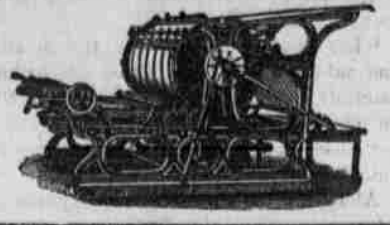


The Bloomfield Times.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A. Tuesday, October 29, 1872.



Official Majority.

The following is the official majority of the candidates on the state ticket. Hartranft's majority is 35,627. Allen's majority is 36,780. Mercer's majority over Thompson for Supreme Judge is 40,443.

Of the Congressmen at large. Todd's majority over Wright, the Democratic candidate who had the highest vote is 43,729.

Albright, who had the largest Republican vote, has a majority over Wright of 46,532.

Scotfield's majority over Wright is 43,990. Delegates to constitutional convention, 47,588.

It will be seen by the above that Hartranft's majority is about 12,000 less than the vote for Delegates. This don't look as though it was the popularity of the leading candidate on the ticket which carried the ticket through, as his majority is the lowest of any.

Puzzling Case of Murder.

An Indianapolis paper of the 23d inst., says: At a late hour last night the police received information that a man named Thomas Aiken had been murdered at his home in Lawrence township. That he was not killed for money is apparent from the fact that his pocketbook was left untouched by his assassin. That he was not killed for enmity is plain, for he had no foe.—That he was not killed by accident is manifest, because the bullet entered his breast while lying in bed.

His wife says that she had not yet retired; that she heard the crack of a revolver, that she rushed to her husband and found him weltering in his blood. His son stated that he saw a tall, long-bearded man lounging around the farm early in the evening.

Remarkable Jaw Fracture.

An alteration occurred in Troy Tuesday night between one Himes, keeper of a boarding house on River street, and one of his boarders. The boarder seemed to be getting the best of the fight, when Himes in order to disable him, caught the man's hand in his mouth between the front teeth. In the endeavor to extricate the member, the boarder pulled in such a manner as to fracture Himes' lower jaw on both sides.

Four teeth and a piece of the jaw bone, two inches wide, were pulled out and hung over—being held by the flesh alone. Himes resorted to Dr. Akin, who turned the bone back into its place and bound it there. He believes that it will unite at the fractures. The doctor says this is the most wonderful case he has met in all his experience.

Seventy-five Miles in a Dream.

The Indianapolis Sentinel of the 22d says: William Lewis is the name of a farmer residing about four miles northeast of this city. About a week ago he did not come down to breakfast at the usual hour, and his daughter, who keeps house for him despatched her younger brother to have him awakened. Opening the door the boy was surprised to find the room empty. He noticed that his father's valise was gone, and on investigation it appeared that a number of shirts and other articles of wearing apparel were missing.

Time passed on but Mr. Lewis failed to return to his anxious family, and it was not until the evening of the third day he came back and gave a report of his adventures, as follows: On the night that he disappeared he had gone to his bed as usual, and was soon asleep. He dreamed that he arose, packed his valise, walked to this city, and took the eastern bound cars.

His surprise on awakening, and finding himself seventy-five miles from home, can better be imagined than described. How he purchased his ticket without his state being detected by the agent, and how he slumbered serenely through all the din and noise of the Union depot, are among "the troublesome things a fellow never can find out."

The Paris Escolement relates that a few days since a man who was digging in his garden at Rosby, came upon a shell half buried in the earth. He struck it with his spade, when the missile exploded and the unfortunate man was blown to pieces. Another accident of a similar character occurred a few days previously at Ermont. A dealer in old iron found among his purchases a shell, which, being unable to sell, he placed upon the pathway before his house, and endeavored with a heavy hammer, to break it up. The shell, being still charged, suddenly exploded, and the man was killed upon the spot, his limbs being torn from his body.

Fatality Among Horses.

