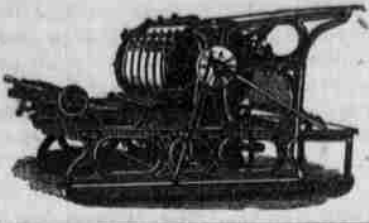


The Bloomfield Times.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A. Tuesday, January 14, 1873.



THE LEDGER Almanac, makes its appearance again this year and contains its usual amount of valuable information.

NEW YORKERS, and in fact the whole country, have had a surprise in the conviction of Stokes, for the murder of Col. Fisk.

The Legislature.

The Legislature met on Tuesday last. The House was called to order at 11 A. M. by Chief Clerk Selfridge.

Hon. Francis Jordan, Secretary of the Commonwealth, presented the returns of the election of members.

On a motion, an election was held for Speaker. The Republicans voted for William Elliott. The Democrats voted for C. B. Brockway, of Columbia.

Mr. Welsh, of Philadelphia, voted for Joseph B. Hancock, Republican, for Speaker.

Mr. Elliott was declared elected by a vote of sixty against thirty-eight for Mr. Brockway, and one for Mr. Hancock.

The Senate met at 3 o'clock. Called to order by Chief Clerk Hamersley.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Jordan presented the election returns of the new Senators.

On motion of Mr. Davis, of Philadelphia, the Senate proceeded to elect a Speaker, whereupon Mr. George H. Anderson of Allegheny, was chosen by eighteen Republican votes against fourteen Democratic votes cast for Mr. J. Dupuy Davis, of Berks.

The minor officers were then elected and both houses proceeded to business.

A number of bills have already been introduced in both houses.

The House of Representatives passed a bill increasing the salary of the Governor to \$9000 per annum.

Danger from Ice.

During the terrible cold weather of the last of December, the ice in the Mississippi river did great damage.

On the 26th ult., the steamer Celeste, while trying to land at the foot of Island No. 25, was struck by a mass of floating ice, and split into fragments and sunk, with a cargo of corn and cotton worth \$50,000 to \$60,000.

The officers and passengers having barely time to escape in life-boats. The steamer was worth \$20,000, and was not insured.

Her crew and passengers walked sixty miles across the country to Brownsville, suffering intensely from cold and exhaustion.

Two hundred thousand bushels of corn were sunk at Memphis, by the barges in which it was contained being cut down by the floating ice.

Four steamers lying at the levee at that city were also lost.

On the 31st ult., the ice in the Ohio river broke up and did great damage to the boats at Cincinnati.

Several steamers were wrecked and over fifty barges were sunk.

Early Thursday morning John G. Heen, of Lancaster, brakeman on the ninth fast freight east, Pennsylvania railroad, was instantly killed one mile east of Kinser's station.

The brakeman had been sent back to flag an approaching train, and as the latter was detained a considerable length of time it is supposed that he sat on the track and fell asleep or became so benumbed by the cold as to be unable to move from his position.

Miscellaneous News Items.

One of the Hartford companies recently received an application for life insurance from a woman 34 years of age, who is the mother of 19 children.

In Baltimore all the Catholic churches are making a concerted effort in the temperance cause, which promises great good.

In Clearfield county, on Friday a week, a vote was taken, as provided for in the Local Option bill, on the question of license or no license.

As Mrs. John Kelsea, of Lisbon, N. H., was attending to domestic duties, the other morning, she suddenly exclaimed, "All is dark I cannot see," and, falling unconscious into her husband's arms, died in a few moments.

A Kentucky man set out to husk eighty bushels of corn the other day, but right in the busiest part of the task he was called off to shoot a man who had proposed elopement with his wife.

At Springfield, Ohio, on Tuesday night, Nancy Northington was murdered by her husband, and her son terribly mutilated, his skull being crushed with an axe.

A very strange and fatal disease is spreading among the cattle in Franklin township, Ohio, the symptoms of which are spasms and general weakness.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Yesterday afternoon, while Edward Farrow, an old soldier, at the Soldiers' Home was herding cattle, he was attacked by a bull and gored in the neck.

