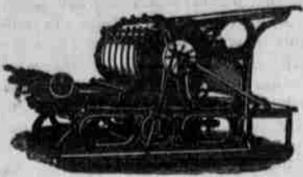


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NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A.

Tuesday, January 21, 1873.



At a State temperance Convention held in New Haven, Connecticut, it was claimed that the needed temperance legislation could not be claimed of either the Republican or Democratic party, and a full ticket for State officers was put in nomination, with Henry D. Smith, of Plainville, for Governor, and A. S. Beardsley, of Plymouth, for Lieutenant Governor. A straight out temperance platform was adopted.

PROF. HOWARD W. DAY, editor of Our National Progress, the organ of the colored Republicans of this State, has been appointed to a clerkship in the Auditor General's office. The white man who was removed to make a vacancy for his "colored brother" is not pleased with the arrangement.

GEN. CAMERON was nominated for reelection as U. S. Senator by the Republican Legislative caucus on Tuesday evening. Four members voted for William D. Kelley, 2 for Prof. Wickersham, and 63 for Mr. Cameron. The nomination was then made unanimous. The election takes place on Wednesday of this week.

THE HOUSE BILL increasing the salary of the Governor to \$9,000, was amended by the Senate who increased the pay to \$10,000. The House concurred with the amendment, and so we will now have a \$10,000 Governor, as the bill has been approved by Governor Geary. The bill was rushed through with great haste so that the law would be passed before General Hartranft was inaugurated, thereby giving him the benefit of the added \$15,000, during his three years service.

The Wharton Poisoning Case—Curious Fatality Attending It.

During the first trial of Mrs. Wharton two deaths occurred in the families of those engaged in the case. And now during the second trial the Baltimore papers give the following particulars concerning some other deaths:

"A curious fatality seems to attend the Wharton case, as two more deaths have occurred in the families of those connected with it. Mr. John R. Arnold, who was one of the deputy sheriffs, and whose brother is one of the jurors in the Wharton case, was going to his home five miles from Annapolis, after making return of the summons that he had served, and was crossing the Severn river on the ice, contrary to the advice of persons who had warned him that it was dangerous, when the ice broke and he was drowned. A number of United States midshipmen were on the ice skating, and one gallant young man named John C. Colwell, at the risk of his own life, attempted to rescue the drowning man. He caught Arnold by the hair of the head, and called to those near by to go and get ropes. Arnold seemed to fancy he could get out himself, and told his attempted rescuer to let go his hair, and began to struggle to be free himself. Colwell stretched himself at full length on the ice and held on as long as he could, but the ice broke and he had to let Arnold go to save himself. He swam to the farther side of the water and was there pulled out and assisted to the Naval Academy. He was almost frozen, but by the aid of proper restoratives was soon well again. Arnold went down under the ice and it has been impossible to recover his body. Mr. Arnold was a clever, kindly man, and has left a wife and five children to struggle through life without him. Yesterday he was in the court room hale and hearty—to-day his body lies in the bed of the river. His brother, Thomas H. Arnold, who was the third juror empaneled in the Wharton case wished to-day to be excused from serving, but as this would complicate the case the Court very reluctantly declined to release him.

"When Attorney General Syester reached his home on Monday he found that his estimable mother-in-law, Mrs. Susan Harvey, had died before his arrival. She was seventy-nine years of age, and her death was caused by paralysis.

The express train from East Penn. Junction on last Friday morning, was stopped by a trackman about one mile from Allentown, as the track was found to be sunk by the rains. The train passed safely over, and scarcely got out of sight when the ground suddenly sunk to the depth of fifteen feet, carrying with it the track and men, two of whom had their legs broken and were otherwise badly injured. Travel is not delayed, and the passenger trains run to each side of the wash, and change cars.

Attempt to Murder a Whole Family.

One of the most vindictive attempts at wholesale murder lately chronicled occurred in the peaceful little village of Coeyman's Landing, about twelve miles below the city of Albany, nearly resulting in the sending of eleven souls into eternity to gratify, if accounts are true, the disappointed spite of a scheming, revengeful stepfather. The circumstances and the surroundings of the attempted tragedy are about as follows: For several years past, John Hazleton, a thrifty and industrious man, has resided with his wife, Martha, and family at the landing. His wife, it appears, has a stepfather named Elias Houghtaling, who resides at Valatia, and who at first was much incensed when Martha accepted and married Hazleton.