A mysterious and fatal disease has broken out among the horses in many parts of the state of New York. Accounts from Buffalo say: "The horse disease here has become a public calamity. Many branches of business is entirely suspended from want of animals to do ordinary transportation. The street railroads are running with half their usual force and expect to stop in a day or two. Omnibus lines have suspended business, all their horses being sick. The canal horses have, until to-day escaped, but now the disease has broken out among them." Commercial men are alarmed. From Rochester the report is still more alarming, a dispatch from there on the 33d inst says:

"The horse disease is on the increase, and there are few horses in the city that are not affected. The street railway company have suspended operations, all the horses being sick. The livery stables and express companies have also suspended. There is hardly a horse to be seen on the streets, and not a farmer's team in sight hereabouts.

All the horses owned by the street railway companies are afflicted. O'Brien's circus company have 200 horses under treatment. It is safe to estimate that over three-fourths of the horses in this city are affected with it, both in the public and private stables. To-day it was impossible to hire a horse of any kind, and the prospects for the morrow does not seem to brighten."

The source of the disease, was in Canada, where it has raged with peculiar virulence, and its ravages have by no means abated. In Toronto, while the epidemic was at its height, it was almost impossible to secure a horse for any purpose; the street railroads were obliged to suspend operations; carriages, both public and private; horses, trucks, and in fact, all vehicles moved by horse power, were in the same predicament. The disease first made its appearance on this side of the river on Friday, October 11, at Niagara Falls.

A letter from New York city written on the 23d, says: Thousands of horses already are stricken with the disease, and at every moment newly affected animals may be seen in each and every avenue, being conducted to their stable. Since yesterday the sickness has broken out in every railroad stable, while the occupants of the stalls of private gentlemen have not been exempt. Most of the railroads have been compelled to lessen the number of their rolling stock in active use, in order to give rest to horses that show any disposition of contracting the disease. To-day several funerals have been postponed for several hours, by reason of the undertaker's horses being stricken down while undergoing the operation of harnessing. Although the horses in the Fourth avenue stable were free from the sickness yesterday, no less than four hundred are in the surgeon's hands to-day. The Sixth avenue line has fared better, but the superintendent is apprehensive that the cases that had broken out will terminate fatally. The Seventh and Eighth avenue stables are also being ravished by the disease. A perfect volley of coughs greet one on entering. Over one hundred horses are laid low in the Ninth avenue stable, and the cross town lines are similarly affected. Broadway has been deserted to-day, there being noticeable absence of couples and other carriages, both in that thoroughfare and Fifth avenue. This afternoon the drive in Central Park was quite empty, everybody whose horses have hitherto escaped the malignant disease being fearful to exercise their beasts. Business men begin to feel the calamity, and the stop and hindrance that is thereby imposed on commerce is incalculable.

A Baltimore girl went the other evening and suicided, because her lover wouldn't kiss her good-night. Now that's what we regard as the very height of folly. If the girl had been denied a Dolly Varden, or had mused her new hat, or had even knocked the heel off one of her shoes, we could have seen some excuse for her rash act; but there's none for a woman who commits suicide because any one man won't kiss her, when there are plenty of men ready to do the billing and cooing. We'd even consent ourselves to kiss a woman who had been eating onions, rather than have her turn herself into food for worms.

Miss Hough, daughter of an employe in the pattern shop in the Charlestown, Mass., navy yard, was looking round the shop on Wednesday, and while examining a portion of the machinery, approached too near the belting. Miss Hough's head came in contact with it, and in an instant her hair was caught by the rapidly revolving belt, and before the machinery could be stopped her scalp was loosened and a portion of the crown torn completely from the head. As quickly as possible the unfortunate girl was taken to the dispensary, after which she was taken to her home in Malden.

James Davis while much intoxicated the other day at Bolton's store, on Big creek, Tennessee, continued to flourish a pistol, and when warned that he would kill himself or some one else, replied there was no danger, and to prove it, cocked the pistol, put the muzzle to his heart and pulled the trigger. He was killed instantly.

