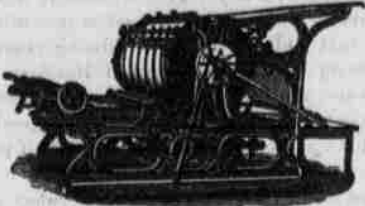


The Bloomfield Times. NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A. Tuesday, August 20, 1872.



FRUIT is offered here this season at remarkable low rates. Apples find dull sale at 20 cents per bushel and peaches are now offered at 75 cents per bushel, and will probably be still lower.

LATE advices from North Carolina, leave but little doubt that Caldwell's right to his seat as Governor will be contested before the Legislature. The Democrats claim that frauds sufficient to elect Merriman can be proven. On the other hand the Republicans allege Conservative frauds sufficient if not to save Caldwell, at least to secure an additional Republican member to Congress, which they claim is of more importance than the Governorship.

Narrow Gauge Railroads.

A California engineer predicts that in ten years the whole country will be grid-ironed with narrow gauge railroads. The cost of these roads he estimates at \$8,000 per mile. Passengers can be transported on them at one cent a mile, and freight at proportionately low rates. His plan is for farmers to build them by subscription, for the purpose of conveying their products to market. He also claims that they will pay, that wherever they have been constructed they have made handsome dividends, which is not generally the case, at least with a majority of the broad gauge roads. In Sweden and Norway these roads are coming into general use; the construction of them is causing a demand for iron from England. Colorado has one of them some eighty miles long. Charters have been granted for them in several States, and a few lines have been commenced.

Troubles in Schuylkill County.

At an early hour on the morning of the 14th inst., while six miners were returning from Continental Colliery, near Centralia, where they had been working, they were attacked and fired upon by two parties of men, who were in ambush on both sides of the railroad. John Webster was shot seven times, and has since died. George W. Davis was severely wounded, being shot near the heart, and the other four were slightly wounded. Large tacks, which made ugly gashes, were found in some of the wounds. All but Webster succeeded in reaching an engine house, when the villains decamped. The cause of the attack it is generally believed is that a jealousy exists between the miners. The six miners were transferred from an old colliery to work at the Continental. The ruffians are still at large.

The Mobile Register of the 9th says: "Two large panthers were seen on Wednesday night trotting leisurely along on Palmetto, near Charles street. When seen by the police patrol they appeared perfectly at home, and occasionally bit and snapped at each other in a very playful manner. At first they were taken for large dogs, but upon close examination, one of the policemen, an old hunter, discovered that they were genuine panthers, and no mistake. They passed out of sight in a short while, but soon ran up against another policeman on his beat, who immediately fired upon them several times, unfortunately without effect. The shots caused the panthers to accelerate their speed, and after running down George street they turned into Government street and disappeared. It is thought they are still secreted in the city.

A Memphis dispatch states that J. F. Cunningham, Deputy United States Marshal, has been arrested and jailed at Jackson, for receiving and having in his possession a box containing two large books of counterfeit State warrants, a copper cut fac simile of the Auditor's signature, and a fac simile of the Auditor's seal. They were gotten up in New York and sent by Express. The package was expected and Cunningham was being watched. An immense swindle that would have bankrupted the State has thus been nipped in the bud.

Sentenced for Twenty Years.

Hugh Bogan and Wm. Wilson have been sentenced to twenty years in the State prison for an outrageous robbery of Mrs. Hardy, in Broome St., N. Y., last July. Nellie Wilson, an accomplice, was accorded five years imprisonment. Mrs. Hardy was gagged and tied in her own house, a pistol held at her head, and the thieves were about to apply a torch to her feet, when she told where the jewelry and other valuables were secreted.

A Deputy United States Marshal arrested nine men at Famera Illinois, on the 10th inst., suspected of being members of a gang of counterfeiters whose operations in that vicinity have extended over a term of several years. A large amount of counterfeit money was found on the persons of the accused.