Since then he has, at various times and on several occasions, expressed his dissatisfaction at the match, and once or twice was even heard to utter threats against them both, expressing the desire to rid the earth of them, and that he would poison the entire family. The Hazletons are also connected with a man named John M'Devitt and his wife Eliza, who reside in Greenbush, and visits between the two families have been frequently exchanged. To carry out this alleged threat, Houghtaling sent, on the 30th of December, as a New Year's gift, a neat package of tea and sugar from Albany, by a carrier named Halstead, and addressed it: "John Hazleton, Coeyman's Landing; from John and Eliza." The package was duly received and on New Year's day, when Mr. Hazleton and family were assembled at table—eleven in number, including four relatives on a visit—the tempting parcel was opened and the contents partaken by all. But they had scarcely concluded the meal when every one was seized with violent spasms and vomiting, and, on medical aid being sought, it was found that they had been poisoned with arsenic. By strenuous medical exertions all were saved except the father and youngest child, who are both still dangerously sick. Mrs. Hazleton's affidavit and other circumstances point distinctly to Houghtaling as the author of the hellish deed, and he has been arrested to undergo an examination.

Bold Bank Robbery.

One of the boldest and most successful robberies we have ever heard of was committed in broad daylight on Wednesday soon after mid-day, in the banking house of Stehman, Clarkson & Co., Lancaster. At the hour named two men entered the bank, one of them having about \$75 in gold and silver which he wanted to sell. Mr. Clarkson, one of the firm, was the only person present when the strangers entered the other members of the firm and the clerks having gone to dinner. Mr. Clarkson at once proceeded to count the specie, the smaller of the strangers assisting him, while the other, who wore boots that creaked very much, paced leisurely up and down the room. Before the specie had been all counted the "walking gentleman" left the room, and as soon as the counting had been finished and the greenbacks paid in lieu of the specie the other stranger also quietly left, leaving Mr. Clarkson in ignorance of the fact that he had been robbed of some \$12,000 or \$14,000 in bonds easily convertible into money and some \$50,000 or \$60,000 in judgment bonds and mortgages of which the robbers can make no use.

The robbers appear to have operated in the following manner: While one of them attracted Mr. Clarkson's attention by selling him the specie, at the west end of the counter, thus compelling him to keep his back towards the rear door of the bank, the man with the creaking boots made as much noise as possible by walking up and down the floor, while an accomplice softly raised the sash of the rear door entered and crept quietly to the vault, which was open, and after having robbed it of the bonds and mortgages above named, left by the same way he had entered, and escaped through a back alley leading into Christian street.

The stolen bonds were principally United States five-twentys and Northern Pacific railroad, and most of them belonged to depositors who had placed them there for safe keeping. The loss to the bankers, it is thought, will not be more than \$1,700—they not being responsible for the bonds deposited with them.

Surprising Sleigh Ride.

A Brighton, Mass., man took a singular and perilous sleigh ride, the other day. A runaway horse came tearing around a corner, bringing the sleigh against the man in such a manner that he was thrown head foremost into the vehicle. The horse ran with such furious speed that the involuntary passenger in the sleigh, who was attempting to collect his scattered senses, found it impossible to get out. In a few moments, however, he was relieved of his embarrassment by a process as summary as that by which he fell into it. The horse in his headlong career, dashed the sleigh against a post, and the concussion tossed the single inside passenger into the air, but he fortunately alighted in a snow bank unharmed.

On the 18th inst., Andrew Riley, Daniel Bland, John Marion and Charles Wilson, convicts escaped from Sing Sing prison, crossing the river on the ice. The day was very foggy. Wilson was recaptured.

Killed by a Falling Tree.

We are called upon to record another horrible accident, which occurred at Fairpoint, on Chautauqua Lake, on the farm of Conductor Stevens, on Saturday afternoon last. Mr. Stevens had some men employed felling trees on his land near the road, when a man named Crane his wife and three children drove up in a cutter, opposite the spot where the men were at work, and stopped the horse, the workmen, as themselves supposing the tree, which was a very large one, would fall in the opposite direction from which it did. As the tree was nearly chopped off at the stump, it took a sudden plunge toward the road, and the loud cracking so frightened the horse that he would not move. Mr. Crane jumping from the cutter, undertook to seize his wife and drag her out of the way, but in her fright she stepped beyond his reach in an opposite direction, the horse at the same time moving a little forward, so that the tree, as it fell, smashed the cutter, the three children in it, and Mrs. Crane, the latter standing by the cutter. Mr. Crane jumped to one side and thus saved his life. Mrs. Crane and the three children were instantly killed. Thus, in an instant, a man is bereft of his wife and children. Mr. Crane and the family resided near where the accident occurred, and the infliction visited upon him has slightly affected his reason.

Romantic Robbery.

Some months ago a young lady in Bridgport, Ct., lost some valuable jewelry. A month or so since she received a letter stating that it would be returned in as mysterious a manner as it had disappeared. One morning last week, when the family arose, they observed that the blinds to one of the windows in a room where plants are kept were closed, and, as they are rarely shut, the circumstance was all the more noticeable. The father opened the blinds, and while in the act of doing so discovered a small package which had been securely fastened to them by some one during the night. He removed the package and upon opening it, after going to another room, it was found to contain the identical watch and jewelry. The mystery concerning the taking of the property, its return, and by whom it was done, is still as profound as ever.

