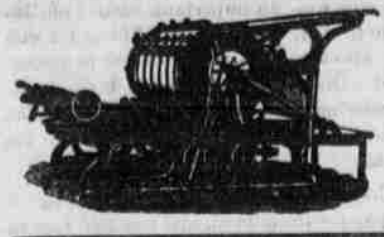


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THE case of Jesse Upperreus charged with the murder of his aunt last fall, was tried at Baltimore last week and the jury after being out two days were discharged, being unable to agree.

THERE is a chance for some person to get into trouble: The officers of the great "sawdust" swindlers having been robbed of the books and correspondence, it is thought the spy part of the latter will be made public, and it is said to involve many persons in distant parts of the country.

THE report from New York that Vice-President Colfax has accepted the editorship of the Tribune is erroneous. He has replied to many inquiries that the negotiations on the subject have not resulted in any agreement, and that, by mutual consent, they were regarded as terminated.

It is generally thought in the inner Republican circles at Harrisburg, that Colonel M.S. Quay, of Beaver, or Hon. Francis Jordan, present incumbent, will be Governor Hartranft's Secretary of State, and that the Attorney-Generalship is between Hon. William H. Armstrong, of Lycoming, and Judge Thayer, of Philadelphia.

Cumulative Voting.

The subject of Cumulative Voting is at the present time receiving attention from every section of the Union. In an able article upon this question, the New York Mercantile Journal makes the following suggestion, which is one worthy of consideration, and if applied to the election of members of the Legislature would do away with many abuses which can be reached in no other way.

"The House consists of about two hundred and forty members. This is rather a small number; but were any man who lives in Maine free to vote for a candidate who lives in Texas or California, and so on, the sole requirement being that for an election a candidate must receive at least a two hundred and fortieth of the votes cast through the whole country—or that the two hundred and forty highest candidates should be declared chosen—the mass of small politicians would disappear from the halls of legislation, and men of ability, experience, and judgment in every walk of life would succeed them. The local majorities would still send men of their choice if fairly entitled to do so, while the minorities all over the country could

combine to obtain their due weight in law-making.

The main features of this plan are not novel. Members of Congress were elected by general ticket in many States for many years. The plan was superseded by the district system, because a bare majority sometimes elected the whole delegation, while on the district plan the delegation was almost sure to be divided among the various parties. The change was a step forward, but a little off the line of progress. Had the voters been allowed to cumulate their suffrages, instead of being arbitrarily marked off into separate districts, each returning one member, a much fairer representation would have followed. By extending the general ticket system with this one modification, or the other already indicated, to the whole country, for the choice of Representatives, or to the whole State for the choice of Assemblymen, a material improvement in the way of making those bodies more nearly representative would be effected."

CONGRESS.

A bill was offered in the House, amending the Constitution so as to allow men of Foreign birth to fill the office of President and Vice President. It was voted down, as it takes a two-thirds vote to pass it, though a majority voted in favor of the resolution.

Mr. Stevenson of Ohio, offered a resolution, which was adopted without division, requesting the President to communicate information relative to the condition of affairs in Louisiana, and what action, if any, he has taken in regard thereto.

The House Committee on Post-offices and Railroads agreed to report a bill declaring the true intent and meaning of sections 150, 151 and 152 of the Post-office act, passed last summer, are that, where one full rate of postage has been paid, it shall be forwarded to its destination charged with the unpaid rate, to be collected on delivery, and that no double rate of postage shall be collected, where such partial prepayment has been made.

In the House the following resolution was offered and passed:

WHEREAS, A monetary stringency prevails at the financial centres, to the great embarrassment of the legitimate business and the injury of trade;

AND WHEREAS, It is commonly reported that this stringency is largely due to the locking up of gold and currency by unlawful combinations of individuals and corporate institutions acting under foreign charters;

Resolved, That the Committee on Banking and Currency be directed to inquire whether such unlawful combinations exist, and if so, to report to this House some legislative measures for their punishment and prevention hereafter, with power to send for persons and papers.

A Bold Robbery.

The Scranton Republican says: A most daring robbery and cruel treatment of the inmates of the house was perpetrated on Friday night a week, near Carbondale. As near as we could ascertain the following are the particulars of the affair: On Friday night between the hours of eleven and twelve o'clock, six masked men went to the house of Anthony Battle, a merchant, living in the suburb of Carbondale. Three of them entered the house, while three remained outside as spies and to guard. The bedroom occupied by Mr. Battle and his wife is on the same floor with the store. This they entered, and found Mr. Battle and his wife in bed. They told them to make no noise, nor give an alarm, or they would kill them. Mr. Battle showed fight, and struggled manfully, but it was useless. He was struck on the head with the butt end of a revolver and stunned, bound and gagged. His wife was also bound and gagged. They then went up stairs where a servant girl and a nephew of Mrs. Battle were sleeping, and bound and gagged them. Having all in the house completely at their mercy, and past giving an alarm—and it would have amounted to nothing if they had, as the house is some distance from any other, they returned to Mr. Battle and demanded of him to go to the store and open the safe. He knew it was useless to resist, as he was completely in their power, and acceded to their demand. While he was going there and during the time he was unlocking the safe two revolvers were pointed at his head and one at his heart. The safe was opened, and they took therefrom \$1,500 in currency, two \$20 gold pieces and a gold watch and chain. After getting their booty they left, leaving Mr. Battle in the store-room bound. Mr. and Mrs. B. are badly injured. Mrs. Battle is confined to her bed from the injuries received. Mr. Battle is a man about forty-five years of age.

