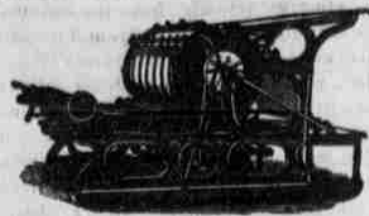


The Bloomfield Times.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A.

Tuesday, January 28, 1873.



Gov. HARTMAN, has appointed Col. M. S. Quay, of Beaver county, as Secretary of State, and Samuel F. Dimmick, of Wayne county, as Attorney General.

THE UNITED STATES SENATE have passed the bill repealing the "Franking Privilege" but amended it slightly so that it has to go back to the House for concurrence. It is probable the bill will now become a law. If passed it goes into effect July 1st, 1873.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION have passed a section changing election days. The section provides that State, Congressional and Presidential elections shall take place in November, and all municipal and township elections, on the third Tuesday in February.

THE PRESIDENT has issued an order forbidding Federal Office holders to hold office under state or local authority, but says the order has no reference to officers of School Boards, or Justices of the Peace. After the 4th of March, Federal offices filled by those holding office in conflict with this order will be considered vacant.

THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

The following is a full abstract of Gov. Hartman's address to the Legislature: After returning thanks for his election the Governor says:

My views are in accord with the general policy of the State administration for the past few years, although I believe some changes might be made for the public good, and to these I shall briefly allude. Having been closely connected with the finances of the State since 1866, I speak knowingly when I say that the revenues have been faithfully collected, extravagant appropriations have been avoided, taxation has been equalized by the repeal of the most burdensome taxes, and by strict economy and good management, the public debt has been largely reduced. The policy of paying off the entire indebtedness of the State, is, I believe, fully endorsed by the tax payers, and it shall be my aim to adhere to that policy.

In every part of this Commonwealth are found rich deposits of minerals. To make them available and productive should be our earnest aim, and shall receive a large share of my attention. It can alone be done by the intelligent employment of labor and capital. This is an object of immense interest, and can best be subserved by first providing the highest possible knowledge of the character and location of the most valuable minerals.

Money will always seek the highest rates the security being the same, and for that reason it now gravitates to neighboring States, where the legal rates are higher than our own. If we cannot remove our restrictions and make money as free as any other commodity, at least let us permit the same rate as allowed by other States, and thereby retain it within our borders. It will be my pleasure, as it is my duty, to have a watchful care over the school system of our State. It is sad to think that there are 75,000 children in the State, who do not, whether prevented by the necessities of their parents, or otherwise, attend and receive the blessed privileges of these schools.

The Governor recommends industrial schools for soldiers' orphans, and the creation of a more efficient militia.

To impose heavy fees and taxes upon insurance companies incorporated in other States, and doing business in this, re-acts upon the home companies, by reason of the reciprocal laws of those States. If it is deemed desirable to protect and foster the home insurance interest, already too long neglected, let uniform laws be enacted.

In referring to the Constitutional Convention the Governor says: "To those gentlemen we confidently refer the question of constitutional reform, in the belief that out of their combined integrity and wisdom will spring such measures as will conduce to our safety, happiness and prosperity.

There is one paramount and growing evil, however, to which, by my oath as your Executive, and my sense of duty as a citizen, I am constrained to ask your serious attention. I alluded to special legislation or the abuse of legislative power, to further particular local and private ends to the exclusion of public business. I cannot condemn this evil in language too strong, and it seems but the part of common sense, that some positive restriction be put upon legislation that will confine it to public objects and make its enactments uniform and general."

The Governor is opposed to being satisfied with the pardoning power. He thinks it is a trying and dangerous one to invest in any individual. Any provision that would relieve the conscience and divide the responsibility of the exercise of this power, must surely commend itself to the good sense of our people.

There is a popular demand, too, that the Sinking Fund, containing bonds that represent the proceeds of the sale of public works, and which are applicable alone to the payment of the public debt, shall be kept sacred for the purpose to which it is dedicated.

In view of the prospect that the Legislature will, after this session, be divested of its power to legislate for special objects, a popular apprehension is prevailing that interested parties will push their schemes at this juncture and make extraordinary efforts to control legislation. I deem it my duty to impress upon the Legislature the necessity of examining with more than ordinary care every measure submitted for their consideration.

In conclusion, His Excellency "asks the support and counsel of all good citizens, and humbly implores the aid and guidance of Him who is the Supreme Ruler."

Scenes on the River.

In the Lancaster paper of the 20th inst., we find the following account of the breaking up of the ice in the Susquehanna: At Marietta the ice was forced up about four feet, but lowered a short time afterward, and then it commenced to crack and finally it moved off, luckily doing no damage.— To-day the Susquehanna river at Marietta is but very little higher than it usually is.

Not so at Safe Harbor, however. At this point there has been a most terrible destruction to property and stock. From all the information we can gain upon the subject we glean the following facts.

Early yesterday morning the citizens of Safe Harbor were awakened by a roaring noise as of the distant rumbling of thunder. The inhabitants of the place awoke to find that the ice had gorged below Safe Harbor and that the waters were fast rising. Every one looked to his or her safety. In a short while the waters had reached the doors of the houses, which stand a half square away from the banks. About 11 o'clock in the morning the ice commenced to "back," and we are informed by credible witnesses that it went up the Conestoga as "fast as a horse could trot." It reached the wooden bridge which spans the Conestoga at Safe Harbor, and picking it up as though it was a straw, it carried it up the creek and set it down a mile from where it first stood. Such a scene never was witnessed before by the inhabitants of Safe Harbor. Back, back, with fearful force, the mingled ice and water went, and even at Rockville, a number of miles distant, the water entered the first story of Daniel Herr's hotel, forcing the occupants to seek refuge in the second story.