A Narrow Escape. A family in East Liberty made a most remarkable escape, at an early hour on Sunday morning, from a couple of robbers, and their lives and property were saved by a very small circumstance, which was nothing more than the ticking of a clock. The particulars of the affair are as follows: Mr. John Mcmasters, a wealthy and prominent citizen, living on Highland avenue, retired to bed on Saturday night at about the usual hour. At half-past two o'clock on Sunday morning his wife was aroused by the clock, which was ticking at an unusually rapid rate. She awoke Mr. Mcmasters and asked him to inquire into the cause of the noise. He accordingly arose and commenced an investigation. The gas which had been turned down had been blown out. A very strong odor of chloroform pervaded the room which, with the gas that was escaping, nearly suffocated the inmates of the room. Mr. M. asked who was there, and just at that moment a man was seen to jump from a porch which was on a level with the room, and connected by a window with the ground below. Mr. Mcmasters staggered to the window and fired two shots at the retreating form with his revolver. By this time the gas and chloroform had so nearly suffocated him that he fell down. The family would doubtless all have perished had not assistance soon arrived. When help came it was found that Mrs. Mcmasters had fainted. They were all removed to another room and a physician called in who soon succeeded in restoring her to consciousness.

As soon as the bed-room had been sufficiently ventilated to permit of an investigation, it was ascertained that all of the diamonds and jewelry belonging to the family had been removed from the bureau drawers and placed upon the floor in order that they might be convenient to the thieves when starting. Had the thieves been left to themselves but a moment or two longer they would have made way with the valuables. It is supposed that when the thieves first commenced operations they attempted to stop the clock in order to have everything as quiet as possible. In this attempt they knocked down the pendulum, which caused the quick, ticking noise that aroused Mrs. Mcmasters.—Pittsburgh Gazette, Aug. 7.

The Sleeping Beauty.

A correspondent of the Louisville Courier-Journal has been to see the "sleeping beauty of Tennessee," at Union City. He says of her: "She has slept for twenty-three years, is awake thirteen times in twenty-four hours, remaining awake only seven minutes each time, and no power on earth can force her to remain awake one second longer. She breathes only at intervals of five minutes, and at such times she seems to do so with great difficulty, only drawing two or three respirations, then falling back as though she were dead. While awake she eats, drinks and talks for a few minutes. She is as white as the whitest marble, and is perfectly beautiful. She has no education. All the medical skill of the country round about has been baffled as to her case, and she has been sent to St. Louis and examined by the most prominent physicians there, but they have not been able to solve her case. She is now on exhibition at the Southern hotel, Union City, Obion county, Tennessee. She is thirty-one years old, and was a sprightly girl up to eight years, when she was stricken, and has remained ever since as she now is."

Foreign Items.

Meat Famine in England. In consequence of the very high price of meat in England, meetings have been held in different parts of the kingdom, and resolutions pledging the meeting to abstain from the use of butcher's meat for a certain time have been carried. Australian tinned beef and mutton are used instead. Geneva, August 12.—One of the most extensive cotton factories in this city was burned to-night. The loss is estimated at 10,000,000 francs. Eight hundred operatives are thrown out of employment. The Catholics in Ireland are preparing to celebrate the anniversary of the passage of the Repeal act. Leading Orangemen officers advise the Orangemen not to interfere with the celebration. The crew of the American yacht Sappho have been dismissed in consequence of insubordination. Cholera is said to have reached Berlin, but the cases reported are not believed to be of the real Asiatic type. Between July 1st and 20th one hundred and eight mad, or reputed mad, dogs were killed in Paris. The number of persons returned as bitten is fourteen.

At Keokuk, a man and his wife were arrested for violating the Sunday law by selling beer on that day. The man argued that he being a Seven day Baptist, observed the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath, and in consequence had a right to sell beer on the first day. His wife claims to be a member of the Dutch Reform church and privileged, therefore to sell beer on Saturday. By this method of eiphering out their rights from a religious stand point, they managed to sell beer every day in the week.

Miscellaneous News Items.