Decision about Wages.

An interesting decision has just been given by the Supreme Court of Maine, that an assignment of wages, not yet due, is invalid, however good the consideration of the instrument may be, and even although it had been accepted by the employer of the assignor in writing. This decision is of considerable importance, inasmuch as tradesmen have long been in the habit of taking such assignments of wages as security for goods furnished.

At Chicago on the 16th inst., Nicholas Elischen was fatally shot by one of two burglars who entered his boarding house, and whom he was trying to capture.

Miscellaneous News Items.

The largest dairy in California contains 1,200 cows, the milk of which is churned into butter by steam.

At Sharpstown, New Jersey, on the afternoon of the 13th, two colored boys, named Henry D. Smith and Thomas James aged respectively eighteen and sixteen years, while skating on a mill pond, broke through the ice and were drowned.

William Johnson has been arrested at Manchester, New Hampshire, for passing spurious bank notes of the denomination of \$50, and which purport to be the issue of the New York City National Bank.

In New York, on Monday evening John Simmons and Nicholas H. Duryea, lottery dealers, got into a fight on the street and Simmons stabbed Duryea with a dirk-knife, causing almost instant death. The murderer was arrested. Duryea was 40 yrs. of age, and leaves a wife and two children. Both are supposed to have acquired great wealth.

An ambitious Atlanta boy challenged a man for some trifling occurrence and was taught a pretty serious lesson. The man accepted the challenge and fell dead at the first fire. The young man left in double-quick and has not since been heard from. The dead party got up when the other disappeared and everybody had a hearty laugh. The ordinance was charged with powder only.

At Lafayette, Ind., on the 19th inst., the switch engine on Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railroad, exploded while standing at a street corner. David McNary, engineer, was instantly killed, and a boy named Kilgore badly wounded. The houses on either side of the street were completely riddled. Numerous hair-breadth escapes occurred.

A runaway couple in Leo county, Illinois, was a runaway couple indeed. The wagon was smashed to splinters, and the couple after sundry revolutions landed in a fence corner in no condition to begin life. A surgeon splintered the fractures and a minister adjusted the wedding articulation.

Mrs. Kendall, wife of First Lieutenant Kendall, Twenty-fifth infantry, now stationed at Fort Davis, Texas, was awakened one night by the noise of one breaking in at a window of her quarters. She was alone, and after ordering the brutal intruder to desist, in vain, she seized a revolver, and aiming at the window over the bed of her sleeping children, fired one shot. Something was heard to fall. This something proved to be a huge negro, one Corporal Taliferro, of the Ninth United States cavalry.

Bridgeport, Ct., tells a curious story of an unclaimed trunk. Fourteen years ago a regular checked trunk arrived by one of the trains, and no one calling for it, it was placed in the baggage room, where it lay for 11 years. At the expiration of that time a gentleman appeared with the duplicate check and arranged to pay \$3 for storage, promising to call for his trunk the following day. Three years have since passed, but the trunk still awaits his return.

The rats in the barn on the farm of Mr. Anthony Battinger, in Green township Mercer county, were effectually cleared out on Sunday week, by the children, left at home while the old folks went to church. A few matches lit and dropped in a hay mow did it. The hinges to one of the doors, falling outside, were saved in good condition, but the balance of the barn, with over three hundred bushels of oats, a quantity of hay, farming utensils, etc., was consumed.

LIST OF GRAND JURORS drawn for January Term, 1873. Madison—John M. Eyril, Jacob Flickinger, Millerstown—Solomon Saylor, Carroll—Jacob Shearer, Robert McDonald, Penn.—William Willis, P. Egbert Bothwell, Tuscarora—Adam Rice, Irvin Kerr, Wata—Samuel Steel, Rye—Henry Foulk, George Kocher, Sr., Howe—Henry Patterson, Spring—Benjamin Rice, Sr., John Hager, Daniel Wentzell, Tyrone—Gabriel Kline, Liverpool B—Joseph R. Shuler, Marks Briedle, F. Sporenberger, Charles Snyder, Centre—William S. Hostetter, Liverpool T—James Willie, Saville—John Ickes.

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