Last week Wm. E. Deegan, while going through the woods in the neighborhood of Thornedale, Sullivan county, came upon a drove of five deer.

A clear case of conscience comes from Providence, where a woman, who lost her purse some months ago, recently found it hanging to the door bell with \$5, and a note from the thief asking that "I may be forgiven, as it is my first real sin, and I will promise to make amends in the future."

At a fight among quarrymen in a drinking house in Centerville, a hamlet near Saugerties, New York, on New Year's night, a Miss Hillyer had the top of her head beaten off; a Mrs. Stewart had several ribs broken and was fatally injured; another woman was also brutally beaten, and some twenty men, the combatants, were also more or less wounded.

James L. Watson, a native of Savannah, Georgia, and Benjamin Crowder, an Englishman, have been tried at Debruckin, Hungary, and the former sentenced to six months imprisonment, for remarks not considered complimentary to the Emperor of Austria, and the latter to three months imprisonment for resisting arrest on the same occasion.

Chillicothe, Jan. 9.—There is a rumor prevailing here that an explosion occurred in the burning mountain near Bainbridge, in this county, on Tuesday evening.

Cairo, January 10.—This morning a small boat containing two dead men drifted past Columbus, Ky. One of the bodies was in a sitting position, with the head drooping. The other was lying in the bottom of the boat, which was surrounded by a field of ice, rendering it impossible to reach the boat from the shore.

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The family of A. Culp, consisting of seven persons, of Decatur, Ill., became violently sick immediately after breakfast Friday morning, the symptoms being those of cholera.

A physician investigated the matter, and found a paper containing arsenic deposited in the pump from which the water had been used to prepare coffee for the family breakfast.

The victims are very ill, but at the last accounts were out of danger. There is no clue as to who put arsenic in the pump.

A cake walk recently took place at the A. M. E. church at Coatesville, for the benefit of the church. As many of our readers are not familiar with the modus operandi of a cake walk, we append a description thereof: A cake containing a gold ring is placed on a small table, when the ladies and gentlemen, who have previously contributed twenty cents, form a ring and march around the cake, a small flag having previously been placed in the hands of some one. The judge then stands near with watch in hand. When the ring moves round, the flag is continually passed from one to the other, and the one who holds it when the designated time is up gets the cake.

A horrible accident occurred at Shelbyville, on the Shortline railway, on the 7th inst. James E. Slaughter, an insurance agent and a prominent citizen of Louisville, who had been visiting his relatives at that place, in attempting to get on the cars, was thrown beneath the wheels and his head was entirely severed from his body.

A Bloody Affray.

The result of an old family feud, took place at Beaver Creek, in Floyd county Ky., on New Year's day. William Sizemore was killed, William Turner was mortally wounded, and John B. Turner was dangerously wounded. All the parties are respectable citizens.

Foreign Items.

A brig went ashore on the Isle of Wight on the 6th inst., and soon went to pieces. Nine persons were lost. Name of vessel not ascertained.

Paris, January 7.—The Catalists in Spain have torn up rails on the road between Miranda and Bilbao, and between Alasua and Pampelona. They also set fire to a railway station, completely destroying it, and made prisoners of railway officials. The employees of the North of Spain Railroad have struck work, and trains have temporarily ceased running in consequence.

Constantinople, January 9.—An alarming gun conspiracy has been discovered by the government, the conspirators being emigrants from Bucarest, of whom there are large numbers now in this city. The exact details have not been developed, but it is known that the authorities are in possession of evidence showing the life of the Sultan and high government officials to be in danger from the conspirators.

London, January 9.—The ex-Empress Napoleon Third of France, expired at about a quarter of eleven o'clock this morning, at Chislehurst, from the effects of the several operations for stone in the bladder that he has undergone in the last week. The event creates the utmost excitement throughout England as well as in France and all the countries of Europe.

The upper floors of the granary of the Lion brewery, at Lambeth, fell on the 9th inst., and the manager, clerks and other employes are buried in the ruins. The Fire Brigade is at work trying to rescue the victims, but there is little hope that any will be saved.

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