Miscellaneous News Items.

On the 31st the mutilated bodies of two unknown men were found on the track of the Northern Railroad at Englewood, N. J.

John Hook, an employe at the Bolton depot, Northern Central Railroad, in Baltimore, was caught in the belting in the workshop and almost instantly killed.

A Washington dispatch says that the coal famine in England is creating a demand for the bituminous coal of the Maryland district.

Six water-spouts appeared on Lake Erie a few days ago, and lasted for half an hour. They appeared to be within two or three miles of each other, and caused an extensive commotion.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad was opened on the 21st inst., to Caddo station, thirty miles south of Aetoka. Trains now run within twenty-three miles of Red River.

Two colored men at Little Rock, Arkansas, lately got into a desperate quarrel as to which had put the most into a contribution box at church that a fight ensued with fatal results to one of them.

One of the pipes of the Washington aqueduct bursted in High street, Georgetown, last week. A man named Houotz went down in the main hole to shut off the water, and was overcome by the foul air and died immediately.

An employe of the rolling mills at Terre Haute, a day laborer, died in that city last Sunday night. An examination of his effects developed the fact that he was worth \$50,000 in bank accounts and money loaned on various securities.

An Iowa man, fond of sport, went out hunting last week, and shot one "killed" and the top of his horse's head off. His little son laughed boisterously when he saw the "governor" coming home at night drawing the wagon, which contained a set of harness, after him.

Mrs. Andrew Doan, of Bethlehem, tried coal oil for fire lighting on Tuesday. The can she was using exploded, her apron caught fire, and she escaped because there was not much oil in the can. She is not likely to use coal oil in that way for some time.

A barber in this State says that while cutting the hair of a rural customer, he ran his shears against some hard substance, which proved to be a whetstone. The old farmer said he had missed that whetstone ever since he had made time last July, and had looked all over a ten acre lot for it, but now he remembered sticking it up over his ear.

On Sunday a week as President Grant was out driving one of the colts, unaccustomed to rapid driving, suddenly bolted, and sheering, broke the pole. The President leaped from the vehicle just as the younger of the two colts kicked in the dash-board. Assistance then arrived to the relief of the President, who congratulated himself upon his escape.

Elh Hanson has just received \$4,000, at Bangor, Me., from the European and North American Railway Company for an assault committed upon him by a brakeman in the employ of the company. Hanson was accompanied by a dog, which the brakeman attempted to remove from the car, in accordance with the rules of the road, but was resisted by Hanson, which caused the assault.

Willard Fuller, of Westford, R. I., lost a cow in a very singular manner. She was found dead in the lot with one hind foot caught over her horn, the point of the horn being hooked through the skin near the hoof, having evidently been thus caught while scratching her head, so that the cow broke her neck by falling.

The trial of George Gropp, indicted for killing a man near Venice, Mo., on account of the failure of his victim to pay a whiskey bill of twenty cents, is set for next Friday. Considerable interest is taken in the affair. One of the best criminal lawyers of St. Louis, Richard McDonald, is to assist in the prosecution. The trial will last some time.

One day last week an employe of Judge Packer's returned to the deer park at Packerton to finish some ploughing he had begun the day before. The plough had been left in the furrow, but, strange to say, it was not where he had left it, and for some time no trace of it could be found. Finally, after considerable search, it was discovered that the large buck elk had got his dander up, evidently because of the intrusion of this knight of the sod, and with his large antlers carried the plough several hundred feet in the thicket, where it was found in good condition.

Here is a narrow escape from death that occurred at the crossing of the Lehigh Valley Railroad on Union street, last week: A man was asleep in his wagon and the horses very leisurely walked across the track just as a coal train came along. The engine missed the wagon about three feet, and the sleepy driver awoke to a consciousness of the peril in which he had been placed. Ought not the driver of that wagon be arrested for imperiling the lives of the engineers, fireman, and men employed on the coal train?

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