At some places the ice was thirty feet in height. Eye witnesses say that when the bridge was torn from its foundation there were myriads of rats jumped out into the water, to be crushed and torn to pieces by the crashing, crumbling ice.

At Safe Harbor the scene was a terrible one. Here and there one would see four men emerging from a house bearing upon their shoulders a settee, upon which lay a sick man or woman. The invalids all had to be removed. The pier built last summer for the bridge of the Columbia and Port Deposit railroad was swept away by the ice.

The greatest fears were entertained by the people of Safe Harbor for those persons who resided upon what is called "House Island," which is situated in the middle of the Susquehanna. The inhabitants upon the island were driven into the second stories of the houses, while the stock of sheep, cows, horses, mules and cattle, in fact all the stock, were drowned or crushed to atom.

The ice gorge took place at what is known as Esleman's Falls, the roughest place on the Susquehanna river. The destruction to property and stock cannot, at the present writing, be estimated. There has been no mail from Safe Harbor yet, and all that we have ascertained in regard to the "gorge" has been given us by parties who have come from near Safe Harbor this morning.

Almost Lynched.

Sherburne, a married man, who eloped from Fisherville a few weeks ago with Miss Drew, of Fisherville, arrived at Concord last week, in the custody of the Sheriff from Jersey City, at which place the death of the girl occurred a few days ago, under suspicious circumstances. He was taken to the police station, followed by a large crowd of persons, who had been awaiting his arrival at the depot. On leaving the police station for the jail, Mr. Drew, father of the girl, rushed upon the prisoner and struck him violently in the face and kicked him. Several other persons fell upon him and beat him severely, and with great difficulty the officers rescued and conveyed him to jail, where he awaits examination.

England is having a panic over the scarcity of coal, owing to a strike among the miners.

Miscellaneous News Items.

Mrs. Rosa Quance and Miss Ida Majors were suffocated by coal gas at Toledo, Ohio.

Three hundred dollars conscience money was received at the Treasury last week on account of revenue stamps.

Great excitement prevails in Peru at the discovery of a plot to blow up a train of cars near Lima, in which were President Prado and several officers. All the parties implicated have been arrested.

Cambridge has just had an excitement in the finding of some bloody clothes on the ice, which were supposed to be the clue to a murder; but since they have been traced to a small-pox patient they haven't roused so much popular attention.

A Dorchester woman has been three times married. Her first husband was Robb, the second Robbins, and the third Robinson. The same door-plate has served for all three, and the question now is what extended name can be procured to fill out the remaining space on it.

Two families, consisting of two men, their wives and five children, were isolated on the 20th on an island in the Susquehanna, near Port Deposit, by the ice-gorge and the great flood. All efforts to reach them were unavailing, though their shrieks for assistance were heard a long distance.

John Newman has died from the effects of injuries received by an explosion on Monday, the 20th inst., at the "Meriem," near Ashland, Pennsylvania. After igniting the fuse he attempted to escape up the slope, but slipped and fell back into the jaws of the explosion.

A brutal crime is reported from Milo, Maine, where a young girl but 15 years of age was outraged by three men, who conveyed her to an unoccupied building, after rendering her insensible with chloroform. When she awoke she found her hands and feet frozen by the terrible cold.

Swine in Hancock county, Maine, are dying of a singular disease, which attacks its victims in the windpipe and in every case proves fatal in a few minutes; and poultry in that region is also in a bad way, the local paper asserting that "sometimes their heads drop off, they flutter around for a few minutes and then expire."

A few days ago, at Mr. Thomas Hand's, Port Norris, a cat took advantage of the door of the cook stove being open, to go in the oven and lie down. One of the family, not noticing the cat, closed the door and made a fire, literally roasting it. A peculiar smell attracted attention and on opening the door the poor animal was discovered.

On the 28th ult., at Fabius township, Davis county, La., John Horn, a boy of 16, who had been habitually beaten by his father on every slight provocation, concealed himself and shot his father for fear the latter would find out that the team had run away with the boy. The boy says he is ready for the State Prison, for there is no danger of his being used any worse there than at home.

Pittsburg, Jan. 22.—Last evening, while workmen at Bateman & Garrison's foundry were moving a ladle filled with molten metal, the crane hooks broke, letting the iron fall into a hole which contained some two feet of water, and a terrific explosion followed. The roof of the building was carried away, and the walls of the houses cracked in that vicinity and had their windows badly shattered. Several of the workmen were slightly injured, though none seriously. The damage to the foundry will amount to \$10,000.

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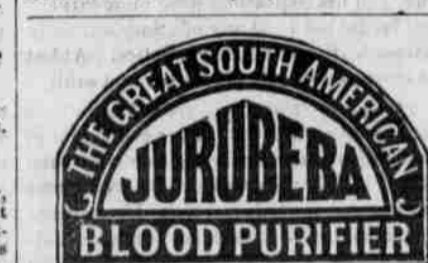
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