The boys in Cumberland Valley sometimes take pleasure in stoning passenger trains running through the towns in which they live. A young lady named Mills, at Liberty, Clay county, Missouri, had a fight with her brother on Friday night the 8th inst., seized a shot-gun and shot him dead. Whenever a mortgage deed of trust or any incumbrance is made upon insured property, notice should be given to the company otherwise the insurance is void. The lightning on the 14th struck a tree in Druid Hill Park, Baltimore, and more or less stunned fourteen Sunday-school children, picnicking there. None were seriously injured. David R. Brown, who recently served out a sentence of fourteen years in the Massachusetts State Prison for procuring an abortion, has been arrested for a like offense on Catharine Van Nese, aged 18. James Kaine was arrested in Williamsburg last week for the murder of his wife by throwing a kerosene lamp at her, which exploded and set fire to her clothing. On the 15th inst., a flat-boat, with seventeen persons on board, was swamped at Port Wheeling Island by the swell of a passing steamer. Jacob Watson and his two sons, and two persons, names unknown, were drowned. The members of Plymouth Church Brooklyn, N. Y. (H. W. Beecher's) are getting up a "silver wedding," to come off October 8th to 11th next. All who are interested should send to the "Clerk of the Church" for information and invitations. A large lot of matches sent to St. Louis from a factory in Cleveland, have been seized by internal revenue officers for irregularity in stamping, and a telegram was sent to the United States officers in Cleveland to seize the factory there. The Sioux are very observant. One of Spotted Tail's followers, who speaks a little English, seeing one of the servant girls of the hotel take off her chignon, exclaimed, "How? White woman raise her own scalp! Indian no good here!" A late decision in the Chicago Courts gives a verdict in favor of a lawyer who lost his library by fire after his policy of insurance had expired. No notice had been given by the company of the expiration, and the Court decided that such notice was imperative.

Two adroit thieves removed the hats from the heads of two gentlemen, who were drinking at a Hartford garden, recently, and almost immediately replaced them with old worn out ones. So quickly and so neatly was the job done that the victims did not discover their loss for some time. Jim Johnson, a negro, in revenge for a merited thrashing received at the hands of Mr. P. H. Fontaine, of Reidsville, N. C., poisoned the ice-cream at an entertainment given by the latter. Twenty-six young persons were poisoned, some of whom, it is feared, will not recover.

A terrible storm passed over Chester county on Wednesday evening last. Near Eagle station on the Penn'a R. R., trees were uprooted and blown across the railway way track, and travel both ways was entirely suspended for nearly an hour. There was great damage to property of all kinds, but, although there were very many narrow escapes, no loss of life is reported.

Mrs. Iver Thompson, of Belmont, Minn., received a lightning shock during the severe storm on Saturday night last, causing death immediately. She appeared considerably excited at the time, walking the room and reading her Bible, and was just in the act of taking a child in her arms when she received the shock and instantly expired. The child was not injured.

Andrew C. Hogenobler, of Cleveland, wants to have his name changed to Hogen. He represents that hitherto he has found no friend in this vale of tears sufficiently devoted to learn to spell his name properly, and, in consequence, his relations with the postal department of this federation have been both complicated and unpleasant. Poor fellow, his request should be granted.

A humming bird flew into a court room in Georgia during the session of the court, one day, recently, at half past ten A. M., and continued to fly within a few inches of the ceiling until half past six P. M., when it fell slowly and lighted on a mantle piece, where it was captured. It had been on the wing seven and a half hours without resting.

The New York Express says that the novel announcement that five enterprising young women would give a practical illustration Saturday afternoon of the folly of side-saddle exercises, by riding astride fleet steeds in the Central Park, brought an unusually large attendance of sight-seekers to the main entrance to that resort. The expectant crowd swelled in proportions as the afternoon advanced, greatly to the profit of the adjacent saloons, but no riders astraddle, of the female persuasion arrived, and it was finally agreed that the affair was a very large hoax.

An Unnatural Mother.

The Boston Times say: Complaint was made at a police station some three days ago by a lady on Washington street, of a woman boarding at her house, who she stated, was starving her child to death. The child is not many days old, it is stated, and when the keepers of the house asked the woman why she refused to allow the child to nurse, she made reply that she desired it to die. The child has since been sent away from the house and placed in charge of a woman in the adoption business. The mother is said to be unmarried, very beautiful, about twenty years of age and belongs to Pennsylvania, where she is quite respectably connected. A citizen of Lancaster county, waking in the dawn of the morning, saw what he thought was a cat, or other animal on his window-sill. He snatched up his gun and fired—and blew his wife's hair out of the window! The lady, who was sleeping quietly, was roused in alarm which turned to anger, when she found that her fashionable wig, which she had left on the window-sill for an airing had been blown into "the middle of next week."

While G. W. Welsh, Esq., of Hanover borough, was repairing his house last week, a pair of shoes were found between the flooring, which have been there between 90 and 100 years. They are quite an oddity in the shoe line, being wide at the heel and tapering off to a point at the toes. They were well lined with heavy linen and made of calf skin.

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