He had been very much depressed in spirits for some time past, and the supposition is that he committed suicide.

The International Amateur boat race took place on the Thames last week Monday, between the London Rowing Club and the Atlanta Club, of New York, and was won by the former. The course was from Mortlake to Putney, and thousands were present to witness the contest. From the first, public opinion favored the London club, and the result justified the confidence placed in that organization.

A Picture Under Difficulty.

It is the custom in the large cities to take a photograph of all rogues arrested, to hang up for the inspection of all officers and the public. A New York paper gives the following account of the taking the picture of an obstinate thief.

"Charles Williams who escaped from Officer Cahill on the evening of May 17th, after stealing a box of laces worth \$60 from the store of F. Wetkelen, No. 110 Grand street, was re-arrested last night and was arranged to-day before Superintendent Kelso, who ordered his picture taken. Williams said he would not consent, and Captain Irving ordered Detectives Kelso and Reilly, with two officers, to go to the gallery and force him to submit. He was taken to the gallery and seated in the chair, but when the cloth was removed from the camera he immediately closed his eyes and opened his mouth, making continued grimaces. When the officers attempted to hold him he kicked over the camera and stand, knocking out one of the lenses and otherwise injuring the instrument.

Detective Kelso then brought from the Central office a pair of handcuffs, and Detectives Dunn and Walling came to their assistance. The handcuffs were placed on him and held by Dunn, while another officer put a strap under his chin and over his head to keep his mouth shut. This plan was tried four times without much better success, the prisoner pretending to faint several times, but, as soon as they attempted to take his picture, closing his eyes and making such grimaces that it was impossible to take a correct picture. The officers had to be satisfied with a picture with the eyes closed, as in the case of Jack Sheppard.

Miscellaneous News Items.

Dr. Joseph Lemly, Secretary of the Mississippi State Senate, died on the 6th, from an overdose of morphine.

The drivers and conductors of the Richmond City Railways have struck. The cause is an alleged attempt to reduce the wages.

Judge Love, of Iowa, decides that a combination of men agreeing not to bid against each other at a tax sale is fraudulent.

A Bast was made at the Conshohocken quarries a few days since with one hundred kegs of powder, by which 13,000 tons of rock were removed.

Last week two workmen named Rickson and Swann were crushed to death by a portion of the ruins of Grace Episcopal Church, Chicago, falling upon them.

Rhina Washington, convicted of killing her child by strangling it with a piece of homespun, in Charlestown, is sentenced to be hanged on the first Friday in August next.

While Miss Zimmerman, a Chambersburg young lady, was walking along the street in Trenton a dog chased a goat which ran with such force against her as to break her leg.

Judge Durnelle, of San Francisco, has overruled the motion of Mrs. Fair for a change of venue, and ordered a venire of two hundred jurors for the trial of the case on the 24th inst.

A farmer was arrested at Athensville Pennsylvania, at the instance of the "Woman's Branch S. P. C. A.," and fined ten dollars for cutting off the toes of chickens, to prevent them from scratching.

Senator Alcorn, of Mississippi has reported that by expenditure of \$36,000,000 for levees on the Mississippi river, 7,000,000 acres of cotton land and 2,500,000 acres of sugar land will be reclaimed, and he estimates that the annual product of these lands would amount to \$15,000,000 in gold.

Constable Hess of Martic, and ex-Sheriff Rowe, of Providence, Lancaster county, were whipped by a woman last week, on whom they attempted to serve an execution. She whipped the sheriff with her fists and then "went for the constable with a club. They finally escaped by taking to their heels.

The other day while the funeral procession of Rev. W. S. Hallowell was going down hill, in Springfield, Delaware county, the pole attached to the axle of the hearse came loose, which caused the horses to run away. The hearse was upset against the bank, the coffin turned over, and the cross and crown with which it was decorated thrown off.

A young man named Amandas Owen Kurtz, whilst driving a pair of horses attached to a roller, fell under the roller on which he was seated and had his head crushed, killing him instantly. His mangled remains were found on the road between Catasagua and Schoenerville, Chester county.

T. H. Mansfield, a painter, met Miss Mary Hein a daughter of a prominent wholesale merchant of San Francisco, on the street in that city, and demanded that she should retract her refusal to marry him which she declined to do, whereupon he shot her twice with a revolver, and then shot himself twice in the breast. Both are now living, and it is thought that Miss Hein may recover.

Pittsburg, June 12.—At midnight of Tuesday, Deputy-Sheriff Williams Hatfield was stabbed and killed by Ambrose E. Lynch, alias "the Bruiser," at the house of Lynch's sister, Mrs. Teets, in Alleghany. Lynch alleges that he discovered criminal relations between Hatfield and his sister. Mrs. Teets denies the charge, and declares the Sheriff was at her house on business connected with her husband, who had left the city to avoid prosecution for some offence.

Benj. F. Burrows, proprietor of the Tremont House, St. Louis, shot and seriously wounded E. Eichswring, on the 8th. The affair grew out of a business difficulty, Burrows accusing of fraud.

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