A Panic in a Medical College.

It has transpired that about two weeks ago a party of students belonging to one of the medical colleges at Cleveland, Ohio, while on a stiff raising expedition, exhumed the corpse of a victim of small pox. The subject was carried to the dissecting room, and there a number of students were exposed, without knowing it. The contagion is more virulent just after death, and there was a decided panic in the institution on discovering the state of affairs. The students left for home precipitately, and at one time it appeared as though the college would be obliged to temporarily suspend operations. Strong efforts were made to keep the matter from public notoriety, but since two of the embryo physicians have come down with the disease the truth leaked out. The young men who caught the disease have never been vaccinated.

Fire at Greenville, Pa.

A despatch from Greenville, dated 1 o'clock on the 16th inst., says: An extensive fire is now raging here. It commenced in the St. Charles Hotel, in the heart of the village, and several large buildings and mills are already destroyed. At midnight a general alarm was given, and Meadville sent one of her fire companies by special train. The fire is increasing. The loss cannot be estimated at this hour. A later despatch from Greenville says: About thirty buildings have been burned down and the flames are still raging. The origin of the fire is unknown, and it is impossible to get any details of the disaster.

Foreign Items.

A letter from a naval officer states that the foreign population at Tientsin, near Pe... are much alarmed from the fact that the Chinese are being liberally supplied with breech-loading guns.

In the late great storm in Paris a lady was blown through a plate glass window. London, January 15—Seven persons were burned to death in the fire at Litchfield yesterday.

A terrible earthquake is reported in India, at a town called Soonghur. Over 1500 persons are said to have been killed, while great damage was done to property.

Two Wealthy Sisters Starve to Death.

Coroner Armstrong last week held a view on the body of Grace Kaighn, aged about eighty years, who was found dead in her residence, on Market street above Fourth, Camden. Her sister, Charity Kaighn, was also found in a helpless and perishing condition. They are said to be quite wealthy and yet lived in utter poverty, and the decision of the Coroner is that they died from starvation and exposure. The body of the deceased was taken in charge by the Coroner, and Charity, it is said, will not live.

In some parts of Lincoln county, Mo., farmers are hauling water and ice ten miles for cooking and other purposes.

Miscellaneous News Items.

A Chinaman, who became snow-blind while working on the Central Pacific Railway, applied at a San Francisco police station on the 3d inst., for official permission to have himself shot.

The small pox has broken out in a colony of religious people known as the "Omiah," residing in Springfield township, a few miles north of Fort Wayne, Ind. They disbelieve in vaccination.

Thirteen years ago G. P. Pepper, of Waukesha, Wis., was buried in a well, where he remained seven hours, but was fished out alive, and now yearly celebrates what he calls the anniversary of his "resurrection."

A family, consisting of husband, wife and child, recently died in Labette county, Kansas, without nurse, or medical attendance, and their bodies lay four days before any one would bury them.

Mrs. Sherman, who was sentenced to imprisonment for life at New Haven, has made a confession in which she acknowledges having killed eight persons—two husbands and six children. It is believed she has killed still others.

A marriage took place recently at North Stonington, Conn., in which the bride had to be carried in the arms of her husband, she having met with an accident two years ago, which deprived her of the use of her limbs.

An Iowa man had to have an eyebrow amputated recently to make room for a new one that was growing under the skin. The medical fraternity say it is the first instance of the kind in their experience, and that this fellow can "brow-beat" any man they ever knew.

Near Muscatine, Illinois, a sleigh filled with ladies and gentlemen, ran off the side bridge and was precipitated fifteen feet to the ice below. Miss Binsee was instantly killed; Mr. Thomson and B. Ratz was seriously injured, and several others were bruised.

We have recently heard of a new use for mica, viz., for putting between the upper and lower soles of shoes to exclude dampness. It is also becoming much used for decorative purposes, transparent signs, etc., and for making smaltz for painters' use by grinding into small pieces.

A lady in Leavenworth, Kan., removed a fine set of false teeth for the purpose of masticating a little "taffy." She threw what she supposed to be the taffy wrappings in the snow, and afterwards discovered that it was her teeth. She will find them when the snow melts. In the meantime she will gum it.

At the Morgue in Paris there is always a detective in plain clothes, whose business it is to observe the impression which the sight of the bodies make upon the spectators. Many murderers have thus been discovered. They seem to be led by a fearful fascination to go thither to look upon their victims.

It was Daniel who said "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." He clearly referred to reporters in this remark, and this suggests the idea that Daniel was in that line himself; it is certain at all events that he was allowed to pass in free to see the lions.

They appear to be cursed with some very bad preaching in Iowa. A minister in Hardin county, in that State, lately had to sue for his salary, which amounted to the munificent sum of \$35.50, and the defense set up was want of consideration. The preaching wasn't worth the money. Perhaps the salvation of that community was not of sufficient importance to justify more expensive exhortations.

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